



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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**Our Lady's Primary School is a child safe school. All students enrolled, and any child visiting, have a right to feel safe and be safe.**

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 32 TUESDAY OCTOBER 17TH 2017

This week there are a number of families across the Catholic Parishes in Wangaratta starting their preparation program for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation later next month. The following prayer is from the session that they will look at this week:

Loving God,

The commandments given to us by your Son, Jesus,  
challenge us to love you with all our hearts, all our minds,  
all our soul and all our strength  
and to love our neighbours as ourselves.  
Grant to us the courage to do this in our lives,  
especially when it seems too hard.

The good Samaritan was able to put aside fear and hatred  
and act in a compassionate and loving way.  
Help us to be able to show love like that.

There are many people in our lives who reveal your love  
by the way they live, by being kind and helping those in need.  
We thank you for the example they give us and ask that we too may  
respond to your Spirit of love.

Amen



## CLASS MASSES

Our remaining Masses for this term are as follows:

Tuesday October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bridging Centre host the Leadership Centre
Tuesday October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Leadership Centre host the Foundation and Discovery Centre
Tuesday November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Discovery Centre hosts the Foundation and Bridging Centre

All these Masses will be held in Our Lady's Church commencing at 9.00am and everyone is welcome to come along.

## End of Year Mass

Just some advance notice that our End of Year/Graduation Mass will be held on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>. The Mass is scheduled to start at 7.00pm and all students/families are expected to attend this celebration.

## 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

Our Lady's typically has week day Masses on Tuesday and Friday both commencing at 9:00am. Some changes may happen if funerals are held on these days.

## PARISH RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

We wish Charlotte Bongers, Henry Dunstan, Jordan Drury, Abby Newton, Lachlan Warry, Mary Lovel, Oscar Bell and Lilly Wyatt, and their families, all the best on their journey to the celebration of their First Reconciliation later in November.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next School Board meeting will be held **TONIGHT Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30pm.

The focus for this meeting will be 2018 budget, school fees, camps, reports from the Pastoral Wellbeing review, self- reflection for the Stewardship of Resources review, inquiry mindset up date, update on the admin refurbish and building.

## STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES REVIEW

Next Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have representatives of the Catholic Education Office visit the school to validate and review the school under the area of Stewardship of Resources. This will involve assessment against a set of criteria in the areas on equity and access, accountability, governance structures, partnership, option for the other and sustainability. This follows the Pastoral Care review that was conducted towards the end of Term Three.

## **HATS**

It has been great to see so many students quickly move to hat wearing during Term Four. It is important that we encourage the development of good habits about sun protection at a young age. Please check that all hats are clearly marked with your child's name.

Students must wear their school hat this term whenever they are outside at all times – recess, lunch, sport etc. If your child has lost their school hat you can purchase a new one from the school office at a cost of \$10-00. If your child does not have their hat at school they must remain under the verandah when they are outside- **no hat, no play.**

## **FAMILY SPORTS EVENING**

This year our family sports evening is scheduled for next Thursday October 26th commencing at 5:00pm, running for about 90 minutes. On the evening students will participate in a number of team games that will be scored to determine a winning team. Students are encouraged to come along dressed in their sports team colours. Families are welcome to bring along chairs, blankets, snacks and drinks and hopefully enjoy a balmy evening at school.

## **PUPIL FREE DAYS TERM FOUR**

We have three Pupil Free days set aside this term as well as a Public Holiday:

Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> - Bishop's Holiday (each year that the Bishop is here to conduct Confirmation/First Eucharist he kindly grants us an additional Pupil Free Day). The following day – Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> – 2018 Planning Day

Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> – Report Writing Day

## **2018 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS**

If you have child starting in our Foundation class in 2018 please call into the office and collect an enrolment form and complete and return it, along with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate, by the end of this term. If you know of anyone who interested in sending their child to Our Lady's to commence Foundation in 2018, please get them to contact the school office to make an appointment for a chat and a tour of the school.

