

## **NEWSLETTER NO. 33 TUESDAY OCTOBER 20TH 2015**

This week our focus in Making Jesus Real is parables in everyday life. At Assembly on Monday we looked at the purpose of Jesus telling us stories and how we might see the message that he is giving us about the choices that we make every day. The following is a prayer that we could share that reminds us of the need to seek wisdom as we make the choices that define us as a person and as a community:

Father,

We pray that You might give us a heart of wisdom.

Help us to listen carefully to the directions given  
in the stories that you have shared.

We pray that we will always make wise choices;  
and when two paths seem to be equal,

we pray You will help us to trust You even as we make our decisions.

Give us a heart that is willing to know what is right and  
to respond in faith to the wisdom You give me.

We pray for our school community that we might use our positively  
Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Help us to make decisions that lead to positive outcomes.

Teach us all that the wise path is sometimes the difficult path,  
but in the end, it's the most rewarding.

Direct our paths.

Make us lovers of wisdom.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

## **RECONCILIATION**

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated across the Wangaratta Catholic Parishes on the evenings of the Tuesday November 10th at St Bernard's Chapel, Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Church and Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady's Church. All ceremonies will start at 7:00pm.

## **CLASS MASSES**

Our next class Mass will be held next Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, when the Leadership Centre (5/6) will be hosting the Foundation Centre. Mass starts at 9.00am in Our Lady's Church and everyone is welcome to come along.

Our End of Year Mass will be held on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7.00pm. All families are expected to come along and celebrate the 2015 school year as well as farewell our Grade Six students and those families ending their association with Our Lady's School.

## **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

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Tonight we hold our October Board meeting which will involve an update on the refurbishment, plans for Catholic symbols in our new spaces, insights into the staff preparation for the changed learning areas, plans for additional security, insights into our new school app, Student Leadership statement and updates to the Camps and Excursions and Communications policies. Our meeting begins at 6.30pm.

## **SYRIAN REFUGEES**

In recent weeks you may have read about the Australian Government's decision to accept an additional 12,000 refugees from Syria. The Diocese of Sandhurst has indicated to the relevant authorities that we are willing to support the relocation of as many families as we can to the towns and cities that are in our boundaries. The focus of the Diocese is on supporting families but particularly school aged children, and their education, who may become members of our community. It is a great initiative and one that I hope that Our Lady's is able to support in some way. Whilst it may not have a direct connection to Wangaratta it is an action that we, as a Catholic community, can be proud of.

## **BUILDING UPDATE**

After nearly three weeks of demolition we are seeing some building going into the new spaces. Framing has started in the toilets and new creativity centre with additional work starting soon in the other spaces. Much of the new sub floor plumbing has been completed and the running of new hot and cold water pipes has taken place. There has been some adjustments to the electrical plan with two small sub boards being upgraded and the addition of more data cabling.

## **FAMILY SPORTS NIGHT THIS THURSDAY AT 5.30PM**

We have an opportunity to gather this Thursday evening to spend some time supporting our children as they compete in team sports events. Students are encouraged to come along on the night dressed in the colour of their sport team (Pangerang-Gold, Delany- Blue, MacKillop –Red) and need to bring along a water bottle with them. Families might like to bring along a picnic tea or purchase some sausages and drinks from the Parents and Friends stall. You can enter the school from either the car park near the hall or you might like to park in the Church carpark and walk through the Church toilet area. Chairs or a rug would be a good idea.

## **RURAL CITY OF WANGARATTA ‘WE REMEMBER’ REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENT**

About three months ago we were approached by the Rural City of Wangaratta to prepare some information for a video on the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. As part of our involvement in the filming, our Year Five/Six students performed a song called “ Side by Side”. They, along with any other students from Our Lady’s, have been asked to perform again at the celebrations that the Rural City of Wangaratta has planned for Wednesday November 11th.

Our Five/Six students will be part of the audio visual presentation in a documentary that will premiere on the night and they, along with students from all other year levels, will be singing as part of the events of the evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school and it would be great to see as many students there as possible. As we get closer to the day we will be offering transportation to help get as many students as possible to the performance.

The “We Remember” activities will be held on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm on the forecourt of the Holy Trinity Cathedral and at the Performing Arts Centre. There is a permission slip further along in the newsletter that parents need to complete and return to indicate if your child/children are able to participate in this event.

