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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. 27 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 2022

Prayer for Rest & Rejuvenation

O God, we thank you for the gift of connectivity,
through which you strengthen relationships and communities,
allowing shared pursuits to proceed.

We thank you for the gift of technology,
those tools and spaces that help us work and play in ways that were once
unimaginable to us.

Help us remember that unplugging from our daily cares makes space for us to connect
more deeply with you, with our dearest ones
and with ourselves.

Help us in this time to drink deeply from the well of your love.
Help us to rest and to know your peace.

Be with us all our lives as we learn the sacred art of letting go.

Amen.



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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 McMahon – 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.

SANDHURST ARTS ON SHOW

Today our Grade 5/6 students are preparing for a once in a lifetime opportunity to perform in Sandhurst Arts on Show. These students, along with teachers and support staff, headed off excitedly on the bus this morning to St. Patrick's hall in order to work together with St. Patrick's, St. Bernard's & Galen to practice together prior to the concert at 1.30pm today. Stay tuned for some photos on the app later on today. We are so incredibly proud of our students who are stepping out of their comfort zones in order to perform. All the hard work and practice has been paying off with an outstanding performance to come.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING -TOMORROW AFTERNOON

We have had another amazing term here at Our Lady's with many engaging activities to entertain us all! Tomorrow from 3.10pm we have our Celebration of Learning. Students have been busily preparing to showcase their learning from the term with our wider community.

Please note that we are unable to supervise students in the gap between school finishing and parents arriving so if you know you cannot make it here until 4.00pm, arrangements for your child will need to be made.

For parents who usually pick their child up at 3.10pm, please just come to the classroom. Our students thoroughly enjoy having you in the school environment. If you are running late for any reason, please call the office so we are aware.

We will have a simplified sign in sheet at most entrances to the school so please ensure that you sign in so we know you were here. Everyone is most welcome!

SPECTACULAR SPORTS DAY THIS FRIDAY

Our team sports captains have organised for students to come to school on Friday dressed in their favourite sports team colours. This is not a fundraising day – just a fun way to end the term.

END OF TERM THREE

Term Three ends **THIS 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.

All parents with students in these classes have been provided with information regarding online registering for both camps. This must be completed asap.

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@olwangeratta.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 **God moments**.

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

[Do your best:](#) owning your own behaviour

[Respect your school:](#) treating your peers the way you would like to be treated

[Help others succeed:](#) encouraging the best from them

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

Students who treat others the way you would like to be treated

Congratulations to Sonny in the Foundation 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 14 th	Celebration of Learning 3.10pm to approx. 4.30pm <i>All Welcome</i> Please make sure you sign in at the office or classroom entrance
Friday	September 16 th	Spectacular Sports Day -students encouraged to come to school dressed in the colours of their favourite sports team End of Term Three <u>2.10pm finish</u>
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 Harrierville- Students to be at school by 8.45am for 9.00am departure
Monday-Wednesday	October 10 th to 12 th	Leadership Centre (Grade Five/Six) Camp to Borambola Students to be at school by 7.15am for 7.30am departure

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