



# 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. 17 TUESDAY JUNE 16th 2020

This week is National Refugee Week. It is a time to reflect on both the impact that refugees have had on our country and what is our call to care for the most vulnerable in our world.

Jesus and his family were refugees.

In Matthew's Gospel we read that King Herod was visited by the magi (the 'wise men'). They were looking for a new-born king. Once the magi had left King Herod – so that they could give Jesus their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh – Herod became very angry. He ordered his soldiers to kill every boy two years old and younger in and around the town of Bethlehem.

The Holy Family fled from Bethlehem and became refugees in Egypt. It was a strange choice of country to escape to. That's where the Jewish people had become slaves in the time of Moses – something Jewish people still remember every Passover and Christians remember at Easter. And yet, Egypt was the country that gave protection to Jesus and his parents. Imagine how scary it would be to have to leave your home, your friends, your pets and everything else behind as you run away to another state or a foreign country.

### **A prayer for refugees**

**ALMIGHTY and merciful God,  
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;  
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,  
homeless and are hungry.**

**Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all  
our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will  
rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

(From The Church of England Prayers)

Caritas Australia



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## **SCHOOL GETTING BACK TO NORMAL**

All families can be very proud of the way that the students have returned to learning at school. For the past three weeks it has a pleasure to be part of the Our Lady's community. In the preparations for the students returning we had a number of measures in place in anticipation of challenges that the children might face. In almost all cases the students have returned and picked up where they were prior to the changes. Interestingly the overwhelming view is that they are glad to be back with their friends doing the things that they would consider normal. Our next point of watching is the start of next term to see how they return after a break after such an emotionally interrupted Term Two.

## **MANAGING COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS**

- Students are asked to sanitise and wash after entering and leaving a room.
- **Students must bring a water bottle to school every day.**
- Families to use the pickup and drop off arrangements – consider using the church car park for pick up.
- Patience of drivers will be needed during pick up and drop off to ensure the safety of all students.
- Entering the school- students:  
Hand sanitiser will be set up at the entrances to all classrooms. Students are asked to use the entrance where they line up at the start of each morning to both enter and exit the building.
- Entering the school- adults:  
Parents are currently not permitted to enter the school grounds. If you need to come into the office at any stage (e.g. dropping lunch off for your child) you must ring the school first to arrange a suitable time.

### **Students late to school/early leave**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions parents need to the note the changes to our usual procedures:

1. If your child is late to school (that is arrives anytime after 8.45am) they must enter via the main office. Parents are not to accompany them in- please just drop them at the gate. We are currently not using our sign in/out register. If you like you can phone the office to let us know your child is on the way in and we can meet them at the front door.
2. If you need to pick your child/children up early from school you must phone the office when you are at the front gate and we will organise for your child/children to come out and meet you at the gate.

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## **MID-YEAR REPORTS**

Mid- year reports will be sent home with the students next Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>. As mentioned previously they will be a shortened version of our normal Semester 1 report.

## **END OF TERM TWO/START TERM THREE**

Term two will conclude next Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> at the earlier time of 2.10pm. Term Three commences on Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **REFURBISHMENT OLD ADMINISTRATION AREA**

During the coming holidays the tenders for the refurbishment of the old admin and staff area will be finalised and if all goes well building will commence mid-way through Term Three. The project should be completed by the start of the 2021 school year. There will be some interruption to school life mostly due to the office being closed off to internal access and the staffroom needing to be temporarily relocated.

## **MASS IN WANGARATTA**

Public Masses have resumed at 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 12noon 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

Friday	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Two <b>2.10pm</b>
Monday	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term Three
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 21<sup>st</sup> 2020</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day (staff First Aid training day)</b>





## **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