

NEWSLETTER NO. 36 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11th 2015

Loving Father,

Bring your blessing to the children and their families involved in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Help the children know the power of forgiveness and to know the need to be forgiving.

Give them insight into the important part forgiveness plays in building community.

Provide them with the awareness needed to reflect on how they relate to others and build in them the courage to make positive relationship decisions.

Give strength and guidance to their families as they take up the role of being models to their children.

Bless our Parish community as it prepares to welcome these children as full sacramental members.

We pray this through your son Jesus Christ.

Amen.



RECONCILIATION

Over three evenings this week a number of children will celebrate their first Reconciliation. At Our Lady's tomorrow night, Anthony Metcraft, Ruby Thompson, Emilee Bell and Gemma Bell from our school will be part of the group involved. This celebration comes at the end of several weeks of preparation involving both the children and their families. It also the first step on the journey to the celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist next year. I congratulate them on the efforts and wish them and their families all the very best for Thursday evening.

PARISH MASS – NOVEMBER 29TH – CHRIST THE KING

Our Lady's school is helping to run the Sunday Mass on November 29th. This is the Sunday before the start of Advent and helps to set up the coming Christmas season. We need help with singing, dancing, reading and processions. There are many keen children who will need their parents to bring them to Mass. The Mass starts at 9:00am.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9TH

Each year we spend some time preparing for the celebration of Christmas by putting together a presentation that highlights the important points of the Christmas story. This presentation is planned for 11:15am on Wednesday December 9th and will be held in Our Lady's Church. All classes will be involved and everyone is most welcome to come along and join us.

LITURGY

Our End of Year Mass will be held on Tuesday December 15th – all families are expected to attend this celebration.

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

'WE REMEMBER' RURAL CITY OF WANGARATTA – TONIGHT

Children who are going to be part of this event this evening are asked to gather in front of St Patrick's Primary School at 6:40 pm. We will then be shown to our seating in preparation for our performance at about 8:00 pm. The arrangements have a little fluid element to them in part because of the weather and that one of the speakers prior to our involvement is not guaranteed as they may be held up with Federal Government business. We appreciate the effort that families need to make to get children to this type event and offer our thanks in anticipation for your support.

Please note:

- **Students are to assemble at 6.40pm at the front of St. Patrick's Primary School in Ovens Street**
- **Students are to wear their red polo shirt, green school shorts, black shoes and white socks tonight.**

CFA MEMORIAL AT SOUTH WANGARATTA – THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

The ceremony commences at 10.30am and students are to assemble at the South Wangaratta Fire Station (cnr Shanley Street & Warby Range Road) at 10.00am. Again students are to wear school uniform as outlined above.

SPEECH THERAPY SUPPORT

Over the past few years we have been fortunate to have a regular visit from a speech therapist who works with students and teachers on plans to support students with a range of language issues. Recently we have had to make a change to our current arrangement due to a relocation of the person providing this service to us and a number of local schools.

We are pleased to let you know that Molly Milligan has generously offered to help us out until the end of the year. Molly would be well known to many families as the mum of Tahlia and Samantha. Molly also works part-time supporting pre-school children with speech and language challenges. We thank Molly for taking up this role and we are looking forward to the maintenance of the program that we have in place.

BUILDING UPDATE

Last week we were able to give the children a first-hand look at some of the work in the new learning spaces. Their reactions were really heart-warming as they got a feel for changes to this point and how the spaces will develop.

In recent days all of the timber framing has been all but finished, the new electrical and data wiring has been roughed in, most of the upgraded plumbing is in place, window frames are going in, plaster is being installed, the air conditioning is going in and concrete is being poured to allow for the fitting out of the new wet areas.

You would have noticed that the front of the school has been covered in plastic as many of the windows have been removed. Glass will soon go in so this area can be secured.

Whilst we are hopeful that the building will be completed prior to the start of the school year we are planning to start the year in the hall and move in very early in the new year. There will be challenges in supplying the furniture before the start of the school year as most suppliers close down over the Christmas period. We feel that rather than rush the move we will order furniture late this year, once we know what is needed, for delivery early in the new school year.

