



# 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.**

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From Sunday's Gospel:

'The kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off in his joy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet that is cast in the sea and brings in a haul of all kinds of fish.

When it is full, the fishermen bring it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in baskets and throw away those that are no use.

This is how it will be at the end of time:  
the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the upright,  
to throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all these?'

They said, 'Yes.'

And he said to them,

'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of Heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom new things as well as old.'

*Matthew 13:44-52*

**God of wisdom, give us hearts to understand and discern what is good.**

**God of wisdom, help us to recognise and seek your kingdom.**

**God of wisdom, give us the grace to listen to and learn from your little ones.**





### **END OF SCHOOL DAY**

Over the past month we have tried to have the students ready to head home at around 3:00pm to ensure that all students can leave right on 3:10pm. We did this to avoid adults gathering in the school grounds at pick up time. One of the many things I enjoy about our community is the number of adults in the school before and after school. This adds to our feeling of welcome, community and a sense that we are all working together to help educate the students however unfortunately this cannot happen at the moment.

As the weather is improving and more students are now walking or riding home the numbers of children being picked up by car is reducing. From next week we will be returning to our typical 3:10pm dismissal time. We will still supervise students as they leave and we will require all adults to remain in their cars if you are picking students up. Families who are picking up might like to consider arriving at school a little later from next week.

I look forward to a return to adults walking in to collect their children and using the time to catch up and socialise. Let's hope this can happen soon!

### **TERM THREE INQUIRY**

Each term our school conducts an Inquiry into a concept across the whole school. The exploration of the concept is a way of classes integrating a number of our curriculum areas.

This term our concept is 'Identity' and will address areas such as critical and creative thinking, ethical capability, personal and social capabilities, science understanding/ biological sciences, history health and physical education, science inquiry skills and intercultural capability.

In Foundation/One the unit is 'Shaping Identity' -it is an Inquiry into:

- The identity of people in the class
- Sometimes foods, always foods and safe ways to use dangerous objects
- How to ask for help and who to ask for help
- How our bodies change and how we use our bodies

The key questions are:

- What is my identity?
- What is the classroom identity?
- How should I ask for help?
- Who should I ask for help?
- How do I stay safe and healthy?

For Year One/Two the focus is 'Growing Older and Wiser' which looks at

- Staying safe and taking responsible risks
- Healthy food
- Expressing emotions and dealing with conflict
- Getting older

The key questions are:

- How can I make sure I'm always safe?
- What foods are healthy to eat?
- How have I changed and how will I change?
- How can I express my emotions clearly and deal with conflict?

In Year Three/Four the unit is 'The Game of Life' an Inquiry into:

- Managing challenging situations
- Cultural and personal identities
- Health messages in the media

The key questions are:

- What are some strategies to manage challenging situations?
- How do I ask questions about different cultural and personal identities?
- How do I know which health messages in the media to trust?

The Year Five/Six students will look at 'Ethics and Emotions'- a look at

- How the media and our peers can influence and pressure us
- How to cope with pressure
- Puberty and challenges associated with puberty

The key questions are:

- What does it mean to be honest?
- How am I influenced by others?
- What can you say when you don't want to do something that someone is pressuring you to do?

### **TRAVELLING IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS**

Families are reminded that travel should be limited in the next few weeks. Travel to Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire should not take place.

### **STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL**

The government directive is that any student who is unwell with flu like symptoms should be kept at home. They have also asked that any child who displays these symptoms at school be isolated and then picked up by their family to be taken home.

### **INSIGHT SRC SURVEY**

Each year we conduct a survey of our staff and Year Five and Six students as a way of gauging school operational climate. As part of the process we typically get a few families to complete the survey as well. The survey is completed online for staff and students and the family component can be done either on paper or online.

Given the current climate our usual method of distributing the survey will need to change. If you are interested in contributing to the information please let me know and I can arrange a paper copy or the log on details for the online process to be sent home.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

We have quite a large supply of second hand uniform at the moment so if there is any family would like to come and have a look to see if there is anything you could make use of please contact Julie first to make a time to come and have a look through the cupboard. There is no charge for second hand uniform items.

## **2021 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments are now being taken for our 2021 Foundation class. If you have a child who will start school in 2021 please complete an enrolment form (available by contacting the office) and return it to the office before the end of this term.

## **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:

- To all the team players at Our Lady's
- To all the active listeners
- For supporting the learning of everyone as often as you can
- For managing the wet yard so well
- To all who respond to requests for help

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**

This week our positive behaviour focus centres on 'Being a giving person':

Do your best: We do our best when we take risks by giving to others through positive behaviour

Helping others succeed: We help others succeed when we commit to giving our full effort

Respecting your school: We show our respect for our school when we invite others to be part of what we are doing

**Power Play Focus: Students who show how to be a giving person**

Congratulations Violet Fitzgerald, Maggie-Mae Beeson and Sam Concepcion who were the winners of this week's PowerPlay Raffle.

Mark

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 21st</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day (staff First Aid training day)</b>
Friday	September 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Three

