How to pray for your kids as they start the new school year:

1. **Pray** that they treat all their classmates in a way that would be pleasing to God.

2. **Pray** for focus and dedication; that they may give their best at everything they do in order to glorify God.

3. **Pray** for physical, emotional and spiritual safety.

4. **Pray** that they enjoy school and learning and see the benefit in an education.

5. **Pray** that they may be a living example of God’s love.

6. **Pray** for their teacher/s, that they find joy in their work and strive to give their best everyday.

7. **Pray** that they discover what they enjoy and encourage them in the pursuit of their dreams.

8. **Pray** for patience. For the parents, the kids and the teachers.
Principal’s Message:

Congratulations to all our students, staff and parents on a wonderful start to the year. The students have settled into their learning routines and it is great to see so many happy, motivated children in every class. All classes are focusing on developing a caring and supportive school where all members of our community experience a sense of belonging and each individual’s uniqueness is valued and nurtured. It is said that a child’s life is like a piece of paper, on which every person leaves a mark. Hopefully, all marks left during the year will be indicative of respect, care and encouragement.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

NUMERACY TESTING
Thank you for your support of this initiative in the first week of this year. Returning to school for some ‘one to one’ time with the teachers is a good introduction to the new school year and eases the anxiety of returning on the ‘first day’ for many students. The purpose of the Assessment Days is for teachers to gather essential information about each student’s current learning, and use this information for their planning and teaching. While administering the assessments, the teachers meticulously made observations and took notes of student behaviours and thinking strategies. This information is invaluable in establishing what the students know, opportunities for growth and the strategies they use. Teachers have already begun to enter data onto record sheets and have commenced designing teaching and learning programs to cater for individual needs.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Our parent-teacher interviews are being held on Monday and Tuesday next week, 20 & 21 February, in the school multi-purpose hall from 3.40 pm.
These parent-teacher interviews are a great opportunity to meet and communicate with your child’s new teacher for this year and hear how your child has settled into the new school year so far. It is a time to share information about your child and they are also a great way to discuss any troubles or questions you may have regarding your child. It is important that you take the time to think about the things you would like to discuss with your child’s teacher – to ensure you make the most of your allocated time. Above all, remember that it’s a three-way relationship between you, your child and their teacher and that only by working together positively can you help your child achieve their full potential.

Please book your interview time on-line:
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter the school event code: 46y7v
Then enter your details, choose your teacher/s and choose your time.
Dear Parents, firstly let me introduce myself. My name is Leonie Trel-ler and I am not only the Grade Two classroom teacher but also the School and Family Partnership Co-ordinator.

My classroom is portable 2, near the football oval school access gates. Below I will outline just some aspects of this role.

1. Events. I will organise a few events that bring the parents, children and staff together as a school community, for example the beginning of the school year picnic, Mother’s Day and Father’s day breakfasts. On Monday the 27th of February all families are invited to a school picnic down on the bottom oval at school. It is BYO food, drinks, picnic blanket etc. We will have some music and a relaxing, informal time from 5.30-7.00pm. In the past, some families have bought fish and chips or other take away, put out a picnic blanket and soaked up the relaxing evening whilst the children play. We would love it if you could join us.

2. Parent Inductions. A letter was in last week’s newsletter outlining the expectations for parent helpers. As teachers we really encourage and value any parents to assist in the classrooms, on excursions or for various sporting activities. If you would like to be involved please contact Mrs Treller so you can participate in the parent induction session. This only takes ten minutes and I can discuss this with you at a time that suits you. Also a current working with children check is needed, so if you are unsure of the process come in and we will have a chat.

3. Policies and Structures around Safe and Sound Practices within our school. Throughout the year articles from leading educators concerning sound parenting practises or guidelines for healthy relationships will be put into the school newsletter. These articles are worth reading to remind us that positive and Christ like actions should always be at the forefront of our minds.

RECONCILIATION PARENT ONLY MEETING:
The next Reconciliation Parent only meetings will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, 22nd February, at St Ita's School Hall Drouin OR at 7pm on Thursday, 23rd February at St Joseph’s Church, Warragul. Please note, parents must attend one of these meetings.

