



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 16 TUESDAY MAY 30th 2017

This week we celebrate National Reconciliation Week. At our Sandhurst Schools' Mass today, our leaders made this pledge:

'We, accept that we as educational leaders, have an intrinsic role to play in the Reconciliation process. We acknowledge that through learning and teaching about the past, the present and each other, Aboriginal and non Aboriginal students are empowered to bring about Reconciliation. We commit to being active participants in the Reconciliation process. We accept that true Reconciliation cannot be achieved until the current disadvantages affecting Aboriginal people are eliminated. We commit to taking the necessary steps to bring about healing and change'.

Holy Father, God of Love,  
you are the Creator of all things.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of Our peoples,  
and we ask your forgiveness.

We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures.

Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus  
to reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us  
and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better  
future for our Nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in  
our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities  
and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **CLASS MASSES**

In the next few weeks we have both a class Mass and whole school Liturgy.

Next 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 Liturgy 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.

## **CENT NIGHT**

Thanks to those families who came along and supported the P & F Cent Night last Friday. A total of \$203-00 was raised.

## **PUPIL FREE DAY – THIS FRIDAY**

Don't forget that this Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, is a Pupil Free day. All staff will be updating their Level 2 First Aid on Friday.

Our second Pupil Free day for term will be on Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> and is a Report Writing day for staff.

## **CHANGES TO MID-YEAR REPORTS**

Mid-year reports are currently being prepared by staff on an online platform, which has been introduced in preparation for the system's anticipated move to a fully online communication and reporting platform. The new format will use a number of the features of our past two formats, designed to meet the government's compliance requirements, but will hopefully deliver the information needed to inform families fully in a more practical format. Our plan is to continue providing reports each term along with Teacher Advisor meetings that support and expand on the written report format.

## **2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

Last week the annual report for the 2016 school year was presented to the Advisory Board. The report outlines the work that was completed last year by the school and addresses a number of data requirements that relate to school compliance. It has been uploaded to our website, is available at the office and will be emailed out next week.

## **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

This year the staff at Our Lady's have embarked on two long term projects as part of our professional learning program.

The first has been working with a behavioral psychologist named Dan Petro. Dan has worked with the staff last year and has spent two days at the school supporting us as we develop plans to deal with some of the behavioral challenges that we find among our students. For many years Our Lady's has worked very hard at promoting positive decision making as key strategy in managing students and have had great success with this approach. The work that we are doing with Dan supports this, whilst at the same time skills our staff in dealing with some of the issues that occur when student behaviors are outside the normal range of expectations. Our hope for our work with Dan is to help us reach our goal of producing independent and able students.

The second long term project is 'Inquiry Mindset' which is a whole staff process for analyzing our various student learning data sets and then framing plans for where the learning goes next. One of the great changes in education of recent years is the increased use of data to more accurately drive learning. As the amount and complexity of data grows we need better ways of managing and interpreting the trends and our hope is that the work done in this project will assist with this.

## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

Recently, the Federal government released an online school funding estimator that included notional Federal government school funding amounts for our school in 2018 and over a 10-year period to 2027, based on the proposed new 'Quality Schools' program. Several local and state newspaper articles have been written comparing the notional Federal school funding amounts to local State schools.

I would like to clarify that the figures presented do not reflect the total government recurrent funding received by our school and that we are a member of a centralised system of Victorian Catholic schools. Any comparisons made using those figures alone do not reflect the fact that State schools are majority funded from the State government (approximately 80%) with the remainder from the Federal government (approximately 20%), whereas Catholic schools receive a larger proportion of Federal government funding compared to State government funding.

The figures in the online estimator are notional and based on 2016 school census data that do not reflect the actual funding amounts that would be received by our school. Our school is very well resourced and supported by the Catholic Education Office who provide transparent funding models that are much more complex and needs-based than the proposed Federal government recurrent funding model.

We will continue to campaign for a fair share of government funding while highlighting the importance of providing a choice to families who wish to provide their child with a Catholic education.

## **CHILD SAFE REMINDERS**

As mentioned last week Our Lady's has moved our child safety management and policies to an online compliance platform called Complispace. This has meant some additions and changes to our child safe policies and procedures. The following information is an extract from the procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of child abuse:

Child abuse can take many forms. The abuser may be a parent, carer, staff member, volunteer, another adult or even another child. Unfortunately, the nature of child abuse is complex. The abuse may occur over time and potential risk indicators are often difficult to detect. Even our legal obligations for reporting allegations of child abuse can vary depending on the circumstances of the incident.

