Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term three and the chilly weather that has embraced us all. For those of us lucky enough to travel to warmer climates during the break, it was a challenge not to stay under the covers on Monday. I want to thank those families who inquired about my overseas trip and all I can say is I still believe we live in the best country in the world. Although we could improve Australia if we had some of the historic cities of Europe e.g. Prague in our continent and maybe Belgium as well?

School Morning start....This term we are trialling a new time for students to enter their classrooms in the morning. At 8.40am, ten minutes earlier than before, students will be able to go to their classrooms. With the colder weather and the building program underway, we believe that it is a way to improve the beginning of the school day. All parents can support this initiative by:

- Ensuring their children are not left at school prior to 8.30am.
- Kiss and drop in the playground and not going in to the classroom in the morning. Teachers have a duty of care for all the children and staff being distracted by outside influences can compromise this. Please place a note in your child’s diary or leave a note at the office. Teachers are available after school for brief conversations, and from 8.30-8.40am.
- Being at school ready to come in between 8.30 and 8.50am. There are still far too many children coming in to school after the 8.50am start time.
- Before and afterschool care is available for all families outside school hours- prior to 8.30am and after 3.45pm.
- On Monday students will wait on yard till 8.50am for assembly, weather permitting.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrated their birthday during the holidays and this week:
**Building Program:** The first phase of relocating and removing portable classrooms is now complete and all classrooms are operating as per usual. The builder for the program has been appointed and they will be moving onsite in the near future to commence building the new classrooms. Weather has set back the program a few days, but we should see some action in the coming weeks. The school boundaries fencing has now been completed, with a 1800mm fence surrounding the entire school, providing a safe and secure environment for our school community.

**Term Overviews** were sent home yesterday. These documents outline the key areas of learning your child will be undertaking this term. It is centred round the AusVELS Curriculum, the framework that guides all learning in Victorian schools. While the overview includes the major areas of new learning for your child, it should be noted that teaching and learning sessions also incorporate revision and consolidation of previously taught content and skills. The overviews are also available on the school website under the Learning and Teaching Banner.

**Prep 2016:** Letters are going out this week inviting all families new and current to an interview later in the term. If you have an intending Prep for next year, please ensure you receive the letter and if you don’t please contact the office. We have more applications than positions available so don’t miss out.

**Student Wellbeing Drama Festival:** Congratulations to our team of students who participated in the Catholic Education Student Wellbeing Drama Festival and who won the competition in the primary category from all metropolitan schools that participated. It was a great achievement for our school as this is the second time we participated and the second time we have won. A great effort from Ms. Torzillo and Ms. Laiacona who rehearsed and work tirelessly to achieve an excellent performance about being a positive bystander when bullying situations arise. A thank you to Ms. Dowd and Mrs. Beale for their work. We are very proud of this achievement.

On Monday morning at assembly, a representative from the Catholic Education will present and recognise our school and students. Like all assemblies, we welcome parents to attend.

As we begin the term, I invite all parents to check our calendar for upcoming events. Year 4’s are looking forward to their Camp later in the term, Preps celebrate 100 days of school next week and our Year six students are preparing for their Confirmation. Book Week is also a highlight of Term 3. These are just a few of the many activities and events ahead this term.

Have a great sunny weekend ???

Paul McEntee
Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 24th July  Prep “100 days” celebrations
Monday 27th July  Prep Excursion to Melbourne Museum (PG & PM)
Monday 3rd August  Prep Excursion to Melbourne Museum (PT & PE)
Weekend 25/26th July  Year 6 Confirmation Sign Up Weekend
Wednesday 5th August  Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
Weekend 15th/16th August  Confirmation Presentation Weekend
Wednesday 12th August  Bishop Terry Curtin visit to Year 6’s
Friday 14th August  Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass – 9:15am
Monday 24th August  Book Week
Wednesday 26th August  Book Week Dress up Day
Sunday 30th August  Year 6 Confirmation
2nd September  Year 4 Camp Info Night 7:00pm
Tuesday 8th September  Our Lady’s Feast Day Mass
Thursday 10th September  Year 4 Overnight Camp to Yellingbo Park
Friday 18th September  Last day of Term 3 – School finishes 3:30pm
Monday 5th October  Term 4 commences
Tuesday 13th October  Prep 2016 Information Night 7:00pm
Wednesday 14th October  Prep 2016 Information Day 9:30am
Thursday 22nd October  Prep 2016 Orientation 11:30am – 1:30pm
Sunday 25th October  Our Lady’s Parish Fete
Thursday 29th October  Prep 2016 Orientation 11:30am – 1:30pm
Monday 2nd November  SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Tuesday 3rd November  Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSURE
Wednesday 11th November  Remembrance Day
Thursday 12th November  Prep 2016 “Meet the Teacher” 11:30am – 1:30pm
Wednesday 16th December  End of Year Mass 9:15am – All Welcome
Wednesday 16th December  Last day of Term 4 – School finishes 3:30pm

Religious Education News
Mary McCormick, R.E. Leader

CONFIRMATION
Sunday 30th August – 3pm at Kolbe Catholic College Greenvale. Enrolment forms for this sacrament have been sent home this week.

