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NEWSLETTER NO. 13 TUESDAY MAY 9th 2017

Our Leadership Centre students along with staff members Josh Naish, Lynda Griffin, Mark Walsh and Jenny Kittelty are in Melbourne this week for their camp. We wish them a happy and safe week.

Irish blessings for those who travel

“May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

“May God grant you always...
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you.”

“May the Saints protect you
And bless you today
And may troubles ignore you
Each step of the way.”

“God be on your road every way you go.”

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

The celebration of these two Sacraments will be held this weekend. Masses will be held at 10.30am and 6:00pm at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday the 13th and at 9:00am on Sunday the 14th at Our Lady's.

We wish Ryan Brockwell, Skylar Davern, Emmalee Murphy & Jose Obanana all the best as they continue on their Sacramental journey.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY THANKS

It was great to see the many families who were able to make it to our Mother's Day Liturgy last week. Thank you to the families who helped supply the morning tea.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Students can purchase a Mother's Day gift this Friday May 12th. Gifts cost \$2-00 each and come gift wrapped. Only one gift per child.

NAPLAN

All students in Grade 3 and 5 commenced the 2017 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) today which is an Australia wide government assessment program. Language conventions, including spelling, grammar and punctuation was the test today with Reading tomorrow and Numeracy on Thursday. Test results will be available to parents later in the year. An information sheet has today been sent home to parents with students in Grade 3.

GASTRO

There have been a couple of reported cases of gastro over the last few days. If your child is complaining of feeling unwell and/or showing any signs of gastro you must keep them at home for at least 24 hours after the last symptoms. It might be timely for you to have a chat with your child/children about the importance of hand washing particularly after using the toilet.

CREW LITURGIES

Each year, as part of Catholic Education Week, we hold a CREW day with St. Bernard's and St. Patrick's. This year it will be held next Tuesday May 16th. Students in F/1/2 will gather at St. Patrick's, students in 3/ 4 will be here at Our Lady's and the 5/6 students will be at St. Bernard's.

Permission notes for students in F/1/2 will be sent home this week. Students in 5/6 will get their permission note next Monday to be completed and returned the next day.

Liturgies at each school will start at 11.30am and be followed by some games and a sausage in bread. We will need some parents to help cook the sausages here on the day. Please let us know if you are available.

OUR LADY'S SWITCHES OFF

Also as part of Catholic Education Week, we participate in a 'Sandhurst Switches Off' day which will be held next Wednesday May 16th. On this day we do not use power or lights as an act of solidarity with other schools in our Diocese and a sign of our commitment to lessening our ecological footprint on the Earth. Heaters will not be turned on so it might be wise to put a couple of extra layers on your child to keep warm for the day - coats, beanies, scarves and the like would be a good idea.

CROSS COUNTRY

Next Wednesday May 17th we will be holding our school Cross Country run. It will be held at the school starting on the oval at 11:30am. Students might like to wear their sports uniform along with a top that supports their team colours on this day. Please note that students are not permitted to use coloured hair spray or face paint for this event.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Our next School Board meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday May 16th at 6.30pm.

2018 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

If you have child starting in our Foundation class in 2018 please call into the office and collect an enrolment form and complete and return it, along with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate, by the end of this term. If you know of anyone who interested in sending their child to Our Lady's to commence Foundation in 2018, please get them to contact the school office to make an appointment for a chat and a tour of the school.

ANDREW CHINN VISIT

On Tuesday May 23rd Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as 'These Hands', 'Rainbow' and 'An African Blessing' are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada .

Andrew will perform a concert in our school hall at 2.00pm on this day and parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be part of this celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. We look forward to seeing you there.

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:

- For so many Positive Behaviour choices at our Mother's Day Liturgy last week
- To the Grade F/1/2 children who participated so enthusiastically at the Footy Clinic last Friday and for showing such good manners and consideration for each other

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

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

Doing your best: Being an active listener
Committing to doing your best as often as you can

Helping others succeed: Being a team player

Respecting your School: Actively watching what is going on

Power Play Focus: Students who listen positively

Congratulations to Ruby Sullivan who was the winner of last week's Power Play Raffle.

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

Annabel



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Extending children's vocabulary: This term activities will focus on helping to build your child's vocabulary knowledge.

One person says a word, such as apple or any other word they think of. Someone else has to say another word that begins with the last letter of the word that's just been said. In this example, they could say 'elephant' or 'extraordinary' or any other word that has 'e' as the first letter. Everyone takes turns to say a word that starts with the last letter of the previous word. The game continues as long as everyone wants to play.

Tip: If you want to make the game harder, then before you start, you could agree to use only words from one category, such as animals or countries.

P & F NEWS

Chocolate Drive

Our annual Chocolate Drive is on this month. Each family will be sent home a box of chocolates to sell. We will let you know via the newsletter when the chocolates arrive.

