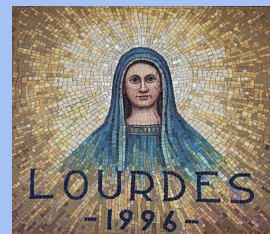




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Newsletter Term 3 Week 2, 2018

1ST AUGUST, 2018

FUTURE DATES

[SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS](#)
[CLOSE FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST](#)

Tuesday 7th August
6pm - Yr 5 Personal Development evening

Wednesday, 8th August
Mary Mackillop Mass at 9.15am
1st Eucharist -
1st Meeting 6.30pm -
7.30pm Parents only

Friday, 10th August
Assembly - Kinder, Years 1 & 2 - 2pm in the hall

Saturday 11th August
1st Eucharist Meeting 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Parents Only

Tuesday 14th August
Zone Athletics Carnival Blacktown
ICAS MATHS

Wednesday 15th August
Mass at 9.15am - Feast of the Assumption
Stage 2 Boys Touch Football Trials
Parent Group Meeting at 7pm in the Library

Monday, 20th August
Book Week Assembly at 9am in the Hall
Theme: Find your Treasure

Wednesday 29th August
Father's Day Stall

Friday 31st August
Father's Day Breakfast and open classrooms followed by Mass at 9.15am

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Welcome back to school! It is lovely to have our children and families return to us safely after the school holidays. We look forward to the exciting weeks ahead which make up Term 3.

Term Three is a term that promises to engage the children in a range of vibrant learning experiences. There will be highlights, challenges and opportunities for us to live our mission to be a centre of learning integrating Gospel values and quality education focussing on the needs of the children in our challenging world.

Lord thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition back to a new school term. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with enduring love, give them confidence and grace and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless our teachers and parents with wisdom, understanding and hearts to collaborate as they embark on the journey together.

Amen

Finally, I also wish to advise you that I have been granted Long Service Leave beginning Friday 17th August until Friday 28th September. During my absence Mrs Carol Cividin has been appointed Acting Principal, Mrs Janelle Bawden Acting Assistant Principal and Miss Stephanie Musgrave Acting Religious Education Coordinator. Thank you to each of these colleagues for assuming these roles. I know that you will give Mrs Cividin, our Leadership Team and staff your full support during this period of time.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

PHOTO GALLERY: See the latest photos on the school website:



[2018 Dance Fever Concert Infants](#)



[2018 June Principal Morning Tea](#)



[2018 Stage 2 Game Design](#)

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

are now being finalised. Parents wishing to enrol their child or If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2019, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.



Due to Stage 2 Boys Touch Football Day being moved to the **7th September**, Stage 3 Assembly will now be on the **7th September** and Stage 2 Assembly on the **14th September**.



Our annual School Census will take place on Friday, 3rd August. If your child will be absent from school leading up to or on this day, please inform your child's class teacher in writing or email the school at lolshills@parra.catholic.edu.au with the date that your child will commence their absence and their return date to school. This is an audit requirement. Thank you.



Congratulations to Week 2 Gold award winners:

Kindergarten	Oscar King
Year 1	Charanjot Minhas
Year 2	Amber Issanchon
Year 3	Lucas Laus
Year 4	Chelsea Kataria
Year 5	Riley Sultana
Year 6	Adalina Abdilla



Fathers' Day Mass - Advanced Notice

On Friday August 31st we will once again be holding our Fathers' Day breakfast followed by our Fathers' Day Mass. Mass will commence at 9:15. Fathers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass. As part of our liturgy there will be a photo reflection at the conclusion of the Mass. Families are invited to email one photo of fathers and their child/children to the school at LOLShills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked "Father's Day Photos". Please note that the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection is **3pm on Friday, August 24th**. Please understand that photos sent in after this time cannot be included as the slideshow will be created over the weekend and once created the format prevents any further changes. This is why we have given over three weeks notice to give families plenty of time to source photos and send them in to avoid any disappointment. We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Dads.

PARENT GROUP NEWS...

Wednesday, 15th August - Parent Group Meeting at 7pm in the library - **ALL WELCOME**

Tuesday, 28th August - wrapping day for Father's Day stall

Wednesday, 29th August - Father's Day Stall

Friday, 31st August - Father's Day breakfast and Mass

Don't forget to save the date

Friday 19th October - Hollywood themed trivia night

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

Kindergarten	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday



If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login>
Use the event code: dd66v

Alternatively, if you know the size please complete an order form and return it to the school office. If you require any further assistance please contact Aida Almeida in the school office on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

LOL PARISH YOUTH Four2Eight



Four2Eight is our parish junior youth group and is open to anyone **from year 4 to year 8**. We meet in the parish meeting room after the 9:30am Mass on the first Sunday of each month (from about 10:45am – 12pm). Our next gathering will be on **Sunday 5th August**. Come along and bring a friend for some fun and faith-sharing! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Judy Barden
Sacramental and Youth Coordinator

Out and About

Term 3 promises to be another exciting and busy term. Last Tuesday we launched our whole school writing stimulus. This term the students have been asked to write a piece to persuade parents as to who is the best super hero. As part of our Book Week assembly on Monday August 20th, parents will be asked to view a range of writing pieces and vote on the one which is the most persuasive. The most persuasive piece from each stage will receive two movie tickets for its author. The author's class will also receive a movie afternoon complete with popcorn.

