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NEWSLETTER NO. 26 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 2022

Father's Day Prayer

GOD MY FATHER,

on this day set aside to honour fathers, I place myself before you in thanksgiving.

Thank you for the precious lives you have placed under my care and responsibility.

I carry a joyful burden and I pray the load will never be so heavy that I forget the pleasures of my role, nor so light that I forget the magnitude of my duties.

Give me knowledge and wisdom to usher my children toward responsible adulthood-and a true and mature faith in you.

Give me courage to make difficult decisions.

Help me guide my children with a discipline that is fair and centered on Christ.

Grant me the humility to admit my own failings as a father and the ability to ask forgiveness.

Most important, draw me ever closer to you-remain my rock, my strength, and a perfect model of selfless fatherhood.

Amen.



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MASSES

Tomorrow, Wednesday September 7th, the whole school will attend the Our Lady's Day Mass which will be led by the Bridging Centre students at 9.00am (please note change of time). Everyone is most welcome to join us for this celebration which will all be held in Our Lady's Church.

FATHER'S DAY

We hope that all the Dads, Step-dads, Grandfathers, Uncles and all the special men in our lives had an amazing Father's Day. It is day where we can all stop to acknowledge the men that make our lives so unique and celebrate that. Last week, the students all participated in making some amazing cards and gifts for all the special men in their lives. It brings our students such joy to create these gifts so we hope they were thoroughly enjoyed at home!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We will soon begin our Sacramental Program for 2022/2023.

The Steps in Faith Program is a Parish based program that prepares the children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The first part of the program runs for four weeks next term in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. The Confirmation and First Eucharist component runs for six weeks and it will be completed in 2023.

Traditionally the Steps In Faith program is offered to Grade 3 students or older. The program is designed to be run by families outside of school hours in small family groups. As there are not many of us, we offer students to be part of a group that meet each Tuesday after school, beginning in October. We are very blessed also to have our own Parish based facilitator, Mrs Christine McMahan – a parishioner from Our Lady's Parish.

Keep an eye out for a letter from Mrs. Walsh explaining how to participate in our Sacramental Program.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather forecast, we have made the decision to cancel our combined Athletic Sports with St. Patrick's. With the weather set to turn from sunshine to dreary on Wednesday and Thursday and knowing that at the moment the Appin Street oval is a muddy mess even on a sunny day, the decision to cancel was made. We tried unsuccessfully to reschedule our event but unfortunately we just couldn't find a space in our calendar.

SANDHURST ARTS ON SHOW

Next Tuesday September 13th, Sandhurst Arts on Show is coming to Wangaratta. The students in Grade 5/6, under the guidance of our Performing Arts teacher Mrs. Malcolm, have been working hard, busily preparing for this event which is a once in a lifetime experience. To come together with fellow students in Catholic Education and perform is an amazing life experience. We wish the Grade 5/6 students all the best for this concert. Tickets are available (limit 4 per family – please see attached flyer).

Please ensure permission forms have been returned for this event.

END OF TERM THREE

Term Three ends next Friday September 16th **at the earlier time of 2.10pm.**

Our Out of Hours School Care program will start an hour earlier on this day.

START OF TERM FOUR

Term Four starts on Monday October 3rd at 8.45am

TERM FOUR CAMPS

We hit the ground running in Term Four with both Grade 3/ 4 and 5/6 camps in the first two weeks.

Grade 3/ 4 students will head to Harrierville in Week One from Wednesday October 5th to Friday October 7th.

Grade 5/6 students will head to Borambola in Week Two from Monday October 10th to Wednesday October 12th.

SOCKS, PANTS AND ALL THINGS MUD – URGENT HELP NEEDED!

Over the past few weeks we have had to send some students home with extra pants/socks etc. due to our oval. Please return any items that we have provided as we are now at a critical low in our supplies.

ADMIN EMAIL

Parents are still using Julie's personal work email to let us know about their child/children rather than using the new admin email. If Julie is away for any reason any messages sent to Julie's email address will not get passed on-this is why the admin email has been set up as other staff are able to access this as well.

If you need to advise of absences, changes to after school pick up, OHSC bookings etc. please make sure you use the following email:

admin@olwangaratta.catholic.edu.au

All absent notes sent through the school app are automatically sent to the admin email.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Our Lady's now has a 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.

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.

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 **people who are WEST people**. The students at Our Lady's are often WEST people displaying kindness on a daily basis. WEST people are people who are:

Welcoming Encouraging Say sorry Thankful

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

Do your best: keeping your hands and body to yourself

Respect your school: speaking in a way that shows you care

Help others succeed: supporting their learning

Our Power Play Focus this week is:

Students who are WEST people

Congratulations to Evelyn in the Discovery Centre who was the winner of the last week's PowerPlay Raffle.

Cassie

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE – NEW MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

We are transferring to a new Software Platform early next term and attached is information regarding the transfer. This will affect all parents who have children enrolled in our Out of Hours School Care Program.

You will be required to register and fill in details with the new software for easier access to your child's information and for signing your child out of each session they attend.

You don't need to do anything until you receive an invitation to register in the first week of next term.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

Fr. James Byrne Hall will be used as polling booth for November's State Election.

The Victorian Electoral Commission will need to hire over 200 staff to cover 34 polling booths and 2 Early Voting Centres in the Ovens Valley District.

If you are interested in applying to work on Election Day all the information you require is available at

<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/work-with-us/work-at-elections>

Just copy and paste the link into your browser.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 9.00am (please note change of time) <i>All Welcome</i>
Tuesday	September 13 th	Sandhurst Arts on Show (Grade 5/6) at St. Patrick's Church Hall
Friday	September 16 th	End of Term Three 2.10pm finish
Monday	October 3 rd	Start of Term Four 8.45am start
Wednesday-Friday	October 5 th to 7 th	Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp to Harrietville
Monday-Wednesday	October 10 th to 12 th	Leadership Centre (Grade Five/Six) Camp to Borambola

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