GALEN JUNIOR PRODUCTION OF ‘ALADDIN’

Next Tuesday, November 17th, we have been invited to be part of the audience for the dress rehearsal of this production. All classes will be attending – the bus will leave **at 9.00am sharp** so please make sure your child/children are at school on time on this day. We will (weather permitting) head down to Merriwa Park afterwards for Recess.

If for any reason your child cannot be at school at 8.45am on this day, you will need to keep them at home until 11.30am and then drop them at school.

SWIMMING

There are three swimming sessions booked for the end of the year. They will be held on each of the next three Wednesdays and all classes will attend:

Wednesday November 18th

Wednesday November 25th

Wednesday December 2nd

These sessions will be held at “Moore Than Swimming” and are planned to provide confidence building opportunities for all children. Students will attend in their class groups. We plan to have the children change before they leave so this might be something that families can put into their planning for these activities. Students will need to bring their bathers, towel and a pair of thongs (to wear to and from the pool) in a plastic bag on each of the above dates.

Sessions times are:

10:30am Foundation Centre

11:00am Discovery Centre

11:30am Bridging Centre

12:00noon Leadership Centre

PERMISSION NOTE

The eldest child in each family has today brought home a FAMILY permission note that covers both the Aladdin performance and the swimming sessions. Please complete and return this form by this Friday, November 13th.

MAKING JESUS REAL FOCUS – MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

Each week we have a focus for where we can work to have others see Jesus in us. This week the focus is on making good decisions and how it can show Jesus to others. Good decisions help the lives of others, they are often hard and it important that we understand that we all have the ability to make them.

CRAZY SOCK DAY

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Crazy Sock Day – a total of \$108-00 was raised for Catholic Mission.

SCHOOL APP

We would like as many families as possible to download our new school app (details of how to do this are further along in the newsletter)– you can access newsletters as well as other information about school events. Please feel free to let us know what you think about the app.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

There will be two more Pupil Free Days this term:

Monday November 23rd Report Writing Day

Monday November 30th 2016 Planning Day

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is 'Students who follow instructions':

Be Ready to Learn: By focusing on the instructions that help set up learning opportunities

Be Responsible: By paying attention to the learning instructions and expectations given
Setting realistic goals and working to achieve them

Be Respectful: By allowing others to get learning instructions and to understand expectations

Power Play Focus: **Students who follow instructions**

Congratulations to Eliza 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. Expressing thanks allows us to acknowledge actions that help us and to highlight language and actions that we would like to see happen in the future. They often relate to our expectations from last week or to events that students were involved in. This week we give thanks for:

- To those students who do as much work as they can when it comes to learning
- To everyone who supports the learning of others
- To those who have plans in place if play doesn't go the way they would like
- To everyone who offers a smile as often as they can
- To everyone who makes good choices about footwear
- To all who made positive decisions about behavior on the wet days last week
- For the manners that so many showed when being offered the broccoli
- To those students who were responsible on our tour of the school

2016 NEWSLETTERS

As we recently advised paper copies of the weekly newsletter will not be sent home to families in 2016. We need each family to choose which method you would prefer to use to receive a copy of the newsletter- either downloading our new school app or having it emailed each week.

Please either:

- complete the form further along in the newsletter and return it to the office or
- email your response to Julie at jmcmnig@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

We need all families to send in their response to this request by Friday December 4th 2015.

NEWSLETTER

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FOUNDATION (PREP) CENTRE NEWS

We are really looking forward to the Rural City of Wangaratta Remembrance Day celebration on TONIGHT. This will be held up near the Performing Arts centre and a few of the Foundies have mentioned that they will be taking part in our song presentations on the night. Students are to meet outside St. Patrick's Primary School in Ovens Street at 6.40pm.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that the Foundies should only be wearing their 'runners' on Wednesday and Friday for our sports days. Black shoes should be worn on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Mr Walsh has been encouraging correct shoes at our Monday morning Assembly and we would love to see all of the Foundies in the right shoes. If there is any reason why your child cannot wear the correct shoes please let us know.

