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NEWSLETTER NO. 15 TUESDAY MAY 23rd 2017

On Friday morning we acknowledge the start of National Reconciliation Week with a Liturgy at 9:00am in the Fr. James Byrne Hall. We will also join with schools from the Diocese at a Mass next Tuesday May 30th.

Prayer of the Aboriginal People

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming
You have spoken to us through our beliefs
You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus
We thank you for your care
You own us
You are our hope
Make us strong as we face the problems of change
We ask you to help the people of Australia
to listen to us and respect our culture
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people
So that you can be at home in us and
we can make a home for everyone in our land.

Amen.

Prayer composed for the meeting between Pope John Paul II and the Aboriginal people.

CLASS MASSES

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

This Friday May 26th -Liturgy in Fr. James Byrne Hall to acknowledge the start of National Reconciliation Week.

Next Tuesday May 30th 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 6th 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 23rd with Mass at 9:00am in Our Lady's Church.

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

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.

CROSS COUNTRY THANKS

A very big thank you to all involved in the Cross Country event last week. It is always pleasing to see the spirit in which events such as this are run. We expect our children to be encouraging and supportive and it is at these types of events that we see the fruits of our work. The approach and efforts of those who enjoy the run was great to see as well as the attitude of those students who find this type of event challenging.

GALEN 'JOSEPH' PRODUCTION

This Thursday May 25th the whole school will be heading to the dress rehearsal of Galen's 'Joseph' production. We also have several of our students participating in the production. Family permission notes were sent home last week and must be returned to office by tomorrow, Wednesday May 24th.

BRIDGING CENTRE (GRADE THREE/FOUR) CAMP

This year our Grade Three/Four students are travelling to the Alexandra Adventure Resort for a three day stay. The camp is designed to give the students an opportunity to spend time with their peers, to experience some physical challenges, to develop their coping and self- management skills and to challenge themselves to deal with unfamiliar situations. The facility that they are visiting is well equipped and designed specifically for school visits. The camp runs from Wednesday June 7th to Friday June 9th. Staff accompanying the students will be Cathie Walsh, Greg Young, Celia Craven, Christie Draper and myself.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

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

Friday June 2nd – All staff will update their Level Two first aid qualifications

Monday June 19th – Report Writing day

CHILD SAFE REMINDERS

In recent weeks Our Lady's, along with all other schools in our Diocese, has moved to an internet based provider for the development and maintenance of policies that relate to many areas of school life. Last year we developed a number of policies and procedures that gave direction to managing many issues that keep children safe from physical or sexual abuse.

Our Lady's commitment to child protection:

The dignity of the human person, who is created in the image and likeness of God, is the foundation of Catholic Social Teaching at Our Lady's. This Catholic anthropology leads us to afford all people, but especially children, young people and the most vulnerable, the highest respect. Within this context, Our Lady's is committed to providing a safe, supportive and secure environment that promotes respect, care and values diversity.

The School regards its child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance and is committed to the creation of a safe, just and respectful environment that supports wellness for all members of the school community.

Our Lady's has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to the protection of all children from all forms of child abuse

'Child Abuse' includes:

- sexual offences;
- grooming;
- physical violence;
- serious emotional or psychological harm;
- serious neglect; and
- family violence, or exposure to family violence.

This Child Protection Program is made up of work systems, practices, policies and procedures designed to maintain a child safe environment and to embed an organisational culture of child safety within the School community. The Program deals specifically with child protection issues and is designed to ensure compliance with the Victorian Child Safe Standards and related child protection laws. Broader child safety issues arising from our common law duty of care are dealt with through our Student Duty of Care Program.

Our Lady's has appointed the people listed below as the School's Child Safety Officers. Each Child Safety Officer is available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Child Protection and Safety Policy and the Child Protection Program.

The School's Child Safety Officers are your first point of contact for reporting child protection issues within the School. They receive special training that allows them to deal with child protection concerns both sensitively and effectively.

CHILD SAFE REMINDERS (cont...)

Child Safety Officers are selected based on a number of considerations, namely:

- their personal attitudes, experiences and beliefs, for example, a person who is non-judgmental, calm, resilient and demonstrates a high degree of integrity and respect for confidentiality;
- their role within the School, for example, a person who has seniority and experience working with complex student and family issues at the School and someone who is readily accessible and available to all members of the School community; and
- their personal profile within the School, for example, a person who is approachable, who students and staff trust and who is willing and able to respond to issues personally and sensitively.

If you have any concern that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed a belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Child Safety Officers.

The welfare and best interests of the child are paramount. Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 000.

