

Innovative Learning In A
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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 1

26th April, 2017

FUTURE DATES...

Friday 12th May

- Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass

Monday 15th May

- Official day for winter uniform

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- Stage 2 Excursion
- Stage 3 final camp note

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Measles outbreak in Western Sydney
- Kindergarten excursion note

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad"

Ps117:1-2.16-17.22-23(24)

The death and resurrection of Jesus is God's greatest gift of hope and message of peace for each of us. The message of Easter is the message of the Risen Lord, of His triumph over sin and death.

The Easter events recorded in the scriptures are remarkable for the number of times Jesus began a conversation with the simple word "peace". It is of course a traditional Jewish greeting "shalom", but Jesus gave it a new depth of meaning. By peace, He means inner peace – peace of the heart, which is not dependent on possession or wealth or competition with others. As well as bringing peace to his disciples, Jesus recommended that they put fear aside and trust in Him:

"Be not afraid, I am with you"

This Easter we are each invited to trust in God. We give genuine witness to Christ when in difficult times we show that peace which comes from faith in the Risen Lord.

Welcome Back to School

It is lovely to be back at school for Term 2. We have commenced the term at a fast pace having come together already as a whole school community to commemorate ANZAC day, Stage 3 have begun their camp to Bathurst and Hill End and there are many events ahead that I know children and parents will enjoy participating in.

As we commence a new term, may our community be blessed for the journey ahead.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

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KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2018 applications are now being accepted. Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of next term. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2018, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

WINTER UNIFORMS

The official day for changing to our winter uniform is Monday, 15th May. From this day, each child will be expected to wear the correct uniform. However, should the weather be cool before that date, children can wear their winter uniform to school. Children must wear either their *full summer uniform* or *their full winter uniform* during this time. Appointments are available Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Additional appointments for Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons are available for the first 2 weeks of this term.



To make an appointment go

to www.schoolinterviews.com.au code: **vhek4**

Alternatively if you know the sizes required you can complete an order form and return it to the school office with payment. Forms can be downloaded from the school website.

Application for leave

Parents, as you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for Every child. If you intend taking your child out of school for **five** days or more you must make a formal application in writing to me and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress. These regulations are in place across all schools in our diocese to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and I know you will understand the reasoning behind them.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST

On Friday, 12th May, we will once again be holding our Mothers' Day breakfast followed by our Mothers' Day Mass.

Please email the photos to the school at the address shown, OLOSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked "Mothers' Day Photo". Please note that the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection is **Monday, 8th May, photos *must* be received by 3:30pm on that day to be included.** We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Mums.

Respect, Responsibility and Readiness to Learn

At Our Lady of Lourdes we pride ourselves on showing respect, responsibility and a readiness to learn. These values are important values for all our community including children, staff and parents. The children are very clear about these expectations and we are proud of the high standard of behaviour that our children display. Naturally concerns sometimes arise for children and as adults working with the children we assist them to reflect upon the situation and find positive ways to solve their concern or issue. As adults, sometimes you may also have an issue or concern in regards to your child. Office and teaching staff are always happy to listen to and help resolve any concerns that may arise. It is important that this is done in a manner that maintains the dignity of the person and is respectful. In this way we can set a great example for our children of how to resolve concerns in a positive, honest and respectful manner. As always if you need to speak with any member of staff we simply ask that you make an appointment so that we can make the time to continue to work in partnership with you. Thank you for your continued support.

Keiran Byrnes

Children's ANZAC Day March

Our thanks to Jessica Holmes and Caidyn Joel Armitage who represented Our Lady of Lourdes at the Seven Hills RSL children's ANZAC Day march on Sunday April 23rd.

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS FOR TERM 2

Kindergarten: Tuesday/Thursday

Year 1: Wednesday/Thursday

Year 2: Wednesday

Year 3: Tuesday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Thursday

Year 6: Tuesday

We would like to wish all our students competing in the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday the best of luck.

Every Learner Every Day

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate for 100% attendance for Term 1 last Monday. This is to acknowledge and encourage all children to be at school each day on time ready to learn.

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's academic achievement and success at school. It's ok to not be at school if you are sick or there is a natural disaster but it is not ok to be away because you slept in, to go shopping, or to meet friends.

OLOL as a school is monitoring school attendance as one part of building your child's success at school. We will communicate with you if we are becoming concerned about your child's attendance. Either with a phone call or by letter if your child's attendance is less than 90% attendance for Term 1 to make you aware of your child's attendance rate.

Parents can help by promoting the importance of school by ensuring that their child attends school every day arriving punctually to begin lessons promptly at 8:40am. We are keen to support parents to help your child establish and consolidate a good attendance habit.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & EMAILS

A decision has been made to issue the school newsletter each fortnight and to move away from a printed format. This is both a cost effective practice and environmentally friendly. Fortnightly newsletters via email will commence at the beginning of Term 3, 2017. Newsletters will also be made available via Skoolbag. We will be using electronic facilities to notify parents more and more rather than via paper. At this time all excursions and notes that require a reply slip will still continue to be sent home via your child. Other information notes ie: Grade overviews, Parent Group notices etc, will be sent via your nominated e-mail account setup on the school website in E-News Subscription.