LEARNING THIS WEEK:

Maths This week we will learn about sharing a collection of objects equally. Our focus will be using this as an addition and multiplication strategy. Some of the language that we will be exploring includes 'equal groups', 'shared between', 'how many groups', and 'how many objects in each group'.

Literacy and Inquiry: We will continue our focus on the structure of narratives, exploring the characters, the setting and the conflict or problem. The children will be deciding on their characters, setting and the problem of the story. Over the next few weeks they will record the retelling of their stories in different ways including recording, videoing and writing. As part of our literacy over the next two weeks we will be finishing off our Inquiry unit about 'Keeping Myself Safe'. The Foundies will be giving a simple oral presentation about an aspect of staying safe. Mrs Griffin was teaching in our room yesterday as I was completing some reading assessments.

Religious Education: We will continue our unit on 'Our Church' this week. This week the children will be exploring what we see, hear and do when we are in the Church.

Enjoy the rest of your week!
Annabel and Netti

DISCOVERY (ONE/TWO) CENTRE NEWS

Welcome to Week Six!

We began our week by sitting with the students and taking part in some Maths and reading/comprehension assessment. This is something we always look forward to as it shows us how students have progressed throughout the year and the level of their understanding in certain areas. It also provides us with information on where students may experience difficulties in their learning and how we can target this in the future.

A reminder that TONIGHT students will be involved in a Remembrance Day performance at the Performing Arts Centre. We would love to have as many students attend as possible, as they will be singing some songs in relation to this significant day. It begins at 7.00pm – students are to assemble at the front of St. Patrick’s Primary School in Ovens street at 6.40pm.

We have had a number of students bringing in small toys and possessions from home, and in some cases, students have misplaced these. If students want to bring these in, it is their responsibility to look after these items and put them in a safe place throughout the day.

In the classroom this week:

Literacy: We begin looking at our new big book ‘Fish Head Soup’. Students will begin exploring the book through thinking about an adjective and a verb that may be present within the text. They will discuss this with their group and think about why these words will be present. Students will then read the book as a whole group (without seeing the pictures) and listen to see if the selected words were in the book. If not, we will see if there were any synonyms to these words. The following day, we will look at three words present within the text to give us hints on how to draw the character, as well as what the character maybe doing and where they may be within the text. Students will use this information to illustrate a picture.

Maths: We move our attention onto skip counting. Students will be looking at skip counting by various numbers and creating skip-counting patterns. They will create their own pattern and also be asked to continue on a skip counting pattern that a partner has created. Later in the week, students will create their pattern and take out 5-6 numbers. Another student will then be asked to determine the number that goes into the missing place.

Religious Education: Students will create a whole class chain of belonging. They will conclude the week by drawing a scene where an individual or group of individuals are being inconsiderate, as well as drawing the group being thoughtful and cooperative on the other side of the page.

Inquiry: Students will begin forming heir groups and choosing one of three groups to work in – Sun Safety, Pool Safety or Road Safety. As a group, students will plan on creating a keynote, radio advertisement and a poster.

Have a great week,
Laura, Josh and Danni

BRIDGING (THREE/FOUR) CENTRE NEWS

In Literacy we continue our writing focus on Poetry. This week we will continue to read poetry and will write a lantern poem. A lantern poem is a type of descriptive poetry that originates from Japan. Our focus in punctuation is direct or quoted speech. In spelling we are focusing on topic words for our Christmas Inquiry. Adjectives are the focus in grammar this week.

In Maths this week our unit is on fractions where we model and represent fractions including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{5}$ and their multiples to a complete whole.

As part of our Religious Education we begin a new unit 'Christmas the message of Joy and Peace.' In this unit students will be given the opportunity to explore Christmas as a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's Son, where the main message is one of Joy and Peace. They will be encouraged to recognise that as members of a Christian community we are called to share this message with those in the wider world by showing goodwill to each other.

We keep Gemma, Emilee, Anthony & Ruby Thomson (Grade Five) in our prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady's Church tomorrow night.

We begin a new unit for Inquiry unit and will be researching 'Christmas around the World.' We are researching how different countries celebrate Christmas in different ways and looking at their customs and beliefs. Their information will be presented in a keynote presentation. Over the next few weeks the children will also be making their own imovie using photos taken throughout the year.

