Dear Parents and Carers,

Social justice is a core value of Christianity. Social justice is concerned with a "fair go" for all and holds that all people are equal, should be treated with dignity and respect and ensures that there is no discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, religion or ethnicity.

Catholic social justice teachings are based on the Bible: Old and New Testaments, Church tradition and Church documents. Children often question me that if Jesus was God why did he choose to live in poverty? Christ chose the way of poverty, suffering and failure in his incarnation, in his public life and in his passion to reflect these core values of his beliefs that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. He was in close association with the poor and the outcasts of the society of his day. There are many examples of Jesus ‘living out’ his values and beliefs.

- He was born in a stable
- His first visitors were shepherds
- He lived the greater part of his life in Nazareth, one of the poorest areas of his times

During the holidays two of our teachers: Miss Carolyn Freebairn & Miss Bianca Dowd travelled to the Philippines and spent time in areas foreign to our Australian way of life. They experienced first hand what it was like not to have running water, a place to sleep and to live in areas that would be totally unacceptable here in our own community. The aim of the visit was not to feel sorry for these communities but giving up their holidays to lend a hand to support these communities was a hands on experience of social justice at work. One thing the girls did say was that in the face of all this adversity there were lots of happy faces and they will also have lots of socks to wear thanks to Our Lady's children!

So tomorrow when we have invited the children to eat rice for the day to experience first hand what it is like to have just enough to eat for the day. So by walking a day in someone else's shoes we may all consider how we can show respect and dignity for those less fortunate than ourselves and be a visible sign of social justice.
Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrated their birthday this week: Daniel 5R, Andrew 5R, Tristan 3S, Dominic 3B, Samuel 6V, Ricardo 1R, Jensen 2S. & Miss Rupasinghe!

The Pirate Ship is nearly ready for launching with the final surfacing being prepared. All the parents will be happy to know that there is a GIGANTIC sandpit being constructed and then the ground will be covered in a rubberised soft-fall surface. Hopefully with lots of good weather the navvies can get all the works completed on time, so I don’t have to make them walk the plank!

**Prep 2016:** Thank you to the families who attended the Prep Information sessions this week. If you were not able to attend there is an information pack available for you in readiness for the first session next Thursday. These are available at the General Office – please see Julie.

Don’t forget the Fete this Sunday in the Parish grounds. To assist in the Fete this year, we are asking all children to bring along a food item to be sold at the fete. Non perishable items only please and they can be left in your classrooms ready for collection on Friday afternoon.

Have a great weekend,

Paul McEntee
Principal
**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Sunday 18**th October: Our Lady’s Parish Fete
- **Thursday 22**nd October: Prep 2016 Orientation 11:30am – 1:30pm
- **Thursday 29**th October: Prep 2016 Orientation 11:30am – 1:30pm
- **Monday 2**nd November: SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
- **Monday 9**th November: Reporting Meeting for Parents 7:00pm
- **Tuesday 3**nd November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSURE
- **Wednesday 11**th November: Remembrance Day
- **Thursday 12**nd November: Prep 2016 “Meet the Teacher” 11:30am – 1:30pm
- **Tuesday 1**st December: School Carols – 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- **Wednesday 2**nd December: CURRICULUM DAY - SCHOOL CLOSURE
- **Monday 7**th December: Reports go Home
- **Tuesday 8**nd December: Parent / Teacher Interviews 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- **Thursday 10**th December: Parent / Teacher Interviews 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- **Friday 11**th December: Year 6 Excursion to Funfields
- **Monday 14**th December: Meet the Class 11:45am
- **Tuesday 15**th December: Year 6 Graduation
- **Wednesday 16**th December: End of Year Mass 9:15am – All Welcome
- **Wednesday 16**th December: Last day of Term 4 – School finishes 3:30pm

**Religious Education News**

**Mary McCormick, R.E. Leader**

**Social Justice at Our Lady’s**

**Social Justice Day - October 16th**

Here is a reminder of what we are doing on Friday at the Social Justice Day:

- **Raise awareness** of the issues of Social Justice through activities and guest speakers.
- **Raise empathy** within our students for those who are not treated in a socially just way.
- **Challenge students** to understand that we are privileged people in our global society, and we have a responsibility to take action to bring about Social Justice for all.

**To help our students understand how others live in a developing country:**

- **Students** will **only eat rice all day** *(Students to bring in their own bowl & spoon, water bottle.)*

**We are asking for your support on the SOCIAL JUSTICE Day by NOT sending other foods for the students to eat** – we want them to truly understand what it feels like to only eat simply for the time they are at school. **There will be NO CANTEEN available on Friday October 16**th .

- There will be guest speakers for the classrooms – from St. Vincent de Paul, a Soup Kitchen and our teachers (Ms Freebairn & Ms. Dowd) will share about their trip to work in the Philippines with the street kids of Manila.
- Year 5’s are demonstrating ‘Tippy Taps’ …
**What is a Tippy-Tap?**

In Uganda, families build a simple device called a Tippy-tap to wash their hands.

It consists of a container mounted on a simple frame. Water is tipped from the container by tapping a lever with your foot. That way, you can wash your hands without touching the stand when your hands are dirty!

The simple act of washing hands with soap and water can reduce diarrhoea by over 40%. This is important because diarrhoea kills 2.2 million people every year.

