

NEWSLETTER NO. 29 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8th 2015

At the moment the Bridging Centre is focusing on Reconciliation in their Religious Education units as they prepare for the celebration of Sacrament later in the year. The following are thoughts from the Source of Life and a prayer are related to their theme:

“The Lord’s Prayer reminds us we must extend to others the same forgiveness that God shows us. Jesus’ parables of forgiveness exemplify the many dimensions of the forgiveness of sin: conversion, repentance, expressing sorrow, making restitution, and praising God’s mercy and kindness in gratitude.”

Source of Life

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

RECONCILIATION

Early next term enrolments will be called for children, who are typically in Year Three, to be part of the Parishes of Wangaratta Sacramental program that starts with Reconciliation and then moves to Confirmation and First Eucharist next year.

The program usually starts early in Term Four with families meeting over a month as they prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament normally late in November. Interested families may like to start discussing this program in readiness for the call for expressions of interest.

WANGARATTA PARISH MASSES

Masses for this weekend are:

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| * Saturday | 6.00 pm | St Patrick's |
| * Sunday | 8.00 am | St Patrick's |
| * Sunday | 9.00 am | Our Lady's |
| * Sunday | 10.00 am | Moyhu |
| * Sunday | 10.30 am | Whitfield (1st Sunday) |
| * Sunday | 10.30 am | St Patrick's |
| * Sunday | 5.00 pm | Latin Mass at St Patrick's |

BUILDING UPDATE

We are still waiting for a formal sign off for our major grant before any work can commence in the old building. The process hit a small hurdle when final information was reviewed and needed to be adjusted to reflect additions to the original project. This required extra information to be generated that reflected the additions as well as defining what parts were being funded by the respective funding sources. This new information was sent by our architect yesterday and hopefully the process will be tidied up this week.

Obviously this need for further information will affect our program and may mean that the project pushes into the holiday period at the start of 2016. Once we are aware of the timelines we will pass this on.

LEARNING IN OUR NEW ROOMS

Over the next few weeks the staff will be refining our approaches to managing the ways learning will take place in the refurbished building. Our changes are an adjustment to our physical space but not really to the way the students' learning will be managed. It will look different to what we experienced at school and indeed it will be different from the way that the rooms have been set up recently.

Each of the areas will have a number of places where learning can be processed including open spaces, tables, chairs, couches, sound proof rooms, conference spaces, presentation places, areas for construction, wet areas, recording rooms, drama spaces, small group areas, standing benches and of course we will have greater access to a creativity room for more days of the week. One significant change will be that the learners will have their learning materials stored in purpose built areas rather than at a desk or table. This is to allow the learners to make more informed decisions about where are the best places to process the learning.

The thinking behind this style of building is to give more opportunities for the learners to engage with their learning. We know that the more a learner works through the tasks, understands the criteria for success, thinks about what they are doing, reflects on their efforts and responds to feedback the more they will grow in their understandings and insights.

Our spaces will allow for learning to be set up by the teachers and give the learners the best opportunities to work through the responses needed.

LEARNING IN OUR NEW ROOMS (cont...)

The changes to the rooms allows for greater options for the learners to process thinking, develop independent works skills, select work areas that suit their tasks and to allow for easy movement from individual work, to small groups, to big groups and back again.

The challenge that we have as a staff is to be clear on what learning is set up and to effectively bring the learners to a level where they understand how they can most efficiently use the spaces for learning. Once we have the buildings set up we will offer opportunities to come and spend time in them to get a feel for what is happening and to develop an understanding of the type of learning that the students are engaged in.

2016 COMMUNICATIONS RESPONSE

Over the past few School Board meetings we have discussed possible changes to communication at the school specifically with the publication of the newsletter. As part of this newsletter we are seeking insight into a number of areas that may support the decisions we make in changing the way the newsletter is compiled and delivered and how we might provide and collect information in the future. Please complete and return the form further along in the newsletter advising which option you would prefer.

TERM THREE REPORTS

As we have a different arrangement for Teacher Advisor meetings this term, Term Three reports will be sent home with the eldest child in each family next Wednesday, September 16th.