A reminder that those students who are attending the 'We Remember' ceremony TONIGHT must wear full school uniform and are to meet teachers at the front of St. Patrick's Primary School at 6.40pm.

Have a great week!

Liz, Cathie, Jenny and Celia

LEADERSHIP (FIVE/SIX) CENTRE NEWS

Welcome to Week Six. A quick reminder that those children attending the Wangaratta Remembrance Day Commemoration TONIGHT are to meet outside St. Patrick's School at 6:40pm. Most children have indicated that they will be attending and I'd like to take this opportunity to formally thank all parents for their support and commitment to this special service. Thanks also to our teaching staff who have offered to transport children to and from the service. We would like all our students to stand before the Wangaratta community as they honour our Service Men and Women and SHINE!

This week we will be conducting extensive literacy and numeracy testing at Our Lady's. The results obtained from these assessment tasks will be made available to parents during our next parent/teacher interviews and provide relevant data in support of our final school report for the year.

Next Wednesday, November 18th, I will be taking four Year Five students to St. Augustine's Primary in Wodonga to attend the Just Leadership Program supported by the Sandhurst Diocese and Caritas Australia. This is a program to introduce our future school leaders to the power of Social Justice and the potential found within each of us to promote positive change.

Next Thursday, November 19th, our Borinya Buddies program will provide the opportunity for all my students to participate in a Bike Education Program at Benalla. Last year this was a very exciting and well run day. We are fortunate indeed to be afforded the opportunity to work with our Borinya Buddies. More information, including permission notes, will follow next week.

Website Of The Week: <http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/council/news/ANZACcentenary.asp>

Regards
Greg & Christie

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	November 11 th	Remembrance Day Liturgy 10.15am <i>All Welcome</i> 'We Remember' at WPAC – 7.00pm to 9.00pm Students perform approx. 8.00pm <i>Students to assemble at the front of St. Patrick's Primary School in Ovens Street at 6.40pm</i> <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	November 12 th	Reconciliation at Our Lady's Church 7.00pm
Sunday	November 15 th	WW1 Memorial Dedication South Wangaratta Fire Station commences at 10.30am <i>Students to assemble at the Fire Station (cnr Shanley Street & Warby Range Road) at 10.00am</i> <i>All Welcome</i>
Monday-Friday	November 16 th -20 th	BookFair
Tuesday	November 17 th	School Board meeting 6.30pm
Friday	November 20 th	Transition Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for 2016 Foundation Students Information Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for Parents of 2016 Foundation Students
Monday	November 23rd	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
Thursday	November 26 th	Transition Session 9.00am to 11.00am for 2016 Foundation Students
Monday	November 30th	2016 Planning Day – Pupil Free Day
Friday	December 4 th	Transition Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for 2016 Foundation Students
Monday	December 7 th	Foundation/Discovery Centre Students End of Year Excursion
Tuesday	December 8 th	Orientation Day – All students 2016 Foundation Orientation Day 9.00am to 12noon Information Evening for 2016 Foundation Parents 7.00pm
Wednesday	December 9 th	11.15am Christmas Presentation in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
Tuesday	December 15 th	End of Year/Graduation Mass

Thursday	December 17 th	Last day for 2015 for students
Friday	December 18 th	Last day for 2015 for staff
Wednesday	January 27 th 2016	First day Term One 2016 for staff
Thursday	January 28 th 2016	First day of Term One 2016 for students in Years 1 to 6
Friday	January 29 th 2016	First day of Term One 2016 for Foundation students 9.00am to 1.00pm

P & F NEWS

BOOKFAIR

Our annual BookFair will be held next week from Monday November 16th to Friday November 20th. You are invited to come in and have a look at what's on offer for sale each day between the hours of 8.30am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm. The Book Fair will be set up in the Pat Reidy Shed. The school receives a percentage of all sales which we use to select books for the Library.

Franca Villella is again co-ordinating the BookFair and would appreciate some help with setting it up this Friday, November 13th from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. She will also need one other parent for each sale session. If you can help her out at all please give her a call on 57221982.

