Dear Parents and Carers,

We all experience fear and anxiety but sometimes our fears - of heights or spiders or even mathematics can act as a barrier to new horizons and experiences. In fact, maths anxiety - a recognised phenomenon - can be a huge barrier to learning. Thankfully, teachers who understand this can help their students overcome it and a positive outlook to maths education can lead to an improved outlook to students’ learning capabilities. On Monday, Rob Vingerhoets will be sharing not only his knowledge of maths education but his passion for looking at the world through a mathematical lens. Rob has spent time in America educating teachers about mathematics and he will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our staff in regards to how we approach mathematical learning at Our Lady’s.

Financial assistance for Camps The State Government has reintroduced a fund and allowed Catholic schools to access this fund which supports eligible families to a $125.00 grant. The money is sent directly to the school and is to be used to offset the cost associated with camps that cost extra to attend. Forms are available from school office and website and further information can be obtained from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Birthday wishes to all these children who have celebrated their birthday this week. Montana Prep M, Michael 3T, Joseph 5R, Valentina 1R, Phillip 3S, Jay 2K, and Mrs Beale. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE.

Reconciliation and Recognition: National Sorry Day is an Australia wide observance held on May 26 each year. It is the anniversary of the tabling in the Australian Parliament of the Bringing Them Home Report in 1997, the story of the Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities: the Stolen Generations. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. At Our Lady’s on Tuesday we came together as a school community and reflected upon the importance of this day through song prayer and story. I thank Munique (Year 3S) who introduced us all to the ceremony with her ‘Welcome to Country’ speech.

This weekend our First Eucharist candidates for 2015 are invited to attend Mass and be presented to the Parish Community. Sunday being Trinity Sunday, an occasion when the Church celebrates its central belief of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as one God is an appropriate time for their presentation. Let us keep our candidates and their families in our thoughts and prayers in this time of sacramental preparation.

Go Blues!

Paul McEntee
Principal
### IMPORTANT DATES

**Weekend 30/31st May**  
Eucharist Presentation Weekend  
**Monday 1st June**  
Staff PD Day – School Closure - **STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Friday 5th June**  
Year 4 Eucharist Reflection Day  
**Monday 8th June**  
Queens Birthday Public Holiday - **STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Tuesday 9th June**  
Year 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill (One night)  
**Wednesday 17th June**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences1:30– School closes 1:00pm  
**Friday 19th June**  
Prep 2016 Enrolments Close  
**Sunday 21st June**  
Year 4 First Eucharist  
**Friday 26th June**  
Last day of Term 2 – School finishes 1:00pm  
**Monday 13th July**  
Term 3 commences  
**Weekend 25/26th July**  
Year 6 Confirmation Sign Up Weekend  
**Wednesday 5th August**  
Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop  
**Wednesday 15th/16th August**  
Confirmation Presentation Weekend  
**Wednesday 12th August**  
Bishop Terry Curtin visit to Year 6’s  
**Monday 24th August**  
Book Week  
**Sunday 30th August**  
Year 6 Confirmation  
**Tuesday 6th September**  
Our Lady’s Feast Day Mass  
**Friday 18th September**  
Last day of Term 3 – School finishes 1:00pm  
**Monday 5th October**  
Term 4 commences  
**Tuesday 13th October**  
Prep 2016 Information Night 7:00pm  
**Wednesday14th 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  
**Thursday 12th November**  
Prep 2016 “Meet the Teacher” 11:30am – 1:30pm  
**Wednesday 16th December**  
End of Year Mass 9:15am – All Welcome

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**CAPTAIN’S CORNER**

Hello, School Captains here, and we are back to another week of school. No school on Monday next week, and the Monday the week after as well. The year fours are having their eucharist reflection on the 5th of June which is next week. The year 5’s are going on camp to Sovereign Hill on the 9th of June.

Guess what, the best part of the term has nearly come again, it’s, parent teacher interviews, yay, which is on Wednesday 17th of June and at 1:30.

Then on the 21st the year fours are having their first eucharist.