HEADLICE

Reports of headlice are on the increase again so please check your child's hair and use an appropriate treatment method if signs of headlice are found.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY – Fundraising event for the DOXA Foundation

Thanks to everyone who supported last week's Footy Colours Day – a total of \$119-00 was raised for the DOXA Foundation.

FATHER'S NIGHT/FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to all involved with the activities around the Father's Day last week. It was great to see so many attend and enjoy some time together. The hall set up was a hit with many people staying on for some time after to look at their students work spaces. Special thanks to the Parents and Friends members for the work with the BBQ and setting up the Father's Day stall on Thursday and Friday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – TOMORROW WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

All order forms and payment should have now been handed into the office. If there are any late orders they MUST be given to Julie by 9.00am TOMORROW morning. All students will have an individual photo taken regardless of whether or not an order has been placed.

Please note that Grade 6 students must wear their red polo shirt for class and individual photos and bring along their Grade 6 polo shirt to change into for the Grade 6 group photo.

WINDOWS AND CHECKING THE SCHOOL

Last weekend it was good to see so many families checking out the school. There has been no further damage at Our Lady's - unfortunately this can't be said for all of our sister schools over the weekend. If you are able to come past the school to see what is happening it would be appreciated. If you do see anything you don't need to be involved but please call the police on 57230888 and they will deal with any issues.

FOOD FOR LEARNING

Last week our positive behaviour focus was on eating at school. As part of this focus we talked about food choices that sustain our learning and looked at what children are eating at school. Many of children have food at school that is supportive of their learning, that is, food that will deliver energy over a long period of time. Food such as fruit, sandwiches, vegetables, pasta, soup, rolls, wraps, rice, nuts, tuna or even leftovers. The food that we are asking children to reduce are things like noodles (some have the same kilojoules as chips), chocolate bars, chips, some muesli bars , biscuits, roll ups.

BREAD

Tomorrow is bread day and there will be a variety of loaves around the school for collection at the end of the day. Please feel free to take as many of these as you wish.

PRIVACY POLICY

In recent days we have updated our privacy policy in line with new legislative changes mostly to do with changes in technology around storage of information off site using cloud technology that relates to the software that the school uses. Privacy is an important issue for schools. The updated version of the policy has been posted to the website and the new privacy notice is attached to this newsletter.

END OF TERM THREE

School for Term Three finishes next Friday September 18th at 2:10 pm.

2016 LEADERSHIP CENTRE CAMP

We have booked our Leadership Centre (Grade Five/Six) camp for 2016. This will be held from Wednesday February 24th to Friday February 26th 2016 at the Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre, just outside of Wagga in New South Wales. More information regarding cost etc. will be advised early in Term Four.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is “Students who include others”:

Be Ready to Learn: By inviting other students to be part of your learning
Giving your full effort

Be Responsible: By inviting others to be part of your play
Sharing materials and equipment

Be Respectful: By being positive in our responses to being invited
Using positive language and voice

Power Play Focus: **Students who include others**

There was no Powerplay Raffle drawn last week.

ASSEMBLY THANK YOU

At our start of the week Assembly we take the time to give thanks for a number of actions or efforts members of our community make. This is done to not only highlight positive behaviour but also give language to actions that we expect the students to take. This week we say thank you for the following:

- To everyone who follows the expectations that our school has for eating
- For the positive behaviour decisions made as we worked together last Wednesday
- To everyone who enters and leaves the hall quietly
- For all of us who make the 'Strong Minds' decisions around positive behaviour when needed
- For the positive behaviour that was shown at Father's Night
- To the Parents and Friends who provided our BBQ, the Father's Day stall and a pizza lunch last week

NEWSLETTER

We would encourage as many families as possible to elect to receive their copy of the newsletter electronically. If you would like to do so please email Julie at

jmcmoig@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

Mark

FOUNDATION (PREP) CENTRE NEWS

It was fabulous to see so many families at our Father's Night last Thursday. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the night even though it was a bit chilly! School photos are on tomorrow (Wednesday) so hopefully everyone has returned their order form if you are wanting photos.

