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

- Wednesday 19th May— P&F Food Day
- Wednesday 26th May
  Scienceworks—whole school excursion
- Sunday 6th June
  P&F Bunnings BBQ (Bunnings Bayswater)

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES 2021

- Thursday 27th May
- Friday 28th May
- Wednesday 28th July
- Monday 1st November

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week the students in Years Three and Five will undertake NAPLAN assessments. As seems to be normal at this time, the media is filled with stories about participation of students, stressed students, overworked teachers, etc. As a primary school principal my greatest concern with these assessments is that they ask the students (and staff) to work in a way that is completely foreign to them for four test sessions. While they can produce a 'Snapshot' of work completed on a certain day in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, our teachers work with our children every day and plan quality learning experiences. This is why we extend an invitation to all parents to participate in the Parent-Teacher interviews at the beginning of Term Three. These meetings allow teachers to provide feedback on the learning that has taken place over the first two terms, as well as setting goals for the second half of the year.

P&F FOOD DAY- WEDNESDAY 19th MAY

Lunch order day is almost here!! Thanks to the P&F organising group, we are pleased to offer a trial lunch order day through Classroom Cuisine. Parents need to place their online order by 8:30am next Wednesday, which will be delivered to school in time to be distributed to classrooms. This will be the first of several planned lunch order theme days in Terms Two and Three.

PREP ENROLMENTS- 2022 & 2023

A reminder that we need to receive sibling Prep enrolment forms as soon as possible. There has been strong interest in our learning programs, planned building works, etc through the school tours so far. If you know any friends, neighbours, etc. that are looking at Prep for 2022, please invite them to book a school tour soon!

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION- SCIENCEWORKS WEDNESDAY 26th MAY

We are looking forward to our whole school excursion to ScienceWorks in a couple of weeks. A reminder that, on this day, the students need to be at school by 8:40am so that the buses can depart on time for Spotswood. We have made bookings for several of the special activity sessions for the students throughout the day. Please refer to the teacher notes for more information.

ST JOSEPH'S AND MATER CHRISTI TASTER DAY- TUESDAY 18th MAY

We are looking forward to our Year Four and Five students travelling to St Joseph's and Mater Christi Colleges next week for their 'Taster Day.' The students will get a sample of a Secondary School campus and participate in activity sessions around the schools. These days are a great reminder to families that Catholic Secondary School enrolment applications close later this year.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATIONS

As our Year Four and Five parents are no doubt aware, preparations are underway for our parish celebration of these students receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time later this month.

Parish Education Board transition to School Advisory Council

As part of the change of governance to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) we are required to change our advisory structure for the school. Last week Fr Sebastian and I were part of an online meeting along with Parish Priests and Principals from around the east of Melbourne. I will be meeting with the current Education Board soon to update them of the changes involving this group.

Ross Williams
Principal

eSmart Schools

For onsite sales the Uniform Shop is open every Friday from 8:45am—9:15am

If you are unable to attend on a Friday morning, please email your order through to mangerosa@olbayswater.catholic.edu.au

Your uniform order and invoice will be packed and sent home with your child at the end of the school day.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our P&F family.

Together they have already contributed greatly to Our Lady of Lourdes, this year.
You may have noticed a huge improvement to our outdoor garden area which is accessed from the hallway near our senior classrooms, called the POP GARDEN.

