



# 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. 25 TUESDAY AUGUST 15th 2017

Today the whole school attended Mass to celebrate the feast day of the Assumption of Mary. The following prayer from the Catholic Education Office in Melbourne helps us to reflect on the place of Mary in our lives:

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed'.  
Luke 1:46-48

Pray for us, holy Mother of God.  
For all who are lowly and poor,  
for all women, made in the image and likeness of God.  
For mothers, nurturers of the image of God in their children,  
for those who have died sharing, with Mary, Christ's glory.  
For all of us disciples of Jesus, your Son  
Pray for us, holy Mother of God.  
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 September 12: Bridging Centre will be hosting the students from the Leadership Centre  
Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> 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 BOARD MEETING – TONIGHT**

Our next School Board meeting will be held tonight at 6.30pm.

## **FATHER'S DAY LITURGY**

On Thursday August the 31<sup>st</sup> we are holding a liturgy to celebrate the part that fathers and significant males have in the lives of our children. It will be held in the hall commencing at 5:00pm followed by an opportunity to visit the classrooms, play a game or two and then share a sausage before heading home.

## **AFL 9's**

This Friday all students in the Leadership Centre will be participating in the local AFL 9's tournament. The 9's competition is AFL football played with nine players on a much smaller ground. The round robin competition will be played at the Wangaratta Rovers ground starting at midday and concluding at about 2:30pm. Students were given permission notes yesterday and these need to be returned to the office by tomorrow.

## **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.

## **ART SHOW ORDERS**

The framed art show items are ready for collection from the office for those who have ordered them. Please note that orders must be paid for –if you haven't already done so - prior to picking them up.

## **HEADLICE**

More reports of headlice are coming in. Please make sure you are checking your child/children's hair every few days. If signs of headlice are found (either live lice or eggs) you must keep your child at home until you have treated their hair and removed any eggs and their hair must be treated again after 7 days.

## **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 by being a giver
- To all who respect others by making sure they are included
- For everyone who shows respect by stopping when asked to stop
- To all who make positive choices when they find play not working out
- For the positive behaviour at Mass
- For all the co-operation shown during school photos last week

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**

Our expectations focus for this week is 'Owning Our Behaviour':

Doing your best: By owning your behaviour

Helping others succeed: By being honest

Respecting your school: By making positive choices about noise and words

**Power Play Focus: Students who own their behaviour**

Congratulations to James Richards who was the winner of last week's Power Play Raffle.

## **POLICY UPDATE**

The following comes from our updated Child Safe Policy relating to keeping students safe from grooming:

Grooming refers to predatory conduct undertaken by an adult (18 years or over) to prepare a child for sexual activity at a later time. It is a sexual offence under section 49M of the Crimes Act 1958 (Vic) carrying a maximum 10 year term of imprisonment. Under section 49M, the adult's words or conduct must be intended to facilitate the child engaging or being involved in the commission of, or attempt to commit, a sexual offence by the adult or another adult

Grooming behaviour typically involves a graduation from attention giving and non-sexual touching to increasingly more intimate and intrusive behaviour. Grooming can include communicating and/or attempting to befriend or establish a relationship or other emotional connection with a child (under the age of 16) or a person who has care supervision or authority for the child. Communicating can be by words or conduct and includes electronic communication such as through the internet, phone or text message.

Grooming does not necessarily involve any sexual activity or even discussion of sexual activity. For example, it may only involve establishing a relationship with a child or a person who has care, supervision or authority for a child, for the purpose of facilitating sexual activity at a later time. Conduct which occurred outside Victoria or while the child was outside Victoria can still constitute an offence. Certain behaviours or acts will not in isolation constitute grooming behaviour. However, where there is a repeating pattern of indicative behaviour, or several incidents of indicative behaviour, it may constitute grooming behaviour

## Online Grooming

The sexual offence of grooming includes online grooming which occurs when an adult (18 years or over) uses electronic means to communicate with a child under the age of 16 in a predatory fashion to try and lower the child's inhibitions, or heighten their curiosity regarding sexual behaviour or activity, with the aim of eventually meeting them in person for the purposes of sexual activity. This can include communications through social media, online chat rooms, sexting or emails.

## Possible Indicators of Adult Grooming Behaviour

- persuading a child or group of children that they have a special relationship;
- asking a child to keep the relationship to themselves;
- inappropriately allowing a child to overstep the rules;
- testing boundaries, for example by undressing in front of a child;
- manoeuvring to get or insisting on uninterrupted time alone with a student;
- buying a student gifts;
- insisting on physical affection such as hugging, wrestling or tickling even when the student clearly does not want it;
- being overly interested in the sexual development of a student;
- taking a lot of photos of a student;
- engaging in inappropriate or excessive physical contact with a student;
- sharing alcohol or drugs with a student;
- making inappropriate comments about a student's appearance or excessive flattery;
- using inappropriate pet names;
- making jokes or innuendo of a sexual nature;
- making obscene gestures or using obscene language;
- sending correspondence of a personal nature via any medium;
- inviting, allowing, or encouraging students to attend a staff member's home without parental/carer permission;
- entering change rooms or toilets occupied by students when supervision is not required or appropriate;
- communicating with a child's parent/step parent, legal guardian, teacher, religious official or spiritual leader with the intention of facilitating the child's involvement in sexual conduct;
- inappropriately extending a relationship outside of work; or
- photographing, audio recording, or filming students via any medium without authorisation or having parental consent to do so.