## **HEADLICE**

We have had reports of headlice in all areas of the school. Please keep checking your child’s hair every few days and if any signs of headlice are found – either live headlice or their eggs – keep your child at home until you have treated their hair with an approved headlice product.

## **ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

If your child is absent from school you MUST either ring the school on 57213783 or email Julie ([jmcmonig@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jmcmonig@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au)) by 9.00am on the day of absence if advance notice of absence has not been provided to your child’s teacher. You also need to provide a written note explaining the absence upon your child’s return to school.

## **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**

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
Monday November 30 <sup>th</sup>	2016 Planning Day

## **SCHOOL APP**

The School Board has decided to set up a school app for families to access a whole range of information from, particularly the weekly newsletter. We have chosen to use an app by a company called schoolstream after extensive research by Board member Marc Bongers and we thank Marc for his time and work on this.

For the remainder of this term we will be sending out the newsletters either via email or a paper copy sent home with the eldest child- whichever option you have chosen as well as uploading it to our website. You will also be able to download the newsletter on the school app from next week (see details of how to download the app further along in the newsletter) so you can see how easy and convenient it will be.

From the beginning of 2016 you will need to choose to receive the newsletter via one of three ways:

- via the app
- have it emailed to you
- via the website

### **From 2016 paper copies of the newsletter will not be sent home with students**

If you need a paper copy for any reason we will print 5 or 6 copies of the newsletter each week however you will need to come and pick up a copy from the office.

From 2016 the app will also be used to advise parents of events, permission notes, absent notes (both of these can be completed, signed and returned to the school via the app) and emergency alerts as well as the weekly newsletter. We will trial a permission note later in the year to see how this goes.

One of the main reasons for the change is to reduce the cost of printing the newsletters each week and also to take advantage of technology that will enable parents to keep up to date with school news and events much quicker. The app is still a 'work in progress' so it will change over the next few months once we work out exactly what we need to put on it.

We encourage as many families as possible to download the app – if you have queries or difficulties with this please give us a call.

## **IT'S A GIRL!**

Congratulations to Erin Dowdle & Joel Stevens on the safe arrival of Ava over the weekend. Ava is a sister to Bronte in Grade Three and Callum in Foundation.

## **CONGRATULATIONS BILLIE!**

Congratulations to Billie Stemmer who competed at the Zone Regional Athletics last Friday and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final of the 11 year old Girls hurdles event and 6<sup>th</sup> in the final of the 100m event– a great effort.

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**

Our expectations focus for this week is “Being positive as you move around the classroom”:

- Be Ready to Learn:** By moving in ways that allow others to learn  
Actively watching what is going on
- Be Responsible:** By being on time, moving only when needed and in a positive way  
Getting sports equipment after we have been asked to leave the eating area
- Be Respectful:** By moving in ways that allow others to continue with their learning  
and by being aware of personal space

**Power Play Focus:** **Being positive as you move around the classroom**

Congratulations to Henry McDonald 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 way that many of us are working positively at managing our behavior when we are angry
- To the positive way that many of us are approaching our Inquiry learning
- To everyone who shows care for their and others’ pieces of work
- To all of our community members who put things away

## **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 [jmcmnig@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jmcmnig@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au)

Mark

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

Yesterday we had a session with the Responsible Pet Ownership program. It was excellent and the children learnt about how to approach a strange dog if they would like to pat it and also what to do if they come across an angry dog.

We are very excited about the Family Sports Night that is on this Thursday. It begins at 5.30pm and should finish about 7.30pm. It would be wonderful if everyone could come along to enjoy the events. There will be sausages for sale or you may choose to bring your own tea. Please bring your chairs or rugs to sit on. Students are encouraged to wear clothes in the colour of their sport team.

### **LEARNING THIS WEEK:**

Maths: This week we are focussing on counting by 5'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 5's and practice making and recording groups when counting by 5's.

Literacy: We are really pleased with the progress the Foundies have made in literacy so far this year. Most of our Foundies are reading consistently at home and most are practicing their high frequency words. It's no accident that these are the children who are making great progress with their reading and writing! We continue to focus on the choices that authors make about the characters and setting of the books they write. We have also been talking about the reasons why the author chose to write the book. For instance we read a book about starting school and the children identified that the book was probably written to help children who were starting school and might be feeling a bit nervous.

### **WATER BOTTLES AND HATS**

Thank you to all parents who have sent along a water bottle to have inside at school. The Foundies can waste 5 minutes of their learning time every time they go outside for a drink. Even though that doesn't seem like much, if they go for a drink 3 or 4 times a day, it soon adds up to lots of wasted learning time. We have many more children bringing their water bottle and the Foundies are receiving a 'Power Play' for each day they bring their water bottle this week.