The Year 5 students have created some Tippy Taps that they will be setting up outside the school toilets. We are inviting students to try them on our Social Justice Day.

Our day will finish with a *Prayer session* in the Church – we will pray and share what we have learnt about Social Justice. Parents are welcome to attend this session.

Please feel free to come and discuss anything with me if you have any questions.

*Mary McCormick* *(Religious Education Leader)*

**School Masses:**

This term we won’t have a class mass each week. Below are the dates for the class and whole school masses.

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All families welcome to attend these masses. Morning tea is available after mass.

**IN OUR LADYS CARE** has its October newsletter now online for all members of our community to read. *Important information about 2016 Re-enrolment Day, Closure of Vacation Care in January 2016. New childcare rates for 2016 and much more information.*

Log onto: [www.olcraigieburn.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olcraigieburn.catholic.edu.au) website.

Click on the Community Links tab.

Click on Before & After School Care & Vacation Care Program tab. You will be able to view In Our lady's Care October newsletter online.
**OUR LADY’S PARISH FAIR** is on Sunday 18th October. We are asking parents for donations of the following:

- Mystery Bottles (You can fill the jars/bottles with lollies, toys, anything as long as it’s wrapped – then wrap the jar so that you can’t see what’s inside (Can be dropped off at school or parish office)
- Groceries – Please send to child’s classroom for **GROCERY RACE** – the winning class gets extra play & icy poles !! (please check use by date)
- Books (Please drop off @ church on Saturday 17th)
- Bric a Brac ((Please drop off @ church on Saturday 17th)

Thanks everyone – the Parish Fair Council appreciates your support !!

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In our inquiry unit, the Year Ones have been learning about habitats and Australian animals. On Friday the 9th of October we went to Healesville Sanctuary. We saw and explored lots of Australian animals. We also enjoyed watching the amazing bird show.

“My favourite animals were a parrot and a platypus” - Carmela 1R

“We saw habitats and animals and we even patted a reptile.” - Oliver 1R

“I enjoyed the bird show. I learned about the different birds. That parrots can talk and they have rainbow colours on them” By Emily Gortva 1L

“I learnt that owls can turn their head all the way around. Some birds are endangered so we need to look after their habitats” By Damian Brigante 1B
OUR LADY’S SCHOOL UNIFORM

SUMMER UNIFORM (Terms 1 & 4)

Boys:
- Green polo shirt
- Black school shorts
- Black or white socks
- Bomber jacket or windcheater
- School hat
- Black leather shoes

Girls:
- Summer dress ** or
- Black school shorts
- Green polo shirt
- Black or white socks
- Bomber jacket or windcheater
- School hat
- Black leather shoes

** Leggings or tights must not be worn under the summer dress

WINTER UNIFORM (Terms 2 & 3)

Girls & Boys:
- Green polo shirt (Long or short sleeve)
- Black school long pants
- Black or white socks
- Bomber jacket or windcheater
- Black leather shoes

School Bags: Green monogrammed

School Hats: In line with the national Sunsmart policy, all children are required to wear a school hat when outside at all times. This includes to and from school, recess, lunchtimes, excursions and all outside activities.

Sports Uniform: Must be worn on sports days and days when the children have performing arts. White runners should be worn. Please see the General Office for sports uniform purchase order forms.

During the colder winter months, the school sells scarves, beanies & gloves. Only school monogrammed items must be worn.

Our uniform supplier is: Northern Regional Uniforms
21/8 Oleander Drive, South Morang 3752
Ph: 9436-4005

Uniform sales are every Wednesday from 2:30pm near the General Office.
MUSIC LESSONS FOR OUR LADYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

** MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC**

OUR LADY’S Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 (Metro Music School).

Lessons Offered: KEYBOARD PIANO GUITAR (electric/acoustic)

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

From $13.20 per lesson (incl GST)

ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from the school office or contact Metro Music School on 9460 4818. You can also enrol online at the above website address.

Festival of Tennis
Saturday 17th – Saturday 24th October
Hume Tennis & Community Centre
Free activities all week for the whole family!
Visit our Website:
www.humetennis.com.au

You don’t have to be a superhero to become a Foster carer

Foster Carers come from all walks of life - single, married, older, with or without kids. Everyone can make a difference.

9301 5200
anglicarevic.org.au
Festival of Tennis 2015
7 Days of tennis activities and events!
FAMILY DAY LAUNCH EVENT STARTS
10AM SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

More info/bookings: humetennis.com.au
facebook.com/humetc

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria Staff can come to your school or children's service and speak directly to Parents & Carers of children with asthma about:

- What is asthma?
- How to recognise asthma symptoms
- Asthma medications and how to take them
- What to do in an asthma emergency
- Asthma Action Plans

Please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 9326 7088 for more information about holding an education session at your school or Service.

This initiative is conducted as part of the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program and supported by the Australian Government Department of Health.

Calling all Girls aged 3+ and Boys 3-14
RAIEBURN CALISTHENICS
are looking for students to join all teams for 2016 (1st class FREE!)

Does your child enjoy singing and dancing? Calisthenics combines singing, dancing, ballet, gymnastics and teamwork in a fun & friendly environment. No experience necessary!

For expressions of interest, please text “ADD ME!” to 0434 270 451 or email raieburn@hotmail.com

Website: www.raieburncalisthenics.com.au

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