

## **NEWSLETTER NO. 32 TUESDAY OCTOBER 13TH 2015**

At the moment the Year One/Two classes are working through a unit called “We are growing in God’s Love”. In this unit students will explore and express their unique identity in the context of their relationships with others. They will be asked to identify their talents and gifts and to explore ways of sharing them with others. Students will explore friendship and the Christian way of relating to other.

One of the ways we explore the children’s thinking is through an activity called ‘Godly Play’ which is a way of presenting scripture using figurines and everyday materials. The following is the script for Mark’s Gospel passage that focusses on Jesus and the Children. The final box contains the questioning that might be used at the end of telling the story:

**We all like to feel that we are welcome and that we belong. It is a good feeling to have.  
In the Bible there is a story about a time when Jesus welcomed and blessed little children.**

**This is Jesus. He is talking with some friends.**

**They are called his disciples. One day, some people brought their children to Jesus.**

**They wanted Jesus to meet their children and give them a blessing.**

**Jesus’ disciples started to send them away, saying that he was too busy with the adults.**

**But Jesus saw what was happening and he was very upset with his disciples for wanting to send the children away.**

**“Let the children come to me,” he said, “and don’t stop them!  
Because God’s kingdom belongs to people who are just like them.”**

**Jesus told all the adults that they had to be more like little children – learning to trust God just like a child has to trust its Mother or Father. Then they would shine with God’s love.**

**Jesus then welcomed all the children into his arms and hugged them.**

**He placed his hands on their heads and gave them his blessing.**

**The children knew that Jesus loved them because God’s love was shining in them.**

<p><b>I wonder:..</b> how you feel when adults send you away...why Jesus wanted to be with the little children...what Jesus meant when he told the adults that they had to be just like little children...if you remember when you were so little you had to trust your Mother and Father for everything...if that’s how we have to trust God...how the children felt when Jesus hugged them and blessed them...what you might say to Jesus if you met him.</p>
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## **CLASS MASSES**

Next Tuesday October 20th the students in the Bridging Centre will host students from the Discovery Centre at Mass. The following Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> the students in the Leadership Centre will host the Foundation students at Mass.

Both Masses will be held in Our Lady's Church starting at 9.00am and all family and friends are most welcome to come along.

## **WANGARATTA PARISH MASSES**

Masses for this weekend are:

* Saturday	6.00 pm	St Patrick's
* Sunday	8.00 am	St Patrick's
* Sunday	9.00 am	Our Lady's
* Sunday	10.00 am	Moyhu
* Sunday	10.30 am	Whitfield (1st Sunday)
* Sunday	10.30 am	St Patrick's
* Sunday	5.00 pm	Latin Mass at St Patrick's

## **BUILDING UPDATE**

We have a site meeting today to catch up with what is happening. So far the asbestos has been removed, the old toilets have been cleared and the underground plumbing for the new ones installed, openings have been cut for new windows and doors, most of the internal wall have been removed, new roof trusses installed, plaster has been stripped, repairs to some termite damage areas have been made, old steps and ramps have been removed, asphalt has been cleared for new paving, the old sinks have been removed, all of the cabinets and shelves have been taken out and floors have been repaired. We have had a few issues with damage to facia and locating more asbestos than we planned but they have all been solved. In the coming week we hope to have the internal frames started and the update of the electrical work commenced.

## **HATS**

All students MUST wear a school hat during Term Four. If students do not have a school hat to wear at school, they will be required to sit under the verandah of the hall for all of Recess & Lunch as well as being unable to participate in any outdoor class activity.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RENAME YOUR CHILD'S HAT CLEARLY.

If your child needs a new hat they can only be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$10-00.

## **ENCOUNTERING STRANGERS TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

Last week one of our students was approached by a person on the street unknown to them. This person made a remark that was both unnecessary and inappropriate. The student handled the situation very well using all the actions that we ask the students to do in this type of situation. Students are asked to not engage with people that they don't know, take themselves out of the situation as quickly and safely as possible and then let someone know. Whilst this is a very rare occurrence it is helpful if we remind students of the ways that it can be safely handled.