Thanks  
Annabel and Netti

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

Welcome to Week Three!

Yesterday, we took part in a session about 'Responsible Pet Ownership', where the students received information about how to look after their pets and what to do when they see a pet that they don't know. Students received some handouts from this session. If students want to learn more, and play a game relating to being responsible around pets, you can visit [www.pettown.vic.gov.au](http://www.pettown.vic.gov.au), or find out more information at [www.vic.gov.au/pets](http://www.vic.gov.au/pets).

Today, we were lucky enough to have the local Ambulance Service come and visit us to give some information on how they keep us safe in regards to our current Inquiry unit, 'Living and Playing Safely'. The students enjoyed this opportunity and learnt a lot in this area.

This Thursday evening, at 5.30pm, we will also be holding our Family Sports Night. Family Sports Night is a great opportunity for students to dress in their sporting team's colours (MacKillop, Delaney or Pangerang) and take part in several sporting activities that promote physical health. It is a great family evening and we encourage all families to come along to this annual event.

1/2 Naish will be presenting Assembly on Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm and you are welcome to come and join us.

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

In the classroom this week:

Literacy: We are beginning to look at our new book 'Cass the Colour Robber'. Students will take part in an activity where they will hear three words relating to the big book (adjective, verb, noun) and draw what they think the character looks like, as well as what they are doing and where they are. Students will also be presented with a sentence from our new big book and they are to determine how they could read this sentence through using some of the reading strategies focused on throughout the year.

Maths: We are learning about 'addition and subtraction'. Students will be working in groups and building on their understanding of addition and subtraction strategies, as well as knowing when to use certain strategies depending on the problem they are presented with. Students will also look at a variety of worded problems and pay particular attention to what the problem is asking them to do through looking at the language used.

Religious Education: Students discussed how we welcome people into our homes, schools and classrooms and used role-play to act out scenarios of people being welcomed in a positive way, as well as people who are not showing welcoming behavior. We will end our week by looking at Mark's Gospel (10:13-16) 'Jesus and the Children' and discuss how Jesus welcomed the children and showed that they were important.

Inquiry: Students received a visit from the Ambulance services and were given information on how they keep us safe, as well as having an opportunity to ask any questions relating to this area.

Have a great week  
Laura, Josh & Danni

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

Welcome to Week Three. We have a busy week at Our Lady's this week.

We started off yesterday with a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership program. This was very informative and Glenys spoke to us about choosing the right pets for us and how to be safe around dogs.

A reminder that our Family Sports Night is on this Thursday night at 5.30pm. We have been very busy practicing to refine our ball skills. We encourage all families to come along to support their children in a relaxed and fun evening. Our P & F will be selling hot chips, sausages & drinks or bring along a picnic tea. Children are encouraged to wear their sport team colours.

In Literacy our writing focus is poetry. This week we will continue to read poetry and will write a 'haiku' poem. A haiku poem is a Japanese poem with three lines having a different amount of syllables on each line. Our focus in punctuation is paragraphs. In spelling we focus on homographs, which are words that are spelt the same and sound the same but have different meanings e.g. rock, slide & ring. Synonyms are the focus in grammar this week.

In Maths this week we begin a new unit on measurement. We will focus on mass where children will use kilograms and grams to measure and compare various objects.

This term in Religious Education we continue our unit 'Family and Relationships' We will discuss ways that Jesus showed his love for others and as they have grown older, how they show love for family and friends in different ways.

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

Some of our Grade Three children have now begun the Sacramental program in preparation for their First Reconciliation. We keep Gemma, Emilee, Anthony, Andrew & Ruby Thomson (Grade Five) in our prayers at this special time. We attended Mass this morning, which focused on forgiveness.

This week in our Inquiry unit 'Amazing Me' we will be viewing a DVD about birth- 'The wonder of living'. We also have a visitor (a new mum & her baby) coming in to our classroom to talk about her pregnancy and the growth and development of her baby. The children have begun to create their booklets about when they were little. Thank you to everyone for sending in baby/toddler photos and completing the survey.

Have a great week  
Liz, Cathie, Jenny & Celia

### **LEADERSHIP (FIVE/SIX) CENTRE NEWS**

Welcome to Week Three.

