



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 22 TUESDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2016

At the start of this term all classes are working on Religious Education units that explore the idea of Christian mission. The following scripture and prayer from the United States Bishops' Conference helps us to reflect on this concept:

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:16-21

We pray, O God, that you would inspire us and equip us to respond to your call to live out our faith in your world by defending human life and caring for the poor and vulnerable among us. That we might take seriously our call "to configure social life correctly," working to remake those flawed systems and structures in which injustice is found.

That we might be leaven, healing what is broken and sanctifying the world. That we might respond to our own human dignity and the dignity found in all other persons by participating in public life in order to protect all life and promote the common good.

That we might work to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and clothe the naked in our local, national and global communities.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen

### CLASS MASSES

Our next class Mass is set for Tuesday August the 2<sup>nd</sup> when the Leadership Centre students will host Mass for their Foundation Centre friends. Mass starts at 9:00am in Our Lady's Church and family and friends are most welcome to come along.

## **WANGARATTA PARISH MASSES**

Masses for this weekend are:

* Saturday	6.00 pm	St Patrick's
* Sunday	8.00 am	St Patrick's
* Sunday	9.00 am	Our Lady's
* Sunday	10.00 am	Moyhu
* Sunday	10.30 am	Whitfield (1st Sunday)
* Sunday	10.30 am	St Patrick's
* Sunday	5.00 pm	Latin Mass at St Patrick's

Our Lady's also usually has weekday Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays commencing at 9:00am however some changes may happen if funerals are held on these days.

## **SEASONS FOR GROWTH**

We offer a program through our schools called Seasons for Growth. This loss and grief program is facilitated by Sr. Gail Ryan and other trained adult companions. Further along in the newsletter is some more information about the program. If you think your child/children would benefit from participating in this year's program please complete the form and return to the school office by Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **TERM THREE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNITS**

In each grade area there are plans for two units of work planned for this term. These units are from our Diocesan Religious Education program "Source of Life".

In Foundation they are:

'Called to live like Jesus' - in this unit the students will find a purpose for acting as Jesus did. They will understand that when they do this, they are living as Jesus showed us. They will relate it to how they care for themselves and others in the world.

'I can talk to God' - in this unit the students will find a purpose for acting as Jesus did. They will understand that when they do this, they are living as Jesus showed us. They will relate it to how they care for themselves and others in the world.

In the Discovery Centre they are:

'Loving God and others, Our Call to Mission' - this unit will provide students with the opportunity to relate their experience of the loving actions of family members and others to the example of Jesus. Students will learn how Christians with a sense of mission can love God and others at a personal, local and global level. Students will be encouraged to identify how they can participate in the mission of Jesus by loving God and others through acts of service.

'Bible stories about Jesus' - in this unit the students will share some Bible stories about Jesus and be presented with Jesus as one who shows us how we are to live.

In the Bridging Centre they are:

'Serving others' - in this unit students will explore the concept of loving service and relate it to mission, based on Jesus' example. Students will explore ways in which Christians serve other people, particularly those overseas.

'Sacraments of Initiation-Eucharist' - in this unit students will be introduced to the idea that when the community of believers – the Church – celebrates a Sacrament, God is present in the celebration. The place of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – are the basis for Christian life in the Catholic Tradition will be reinforced.

## **TERM THREE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNITS (cont...)**

The Leadership Centre will work on:

‘Witnessing and proclaiming’ - in this unit students will develop their understanding and appreciation of Christian mission as a sharing in the mission of Jesus. In studying the witness of Christian missionaries who proclaim the Good News of Jesus, students will be encouraged to consider practical ways in which they can share with others in Jesus’ mission to the poor and the oppressed.

‘Who is Jesus in Luke’s Gospel’ - in this unit students study some of the images of Jesus as presented in Luke’s gospel, as well as Jesus’ special concern for the marginalised. The students will examine the way in which Luke illustrates the pattern of Christian life and explore how the values and themes of this Gospel can be applied to life.

