Dear Parents

The cold weather is finally here. At school we like to warm up the learning!

~ Warm up with a walk- Year 1 have been exploring the local community to learn about our local history
~ Warm up with sport- AFL clinics for Stages 2 and 3, Rugby League Gala Day, Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
~ Warm up with a trip to the city- Year 2 will be tired tomorrow night after their big day at the Powerhouse Museum

And of course we always warm up our hearts:
~ with the love of Jesus, symbolised by the image of the sacred heart.
~ by practising acts of Mercy. This week we are focusing on collecting food to make hampers for the hungry for the St Vincent de Paul Society’s Winter Appeal.
~ through prayer. Assembly on Friday will have a special prayer for the Feast of the Sacred Heart when Miss Bentley will present the hampers to a representative of our parish St Vincent de Paul society

With warm regards,

Lesley Studans
GOLD AWARDS
Congratulations to this week’s Gold Award winners:
Kindergarten  Mark
Year 1  Latai
Year 2  Diya
Year 3  Thomas
Year 4  Yasin
Year 5  Diana
Year 6  Victor

ICAS WRITING- CHANGE OF DATE
The ICAS Writing Competition will now take place on Friday 17th June.

This Week’s Corporal Work of Mercy:
Feed the Hungry
(ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS)
For two weeks we are focusing on ‘Feed the Hungry’ as our corporal work of mercy. Our action for these two weeks is to create class hampers of winter food items which will be used by the Society to help those in need. The children have been asked for a donation of a non-perishable food item for the class hamper. The hampers will be presented to a representative from the Society at the Sacred Heart of Jesus liturgy this Friday. Thank you for your support of this appeal.

YEAR 6 CAKE STALL
Tomorrow, Year 6 will be holding a cake stall at recess to help raise funds for the Year 6 graduation and disco. There will be lots of yummy cakes, biscuits and slices for sale at recess with prices starting from 50c.

WE NEED GLASS JARS!
During Library lessons, Stage 3 are about to start growing crystals. To do this, we need lots of large, clean glass jars. If you have any to spare, please place them in the box just inside the Library.
Thanks. Mrs Biskupic and Stage 3

Change of Travel Routine
A reminder that should the details of your child’s travel to and from school change, you need to let the class teacher know in writing.
Only emergency changes to any normal routines should be phoned to the school office.

Lost property
Please check your child’s uniform to ensure that they have not accidentally picked up another student’s clothing. All belongings should be clearly marked with the child’s name.

SCHOOL FEES
Term 2 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.

If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Monique Kearins on 9622 7216.

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.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES COMMUNICATION
Parents are reminded that teachers are always available to discuss any area of grievance provided an appointment time has been established through the Office Staff or a note given to the teacher from the student. Please remember the first point of contact should be with the Class Teacher. If there is still a point of issue then please follow the school guidelines which outline the avenues of communication to follow. The Teacher, the Stage Coordinator, The Assistant Principal, The Principal to the Diocesan Office where there is also an order of avenues to follow.
UNIFORMS
If you are unsure of the size needed please make an appointment for
Tuesday morning or Thursday
afternoon at:
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
code XVQUU.
Alternatively if you are sure of 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.

NUT FREE POLICY
A reminder that OLOL is a nut free school.
This includes peanut butter, chocolate
nut spreads such as Nutella and nuts as
snacks. As we have a number of children
with life threatening food allergies we
also have a policy of not sharing food
with friends. Thank you for supporting all
within our school community.

CONTACT NUMBERS
Are your contact numbers during
school hours up-to-date? If these
have changed recently, could you
please let the office know.

MEDICATION
Any children requiring medication during
the day need to bring their medication to
the office with a note stating the dosage
and time to be taken. No child is to keep
medication in their school bag or the
classroom.

PARENT GROUP NEWS…
THANK YOU
The Parent Group would like to thank all
the people who generously donated their
time to help with the meal deal last Friday.
It was a great success and your assistance is very
much appreciated.

AGENDA ITEMS
The next Parent Group meeting is on Wednesday,
8th June. If you would like anything to be
discussed, please email these to
Ololpg@hotmail.com as agenda items.

THE NEWS IN RE
We are now half way through the term and
it is becoming clear that the children are
gaining a clearer understanding of the year
of mercy and the corporal works of mercy. It
has been wonderful to see the children
actively participate and engage in the
actions and social justice initiatives linked to
each of the works of mercy covered so far.
When we are consciously making a decision
to help and care for another person,
particularly the poor and downtrodden, we
are demonstrating God’s love and mercy for
all.
So far we have begun to collect money
through the mercy box to give drink to the
thirsty in East Timor (this is a year-long social
justice initiative), 179 cards have been made
to comfort the sick in local nursing homes,
Blacktown hospital and the Children’s
hospital at Westmead and we have donated
food to create winter hampers to feed the
hungry families who are struggling to make
ends meet in our local area. These hampers
will be presented to a representative of St.
Vincent De Paul Society from our Parish on
Friday.
Next week we will shift our attention to the
corporal work bury the dead. Each day, the
children will pray a short prayer before the
Angelus at 12pm for those who have passed
away. All members of our community are
welcome to join us in praying for the
deceased throughout the week. Each day will
focus on a particular group of people:
Monday- for those who have died due to war
Tuesday- for those who have died due to
poverty and natural disasters
Wednesday- for relatives and friends who
have died
Thursday-for those who have died without
family or friends
Friday- for the saints
In addition to our daily prayer, each prayer
space within the classrooms will have a
memory box for students to place items or
photos to remember those who have passed
away. The item or photo may be connected
to a family member or friend, or it may be
something that reminds them of one of the
groups of people who we are praying for
during the week.
Thank you for your continued support in
these Year of Mercy activities.

Amanda Bentley  REC
Stage 3 have been working very hard throughout the term. The learning is engaging and diverse. Take a look of some of the great things that have been happening.

Writing

The students wrote some great imaginative pieces in response to our whole school writing stimulus. Here is an excerpt from Mikayla’s piece entitled:

**The Curious Incident of the Poppy and the Soldier**

…….Edward places his poppy in an old ration tin filled with water. It looks so perfect compared to this land of sorrow. He rolls out his blanket, takes off his hat and boots and places his rifle and trumpet in an old chest where he keeps all his belongings from home. Edward lies down and tries to block out the muffled sounds of war. The young boy silently wishes to be home, on his parents chicken farm. At that moment he was sure that they were wishing for the exact same thing……..

Project Based Learning

This term the PBL unit in Stage 3 has been focused around science. We have been exploring the question “**How can you demonstrate changes in properties that occur between different forms of matter**”

Many experiments have been conducted and interesting observations made.

**Chelsea 5B**

“I have learned that when you heat water, a liquid, a gas forms and evaporates and you end up with less liquid.”

**Melvin 5B**

“I have learned that when you freeze a liquid it turns into a solid. When you apply heat energy to the solid it changes back into a liquid.”

**Grace 5W**

“When I put coffee into water I discovered that over time the coffee dissolved.”

**Nicholas 5W**

“We learnt about making a fair science test. Cows Moo Softly. When conducting a fair test you - Change one thing. Measure or observe and the Same for everything else.”