The School will take appropriate, prompt action in response to **all** allegations or disclosures of abuse, neglect, inappropriate behaviour or concerns about child safety by reporting all matters to the Department of Health and Human Services or the Police, depending on the allegation or disclosure made.

### **CHILD SAFE REMINDERS (cont...)**

Our Lady's has established simple and accessible procedures for anyone to report a child abuse concern internally to one of the School's Child Safety Officers.

Our Lady's has developed and implemented procedures for Advisory Board members, staff and volunteers for responding to allegations and disclosures of child abuse, or suspected child abuse, including procedures for support following a disclosure by a student.

Reporting procedures for third party contractors, external education providers, volunteers, parents/carers and other community members are also included in our Child Protection and Safety Policy which is available on our public website.

Age appropriate reporting procedures for students are developed through our Pastoral Wellbeing program.

### **P & F GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Don't forget that the P & F are running their 'Make us an offer' garage sale on Saturday week. Helpers will be needed on the day prior as well as on the day. See the details further along in the newsletter and please come along and help if you can.

### **RECEIPTING WHILST JULIE IS AWAY**

Official receipts for any fee payments made whilst Julie is away will be issued once she returns from Long Service Leave. Centrepay and Direct Debiting deductions will continue as normal -these have been set up in advance for June. If you are paying cash direct to the office a handwritten receipt will be issued at the time of payment and an official receipt sent home at the end of June.

### **2017 SCHOOL PHOTOS**

We have booked our school photo day with Northeast Photography for Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>. Order envelopes will be sent home in the first week of Term Three.

### **OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE (OHSC)**

Just a reminder to parents of students attending OHSC cannot be picked up by anyone other than those people who you have listed on your child's enrolment form as an authorised person. If you need to add someone to your nominated list please put this in writing and drop it into the office asap. If you need to make a 'one off' pick up arrangement you need to advise the school office by phoning 57213783 before 2.30pm on the relevant day. Students will not be released into the care of any unauthorised persons.

### **THANKS WOOLWORTHS**

Many thanks to Anthony Warry from Woolworths who kindly dropped in some fruit last week for our Out of Hours School Care program to use. This donation is greatly appreciated.

### **ATHLETE'S FOOT SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM**

Last week we received a cheque from Athlete's Foot Wangaratta for \$20-00 for the period 01/01/17 to 31/03/17. Thanks to those families who mentioned Our Lady's School when making their purchase. If you mention our school Athlete's Foot will donate \$5-00 from every pair of shoes purchased -children and adults. Please feel free to mention this program to family and friends. We thank Athlete's Foot Wangaratta for their support.

## **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:

- For so many positive behaviour choices at Andrew Chinn
- For being encouraging and supportive to the children involved in 'Joseph' – thanks for being a great audience
- Thank you to Mrs Malcolm for looking after our 'Joseph' children
- To the students involved in 'Joseph' for showing good manners and consideration for each other, especially at rehearsals
- To the 'Joseph' students for being enthusiastic and for representing our school so well
- To our Fire Carriers and Mrs Griffin for leading our Sorry Day liturgy with such respect

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**

No Power Play Raffle draw last week.

## **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

## **2017 FunFair Sponsors**

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

**North Eastern Business Machines**

**Northeast Photography**

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**Ovens Ford**

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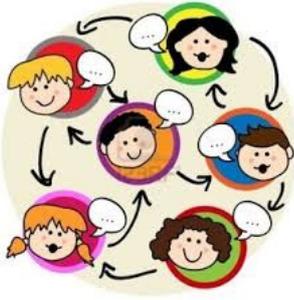
**Paradise Nails**

**Park Lane Nursery**

**Pinsent Hotel**

**Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway**

**Ravishing Makeup & Beauty Lounge**



## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

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

Encourage children to imagine they are holding a caterpillar and describe how it feels.

Create lists of adjectives to describe things, for example; caterpillar – wriggly, squashy, ticklish, furry.  
Describe how it might feel to:

- Pat an elephant
- Rub a camel
- Walk on wet concrete
- Hug a cactus
- Touch an echidna
- Put your hands in a bowl of jelly
- Lie on a cloud
- Use a scourer instead of a facewasher

**Tip:** As well as using single adjectives, prompt for longer descriptions by providing a descriptive starter such as "It would feel like..." or "It might feel as though I had..."

### P & F NEWS

#### Silent Auction

No bids on our Silent Auction. We will keep you posted as to how we will utilise these vouchers.

