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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 10

14th December, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

DECEMBER

Thursday 15th

9:15am End of year

Mass

Year 6 Graduation

Friday

**NO NOTES SENT
HOME MONDAY**

**NOTES SENT HOME
TODAY**

- Catholic Outlook

Respect
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Learn

Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter for the year and the last I will write as the Acting Principal. It has been a privilege to be the leader of this school this term ably assisted by Mrs Regan and the other members of the leadership team.

This year has been one of change with Mrs Studans leaving us for St Joseph's at Schofields. The changes continue for 2017. Today the children met their new teachers and on an accompanying note you will find the staff for the 2017 school year. This year we have a number of staff leaving and taking up other opportunities. We wish them all well. Of most significance is the appointment of Miss Amanda Bentley as a Teacher Educator Mission in the Catholic Education Office in Parramatta. This is a significant honour for Amanda whose expertise in Religious Education has been recognised by the Diocese. Amanda will take up her appointment at the beginning of 2017.

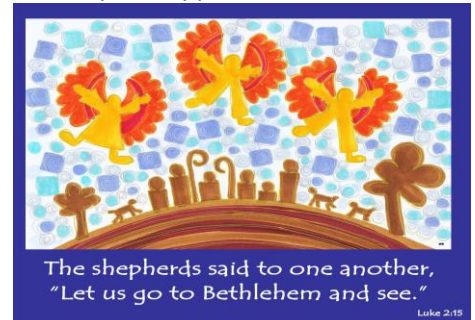
This leaves a significant appointment to be filled at Our Lady of Lourdes. The position of Religious Education Coordinator is a key role in the school. Given the lateness of Amanda's appointment, in consultation with the Father Henry and the Catholic Education Office it has been decided that we will appoint an Acting REC for Term One to allow for us to advertise and ensure that the appointment process is rigorous. It is with pleasure that I announce that appointment of Mrs Janelle Bawden as Acting REC for Term One. Janelle is an experienced REC and comes to us from St John's Riverstone. I am sure you will join in welcoming her to our staff. There are a number of other changes for 2017. For the first time we are employing a specialist PE teacher, Mrs Veronica Brogden, to assist with the PDHPE component of the curriculum. Mrs Willemse will take over the role of Creative Arts teacher and will teach not only music but drama and dance as well. Mrs Melinda Callaghan will also join our staff to teach Year 5. Of course, significantly, we welcome Ms Keiran Byrnes, who many of you met last night, as our Principal.

I have enjoyed my time as the Acting Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes. I have a deep connection with our school community forged over many years and I never take for granted the trust parents place in us when they send their children to our school. As I wrote at the outset it is a privilege to be the leader of this community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their work this year and particularly for their support this term. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and students for their support while I have been doing this role. I would like to wish all within our community a happy and holy Christmas and a safe holiday. I look forward to working with you once again as the Assistant Principal in 2017.

Kind regards,

Carol Cividin

Acting Principal



END OF YEAR AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who received awards at our concert and awards night last week.



Our 2015 awards recipients are:

- KB** *DeAsia Fatafehi, Himika Chintapatla, Arya Gupta*
- KW** *Charlize Doolub, Javiar Bou Serhal, Ashton McLoynes*
- 1B** *Latai Kama, Madeleine Zaaite, Jacqueline Yates*
- 1W** *Georgia Andrew, Vrinda Kumar, Ellie Cho*
- 2B** *Diya Dipu, Thomas Kendall, Isabella dela Cruz*
- 2W** *Jacob Whybin, Alexandra Simpson, Samuel Thoms*
- 3B** *Zackary Armitage, Florencia Wanandy, Brianna Faorlin*
- 3W** *Jessie Raad, Makayla Dalmati, Riley Sultana*
- 4B** *Shany Bento, Aryan Roy, Mikayla Galea*
- 4W** *Madeline Warner, Elijah Villa, Sophie Stancic*
- 5B** *Diana Park, Jessica Holmes, Liz Sager*
- 5W** *Alicia Galea, Caidyn Joel Armitage, Nicholas Bumanglag*
- 6B** *Macy Smith, Neil Sarkar, Jayda-leigh Neish*
- 6W** *Jacinta Bou Serhal, Andreas Klaudiou, Gabrielle Wanandy,*

