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NEWSLETTER NO. 10 TUESDAY APRIL 18TH 2017

A children's prayer for Easter from Living Prayers:

Dear God

Thank you for giving us such good gifts.
For our families who love us.
For yummy food and tasty drink.
For so many different beautiful animals.
For parks with tall trees and soft grass.
For birds that fly among the clouds.
For seas and streams that are fun to paddle in.
And thank you for your son Jesus.
We like to read about him in the Bible.
He taught his disciples about you.
He healed people who were sick.
He walked on water,
and even died and came back to life.
Help us to remember all the things he did
and celebrate him on this special day.

Amen.



Welcome to Term Two. This term is a very full one with a number of activities and celebrations for our school in addition to our normal school life. I hope you all had a restful school break and that the children are keen and happy to be back.

2017 CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

Confirmation and First Eucharist will be held on Saturday May 13th and Sunday May 14th. The ceremony at Our Lady's Church will be on the Sunday at 9:00am.

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.

SCHOOL BOARD

Our next School Board meeting will be held **tonight** -Tuesday April 18th at 6.30pm.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Each year the schools in Wangaratta are invited to participate in the community march on ANZAC Day. The march starts in Reid Street at the roundabout end of Ovens Street at about 10:30am and concludes at the Cenotaph with the ceremony which runs for about 30 minutes. Students who are participating in the march are asked to wear school uniform.

ANZAC DAY MERCHANDISE

We will once again be supporting the RSL's ANZAC Appeal with students able to purchase merchandise. ANZAC pins cost \$1-00, wrist bands \$3-00, pens \$5-00 and there are badges for \$5-00 & \$10-00. Merchandise will be taken around each classroom Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week and next week on Monday and Wednesday.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE

If you need to make a change to your child's booking with Out of Hours School Care (OHSC) please make sure you **telephone the office on 57213783 before 2.30pm** on the day rather than just emailing Julie. This applies if your child has a permanent booking and will not be attending on a particular day or if you want to book them in as a casual booking. If Julie is away for any reason her emails do not get checked by anyone else.

FOOD HANDLING COURSE

The Centre for Continuing Education is offering a food handling course on Tuesday May the 2nd at Yarrunga Primary School using their garden kitchen. The course runs from 9:00am to 4.00pm and will provide each participant with an industry recognized certificate. It would be a great opportunity to develop work place skills as well as gain knowledge in an area that would be very helpful to our school. The course will be free for any participants from Our Lady's Primary School. **We need to have definite numbers by this Friday.** Please contact the office if you are interested in participating in this course.

MOWING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Our mowing roster for this year is as follows:

May/June/July/August	Darren Brockwell & family
September	Luke Holley & family
October	Darren Bell & family
November	Graeme Lovel & family
December	Peter Sullivan & family

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY THANK YOU

At the start of each week we give thanks to some of the positive behaviours that we noted in the past week. It is an opportunity to acknowledge helpful behaviours, it raises language that highlights good choices and it models the need to regularly thank people in a way that communicates what we are thankful for. This week we thanked:

- To all the students who do their best by owning their behaviour
- For doing your best when you invite others to join in
- For the positive behaviour choices made at our Easter presentation
- For the positive efforts made for our Celebration of Learning
- To the Year Three to Six students for doing their best at the Sports Day with St. Patrick's
- For helping others succeed by supporting our Easter raffle
- For showing respect for our school in your positive behavior choices during the Tennis Hot Shots visit
- To everyone who kept us safe over the school holidays

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is '**Being positive in the playground**':

<u>Doing your best:</u>	Keeping hands and your body to yourself
<u>Helping others succeed:</u>	Responding quickly to the bell, music or instructions
<u>Respecting your school:</u>	Inviting others who want to join in
<u>Power Play Focus:</u>	Students who make positive playground decisions

Congratulations to Blake West, Olivia Lacey, Mikylle Grainger & Grace Weimer who were the winners of the Power Play Raffle at the end of last term.

Mark

FOUNDATION NEWS

Welcome back to Term Two! We hope you enjoyed the break from routine that holidays bring. The children had lots of stories to tell about their Easter adventures-lots of Easter egg hunts and visits with families. The children came back to school very settled and ready to learn.

Term Two Learning

Literacy: The children have really enjoyed using the iPads for their learning. We have some great apps on them that teach letter identification, common words, letter formation and spelling simple three-sound words. We will be using our iPads most days this term, especially for group learning as they are very engaging. We are into our second group of letters and the focus for this week. For the children who can identify most of their letters the focus is on the sound the letter makes at the beginning and end of the word and rather than focusing on individual letters they will learn about that letter as part of a word. They will also be practicing reading and writing common words during our Literacy groups. We will begin exploring rhyme this term. The children will be learning about identifying and generating rhyming words and we will use nursery rhymes as the shared text for this. **If your child has a favourite rhyming book at home it would be great if they could bring it to school for us to read.**

Maths: Our Maths focus for this term includes positional concepts such as above, in between, next to etc., patterns, numbers to 20 and beyond including ordering and making. Our focus will change each week and I will put some photos of the children's learning on our school app to keep you updated on what the current focus is.

Religious Education: We will begin our new unit called 'I Can Care For God's World' this week. It focuses on the story of Creation and our responsibility for looking after our beautiful world. As part of this unit we will also be identifying natural and man-made materials and what they are used for.

Our Inquiry unit called 'Staying Alive' will run alongside our Religious Education unit. This focuses on learning about what it means to be living and non-living and what living things need to survive.

Thanks
Annabel and Netti

P & F NEWS

P & F MEETING

Our next meeting will be held next Wednesday April 26th at 9.00am. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	April 18 th	6.30pm School Board Meeting
Thursday	April 20 th	Leadership Centre – Parliament Education Program at Wangaratta Gateway 1.15pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday	April 25th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday	April 26 th	9.00am P & F Meeting <i>All Welcome</i>
Monday- Friday	May 8 th – 12 th	Leadership Centre (Grade Five/Six) Camp at DOXA in Melbourne
Saturday/Sunday	May 13 th /14 th	Confirmation/First Eucharist
Wednesday - Friday	June 7 th – 9 th	Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp at Alexandra Adventure Resort
Monday	June 12th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday	June 19th	Pupil Free Day – Report Writing

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