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TONIGHT**

Our July meeting will be held this evening. Our focus will be on the Child Safety and Protection policy, School Child Safe Code of Conduct, review of the Enrolment policy, review of the Privacy policy, Student Leadership policy, update our plans for the development of the office and staffroom and to start the process for renewing our Maintenance Program.

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

Lunch orders will resume tomorrow, Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> and continue until the end of this term.

## **GRANDPARENTS DAY/ART SHOW**

Our Liturgy and presentation for Grandparents Day has been confirmed for NEXT Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00am and concluding with morning tea. July 26<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Joachim and Anne who are traditionally acknowledged as the grandparents of Jesus. It will be held in the Fr. James Byrne hall and will include a display from our Visual Arts program. The Liturgy will celebrate family and all that our families do for us. All community members are most welcome to attend.

**Families are asked to send along a plate of morning tea next Tuesday.**

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Our annual Book Fair will run from next Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> and will be set up in the new Drama room. Purchases can be made between 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm each day. Up to 20% of the total sales for the week will be donated back to the school via the supply of new books for the Library. The Drama room can be accessed from the courtyard via the orange door.

Franca Villella, who is co-ordinating the Book Fair, will need some help with selling the books immediately after the Grandparents Day morning tea. If you can help her for an hour or so next Tuesday please give her a ring on 57221982.

## **MATHS WALK THROUGH**

On Monday August 1st there is an opportunity for a Maths walk through to see our learning spaces in action. Starting at 10:00am we will visit all classrooms when they will be running their Maths activities for this day. Our hope is to give visitors an insight into the way learning takes place and how the children are involved in the process. We hope to finish at Recess which is 10:45am.

## **INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS**

Today we have sent home a number of surveys to some of our families. The survey seeks to collect thoughts about a number of aspects of school life. Information will also be collected from Year Five & Six students as well as staff members. The information is used to shape our future planning in a number of areas. We would be grateful if the survey was either completed online (you can use the school facilities) or the forms completed and returned to school to be posted. Surveys are due next Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **LEADERSHIP REVIEW**

In the Diocese of Sandhurst there is a process of rolling school reviews that focus on the five areas of the Charter of Sandhurst School Improvement (COSSI) these being Catholic Identity, Learning and Teaching, Pastoral Wellbeing, Leadership and Stewardship of Resources. Each of the reviews involves a self- reflection process by the school against a set of standards from the COSSI which are then validated by an external panel.

Next month Our Lady's will have a validation in the area of Leadership. The staff have prepared responses to the standards in the areas of shaping culture, transforming community, developing governance structures, focus on learning, building capacity, enhance performance and stewardship of resources. In each of these areas we have set a goal, or action intention, to help develop this role of the school.

At the same time we have all the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority compliance areas reviewed. These are Democratic Principles, Governance Structures, Probity, Philosophy, Enrolments, Student Learning Outcomes, Curriculum, Professional Learning, Involvement in National Assessment Programs, Disability Compliance, Student Reports and Public Information.

It is important that we regularly step back and reflect on where we sit in relation to the expectations of the various systems that we are involved with.

## **MAKING JESUS REAL FOCUS**

Each week we have a focus for where we can work to have others see Jesus in us. This week the focus is on 'Teamwork'.

## **ASSEMBLY THANK YOU**

Each Monday we have a part of our Assembly devoted to giving thanks for behaviours that have been helpful for our school. Expressing thanks allows us to acknowledge actions that help us as well as highlighting language and actions that we would like to see happen in the future. They often relate to our expectations from last week or to events that students were involved in. This week we give thanks for:

- For being responsible by being organized
- For being respectful by showing tolerance, understanding and patience
- For showing responsibility by following the uniform expectations
- For being ready to learn by choosing the right people to work with
- To everyone who responsibly picked and ate our mandarins
- To the responsible players who chose to keep playing as way of dealing with a problem
- To all the responsible people who treated the new blinds with care

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**

Our expectations focus for this week is 'Positive Choices':

**Be Ready to Learn:** By allowing others to learn  
Following the rules of working in a group  
Choosing a space to support your learning

**Be Responsible:** By using positive words to solve your problems

**Be Respectful:** By using positive communication towards others-  
body language and the words we use.

**Power Play Focus:** **Students who use a respectful tone of voice and  
students who are respectful during meditation**

Congratulations to Ishnoor who was the winner of last week's PowerPlay raffle.

