



# 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. 24 TUESDAY AUGUST 23rd 2022

### Confirmation Prayer

May Jesus come to bless you on your Confirmation Day.  
May you feel His loving presence in a very special way.  
And as you strive to follow in his footsteps,  
may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness

Amen



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

The Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist Mass will be held this Sunday August 28th 2022. This program has been facilitated by Christine McMahon who is a member of the Sacramental Team associated with the Catholic Parishes of Wangaratta. Please keep Henry, Leo, Kenzie, Ariaah, Robbie & Pat in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their spiritual life.

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## **MASSES**

Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 this celebration which will all be held in Our Lady’s Church.

## **BOOK WEEK PARADE -TOMORROW WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>**

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Book Week. Our parade will commence at approximately 9.00am. At this stage we are planning to have the parade outside- either in the courtyard if the weather is fine or in the Pat Reidy pavilion if raining. All children are encouraged to come along dressed as their favourite book character. 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.

## **NETBALL UPDATE**

The Our Lady’s Netball teams have been busy over the weekend in challenging conditions. By all accounts both teams played with resilience and determination. In tricky, slippery conditions both teams excelled and should be incredibly proud of themselves. The Renegades, despite all attempts, were unfortunately defeated. This did not dampen their team spirit however and they were able to cheer The Doves on to a nail-biting finish! The Doves’ have made it through to the Grand Final this Saturday morning. Good luck Doves!

## **ADMIN EMAIL**

Parents are still using Julie’s personal work email to let us know about their child/children rather than using the new admin email. If Julie is away for any reason any messages sent to Julie’s email address will not get passed on-this is why the admin email has been set up as other staff are able to access this as well.

If you need to advise of absences, changes to after school pick up, OHSC bookings etc. please make sure you use the following email:

**admin@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au**

All absent notes sent through the school app are automatically sent to the admin email.

## **2022 SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Next Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

**If paying by cash please include the correct money as change will not be given out on the day.**

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.

## **PUPIL FREE DAY-FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND**

Next Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> all staff will be attending a Spirituality Professional Development Day in Beechworth therefore this will be a Pupil Free day for students.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **SANDHURST ARTS ON SHOW**

The Sandhurst Arts on Show returns and will be held in Wangaratta this year on Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>. This involves all our Grade Five & Six students. Each family will be able to access 4 free tickets for the afternoon performance at 1.30pm (bookings will be required). Students in Grade Five & Six will receive more information about this shortly. A flyer is also attached to the newsletter.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

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## **REPORTS AND TEACHER ADVISOR MEETINGS**

Following a review at staff level, we have made the decision to change our reporting structure here at Our Lady's. Traditionally, teachers have been creating termly reports which is impacting greatly on teacher workload. We have decided to simplify our process and align ourselves with common practice in the Sandhurst Diocese and will be sending out Semester reports. We will also be seeking some feedback from parents regarding what you would like to see included in these reports so stay tuned. Moving forward Teacher Advisor meetings will be offered twice a year – in Term 1 & Term 3 (following the Semester 1 Report).

One thing we do wish to make very clear however is that if you do have a concern or question for a staff member, we have an open door policy. Please make an appointment to speak to your child's classroom teacher to be proactive if you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything.

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## **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.

## **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

## **SOCKS, PANTS AND ALL THINGS MUD!**

Over the past week we have had to send some students home with extra pants/socks etc. due to our muddy oval. Please note these are boomerang items and need to be returned to school. Leather shoes are recommended by schools for this very reason. Sneaker type shoes just allow all the water in and children end up with wet, cold feet. If you are able to invest in some leather school shoes or water-resistant shoes this would benefit your child greatly.

## **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 **happiness**. Happiness comes from doing the right thing and the way that makes us feel.

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

Do your best: by washing your hands with soap and water

Respect your school: by sitting down to eat and cleaning up after yourself

Help others succeed: by using your manners/thanking those who have prepared our food

Our Power Play Focus this week is:

**Students who do the right thing**

Congratulations to Lillie in the Leadership Centre who was the winner of the last week's PowerPlay Raffle.

Cassie

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Wednesday        | August 24 <sup>th</sup>                      | Book Week Parade approximately 9.00am (either in the courtyard or the Pat Reidy pavilion) <i>All Welcome</i>                         |
| Sunday           | August 28 <sup>th</sup>                      | Confirmation/First Eucharist during Mass in Our Lady's Church at 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>   |
| Wednesday        | August 31 <sup>st</sup>                      | Musica Viva performance – whole school -in Fr. James Bryne Hall 9.00am   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>September 1<sup>st</sup></b>              | <b>School Photo Day</b><br><b>Out of Hours School Care – closed today</b>  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup></b>              | <b>PUPIL FREE DAY – STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>   |
| Wednesday        | September 7 <sup>th</sup>                    | 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> |
| Tuesday          | September 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | Sandhurst Arts on Show (Grade 5/6) at St. Patrick's Church Hall  |
| Friday           | September 16 <sup>th</sup>                   | End of Term Three <b>2.10pm finish</b>   |
| Monday           | October 3rd                                  | Start of Term Four <b>8.45am start</b>   |
| Wednesday-Friday | October 5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp to Harrierville  |
| Monday-Wednesday | October 10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> | Leadership Centre (Grade Five/Six) Camp to Borambola   |

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