## **RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP**

On Monday we have a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership program. It is supported by the State Government and local RSPCA members. It offers information on being a responsible pet owner and then allows supervised interaction with some animals for children who wish to do so. Sessions commence at 10:00am and conclude at lunch time. If you are interested in coming along and having a look please feel free to do so. All classes will be involved at some point throughout the morning.

## **FAMILY SPORTS EVENING**

Next Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have the opportunity for families to come to the school and support their children as they participate in a number of sporting activities. It will be different compared to past years as we have a smaller area to use. It will commence at 5:30pm and families are encouraged to either bring along your own food and drinks or you can purchase sausages, hot chips and drinks from the Parents and Friends stall -helpers are needed to run this stall, please see P & F news further along in the newsletter. Bringing a chair along would also be a good idea. The evening usually concludes by 7.30pm.

Students are encouraged to come along on the night dressed in the colour of their sport team and need to bring along a water bottle with them.

Families might also note that the only access to the school is via the car park next to the Fr. James Byrne Hall. It would probably be a good idea to park in the Church car park and walk down to the entrance at the hall.

## **CRAZY SOCK DAY**

Our Social Justice group has organised to participate in Crazy Sock Day on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. This event is run by Catholic Mission to raise money to help with their work with poverty and homelessness. Students are encouraged to wear different socks to school on this day and bring along a gold coin donation.

## **PUPIL FREE DAYS/PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NOVEMBER**

Next month the following dates are Pupil Free Days or a Public Holiday (students are not to attend school on any of these days):

Monday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bishop's Holiday
Tuesday November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Report Writing Day

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**

Our expectations focus for this week is “Being a positive manager of my and other’s work pieces and learning tools”:

Be Ready to Learn: By looking after pieces of work and our learning tools

Be Responsible: By having our learning materials organised and ready to use

Be Respectful: By respecting the learning tools and work pieces of other learners

Congratulations to Monique Styles who was the winner of last week’s Power Play Raffle.

## **ASSEMBLY THANKS**

At our start of week Assembly we take the time to give thanks for a number of actions or efforts members of our community make. This is done to not only highlight positive behavior but also give language to actions that we expect the students to take. This week we say thank you for the following:

- For the support everyone is giving positively to Our Lady’s during this time of change
- To everyone who works so hard to be a positive listener
- To everyone who supports their friendship by being an interested and active listener
- To those community members who step in to support those in need
- To everyone supporting the Our Lady’s school uniform policy

## **2016 FEES & LEVIES**

At our last School Board meeting 2016 Fees & Levies were ratified as follows:

Family Fee	\$840-00
Family Technology Fee	\$100-00
Student Tuition Levy	\$200-00
Student Capital Levy	\$ 30-00
Student Swimming Levy	\$ 30-00
Student Performing Arts Levy	\$ 10-00
Student Bus Levy	\$ 20-00
F/1/2 Excursion Levy	\$ 30-00
3/ 4 Camp Levy	\$130-00
5/6 Camp Levy	\$290-00
5/6 IPAD Levy	\$150-00

We have had to introduce a Bus Levy in 2016 as our bus costs have gone up considerably this year since Wangaratta Coachlines sold their business towards the end of last year. Don Joyce was extremely generous with the discounted cost of bus travel that he charged local schools.

The cost of the Grade 3/ 4 Camp (\$130-00 per student) will be fully subsidised by the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund for those students whose parents hold a valid Health Care Card next year. The cost for all other students will be partially discounted by \$30-00 from funding from the Catholic Education Office, meaning the cost to parents for their child will be \$100-00 per student.

The cost of the Grade 5/6 Camp (\$290-00 per student) will be partially subsidised by \$160-00 by the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund for those students whose parents hold a valid Health Care Card next year leaving a cost of \$130-00 per student to be paid. The cost for all other students will be partially discounted by \$140-00 from funding from the Catholic Education Office, meaning the cost to parents for their child will be \$150-00 per student.

