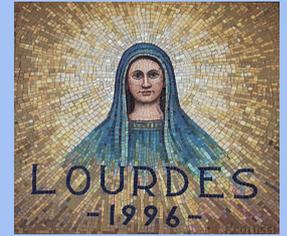




Parish Priest: Father Henry Duc
Phone: 9622 2920

OOSH: Ben Irmisch
Phone: 9676 7293



Newsletter Term 2 Week 4, 2019

22ND MAY, 2019

FUTURE DATES

Sunday, 26th May
Family Mass at 9.30am
ALL WELCOME
Presentation of
Confirmation
Certificates at Mass

Wednesday, 29th May
Stg 3 girls soccer gala
day

Friday, 31st May
**HOT DOG MEAL
DEAL**
Assembly Stage 3
2PM - in the hall

Wednesday, 5th June
Stg 3 Boys Soccer
Gala day

Thursday, 6th June
Year 6 cake stall fund
raiser

Monday 10th June,
**Queens Birthday long
weekend**

Tuesday, 11th June
Staff Development
Day - No school for
students

Thursday, 13th June
Chatterbox Live at St
Andrews Maryong at
7pm

Tuesday, 18th June
Parent Group Meeting
from 7pm in the library

**Wednesday, 19th
June**
Athletics Carnival

Friday, 21st June
Kinder, Years 1 & 2
Assembly

Friday, 26th June
Dance Fever Inter
School Challenge at
Homebush

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

This Friday numerous children from OLOL will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at our OLOL Parish Church.

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, a person's relationship with God is made stronger. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. In this way the person receiving the sacrament of Confirmation is equipped to become a better witness to Christ in the world.

During the celebration of Confirmation the bishop, or the bishop's delegate, extends his hands over those to be confirmed and calls upon God: "Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide."

Then each person to be confirmed is anointed with chrism on the forehead as the celebrant says, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

In Confirmation the person becomes more closely united with Christ. With the strengthening of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit the person receiving the sacrament is able to accept new responsibilities for witnessing Jesus to the world.

We pray for our young people as they continue to grow in faith.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

STAFFING UPDATE

I wish to inform you, that from the 13th June until 5th July, I have been appointed Acting Principal at St Bernadette's Dundas. I have been appointed to assist the St Bernadette's community while Acting Principal Lisa Gerard is on leave. During this four week period Mrs Carol Cividin will be Acting Principal at Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you in advance for supporting Mrs Cividin and staff during this time.

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



[2019 Stage 3 Bathurst Camp](#)



[2019 Mother's Day](#)

2020 enrolments



**Enrol now for
Kindergarten**

2020

We have spaces available in Years 1-6 in 2019. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2020, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.



Our next Staff Development Day will be **Tuesday, 11th June 2019**. Please contact OOSH on 9676 7293 if you wish to make arrangements for your child/children.

Attendance

Our school attendance rate at the end of week 3 is at 85.8%. Our school goal for the whole year is 90%.

K - 94.2%

Y1 - 82.5%

Y2 - 80%

Y3 - 82.3%

Y4 - 88.5%

Y5 - 79.6%

Y6 - 91.7%

Congratulations to Kinder and Year 6 who are above our 90% goal.

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

If your child is away from school it is a legal requirement for parents to provide an explanation for your child's absence.

Parents may

- send a note or email the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school



The winners are:

1ST PRIZE: Laura Perkins

2ND PRIZE: Jayden Cortis

3RD PRIZE: Lilian Chebat

Kindergarten Mariana Christou

Year 1 Isaac AbdelAhad

Year 2 Avleen Singh

Year 3 Evren Semerci

Year 4 Ayesha Hidalgo

Year 5 Alex LaGuidara

Year 6 Nicholas Wang



Interviews for Year 7, 2020 will take place on **Wednesday 12 June 2019**. Applications need to be lodged at Nagle College Blacktown by **Friday 7 June 2019** to secure an interview.



INVITATION TO CHATTERBOX LIVE

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.

Held at St Andrews College in Marayong **Thursday, 13th June, 2019**, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.

Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/>

We're excited to announce that the free tickets for this event have now been released and are available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/chatbox-live-qa-with-greg-whitby-tickets-59149834748>

If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device using the link below. This year's *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* survey window is from **Monday 27th May to Friday 14th June, 2019**

<http://tellthemfromme.com/4bvnr>





Term 2 School Fees are due shortly. If you have already paid your fees, thank you. If you require any assistance please make contact with Mrs Monique Kearins on 8869 6800.

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Closed from 10:40am to 11:00am)

All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.

Cash Payments

Just a reminder that no cash payments can be accepted on the last week of each term. We do however take EFTPOS payments.



The uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login>

Event Code: n4dcm

No cash is accepted the last week of term EFTPOS ONLY.

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.



RE NEWS

On many occasions throughout the year we come together and pray in a eucharistic celebration. We often do this for Feast Days, Sacraments and special occasions and events such as Mother's Day and Father's Day. This is a time when we pray together as a school community and/or as a parish. At Our Lady of Lourdes we are very blessed with having a wonderful parish priest, Father Henry, who encourages our participation in the Mass.

On Sunday May 26th our school will be leading the Parish Mass at 9.30am. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students of our school to show the extended community how we celebrate our liturgies and Masses at OLOL. Some children will be leading the Gospel Procession, the choir, a Reflective Movement after Communion, the readings and the Offertory. Children's Masses are often very different to regular Sunday Masses and we are confident that the students of OLOL will bring an upbeat, whilst reverent, aspect to the Mass as we normally do through our school celebrations.

Please consider attending this Mass as your regular Sunday timeslot this weekend and support those students as they lead our wider community. As normal, there will be morning tea provided after the Mass and this week it is a responsibility of our school. Could you kindly send in a packet of biscuits, a slice, or some cupcakes that might be suitable to serve after the Mass has finished? These food items can be left in the kitchen in the hall on Sunday morning but if you are unable to attend on the day, your contribution will be appreciated and accepted at school on Friday. We will also need some volunteers to help set up and serve the morning tea. If you are able to help with this could you please let the school office know? Your support will be much appreciated.



Receiving The Eucharist at Mass. (Holy Communion)

The word 'communion' means to be united with; Catholics believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ.

At his last supper, Jesus said of the bread that he shared among his followers, "Take and eat, this is my body." When we receive Holy Communion, Catholics believe that in a mysterious way we are sharing in the body and blood of Christ.

At each eucharistic celebration, those who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to receive the Eucharist again. This is a very special sacrament that requires the person to prepare themselves spiritually for the occasion. It is a holy and reverent ritual that makes the celebration purposeful. Only those who have made their First Holy Communion are able to receive Communion again. If you have not made the sacrament then you are encouraged to come to the priest to receive a blessing rather than receiving the Eucharist (host). At each of our school Masses, the community is invited to either receive Communion in the form of the host or otherwise you can receive a blessing from Father Henry. If you would like to receive a blessing you can join the line that leads to Father Henry and then as you approach him, you need to cross your arms in front of your chest. This indicates to him that you are not able to receive Communion, but you would still like a special blessing from him. This ritual is encouraged at OLOL.



WAKAKIRRI NEWS

- Newspapers needed!

Thank you so much to all the parents who came to the Parent Helper Committee Meeting last Thursday or have emailed and offered to help sew costumes or make props. All your help will allow us to bring our beautiful story to life for our performance. If any other parents are interested in helping in any way please email Mrs. Willemse at cwillemse@parra.catholic.edu.au

It has been announced our performance date is:
Friday the 30th of August, 7 p.m.
at Parramatta Riverside Theatre.
Details for tickets will come home soon.

We would like to ask could all families please help us in making props by bringing in newspapers or brochures that we can use for our paper mache masks. The more the better! Please give them to Mrs. Willemse as soon as possible.

Thank you!

YEAR 6 Cake Stall

Advanced notice that on Thursday June 6th Year 6 will be holding a cake stall to help raise funds for the Year 6 graduation disco. There will be lots of yummy treats from donuts to cupcakes, chocolate crackles to cookies, which the Year 6 parents and some students will be selling at morning tea and lunch time. Prices range from 50 cents to \$2 with something for everyone. Mark the date in your diary!! It is sure to be fun!!





Congratulations to Weeks 2, 3 & 4 Gold Award Winners:

Week 2

Kinder	Achia Meyan
Year 1	Deng Atem
Year 2	Tohuia Kama
Year 3	Vihaan Gatla
Year 4	Audrey Bajada
Year 5	Amelia Herczeg

Week 3

Kinder	Jonathan Getahun
Year 1	Oscar King
Year 2	Luke Butylewicz
Year 3	Isley Williams
Year 4	Valerie Sulaiman
Year 5	Nysa Sethi
Year 6	Agnes Biju

Week 4

Kinder	Taylyn Buckley
Year 1	Sabareesh Srisankaran
Year 2	Karlos Ravic
Year 3	Amber Issanchon
Year 4	Ziva Zuryathyo
Year 5	Brooklyn Buckley
Year 6	Catherine Holmes

Term 2 Stage 2 Excursion - The Big Dig

The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre is part of Sydney Harbour YHA in The Rocks heritage precinct of Sydney. The centre facilitates hands-on archaeology educational experiences and opens the archaeological site to the public.