Dates to keep in mind for the program:
JULY 25th or 26th : Sign up weekend
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and hand in a special card to register for the Sacrament.

AUGUST 5th : Parent & Child Workshop.  Our Lady’s Parents and students to attend.
Our Lady’s School at 7.00pm.

AUGUST 12th : Confirmation Retreat Day
Students will attend a day of reflection and prayer in preparation for the Sacrament.

AUGUST 15th or 16th : Presentation Weekend
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and receive their Confirmation pin and a prayer scroll.
Making JESUS Real Awards (MJR)

The Making Jesus Real award is awarded to students at assembly to students who do the ‘everyday’ things that make Jesus ‘real’ in our school. You will notice that none of the actions listed below are ‘heroic’ or ‘superhuman’! They are just ways that we make the love of Jesus present in our community. These students comfort, help, give dignity, show respect and make people feel included, just like Jesus did.

Making JESUS real awards have been awarded to:

**Esther (Prep G)** for the way she spreads God’s word and shares stories from when she attends Church.

**Amelia (Prep M)** for the way she forgave a friend that hurt her.

**Manuel (Prep E)** his patience.

**Monica (1R)** for the way she welcomed and was helpful to new people in our school.

**Taline (1L)** for the way she leads by example, encouraging others to make good choices about their behaviour.

**Nikolas (1B)** for the way he welcomed Brendan into our classroom.

**Riley (2K)** for the way he was a leader in maths and how he helped is classmates.

**Jude (2A)** for including someone who felt lonely.

**Ava (2S)** for the way she was a leader in class and how she helped others with their work.

School Masses:

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

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**CAFE**

If anyone can help in the canteen on Thursday 30th July (am or pm), even for an hour or two, please let the General Office or myself know – just make sure that you have a “Working with Children” card.

- We have a special treat this term – baked potatoes and mini cheese burgers with drink $4 (from canteen menu) – **WEDNESDAYS ONLY**
- Statements MUST be finalised by this FRIDAY.
- Potato Cakes – $1.00 each – Thursdays Only
- Chicken Pizzas – available everyday $3.80 each

**TERM 3 – MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS ONLY**

Baked Potatoes with butter or garlic butter $3.20
Baked Potatoes with butter or garlic butter & cheese/bacon $4.80
Baked Potatoes with the lot $6.00

**Please state which butter you would like**

**Extras:** Sour Cream 50c, Fried Onions 50c, Coleslaw $1.00
SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS were sent home earlier this week. Please do not ignore this account. We rely on ALL families to “pay their way”. The school operates the same as any business and cash flow is a big part of the day to day success.

We have engaged the services of NCML Collection Agency to collect our overdue accounts, so please ensure that all school fee accounts are up to date.

**ENROL NOW FOR MUSIC LESSONS FOR OUR LADYS PS**

**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 direct on 9460 4818. You can also enrol online at the above website address.
Tuning in to Kids

For Mums and Dads, Grandparents & other Carers

‘Tuning in to Kids: Emotionally Intelligent Parenting’ is a 6-week program that helps parents to build strong relationships with their children, by better understanding children’s emotions and communicating about feelings - even in difficult times.

Certificate of participation provided to all who complete full program

Parenting Program Dates
Friday 31st July 2015
Friday 7th August 2015
Friday 14th August 2015
Friday 21st August 2015
Friday 28th August 2015
Friday 4th September 2015

Venue: Connections @ Craigieburn Hub
59 Craigieburn Rd Craigieburn

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Contact Tess on 9483 2401 to register

BEANIES, GLOVES & SCARVES are available for sale at the General Office. Also, anyone wanting to purchase the sports uniform can do so every Tuesday morning at 9:00am. Other uniform sales through Northern Regional Uniforms are on Wednesdays from 2:30pm – 3:45pm.
Tuning into Teens

Who
Parents and carers

When
Tuesday 28th July 2015
Tuesday 4th August 2015
Tuesday 11th August 2015
Tuesday 18th August 2015
Tuesday 25th August 2015
Tuesday 1st September 2016

Time
Tuesday’s 6-8pm

Where
headspace Craigieburn
Level 1, Central Suites,
Craigieburn Central

Contact
The reception on
03 8338 0919 to register

Tuning in to Teens is a 6 week program that teaches you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.

- Would you like to learn how to:
  - Be better at talking with your teen?
  - Be better at understanding your teen?
  - Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
  - Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
  - Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

This program is for you.

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The NEW Hume Tennis and Community Centre is offering half price tennis lessons, for anyone who starts tennis in Term 3.
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