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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.

NEWSLETTER NO. 21 TUESDAY JULY 16th 2019

Next week we have a liturgy scheduled that celebrates the place of grandparents in the lives of the students at school. This coincides with the Church's recognition of St Anne and St Joachim who tradition teaches were the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

The following prayer helps us reflect of the importance of grandparents and family:

Loving Father,

We pray for our all our family members.

We give thanks for the love they share with us.

We pray for our parents and grandparents who love us and care for us.

We ask you to care for them and to protect them for us.

We give thanks for the members of our school community.

Give them the gifts they need to support us each day.

Bless them with the gifts of your love, understanding and patience in their work.

Bless all the children across the world.

May all children learn to share the love of Jesus with one another.

We ask you to bless those of our grandparents who are sadly no longer with us.

We ask you to bless them, as they live forever with you and the saints in heaven.

We give these prayers in your holy name.

Amen.





CLASS MASSES/LITURGIES

Tuesday July 23rd Leadership Centre hosts the students from Foundation/Discovery Centres
 Tuesday July 30th Bridging Centre hosts the students from the Leadership Centre
 Tuesday September 17th Discovery Centre hosts the students from the Bridging Centre

All Masses are held in Our Lady’s Church at 9.00am and everyone is most welcome to join us for these celebrations.

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.

GRANDPARENTS DAY LITURGY / 2019 ART SHOW

Our annual liturgy to celebrate grandparents, and the importance of family in general, will be held next Wednesday July 24th commencing at 11:30am. It is an opportunity for our community to focus on the contributions that our family makes to our lives with a special focus on the role of grandparents. We invite all family members to attend especially grandparents. This liturgy coincides with the Church’s celebration of the feast days of the Grandparents of Jesus -St Anne and St Joachim. The liturgy will be held in the Father James Byrne hall.

We will also officially open our 2019 Art Show following the liturgy and then our guests will be welcome to stay for a late morning tea.

Please note: All families asked to send in a small plate for the morning tea

2019 BOOK FAIR

Our 2019 Scholastic Book Fair will be held next term from Monday July 22nd to Friday July 26th. Students/families will have the opportunity to purchase some great books if they wish. The school receives a percentage of the total sales.

SCHOOL FRONT DOOR

Essentially all the major work on the new entrance has been completed with only a few small items to be attended to and a change to be made to the access railing. We are waiting on some furniture items which we hope will be at the school next week. The next step is to plan for the landscaping which should take place later this term. There is also a plan to have the entrances to the school from the new building changed to fit with the plans we have to refurbish the staffroom and the old administration offices. Our plan is to start using the entrance next week after all the final work is done.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have quite a stock of second hand uniform items at the moment. If you are in need any items of uniform you are more than welcome to come and have a look through what we have – all items will be free of charge for the next few weeks.

DAN PETRO PARENTING WORKSHOP

Further along in the newsletter you will find an invitation to attend a parenting workshop by Dan Petro who is a Behaviour Analyst. Our staff have worked closely with Dan over the past couple of years and found his advice to be very beneficial in the management of students.

The workshop will be held on Saturday August 3rd at the Wangaratta Gateway from 9.30am to 3.00pm. The cost of attending is \$20-00 per person however Our Lady's School will cover the cost for any of our parents/carers who are interested in attending.

If you wish to attend you need to RSVP to Julie in our school office by Thursday July 25th.

Please note that children are unable to attend the workshop so please ensure you make suitable care arrangements for your child/children.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Thanks to everyone who supported this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn program by collecting stickers for our school. A total of 11,246 stickers have been collected. Staff will now use the points total to purchase resources for the school.

TERM THREE PUPIL FREE DAYS

Thursday August 8th and Friday August 9th will be Pupil Free Days as all staff will be participating in a retreat over these two days.

Please note that our OHSC service will not be operating on these days.

CHILD SAFE CODE OF CONDUCT

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our child safe code of conduct. It is important that we regularly remind ourselves of the need for all of us to work constantly at keeping our children safe from any type of harm.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The following information comes from the Victoria Government about the importance of regular attendance at school. Did you know that if you miss four weeks in a school year regularly to Year Ten then you have missed the equivalent of a whole year of school.