Advanced notice that we will hold our Book Week activities this year on Monday August 20th. These will commence at 9:00am in the hall with our Book Week assembly. As part of the assembly we will have a Book Week parade. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character or as a character associated with the theme "Find your treasure". Parents are warmly invited to attend the assembly. Following the assembly we will have cross grade classroom activities related to selected books followed by cross grade trivia. We are looking forward to a fun filled day.



BOOK CLUB

This term we are also changing the way in which we process Book Club orders. Book Club is a great way for parents to access affordable quality literature for their children as well as allowing the school to accrue reward points which we can use to purchase valuable resources. In line with our increasing move to digital technologies Book Club ordering will now be online via "Book Club Loop". The school will continue to send the Book Club flyers home but rather than parents completing the paper order form and sending them into school they will now register and complete the order form online. Orders will still be delivered to the school and distributed to students in the normal way and the school will still receive reward points. The link below gives information to parents about the scheme. If you have any questions please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Cividin. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sonia Holmes who has coordinated Book Club for the last few years and who will oversee this transition.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal

[Book Club Loop](#)

Tree Maintenance

Each year an annual tree inspection documents any trees that need either removal or pruning to ensure safety on the school site.

During the holidays this work was carried out as per the directions of the Tree Inspection Report dated 1st May by Mark Bury Consulting.



Attendance

At the conclusion of Term 2, we have fallen just short of our target at **89.9%**. This is an improvement on this time last year of **2.1%**.

Congratulations to Year 3, 5 and 6 who achieved the 90% attendance target! We know all grades can achieve this target and everyone's learning improves when there is regular and timely attendance.

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary Seven Hills	89.9%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	88.9%
01	87.5%
02	88.4%
03	92.6%
04	89.4%
05	90.4%
06	91.5%

Regular school attendance plays a critical role in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities. Our challenge is to meet a minimum target of 90% attendance every day.

Uniform

My thanks to parents for ensuring your child has returned to school in full school uniform. Please ensure that high standards are reinforced so that the children are proud of themselves and their school.

We ask parents to support in three ways. Firstly, set the standard with your child, no matter what age, that they are expected to bring home their uniform items and lunch boxes. Secondly, make sure all items are labeled clearly so that if they are left behind they can be returned easily. Thirdly, check that your child has not inadvertently brought home another child's belongings especially jumpers and jackets.

By doing this we can achieve two things. Your child will be taught to look after their belongings and it will save parents money!

New Science Syllabus

On Monday 23rd July, the staff at OLOL participated in professional learning around the New Science Syllabus which was released by NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) in 2017. From **Term 1, 2019** implementation commences for the new *Science and Technology K–6 Syllabus* (2017) for Early Stage 1 to Stage 3.

What is similar?

The structure and many of the features of the current Science and Technology syllabus have been retained, including the:

- rationale
- aim
- objectives and outcomes
- stage statements
- content organised in stages of learning
- glossary

What is different?

- Design and Production replaces Working Technologically.
- The Working Scientifically and Design and Production skills continuum unpacks the skills students will develop from Early Stage 1 to Stage 3.
- The number of outcomes has been reduced from 58 to 40.
- Values and attitudes is a statement.
- Inquiry questions and focus questions are provided to focus teaching and learning. They guide and frame the syllabus content.
- The syllabus provides opportunities for types of thinking to be incorporated into the knowledge, understanding and skills. The four thinking skills are:
 - computational thinking
 - design thinking
 - scientific thinking
 - systems thinking
- The coding of Australian Curriculum Science (ACS), Design and Technologies (ACTDE) and Digital Technologies (ACTDI) content is included.
- The content focus provides teachers with background information about the outcome in any stage of learning.





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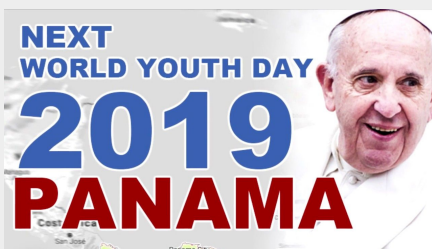
The Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop- Wednesday August 8

Our school will be celebrating the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a Mass at 9.15am. Everyone is most welcome to join in this celebration with us.



Week Of Service at OLOL - August 6-10

The Week of Service is a time when all students at OLOL try to follow the lead of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and extend our services to the wider community. Mary Mackillop's most famous saying is "never see a need without doing something about it" and as such we will be trying to share our generosity of time to others. Each class/grade will be responsible for conducting an 'activity' during that week in order to extend our care and compassion for our community and/or the environment.



World Youth Day Raffle

This year two of our teachers, Miss Stephanie Musgrave and Miss Sharleen Espiritu, will be going on pilgrimage to World Youth Day.

