



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO. 10 TUESDAY APRIL 2ND 2019

Each week of Lent we focus on a story from the Caritas Project Compassion program with the students. In Week Four it is the story of Michaela who is one of our indigenous sisters:

Twenty-one year-old Michaela is helping First Australians ill with kidney disease at the Purple House in Alice Springs. Michaela is a young Alywarr woman, working on The Wellbeing Program at Purple House. Purple House is a 'home away from home' for First Australians who are suffering from chronic kidney disease and have to travel far from their traditional lands to receive treatment. Michaela helps care for patients as they receive special treatment called dialysis. She helps them to remain hopeful and connected to country during treatment. Patients in turn pass on traditional knowledge to Michaela who is eager to listen and learn.

"We cook roo tails on the fire in the garden and we make damper which I learn from the older ladies. We also take them out bush hunting for witchety grubs, honey ants and bush fruit,"
Michaela says.

"It has taught me the clinical side of dialysis and importance of diet to help our patients to feel comfortable," she says. First Australians are twice as likely to experience chronic kidney disease, and four times more likely to die from it than other Australians.

The local Aboriginal community in Central Australia responded to this and created Purple House. The Wellbeing Program at Purple House is run by the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation, with support from Caritas Australia. With the help of staff like Michaela, patients have the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. The patients are sharing their knowledge and handing down wisdom to young people, like Michaela.

"It makes me feel very happy that I can help and I can spend time with the patients and learn from them. Also, I love making the bush medicines because that's another part of my culture."

"I would like to thank people for their support, I feel very honoured to be a part of Project Compassion." "I enjoy building relationships with patients. I think it's very important for us to feel proud of who we are and ensure that my children and their children can say where they are from and feel proud of that. If we keep our culture alive we can feel strong." - Michaela

**God of all peoples and nations,
 You accompany us on our Lenten journey.
 Through the life and mission of Your son, You give us the gift of mercy.
 May we learn to walk Your way of mercy and compassion with all Your people. In a special way, we
 keep in mind our neighbours, the men, women and children around the world, who are most vulnerable
 to extreme poverty and injustice.
 Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.
 Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive Your grace
 to love our neighbours as ourselves.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus.**

Amen.



CLASS MASSES/LITURGIES

Wednesday April 3 rd	Whole School Easter presentation (<u>in school hall</u>) 11.30am
Wednesday April 24 th	ANZAC Day Liturgy (in school hall) 11.30am
Tuesday April 30 th	Foundation Centre (hosting Discovery/Bridging Centres) Mass

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:

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| * 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.

CONFIRMATION FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Confirmation and First Eucharist for the Wangaratta Parishes is set for the weekend of June 1st and 2nd. The preparation for these celebrations starts with a **parent meeting TONIGHT Tuesday April 2nd at 7:00pm** at Our Lady’s Church meeting room. Families with a child who completed the Reconciliation program last year are required to attend this evening.

EASTER CEREMONIES OUR LADY'S

There will be a number of opportunities to celebrate across the Easter period. If you are interested in the times and events they can be found on the Catholic Parishes of Wangaratta website. Search Catholic Parishes Wangaratta or go to <https://www.catholicwangeratta.org.au/>

EASTER PRESENTATION

Each year one of our major leaning experiences during Lent is the preparation of a presentation, by the whole school, of the key events of Easter. Easter is a very important part of our Church's story and it is one that is often lost in the secular celebrations and observances. This year this presentation is set for TOMORROW Wednesday April 3rd at 11:30am in the Fr James Byrne Hall. Please feel free to join us to reflect on the importance of these events from our past.

CARITAS

Thanks to those students who supported our second round of pancakes last Wednesday morning. A further \$87-80 was raised to support Caritas through their Project Compassion program.

TEACHER ADVISOR MEETINGS THANKS

Thank you to the large numbers of students and families who supported the recent Teacher Advisor meetings. It is very important that families get involved with the learning process for their children as we know that this support goes a long way towards a child reaching their educational potential.

TERM ONE REPORTS

If you did not receive your child's Term One report at their Teacher Advisor meeting it will be sent home with them this week.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Everyone is most welcome to our end of term Celebration of Learning tomorrow Wednesday April 3rd. Your child will be able to show you some of the work they have completed this term. Classrooms will be open for viewing from 3.10pm to approximately 5.00pm.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE – CARITAS

All families are asked to donate an Easter Egg by THIS Thursday April 4th that will become part of the prizes – all donations can be left at the office.

Raffle books and money are due into the office by 9.00am this Friday April 5th - prizes winners will be drawn prior to lunch on Friday at 12.50pm.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The Parents and Friends have a great facebook page that is used for communication and information about a number of school events. If you are interested in being invited to be part of this group please contact the office and we can arrange this.