## **MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY THANK YOU**

At the start of each week we give thanks to some of the positive behaviours that we noted in the past week. It is an opportunity to acknowledge helpful behaviours, it raises language that highlights good choices and it models the need to regularly thank people in a way that communicates what we are thankful for. This week we thanked:

- To everyone who does their best by being prepared
- For helping others succeed by choosing positive words
- To everyone who respects their school by maintaining personal space
- For organising to have your hats at school
- For a very calm start to Term Four
- To Tim, Hannah, Layla and Kane for representing our school at last Friday's Zone Athletics

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**

Our expectations focus for this week is 'Moving in Safe and Positive Ways':

Doing your best:                      By walking bikes and scooters in the school grounds  
By knowing where we run and where we walk

Helping others succeed:            By returning to class quickly  
By walking quietly so others can continue learning

Respecting your school:            By acting in a way that allows all people to enjoy the experience  
By walking inside  
By being careful when going around corners

**Power Play Focus:**                    **Students who move in safe and positive ways**

Congratulations to Josh Sloggett who was the winner of last week's Power Play Raffle.

## **MOWING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

Our mowing roster for the remainder of this year is as follows:

October	Darren Bell & family
November	Graeme Lovel & family
December	Peter Sullivan & family

We are asking for a family to volunteer to mow during the January holidays. If you are available to do this please let Julie know.

Mark

## **Policy Up Date:**

The following is the updated Disability Discrimination policy:  
(Apologies for the formatting!)

### **Disability Discrimination**

Disability discrimination occurs when a person with a disability is treated less favourably than a person without a disability, in the same or similar circumstances.

The definition of disability includes a wide range of impairments including physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological and learning disabilities. It also covers discrimination against a person because of a physical disfigurement or a disease (e.g. Human Immunodeficiency Virus – HIV).

### **Our Lady's Wangaratta's Policy**

Our Lady's is committed to providing a safe and educationally supportive environment that values and encourages participation by all students and workers, including those with disabilities.

It is our policy that:

Students with disabilities can participate in education and training without discrimination;

Students with disabilities have opportunities to access the school curriculum and achieve educational outcomes, in the same manner as students without disabilities;

Reasonable adjustments will be made where necessary, to ensure students with disabilities are able to participate in all activities available to students without disabilities;

Individualised programs will be developed for students with disabilities in consultation with parents/carers and relevant experts;

All processes are accessible and transparent; and

Disability discrimination prevention strategies are reviewed on an annual basis against best practice.

Our Lady's does not tolerate discrimination, harassment and victimisation of any type including disability discrimination.

This is achieved by:

Informing all staff and students that disability discrimination is not acceptable;

Providing information and training concerning non-discriminatory methods of teaching;

Ensuring staff and students are aware of appropriate actions to be taken if harassment or victimisation occurs;

### **Discrimination, Harassment & Victimisation**

Establishing strategies and programs to prevent harassment and victimisation of persons with a disability; and

Ensuring strategies and programs extend to not only students but also to their parents/carers, who may experience discrimination as a result of their support role to a person with a disability, or who may have a disability themselves.

### **'Same Basis' Opportunities**

The fundamental concept in operation at Our Lady's to prevent disability discrimination is the 'same basis' concept. This means treatment of students with a disability must be on the 'same basis' as students without a disability, when presented with opportunities and choices offered to students without disabilities.

### **Reasonable Adjustments**

Our Lady's will provide reasonable adjustments upon consultation with the prospective student with a disability and their parents/carers to assist the student undertake education offered.

Whether an adjustment is reasonable will depend on balancing the student's learning needs with the interests of all parties affected, including those of the student with a disability, the school, staff and other students.

Depending on the needs of the student, adjustments may include modifications to school facilities, procedures and resources.

Modifications to enable student access to school facilities and participate in everyday school life include adjustments to toilets, ramps, safety railings, the gymnasium, computer rooms and laboratories to ensure students with disabilities can access these facilities safely.

Our Lady's is not required to provide adjustments where doing so would cause unjustifiable hardship to the school.

All processes for adjustments within the school, including review and grievance procedures, will be transparent. All decisions will be made in a timely way that optimises the student's participation in education and training.

Unjustifiable hardship is determined via an individual assessment of the prospective student's needs balanced with the costs associated with additional staffing, the provision of special resources or modifications and health and safety and duty of care requirements.

### **Disability Information**

Information obtained in relation to the student's disability will remain confidential and will only be disclosed for the purposes of making adjustments or in accordance with a lawful requirement.

### **Complaints**

Complaints of unlawful discrimination should be made to the school.

Complaints will be properly and effectively dealt with using the school's complaint procedures, including conciliation in the first instance.

