



# 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. 16 TUESDAY JUNE 9th 2020

### A Thanksgiving Prayer

**God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:**

**We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the life-giving love of family and friends.**

**We thank you for the mystery of Creation:  
for the beauty of the Earth that the eye can see,  
for the unfolding universe that draws us beyond our imaginings.**

**We thank you for the communities to which we belong:  
for families, for friends,  
for neighbours and for companions at work.**

**We thank you for the strangers who welcome us into their lives and whom we invite to be part of ours.**

**We thank you for our brothers and sisters of all ages, all races, all nations and all faiths.**

**We thank you for the multitude of ways that you call us to steward the gifts of Creation and to serve others in your name.**

**We thank you for this day, for the companionship we share and the bountiful goodness of the bread we break together.**

**God of all goodness, we pray in thanks for your presence among us as we gather together, and your promise to be with us now and always.**

**AMEN**

Catholic Health Association



## **THANK YOU TO THE OUR LADY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

As the Year Three to Six students return to learning at school it is appropriate to again offer thanks to everyone who contributed to the learning of our students in the past few months. No-one anticipated the disruption that was needed to help stem to spread of the COVID 19 virus but having started to smooth out the restrictions we can all be proud that our efforts have delivered such great results.

Our next task is to settle our school community into the next phase of change. This will require all school community members to follow a number of new expectations:

### **Attendance**

We now expect all students to attend school every day unless there is an identified medical reason. If you choose to keep your child/children at home when they are supposed to be attending school (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.

### **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.

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### **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.**

### **OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE (OHSC)**

All permanent bookings (as at the end of Term One this year) will resume as from today.

**Please note: At this stage we are not taking any new permanent or casual bookings** due to the government's suspension of the Child Care Rebate system.

Thank you to Woolworths Wangaratta for their kind donation of fruit to the program last week.

### **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.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION /EASTER EGG RAFFLE**

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

### **NO LUNCH ORDERS**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions lunch orders **WILL NOT** be available this term.

### **MASS IN WANGARATTA**

Public Masses have resumed at both St. Patrick's and Our Lady's Churches. However, they can only accommodate 20 people at every Mass. Therefore, parishioners **MUST** book ahead to attend. **Each** parishioner will be able to attend **ONE MASS A WEEK.** All are welcome to attend but they must book ahead. **PLEASE RING 03 5722 1970** between 9.00am and 3.30pm Tuesday to Friday. Only those who have booked will be able to attend to Mass.

### **Schedule of Masses**

Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.00am at Our Lady's

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 12.05pm at St. Patrick's

Saturdays at 10.00am at St Patrick's

Sundays at 8.00am and 10.30am at St. Patrick's

Sundays at 9.00am at Our Lady's

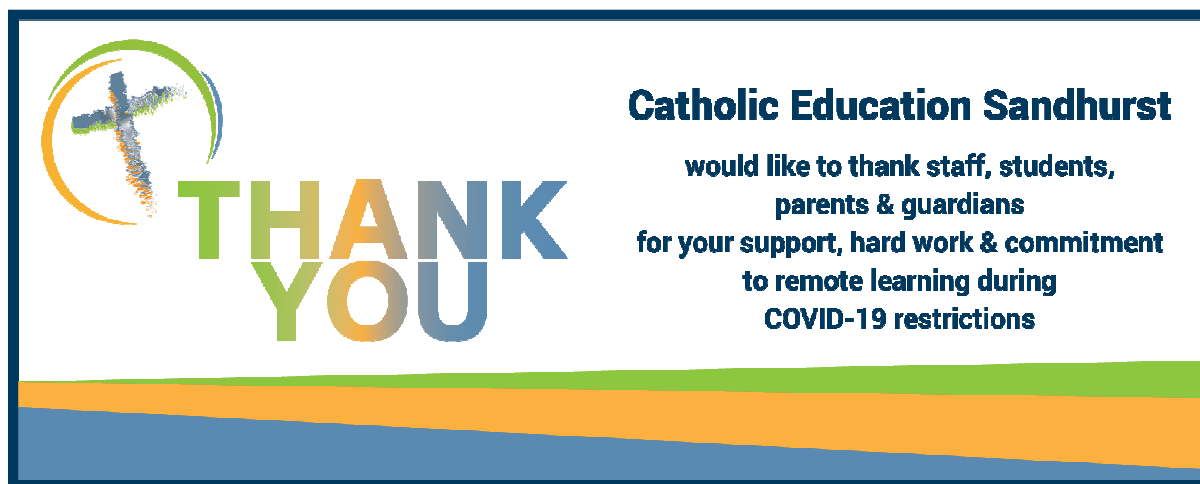
### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Fridays and Saturdays from 11.30am to 12pm at St Patrick's.

Also, following the directives of the Government for COVID-19, we will be implementing social distancing and asking for people's name and phone number for contact tracing, if needed. Please feel free to share this information with any parishioners.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year Three/Four/Five Six students resume classes at school 8.45am
Thursday	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Raffle drawn
Friday	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Two 2.10pm
Monday	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term Three





## **NERPSA KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 WILL OPEN ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2020**

As OPEN DAYS at NERPSA Kindergartens are unable to be held in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, we invite all prospective parents to find information to assist with their child's enrolment at the NERPSA website: [www.nerpsa.com.au](http://www.nerpsa.com.au)

### **Information found on the website will include:**

- General information on each NERPSA kindergarten,
- Each kindergarten's educational philosophy,
- The manner in which each kindergarten program operates,
- A virtual tour of each kindergarten.

### **As well as:**

- Enrolment information and enrolment forms.

**Further information:** Please contact the NERPSA office on 5721 2755

Appin Park Kindergarten  
Bernard Briggs Kindergarten  
Christopher Robin Kindergarten  
Coronation Kindergarten  
Glenrowan Kindergarten  
James Tilson Kindergarten  
Moyhu & District Kindergarten  
Munro Ave Pre School  
The Hub Kindergarten  
Violet Town & District Early Childhood Centre  
Wangaratta West Kindergarten  
Whorouly & District Kindergarten