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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. 25 TUESDAY AUGUST 30th 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.



MASSES

Next Wednesday September 7th – Our Lady’s Day Mass (Whole School Mass) led by the Bridging Centre students at 9.00am (please note change of time). Everyone is most welcome to join us for this celebration which will all be held in Our Lady’s Church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

On Sunday our school community came together to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Congratulations to our students who completed this important step in their spiritual life- Henry, Leo, Kenzie, Ariaah, Robbie & Pat.

We were so very fortunate enough to have this program facilitated by Christine McMahon who is a member of the Sacramental Team associated with the Catholic Parishes of Wangaratta.

BOOK WEEK

A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to our Book Week Parade last week. Students had an amazing time dressing up and enjoying the parade. It was wonderful to see students embracing all things books. A special thank you to our Grade 6 students for running the parade.

NETBALL UPDATE

On Saturday the Doves played in the netball grand final and were unfortunately defeated. Despite the challenges faced, this group of individual players came together to support each other so beautifully. The skills they demonstrated were resilience, dedication, determination and energy. Players from the Renegade team were also able to come along and support them. Both the Doves and Renegades teams should be proud of all their achievements this year. Stay tuned for 2023!

A huge thank you to Kate Bell and Stacey O’Brien for providing this experience for our students. The teams have all learnt so much from you and the experience you have provided to them is invaluable.

2022 SCHOOL PHOTOS

This 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 TOMORROW Wednesday August 31st.

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

If paying by cash please put the correct money in the envelope 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-THIS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

This Friday September 2nd 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: **this Thursday September 1st and Friday September 2nd.**

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Next Thursday September 8th, the students in Grade 3-6 will be heading off to compete with St. Patrick's Primary School for our annual athletic sports. More information to follow shortly including permission forms.

SANDHURST ARTS ON SHOW

On Tuesday September 13th, Sandhurst Arts on Show is coming to Wangaratta. The students in Grade 5/6 have been busily preparing for this event. Please ensure permission forms have been returned. We wish the Grade 5/6 students all the best for this concert. Free tickets are available to the concert at 1.30pm on the day - limit 4 per family with bookings to be made online- please see attached flyer.

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 oval. Please return any items that we have provided as we are running low of supplies in our uniform cupboard.

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@olwangaratta.catholic.edu.au

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

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Our Lady's now has a 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.

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.

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 your 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.

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 **mental toughness**. This is something that was demonstrated so beautifully by our netballers over the past couple of weeks dealing with the netball finals. Developing mental toughness is an important key for a successful life.

This week in [Positive Behaviours](#) we are learning to demonstrate the following:

[Do your best:](#) thinking about how a problem can be solved

[Respect your school:](#) following adult directions and listening to your friends

[Help others succeed:](#) speaking up when you see that something is not right

Our [Power Play Focus](#) this week is:

Students who make good decisions

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

Cassie

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE – NEW MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

We are transferring to a new Software Platform early next term and attached is information regarding the transfer. This will affect all parents who have children enrolled in our Out of Hours School Care Program.

You will be required to register and fill in details with the new software for easier access to your child's information and for signing your child out of each session they attend.

You don't need to do anything until you receive an invitation to register in the first week of next term.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	August 31 st	Musica Viva performance – whole school -in Fr. James Bryne Hall 9.00am
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 9.00am (please note change of time) <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday	September 8 th	Grade 3-6 Combined Athletic Sports Day with St. Patrick’s PS at Appin Street Athletics Complex
Tuesday	September 13 th	Sandhurst Arts on Show (Grade 5/6) at St. Patrick’s Church Hall
Friday	September 16 th	End of Term Three 2.10pm finish
Monday	October 3 rd	Start of Term Four 8.45am start
Wednesday-Friday	October 5 th to 7 th	Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp to Harrietville
Monday-Wednesday	October 10 th to 12 th	Leadership Centre (Grade Five/Six) Camp to Borambola

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