From the School Captains

And remember, z bogom which means goodbye in Bosnian.
FIRST EUCHARIST

Important dates:
MAY 30th or 31st Presentation Weekend

Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and receive their medal and mass book.

Weekend Mass Times:
Our Lady’s Church: Saturday – 6.30pm
Sunday – 8am and 11am

Good Samaritan Chapel: Sunday – 9.30am, 6pm

Mary – The Month of May
May is the month marked by the church in its dedication to Mary. Our Lady’s school places great value on Mary as a role model for us to learn from.

Our school Vision says:

*We follow the example of Jesus and Mary in fostering our relationship with God.*

So what can we learn from Mary the Mother of God?
Mary offers us three essential pathways for living our faith.

*Mary shows us how to listen.*
Mary was a young girl living in a culture where she could have been stoned to death for having a child out-of-wedlock. She knew the cultural and societal consequences of her saying “yes” to what God was asking of her. She knew what could happen if Joseph didn’t understand. She had reason to fear her parents’ reactions. When the angel appeared to Mary, we read in scripture how she was deeply troubled. Somewhere deep within she found the courage, inner strength, and grace to respond with full assent, “Let it be done to me according to your word.” Mary shows us what it means to listen with full intensity to what God is asking, God’s invitations may very well demand everything of us. Deep pondering, heart-centered attentiveness, and courageous listening are required of us, too.

*Mary shows us how God’s word must be shared with others.*
When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, they did not simply exchange a simple greeting, but one of deep faith. God’s word is meant to be shared. It cannot be contained within us if we are to be filled with the life it offers. We must share it with others. We are invited to ponder the word of God so that we might share it joyfully with others.
Mary shows us how to live in God’s word.

Mary lived moments of profound joy as well as profound sorrow. From losing Jesus in the Temple to the journey to Calvary, Mary lived these sorrows and anguished deeply. Mary formed and raised Jesus from the simplicity of her daily life. She was a person in conversation with God, with the Word of God, and also with the events through which God spoke to her. From the Annunciation to Pentecost, Mary appears as someone whose freedom is completely open to God’s will and shows us how to live in God’s word.

Even though May is coming to a close, may we turn to Mary in our times of joy and sorrow and ask her to continue to show us the way to her Son. As we strive to grow in faith and live more fully in God’s word, may we, like Mary, bring Christ to others.

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

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PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE – So far, 45884 books have been read. Congratulations to 77 students who have completed the challenge. If you have any queries regarding the PRC, please see Mrs. Watt after school.
Student Wellbeing @ Our Lady’s

...Providing a safe and supportive learning environment

**Playground Awards**

When children are playing on the yard all teachers have been very keen to catch children who are following our school expectations. The following children are this week's winners:

- **Be SAFE** – Aziz 2M
- **Be RESPONSIBLE** – Volanis 5B
- **Be RESPECTFUL** – Volanis 5B

Congratulations to all the children who received awards this week

**Grinners are Winners**

Congratulations to **2K**! This week’s winning class with 21 points is 2K.

They were telling me that when a person talks over someone else they tell them to wait their turn. What a great strategy 2K!

**Behaviour Goal**

This week’s behaviour goal is:

**Use a calm voice when speaking to others**

At Our Lady’s we use the School Wide Positive Behaviour support strategy to improve student behaviour. As part of the process we recently asked parents and children to give some feedback about behaviours of concern. Thank you to all the families that gave their feedback.

From the feedback, there was concern about the use of the word ‘accidently’. For example: ‘accidently hurts others’ or ‘accidently damage property’. There are times that we accidently hurt or damage property. Although we understand that accidents do happen, it is also important that we follow through with these incidents with children by having a conversation to help understand the importance of safety. At times it may need to be a conversation with others to explain behaviour or to apologise.

At Our Lady’s we believe that teaching behaviours and restoring relationships are important.
This week and next week the Year 5 and 6 children will be participating in a workshop run by experts from headspace.
We have a headspace centre in Craigieburn (Craigieburn Central).
The workshop will focus on self awareness and self management. The key message is that our physical health is important, but it is just as important to look after our mental health. If we need help in regards to our mental health, it is very important to seek help and advice from experts.

