



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

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*We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation'.*



## Reminders

- **30th November - Last day**  
Booklists due, either with payment online at (please see note later in the newsletter or you can leave Booklists with correct payment at the school office prior to the 30/11/2020
- **from Monday 14th December**—any Booklist orders placed by the 30/11/2020 will be ready for collection from the school (Library/Integration Room)
- **Friday 11th December**  
School Photos
- **Wednesday 16th December**—end of school year, 1:00pm finish.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Hasn't it been great to receive positive news that there have been so many 'Double Donuts' days here in Victoria! We are constantly reminded of the need to be vigilant with our own health and, where necessary, to take a COVID-19 test. I am grateful to all the families in our community who are taking this cautious approach to family health and that of our community. Our staff have also embraced the new 'COVID normal' attitude. This has meant that several of our staff have isolated at home while awaiting results of COVID-19 tests for themselves or family members. With community safety in mind, I have made every effort to ensure that replacement teachers are current (or regular) staff members that are known to the students. As an example, I spent a day this week teaching a class to ensure that the students worked with a familiar staff member. This is one way in which we are supporting your children through the transition back to classroom learning.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday evening (after my previous newsletter in the afternoon!) Catholic Schools in Melbourne were requested to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on eligible students before the end of the school year. With the support of Fr Sebastian, we have organised our Confirmation Mass for Monday 7th December at 6:00pm. We are in the fortunate position that the Year Six teachers have completed the Confirmation preparation program during the year, so students will revise the key concepts in preparation for this special event. At the moment, COVID-19 restrictions will limit family groups to four, including the candidate and the sponsor, although we hope that there will be a further ease of restrictions before 7th December.

## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP IN 2021-2023

During this term we have assessed the needs for the Leadership Structure of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. We have been fortunate to have outstanding leaders, both experienced and emerging, that are working very hard to affect positive change for the faith, academic and social outcomes of our students. As all leadership positions within the school (with the exception of Principal) completed their tenure in 2020, we have advertised and appointed our leadership team for the next three years (2021-2023). I am delighted to announce that our Leadership Team will consist of the following staff:

- **Learning & Teaching Leader**  
— Mr Brendan Williams
- **Religious Education Leader**  
— Mrs Cathy Carroll-Browne
- **Literacy Leader (and Writing Coach)**  
— Mrs Jess Browne
- **Numeracy Leader**  
— Mrs Belinda Mihalicek
- **Learning Diversity Leader**  
— Mrs Cathy Carroll-Browne
- **Student Wellbeing Leader**  
— Mrs Jo Sheffield

We welcome Mrs Sheffield to our Leadership Team in 2021. With the retirement of Mrs Dawson, we are fortunate to have a person with an equally strong commitment to personal wellbeing to continue to work for the benefit of all in our community.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Following discussions with our tireless canteen manager, Mrs Rhonda Lee, we have decided that the canteen will not reopen for the remainder of this term. The logistics of bulk ordering food and drinks for the last four weeks of the school term made reopening impractical.

I am also sad to announce that, following discussions with Rhonda, the Canteen (in its current format) will not be open in 2021. Firstly, I want to acknowledge and thank Mrs Rhonda Lee for her many years of dedication to Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. Rhonda originally worked in the canteen as a member of the school's Parents & Friends Committee while her own children attended the school. For more than 20 years since the departure of her own children, Rhonda has been a constant presence in our school, providing lunches and counter sales for our students (*I am sure some students learnt more about the value of money in the canteen line than in the classroom!*). *We will ensure that we celebrate Rhonda's contribution to the school in an appropriate way!*

The closing of the regular Friday canteen session does not mean the end of 'lunch orders.' Working with the P & F, we will explore opportunities to provide one-off theme days for lunch orders at different times during the school year.

## STUDENT HEALTH AND ATTENDANCE

Once again, thanks to all parents in our community who have taken steps to ensure that children remain at home when they show the mildest symptoms of being unwell. There has also been an increase in communication between home and school, which demonstrates how well we are working together as a community to ensure the safety of our students.

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Our OSHC Service will continue to operate when they receive bookings this term. A reminder that by making a booking in Term Four your registration for OSHC automatically rolls over to the start of 2021.