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

As part of this newsletter we have attached a copy of the Democratic Principles that form the back bone of many actions that are fundamental to our school's actions.

CHILD SAFE MAKING A REPORT

Over the past few weeks we have included information about some of the actions that Our Lady's takes to minimise the chances of children finding themselves in harm of any form of abuse. You might be surprised that we often follow up information that is shared with us and this can sometimes necessitate the need to make a report. As part of this newsletter is an overview of the appointments we have made for child abuse officers.

END OF TERM ONE

Term One will end at **2.10pm** – an hour earlier than normal- **THIS Friday April 5th**. Country buses will run an hour earlier at the end of the school day as will our Out of Hours School Care Program which will start on 2.10pm on this day.

START OF TERM TWO

Term Two begins on **Tuesday April 23rd** at 8.45am.

ANZAC DAY 2019

One of the great community celebrations in Wangaratta is the ANZAC Day March and wreath laying ceremony. The ceremony take place at the Cenotaph, located in front of the Anglican Cathedral, after a march from the Returned Services League rooms. This year the march starts in a new location as the RSL has moved its base to their new venue at the corner of Templeton and Ovens Streets.

We will once again be participating in the Wangaratta ANZAC Day march as a school and are inviting all students (wearing their school uniform) and parents to meet at the new Wangaratta RSL in Templeton Street at 10.15am on April 25th. The march will proceed down Ovens Street to the Wangaratta Centoaph for the main service which will commence at 11.00am. Following the service a free BBQ will be provided in the King George Garden.

WOOLWORTHS 'EARN & LEARN' PROGRAM IS BACK!

We have registered to be part of the 2019 Earn & Learn Program which will run from May 1st to June 25th 2019. For every \$10-00 you spend at Woolworths you will receive 1 sticker. At the end of the program we will submit the total number of stickers and then be able to redeem valuable resources for the school.

MONDAY 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 all students who do their best by owning their behaviour
- To everyone who helps others succeed by working towards achieving realistic goals
- To everyone who respects our school by including everyone
- To everyone who chooses to diffuse issues not escalate them
- For the positive behaviour choices made during this term

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

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

Do your best: We do our best when we are consistently encouraging to everyone

Helping others succeed: We help others succeed when we are positive and active participants

Respecting your school: We show respect when we follow adult instructions

Power Play Focus: Learners who are encouraging

Congratulations to Matilda Davern who was the winner of last week's PowerPlay Raffle.

Mark

Make a Report Our Child Safety Officers

Our Lady's has appointed the people listed below as the School's Child Safety Officers. Each Child Safety Officer is available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Child Protection and Safety Policy and the Child Protection Program.

Child Safety Officers are selected based on a number of considerations, namely:

their personal attitudes, experiences and beliefs, for example, a person who is nonjudgmental, calm, resilient and demonstrates a high degree of integrity and respect for confidentiality;

their role within the School, for example, a person who has seniority and experience working with complex student and family issues at the School and someone who is readily accessible and available to all members of the School community; and

their personal profile within the School, for example, a person who is approachable, who students and staff trust and who is willing and able to respond to issues personally and sensitively.

The School's Child Safety Officers are your first point of contact for reporting child protection issues within the School. They receive special training that allows them to deal with child protection concerns both sensitively and effectively.

'Child Abuse' includes:

- sexual offences;
- grooming;
physical violence;
serious emotional or psychological harm; serious neglect; and
- family violence, or exposure to family violence.

If you have any concern that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed a belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Child Safety Officers.

The welfare and best interests of the child are paramount. Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 000.

Child Safety Officers:

Mark Walsh / Annabel Carmody - 57213783

Democratic Principles

Source of Obligation

The Victorian Registration Standards (sch 4 cl 1 and sch 8 cl 1) (CECV Guidelines ref 1.1 and 8.1) require that the programs of, and teaching at Our Lady's, must support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy. These include a commitment to:

- elected government;
- and the rule of law;
- and equal rights for all before the law;
- and freedom of religion;
- and freedom of speech and association;
- and the values of openness and tolerance.

As stated in the Regs, the requirements of the commitment above are not intended to affect the rights accorded to, or the compliance with any obligation imposed on, the School under the enactment of the State or of the Commonwealth.

Statement of Democratic Principles

Our Lady's is committed to the principles of a liberal democracy.

- We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government
- We respect and observe the rule of law, and believe that no person is above the law
- We believe in equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes
- We believe not only in the freedom of religion, but also the need to practice tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs
- We believe in the value of freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom
- We believe in the values of openness and tolerance, and value and respect all members of the School community regardless of background

Explanation of How the School Communicates the Statement

This Statement of Democratic Principles is communicated to staff, students, parents and guardians and the School community.