### **Workers' Responsibility**

All workers must follow the guidelines as set out in this policy.

### **Implementation**

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

Staff training to equip staff with knowledge, skills and understanding to enable students with disabilities to participate in the full range of educational programmes or services, on the same basis and to the same extent as students without disabilities;

Student and parent/carer education and information;

Effective management of the enrolment and accommodation of students with disabilities;

The development of an 'anti-discriminatory' culture within the school community;

The development of a culture that maintains the disabled student's dignity and privacy;

The establishment of processes for ongoing evaluation, monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the management of students with disabilities;

Effective communication and incident notification procedures;

Effective record keeping procedures; and

Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.

### **Discipline for Breach of Policy**

Where a staff member breaches this policy Our Lady's may take disciplinary

### **Related Policies**

[\*\*Bullying Prevention & Intervention Policy\*\*](#)

[\*\*Counselling Services \(Student\) Policy\*\*](#)

[\*\*Excursions Policy\*\*](#)

[\*\*Information & Communication Technology \(ICT\) Policy\*\*](#)

[\*\*Medical Appointments Policy\*\*](#)

### **Key Reference**

This policy has been developed having regard to the [\*\*Disability Standards for Education 2005\*\*](#).

## **FOUNDATION NEWS**

Welcome back to Term Four everyone! The final term of the year is usually very busy as we consolidate lots of learning and enjoy some great experiences.

### **LEARNING THIS TERM:**

**Maths:** Our learning this term will cover 2D and 3D shapes, skip counting, division/sharing and subtraction. We will also have some time towards the end of the term to revisit any concepts that the children need some more time to explore.

**Literacy:** Our literacy focus for will be comprehension of text and comparing how authors depict characters differently. The children will be asked to explore characters in different ways and use prior knowledge about that type of character to explain the characters actions and reactions. We will begin to explore information that is inferred from the text using lots of 'why' and 'how' questions. It's really important that the Foundies have the opportunity to relate events in stories to their own experiences -this shows a great understanding and comprehension of the story. We will also continue using story maps to develop our understanding of the setting of the story.

We will also focus heavily on letter formation this term. The Foundies have all started to write simple sentences and it's important that they develop correct letter formation and size. Using lower case and capital letters appropriately will also be a focus.

We will continue our focus on the conventions of literacy including letters and sounds, blending letters and common words.

**Religious Education:** We have two Religious Education topics this term.

The first one is called 'How do I know God loves Me?' In this unit students will explore a range of understandings about God. They will be given opportunities to explore images of God. They will come to understand that God's love for them is revealed through their families, friends and creation and they will be given opportunities to give thanks for all these gifts.

Our second unit is called 'We Celebrate Christmas'. In this unit students will explore the celebration of Jesus' birth and explore the concept of waiting and preparing for special events in our lives. They will have an understanding of waiting and how it applies to their lives. They will be led to appreciate that Mary and Joseph waited for the birth of Jesus. They will be encouraged to relate their experiences of giving, receiving and celebrating to this important liturgical event. It will be reinforced that the Bible contains many stories that tell us about Jesus' life on earth.

**Inquiry:** Our Inquiry unit this term is called 'The Bridge and Beyond'. This unit will explore different materials that objects are made from and how the chosen material matches the purpose of the object.

## **DRINK BOTTLES AND HATS**

It's really important that **all** children have a drink bottle at school as the weather warms up. Children really need to stay well hydrated in order to make the most of their learning time throughout the day. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle at school that they can refill when needed.

All Preps were given a school hat at the start of the year. Most of these have been kept at school but if your child has lost their hat could you please drop into the office and purchase another one (cost \$10-00). Everyone needs to wear their hat for all outside activities during Term Four.

Please keep checking our school app to keep up to date with what is happening each week and to see some of the learning the Foundies have been doing across the curriculum.

Thanks  
Annabel and Netti



### **Get ready, get set for Walk to School 2017!**

From the beginning of term 4 and throughout the month of October Our Lady's has joined the hundreds of primary schools across Victoria for a fun month of walking, riding and scooting to and from school. By participating, we have a chance to win some great prizes! So every time our local families walks, rides or scoots to and from school during October, you increase our school's chance of winning! It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

We are encouraging our kids to put their best foot forward by decorating their shoes, bikes or scooters to make Walk to School even more fun. Get involved with us for Walk to School and help your family build healthy habits for life: [walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://walktoschool.vic.gov.au).