Enquiries (Tuesday to Thursday): Thérèse Meggetto, Sacrament Coordinator.
Phone: 5623-1642
Email: sacraments@warragulparish.org.au

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Becoming Catholic – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. RCIA sessions are held every Wednesday 7.30pm Marian Room at St. Joseph’s Church Warragul. We do not meet during school holidays. If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith you can contact: Fr. Peter or Joan Robertson at the Parish Office: 56231642 or Deacon Mark Kelly on 0407748646. All are welcome.
IMPORTANT NOTICES

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Please note, the school canteen will be closed for one day next week, on Monday 20th February. No lunch orders on Monday 20th February.

A copy of the school canteen menu was sent home last week, which is the same as Term 4 last year. The school canteen is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday unless advised otherwise. Children are to submit their orders via their classroom communication bags by 9.30am on these days. Correct money would be greatly appreciated where possible.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Tarago District Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday, 17 February at Warragul Leisure Centre. The children that have qualified to swim will need to wear their sports uniform and bring along their bathers, a towel, snack, lunch and plenty to drink. Please return permission slips and money to the office by tomorrow morning.

SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year we will be running two separate Athletic Carnivals—Junior and Senior. The Junior grades, Foundation to Grade 2, Carnival will be held in Term 4. The Senior Carnival is for Grades 3-6 and will be held on Thursday 9th March. The high jump and triple jump will be run during class time and the 1500m will be run during week 6. Parent helpers are needed. Please let Jess Carroll know if you are able to help out on the day. jcarroll@stidrouin.catholic.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED

We would like to advise that the St Ita’s school based uniform shop is now closed. As of Monday 13th February, all St Ita’s school uniform requirements can be sourced from the Beleza Uniform shop in Warragul, Shop 5/6 Williams Square, Warragul, behind the Coles car park. Ph: 5622 2930. Opening hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am to 5pm. Any enquiries or exchanges will need to be made with Beleza directly.

The school office still has bucket hats for sale in all sizes for $8 or broad brim hats for $12 in size small or extra large only. There are also netball skirts still available for sale from the school if required.

The St Ita’s staff, Board members and the P&F committee would like to thank Mandie Stiller & all the uniform shop volunteers for all their dedication & years of voluntary service in running our uniform shop.

FICIFOLIA PARADE

Thank you to all the parents and students that walked in the Drouin Ficifolia parade last Saturday afternoon and to Alicia Phillips for her organisation of our school’s participation. Fun was had by all and many stayed on to enjoy the movie in the park, Sing & the fireworks display.

FULL TIME SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION

A reminder to all Foundation parents that their child will have each Wednesday off during the first 6 weeks of term 1. The Foundation student’s will commence Wednesday classes after the Labour Day public holiday, on Wednesday 15 March.
IMPORTANT NOTICES
CLASSROOM HELPERS

Parents have an extremely important role to play in their children’s education. A lot of research shows that school children achieve more with confidence and are happier when they feel that their parents are showing an interest in their learning. We understand that many jobs or other life commitments just don’t provide parents with the freedom to spend time in the classroom. However, if your days are somewhat flexible and you would like to give us a little of your time, we would really love to have you come into our dynamic learning environment and be a classroom helper.

You will need to have a current ‘Working With Children Check’, which can be filled in on-line and complete a ‘Working With Children’ induction course at school. This course outlines some guidelines that you, as a helper, will be expected to follow and is presented for the protection of St Ita’s children and those who volunteer in our school.

If you are able to assist in the classroom please speak with your classroom teacher or to Mrs Leonie Treller (located in portable 2).

Any volunteers who have their Working With Children Check, need to show it to the school office so we can make a photocopy record of it.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is one vital form of communication between the school and families. We urge you to read the newsletter to find out what is happening throughout the year. Our newsletter is emailed to all families every Wednesday evening and is also available on-line: via our website and on our Skool Bag app. Hard copies are also available at the office if required. If you have not downloaded the Skool Bag App we strongly encourage you to do so. An outline of how to download the app is attached to this newsletter. Please remember to update your contact details with the office if your email, phone numbers or home address details change.

LIBRARY NEWS

This year, Foundation to Grade 4 will have a library lesson. We are excited to be able to teach and guide our students in developing enjoyment of reading.

The students have started their library lessons. Your child received a note to take home last week to inform you of their Library Bag day. Please check their bag if you haven’t seen it.