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LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Several staff members are taking Long Service Leave later this term and early in Term Three:

Julie is taking leave from Monday June 5th until the end of the term Friday June 30th. I will be taking care of the office in her absence however Annabel will be in the office for Wednesday June 7th to Friday June 9th as I will be away on the Bridging Centre Camp. Jacquie McGuire will be taking the Foundation students for these three days.

Lucia Alesiani, our Italian teacher, will be taking leave for the last week of Term Two and the first two weeks of Term Three - Barrie Cook will be covering Lucia's classes on a Tuesday.

Cathie and myself are taking leave for the first three weeks of Term Three.

Annabel will take on the role of Acting Principal- she will spend Mondays/Tuesdays in the office with Brigid Malcolm taking the Foundation class on these days, Wednesdays/Thursdays in the classroom and Fridays in the office with Belinda Graham Thompson taking her class.

Kate Hutchinson will be taking Cathie's class for the whole three weeks.

LOST PROPERTY

There are several lunch containers /drink bottles in lost property at the moment. Students were given the opportunity to have a look at these last week however several still remain unclaimed. If you wish to see if any of them belong to your child/children please call into the office this week. Any left unclaimed by next Thursday June 1st will be thrown out.

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 being honest as often as possible
- For respecting the school by following directions regularly
- To everyone who brings a positive attitude to our school
- For the positive behavior decisions made during our involvement in the Catholic Education Week Liturgies and visits
- For the school spirit, encouragement and participation so freely shown at the Cross Country run
- For the way we focused on the Our Lady's Switches Off Liturgy and the Catholic Identity walk
- For the way we dealt with the wet day last Friday

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

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

Doing your best: Being thankful as often as you can

Helping others succeed: Using our manners

Respecting your school: Moving through the car park with an adult

Power Play Focus: Students who are thankful

Congratulations to Brandon Jarred 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

Mark

P & F NEWS

Silent Auction

We had three FunFair Auction items that were not collected or paid for after the FunFair. The following vouchers have been put together as one single prize that you can place a 'silent' bid on. Highest bidder wins.

Wangaratta Jewellers	\$50-00 voucher
Westend Lotto & Wool	\$30-00 voucher
WB's Hairdressing	Voucher for child's haircut
Socco Hair & Beauty	Voucher for cut & blow-wave

You can put your bid with Julie at the office by next Monday May 29th. Successful bidder will be advised in next week's newsletter.

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 26th

We will be holding our first Cent Night for 2017 **this Friday May 26th**. 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 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.

Working Bee – Saturday June 24th

The P & F will be holding a working bee to tidy up the gardens on Saturday the June 24th June starting 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.

2017 FunFair Sponsors

Please support the following businesses whenever possible:

Mario Solimo Shoe Repairs And Sales
Mc Donalds Wangaratta
Mc Phails
Monroe's Hair Design
Moore Than Swimming

Murdoch Road Store
Neville McCormick
Nicole Robinson
North East Fasteners
North East Windscreens

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday	May 25 th	Dress Rehearsal Galen 'Joseph' Production at Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre - Whole school attending Depart 12.30pm Return 2.45pm
Friday	May 26 th	9.00am Whole school Liturgy <i>All Welcome</i> 5/6 Football/Netball v. St. Pat's Green at Our Lady's 2.00pm P & F Cent Night 7.00pm <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 2nd	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 10 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
Tuesday	June 20 th	School Board meeting 6.30pm
Friday	June 23 rd	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 th	Working Bee 9.00am - <u>Helpers wanted</u>
Thursday	June 29 th	'Festival of the Sacred' – Leadership Centre
Friday	June 30 th	End of Term Two 2.10pm finish

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16th May 2017

Dear Parents

CENT NIGHT: FRIDAY MAY 26th 2017 commencing at 7.00pm

The Parents & Friends have organised a Cent Night for **Friday May 26th 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 DENTAL SERVICES

AGES 0 -18 YEARS



Did you know that NHW Dental Service is open to children of all ages from 0 – 18 years of age?

Children from 0-18 years of age	If you have a Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card, or Child Dental Benefits Scheme -	There is No charge for any public dental care.
Children from 0-18 years of age	If you do not receive any of the above benefits -	There is a Co-payment of \$32.50 per full Course of Care (from 1st July 2017) No charge for Emergency care

Children are offered the first available appointment and are usually seen by Oral Health Therapists who are specifically trained to treat children. For those requiring more extensive care, children can be referred to one of our dentists. An Oral Health Educator provides education and dietary advice where required.

For further information or to make an appointment, please call the friendly staff at the clinic on 57225 325 any day between 9am and 4.30pm.

The clinic is situated in the Community Care Centre, 4-12 Clark Street Wangaratta.

