



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. 1 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST 2022

Beginning of School Year Prayer

We commit to our own learning and the learning of others with an open heart and mind, prepared to be excited and amazed by new possibilities so that all may grow and be enriched.

We commit to our relationships in order to build a strong and caring staff, who listen attentively and speak kindly, who offer comfort and support in times of need, and who encourage and affirm others' endeavours.

We commit to our school community and promise to be inclusive of all, to accept the differences and the challenges presented to us, and to understand the diverse and complex needs of our community.

We commit ourselves to our God who walks each step of the way with us, loving us and believing in us. We promise to uphold the gospel messages of compassion, justice and love, and to be a light to others and salt for the world.

We make this commitment and ask our Creator Father, Jesus His loving Son, and the life-changing Holy Spirit to be with us as we journey into 2022.

Amen

Welcome to the very first edition of our newsletter for 2022. I am incredibly excited and grateful to be here at Our Lady's. I have been busily getting to know this beautiful community and look forward to learning in my journey here.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS

We are already off to a busy start here at Our Lady's with many exciting opportunities along the way. This week, we have had our Foundation students commence their educational journey. This is a momentous occasion that these students are all taking in their stride. Please join me in welcoming these students to our community; Chelsea, Carter, Deegan, Maeve, Matilda, Sasha, Luke, Isla, Dominic, Sonny, Yuhgesh, Lincoln, Logan & Teagan.

In addition to our Foundation students we also welcome Connor to our Discovery Centre.

FOUNDATION STUDENT REST DAYS

All Foundation students will have a rest day at home every Wednesday commencing this week up to and including Wednesday March 9th.

VISITORS AND VACCINATIONS

Just a reminder to all parents that, due to COVID-19, we are asking parents to remain outside our school building at pick up and drop off times. Parents are welcome to enter the school yard but we ask that you don't enter the classrooms.

Please note: If you do need to enter the school building for any reason you must enter via the office, QRG check-in and provide evidence of your digital vaccination certificate to either Julie or myself.

RAT TESTS

As yet, our Rapid Antigen Tests have not been delivered to our school. We will update everyone when they arrive and send them home with each family.

POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

If your child returns a positive test result, please email or call the school directly through principal@olwanganaratta.catholic.edu.au and then report this through the Department of Health on <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests#report-a-positive-result-on-a-rapid-antigen-test> and follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>. We are here to support you with this so if in doubt, please call.

Students who report a positive test **must isolate for 7 days** and not attend school during that period. Students must refrain from returning to school after the 7 days if they are still displaying cold or flu like symptoms.

We will notify you if a student or staff member has returned a positive COVID19 test result and has attended the school.

Please note: if your child has tested positive to COVID19 they are not to be RAT tested for 30 days after their positive test.

HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for 7 days and not attend school during that period.

MASKS

Mask wearing indoors is still encouraged for all Year 3-6 students. Students in lower grade levels may wear a mask if they would like to also.

2022 FEES/LEVIES

Towards the end of 2021 some families received their 2022 Fee/Levy letter along with various forms that needed to be completed and returned. Existing families who have a Health Care or Pension card or use either our Centrepay or Direct Debiting facilities were sent home their letter/paperwork last year. Please ensure you complete and return all the necessary 2022 paperwork by this Friday February 4th. If you need another copy of the paperwork please contact Julie asap.

All other families – including our new families – will be sent a letter in the next week or so that will outline your 2022 financial commitment. Please be prompt in completing and returning the paperwork to the office once you receive it.

IT'S THREE BOYS!

Three new additions to the Our Lady's family during the holidays:

Congratulations to Amanda Hawke & Jarred White on the arrival of Harrison who is a baby brother for Mckenzie in the Bridging Centre.

Congratulations to Sam McKenzie & Jeremy Belton on the arrival of Edward who is a baby brother for Jordan in the Discovery Centre and Stephanie in the Bridging Centre.

Congratulations to Bec O'Dwyer & Rob Skase on the arrival of Patrick who is a baby brother for Bonnie in the Bridging Centre.

ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

With COVID-19 presenting us with some challenges coming together to celebrate, we met as a school community via Google Meets on Monday.

The following is some of the information that we have been sharing with the students this week:

Positive Behaviour Focus: 'How can I make the best start to 2022 at Our Lady's'.

At Our Lady's, we have three school wide expectations for all students to follow:

Do your best
Respect your school
Help others succeed

In class this week, children will be revisiting these expectations and setting class expectations.

Cassie

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 2 nd	Foundation Rest Day
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 9 th	Foundation Rest Day
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 16 th	Foundation Rest Day
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 23 rd	Foundation Rest Day
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 2 ND	Foundation Rest Day
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 9 TH	Foundation Rest Day
MONDAY	MARCH 14TH	Labour Day Public Holiday

AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2022

If you would like to use our After School Care program in 2022 please fill out the form below to show what days you would like your child/children to attend. Please note that bookings will be subject to available vacancies.

Kindly return the form to the office. Enrolment forms will be sent home to you once this form is returned.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

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Phone No

CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME

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