## 2021 CLASSES

We have rapidly arrived at that time of the year when we are organising our staffing and classroom structures for next year. While we still have (limited) places for new Prep students, we are finding that there will be some areas of the school where we will need to make careful consideration of our structures.

## END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

A reminder that students will finish the 2020 school year on Wednesday, 16th December at 1:00pm.

**Ross Williams**  
Principal



### *What's happening in Student Wellbeing*



The *WAY TO GO* this week is...

#### **You can use humour to help someone else feel a little bit better**

You can cheer someone up when they have a problem, or they are feeling sad or worried, by being funny in a nice way. Stop doing it if the other person says they don't like it. ☐

Our SEL focus this term is on 'HUMOUR' and how important it is in our lives.

#### **What can you do to help your child learn about humour?**

- ✚ Share funny songs or movies and TV shows with your child. This is a great way to connect and enjoy each other's company.
- ✚ Read funny stories or poems to your child and enjoy the humour together.
- ✚ Share riddles and jokes that don't rely on put-downs or insulting humour.
- ✚ Help your child learn how to tell a riddle or joke well.
- ✚ Encourage your child to make a funny card, drawing or banner to cheer up a family member or a friend who is sick or having a difficult time.
- ✚ Create opportunities for your child to have fun and some laughs with their friends (e.g. when your child has friends around to play you could show a funny movie, encourage a joke-telling session, play silly or fun games, provide funny dress-ups or encourage them to put on a funny skit).
- ✚ Point out to your child when they are using humour in an inappropriate way (e.g. to put down someone such as their younger brother or sister, or to trivialise something important, or to deny a problem or a feeling they are having). Discuss this with them

I hope you can find time, during the busyness of family life, to enjoy a laugh and spread the joy!

Chris Dawson – Student Wellbeing Leader

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\* 2021 Booklists were distributed on Monday. If you haven't received one for your child/ren or have misplaced it, please contact the school office on 9729 3411.

November 2020

Dear Parents

With great pleasure, this year we will again be providing the student stationery requirements for Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Your child's 2021 stationery list is attached.

This year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to have a sales session at the school.

Instead, the booklists are available to order online via our website.

To order online go to [www.marbrycraft.com.au](http://www.marbrycraft.com.au).

Click on "Booklist Orders" at left side of page.

A password is required. This is **OLOL213153**.

Click on the booklist you require. Enter the quantities as indicated on the booklist or as required if items are being retained from the previous year.

**BE SURE TO INCLUDE STUDENT'S NAME WHERE INDICATED AND ALSO IN THE PAYMENT SECTION UNDER 'NOTES'.**

Payment as preferred including order number or student name as reference.

**\* If you are ordering online and have more than one booklist to order – please ensure you place each student's booklist order and payment separately. One complete order and payment transaction per booklist being ordered.**

If this is your preferred option, Booklists can still be left with correct money payable at the school office.

Any booklist orders left at the school office will be collected by Marbry on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Booklist orders can also be emailed direct to Marbry by emailing [marbry01@bigpond.com](mailto:marbry01@bigpond.com)

If you are emailing your booklist directly to Marbry please include your contact phone number so Marbry can contact you, with regards to making a credit card payment over the phone. For safety of credit card details, we prefer that information not being added to your Booklist.

Booklist orders must be placed by 30<sup>th</sup> November if you want your booklist to be packaged and ready for collection from the school from 14<sup>th</sup> December. For any Booklist placed after 30<sup>th</sup> November, Marbry will try to have packaged and sent to school for collection from 14<sup>th</sup> December, however alternate arrangements may need to be made if this cannot be done. In this case, we will contact you to discuss what options are available.

Booklist collection from school: Once your Booklist order has been collected, please check through it thoroughly and report anything missing immediately to Marbry.

Claims for shortages will not be recognized after 30 days.

Please feel free to contact us if you are having any difficulties. This is a new system and there are bound to be some teething problems, so please bear with us while we perfect this for future use.

We are pleased to again be the chosen supplier of Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Yours sincerely,

The Sales Team at Marbry