2016 NEWSLETTERS

I/We _____ (Family Name) would prefer to receive my/our newsletter either by (please circle one preference):

- via school app
- via email _____ (email address)

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Please return your completed form to the office by Friday December 4th 2015.

We Remember

This special Remembrance Day event will honour the service and sacrifice of local Veterans and the community during WW1.

11 November 2015
7.00-9.00pm

Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre/ Holy Trinity Cathedral Forecourt, Ovens Street, Wangaratta

Please join us for:

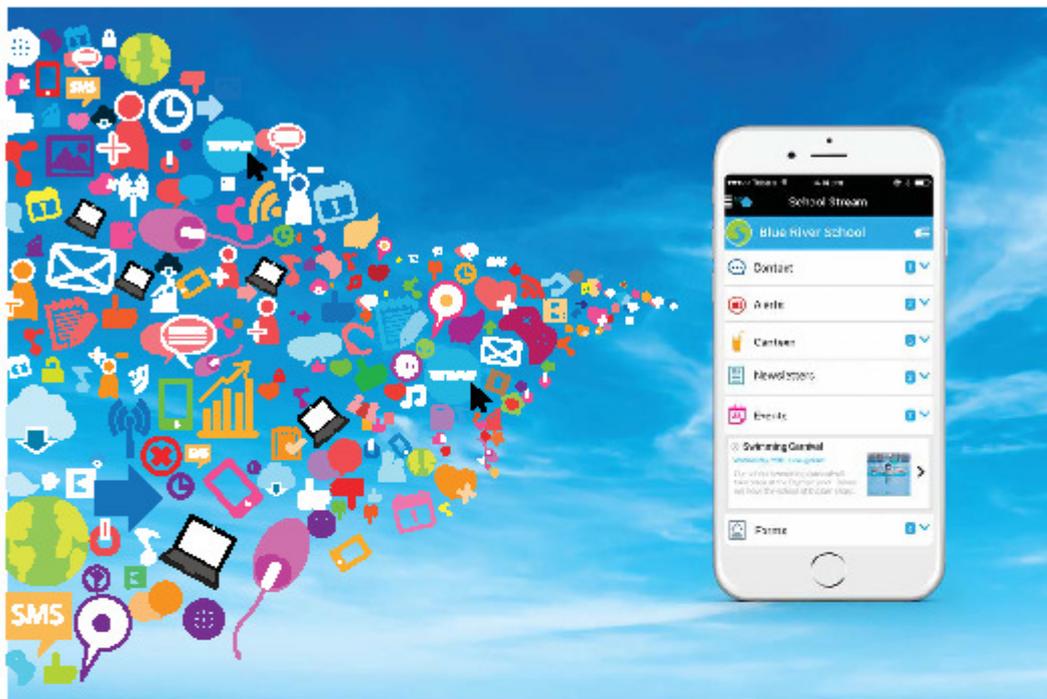
- WW1 image projection onto Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre beginning at nightfall
- The 'We Remember' documentary in the Alpine MDF Theatre
- The '100 Voices' Commemorative Choir
- A community BBQ
- Displays of historical equipment
- An exhibition of photographs & memorabilia
- Short Films

For more information contact the Rural City of Wangaratta's Cultural Development Officer
Justine Ambrosio - 5722 0847



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2016 Twilight Funfair

Yes it's that time of year where we really need the school community to step up and support the running of the Our Lady's Primary School FunFair. This major fundraiser helps not only reducing your fees, but also the little things our kids love, balls for recesses, sports equipment, birthday books just to name a few.

So the date is set for Saturday 19th March 2016. 5pm to 9pm, yes with fireworks and a band again. This is the weekend after Labour Day long weekend and the week before Easter. The organisers for 2016 are the same as 2015, Kate Bell, Steven Abotomey, Marc Bongers and Dani Bell.

To kick off here is our raffle. We have again had some very generous companies and friends donate great prizes. This is a big part of our success with the FunFair. Tickets are being printed now with the thought families can take an extra book home for over the Christmas break to sell to all their families and friends.

