

## By The Way



Term 3 Week 6, 2022

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Our Lady of the Way Parish Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 9:30am. Weekday Mass times: Tuesday 6.00pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am, All welcome!

Principal's Message



Dear Our Lady of the Way Community

Who do we want to be close to in life? It's a question worth asking. Who were your friends two years ago? What about five years ago? Are you still close to the same people or has your group of friends changed? As we grow and change, sometimes the friends we need change. It might just be because we're involved in different activities or it might be that we have developed different interests than the friends we used to have.

At any age, having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children's friendships are very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends. Most children want to have friends.

Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident. Friendships require give and take. By sharing toys, time, games, experiences and feelings, children learn that they can have their social needs met and can meet the needs of others.

Since friendships develop through this kind of mutual exchange, close friendships are usually based on well-matched needs. Children's friendship needs and skills change as they grow. Similarly, children's ideas about friendship change as they develop. This is reflected in the different kinds of activities that children like to spend time doing with their friends at different ages.



It is important that as parents we are aware that all children go through friendship conflicts. Even usually popular children experience rejection sometimes. While friends generally cooperate and communicate more with each other than with other children, they also have conflicts with each other more often, but usually manage to settle them without upsetting the friendship.

Talking friendship problems through with your child helps them to think about what has happened, how they feel about it and what to do next. Thinking things through like this helps to build your child's resilience. It is important for children to realise that all relationships including friendships have misunderstandings. Healthy friendships and relationships rely on being able to mend when things go wrong. When we show children that friendships can be repaired, we are giving them a very special gift.

Donna McFadzean Principal Leader

## **GENERAL NEWS**

Reminder for families

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to find a resolution for your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience of our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the school website (insert URL) or system website <a href="https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au">www.parra.catholic.edu.au</a>

## NOTICE FROM MY SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

My School Lunch Box will be temporarily reducing our menu and days of service for a period of six weeks, for an overseas wedding. We have been forced to make this decision due to a lack of staff remaining with the business for this period.

For the period of the 15th of August to the 30th of September we will be opening only on FRIDAYS and operating with a significantly reduced menu.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused but this is my daughter's wedding, and I couldn't miss it! We appreciate your understanding, and we cannot wait to resume our full service after our return.



Event
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY
Children will bring home a slip that parents are asked to fill out to indicate maximum spend at the Fathers' Day Stall
Father's Day Stall
Fathers' Day Breakfast and Liturgy, from 7.45am. Please complete the google form by Monday 29th August for catering purposes
https://forms.gle/xqpWP8qAxJyaVv5d7
9.15am Mass in the Church 10.15am morning tea in the hall for parents and grandparents 11.00am each grade will present a small performance 12.00pm - picnic lunch, sausage sizzle (pre-orders on QKR app only, by 1st September)  Book Fair - books will be on sale from 10.30am. Payment will be via EFTPOS or QKR app only.

13 September	Book Week Parade 9am-10.am
14 September	Retake Photo Day for Yr 6 and Kinder only
15 September	Yr 5 History Excursion
16 September	Stage 2 boys and girls Touch Football Gala Day
23 September	Kinder & Yr 5 attending Parish Mass 9am Last day of Term 3 for students

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

