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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. 14 TUESDAY MAY 26TH 2020

Each year on May 26th, we focus on the healing dimension of Reconciliation and remember the suffering of the indigenous people. We come to say sorry and truly work together to make amends. We recognise that true healing starts by making amends, not in isolation, but by all Australians coming together in compassion and love. Today we come united as we pray to God who will heal our wounds and free us to love and show compassion, justice and peace to all.

Father of all, You gave our Aboriginal People the Dreaming.

You have spoken to them through their beliefs,

You then made your love clear to them in the person of Jesus.

We thank you for your care of these people.

You own them. You are their hope.

Make them strong as they face the problems of change.

We ask you to help us, the people of Australia,

to listen to them and respect their culture.

Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people

so that you can be at home in all of us,

and so that we can make a home for everyone in our land.

Amen.



Today we welcomed back the students in Foundation, One and Two. It will be an exciting and at times challenging day for both students and staff members. It is the start of the return process that will see the full return of all students on Tuesday June 9th.

For the next few weeks it will be different from most of last term but with the right attitude we will soon establish a routine that allows the school to function safely and effectively.

Students in Years Three to Six will either continue with remote learning or will attend school in line with the conditions outlined by the state government.

The following is information that all families will need to be aware of:

Attendance

Once a year level has returned it is expected that all students will attend school as normal. All support for remote learning will stop unless there is medical advice that compromises a return to school at this time. If you choose to keep your child/children at home when they are supposed to be attending class on site then (unless you have the required medical certificate) they will be marked as absent.

Water Bottles

All students **MUST have a water bottle** at school as they cannot use the drinking taps.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

The main focus for drop off and pick up is to avoid adults coming into the school or congregating at the school. Please consider your best drop off and pick up options and clearly convey these to your child. All families are asked to either use a bus service, have the students, where appropriate, ride or walk or if using a car, drop off at the hall or at the White Street gate where initially staff will meet them. School will finish at the usual time of 3:10pm. Adults picking children up are asked to arrive as close to 3:10pm as possible and stay in their car. Students will be escorted to the bus or should wait at the White Street gate or at the hall. If you are going to be late for a pick up please contact the school.

Our Lady's Primary School is committed to child safety and the inclusion of all children.

Students entering/exiting the school

All students are to enter the school building each morning, as well as exiting at the end of the day, via the courtyard through the door to their classroom area where they usually line up at the start of each morning. Hand sanitiser will be set up at the entrances to all classrooms.

Adults entering the school

All adults must use the front entrance. Please ring the school in advance to arrange entry or to pick a student up if needed. Parents/guardians are not permitted in the school grounds at any time.

Health management

All students will be required to practise good hand hygiene at all times.

Additional cleaning will be undertaken.

All students who are ill or feeling unwell must stay home.

Computers and chargers

Over the past few weeks we have arranged for a large number of computers and chargers to be used at home. **As students return to classroom based learning you must return your child's computer and charger to the office.**

REPORTS/TEACHER ADVISOR MEETINGS

Following advice from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Term Two reports will be issued with an adjusted format compared to past mid-year reports. It will be a compact format that will reflect the changes that both the teachers and learners experienced in recent months.

There will be no Teacher Advisor meetings this term.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday June 8th is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.

GRADE THREE – SIX STUDENTS RETURN DATE

All students in Grade Three to Six will resume classes at school on Tuesday June 9th.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE (OHSC)

Due to the suspension of the Child Care Rebate system announced by the Federal Government during the last school holidays, our OHSC program will (for the foreseeable future) only be available to students whose parents are required to be **working** past 3.10pm – and - only for those days that your child/children had a permanent booking for as at the end of Term One.

We will let you know when this situation reverts back to normal. If you have any queries please contact Julie.

PROJECT COMPASSION /EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Our Easter Egg raffle will be drawn on Thursday June 11th so if you still have tickets at home you can send them into the office when your child/children return to classes.

Mark

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	June 8th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday	June 9 th	Year Three/Four/Five Six students resume classes at school 8.45am
Thursday	June 11 th	Easter Egg Raffle drawn
Friday	June 26 th	End of Term Two
Monday	July 13 th	Start of Term Three

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