



# 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.**

## NEWSLETTER NO. 1 WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2019

Lord Jesus

We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.  
Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.  
Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.  
Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends.

Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen



## WELCOME TO 2020

Welcome to the 2020 school year. I trust that you all had a relaxing and peaceful holiday season and that all the children are very keen to get back to school. We are very lucky to be in a position to observe the first day of each year. Despite what many might say about school, the obvious joy and enthusiasm in the students in the first few days is hard to describe. Over the next few days we welcome nineteen new students and ten new families to our school in both our Foundation class as well as in most other classes across the school.

## 2020 SCHOOL THEME

Each year we use a theme across the school as a way of directing and focusing much of our social and emotional education. This year we will be focusing on **'Be Brave, Be Strong, Be an Example'**. **'Be Brave'** in the sense of doing the hard things when needed; **'Be Strong'** by doing what is expected as often as we can and **'Be an Example'** as a way of showing others behaviors that are what is expected.

## SCHOOL MASSES/LITURGIES

Our start of year Mass is scheduled for Tuesday February 11th in the Our Lady's Parish Church. All classes will be attending this Mass commencing at 9:00am and all family and friends are most welcome to join us.

## 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 weekday Masses on Tuesday and Friday both commencing at 9:00am. Some changes may happen if funerals are held on these days.

## FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Families with students in Foundation are reminded that the first six Wednesdays will be a rest day for the students.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

As part of this newsletter the Our Lady's Code of Conduct is attached. It outlines our community expectations when dealing with all children who are part of our community.

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-NCOV)

Information from the state government has been attached to this newsletter about the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus. It is important that we read this type of information so we can provide the appropriate context to our children. Often when these types of outbreaks occur and are prominent in the media it can be confusing and often overwhelming for our children. It is our task as adults to reassure the children and provide calm and accurate information based on medical advice.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

### Boys

Red short sleeve polo shirt with white logo  
Bottle green shorts with white logo  
Black or brown sandals/shoes/boots  
White or grey socks  
School Hat

### Girls

Red short sleeve polo shirt with white logo  
Bottle green shorts with white logo or bottle green skirt  
White and bottle green check dress  
Black or brown sandals/shoes  
White socks  
School Hat

### Sports uniform - Boys and Girls (currently worn on Wednesday and Friday)

Red short sleeve red polo shirt with white logo  
Bottle green shorts with white logo  
Runners  
White socks

## MORNING ASSEMBLY THANK YOU

At the start of each week we give thanks for 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 who made their family happy over the holidays
- For being prepared for a new school year

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is '**Being Welcoming**':

<u>Do your best:</u>	We do our best when we are welcoming, encouraging, thankful and honest
<u>Helping others succeed:</u>	We help others succeed when we are a positive and active participant and by committing to do your best as often as you can
<u>Respecting your school:</u>	We show our respect for our school by caring for all equipment, property, uniform and possessions and by following adult directions

### Power Play Focus:                      **Students who are welcoming**

Congratulations to Bonnie Skase, Spencer Webb and Jose Obaniana who were the winners of the end of year PowerPlay raffle.

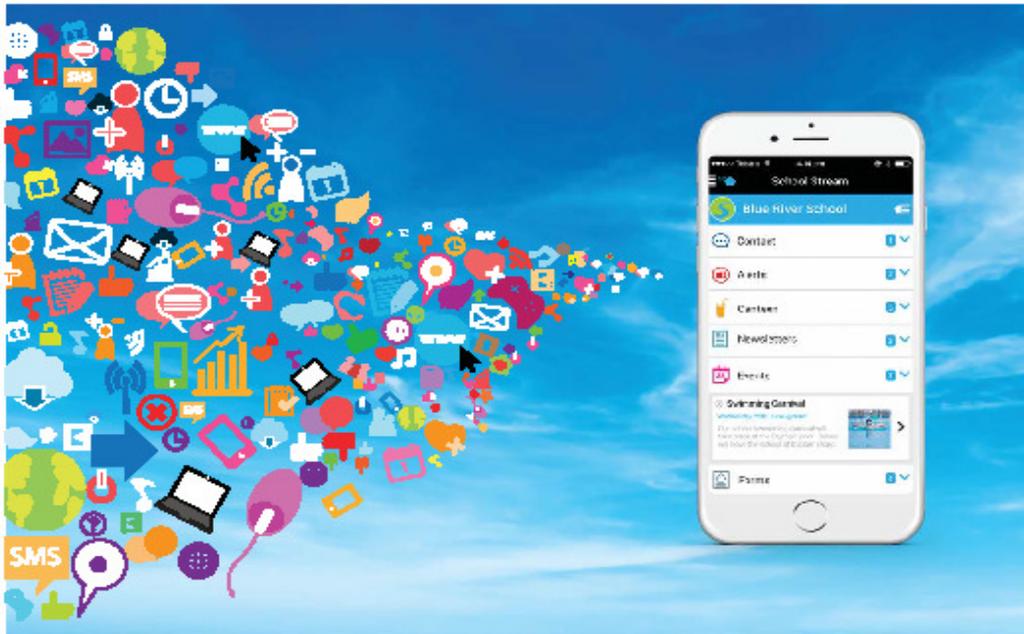
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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday/Friday	January 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	2020 Foundation students attend from 8.45am to 1.00pm
Wednesday	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Rest Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whole School 2020 Opening Mass 9.00am in Our Lady's Church</b> <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Rest Day
<b>Wednesday-Friday</b>	<b>February 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Leadership Centre Camp to Borambola</b>
Tuesday	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Board meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday	February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Rest Day
Tuesday	February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Breakfast 7.30am to 8.30am <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Rest Day  Ash Wednesday Liturgy in Hall 11.30am
Tuesday	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leadership Centre Mass in Our Lady's Church at 9.00am (all classes attending) <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Rest Day
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Monday-Wednesday</b>	<b>March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bridging Centre Camp to Great Aussie Resort</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Bridging Centre Mass in Our Lady's Church at 9.00am (all classes attending) <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Whole School Easter Presentation 11.30am in Hall <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term One

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# ***Safeguarding Children and Young People***

## **Code of Conduct Our Lady's Primary School**

*Central to the mission of Our Lady's Primary School 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.*

All staff and volunteers of Our Lady's Primary School are required to observe child safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children, as noted below.

### **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 and board/school council 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

listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child has 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 of 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

understanding and complying with all reporting obligations as they relate to mandatory reporting and reporting under the Crimes Act 1958

reporting any child safety concerns to the school's leadership

if an allegation of child abuse is made, ensuring as quickly as possible that the child(ren) are safe.

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## Unacceptable behaviours

Staff and volunteers 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 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 e-newsletters 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 with students.
- photograph or video a child without the consent of the parent or guardians
- work with children whilst under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- consume alcohol or drugs at school or at school events in the presence of children.

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)

### Factsheet for students and children

Last updated 26 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as other Chinese cities and countries, including one confirmed case in Victoria, Australia.

#### What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Wuhan, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Wuhan, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

#### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever and cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath.

#### What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Wuhan, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

In accordance with national public health guidelines and current information about the coronavirus from the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer and the World Health Organization, **exclusion of well children from school or early childhood services who have travelled to Wuhan, China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, is NOT required** unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in past 14 days.

If you think a child, student or staff member may meet one of the above criteria please call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160.

#### What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Wuhan, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

- If your child has fever, sweats, chills or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school until they have been reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you go and tell them your child has been in.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them your child has recently been in Wuhan, China, or other countries with cases of 2019-nCoV and ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics that the patient has been in Wuhan, China, or other countries with cases of 2019-nCoV.

### How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

- wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

### Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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