



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. 22 TUESDAY AUGUST 9th 2022

Dear God,

We place our worries in your hands.

We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

Amen



MASSES

Classes Masses this term are as follows:

Tuesday August 23rd - Foundation & Discovery Centre students at 9.00am

Wednesday September 7th – Our Lady’s Day Mass (Whole School Mass) led by the Bridging Centre students at 11.30am

Everyone is most welcome to join us for these celebrations which will all be held in Our Lady’s Church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

This afternoon at 3.30pm our students will continue on their learning journey with our Sacramental Program. Our students have two more sessions before they will be able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday August 28th 2022. These students & families, along with Christine have been busily preparing for this event since the beginning of the term. Meetings have been taking place in the meeting room next to Our Lady’s Church. This program is being facilitated by Christine McMahon who is a member of the Sacramental Team associated with the Catholic Parishes of Wangaratta.

F/1/2 EXCURSION

The F/1/2 classes will be heading off on an excursion to the Wangaratta Road Safety School on Wednesday the August 17th. Please keep an eye out for permission forms that will be sent home today.

BOOK WEEK

In Week 7 of Term 3 we will be celebrating Book Week. Please note, our parade will occur on Wednesday August 24th commencing at 9.00am in our school hall. All children are encouraged to come along and dress as their favourite book character. More details to come but until then, save the date! Please don’t go out and buy expensive costumes – get your child to use their imagination and make use of items you have at home.

2022 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thursday September 1st is our 2022 School Photo day. Every child has been sent home a personalized order form. Family order forms (for school students only) are available from the office. Completed order forms are due back to our school office by Wednesday August 31st.

Please note: Ordering photos is not compulsory – it is up to each individual family.

All children will have an individual photo taken regardless of whether or not their parent/s are ordering photos.

If you have any queries please contact Julie in the office.

NEW GATES

As many of you may be aware, we have installed some new gates around the school. There are a few reasons for the installation of these gates but the main reason is to increase child safety. When arriving early at school, we have been asking families to drop students off at the front office. Sometimes, we have students arriving before teachers are in their classrooms so entering via the office allows us to monitor this.

Any student arriving before 8.20am needs to have prior permission to be coming to school early.

At 8.20am each morning, the carpark gate is open, signalling the start of supervision for the day. These gates then are locked at 8.45am when students commence class and remain locked for the school day. Any student arriving after 8.45am is asked to enter via the office so they can receive a late to school pass. Any visitors to school are also required to enter via the office. We are hoping this new process makes things very clear to all our community members.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Just some forward notice of a Pupil Free day in September. On Friday September 2nd all staff will be attending a Spirituality Professional Development Day in Bright. Staff will head up to Bright at the end of the school day on the Thursday afternoon to be ready bright (pardon the pun!) and early on the Friday.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE (OHSC) CLOSURE DAYS

Due to the above Professional Development day our OHSC program **will not** be running on the following dates: **Thursday September 1st and Friday September 2nd.**

2023 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for our Foundation 2023 class. If you have a child that will start school next year please contact Julie as soon as possible so she can send home the necessary enrolment paperwork. If you know of any new family who wishes to send their child to Our Lady's in 2023 please ask them to contact the office to make an appointment with me.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regular school attendance within Primary School paves the way for attendance in the future. This is why we have 'reasonable excuses' to not attend school. Medical appointments, illness and bereavement are considered a reasonable excuse. Having a day off because it is your birthday or taking a day to go shopping would not be considered a reasonable excuse. The patterns we create now in your child's life will be the patterns they use when they eventually enter the work force. It is worth considering.

NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE CASES

As a school, we anticipate that all families will make contact when their child is identified as a close contact. That way, we can encourage your child, if they are in Grade 3 or above, to wear a mask.

As a school, we will notify our community when a positive case has attended our facility. Please ensure you contact us if you child tests positive. We do however remind everyone that, to attend school, you must be symptom free. Even with a negative test result, we expect students who are sick to stay at home.

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

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.

NEW- FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Our Lady's now has a new 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.

Our Lady's Primary School values the responsible use of social media and we reserve the right to remove any content that we believe is in breach of these values. When using social media, our community is expected to ensure that they:

- Respect the rights and confidentiality of others
- Do not impersonate or falsely represent another person
- Do not bully, intimidate, harass or threaten others
- Do not make defamatory comments
- Do not use obscene or offensive language towards others
- Do not post content that is hateful, threatening, pornographic or incites violence against others
- Do not harm the reputation and good standing of Our Lady's or those within its community
- Do not use excessive criticism to portray a person as socially, mentally, physically or intellectually inferior

Our Lady's Primary School will exercise its right to remove any content that is believed to be in breach of these policies, guidelines and the values of our school. Content will be removed if it contains:

- Offensive abusive, obscene, profane, hateful or racist content, links or images, comments that threaten or defame any person or organisation
- The direct, full name or descriptive reference to an individual, irrespective of the post's tone
- Solicitations and advertisements by other organisations or endorsements by other organisations or endorsements of other organisations.
- Multiple or repetitive posts by a single user
- Repetitive posts copied and pasted or duplicated by single or multiple users
- Anything else that the school deems inappropriate and does not align with our values, standards, policies and guidelines

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 **honesty and trust**. We are looking for people who are claimers, who own their own behaviour and who actively look to be just like Jesus in our world.

This week in Positive Behaviours we are learning to demonstrate the following:

Do your best: by owning your own behaviour

Respect your school: by being honest

Help others succeed: by making positive choices about noise and words

Our Power Play Focus this week is:

Students who own their own behaviour

Congratulations to Aiden Garraffo who was the winner of the last week's PowerPlay Raffle.

Cassie

P & F BOOKFAIR

Last week we advised that the commission from the Bookfair was \$210-00 when in actual fact it was \$547-00! Rosie has selected some books for the Library and the remainder of the commission will be used to provide Birthday books for our students. Thanks again to everyone who supported this event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	August 17 th	F/1/2 to Wangaratta Traffic School
Tuesday	August 23 rd	Foundation & Discovery Centre Mass in Our Lady's Church at 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	August 24 th	Book Week Parade 8.45am in Fr. James Byrne Hall <i>All Welcome</i>
Sunday	August 28 th	Confirmation/First Eucharist during Mass in Our Lady's Church at 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	September 1st	School Photo Day Out of Hours School Care – closed today
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 2ND	PUPIL FREE DAY – STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Wednesday	September 7 th	Whole school Mass led by the Bridging Centre students to celebrate Our Lady's Day in Our Lady's Church at 11.30am <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	September 16 th	End of Term Three
Monday	October 3 rd	Start of Term Four
Wednesday-Friday	October 5 th to 7 th	Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp to Harrierville
Monday-Wednesday	October 10 th to 12 th	Leadership Centre (Grade Five/Six) Camp to Borambola

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