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NEWSLETTER NO. 1 TUESDAY JANUARY 31ST 2017

A prayer to mark the start of the school year:

Loving Father,
in this new school year I pray:
To live deeply, with purpose,
To live freely, with detachment,
To live wisely, with humility,
To live justly, with compassion,
To live lovingly, with fidelity,
To live mindfully, with awareness,
To live gratefully, with generosity,
To live fully, with enthusiasm.

Help me to hold this vision and to daily renew it in my heart,
Becoming ever more one with you, "My truest Self".

Amen
-J. Rupp

Welcome to 2017

I trust that you all have had a restful break and are ready to enthusiastically launch into a new school year. It has been a very lengthy break. Our school holidays run on a cycle and the past holiday was the longest for some time.

Today we had all the Year One to Six students return and tomorrow we welcome all the Foundation students. There are also a number of new families joining our school community. We welcome the following families Butterworth, Hagl, Lepenik, Magee, Kendall, Lacey, Brennan, Weimer, Garoni, Phillips and Sherwill.

LITURGY

Start of Year Mass

All classes will attend a Mass to mark the start of the school year on Tuesday February 14th at 9:00am in Our Lady's Church. All family and friends are most welcome to come along and join us.

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

Our Lady's typically has week day Masses on Tuesday and Friday both commencing at 9:00am. Some changes may happen if funerals are held on these days.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE

Today we launch our Out of Hours School Care Program. It will be supervised by Mellissa Harper who will be assisted by Celia Craven and Netti Attard all who are current staff members at the school. It will be housed in the hall and run from the end of school at 3.10pm until 6:00pm.

We have had a few families indicate last year that they would like to make use of the facility. If you are interested in using this service please contact the office to arrange the necessary paperwork and costs etc. can be explained to you.

For the first few weeks this service will only be available to Our Lady's students and once we have all the 'kinks' ironed out we will offer it to families of other schools as well.

WELCOME MORNING TEA- TOMORROW

The P & F will conduct a morning tea tomorrow morning, Wednesday February 1st, from 8.45am in the staffroom (behind the office). All parents new to the school from Foundation to Grade 6, along with any existing parents, are most welcome to come along.

HATS

Just a reminder that all students MUST wear their school hat when outside at ALL times during the school day. If they don't have their hat at school they must remain under the verandah for all outside activities. Hats are available for purchase from the school office at a cost of \$10-00.

HEALTH CARE/PENSION CARD HOLDERS

If any parent/carer has become eligible for either a Health Care Card or Pension Card during the holidays (and you did not have this in 2016) and it was valid as of yesterday, January 30th 2017, please call in to see Julie to discuss your 2017 financial obligation.

MOWING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Our mowing roster for the first half of this year is as follows:

February	Darren Bell & family
March	Graeme Lovel & family
April	Peter Sullivan & family
May	Darren Brockwell & family
June	Petersen family

If your family is able to join the roster please contact the office. Please call into the office at the beginning of the month that you are rostered on to pick up a key to access the mower shed. This will need to be returned at the end of your rostered month so the next family can collect it.

IT'S TWO GIRLS!

Congratulations to Kat Attard and her partner Ron on the arrival of their twin girls Matilda & Sasha over the holidays. The girls are sisters for Emmalee in Grade Five.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is 'Being Welcoming':

Helping Others Succeed: Caring for all equipment, property, uniform and possessions
Following adult direction(s)

Doing Your Best: Being welcoming
Being encouraging
Being thankful
Being honest

Respecting Your School: Being a positive and active participant
Keeping others safe
Committing to doing your best as often as you can

Power Play Focus: **Students who are welcoming**

Congratulations to Shaelee Kubiak, Mary Lovel & Jasper Abotomey who were the winners of the last PowerPlay Raffle for 2016.

Mark

BRIDGING CENTRE NEWS

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. Our teaching team within the Bridging Centre this year consists of Cathie Walsh (Classroom Teacher), Greg Young (Classroom Teacher), Christie Draper (Teacher Aide) and Celia Craven (Teacher Aide), Lucia Alesiani (Italian), Melissa Harper (Visual Arts) and Bridget Malcom (Performing Arts).

We trust you managed to enjoy some quality time with your family over the Christmas Break. We are looking forward to the year ahead with your child. We also extend a warm welcome to all those families who are new to the Bridging Centre. Our Lady's School is not just a community of students and teachers. We are a community of families, so please feel very welcome to involve yourself at every opportunity. If your family is new to the Bridging Centre please make some time to come along and enjoy a friendly chat with your child's teacher.

Formal Parent Teacher Meetings will be held at the end of each term and reports will be distributed at this time. Teachers attend staff meetings after school each Monday and Professional Development Meetings are held each Tuesday after school. If you require an appointment with your child's teacher please contact us for a suitable time. Wednesday and Thursday afternoons are usually good times.

Our Inquiry across the school for this term has a history focus. The Bridging Centre will be looking at how 'Australia Commemorates and Celebrates' specific events in our history. Our Catholic Identity focus for 2017 is 'Our Journey in Faith' and our Religious Education units for Term One are 'Prayer' and 'Easter'.

Visual Arts and Performing Arts lessons will be held each Thursday and Italian lessons will occur each Tuesday. Physical Education and Sport will take place each Wednesday and Friday and all students must wear shorts, polo shirt and sports runners on these days- girls are not to wear dresses for sport days.

Our Lady's School will be using 'Google Classroom' this year to help facilitate learning and engage our students more fully. Parents can access this portal from home via the internet to view their child's work and results. We have also purchased a number of Macbooks over the holiday break to ensure that we now have a 1:1 computer program in the Bridging Centre. This will be a fantastic resource to enhance our teaching and learning in 2017. If you're interested in a basic Google Classroom Introduction for Parents I suggest you view the following short video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mI_0heJkN4A More information will follow in the coming weeks. If you have any specific questions or concerns related to our Computer Program please speak with Greg.