Although we are not having our Celebration of Learning afternoon this term you are most welcome to come in after school over the next couple of weeks and check out what the Foundies have been up to this term. The children's development with their writing is really fabulous and they would enjoy sharing that with you.

Learning this week:

Maths: Our focus for Maths this week is 'Ordinal Number'. The children will be exploring ordinal number and the vocab used to describe the order of events and objects. They will also discuss the use of ordinal numbers in other contexts including birthdays and calendars.

Literacy: Our Literacy focus covers a five week block so we are in the second last week of this current block. We will continue our focus on more complex sentences and descriptive writing, as well as retelling stories through the use of story maps. I completed some reading assessment last week and was very happy to see the progress the children have made with their reading. A part of this progress is due to your great efforts with reading at home. Please remember to include reading of other books in your nightly routine. The children still need to hear lots of fluent and expressive reading from adults.

Religious Education: We are working hard on our Prayer Boxes at the moment and they should be ready to bring home to share with you next week.

Thanks
Annabel and Netti

DISCOVERY (ONE/TWO) CENTRE NEWS

We have reached the second last week of term. Wow, where has the time gone?

We had a great first week in our new learning space. Thank you to all the students for their persistence and positive attitudes in adapting to our new learning area. Another thank you goes to all the families who attended our Father's Night last Thursday. It was a great night and a big thank you to our P&F for organizing the BBQ for the night.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, we will be having our school photos. We ask that all students be in their correct school uniform.

In the classroom this week:

Literacy: Students will be involved in an activity named 'Goodies and Baddies' where they will choose a character from our big book 'Bad Luck Duck' and think of a suitable adjective to describe this character, based on their actions throughout the text. We will also complete a 'storymap' looking at the different locations that the characters visited throughout the text and illustrate this.

Maths: We will focus on our new topic, 'Skip Counting'. According to students' current knowledge, they will be working amongst three groups. Group 1 will be looking at counting by 1's up to 100. Group 2 will be working on skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's and Group 3 will be looking at skip counting by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 10's. Each group will create skip counting patterns and take out some of the numbers within their patterns. It is then up to their partner to think of the skip counting pattern they have created, as well as insert the correct numbers back into their pattern.

Religious Education: Students will look at questions relating to how, when, where and why they pray to God. We will then reflect on our responses and independently fill in a sheet divided into four parts answering the following questions:

- Where I pray to God?
- When I pray to God?
- How I pray to God?
- Why I pray to God?

Inquiry: Students will continue working in their groups and build their playgrounds.

Have a great week,
Laura, Josh and Danni

BRIDGING (THREE/FOUR) CENTRE NEWS

Thanks to all the Dads who were able to come to our Father's night last week. The children enjoyed showing you around our new school setting and sharing games with you. We trust you had a happy day on Sunday.

Our current Religious Education unit is 'Jesus Models Forgiveness'. We are looking at different parables that Jesus told and using the meaning of the parable to relate to our own lives. This week's story is the Prodigal Son. In this parable we learn that in order to receive forgiveness we must be sorry and ask for forgiveness.

As we approach the end of term the children will be working independently to complete assessment tasks in Literacy and Inquiry. We look forward to the presentation next week of Dr. Seuss biography keynotes, Dr. Seuss word activities, a fictional story on a topic of their choice, quizzes on Force and Motion and posters on different aspects of our Inquiry. We congratulate the children who have worked consistently this term and who will complete all set tasks. For some of us there is some catching up to do this week!

BRIDGING (THREE/FOUR) CENTRE NEWS (cont...)

In Maths we continue to look at missing numbers in equations. We are looking at different strategies that we can use to get our answers. We will also continue to work with strategies that help us solve word problems.

The children have been working hard in Performing Arts learning a presentation involving song and rap. They will present this 10 minute piece at our final Assembly for the term next week, Thursday September 17th and you are most welcome to join us for this presentation at 2.00pm.

'Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.'
Dr. Seuss

Have a great week
Cathie, Liz, Jenny & Celia

LEADERSHIP (FIVE/SIX) CENTRE NEWS

We had a very successful day last Thursday when personnel from the Rural City of Wangaratta came to our school to interview the students regarding the ANZAC Centenary. My students had been asked to research a World War 1 veteran from our district and then report back on their findings. These interviews were filmed and will be used in November as a part of the Wangaratta Commemorative celebration. Your child took this honour very seriously and left all the adults speechless (some in tears), as they were interviewed formally by Council staff. The cameraman spoke to me afterwards and said no other school had participated with such commitment and reverence. Once again this remarkable group of students left me most proud. My class were also filmed and recorded singing 'Here You Lie (Side by Side)' to be used as a feature during Wangaratta's Commemorative gathering in November, whereby it will be projected on a backdrop near the Cenotaph at the Cathedral in Ovens Street. Council staff have now asked that we attend the Cenotaph on Thursday to film the song once again to give justice to the manner in which they sung. Very proud indeed!

Please note that only those students who participated last Thursday and had the necessary Council permission form completed will be going to the Cenotaph this week– those students who didn't participate will remain here at school during this time.

Our Borinya Buddies will be joining us at Our Lady's on Thursday afternoon for some bike-riding. Students from Borinya will be setting up a course in the local park near the 'pool' to test and train our students' bike-riding skills.

We are continuing to work on Perimeter and Area in Maths, along with the revision of our subtraction skills using five digit numbers with zeros.

Religious Education continues to look at our mission as Catholics (interesting discussion with the world's current Refugee Crisis - 55,000,000 refugees in our world are looking for a safe place to live - 55,000,000!).

Most students have almost completed their multimedia presentation on Natural Disasters and are now preparing their Oral Presentations. They will film these and make them available for you to view.

Website of the Week:

<http://www.forteachersforstudents.com.au/site/themed-curriculum/anzac-day/facts/>

Kind regards
Greg & Christie

P & F NEWS

UNIFORM ORDER THROUGH BLACK VENOM

An order form for new uniform items available for purchase through Black Venom is included in the newsletter. Orders and payment will need to be back to the school office by next Thursday September 17th. Delivery will be after the school holidays.

Supplies of the boys grey pants and girls checked dresses are currently still available from the office (\$16-00 each) however we may move this to Black Venom as well for the next order at the end of Term Four.

PIZZA LUNCH DAY – THIS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11th

Students can order pizza for lunch again this Friday (pizza only – NO DRINKS THIS WEEK). Slices of pizza will cost \$1-00 each.

Order form and payment MUST be handed into the office BY 3.00PM THIS THURSDAY.

LEMONS

There are still lots of lemons in the office if anyone can use them- please call into the office and pick some up.

WANGARATTA SHOW COLOURING COMPETITION

The Wangaratta Show Society is running its annual colouring competition. The entry form is available from the office and needs to be completed returned to the school office by the end of this term – Friday September 18th 2015. There are 4 age groups: Pre-school & Foundation (Prep); Grades 1 & 2; Grades 3 & 4; Grades 5 & 6 with a \$10-00 first prize and \$5-00 second prize in each age group.

RELAY FOR LIFE – COLOURING COMPETITION

There is a colouring competition for children with one prize winner in each age group:-

Preschool; Foundation to Year Three; Year Four to Year Six

PIZZA LUNCH ORDER – Friday September 11th

Child's Name _____ Class _____ (e.g. 1/ 2 Naish)

Hawaiian or Meatlovers (please circle)

No of slices _____ (\$1-00 per slice)

Payment enclosed \$ _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Wednesday | September 9th | School Photos |
| Friday | September 11 th | Pizza lunch day |
| Tuesday | September 15 th | School Board meeting 6.30pm |
| Friday | September 18 th | End of Term Three <u>2.10pm finish</u> |
| Monday | October 5 th | Start of Term Four 8.45am |
| Tuesday | November 3rd | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Today is the end of the 2015 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program.

Please send in any stickers/sheets that you have to the office

BY THIS FRIDAY, September 11th

so that we can send them off to Woolworths.