Parents and Friends Garage Sale – Saturday June 10th

We will be holding a 'Make us an offer' Garage Sale on the Saturday of the June Long Weekend. We will be endeavouring to clear a large range of items that have accumulated in our store sheds here at school such as goods that had been put aside over the past two years for the FunFair along with items no longer required after the recent school refurbishment.

We need helpers to set up the Garage Sale on Friday, June 9th, as well as people to work on the day, Saturday June 10th, which will commence at 8.00am.

2017 FunFair Sponsors

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday/Sunday	May 13 th /14 th	Confirmation/First Eucharist
Tuesday	May 16 th	CREW Liturgies 11.15am to 2.00pm F/1/2 at St. Patrick's 3/4 here at Our Lady's 5/6 at St. Bernard's <u>-Helpers wanted to cook sausage sizzle here</u> 6.30pm School Board meeting
Wednesday	May 17 th	Our Lady's 'Switches Off' Cross Country 11.30am Staff/student netball match 2.00pm
Friday	May 19 th	5/6 Football/Netball v. St. Bernard's Green at Our Lady's 2.00pm
Tuesday	May 23 rd	Andrew Chinn concert 2.00pm in the Fr. Bryne Hall <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	May 26 th	5/6 Football/Netball v. St. Pat's Green at Our Lady's 2.00pm P & F Cent Night <i>All Welcome</i>
Tuesday	May 30 th	Reconciliation Week Mass 11.00am in Our Lady's Church Whole School attending <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	June 2 nd	Pupil Free Day – Staff First Aid update

Tuesday	June 6 th	Discovery/Foundation Centre Mass 9.00am in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday - Friday	June 7 th – 9 th	Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp at Alexandra Adventure Resort
Friday	June 9 th	5/6 Football/Netball v. Yarrunga PS at Yarrunga PS 1.45pm P & F set up for Garage Sale - <u>Helpers wanted</u>
Saturday	June 11 th	P & F 'Make us an offer' Garage Sale 8.00am - <u>Helpers wanted</u>
Monday	June 12th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday	June 16 th	5/6 Football/Netball v. Wang West at Our Lady's 2.00pm
Monday	June 19th	Pupil Free Day – Report Writing
Friday	June 23 rd	5/6 Football/Netball v St. Bernard's Gold at St. Bernard's PS 1.45pm
Saturday	June 24 th	Working Bee 9.00am - <u>Helpers wanted</u>
Friday	June 30 th	End of Term Two

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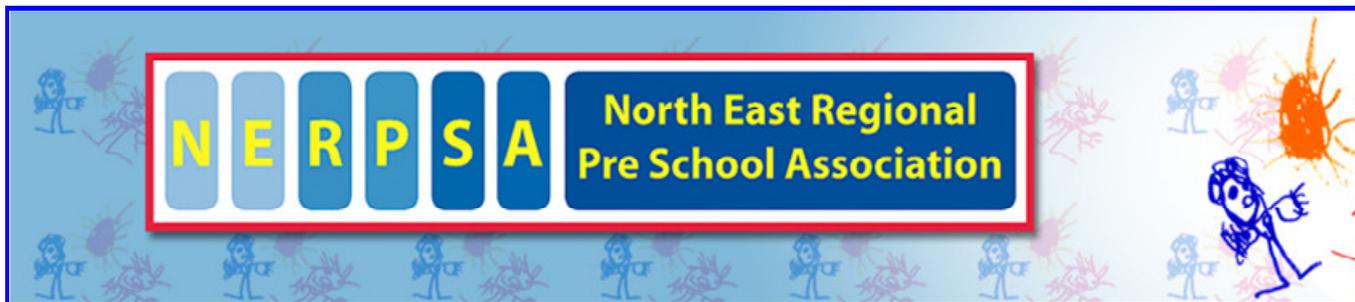


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OPEN DAYS

Appin Park Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Appin Street, Wangaratta
Wednesday 24th May : 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Christopher Robin Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Merriwa Park, Wangaratta
Wednesday 24th May : 9.00am – 10.30am

Coronation Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Swan St, Wangaratta
Tuesday 23rd May : 9.00am – 10.00am

Glenrowan Pre School (Occasional Care, 3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan
Monday 22nd May : 10.00am – 12.00pm

Moyhu Pre School (Occasional Care, 3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Byrne Street, Moyhu
Wednesday 24th May : 1.00pm - 2.00pm

The Hub Kindergarten (3 Year Old Program) – Burke Street, Wangaratta
Monday 22nd May : 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Wangaratta West Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Orkney Street, Wangaratta
Wednesday 24th May : 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Visit each Kindergarten

hear from our teachers about how they run their programs,

look over the facility, ask questions and

collect enrolment package

At each service you will have the opportunity to meet with staff who will be on hand to introduce themselves, to show you around and answer questions relating to what happens at the service.



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