This Statement is published:

- in the staff policy portal
- in the student handbook
- in the Our Lady's prospectus
- in the Our Lady's annual report
- on the Our Lady's website
- as part of the Our Lady's School Board Constitution
- as part of the Our Lady's Parents and Friends Constitution

In addition:

A poster of democratic values is displayed in the front entrance of the school.

Curriculum documents show that all students at the School undertake studies in the three strands of the Civics and Citizenship domain of the Victorian Curriculum F10.

CECV Role

The CECV will coordinate the application for senior secondary with the VCAA and VRQA as required.

Implementation

Our Lady's has set up a series of compliance tasks in CompliSpace Assurance, to ensure that key obligations under the Victorian Registration Standards and CECV Guidelines are managed effectively.

P & F NEWS

HOT CROSS BUNS

Hot Cross buns will be delivered to the school this Thursday April 4th and **we need a couple of helpers at 1.30pm to pack the orders. Please let Julie know if you can help out with this.**

Orders can be collected from the school hall on Thursday from 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

PAVERS

Orders for our fundraising pavers will close at the end of this term – THIS Friday April 5th 2019.

BOGAN BINGO!

The P & F have organised an **adult only** social night on **Saturday May 4th** (end of the second week of Term Two). Everyone is invited to come along to 'Bogan Bingo' dressed in your best bogan gear.

The night will begin with guests able to purchase bbq items- and the obligatory dim sims and chiko rolls- for dinner from 6.00pm. Bingo games (cost \$5-00 for 2 games) will be ran throughout the night with other activities also planned. BYO drinks. Please feel free to invite your family and friends – you can also book a table.

To help with catering those planning to come along are asked to RSVP to the school office by Wednesday May 1st.

There is a flyer further along in the newsletter.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Just some advance notice that our annual Chocolate Drive will run from mid-May for about three weeks. There has been a change to the makeup and size of the fundraising box we have selected. More information will be provided when the boxes are sent home to families in May.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	April 2 nd	Parent meeting for Confirmation/First Eucharist 7.00pm in Our Lady's Church meeting room
Wednesday	April 3 rd	Whole School Easter Presentation – 11.30am in school hall <i>All Welcome</i> Celebration of Learning 3.10pm to 5.00pm <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	April 5th	Easter Egg raffle prize draw 12.50pm <u>END OF TERM ONE TIME 2.10pm</u>
Tuesday	April 23rd	<u>START OF TERM TWO 8.45am</u>
Wednesday	April 24 th	11.30am ANZAC Day Liturgy
Thursday	April 25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday	April 30 th	Foundation Centre Mass 9.00am in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	May 3 rd	2.00pm 5/6 Football/Netball at Yarrunga PS
Saturday	May 4 th	'Bogan Bingo' 6.00pm start
Monday-Friday	May 6 th – 10 th	Leadership Centre camp - DOXA Melbourne
Monday	May 13 th	Mother's Day Presentation 11.30am in hall <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	May 17 th	2.00pm 5/6 Football/Netball here v. St. Pat's Yellow
Tuesday	May 21 st	6.30pm School Board meeting
Wednesday-Friday	May 22 nd -24 th	Bridging Centre camp - Echuca
Friday	May 31 st	2.00pm 5/6 Football/Netball here v. St. Pat's Green
Monday	June 3rd	Pupil Free Day – Report Writing
Friday	June 7 th	2.00pm 5/6 Football/Netball at Cathedral College
Friday	June 14 th	2.00pm 5/6 Football/Netball here v. Wang. West
Friday	June 21 st	2.00pm 5/6 Football/Netball here v. Appin Park
Friday	June 28 th	End of Term Two



SINGLE NAME PAVER TEMPLATE

Our Lady's Primary School Wangaratta



SINGLE NAME PAVER: \$30-00 each

Your donation of \$30-00 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in

Our new labyrinth garden area

proudly showing your donation. Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm

ENGRAVING DETAILS

Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space).
Max 16 characters per line, three lines per paver. (No hand drawings or business names)

NAME PAVER	LINE 1	<input type="text"/>																	
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Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash, cheque or money order to:

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Time to style your mullet
and
get out the good flanny

Bogan Bingo

is coming to Our Lady's Primary

SATURDAY 4th MAY

6PM START

Grab a few dimmies or a chicko roll for dinner
and BYO drinks.

Be sure to wear your finest bogan attire to be
in the running to be crowned Bogan King or Queen!

Start polishing up on the old air guitar skills
or enter the beer tasting comp.

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
ALONG FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT**
but remember to leave the tribe at home
as this is an adult only event.



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