Each day classes will record how many students walk, ride or scoot to and from school. If you can't walk all the way, your child can still be involved by being dropped at the corner or at the Church and walk the rest of the way.

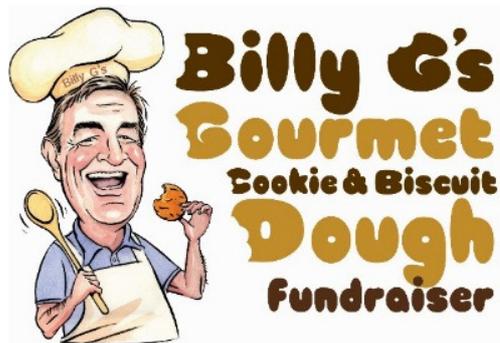
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## P & F NEWS

### P & F MEETING

The next P & F meeting will be **TOMORROW Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 9.00am. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

### TERM FOUR FUNDRAISING EVENT



Order forms for this fundraiser were sent home with the eldest child in each family last Thursday. Orders and payment need to be returned to the office **by Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Extra order forms are available from the office if you need one. The school will make a profit of approximately \$3-00 for every tub sold.

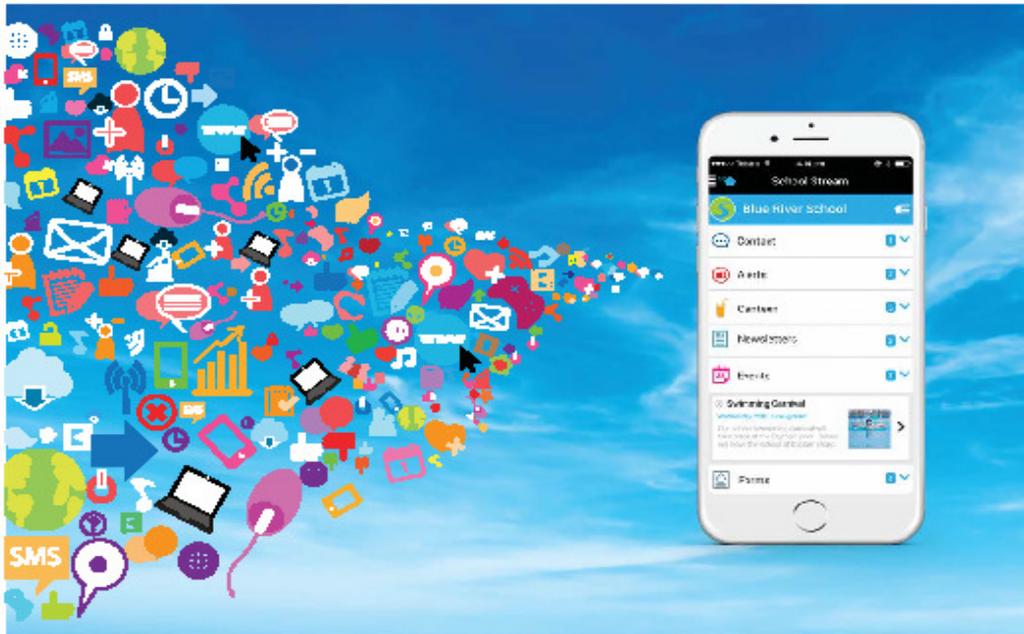
Please note that the cookie dough can be frozen – when you want to make some cookies, pull it out of the freezer to thaw. Once finished you can just pop it back into the freezer.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday	October 18 <sup>th</sup>	P & F Meeting 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership Centre – AFL 9's 11.30am to 2.45pm
Tuesday	October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bridging Centre Mass 9.00am in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Family Sports Night 5.00pm
Friday	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	'Socktober Day'
Tuesday	October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Leadership Centre Mass 9.00am in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bishop's Holiday – Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Discovery Centre Mass 9.00am in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	November 16	Reconciliation 7.00pm in Our Lady's Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – 2018 Planning Day</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Report Writing Day</b>
Tuesday-Friday	December 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Program – Whole School
Wednesday	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Presentation 11.30am <i>All Welcome</i>
Tuesday	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Mass 7.00pm <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	December 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term Four for students 3.10pm finish
Friday	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Term Four for staff

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