



# 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. 14 TUESDAY MAY 24th 2022

Our God, you hold our lives in your hands. You have promised to give us a new heart and to put a new spirit in us.

*We Pray: Renew us every day.*

*Forgive us where we have failed to be good stewards and to be good neighbours.*

*Give us the courage to think beyond our own lives;  
to live and consume responsibly so that our near and far neighbours  
can experience their full dignity  
and that we can help restore and admire the beauty of our communities  
and of this earth.*

*Our God, you hold our world in your hands.  
You hear your creation groaning but you have promised to liberate it from its pain.*

*We pray: Renew our world.*

*Forgive those of us who haven't used their power wisely.  
Give us and our leaders the courage to think beyond our own economies;  
to seek genuine partnerships so that all people can experience the fullness of life and  
that our planet is known to be the common home for all creation and future generations.*

*Amen*



## **MASS**

Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we have a whole school Mass led by the Foundation/One/Two students. Mass will be held in Our Lady's Church commencing at 9.00am and everyone is welcome to attend.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISING**

This Friday students are encouraged to wear casual clothes to school and make a gold coin donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Students will also be able to make a purchase from the cake stall that will be held at Recess.

## **RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING**

The Victorian Government will continue to provide Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for use by students and staff for the remainder of Term 2. We will continue to be provided with the same weekly quantity of RATs and distribute those as they are needed.

As from yesterday, Monday 23 May 2022, it is recommended RATs are used by students and staff when symptomatic. RATs are also required to be used for 5 days if a student or staff member is a close contact of a confirmed case and they are attending or working at a school.

From Monday 23 May 2022, we do not recommend that non-symptomatic students or staff conduct RATs twice a week in mainstream schools and 5 days a week in specialist schools. Students and staff must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if they return a positive RAT result.

## **MASK WEARING**

We thank all families who have notified us when children have been identified as close contacts. Your encouragement of your children to follow the rules, wear their mask, etc. has minimised the spread of COVID-19 in our school. Our children are incredibly resilient and are proactive in the area of keeping others well.

## **ILLNESS**

There seems to be some confusion around sending a child to school when they are unwell. Even with a negative RAT test, **a child who is unwell should stay at home**. Whilst it may not be COVID-19, germs are contagious. We have many preventative measures for the spreading of germs but we are experiencing a number of illnesses spreading throughout the school. If your child is unwell, please keep them home where they can recover and return to school when well.

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## **ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

If you are aware that your child is going to be away from school, please notify us. We have a legal obligation to chase up any unexplained absences on a daily basis. If you have not notified us of your child's absence by 9.10am, we will attempt to call you and if we can't make contact with parents or guardians we will then try to contact any nominated emergency contacts for your child/children.

## **EXCURSION PERMISSION NOTES**

We have a new process at Our Lady's in regards to excursions. In line with the Sandhurst Diocese, we have updated processes and procedures to follow new guidelines. You may notice that permission forms look slightly different moving forward. We are in the process as a staff of organising a few very exciting excursion opportunities for our students. In a couple of weeks, the Grade 3/4/5/6 cohort will be heading off to watch the Australian Ballet perform as part of their Performing Arts curriculum. We also have our FIRE carriers heading to Wodonga to take part in Reconciliation Mass on behalf of Our Lady's School. It is great to be getting back into the swing of 'normal' school life.

## **TERM TWO PUPIL FREE DAYS**

We have two Pupil Free days this term:

**Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – will be a Professional Development Day for staff

**Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>** – Semester Two Report Writing Day

COVID-19 and the continued pressure on staff have increased teacher workloads this year. We would normally try to avoid having two closure days so close together but given the year we have had so far, it has been unavoidable. On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, staff will be given time and support to work on documentation. On Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, we will be working on our Semester Two reports.

## **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.

## ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

The Making Jesus Real focus this week is all about 'Honesty'.

This week in Positive Behaviours we are learning to demonstrate the following:

Do your best: by being honest

Respect your school: by following adult directions

Help others succeed: by giving full your effort

Our Power Play Focus this week is:

**Students who are honest**

This is such a great topic that has deep and meaningful connections for us all. Honesty is always the best policy, even when we have made a mistake. We can all learn from our mistakes which is something we actively promote here at Our Lady's, but we always celebrate honesty.

Congratulations to Isla Webb who was the winner of last week's PowerPlay Raffle.

Cassie

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass led by Grade F/1/2 Our Lady's Church at 9.00am – <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Casual clothes day/Cake Stall for St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - <b>Gold coin donations</b>
Wednesday	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Mass led by Grade 3/ 4 Our Lady's Church at 9.00am – <i>All Welcome</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Pupil Free Day- Staff Professional Development Day</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Report Writing Day</b>
Thursday	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3-6 to WPAC for Australian Ballet performance Depart 10.30am Return 11.45am
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
Wednesday	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Celebration of Learning
Friday	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	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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