- We are after parents to cover library books once again this year. We had wonderful support of a few parents last year but really need more volunteers. No experience is necessary, and you can take a small pile home to cover. Please come and see Therese Meggetto on a Monday or Friday in the library if you can help.
- All students require a library bag. Any type of library bag is suitable.
- Book Club due today—Wednesday 15th February. On-line orders are preferred via the Loop. Please see details on how to order in this newsletter.
IMPORTANT NOTICES

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

You may apply to claim this Government Allowance if:

- You live more than 4.8 kilometres from our school and we are the closest Catholic school to your place of residence.
- You live more than 4.8 kilometres from our school and you cannot access a bus.
- You access a bus and live more than 4.8 kilometres from the bus stop.

You must lodge a new application each year.

Application forms are now available from the school office and must be completed and returned to the school office by Friday 3rd March, 2017. Late claims cannot be accepted.

VICTORIA GOVERNMENT - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government’s $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. CSEF applications are now open for 2017.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and will be applied to the student’s fees for any applicable CSE.

Application forms are now available from the school office and must be returned by Monday, March 27th, 2017.

Eligibility

Criteria 1: To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on 30th January, 2017 (Term 1) or on 18 April 2017 (Term 2)
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Shared custody

The CSEF system only allows one application per student. Parents in shared custody situations are encouraged to make decisions as to who applies for the CSEF. Schools should not be put into the position of arbitrating in decisions such as this. If the parents cannot decide between themselves who should apply, they should be encouraged to resolve the dispute through the Family Court, or contact the Department’s CSEF Helpdesk for more information on Ph: 1800 060 970.

Applications for parents or legal guardians

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child’s school for processing. Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools as soon as possible in term one, as payments are made from March onwards. Application forms are available for download on the CSEF website or printed copies are available at schools.
One of the best gifts any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club again this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You’ll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child’s order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child’s order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Another way to order is to pay by cash. The money and order form need to be returned to the school by the due date. If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Scholastic. The turn around for orders is about a week and a half after the due date.

Owning your own books is something special! Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school. However there is never any obligation to order. What a great way to encourage reading whilst also helping others in our school to read too! Thank you for your anticipated support.
BOOK CLUB—How to order on-line:

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It’s easy to order and pay online for your child’s Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school’s Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or [download the app](http://appstore) or [Google play]

Follow these easy steps!

1. Simply grab your child’s Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.

2. Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD’S CLASS.
   
   Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for MORE product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

3. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date.

That’s it! There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.
DROUIN HAWKS NETBALL CLUB

Free Netball Clinic

U11 & U13
Come along and learn some new skills from our A Grade Premiership players & experienced junior coaches.

Friday 24th February
5:30pm to 7pm
Drouin Recreation Reserve

To register or enquiries please contact
Jodie Proctor  Ph 0430210772

Sponsored By
Drouin Hawks Netball Club are seeking 13 & Under players for the 2017 season.

All enquiries please contact:
Jodie Proctor  Ph 0430210772

Longwarry Junior Football Club

REGISTRATION DAY

Come and have some fun and be part of a successful family club!

ALL players welcome.

Our coaches assist players to develop confidence and leadership within the group but most importantly to enjoy playing footy.

WHEN:
SUNDAY
19/02/17 @ 11AM
Short training session followed by a sausage sizzle

WHERE:
LONGWARRY FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Fees for 2017 are $90, if paid in full by round one you will receive a LJFC team bag valued at $50

FREE BAG FOR EVERY PLAYER
*Individual player names to be placed on bags*

President: Leigh Stanfield  Ph. 0409 258 271
Secretary: Annie Van Der Heyden – Ph. 0412 560 586
Treasurer: Noel Pullen – Ph. 0490 074 733
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 💚
Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
STAFF EMAIL LIST 2017

To assist parents in communicating with their child’s teacher we have included a staff email list which can be printed off. Please be patient when waiting on a response. We will do our best to make sure there is a 24 hour turn around.

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# ST ITA’S SCHOOL CALENDAR

## TERM 1 - 2017

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

- **Warragul** : Saturday night 7:00 p.m. & Sunday morning 9:00 a.m.
- **Drouin** : Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.
- **Neerim South** : Saturday evening 5:30 p.m.

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