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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. 19 TUESDAY JULY 14th 2020

The Gospel on Sunday was the parable of the sower.

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

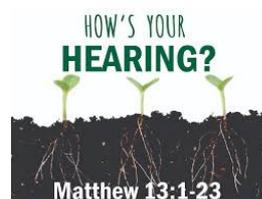
"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Loving God, be our strength and our constant as we navigate barren paths and thorny landscapes.

Loving God, help us be the good seed that provides life and promise to those in need.

Loving God, enable our struggling world hang in there and know that your loving presence is everywhere.

Amen.





TERM THREE 2020

After a little hope, expressed at the end of last term, that some restrictions on schools might be adjusted, it would seem that this term will be conducted under the same conditions as Term Two. Our community should be pleased with both the effort and level of compliance in dealing with limiting the spread of the virus and it is hoped that this will carry into the current term. Our aims are to:

- Have a high level of hand hygiene compliance
- Clean and disinfect high contact surfaces
- Limit adult entry to the school by observing drop off and pick up expectations and control the access that adults have to the school.

Water bottles : **All students** will need to have a water bottle at school **every day** until we are able to use the water taps.

Attendance: It is important that all families endeavour to have their students attend school as often as possible for the remainder of the year.

2020 FEES/LEVIES

Fee statements have been sent home to some families today. Please take a look at where you are at with payment of this year's fees/levies. If you need to discuss payment of your account please contact Julie.

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 the end of next week –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 30th, August 6th and 13th will be set up in advance to be deducted from your bank account on the due date.

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 Friday 24th July 2020. We will be unable to lodge applications after this date.

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:

- Thank you to everyone who chooses to treat others the way they would like to be treated
- For all the support that was given at home over the holidays
- For doing the right things to help keep everyone safe and healthy this term

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is 'being tolerant, understanding and patient'.

Do your best:

We do our best when we are welcoming and encouraging

Helping others succeed:

We help others succeed when we commit to being a team player

Respecting your school:

We show our respect for our school when we observe the expectations about personal space

Power Play Focus:

Students who are tolerant, understanding and patient

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	August 21st	Pupil Free Day (staff First Aid training day)
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