Once again, Welcome Back! We're looking forward to the year ahead at Our Lady's with 'Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts' as we 'Journey Together in Faith'!

Kind regards
Greg, Cathie, Celia & Christie

P & F NEWS

P & F MEETING

The first meeting for 2017 will be held next Wednesday February 8th at 9.00am and will focus on the 2017 FunFair.

FUNFAIR NEWS

As mentioned above next week's P & F meeting on Wednesday February 8th will predominantly focus on this year's FunFair. Please come along if you are able to.

2017 FUNFAIR ROSTER

The FunFair committee are starting to look for volunteers for this year's event on **Saturday March 18th 2017**. As you can see we are in need to quite a few stall co-ordinators as well as many general volunteers on each stall. Please have a look at the attached list and put your name down on which stall you would like to help out with and return it to the office.

All families are expected to offer their time at this event as the proceeds benefit all students.

We really need to start getting this roster up and going as there so please put your name down on the list.

MYSTERY JARS

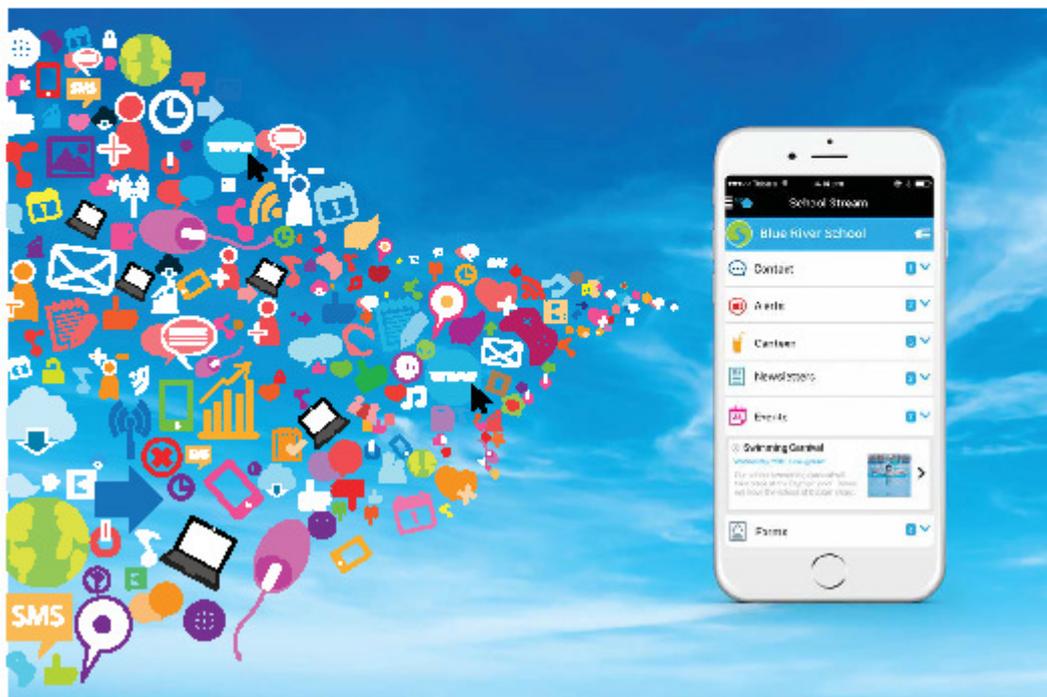
We need donations of empty 500g jars (with lids) for our mystery jar stall. Donations of new items to put in the jars would also be appreciated. Any small items such as hair ties, small toys, lollies (must be individually wrapped) can be left at the office from now on.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	February 1 st	First day Term One for Foundation students 8.45am to 1.00pm
Thursday/Friday	February 2 nd /3 rd	Foundation students attend 8.45am to 1.00pm
Wednesday	February 8 th	P & F Meeting (FunFair) 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i>
Tuesday	February 14 th	Opening Mass 9.00am in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
Saturday	March 18th	2017 Twilight FunFair 5.00pm to 9.00pm

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2017 FUNFAIR ROSTER

<p>AUCTION Co-ordinator: Kate Bell & Dani Bell (Darren Bell Auctioneer)</p>	<p>SPINNING WHEEL Co-ordinator: DANI BELL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 4. ????? 5. ????? 	<p>FRONT GATE/ RAFFLE TICKETS Co-ordinator: CAROLINE METCRAFT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 	<p>HOUSE OF MYSTERY Co-ordinator: ?????</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 4. ????? 	<p>SHOWBAGS Co-ordinator: ?????</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ???? 2. ???? 3. ???? 4. ????
<p>HOMEMADE Co-ordinator: ?????????</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 4. ????? 	<p>EQUINE/FOOD Co-ordinator: ?????</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 4. ????? 5. ????? 	<p>BBO: Co-ordinator: MARC BONGERS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 4. ????? 5. ????? 6. ????? 7. ????? 8. ????? 9. ????? 10. ????? 	<p>CAFÉ/DESSERTS/ CAKE STALL Co-ordinator: ?????</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 4. ????? 5. ????? 6. ????? 	<p>SIDE SHOW ALLEY Co-ordinator: ?????????</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 4. ????? 5. ????? 6. ?????
<p>VIRTUAL REALITY Co-ordinator: STEVIE ABOTOMEY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 	<p>FUN HOUSE Teachers</p>	<p>BALLOONS Co-ordinator: ?????</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 	<p>INTERNATIONAL FOOD Co-ordinator: JACKIE CREEK</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ????? 3. ????? 4. ????? 5. ????? 	<p>TRAIN Co-ordinators: DARREN BELL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ????? 2. ?????