## Indicators That a Child May Be Subjected to Grooming

- developing an unusually close relationship with an adult;
- displaying significant mood changes, including hyperactive, sensitive, hostile, aggressive, impatient, resentful, anxious, withdrawn or depressed behaviour;
- using 'street' or different language they learned from a new or older 'friend';
- having new jewellery, clothing, expensive items or large amounts of money that were gifts from a new or older 'friend';
- using a new mobile phone excessively to make calls, videos or send text messages to a new or older 'friend';
- being excessively secretive about their use of social media or online communications;
- frequently staying out late or overnight with a new or older 'friend';
- being dishonest about where they have been or who they were with;
- drug and alcohol use; or
- being picked up in a car by a new or older 'friend' from home or school or 'down the street'

## 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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## P & F NEWS

### P & F MEETING- CHANGE OF DATE

We have had to change the date of the next P & F meeting. It will now be held on Wednesday August 30th at 9.00am in the staffroom. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### PIE/LAMINGTON DRIVE

If you wish to place an order please make sure the order form and payment is handed into the school office by 9.00am next Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017. The P & F will receive a percentage of the total sales.

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

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

### CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thanks to those families who have taken extra boxes to sell. There are still a few families yet to return the money from their first box – please do so by this Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

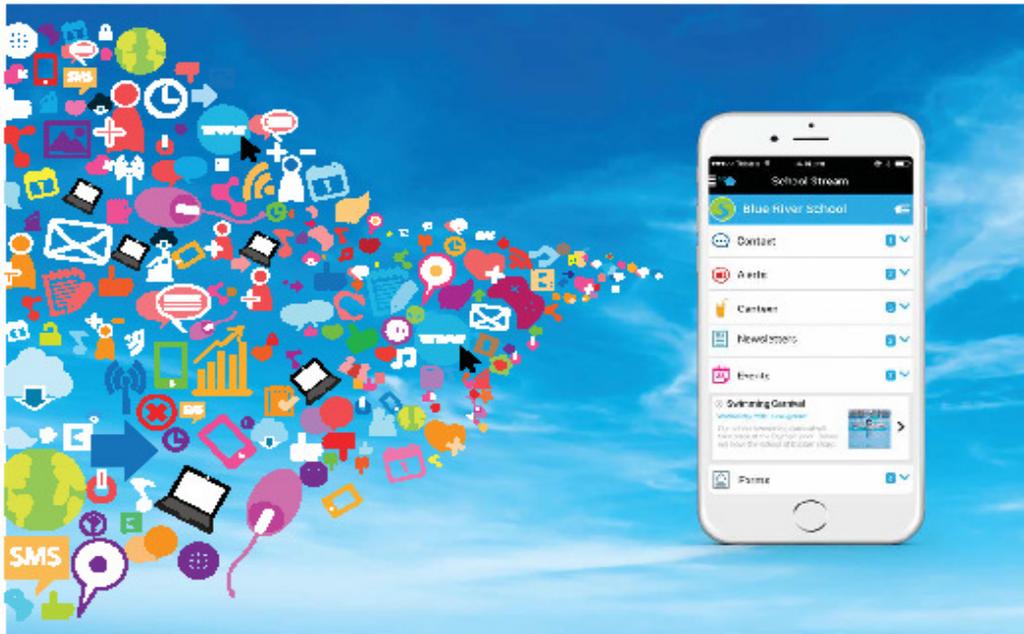
We have five full boxes left and we will be selling these at Recess on a Tuesday and Wednesday for 50 cents each to try and recoup some of the cost. Please note that there will be a limit of 1 chocolate per day per child.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

|           |                            |   |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| Tuesday   | August 15 <sup>th</sup>    | 6.30pm School Board meeting   |
| Wednesday | August 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Book Week Parade 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i><br>Pie/Lamington Drive orders/payment due back into the office           |
| Wednesday | August 30 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.00am P & F Meeting <i>All Welcome</i><br>Pie/Lamington Drive orders to be collected from school hall after 2.00pm |
| Thursday  | August 31 <sup>st</sup>    | Father's Night 5.00pm <i>All Welcome</i>  |
| Tuesday   | September 12 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am Bridging Centre Mass <i>All Welcome</i>  |
| Friday    | September 15 <sup>th</sup> | P & F Cent Night 7.00pm <i>All Welcome</i>  |
| Tuesday   | September 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am Discovery/Foundation Centres Mass  |
| Friday    | September 22 <sup>nd</sup> | End of Term Three   |

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