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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. 16 TUESDAY JUNE 7TH 2022

*May Your healing hand rest upon me,
may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body
and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying,
restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom.*

Amen



MASS

Our next Mass is scheduled for the last day of this term – Friday June 24th. Mass will be held in Our Lady's Church commencing at 9.00am and everyone is welcome to attend.

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 last Monday 23 May 2022, it is recommended RATs are used by students and staff only 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 & INFLUENZA A

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had a few students testing positive to Influenza A.

We thank those families for being proactive, notifying us, keeping your children home and protecting the rest of us here at school. We also thank all families who are keeping kids home, testing for COVID-19 at the first signs of illness and keeping the channels of communication open with us. We appreciate your ongoing support and care for the wider school community.

We do need to emphasise though that if your child is sick, please keep them home.

Whilst we empathise with ongoing absences and the impact on families, it is essential for the health and wellbeing of our student and staff community that students are kept home when unwell. When children are sent to school when they are unwell, they are spreading their illness within our school. Indicators of cold and flu include; coughing, sneezing, headaches, lethargy, congestion, aches & pains.

As a staffing community, we have been lucky to be able to manage ongoing staff absences throughout this year, however options are limited to replace our teaching staff due to the ongoing crisis we have found ourselves in. We are only just approaching the winter bug season and are concerned about the spread of germs already in our school. Please help us to keep our community thriving and well.

Ultimately, we can only stay open if we take precautions now to keep everyone safe. There are a number of schools in Victoria that have been forced into remote learning due to absences - we do not want to be in this position. To avoid this, we all need to work together.

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.



The graphic features a stylized sun with three hands (purple, green, blue) reaching up to it. Above the hands are the phrases 'better health', 'better future', and 'better outcomes' in a curved path. Below the hands, the text 'Attendance Matters' is written in pink.

Attending School = Brighter Future

- higher paying jobs
- improved overall health
- improved relationships and support networks

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

This Thursday, June 9th, our Grade 3-6 students will be heading to the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre to watch the Australian Ballet. This is an exciting opportunity that I am sure the students will enjoy.

Permission notes should have been completed by now and returned to your child's class teacher. If you haven't yet done this please return the completed form tomorrow

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This coming Monday June 13th is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. We hope all families enjoy the long weekend and stay warm!

TERM TWO TEACHER ADVISOR MEETINGS/REPORTS

Teachers spent Monday busily preparing Semester 2 reports. Reports will be sent home to families during the last week of term. We are very thankful that we have been able to remain open throughout Semester 1.

Term Two Teacher Advisor meetings will be held next week – please keep an eye out for communication from your child's classroom teacher to make your booking.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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

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

Do your best: be encouraging

Respect your school: thanking anyone who prepares our food

Help others succeed: caring for the equipment in the school

Our Power Play Focus this week is:

Students who are encouraging
A little bit of encouragement can go a long way!

Congratulations to Bonnie Skase who was the winner of last week's PowerPlay Raffle.

Cassie

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday	June 9 th	Grade 3-6 to WPAC for Australian Ballet performance Depart 10.30am Return 12noon
Monday	June 13th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday	June 22 nd	Celebration of Learning 3.10pm to 4.30pm <i>All Welcome</i>
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 2.10pm
Monday	July 11 th	Start of Term Three 8.45am start
Monday-Friday	July 25 th to 29 th	Book Fair
Wednesday	July 27 th	Grandparents Day (includes Performing Arts presentation and Art Show) -time yet to be determined

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