



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. 20 TUESDAY JULY 21st 2020

The Gospel for Sunday was the parable of the wheat and the weeds:

Jesus told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" "An enemy did this," he replied. The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field". He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

God of Creation, help us listen deeply to those around us.

God of Creation, enable us to be the good seed and the yeast to those around us.

**God of creation, give us the wisdom to care for Creation,
listen to her and care for her always.**

Amen





COMMUNITY THANKS

I would like to offer our school community a great vote of thanks for the way it has supported the changes in the way we operate as a school. The support for getting the children to school every day has been more than pleasing. The patience shown with changes to drop off and pick up has contributed to the success of this new way of doing things. The step up with communication from so many parents has helped us manage visitors and the students' entry and exit of the buildings.

I would also like to note the calm but alert way that so many families are supporting their children. Our role as adults in the family is to ensure that credible information directs action and that we do so in a sensible way to avoid over reaction and dramatic responses. This is done to collectively reduce the anxiety that so many of our children are currently feeling.

It is our combined efforts that will help us to return to the ways that we lived prior to the advent of the COVID virus as quickly as possible.

CHANGES TO SCHOOLING IN MELBOURNE

As of yesterday schools in Melbourne and the Mitchell shire are asked to do learning from home. For schools in our area we will continue to operate in the ways we were at the end of last term.

MASK WEARING

The advice of the government is that masks are not required in school settings. Residents in areas outside Melbourne and the Mitchell shire are not required to wear a mask but should consider doing so in situations where distancing is difficult.

TRAVELLING IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Families are reminded that travel should be limited in the next few weeks. Travel to Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire should not take place.

STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

The government asks that any student who is unwell with flu like symptoms be kept at home. They have also asked that any child who displays these symptoms at school be isolated and then picked up by their family and taken home.

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have quite a large supply of second hand uniform at the moment so if there is any family would like to come and have a look to see if there is anything you could make use of please contact Julie first to make a time to come and have a look through the cupboard. There is no charge for second hand uniform items.

OUR LADY'S MOVING TO 'ICON'

In the next few weeks Our Lady's will move to the Integrated Catholic Online Network (ICON) which is a platform that will eventually be used by all Catholic schools to manage all of our administration tasks. It is a process that has been underway for several months with the switch over happening on August 18th.

In preparation for the change over our current administration system will be shut down at this Friday July 24th. For three weeks after this date we will have a freeze on all of our financial processes. This time will allow for all current data to be transferred over to the new system well as enabling time for training. Manual receipts will be issued for account payments received during this time and the payments will then be processed to your account in the new system after August 18th.

Please note: for those families who use our Direct Debiting facilities all payments scheduled for July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th, August 13th and August 20th have been set up in advance to be deducted from your bank account on the due date.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEY

Each year we conduct a survey of our staff and Year Five and Six students as a way of gauging school operational climate. As part of the process we typically get a few families to complete the survey as well. The survey is completed online for staff and students and the family component can be done either on paper or online.

Given the current climate our usual method of distributing the survey will need to change. If you are interested in contributing to the information please let me know and I can arrange a paper copy or the log on details for the online process to be sent home.

JOB SEEKER AND CSEF

For parents/guardians who have recently applied for the Government's JobSeeker support due to COVID-19 and now hold a Health Care Card, please check the card start date. If it is before April 14th 2020 then your children may be eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) of \$125-00 per student. Please phone or email the school office to have an application form sent to you and we will lodge an application for CSEF on your behalf.

Please note: that the close off for 2020 CSEF is THIS Friday 24th July 2020. We will be unable to lodge applications after this date.

HEADLICE

We have had a reported case of headlice – please ensure you are checking your child's hair at least once a week –even if they are not showing any tell-tale signs. If you do find that your child has headlice you must keep them at home until you have treated their hair appropriately.

2021 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now being taken for our 2021 Foundation class. If you have a child who will start school in 2021 please complete an enrolment form (available by contacting the office) and return it to the office before the end of this term.

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MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

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 models the need to regularly thank people in a way that communicates what we are thankful for. This week we gave thanks for:

- For doing all that we need to do to keep as many people as possible healthy
- Thankyou to everyone who works at being tolerant, understanding and patient
- For being welcoming and encouraging
- For knowing when to respect personal space

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

This week our positive behaviour focus centres on '**being a team player**':

Do your best: We do our best when actively listen as often as possible

Helping others succeed: We help others succeed when we commit to being a supporter of everyone's learning

Respecting your school: We show our respect for our school when we care for the equipment at school

Power Play Focus: Students who are a team player

Congratulations to Zaidee Hyland and Charlotte Bongers who were the winners of this week's PowerPlay Raffle.

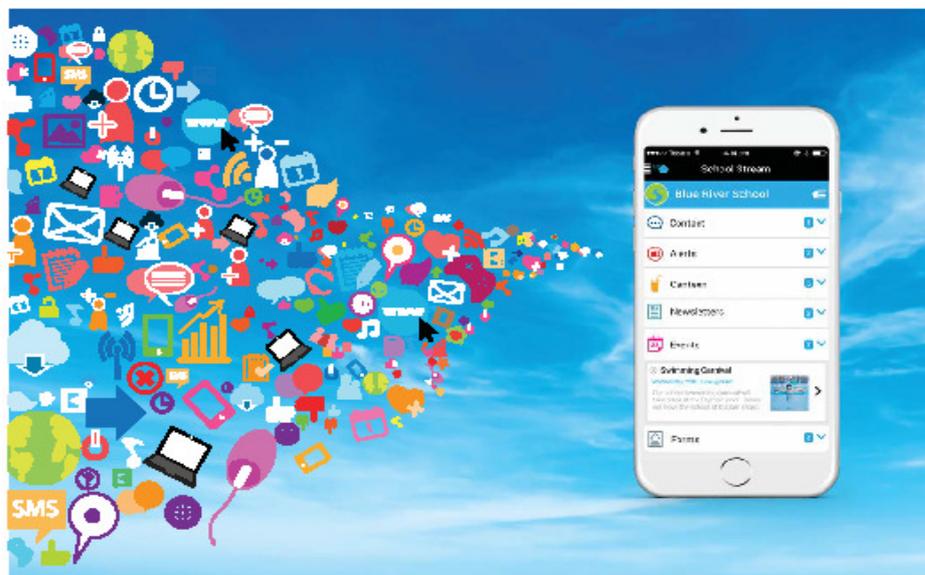
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	August 21st	Pupil Free Day (staff First Aid training day)
Friday	September 17 th	End of Term Three

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