Stage 2 students from OLOL went to The Big Dig earlier this week and worked as archaeologists to excavate artefacts from the simulated archaeological dig, then used their investigative skills to discover what life was really like for the convicts and early settlers who lived in The Rocks during the 1800s. Below are a few photos of our experience.





**OLOL Parent Group
Keeping you
IN THE KNOW
May 2019**

Have a coffee/tea/hot chocolate handy, this one is a big read...

Click on the link below to go to the **MAY** edition of the Parent Group's -



"IN THE KNOW"



Last week the majority of our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed NAPLAN Online. We were fortunate that at our school we did not experience any major technical issues and our students were settled and seemed confident when sitting the tests.

This week any students who were absent and missed the tests will have an opportunity to sit them, with the testing window closing on Friday. Once we have received the results these will be communicated to parents.

If you have any questions around NAPLAN please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

Thank you to the team, ably led by Ben Martin, who helped to make our Mother's Day Breakfast such a success. Whether it was setting up, cooking, serving or cleaning up after the event all contributions were greatly appreciated.



It was great to see so many of our Mums enjoying the beautiful breakfast and time with their children. Many Mums expressed their gratitude.

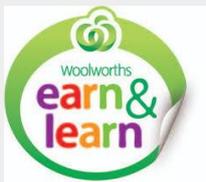




WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Woolworths are once again conducting their Earn and Learn Program. Parents are encouraged to collect stickers when shopping at their local Woolworths store and either drop the completed sticker sheets into our school box at the store or drop them into the school office. Last time we participated in the Earn and Learn program we purchased valuable sporting equipment for our school. We look forward to seeing what we will be able to earn during this promotion. Thank you to Theresa Sultana who has kindly offered to coordinate the counting and collection of the sticker sheets. A sticker sheet was previously sent home to each family if you wish to print more sheets please click on the link below.

<https://cdn0.woolworths.media/content/content/earn-and-learn-sticker-sheet.pdf>



LIBRARY WORKING BEE

Thank you to all those parents and grandparent who helped with today's library working bee. Your support is much appreciated in getting our many library resources into better order.



Premiers Reading Challenge

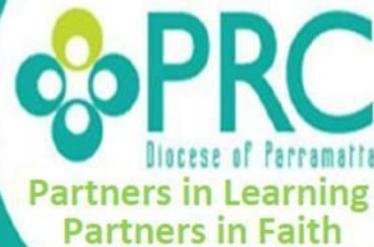
As a school we are once again participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. The challenge officially commenced on March 4th. Logon details for all students including our Kindergarten students were sent home today. Students who participated last year are able to log on using their previous log on. If your child did not receive their logon or you are having trouble accessing the site please contact Mrs Cividin.





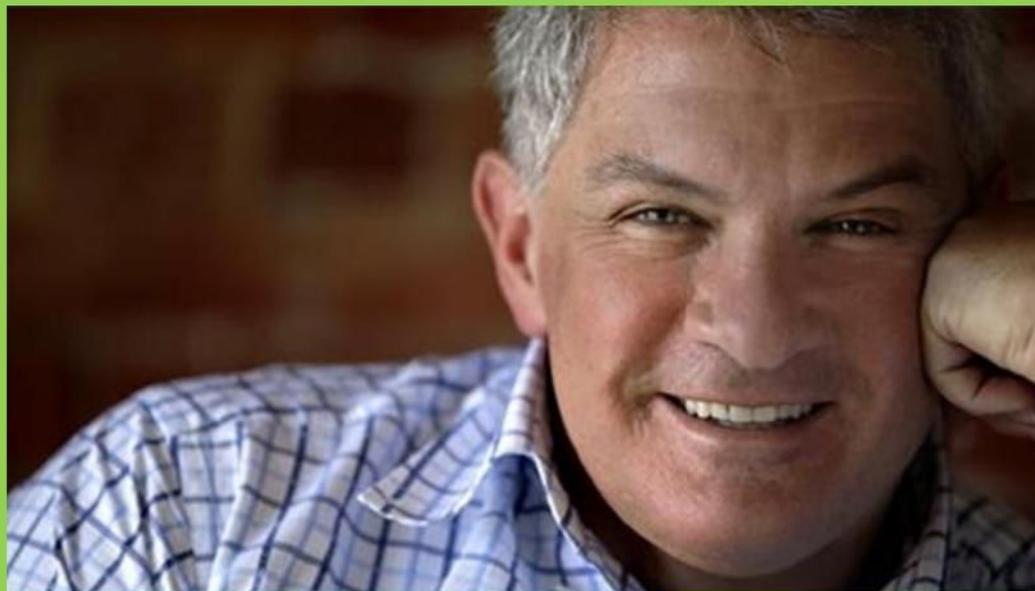
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HOW TO RAISE HAPPY AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

Join the PRC to hear one of Australia's leading Psychologists talk about the journey from childhood through to young adulthood, as it seems to have become so much harder to navigate.



