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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. 21 TUESDAY AUGUST 2ND 2022

*God of Life, Creator of the earth and all that is in it,
we lift our prayers of thanks to you.*

*For the beauty of the earth that surrounds us,
for Spring flowers that dazzle us and Summer's greenery that delights us,
for Autumn's bounty that sustains us
and Winter's hibernation which settles us.*



MASSES

Whole school Masses this term are as follows:

Tuesday August 9th led by the Leadership Centre students at 9.00am

Tuesday August 23rd led by the Foundation & Discovery Centre students at 9.00am

Wednesday September 7th – Our Lady’s Day Mass- led by the Bridging Centre students at 11.30am

Everyone is most welcome to join us for these celebrations which will all be held in Our Lady’s Church.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Last Wednesday July 27th we held our annual Grandparents Day. The students were overjoyed to welcome our special visitors into our school. All the staff are incredibly grateful for the strong attendance at this event.

A very special thanks to:

- Mr Naish (and secretly Mrs Walsh prior to leaving for long service leave) for organising our Liturgy
- Mrs Harper for the incredible Art Show showcasing the work of our talented students
- Mrs Malcom for preparing the wonderful performances presented by the classes
- Molly & Tahlia Milligan for the hours spent manning the Book Fair- setting up, organising, co-ordinating & packing up the Book Fair
- All our talented students who went outside their comfort zones to perform so beautifully for our visitors
- All our visitors who took the time to come along, social distance, wear masks and make this event a COVID safe celebration of our students. It may seem like such a small thing attending an event but in the life of a child, it is enormous – so thank you!
- All staff who worked in the background to make this event tremendous.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

This afternoon at 3.30pm our students will continue on their learning journey with our Sacramental Program. Our first meeting was held last week and it was a huge success. Meetings take place in the meeting room next to Our Lady’s Church. This program is being facilitated by Christine McMahon who is a member of the Sacramental Team associated with the Catholic Parishes of Wangaratta.

NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE CASES

As a school, we anticipate that all families will make contact when their child is identified as a close contact. That way, we can encourage your child, if they are in Grade 3 or above, to wear a mask.

As a school, we will notify our community when a positive case has attended our facility. Please ensure you contact us if you child tests positive. We do however remind everyone that, to attend school, you must be symptom free. Even with a negative test result, we expect students who are sick to stay at home.

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RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

The Victorian Government has announced that they will continue to provide Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for use by students and staff. If you require more tests, please just send us an email or give us a call and we will send some home.

Just remember, it is recommended RAT's 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.

A general reminder however, if your child is sick and tests negative to a RAT, we still expect your child to remain at home and get better. Sending your child to school with cold or flu like symptoms just spreads germs within the school environment. The best thing to do in this case is keep your child home and get plenty of rest.

NEW- FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Our Lady's now has a new Facebook page! Search for 'Our Lady's Primary School Wangaratta' - feel free to like, follow and share our page.

The Our Lady's Primary School social media account will be used to share accomplishments and celebrate events happening at school with the broader community. The intent of this page is to provide a platform for responsible community engagement that celebrates the daily life of our school. We proactively support participation in social media to develop digital citizenship throughout our community.

Our Lady's Primary School values the responsible use of social media and we reserve the right to remove any content that we believe is in breach of these values. When using social media, our community is expected to ensure that they:

- Respect the rights and confidentiality of others
- Do not impersonate or falsely represent another person
- Do not bully, intimidate, harass or threaten others
- Do not make defamatory comments
- Do not use obscene or offensive language towards others
- Do not post content that is hateful, threatening, pornographic or incites violence against others
- Do not harm the reputation and good standing of Our Lady's or those within its community
- Do not use excessive criticism to portray a person as socially, mentally, physically or intellectually inferior

Our Lady's Primary School will exercise its right to remove any content that is believed to be in breach of these policies, guidelines and the values of our school. Content will be removed if it contains:

- Offensive abusive, obscene, profane, hateful or racist content, links or images, comments that threaten or defame any person or organisation
- The direct, full name or descriptive reference to an individual, irrespective of the post's tone
- Solicitations and advertisements by other organisations or endorsements by other organisations or endorsements of other organisations.
- Multiple or repetitive posts by a single user
- Repetitive posts copied and pasted or duplicated by single or multiple users
- Anything else that the school deems inappropriate and does not align with our values, standards, policies and guidelines

PUPIL FREE DAY

Just some forward notice of a Pupil Free day in September. On Friday September 2nd all staff will be attending a Spirituality Professional Development Day in Bright. Staff will head up to Bright at the end of the school day on the Thursday afternoon to be ready bright (pardon the pun!) and early on the Friday.

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OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE (OHSC) CLOSURE DAYS

Due to the above Professional Development day our OHSC program will not be running on the following dates: Thursday September 1st and Friday September 2nd.

2023 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for our Foundation 2023 class. If you have a child that will start school next year please contact Julie as soon as possible so she can send home the necessary enrolment paperwork. If you know of any new family who wishes to send their child to Our Lady's in 2023 please ask them to contact the office to make an appointment with me.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regular school attendance within Primary School paves the way for attendance in the future. This is why we have 'reasonable excuses' to not attend school. Medical appointments, illness and bereavement are considered a reasonable excuse. Having a day off because it is your birthday or taking a day to go shopping would not be considered a reasonable excuse. The patterns we create now in your child's life will be the patterns they use when they eventually enter the work force. It is worth considering.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Our Lady's Primary School aims to develop a positive, safe, supportive learning environment for all students, staff and parents. We do this through the consistent teaching of expectations and sharing our learning with our community.

The Making Jesus Real focus this week is all about 'having class spirit and being givers rather than takers'. Givers are people who go above and beyond to help people out, supporting others with positive language and actions.

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

Do your best: by being a risk taker

Respect your school: by inviting others who want to join in

Help others succeed: by being a play problem solver

Our Power Play Focus this week is:

Students who are givers

Congratulations to Josiah Meunier and Christopher Ford who were the winners of the last two weeks PowerPlay Raffle.

Cassie

P & F BOOKFAIR

Thanks to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week. We were able to select free books to the value of \$210-00 for our Library.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Thursday	September 1st	Out of Hours School Care – closed today
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 2ND	PUPIL FREE DAY – STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Wednesday	September 7 th	Whole school Mass led by the Bridging Centre students to celebrate Our Lady's Day in Our Lady's Church at 11.30am <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	September 16 th	End of Term Three
Monday	October 3 rd	Start of Term Four
Wednesday-Friday	October 5 th to 7 th	Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp to Harrierville
Monday-Wednesday	October 10 th to 12 th	Leadership Centre (Grade Five/Six) Camp to Borambola

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