



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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Our Lady's Primary School is a child safe school. All students enrolled, and any child visiting, have a right to feel safe and be safe.

NEWSLETTER NO. 24 TUESDAY AUGUST 8th 2017

Today the whole school attended Mass to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop. The following prayer from the Sisters of Saint Joseph reminds us of many of the themes that we celebrated at Mass:

*Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.*

*With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop,
we ask that you grant our request.....*

*We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.*

*Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

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 MASSES

We have a couple of Masses scheduled for the remainder of this term:

Tuesday August 15 th :	Whole school Mass – Feast of the Assumption
Tuesday September 12:	Bridging Centre will be hosting the students from the Leadership Centre
Tuesday September 19 th	Discovery/Foundation Centres will be hosting the students from the Bridging Centre

All Masses will be held in Our Lady's Church commencing at 9.00am and everyone is most welcome to come along and join in these celebrations.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

2017 school photos will be taken **TOMORROW Wednesday August 9th**.

Please make sure your child wears their red school shirt and jumper, along with the appropriate pants. Grade 6 students are to wear their red polo shirt to school and bring their green polo shirt to change into for their Grade 6 group photo.

If you wish to place an order please return the order form/payment (if paying by cash) to the office by 9.00am. Please note that it is not compulsory to order school photos. All students will have their photo taken regardless of whether or not you place an order for your child.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia present awards for books that have been published in the past year. It is a great opportunity to focus on literature for children. This year we will be holding a book character parade and activities that focus on books shortlisted for the awards.

The parade will be held at 9.00am on Wednesday August 23rd followed by activities until the morning Recess break. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character using whatever items you have at home. Everyone is most welcome to come along for the parade.

FOUND

There are two items that have been handed into the office. One is a mobile phone and the other is a small gold/silver ring that was found in the junior area of the school. If you think they belong to either yourself or your child please call into the office and see Julie.

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Stacey and Simon O'Brien on the birth of Harriet. Harriet is a baby sister for Archie in Grade Two.

POLICY UPDATE

The following policy relating to parental access for separated parents and guardians has been posted to the website and outlines our expectations for families with these arrangements:

The Hazard – Access Arrangements

The separation of parents can be extremely traumatic, especially for the children involved. Whilst many separations are amicable, others can result in serious disputes between parents/guardians including the creation of court sanctioned custody arrangements.

Unless the school is aware that parents/guardians have separated and the status of the separation (including whether there are court orders in place) the safety, wellbeing and development of the child and other students and/or staff may be at risk. In addition the separation, if not properly managed by the school may affect the best educational interests of the child.

POLICY UPDATE (cont...)

Our Lady's Wangaratta's Policy

Our Lady's is committed to providing a safe environment for all our students, workers and visitors.

It is our policy that:

A copy of the court order and relevant information that restricts access to children from certain individuals should be provided to the school upon student enrolment or at the time the order is made;

Parents/guardians keep the school informed in the event of separation and the status of any court proceedings affecting access arrangements;

A copy of any court orders must be maintained on the relevant student's files and the terms of the court orders affecting access arrangements must be advised to the student's teachers and any other staff (such as sports coaches or music teachers) who are responsible for supervising the student;

Any court order with regard to access/custody arrangements will be upheld by the school;

Under no circumstances will the school release addresses or contact details of a child or parent, to another parent without a court order, unless there is consent;

Staff will not become involved in resolving disputes concerning student family matters; and

If there is reason to believe the child's safety may be at risk, the school will withhold the student until further instructions are received from the appropriate parties.

Parental Access to Student Information

Parental access to student information will be dependent upon whether or not there is any court order in place affecting such access.

Generally Our Lady's will provide student information concerning a child's education to parents/guardians by giving students documents to take home, delivering them by email, personal contact, teacher advisor meetings, or giving them access to the Our Lady's student/ parent intranet.

Parents/guardians may request access to student information and documents which the school will make available, unless the school is aware that there are court orders that deny access to the relevant information.

The school will release student information to external organisations such as the police and government agencies, if required to do so by law.

Pick Up of Students at School

Parental access to pick up students either after or during school hours will be dependent upon whether or not there is a court order in place affecting such access.

Generally either parent/guardian has the capacity to pick up their child at the end of the day. Similarly, either parent/guardian may pick up their child during school hours, upon providing sufficient reasons to the school.

Parents/guardians of Foundation students must inform the school of the pick-up arrangements in accordance with court orders. Children to be picked up from supervised pick up locations.

In cases where a court order is in place and someone other than the usual person arrives to pick up a child during Our Lady's school hours or to pick up a child at the end of the day, caution should be exercised. In these circumstances, reference to the court order on the student's file should be made to ascertain the nature of the relationship between the student and the person who is seeking to pick up the child. The parent named on the student's file as having responsibility for the long term care of the child or responsibility for educational

matters, should be contacted to determine whether the request to pick up the student should be permitted.

POLICY UPDATE (cont...)

If the parent does not give permission, the child is hesitant to go with the person, or the supervising teacher has reason to believe that the child's safety may be at risk, the school will not grant permission to remove the child.

If the person refuses to leave the school or becomes agitated or aggressive, they should be told that failure to leave the premises will lead to the police being called. If the person continues to remain on school premises despite the warning, the police should be contacted. Refer to our [**Violent Intruder on Grounds Policy**](#).

Note: the school is not the appropriate place for a separated parent who has limited contact with their child under a court order to have contact with their child.

Parental Involvement in school Activities

Parental involvement in a child's school activities will be dependent upon whether or not there is a court order in place affecting such involvement.

Generally both parents may attend and become involved in school activities in the normal course. This may include canteen duties, reading classes or assistance on excursions or sporting events.