We have also increased the F/1/2 Excursion Levy from \$10-00 per student to \$30-00 per student. This will enable them to go on additional excursion or two throughout the year, not just their end of year excursion. This cost will be fully subsidised by the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund for those students whose parents hold a valid Health Care Card next year.

All families will receive a letter outlining their individual 2016 commitment, along with a financial commitment form, to be completed, signed and returned to the office, later next month.

## **NEWSLETTER**

We would encourage as many families as possible to elect to receive their copy of the newsletter electronically. If you would like to do so please email Julie at [jmcmong@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jmcmong@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au)

Mark

## **FOUNDATION (PREP) CENTRE NEWS**

Welcome to Week Two. This week is fairly quiet for a change however next week is quite busy.

On Monday we are having guest presenters talking about being responsible around pets, mainly dogs. This is great timing for us as our Inquiry unit is focussing on ways to keep ourselves safe.

We are excited about our Family Sports Night next week on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm. The children are encouraged to come dressed in their team colours and families are encouraged to come along and enjoy the evening. There will be sausages, hot chips and drinks for sale if you would like to have dinner here or bring along a picnic tea.

### **LEARNING THIS WEEK:**

Maths: This week we are focussing on counting by 2's. We will start by identifying the advantages of skip counting rather than always counting by 1's. The children will then explore the different patterns we can find when counting by 2's and practice making and recording groups when counting by 2's.

Literacy: As part of our Literacy this term we will be focusing on sounds that are made from more than one letter. For example: 'sh' and 'ch' and some common blends such as 'ing'. Word families will also be a focus such as cat, hat, bat or ship, tip, lip. The children's ability to manipulate sounds in words to make new words is an important spelling strategy to develop. Vowel sounds (a, e, i, o and u) will be our other spelling focus. Our literacy groups are up and running again this term and a new group has started working with Mrs Ryan on developing different reading strategies.

Religious Education: We continue our topic titled 'Our Church'. This week we will explore Our Lady's Church and its different parts. The children will explore and create some questions about things that they can see in the Church that they could ask an 'expert' about.

### **DRINK BOTTLES AND HATS**

Thank you to all of our families who have ensured that their child has their school hat and a drink bottle at school.

Thanks  
Annabel and Netti

## **DISCOVERY (ONE/TWO) CENTRE NEWS**

The students had a fantastic week back to school last week and showed an excellent approach to their learning. This has continued on into the beginning of our new week.

A reminder that students are required to be wearing their school hats at Recess, Lunchtime and any time they are outdoors throughout the day. If there is anyone wanting to purchase a hat, please see Julie at the office.

Next Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are holding our Family Sports Night. This will begin at 5.30pm and students are encouraged to wear their sport colours. You will be able to purchase sausages, hot chips and drinks on the night or bring along a picnic tea.

This week, 1/2 Antonello will be presenting Assembly on Thursday at 2.00pm, so students have been busy preparing and practicing for this. 1/2 Naish will be hosting Assembly next week.

In the classroom this week:

## **DISCOVERY (ONE/TWO) CENTRE NEWS (cont...)**

Literacy: Students took part in an activity called 'Reading Riddles'. Throughout this activity, as a whole group, students read our big book 'A Bunyip in the Billabong' and were required to come up with three clues relating to a character within the text. The objective of the task is for students to pick who the character is, relating to the clues given. Throughout the day, students have also been involved in 'shared reading' activities, where they have been working on strategies for reading, such as blends, as well as looking at various ways of spelling and reading certain groups of letters and sounds through looking at Thras charts.

Maths: We are learning about 'Mass'. We began our week by discussing the terms 'heavier' and 'lighter', as well as discussing some of the items around the room and categorizing them. Students will then actually measure which items are heavier as compared to others, through using balance scales. Students will then move onto how many blocks it takes to equal the same weight as an object.

Religious Education: We will prepare for Assembly on Thursday. Later in the week, students will also graph some results about certain things they have in common to highlight a sense of belonging.