Why going to school is important

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work

Children who attend school every day and complete Year Twelve have:

- better health
- better job opportunities
- higher income across their lives
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There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

Tips to help improve your child's attendance

- Talk to your child about school and how important it is-you can ask them how they feel about school, what they liked and if there are any problems
- Reward good behaviour and not bad behavior-for example, if your child refuses to go to school, do not let them have access to their phones or the internet
- Set a good example- show them how you keep to your own commitments
- Encourage your child to take on hobbies that your child enjoys such as sports and clubs-this will help them develop positive relationships outside of the classroom
- Have a set time to do homework and go to bed
- Leave all technology out of their bedroom
- Pack their school bag the night before with everything they need
- Have a set time for breakfast
- Plan to meet up with a friend so they can travel to school together

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 gave thanks:

- To everyone at Our Lady's who works hard at treating others in the way that they would like to be treated
- To everyone who took on extra work while Mr & Mrs Walsh were away
- To everyone who was helpful and positive at home during the holidays

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is '**Being tolerant, understanding and patient**':

Do your best: We do our best when we are welcoming and encouraging as often as we can

Helping others succeed: We help others succeed when we choose to be a team player as often as we can

Respecting your school: We show our respect for our school when we maintain personal space when it is needed

Power Play Focus: Students who are tolerant, understanding and patient

Congratulations to Shailla Temwake, Neve Miller, Bonnie Skase and Zaidee Hyland who were the winners of the end of Term Two PowerPlay Raffle draw.

Mark

P & F NEWS

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

There are still 12 families yet to return their money from last term's Chocolate Drive. Julie will give you a reminder call this week.

P & F MEETING

The next meeting of our P & F will be held on Wednesday August 7th at 9.00am in the staffroom and everyone is most welcome to come along.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday-Friday	July 22 nd to 26 th	2019 Book Fair
Tuesday	July 23 rd	9.00am Leadership Centre Mass <i>All Welcome</i> School Board meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday	July 24 th	Grandparents Day & Opening of 2019 Art Show 11.30am <i>All Welcome</i> <i>All families asked to send in a small plate for the morning tea</i>
Tuesday	July 30 th	9.00 Bridging Centre Mass <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	August 7 th	9.00am P & F meeting <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday/Friday	August 8th/9th	Pupil Free Days – Staff retreat
Wednesday	August 14 th	Crazy Sock Day
Tuesday	September 17 th	9.00am Discovery Centre Mass <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	September 20 th	End of Term Three



MAKING PARENTING A LITTLE EASIER

presented by **DAN PETRO** - Behaviour Analyst

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST (Wangaratta)

Gateway Hotel (29-37 Ryley St, Wangaratta)

9:30am - 3:00pm

Parenting is a demanding task under any circumstances, and doing so when a child displays challenging behaviours increases the difficulty. These problem behaviour situations are often amplified as the child's challenges can collide with typical developmental changes all children experience. Parents can become at odds with the child, or even between themselves, when searching for the best responses to these tough situations. Other children in the home can also be impacted, as the problem circumstances become a common part of their day. During this one-day workshop, participants will be provided with practical, flexible alternatives they can draw upon to teach new skills at home, help establish daily routines and effectively prevent or respond to challenging situations.

Who is invited:

Parents, those parenting and anyone interested in learning

Catering:

Morning tea and lunch provided. When registering please note any dietary requirements

Cost:

\$20 per person, due on registration

Please note:

- Our Lady's will cover the cost for any parent/carer who wishes to attend
- Children are unable to attend the workshop so you will need to make arrangements to have your child/children looked after for the day

Registrations CLOSE on Thursday 25 July 2019

TO REGISTER PUT YOUR NAME DOWN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Child Safety Code of Conduct

Our Lady's - Code of Conduct

Central to the mission of Our Lady's is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Purpose

This Code of Conduct has a specific focus on safeguarding children and young people at Our Lady's against sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, school policies/procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and personnel.

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and Advisory Board members at Our Lady's are expected to actively contribute to a school culture that respects the dignity of its members and affirms the Gospel values of love, care for others, compassion and justice. They are required to observe child-safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children, as noted below.