Involvement in school activities will be denied if contact is considered inappropriate or there are genuine concerns for the safety and wellbeing of the student, other students and/or staff. Such cases may include where one parent/guardian has an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) against another parent or a child, or where the one parent has been denied the long term care of the child or responsibility for educational matters by court order.

Where a conflict arises, the Principal or other appropriate senior staff member should be contacted and it shall be their responsibility to determine how to handle the conflict situation.

Note: a mere objection to participation in the activity is not a sufficient reason to deny participation without a court order, unless there are genuine concerns held for the safety, wellbeing or the best educational interests of the child and/or other students.

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 everyone who does their best as often as they can
- To everyone who shows respect by using positive language
- To everyone who took on extra work whilst Mrs Walsh and I were away

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is 'Being a Giver':

Doing your best: Be a risk taker

Helping others succeed: Be a play problem solver

Respecting your school: Inviting others to join in

Power Play Focus: Students who are givers

Congratulations to Charlotte Bongers 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

P & F MEETING

The next P & F Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 16th at 9.00am in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

PIE/LAMINGTON DRIVE

Order forms for our annual pie/lamington drive have been sent home with the eldest child in each family today (they are also included further along in the newsletter). If you wish to place an order please make sure the order form and payment is handed into the school office by 9.00am Wednesday August 30th 2017. The P & F will receive a percentage of the total sales.

Please make sure you put your child or family name on top of the order forms.

Orders will be available to collect on Wednesday August 30th 2017. Helpers will be required on this day to collate/pack the orders.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

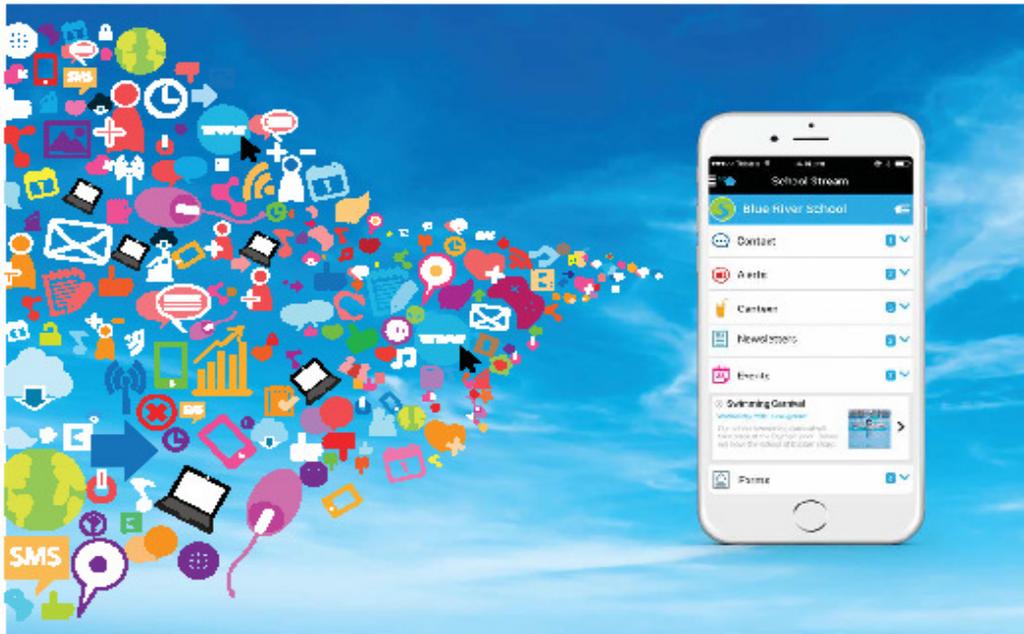
We still have 5 full boxes left to sell. If you are able to take another box please call into the office this week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	August 9 th	School Photos
Tuesday	August 15 th	9.00am Whole School Mass <i>All Welcome</i> 6.30pm School Board meeting
Wednesday	August 16 th	9.00am P & F Meeting <i>All Welcome</i>
Wednesday	August 23 rd	Book Week Parade 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i> Pie/Lamington Drive orders/payment due back into the office
Wednesday	August 30 th	Pie/Lamington Drive orders to be collected from school hall after 2.00pm
Thursday	August 31 st	Father's Night
Tuesday	September 12 th	9.00am Bridging Centre Mass <i>All Welcome</i>
Friday	September 15 th	P & F Cent Night 7.00pm <i>All Welcome</i>
Tuesday	September 19 th	9.00am Discovery/Foundation Centres Mass
Friday	September 22 nd	End of Term Three

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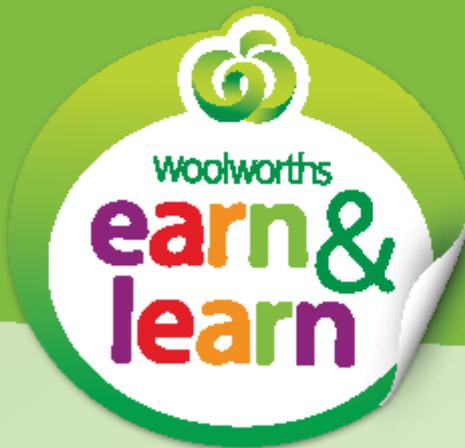
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Anyone can help our school earn amazing resources:

- Earn one sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths*.
- Complete Sticker Sheets.
- Drop Sheets in a Collection Box for our school!

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†By Tuesday 19 September 2017.



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PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

- ◆ **Monday, 4th September**
7.00pm — 9.00pm
 - ◆ **Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre**
 - ◆ **Registrations (free) at:**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/nerpsa-10028539796>
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