Inquiry: Students will look at the website 'Kids 4 Safety' and report back to the group with 4-5 facts about how to be aware in certain environments. We will also look at the different ways we stay safe at school.

Have a great week  
Laura, Josh & Danni

## **BRIDGING (THREE/FOUR) CENTRE NEWS**

In Literacy our writing focus is Poetry. This week we will continue to read poetry and write a six line poem describing a chosen interest or thing. Our focus in punctuation is looking indirect speech e.g. She said "I saw him." (direct speech) -She said that she had seen him. (indirect speech).

In spelling and grammar this week we continue with homophones. Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings e.g. plane & plain.

This week in Maths we begin a new unit on Measurement. We will focus on length where children will use centimetres and metres to measure various objects and spaces.

This term in Religious Education we have begun our new unit 'Family and Relationships'. This unit fits in very well with our current Inquiry unit 'Amazing Me' we will focus on the development of relationships with family and the importance of understanding ourselves in relation to the way we feel and respond in given situations.

By the end of this unit students should be able to:

1. Understand and appreciate that God is revealed to us in and through relationships with family friends and community
2. Demonstrate a respect for others and exhibit appropriate behaviour for maintaining commitment and social responsibility within relationships
3. Identify what it means to feel safe, have a sense of identity and self- worth and describe methods for recognising and avoiding harmful situations
4. Describe the stages of human development across the human life span

This week in our Inquiry unit 'Amazing Me' we will discuss how the human body goes through many amazing changes from infancy to adulthood and discuss changes that happen during infancy/baby childhood/child, adolescence/teenager and adulthood/grown up. We will also look at what characteristics are needed for healthy relationships. Thank you to the children who have returned their survey about when they were born as well as their baby and toddler photos. We have seen a lot of very cute baby photos! It is important that these are brought to school, as they will be used to complete a poster.

Have a great week  
Liz, Cathie, Jenny & Celia

## LEADERSHIP (FIVE/SIX) CENTRE NEWS

Welcome to Week Two!

You will no doubt remember my grade's involvement with the Rural City of Wangaratta's preparation for our district's Anzac Centenary Commemoration. My students were asked to research a local World War One veteran's involvement in 'The Great War'. Students worked in pairs to research a local veteran and then prepared an interview which outlined their discoveries. A camera crew, employed by the Rural City of Wangaratta, then filmed each child's response to their research. Students from the Leadership Centre were also filmed singing the Lee Kernaghan's song 'The Spirit Of The Anzacs' and our A3 song, 'Here You Lie' at the Wangaratta Cenotaph. Their beautiful voices and genuine pride touched the hearts of all involved. As a result, my students have been formally invited by the Rural City of Wangaratta to attend the 'We Remember' service at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre/Holy Trinity Cathedral Forecourt, Ovens Street, Wangaratta on Wednesday 11th November from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Our students have been asked to sing the National Anthem, 'The Spirit Of The Anzacs' and 'Here You Lie'. Their 'interviews' and songs will also be projected onto the walls of the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre at nightfall.

Our school is the only one who has been given this honour and we are encouraging all students from Prep to Six to be involved. Obviously we will need parents to commit to this evening and support their children as they honour our Anzacs in this their CENTENARY YEAR! Could you please complete the attached form and return it to school at your convenience so that I will be able to ascertain how many students can attend? It will be obviously 31 from Grade 5/6!

Mathematics continues to concentrate on Fractions (equivalents) and Mental Strategies. Our Inquiry focus for this week is based on the Food Groups and good nutrition. Religious Education continues to focus on our Sacramental Church.

Website of the Week: <https://www.healthyactivekids.com.au/families/>

Kind Regards,  
Christie & Greg

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

Welcome back to Term Four.

This term is shaping up to be a very busy one in the Performing Arts area. We are very excited to announce that we have been invited by the Rural City of Wangaratta and the RSL to perform at two events that have been scheduled to celebrate 100 years of ANZAC.

These events are not during school time so we will be relying on parents to transport their children to and from the venues.

