



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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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.

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We believe in you, Lord
We know that you can help us
To love and respect each other more
You are our light
The light that overcomes darkness
Come Lord Jesus.



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FROM THE *Principal*



Dear Families,

Following on from our announcement about the Class Structure for 2023, below is our staffing for 2023 along with Leadership & Specialist Staff. Children who were present at school today found out which class they are heading into and their classroom teacher for 2023. Staff have been working on class lists for a number of weeks now, trying to ensure the best possible outcomes for our student community. This can be a nervous time for our students. If your child is experiencing some nerves, one way you can reassure them is by listing all the things that won't be changing for your child moving forward. Whilst your child may change teacher and classroom, many aspects of school life remain the same which can be reassuring.

At Our Lady's we are fortunate enough to have experienced teachers who can cater for all learners in our environment. Our students have been placed into each class with a great amount of consideration for their entire needs, including academic, emotional, spiritual and friendship requirements. This structure suits the needs of our students and is the best option moving forward.

Foundation – Mrs Fran Dayman (Mon-Thur) & Mrs Clare Kirby (Friday)
Grade 1/2BH – Mrs Kate Hutchinson (Mon-Tue) & Mrs Corena Bennett (Wed-Fri)
Grade 1/2NH – Mr Joshua Naish (Mon-Thur) & Mrs Kate Hutchinson (Friday)
Grade 3/4WY – Mrs Cathie Walsh (Mon – Thur) & Mr Greg Young (Friday)
Grade 4/5G – Mrs Liz Grant
Grade 5/6G – Mrs Lynda Griffin

Leadership

For 2023, we are proceeding with a slightly different structure for our Leadership Team within Our Lady's. Best practice in leadership is shared between a group of leaders to help shape the future of our school. The leaders below all have a unique skill set that helps to ensure decisions made about school improvement consider a range of thoughts. Collaboration is essential for school success & this team supports the success of Our Lady's.

Senior Leader: Teaching & Learning – Mr Joshua Naish
Senior Leader: Learner Diversity – Mrs Michelle D'Antonio
Senior Leader: Catholic Identity – Mrs Brigid Malcom

Specialist Staff

For 2023, we are proceeding with a different structure to provide our teaching staff with adequate time to meet the demands of their workload. The specialist staff are a vital element of this and provide our students with a range of opportunities.

Performing Arts – Mrs Brigid Malcom
Visual Arts – Mrs Melissa Harper
Sport – Mr Greg Young
Language – Ms Lucia Alesiani

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We are currently reviewing our language program to ensure it meets the needs of our student community. We are exploring the possibility of introducing Auslan for 2023. The student and staff have expressed a keen interest in this change. Auslan is the native language for the deaf community within Australia. Stay tuned while we explore our options moving forward.

In closing, we have many exciting things planned for the last couple of weeks. Students are thoroughly enjoying swimming at the moment. Next week, we have our Christmas Play, organised by Mrs Malcom and supported by our classroom teachers. The students have been busily preparing for this event. All are welcome to attend!

Blessings,
Cassie

PBIS

As a school, we are beginning to change the way we are approaching our PBIS program. As a staff this year we have been working on tracking and monitoring student data. This data is then used to formulate our PBIS focus each week.

At the moment, we are seeing very different behaviours in our Foundation & Discovery Centres to our Bridging & Leadership Centres. To ensure we are providing our students with what they need, we have adjusted our focus to help our students understand how to be a good friend. Establishing friendship patterns early in life helps every child be successful.

Foundation & Discovery Centres: How to be a good friend and play well with others.

In the Foundation & Discovery Centres, children are learning about how to play safely with others. This includes specific information on how to seek help from a teacher, how to respect those you are playing with by keeping our hands to ourselves and how to walk away if a problem gets too big.

Bridging & Leadership Centres: How to maintain respectful relationships with my peers.

In the Bridging & Leadership Centre, relationships are more sophisticated. The students in this area are learning about the importance of positive body language, respecting our friends even when they are not in the room and how to support a friend when others are not being kind.

What we are trying to do is establish good life long skills with all of our students. We know from life experience that navigating relationships can be tricky but the base work starts now.

Congratulations to Jamersen in the Bridging Centre who was the winner of last week's Powerplay Raffle.

2023 OUT OF HOUR SCHOOL CARE

We are starting to collect information from families as to what day/s they require OHSC for in 2023. If you currently have a permanent OHSC booking for your child/children you will receive a form this week from Melissa to be completed and returned to us asap.

If you do not currently use the service but would like to set up a permanent booking for 2023 please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return to the office asap.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – Saturday 24th December 2022

Moyhu	5.00pm
Our Lady's	7.00pm
St Patrick's	9.00pm and 12.00midnight

Christmas Day – Sunday 25th December 2022

St Patrick's	8.00am
Our Lady's	9.00am
St Patrick's	10.30am

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday-Friday	November 28 th to December 2 nd	2022 Swimming Program – all classes
Monday	December 5 th	Christmas Presentations – all classes 2.00pm in Fr. James Byrne Hall <i>All Welcome</i>
Monday	December 12 th	Grade 6 Big Day Out to Wodonga
Tuesday	December 13 th	Whole school 2023 transition session 8.45am to 12noon
Wednesday	December 14 th	End of Year School Mass – all classes 9.00am in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i> Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony 6.00pm in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	December 15th	Last day Term Four for students 3.10pm finish
Friday	December 16 th	Last day Term Four for staff

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