



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.

NEWSLETTER NO. 11 TUESDAY MAY 5TH 2020

Our staff meeting prayer for this week:

*Gracious and Loving God, You are our comforter and our hope.
Hear our prayers as we come before you.*

*Strengthen us in this time of need.
Inspire us to acts of solidarity and generosity and give us hope of a brighter future.*

*We pray today especially for our students and their families.
Lord, keep our students safe at home and give them Your gifts of faith - of perspective and courage - so that they may face challenges gracefully and courageously.*

May we who are merely inconvenienced.....remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors.....remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home.....remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close.....remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips.....remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market.....remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home.....remember those who have no home.

*As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.*

Amen.

Our Lady's Primary School is committed to child safety and the inclusion of all children.



THANK YOU

A great deal of thanks to all the families who have been so respectful of the expectations we have about entering the school. If you need anything from the school, please contact us to arrange the best way for us to support you to come to the office. If we require families to attend then we will contact you to make these arrangements.

STUDENTS WHO ARE ATTENDING SCHOOL

We have an average of about 16 students attending school each day who fit the guidelines that have been issued by the state government. The students are working individually on the programs that have been put in place by their teachers for all their students. Each day we have between four and five staff members supervising or preparing for coming learning.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for making sure your child, or yourselves, are contacting the school each day either via classroom video chats or email. We use this communication to complete our attendance data. If we don't hear from a child, or their family, they are marked as absent for that day.

ADVICE FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT

Over the past few weeks there has been a number of almost conflicting reports from politicians at all levels of government in Australia. The advice that we focus on is from the Victorian government, based on the direction of our state health office, and at this stage, is not set to change until Monday May 11th which is when the state of emergency is reviewed for Victoria.

From my point of view, the direction that we have been given is clear and consistent and, until we are advised otherwise, we will be learning from home until the end of Term Two.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Attached to this newsletter is correspondence from Paul Desmond who is the Director of Catholic Education for our Diocese.

REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Even with the various changes in school of past weeks we are still pushing on with our plans to refurbish the old admin area of the school. In recent weeks the tender documents have almost been finalised. It is hoped that the tender process will commence in the next few weeks with a decision made about the builder and the commencement time frame made by the end of the term or possibly early next term.

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