Acceptable behaviours

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and Advisory Board members are responsible for supporting the safety of children by:

- adhering to the school's child-safe policy and upholding the school's statement of commitment to child safety at all times
- taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- treating everyone in the school community with respect (modelling positive and respectful relationships and acting in a manner that sustains a safe, educational and pastoral environment)
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child have been abused or that they are worried about their safety/the safety of another child
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (for example, by never questioning an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child's self-identification)
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having a zero tolerance policy towards discrimination)
- promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of children with a disability (for example, during personal care activities)
- ensuring as far as practicable that adults are not alone with a child
- reporting any allegations of child abuse to the school's leadership (or Child Safety Officer if the school has appointed someone to this role).
- understanding and complying with all reporting obligations as they relate to mandatory reporting and reporting under the Crimes Act 1958 (Vic)
- reporting any child safety concerns to the school's leadership (or Child Safety Officer if the school has appointed someone to this role)
- if an allegation of child abuse is made, ensuring as quickly as possible that the child(ren) are safe.

Unacceptable behaviours

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and Advisory Board members must not:

- ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child abuse
- develop any 'special' relationships with children that could be seen as favouritism (for example, the offering of gifts or special treatment for specific children)
- exhibit behaviours with children which may be construed as unnecessarily physical (for example, inappropriate sitting on laps)
- put children at risk of abuse (for example, by locking doors)
- initiate unnecessary physical contact with children or do things of a personal nature that a child can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children (for example, personal social activities)
- use inappropriate language in the presence of children
- express personal views on cultures, race or sexuality in the presence of children
- discriminate against any child, including because of age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability, sexuality, ethnicity or disability
- have contact with a child or their family outside of school without the school's leadership or Child Safety Officer's (if the school has appointed someone to this role) knowledge and/or consent or the school governing authority's approval (for example, unauthorised after-hours tutoring, private instrumental/other lessons or sport coaching); accidental contact, such as seeing people in the street, is appropriate
- have any online contact with a child (including by social media, email, instant messaging etc.) or their family (unless necessary e.g. by providing families with enewsletters or assisting students with their school work)
- use any personal communication channels/device such as a personal email account
- exchange personal contact details such as phone number, social networking sites or email addresses
- photograph or video a child without the consent of the parent or guardians
- work with children while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- consume alcohol or drugs at school or at school events in the presence of children.

2019 TUCKSHOP : TERM TWO and THREE ONLY

During Term Two and Term Three lunch orders will be available on WEDNESDAYS.

Please check this year's price list below and put the menu somewhere handy.

If your child wishes to order his/her lunch

THE ORDER MUST BE WRITTEN ON A BROWN PAPER BAG

(you can purchase packs of these from any supermarket) – the lunch will be packed into the bag and given to your child.

On this bag you need to write:

Child's name and class and what they wish to order for lunch and whether or not they want sauce.

E.G. James Brown Foundation Centre (Carmody)

1 pie with sauce \$ 4-00

TOTAL \$ 4-00

The money needs to be put inside the bag (*if possible please put the correct money into the bag*) and placed in the tub in your child's classroom by 9.00am. Orders are then collected and lunches will be distributed by the class teacher at lunchtime.

PLEASE NOTE:

If your child arrives at school after 9.15am they **WILL NOT be able to place a lunch order for that day.** You can however hand their order into the office on the day prior if you know they will be late on the Wednesday.

****PLEASE NOTE**:** **I.OU.'S ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

NO MONEY IN THE BAG – NO LUNCH ORDER. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED TO BRING IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH.

If your child forgets to hand their lunch order in (or hands the order in after 9.15am), you will again be contacted to bring in lunch for them.

2019 TUCKSHOP MENU
TERMS TWO AND THREE ONLY (WEDNESDAYS)

Hot Dog (Plain)	\$3-50
Hot Dog (With Cheese)	\$4-00
Homemade Hawaiian Pizza	\$4-00
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1-00
Homemade Sushi	
Vegetarian	\$3-50
Chicken	\$3-50
Plain Meat Pie	\$4-00
Sausage Roll	\$3-50
Party Pie	\$1-00
Vegetable Pastie	\$4-00
Ham <u>or</u> chicken salad roll (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & cheese)	\$5-50
Salad only roll	\$5-00

Please note sauce is included in the price but you need to make sure you write on the order if your child wants sauce.