Our first event is on Wednesday November 11th at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre where the students will perform at approximately 7.45pm. The event is “We Remember”. This special Remembrance Day event will honour the service and sacrifice of local Veterans and the community during WW1. Our Grade 5/6 Students had the honour of being involved in filming for this event. Our Lady’s students have been asked to sing the hymn “Here You Lie” and “The Spirit of Anzac”.

The second event is on Sunday, November 15th where group of ex-servicemen, in conjunction with the Rural City of Wangaratta, are to dedicate and unveil a WW1 Memorial at South Wangaratta at 11.00am. The Memorial will list those South Wangaratta WW1 soldiers whose names are not inscribed on the Wangaratta Cenotaph (due to the district sub-division at the time). The Memorial is located at the South Wangaratta Fire Station, corner of Shanley Street and Warby Range Road. Cathy McGowan, Tim McCurdy and Ailsa Fox, together with a number of other VIPs, are to be invited.

As you can see it will take a big commitment from the students, and also parents, therefore we would like some indication as to whether your child/children are able to attend one or both of these events.

Students from all grade levels are able to participate in both these events – practice for the singing will take place here at school during lunchtime on Thursdays and students must participate in the practice sessions.

Please fill out form below and return to school by next Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your support

Lynda Griffin

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My child/children \_\_\_\_\_ (child’s/children’s

name/s) will be able to attend (please tick)

Both events

Wednesday November 11th (WPAC)

Sunday November 15th (South Wang)

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_



**P & F NEWS**

**GARAGE SALE**

Helpers are needed to run the bbq/drinks stall this Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We need three people for each time slot. Please complete and return the slip below by this Thursday if you can help out.

**SPORTS NIGHT**

We will also need quite a few people to help out with the bbq/drinks stall at the Family Sports Night next week –Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. It would be appreciated if you could offer an hour and a half of your time to help fill the time slots – this way everyone can make sure they can watch their child/children participate in the events and not leave the work to just a few who don't get to see any of the night's activities. Again please complete the slip below and return to the office by next Monday.

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**SPORTS NIGHT**

Yes I can help out with the Sports Night Food/Drinks stall.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Time/s preferred (please circle) **4 people needed for each time slot**

5.00pm to 6.30pm

6.30pm to 8.00pm

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**GARAGE SALE**

Yes I can help out with the Garage Sale BBQ/Drinks stall

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Time/s preferred (please circle) **3 people needed for each time slot**

9.00am to 10.00am

10.00am to 11.00am

11.00am to 12noon

12noon to 1.00pm

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday	October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale 9.00am to 1.00pm – <b>Helpers wanted</b>
Tuesday	October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bridging Centre Mass 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i> School Board Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Family Sports Night 5.30pm – <b>Helpers wanted</b>
Tuesday	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership Centre Mass 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Sock Day – <i>Gold coin donation for Catholic Mission</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Bishop’s Holiday – Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</b>
Wednesday	November 4 <sup>th</sup>	P & F Meeting 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for 2016 Foundation Students  Information Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for Parents of 2016 Foundation Students
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day</b>
Thursday	November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Session 9.00am to 11.00am for 2016 Foundation Students
Friday	December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for 2016 Foundation Students
Monday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation/Discovery Centre Students End of Year Excursion
Tuesday	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Orientation Day – All students  Information Evening for 2016 Foundation Parents 7.00pm
Thursday	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term Four for students
Friday	December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term Four for staff

### FREE TEE-BALL SESSIONS

Wangaratta Baseball Softball Sports Club invite all primary school aged boys and girls to play Tee-ball & Coaches Pitch for FREE! These games will be played each Wednesday night from 6-7pm starting next week on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> and running for eight weeks with the last session on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. The sports club will supply all of the equipment and just ask that your child wear a hat, sunscreen and bring along a water bottle each week. Each session will be conducted by experienced baseballers and held at Targoora Park, Wenhams Lane, Wangaratta (next door to Cathedral College). For further information please contact Kevin Pool on 0427195456.