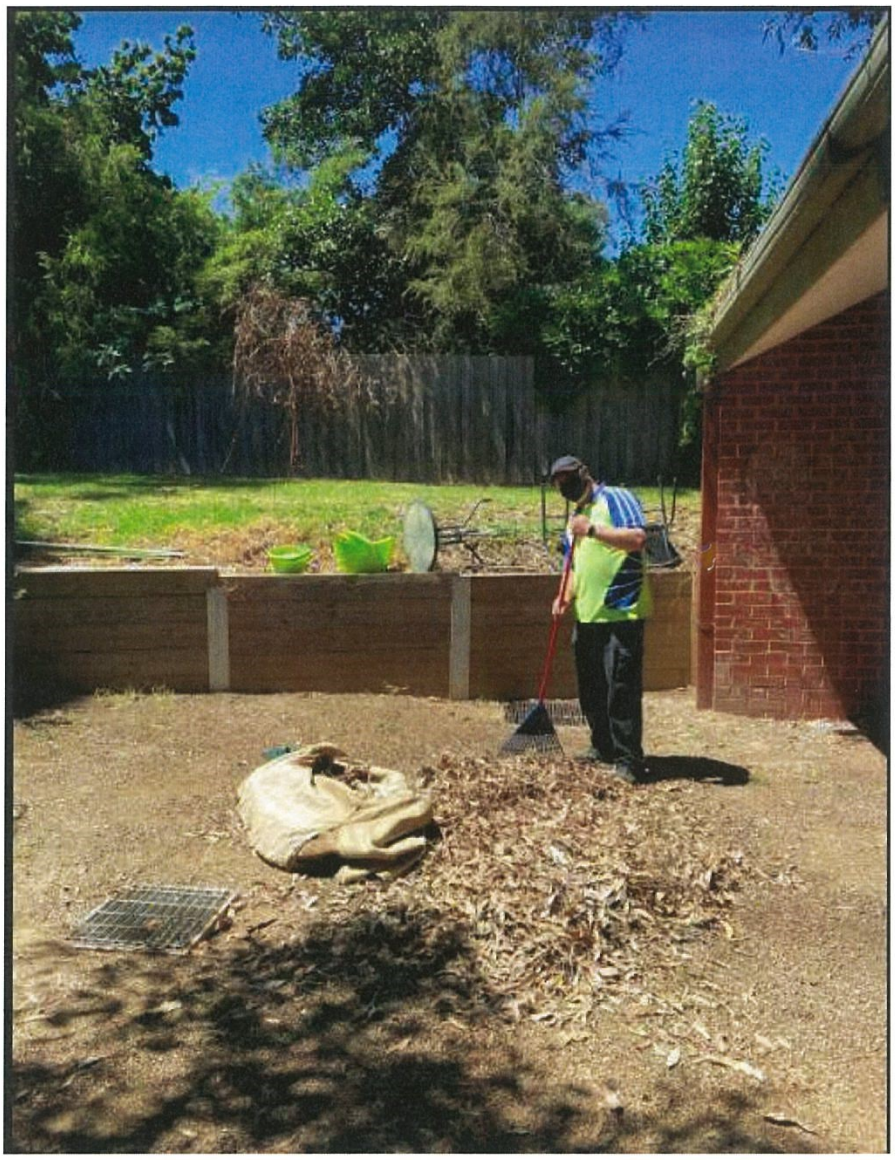
The P&F sourced and paid for artificial turf to cover the pebbly sandy area so that the children can sit comfortably and make use of this space with their teachers.

It now provides an area which can be used by classes for quiet reading, meditation and prayer, gardening or simply a place to relax and chill.

We have also been given two new cordless vacuums to keep our lovely school clean and tidy.
A big thank you P&F for helping to make our school a better place.

Kind thoughts
Jo Sheffield
Wellbeing Leader

THE BEFORE .....



AND AFTER

WE WANT YOU!!!

On Sunday 6 June, OLOL will be sizzling up a stack of sausages at Bunnings Bayswater.

We will be running 3 shifts on the day:

8am – 11am

11am – 2pm

2pm – 5pm

The guidelines have significantly tightened following COVID-19 as such we need to roster and operate with defined roles on the day. These are:

Cook

Order

Collect

Greeter/Back Up

If you are interested in any specific role or time, please email shona_ashworth@hotmail.com

Once the roster is full, roles and responsibilities will be distributed to our sausage sizzling team to ensure we're all prepared for the day.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ross at the school, or email Shona.

Thank you!

THE EDUCATION STATE

Do you have a current Healthcare Card?

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

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If you have any queries or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 9729 3411.

If you are the holder of a current Healthcare Card, please let the office know.