Mary MacKillop Award

Victor Da

School Service Award

Jackson Maher

Community Spirit Award

Sophia Dingli

Sports Award

Harry Stancic

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

We would like to say thank you and best wishes to the following staff who are leaving us in 2017. Miss Amanda Bentley, Mrs Sally Biskupic, Mrs Mary McKenzie, Miss Iris Li, Mrs Vicki Bourke (Teacher Assistant) and Mr Andrew Bacoulopoulos (Technical Trainee). We appreciate all they have brought to our community and wish them every success with their future endeavours.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2017

Congratulations also to *Jessica Holmes* and *Caidyn Joel Armitage* who were elected as our School Leaders for 2017.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thank you to all children that competed in both the 50 and 25 metre races at Monday's swimming carnival. It was great to see so many participants. Thanks to all the parents, ex-students and teachers for your assistance on the day to make it such a successful carnival. Congratulations to the following children:

Age Champions

8 yrs

GIRLS

Ava Rigney

BOYS

Cameron Fahey

9years

GIRLS

Irene Suryathyo

BOYS

Thomas Fahey

10 years

GIRLS

Sophie Fahey

BOYS

Nicholas Tsakos

11years

GIRLS

Chloe Apps

BOYS

Jackson Maher

12years

GIRLS

Leah Lania

BOYS

Harry Stancic

Senior Champions *Chloe Apps & Harry Stancic*

Junior Champion

Sophie Fahey



Our winning house colour is BLUE.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mikayla Simpson in 6B who is a prize winner in the Blacktown City Council 2016 Sister Cities Writing Contest. Well done Mikayla.



UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS

Code to enter for January appointments is **vxcxg**.



MAI JANUARY

The code needed to book a math interview in January is **mw2d4**.

NO CASH

Due to audit requirements the school will be unable to accept cash and cheque payments on Thursday or Friday of this week. However we will still be accepting Eftpos payments. Thank you for your assistance.

Commencement of Term 1, 2017

Any families who will not be returning to school on Tuesday, 31st January 2017 are asked to send a letter to the school office stating your child's last day at school in 2016 and the date they will return in 2017. This is an audit requirement. Thank you.



Christmas Mass Times at Our Lady of Lourdes

Individual Confessions

20 th December	9am-10.00am
21 st December	9am-10.00am

Saturday 24 December

Christmas Vigil Mass: 6:00pm
9:00pm, Midnight

Sunday 25 December

Christmas Day Mass
8am and 9.30am



Thank You

It is hard to believe that another school year has passed. It has been a wonderful year, full of successes, challenges and unexpected change.



The Christmas season is a time when we reflect on the year and give thanks for what we have been given. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks for the year that was.

Thank you to the students ... for allowing us the privilege to be with you on a daily basis, you are the reason we are in the vocation of teaching and you bring us so much pleasure every day.

Thank you to the parents ... for your ongoing support. We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful people within the community of Our Lady of Lourdes and we are grateful for all that you contribute to our school.

Thank you to the hard working and dedicated staff... who give so much above and beyond the school hours. The passion they have for their work and their willingness to adapt and change when they are challenged is both recognised and appreciated.

Thank You for the opportunity of being the Acting Assistant Principal for the past term. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and feel privileged to have been a leader of the Our Lady of Lourdes community.

Finally...

*Thank You to Carol who stepped into the Acting Principal role at the end of Term 3. She has guided the school community in such a professional, caring and dedicated manner. Have a wonderful Christmas and take some time to say **thank you** to those people in your lives who have helped you through 2016.*

Kind Regards
Julianne Regan

Curriculum Conversations
Principal's Morning Tea

This morning, along with the other members of the Leadership Team, I had the pleasure of serving 137 of our students at the Principal's Morning Tea. These students achieved a commendable effort grade for all Key Learning Areas in their Semester 2 report. As I explained to the students they may not have achieved an "A" grade but they had tried their best and put in effort into all subject areas throughout the semester and as a principal that is what I am most proud of. I think the students enjoyed the experience of being served by the leadership team and we certainly enjoyed serving them!