Mark

## **CHANGES TO WEEKLY CLASS NEWS**

We are changing the way we give you information about our learning in the newsletter. At the beginning of each term we will provide an overview of the term and the focus for each learning area. In addition to this we will upload photos and information about our learning on the school app as the focus changes each week. After the initial newsletter each term most of the information will be around dates and things coming up. Please continue to read your newsletter but also regularly check the school app for updates.

## **P & F NEWS**

### **CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

65 chocolates left to sell – any takers??

### **BOOK CLUB**

The next issue of Book Club was sent home yesterday. Orders and payment due are in next Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **'SAFE LACE' FUNDRAISER**

If you wish to put an order in please return your order form and payment to the office as soon as possible.

### **P & F MEETING**

The next P & F meeting will be held on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.00am in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meeting 6.30pm
Monday-Friday	July 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day/Art Show 10.00am <i>All Welcome</i>  <b>Families to send in a plate for the morning tea</b>  Book Fair sales after morning tea
Tuesday	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leadership Centre Mass 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	P & F Meeting 9.00am in staffroom <i>All Welcome</i>
Tuesday	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Tuesday	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Foundation Centre Mass 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday/Friday	September 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp to Great Aussie Resort Holiday Park
Wednesday	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Night
Friday	September 16 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Three

### STEER CLOTHING WINTER SALE (52 Norton Street – Opposite Railway Station)

20% OFF School wear and storewide – rainchecks welcome

Starts Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> Ends Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>

Credit card or cash only – No Layby or accounts – No other promotions apply



Seasons for Growth is a small group loss and grief education program. The Children and Young People's Program strengthens the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people (aged 6 -18) who are dealing with significant loss or change. This may include the death of a loved one, parental divorce or separation, the experience and aftermath of natural disaster, moving house or school, as well as many other life changes and losses.

Small groups of 4-7 children work with a trained adult Companion (facilitator) who supports the children in learning new ways to share, think about and respond to the changes and losses in their lives. Children learn that they are not alone in dealing with the effects of change, loss and grief. They build their understanding and communication, decision making and problem solving skills as part of a supportive peer group.

The Seasons for Growth Children and Young People's Program takes place over a structured eight week period filled with peer-to-peer learning opportunities - with time to talk and listen as well as take part in activities including drawing, music, art, journaling, roleplays and story telling. A celebration session and two follow up 'reconnector' sessions complete the program, and each session explores an age appropriate concept, for example "Change is a part of life" and "Caring for my feelings". The story of the seasons is used to explain the cycles of life, including change and loss, and provides a valuable metaphor for children to explore and understand their own story.

*If you think your son / daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, I would encourage you to talk to him / her about this. Should you wish to participate, please fill in the tear off section below and return to the school within two weeks if possible. Please feel to contact Sr Gail Ryan (0488 219 955) or the school for further information.*

*Parents of those children participating will be contacted and given further information about the program.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
give my consent for my son / daughter \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the Seasons for Growth Education Program. I have discussed this with him / her.  
Parent / Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's signature \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_



# 2ND ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a great night out, full of fun and frivolity, relaxing with friends and the wider St. Bernard's community

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE**

**CHILD-FREE ZONE!**

**BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES**

**TRIVIA & CHALLENGES**

**FIRST PLACE TEAM PRIZE & GLORY!**

***"LAST YEAR WAS GOOD...  
DON'T MISS OUT THIS YEAR"***



**WHEN:** Saturday 30th July

7 pm for a 7:30 pm start

**WHERE:** St Bernard's Primary School Hall

**TICKETS:** \$15 per person. Maximum of 10 people per table

*Organise a table or join one on the night!*

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**