#### 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> (from 9.00am onwards) as well as people to work on the day, Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, which will commence at 8.00am.

#### Working Bee – Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>

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

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

<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> – 9th	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 10 <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>
Tuesday	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Board meeting 6.30pm
Friday	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am Whole School Liturgy 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>
Thursday	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	'Festival of the Sacred' – Leadership Centre 10.15am to 2.15pm at Galen College
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Term Two <u>2.10pm finish</u></b>
Monday	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term Three 8.45am
Wednesday	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos

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## Just Kids July Holiday Program 2017

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<p><b><u>Monday 3rd July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Make yourself a Kaleidoscope</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Mask Making</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 4th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Test your skills at Wangaratta Putt N Glow</p> <p>Mini Golf</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Sand Art</p> <p>Extra \$10.00</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 5th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Papier Mache Creations</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Multicultural Games with Tony from Silver fern Activities</p> <p>Extra \$ 6.00</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 6th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Ten Pin Bowl Then lunch in King George Gardens (weather permitting)</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Iron Me Beads</p> <p>Extra \$12.00</p>	<p><b><u>Friday 7th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Footy Clinic with Zac from Aus Kick (weather permitting)</p> <p>Extra \$1.00</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Woodwork</p>
<p><b><u>Monday 10th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Make a Lava lamp</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Art /see what you can do with colour diffusing paper</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 11th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Visit Wang Cinema Centre Then lunch in King George Gardens (weather permitting)</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Scratch Art</p> <p>Extra \$12.00</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 12th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Just Kids Athletics</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Make your own Stained Glass Design</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 13th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>All Day</u></b></p> <p>Visit Inflatible World in Shepparton then play in Victoria Lake Park (weather permitting)</p>  <p>Extra \$25.00</p>	<p><b><u>Friday 14th July</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Morning</u></b></p> <p>Come Dressed as something beginning with the letter P Plaster Painting</p> <p><b><u>Afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Make Pizzas for afternoon tea</p> <p>Play "P" "games" Poison ball Pass the parcel</p>

Just Kids Booking Sheet

Please indicate what sessions you would like your children to attend:  
 M = Morning A = Afternoon AD = All Day

Surname: .....  
 Address: .....  
 Phone: .....  
 Children's Names: 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th

\*Please return this form to Just Kids, P.O. Box 227, Wargaretta 3677, or Fax your bookings to (03) 5722 2424, or Email to just-kids@notmail.com  
 \*Bookings Close Mon 19th June 2017. Priority of Access applies. Bookings made after the Closing Date will be made at the discretion of the coordinator.  
 Priority given to all day bookings.

**Bookings and Payment**

\*Bookings are essential to ensure your child has a place at Just Kids. Bookings can be made by sending in your booking sheet. Just Kids staff will allocate places according to the Priority of Access Commonwealth Guidelines. Just Kids can only take 35 children at any one time. If you are waiting your children to attend, but the positions are filled, we will place you on a waiting list. If any places become vacant, a Just Kids staff member will contact you.

Please send your information back prior to the holidays along with your payment to ensure your booking is confirmed. If you do not accompany your child's absence with a doctors certificate, Just Kids will claim you for the session.

Refunds for absence are not given unless there are exceptional circumstances. This means if you book a spot you must pay for it.

**Bring**

- \*We ask Parents to ensure children have plenty of morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, and drinks every day.
- \*Parents reimburse to dress your children in a hat, sunscreen, sensible shoes, and clothes appropriate to outdoor recreational activities.
- \*Please note that programs may be subject to change due to weather conditions or other changes in circumstances.

**Cost**

\*Cost of attendance is dependent on your Fee Rater % which is obtained by contacting Centrelink for Child Care Benefits Rebate. If you would like to register for Child Care Benefits please contact Centrelink. If you are full fee paying this year, the full cost of the day is \$45.00 per child or \$22.50 for a half day session per child. (Priority given to full day attendees). All costs featured in this program are additional and are added to your fee.

\*Payment will have to be made prior to the holidays.  
 \*I have read the terms & conditions of this booking sheet and agree to abide by them. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Opening Hours**

- \*Just Kids opens at 8 am to 6 pm Mondays to Fridays excepting Public Holidays.
- Half days: 8 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 6 pm (unless it is a full day activity)
- \*Just Kids is based at Appin Primary School 149 Appin St (when school is open)

For bookings or enquiries please phone 03 5722 2424