E-News Subscription




Sign up now to receive our newsletters, with all the latest news and school events from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, straight to your email inbox. Access is on the website, please complete your details & click on the subscribe to E-News button, it's that simple. It is therefore important that you make sure that you submit your current email address and regularly check your emails for any information sent from the school. School newsletters are also available on the school website to download. During the transition from paper to email some printed copies will be available for collection from the school office.

OUT and ABOUT

As many of you read this I will be in Hill End along with Ms Byrnes, our Year 5 and 6 teachers and students exploring the historic region and gaining an insight as to what our earliest settlers faced. It is a great way to start the term for our senior students and sets the scene for their PBL unit this term "The People that shaped Australia". I am sure that both teachers and students will return with many stories to tell. Term 2 promises to be very busy. In the next few weeks we have a number of important events for parents to be aware of. Firstly Dance Fever begins this term. This is a program whereby students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participate in dance lessons with professional instructors from the Dance Fever organisation. These lessons are tailored to the student's age and ability level and vary between group and partner dancing. For those students in Years 3-6 there is an opportunity to participate in an interschool challenge at the end of the term whilst our students in K-2 will showcase what they have learnt to parents at a special performance at school. The cost of Dance Fever is included in the school fees. In week 3 our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN exams. These will take place on Tuesday the 9th (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday the 10th (Reading) and Thursday the 11th of May (Numeracy). These examinations take place nationwide and give an indication of student's proficiency in Literacy and Numeracy. These exams, whilst important, provide us with only a snapshot of a child's performance on a given day and must be considered in light of all the other information we know about the child. The Year 3 and Year 5 teachers have been providing the students with NAPLAN -like activities so that they are familiar with the format when it comes to the exams. In the same week, we will celebrate Mothers' Day with our traditional Mass and breakfast details of which are included in the newsletter. The Mothers' Day Stall will take place on Wednesday May 10th. This is an opportunity for children to purchase gifts for Mothers and Grandmothers and is something the children always enjoy!

Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal

Term 2 Planner

April Week 1	24 th ANZAC DAY Liturgy – Stage 2 School Resumes K - 6	25 th ANZAC DAY 	26 th DANCE FEVER Stage 3 Bathurst Confirmation Information Evening – 6:30pm (Parents)	27 th ACU Students Day Visit	28 th	29 th / 30 th (Sun 30 th) Confirmation Enrolment Mass
May Week 2	1 st Year 3 Excursion – Archaeological site – The Rocks Whole School Writing Stimulus	2 nd Diocesan Cross Country Year 4 Excursion – Archaeological site – The Rocks	3 rd DANCE FEVER Sacrament of Confirmation 1 st meeting – 6:30pm (Parents)	4 th ACU Students Day Visit	5 th ASSEMBLY – STAGE 3	6 th /7 th (6 th)Altar Servers Training 3-4
May Week 3 NAPLAN	8 th	9 th Yr 3&5 NAPLAN Spelling, Writing & Grammar Mother's Day Stall Wrapping	10 th Yr 3&5 NAPLAN Reading Mother's Day Stall DANCE FEVER PARENT GROUP MEETING Confirmation Meeting - 6:30pm Parent/Child	11 th Yr 3&5 NAPLAN Numeracy Over 50's in the Hall- 10.30 ACU Students Day Visit	12 th Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass	13 th /14 th Mother's Day 
May Week 4	15 th	16 th	17 th DANCE FEVER Sacrament of Confirmation 3 rd Meeting – 6:30pm	18 th ACU Students Day Visit	19 th	20 th /21 st (Sun 21 st) Sacramental Presentation of Creed
May Week 5	22 nd	23 rd	24 th DANCE FEVER Sacrament of Confirmation Practice – 6:30pm	25 th Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day ACU Students Day Visit	26 th NATIONAL SORRY DAY ASSEMBLY STAGE 2 2.00 p.m-2.40 p.m Confirmation Ceremony	27 th /28 th (Sun 28 th) Family Mass
May/ June Week 6	29 th	30 th	31 st DANCE FEVER	1 st	2 nd ASSEMBLY – ESI/STAGE 1 2.00p.m-2.40	3 rd /4 th
June Week 7	5 th	6 th	7 th DANCE FEVER	8 th Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala day	9 th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	10 th /11 th
June Week 8	12 th SCHOOL CLOSED Queen's Birthday 	13 th ACU Students 3 Week Practicum COMMENCES	14 th DANCE FEVER	15 th	16 th NSW CPSCCC Cross Country ASSEMBLY – Stage 3 2.00p.m-2.40 p.m	17 th /18 th
June Week 9	19 th OLOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CV Kelly Park	20 th BOOK FAIR	21 st DANCE FEVER BOOK FAIR REPORTS GO HOME	22 nd BOOK FAIR	23 rd BOOK FAIR	24 th /25 th (Sun 25 th) Family Mass
June Week 10	26 th BOOK FAIR	27 th PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS- 3.30- 9.00 BOOK FAIR	28 th PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS- 3.30- 5.00 DANCE FEVER BOOK FAIR	29 th Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day <i>Dance Fever Inter School Challenge</i>	30 th ACU Practicum CONCLUDES	1 st /2 nd