We will start our Tuesday afternoon bike rides this week. Each Tuesday afternoon I'll take six students for a ride along the Wangaratta town bike path. We'll leave at about 1:30pm and return by 2:45pm. It's a great opportunity to enjoy some small group bonding and get a little exercise. I'll invite a different group of students each week so all should be able to enjoy the experience a few times before the end of the year. Students will need to bring along a roadworthy bike, approved helmet, water bottle and sports uniform on their designated day. If they don't have a bike I can arrange one for them.

This Thursday our Borinya Buddies are coming to Our Lady's to run a Bike Education program with my class. If possible, could your child bring along his/her bike and helmet. Borinya will be supplying 12 bikes and helmets for those who cannot bring their own. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all to enjoy.

My class is also participating in next Tuesday's Parish Mass at 9.00am. You are most welcome to attend.

Website of the Week:

[http://kidshealth.org/teen/food\\_fitness/nutrition/vitamins\\_minerals.html#cat20131](http://kidshealth.org/teen/food_fitness/nutrition/vitamins_minerals.html#cat20131)

Kind regards  
Greg & Christie

**P & F NEWS**

**GARAGE SALE**

Thanks to Cassie Hyland for organising and those who helped out with the Garage Sale on Sunday. While there were not as many people around as last year, a profit of \$405-19 was made.

**SPORTS NIGHT**

As you can see we still need several helpers for this Thursday night's Sports Night.

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 TOMORROW or give the office a call tomorrow morning.

**SPORTS NIGHT ROSTER TO DATE**

**5.00pm to 6.30pm**

Vittoria McDonald  
Beth O'Leary  
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**6.30pm to 8.00pm**

Alexsia Grainger  
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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)

5.00pm to 6.30pm

6.30pm to 8.00pm

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday	October 20 <sup>th</sup>	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>
Wednesday	November 11 <sup>th</sup>	‘We Remember’ at WPAC – 7.00pm to 9.00pm Students perform 7.45pm <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reconciliation at Our Lady’s Church 7.00pm
Sunday	November 15 <sup>th</sup>	WW1 Memorial Dedication South Wangaratta Fire Station 11.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Monday-Friday	November 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	BookFair
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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2016 Planning Day – Pupil Free Day</b>
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
Tuesday	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year/Graduation Mass
Thursday	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for students
Friday	December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for staff

## **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. If you are happy for your child to participate in either or both of the events but are unable to transport them to and from the venue some transport may be arranged. Please indicate below if this is the case.

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. Students will be required to wear full school uniform at these events.

**Please fill out form below and return to school by this Friday October 23<sup>rd</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 circle)

Both events

Wednesday November 11th (WPAC)

Sunday November 15th (South Wangaratta)

Transport required Yes / No

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **JAMES TILSON KINDERGARTEN – PAST FAMILIES**

The James Tilson Kindergarten is calling on past families who would like to have their time at the Kinder commemorated with a named paver at the entrance to the Kindergarten. Named pavers (up to 46 letters) are \$35 and a hand drawn paver is \$45. This is a great memento of your child's time at James Tilson Kindergarten. Please call in to the Kinder for more info or an order form or phone 57212319 and we can post one to you.

## **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 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.

## **The Rovers United Bruck Cricket Club - Milo In2Cricket & T20 Blast Cricket**

Programs will start on this Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 at 5.15pm at the W J Findlay Oval, Wangaratta and we would love to see as many boys & girls register online at & register under Rovers United Bruck CC:

[www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) <<http://www.playcricket.com.au>

The MILO in2CRICKET program is designed for boys and girls from 5 to 8 years old. It is a fast, fun and active program that emphasises maximum participation, basic motor and cricket skill development. It is experience based and builds its foundations on the essentials for lifelong involvement in physical activity and sport.

The MILO T20 Blast program is a super fun, social, safe, cricket program for boys and girls from 9 to 10 years old. The program is much shorter than traditional cricket, with a maximum of 90 minutes playing time. All the equipment is supplied and the games take place at the same venue each week, at a local cricket club or community centre.

## **Wangaratta Magpies T20 Blast Cricket**

Wangaratta Magpies CC will this year will be running a T.20 BLAST program for boys and girls ages 8 to 12 years starting this Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the HP BARR reserve oval at starting at 5.15pm . Registrations can be made now @ [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) enter the post code 3677 or the Wangaratta Magpies Cricket Club and the T20 Blast program. If you require any more information please contact Darren Grant 0427978485.