



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 14 TUESDAY MAY 16th 2017

In the latter part of this term all of our Religious Education units explore the theme of Creation in some way. In the Discovery Centre they focus on exploring the wonders of Creation and grow in appreciation of the wonder of our Creator God. The following prayer from Fiona Murdoch expresses many of the themes they will explore:

**God of the universe,  
we thank You for Your many good gifts -  
for the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits,  
for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.**

**Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for  
granted and wasted what You have given us.**

**Transform our hearts and minds  
so that we would learn to care and share,  
to touch the earth with gentleness and with love,  
respecting all living things.**

**We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste,  
greed and indifference,  
and we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food  
and clean water.**

**Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species  
and help us to willingly share your gifts  
today and always.**

**Amen.**

— Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland

## **CLASS MASSES**

In the next few weeks we have a number of class and whole school Masses.

On Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> the whole school will be attending a Mass that marks National Reconciliation Week. We will be hosting schools who are part of the Sandhurst Diocese with a Mass that starts at 11:00am in Our Lady's Church.

On Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> the Discovery/Foundation Centres will host a class Mass for the Bridging Centre students commencing at 9.00am in Our Lady's Church.

The whole school will celebrate the Feast of The Sacred Heart on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> with Mass at 9:00am in Our Lady's Church.

You are most welcome to join us for any of these Masses.

## **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.

## **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST THANKS**

A very big thankyou to all involved in the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Sunday. Congratulations to Jose, Skylar, Emmalee and Ryan, and their families, on their participation in the ceremony and for the way they prepared themselves.

## **LEADERSHIP CAMP FEEDBACK**

Last week our Year Five and Six students attended the DOXA City Camp in Melbourne. The camp is on level three on the corner of Elizabeth and Little Lonsdale Streets in the heart of the Melbourne CBD. It is a camp designed to give a city experience and to build a sense of independence in the students. Our children were a credit to themselves, their families and to the school. On many occasions their behaviour was noted by the adults that that they were working with. Congratulations to all involved with this wonderful activity.

## **OUR LADY'S SWITCHES OFF**

Tomorrow, Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in 'Sandhurst Switches Off'. We will not be using 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**

Tomorrow will also see the running of our annual Cross Country event. 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. Family and friends are most welcome to come along and support the students.

## **STAFF V. STUDENTS NETBALL MATCH**

We will also be holding our annual Staff v. Students netball match tomorrow afternoon commencing at 2.00pm. You are most welcome to come along for this event as well.

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

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

## **EDUCATION FUNDING CHANGES**

In recent days Our Lady's was named in the media as part of the debate around changes to the funding models that the Federal Government proposes to use in coming years. Our school was used as an example of what might happen over a ten year period if the funding model was applied to us given we are a Catholic school in a high needs category. It should be noted that this example is speculation. The issues around the possible changes to funding are complex and uncertain. When we are correctly briefed we will share this information with the community.

## **'IT'S A GIRL!'**

Congratulations to Letitia and Philip Fitzgerald on the safe arrival of Jasmine. Jasmine is a baby sister for Noah in Grade One.

## **ANZAC DAY MERCHANDISE**

Thanks to those who supported the Wangaratta RSL by purchasing ANZAC Day merchandise recently. We raised a total of \$74-00, which was part of the \$1998-40 raised by 15 schools in the local area.

## **PUPIL FREE DAYS**

Just a reminder that we have two Pupil Free days in June:

Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – All staff will update their Level Two first aid qualifications

Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> – Report Writing day

## **WORKING BEE**

The P & F will be holding a working bee to tidy up the school gardens on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> commencing at 9.00am. Clippers, wheelbarrows, secateurs, gloves, rakes and pruning equipment would be helpful on this morning. It would be greatly appreciated if you could spare an hour or two to help with this activity.

## **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.

## 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 making positive choices about listening
- For helping others succeed by being a team player as often as we can
- To everyone who shows respect for their school by actively watching what is going on in big group situations
- To all who help others succeed and do their best through committing to do your best as often as you can
- To all the students who participated in the NAPLAN for doing their best, helping others succeed and respecting their school
- To Jose, Emmalee, Ryan and Skylar for doing their best at the Confirmation and First Eucharist celebrations on Sunday
- To the Leadership students for the way they represented the school and themselves on their camp in Melbourne

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

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

Doing your best: Being honest

Helping others succeed: Giving full effort

Respecting your school: Following adult direction(s)

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

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

## MOWING AROUND THE SCHOOL

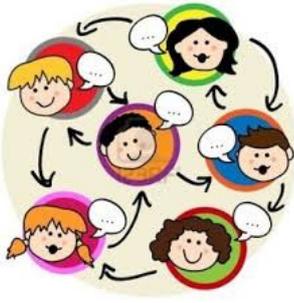
Our mowing roster for this year is as follows:

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

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## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Brigid Malcolm, our Performing Arts teacher, is looking for some keyboards to use during Performing Arts classes. If you have a keyboard at home that you no longer use (and are happy to donate it the school) please let us know.



## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

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

One person gives two pieces of information that describe something they have pictured in their mind, making sure there is more than one possible answer. The other person/people must figure out what you are thinking of. They may request additional information to prompt.

For example:

**'It is round and used for cooking'** could be a saucepan, frying pan, cake tin...

**'It has legs and a back'** could be a chair, dog, person...

**'It has a long handle and you use it in the outside'** could be a rake, shovel, broom...

### P & F NEWS

#### Chocolate Drive

Our chocolates have been ordered to arrive in the first week of June, not May as previously advised. They will be sent home with the eldest child in each family once they are delivered.

#### Cent Night – Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>

We will be holding our first Cent Night for 2017 on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>. For those who have not been before a flyer is further along in the newsletter explaining how this night works. Please come along if you can.

#### Parents and Friends Garage Sale – Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>

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 9<sup>th</sup>, as well as people to work on the day, Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, which will commence at 8.00am.

### 2017 FunFair Sponsors

**Please support the following businesses whenever possible:**

**Jodi Agulera**

**John Wohlers Jewellers**

**Koffee Bean Café**

**La Bella Rocca**

**La Ronde Lingerie**

**Lindenwarrah**

**Linga A While Nursery**

**LIPS Party Hire**

**Londrigan Plaza Meats**

**Marianna's Beauty**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady's 'Switches Off' Cross Country 11.30am Staff/student netball match 2.00pm
Friday	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	5/6 Football/Netball v. St. Bernard's Green at Our Lady's 2.00pm
Tuesday	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew Chinn concert 2.00pm in the Fr. Bryne Hall <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Reconciliation Week Mass 11.00am in Our Lady's Church Whole School attending <i>All Welcome</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff First Aid update</b>
Tuesday	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Discovery/Foundation Centre Mass 9.00am in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday - Friday	June 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bridging Centre (Grade Three/Four) Camp at Alexandra Adventure Resort
Friday	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	P & F 'Make us an offer' Garage Sale 8.00am <u>-Helpers wanted</u>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
Friday	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	5/6 Football/Netball v. Wang West at Our Lady's 2.00pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Report Writing</b>
Friday	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am Whole School Mass in Our Lady's Church <i>All Welcome</i>  5/6 Football/Netball v St. Bernard's Gold at St. Bernard's PS 1.45pm
Saturday	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee 9.00am <u>-Helpers wanted</u>
Friday	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Two

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16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents

## **CENT NIGHT: FRIDAY MAY 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 commencing at 7.00pm**

The Parents & Friends have organised a Cent Night for **Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2017** commencing at 7.00pm. Children and other family and friends are most welcome to come along. BYO drinks (**please note : NO ALCOHOL**) and nibbles. This is a great social night -for both parents and children-while also raising funds for the school. The night should conclude no later than 8.30-9.00pm.

For those of you who haven't been to a Cent Night before this is how it goes:

Each family brings along three prizes to the value of between \$3-00 and \$5-00. E.g. jar of lollies, home preserves, craft items, small toy etc.

On arrival the items are placed on a long table in the centre of the hall.

People attending buy strips of tickets - 10 for \$1-00.

The prizes are progressively taken around the room and if you decide you want to enter the draw for a particular prize you tear off one or more tickets and place them in the container. The winner is then drawn out.

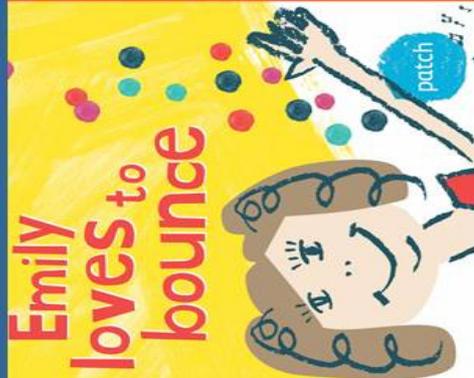
If you cannot attend on the night you could help out by donating some prizes which can be left at the office before the night.

Families are asked to bring along a small plate to share for supper at the end of the night.

See you there!!

***Please note that all children attending must be accompanied by an adult.***

Children's Shows coming up at  
Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre



# EMILY LOVES TO BOUNCE

presented by Patch Theatre

**Tuesday 30 May at 10am & 6.30pm**

TICKETS \$20ea or Groups 4+ \$15ea



# THE WITCHES

by Roald Dahl

**Tuesday 20 June at 10am & 6.30pm**

TICKETS \$20ea or Groups 4+ \$15ea



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## RIVER ARTS – TERM 2 DRAWING CLASSES

Thursdays May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> at King River Café

10 – 14 years 4.15pm to 5.30pm – cost \$110-00 (includes all materials)

For more details contact Linda on 0412051429 or email [riverarts@bigpond.com](mailto:riverarts@bigpond.com)

