



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. 11 TUESDAY MAY 3RD 2022

Jesus Christ, bring abundance where there is emptiness and loss.
Jesus Christ, bring friendship where there is loneliness and isolation.
Jesus Christ, bring bread and fish to those who hunger.
Jesus Christ, bring light to places of darkness and despair.
Jesus Christ, help us recognize you and love you through others and all of creation that begs for care and compassion today.



CONGRATULATIONS!

A very special mention to all the children who completed the Sacrament of Confirmation & Holy Communion on Sunday at Our Lady's Church. Congratulations to Sammy, Lillie, Bianca, Conrad, Olivia, April, Kodie-Ann & Ruby. This was a wonderful occasion organized so beautifully by Mrs Cathie Walsh and attended by many of our families & parishioners. It was wonderful to come together as a community to celebrate these individuals. Thank you also to Father Shibu for a lovely Mass.

MOTHER'S DAY PRESENTATION

Tomorrow, Wednesday May 4th, our school community is coming together to celebrate all the special women in our lives. It is a wonderful event to come back together and make us feel normal within all the craziness that COVID has provided us over the past couple of years. Our students have been busily preparing for this event so if you are able to come along, please do so. Rather than signing in at the office, we will have a separate sign in book available for this occasion which will be located at front entrance of the hall. Please note that we will be gathering at 11.30am in the Fr. James Byrne Memorial Hall and everyone is most welcome to join us. Families are asked to send in a small plate for the morning tea that will follow the presentation.

CARITAS

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Caritas fundraising in Term One. Our Shrove Tuesday pancake day raised \$112-00 and our Easter Egg Raffle/Project Compassion boxes raised \$ 567-70 making a grand total of \$ 679-70 – a wonderful effort!

PHOTO PERMISSION FORMS

With the changeover to Catholic Education Sandhurst we have been reviewing our current procedures to ensure we are in line with best practice across the diocese. New photo permission forms were sent home yesterday with every child -we need all families to sign and return them to the office asap. Without this form, we will be unable to include your child in any of the wonderful photo updates through our school stream app or local newspaper publications. We eagerly await all of those forms coming back!

If you do not wish to give permission for your child for photography/recording purposes please email Julie to let her know

admin@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

In line with government directives, we are continuing our Rapid Antigen Testing for the first four weeks of Term Two. Tests were sent home with each family at the end of Term One. If you require more tests, please let us know in the office. We will be testing every **Monday & Wednesday**. Please note, this testing has prevented a number of students now coming to school with COVID. The cases that have been reported have been picked up due to this testing so it is important for everyone to participate.

MASKS

Please note, mask wearing is no longer required at school with the following exception:

If a child is coming to school and has been identified as a close contact of a positive case e.g. – family member- then they are required to wear a mask when inside at school at all times for the duration of the positive case's isolation period. Mask wearing in this instance is required to keep us all safe, along with the extra rapid antigen testing that close contacts must now undertake.

DAILY ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we ask that you notify the school of this absence. We are required to follow up any absence on a daily basis. Being proactive and letting us know of an absence in advance saves us administration time in the office. Every school absence is required to be followed up and explained so please help us and report absences in advance.

We have a number of students now who have missed a significant amount of school this year. Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged 6-17 years unless an exemption form attendance or enrolment has been granted. Daily attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Good attendance now also shapes the future for employment and successful attendance in the workforce.

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on families attending school so please don't consider these instances as nonessential absences. There are several ways you can notify the school of your child's absence:

- Submit an absent notice via the school app
- Email admin@olwanganaratta.catholic.edu.au
- Telephone the office on 57213783 prior to 9.00am on the day of the absence
- If you know in advance of a planned absence e.g. holiday or appointment email or send in a written notice to your child's teacher

MASTER CLASS OPERA WORKSHOPS

As part of the diverse range of things on offer for our students, Brigid Malcolm has organized an amazing online event for students in Grade Three to Six who are interested. Over the coming weeks, students who have elected to, will participate in online lesson offered by Victorian Opera. There are, at this stage, 34 students who have registered their interest to attend these master classes. Many thanks to Mrs Malcolm & Victorian Opera for making this available for us to participate in.

ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

The [Making Jesus Real](#) focus this week is all about 'Catholic Education Week'. Mrs Walsh carefully and passionately explained how Our Lady's is a small piece of Catholic Education Sandhurst. This year, we celebrate 201 years of Catholic Education. We are looking for God moments in our lives.

With a very busy Term One under our belts, it is important to stop and celebrate all the successes we have had as a community. We have had an amazing term and managed to successfully navigate the many things that have been thrown our way.

This week in [Positive Behaviours](#) we are learning to demonstrate the following:

[Do your best:](#) by using words that put people up not down

[Respect your school:](#) by using equipment for the intended purpose and returning it after use

[Help others succeed:](#) by keeping others safe

Our [Power Play Focus](#) this week is:

Students who keep everyone safe

This is a great chance to mention COVID-19 and all the measures we are currently putting in place to keep everyone safe. Testing twice a week, wearing the mask at school when identified as a close contact, sanitizing hands, staying at home when sick are all great ways we can work together to keep everyone safe. During Assembly on Monday, all students were reminded about the need to participate in all of these things and more!

Congratulations to Beth Gunningham who was the winner of the PowerPlay Raffle at the end of last term.

Cassie

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	May 4th	11.30am Mother's Day Presentation in hall <i>All Welcome</i> <i>Families asked to send in a small plate for the morning tea that will follow the presentation</i>
Wednesday	May 18 th	Whole School Mass led by Grade 5/6 Our Lady's Church at 9.00am – <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	May 25 th	Whole School Mass led by Grade F/1/2 Our Lady's Church at 9.00am – <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	June 1 st	Whole School Mass led by Grade 3/ 4 Our Lady's Church at 9.00am – <i>All Welcome</i>
Monday	June 6th	Pupil Free Day – Report Writing
Monday	June 13th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday	June 22 nd	Celebration of Learning
Friday	June 24 th	Whole School Mass – Sacred Heart of Jesus Our Lady's Church at 9.00am – <i>All Welcome</i> End of Term Two

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