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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. 17 TUESDAY JUNE 14TH 2022

Prayer for the Week

"You, Father, are one God, one Lord:
with the only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit,
not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance.
For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your
Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal
Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person,
their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty.
(Preface of the Trinity, composed in medieval times)



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. We have had a number of staff and students in this situation and I thank everyone for being proactive in this area.

ILLNESS & INFLUENZA A

Over the past week we have again 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.



TERM TWO TEACHER ADVISOR MEETINGS

These meetings are being held this week – parents should already have a time set. If you have missed this, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

TERM TWO REPORTS

Teachers have been busily working on these important documents over the last few weeks, completing various assessments and individualising content for reports. Our teaching staff should be commended for their hard work in this area. Reports will be sent home to families during the last week of this term. We are very thankful that we have been able to remain open throughout Semester 1.

END OF TERM TWO

Our year is flying by at a rapid rate with Term Two coming to a close **next Friday June 24th 2022 at the earlier finish time of 2.10pm.**

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The [Making Jesus Real](#) focus this week is all about 'Students who are welcoming'.

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

[Do your best:](#) being welcoming

[Respect your school:](#) getting sports equipment after we have been asked to leave the eating area

[Help others succeed:](#) making positive choices about noise and words

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

Students who are welcoming

Congratulations to Esther Chalmers who was the winner of last week's PowerPlay Raffle.

Cassie

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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> <u>End of Term Two 2.10pm</u>
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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