World Youth Day is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which will be held in Panama City, Panama in January 2019. World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, by means of prayer and the sacraments, together with thousands of other young people who share the same interest and ambitions.

A World Youth Day raffle has been launched to help raise funds for pilgrims from parishes and schools.

Each family will receive a booklet of raffle tickets and we ask that you try to support this initiative. The tickets are \$2 each with 10 tickets in a book (\$20 per book). The sold tickets and the money need to be returned to school by Wednesday September 19th, 2018. **Any books not sold need to be returned to school.** The raffle will be drawn at a live event in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral on October 27th. There are some fantastic prizes to be won. We hope that you are able to support our teachers in this event.

NAPLAN ONLINE SCHOOL READINESS TEST



What is happening?

In preparation for NAPLAN Online in 2019, all CEDP schools will complete a NAPLAN Online Readiness Test in Term 3. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is **not** an assessment of student ability.

When and where is this happening?

The NAPLAN Readiness test will take place at OLOL between 27th August and 30th August..

Who will be involved?

All students in Year 3 and Year 5

Why is this happening?

The purpose of the readiness testing is to ensure schools and students are best prepared for NAPLAN Online in 2019.

Additional support material to understand NAPLAN Online School Readiness Testing is available for parents via the following link.

[NAPLAN Online Readiness Test Information for Parents](#)

Headphones for NAPLAN Online

To facilitate their participation students need a set of headphones/earbuds so that they can access the audio component of the test without disturbing those around them.

The school has a small number of headphones/earbuds but wherever possible we are asking that parents send in a set of headphones/earbuds for their child to use. These do not have to be large or expensive.. These headphones/earbuds will be sent back home once the online test has been completed.

Parents are asked to send labelled headphones/earbuds in with their child by Tuesday, August 21st. so that we can assess the number of headphones the school needs to provide.

TERM 3 PARENT PLANNER 2018 AT A GLANCE

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
July	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th /15 th
July	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st /22 nd
July Week 1	23 rd STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	24 th Whole school Writing Stimulus	25 th	26 th	27 th NSWPSSA Cross Country - Eastern Creek	28 th /29 ^h
July/ Aug Week 2	30 th	31 st ICAS ENGLISH	1 st 3:00pm Year 6 Graduation Committee Meeting	2 nd	3 rd	4 th /5 th
Aug Week 3	6 th Week of Service	7 th Voice of Youth School Final 11:00am Year 5 Personal Development Evening – 6.00 pm	8 th Mary MacKillop Mass – 9:15 1st Eucharist – 1 st Meeting 6.30 – 7.30 pm Parents Only	9 th Kindergarten Farm Excursion	10 th Genevieve Byrant LIFTED Live Stage 3 ASSEMBLY – ES1/ Stg 1	11 th /12 th 1 st Eucharist – 1 st Meeting Parents Only 4.30-5.30pm
Aug Week 4	13 th Voice of Youth Cluster Final @ Our Lady Queen of Peace for Year 6	14 th Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival - Blacktown ICAS MATHS	15 th Feast of the Assumption Mass – 9:15. Stage Two Stage 2 Boys Touch Football - TRIALS Parent Group Meeting 7:00pm	16 th ICAS MATHS Make Up Day for Zone Athletics Students	17 th Pizza Meal Deal	18 th /19 th
Aug Week 5	20 th BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY Theme: Find Your Treasure 	21 st	22 nd 1st Eucharist – 2nd Meeting 6.30 – 7.30 pm	23 rd	24 th	25 th /26 th 1 st Eucharist – 2 nd Meeting 4.30 – 5.30 pm Presentation of the Lord's Prayer 9.30am Family Mass Year 3

Aug/ Sept Week 6	27 th	28 th St Nicholas Netball Gala Day	29 th Father's Day Stall	30 th	31 st Father's Day Breakfast and Open Classrooms 7.30 – 9.00 Father's Day Mass 9.15- Stage One	1 st /2 nd Father's Day
Sept Week 7	3 rd	4 th	5 th 1st Eucharist – 3 rd Meeting 6.30 – 7.30 pm	6 th	7 th Stage 3 Assembly Stage 2 Boys Touch Football at St Marys	8 th /9 th Sat 1st Eucharist – 3 rd Meeting 4.30 – 5.30 pm Sun 9 th Eucharist Talk 11- 11.30am
Sept Week 8	10 th 1:55- 2:40 Blacktown Council Graffiti Talk Stage 3	11 th	12 th Parent Group Meeting 7:00pm	13 th Year 6 Market Day	14 th Stage 2 Assembly	15 th /16 th /
Sept Week 9	17 th	18 th	19 th First Holy Communion Practice Group 1 6.30 – 7:30pm	20 th	21 st 11:00 - 12:30 “Lunch with the Stars” Author visit	22 nd /23 rd Sun First Holy Communion Mass Group 1 11.30am
Sept Week 10	24 th	25 th	26 th First Holy Communion Practice Group 2 6.30 – 7:30pm STAGE 2 PLANNING DAY	27 th	28 th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Sun First Holy Communion Mass Group 2 11.30am