**headspace** is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation.

They help young people who are going through a tough time. It may be they are:

- are feeling down, stressed or can't stop worrying
- haven't felt like yourself for a long time
- can't deal with school or finding it difficult to concentrate
- are feeling sick or worried about your health
- want to cut down on your drinking or drug use
- want to talk about sexuality, identity or relationships
- are having difficulties with friendships
- are being bullied, hurt or harassed
- are worried about work or study or if you're having money trouble

It is an organisation that supports people ages between 12-25 years of age.

They can help you with:

- General health
- Mental health and counselling
- Education, employment and other services
- Alcohol and other drug services.

30 years of Reading Recovery Tribute

Reading Recovery at Our Lady’s Early Reading Initiative Celebrates 30-Year Anniversary

Our Lady’s is joining with schools across Victoria to celebrate 30 years of Reading Recovery. Thousands of former Reading Recovery students, first graders at risk of reading failure, are now successful readers and writers thanks to the skilled instruction of Reading Recovery-trained teachers.

Reading Recovery was developed by Dr. Marie Clay, one of the most-distinguished literacy researchers in the world. Dr. Clay is credited with transforming the practice of primary school literacy instruction. Since it began in Australia in 1984, more than 5,000 trained teachers have reached many thousands of children for nearly 30 years, with most students who completed the full 12 to 20 week series of lessons meeting state wide grade-level expectations in reading and writing.

Reading Recovery consistently produces top results. A review of Reading Recovery research by the What Works Clearinghouse, an initiative of the U.S. Department of Education, reported the highest rating in general reading achievement for all beginning reading programs. An independent research study conducted by the Consortium for Policy Research in Education (2013), reported —large positive effects for student literacy performance overall, and these positive results were also large for EAL (English as an Additional Language) students and students in rural schools. Reading Recovery now operates in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, North America and the United Kingdom and has been translated in Spanish and French.

Reading Recovery Teachers from Our Lady’s over the years have been Christine Lorkin 2011- 2013, Loretta Robbins 2010 – 2013, Carolyn Watt 2013- present and Lynette Collings 2014 – present. Carole Dodd and Lynne Oaten, who taught at Our Lady’s, were also Reading Recovery Teachers.

Carolyn Watt and Lynette Collings
Reading Recovery Teachers 2015
In Mathematics, the Grade 3s have been learning about length and how we measure the length of an object.

We discovered that when we measure, we must use the same unit of measurement. We can use informal units of measurement such as; blocks and icy-pole sticks.

When we measure we know that there must be no gaps or overlaps, otherwise our measurements are inaccurate.

We must record how many and the unit that was used to measure the length of an object.

For example, Veronica’s drink bottle measures 7 blocks long.
Caiden’s tub measures 34 little blocks long.

Have a go at measuring the length of an object using an informal unit you have at home! 😊
ALL SAINTS BASKETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

UNDER 8 MIX - 4 PLAYERS (BORN 2008 OR AFTER)

UNDER 10 GIRLS - 4 PLAYERS (BORN 2006 & 7)

UNDER 12 BOYS & GIRLS - 2 PLAYERS EACH (BORN 2004 & 5)

UNDER 14 BOYS - 3 PLAYERS (BORN 2002 & 3)

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Is your child entitled to $1000 towards dental treatment?

The Medicare Child Dental Benefit Schedule is available to eligible families to cover the costs of dental treatment up to $1000. Your children may be entitled to this benefit.

Greenvale Dental Group accepts patients under this scheme with no out of pocket expenses to you. We are conveniently located inside Greenvale Shopping Centre (opposite the florist) and are open 6 days including late night and Saturday morning.

If you would like to make an appointment, or require further information, please call our rooms on 9333 6854 or visit our website www.greenvaledentalgroup.com.au

ALL SAINTS GIRLS CIRCUS DAY OUT

Sunday 24th May 2015 - 1pm show at Roxburgh Park opposite Hungry Jacks
3pm - Meal at Hungry Jacks – Roxy Park

FREE DAY OUT FOR ALL SAINTS GIRLS ONLY
NON MEMBERS $10
BOOKINGS BEFORE 23RD 5.00PM
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