Hear about the latest news from the science of positive psychology and how its applied to bringing up children and teenagers.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Adolescent and Child Psychologist

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 3rd June 2019

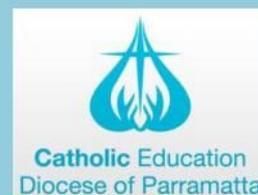
Doors open: 6:15 pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)

(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)

John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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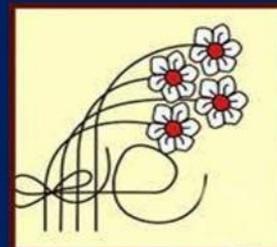
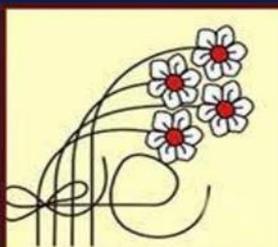
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For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



TERM 2 AT A GLANCE

2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
May 1	29 th April ANZAC DAY Prayer 8:40am	30 th Easter Prayer 8.45am in hall	1 st May DANCE FEVER Stg 3 Bathurst Confirmation – 1st Meeting Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 pm Parents only	2 nd Stg 3 Bathurst	3 rd Stg 3 Bathurst	4 th /5 th Confirmation – 1st Meeting 4:30 – 5:30 pm Parents only
May 2	6 th	7 th <i>Cross Country- Eastern Creek</i> Mothers Day Stall Wrapping 1pm	8 th DANCE FEVER Mothers' Day Stall Confirmation – 2nd Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm	9 th	10 th Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass 9:15am	11 th /12 th Mother's Day  Confirmation – 2nd Meeting Saturday 11th May 4:30 – 5:30 pm Presentation of the Creed Sunday 12th May 9:30 am (Mass)
May 3	13 th GRADE NEWSLETTERS TO GO HOME	14 th Yr 3&5 National Writing Assessment Year 6 Graduation Committee Meeting 5:00pm Parent Group Meeting 7:00 pm	15 th Yr 3&5 National Reading Assessment DANCE FEVER INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY 	16 th Yr 3&5 Conventions of language Assessment	17 th Yr 3&5 Numeracy Assessment	18 th /19 th Confirmation – 3rd Meeting 18th May 4:30 – 5:30 pm
May 4	20 th The Big Dig Stage 2 - Yr 4 excursion	21 st The Big Dig Stage 2 - Yr 3 excursion	22 nd DANCE FEVER Library Working Bee Confirmation Practice 6.30-7.30pm	23 rd	24 th Confirmation Mass 7:00 pm	25 th /26 th FAMILY MASS 9.30am May 26th (whole school) Presentation of Confirmation Certificates Sunday 26th May 9:30 am (Mass)
May/June 5	27 th	28 th	29 th DANCE FEVER	30 th	31 st ASSEMBLY Stage Three	1 st June /2 nd Ascension

			Stg 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day		Hot Dog Meal Deal	
June 6	3 rd	4 th	5 th DANCE FEVER Stg 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day	6 th Year 6 Cake Stall	7 th Pentecost Liturgy	8 th /9 th Pentecost 
June 7	10 th Queens B'day 	11 th Staff Development Day - NO STUDENTS TODAY	12 th DANCE FEVER	13 th	14 th	15 th /16 th Holy Trinity
June 8	17 th	18 th Yr 6 Graduation Meeting 5pm Parent Group Meeting 7pm	19 th Athletics Carnival TBC	20 th	21 st ES1/Stg 1 Assembly	22 nd /23 rd Corpus Christi
JUNE 9	24 th	25 th	26 th REPORTS GO HOME Stg 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day DANCE FEVER INTER SCHOOL CHALLENGE HOME BUSH	27 th	28 th Sacred Heart Mass 9.15am  BOOK FAIR BEGINS	29 th /30 th /1 st July
July 10	1 st July Book Fair	2 nd Parent Teacher interviews 3.30-9.00 Book Fair	3 rd Infants Dance Fever Concert 2pm Parent Teacher interviews 3.30-5.00 Book Fair Concludes	4 th Principal's Morning Tea 	5 th Pie and Sausage Roll Meal Deal - Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser ASSEMBLY Stage 2	6 th /7 th