The raffle prizes are:

1st Prize: 3m of Wood (Donated by OLPS) \$400

2nd Prize: Lamb cut & packed (Donated by Alan & Shannon) \$250 and \$100 meat voucher (Donated by Ducky's Butcher)

3rd Prize: Alison's & Co Hair dressers voucher \$200

4th Prize: Picture Framing Voucher (Donated by North East Picture Framers) \$150

5th Prize: Gourmet Hamper \$100

Here is a list of our stalls. Start thinking where you would like to donate a couple of hours on the night so we can make this FunFair happen. 2hrs on a stall and that will give you 2hrs with your families to enjoy the evening. Please let's not make it that people have to do 4hrs because we don't have enough helpers, with over 80 families this should never need to happen.

Stalls: Side Show Alley, Spinning Wheel, Trash N Treasure, BBQ, International Foods, Drinks & Deserts, Craft, Plants, Auction, Train, Showbags, Fun Foods, Lucky Dips/Mystery Jars/Pantry Packs, Virtual Reality, Balloons, Footy Fun, Popcorn/Slushies/Fairyfloss and our beloved Teachers stall with food, hair colouring, face painting and tatoos.

Items to start to collect:

Mystery Jars - Hair ties, cars, party favours, lollies, basically if it can fit into a jar we want it. Keep an eye out next time you are shopping, it all adds up. Oh and don't forget jars, we have a very generous parent who has room to store them if you don't have the space.

Frogs in a Pond - Chocolate frogs and jelly.....yummo

New Stall - We need any pantry item, new and unopened (just double check use by dates). So this could be Tea bags, biscuits, cordial, pasta, cans of anything, tissues etc. These will be made into pantry packs for a new game. Just grab an extra anything each week your shopping and bring it into the office.

And last but not least, join the school on facebook and the new app. Facebook is everywhere and it's such a great way to know what is going on around the school. Also a very convenient way to contact any of us, the FunFair organisers. The new app is an easy way to be kept updated and is so easy to use.

We will be sending updates of things that we need, stalls to be helped at and anything else needed. Please feel free to say hi and let us know where you would like to help.

With thanks: Kate, Steven, Marc & Dani

2016 WANGARATTA MARATHON & FUN RUNS



MARATHON | HALF MARATHON | 10km | 5km | 2km (Primary kids)

28 February 2016

NEWSLETTER CHANGES FOCUS....AGAIN

Now that the Ned Kelly Chase has concluded for 2015, these newsletters will heavily concentrate on the Wangaratta Marathon & Fun Runs for a while. We'll still add a few bits and pieces relating to the Ned Kelly Chase as we head into 2016 and there might be an announcement or two about other happenings.

A brief NKC event report is provided starting on page 2. The 2016 event will be 23 October incidentally, the 4th Sunday in October as usual.

2016 WMFR ENTRY FEES

Entry fees across the range of 2016 events are provided in the table below.

As has always been the case we aim to keep the fees as low as possible whilst maintaining the full benefits of just about any other event.



Entry Type:	Early until 31-12-2015 #	Regular 01-01-2016 to 25-02-2016~	Late Sat 27-02-2016 CASH only
Marathon	\$80	\$90	\$100
Half Marathon	\$50	\$60	\$70
10km Run or Walk	\$27	\$30	\$35
5km Run or Walk	\$22	\$25	\$30
2km Primary School Students	\$10	\$10	\$15
2km accompanying parents [^]	\$5	\$5	\$10

Rates apply based on when payment is made, not when entry is submitted.

~ Online entries close 8:00pm on Thursday 25 February 2016.

[^] One parent per child only. Please read the [primary challenge rules](#) regarding the intent of accompaniment.

NOTE: The prices above are fully inclusive. When you get to the final stage of the entry form, you don't get hit with that extra \$1.50 or so per entry that many events are starting to charge as a "processing fee". Yes, we have processing fees too, but they're absorbed into the charges above. Those charges also include GST.

NOTE: There are NO on the day entries in 2016. The event has outgrown this service. Entries will be taken between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 27 February 2016 at the start / finish area however (rear of Wangaratta Showgrounds complex).