



Innovative Learning In A Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 3

Week 4

9 August 2017

FUTURE DATES...

Friday 11th August

- Assembly Year 3 & 4 in the hall at 2.00pm

Tuesday 15th August

- Zone athletics carnival
- Feast of the Assumption Mass 9.15

Thursday 17th August

- ICAS - Maths

Tuesday 22nd August

- Wakakirri performance 7pm Riverside Theatre

Friday 25th August

- Last day for Father's Day photos to be emailed to school
- Premier's reading challenge concludes

Wednesday 30th August

- Father's Day stall

Friday 1st September

- Father's Day breakfast and Mass commencing at 9.15am all welcome

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

- Volunteers for Spring Fair

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Year 1 excursion
- Australian Girls Choir
- Year 3 newsletter
- Father's Day notes

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

In these two weeks we celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Feast of the Assumption that honours Mary as Mother of the Church. Two ordinary women who firm in their faith in God strived to answer God's call. Both these women bore witness to God's love and shared their faith with others.

Tuesday, 8th August, was the anniversary of the death of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. When we look back at the significance of her life we are reminded of her strength and courage. She believed in the healing power of her faith in God. Through God's love Saint Mary transformed the lives of ordinary people by reaching out to others in need.

On the Feast of the Assumption on the 15th August it is appropriate to reflect on Mary's words to Elizabeth. What a magnificent example she is to each of us. Mary leaves no doubt that she loves to praise God in all circumstances. She remembers God's mercy, power and faithfulness. She brings encouragement, support and love.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our liturgy on the occasion of the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Your presence as we celebrate our faith life is greatly valued by staff and children. I also warmly invite you to our celebration of the Eucharist for the Feast of the Assumption next Tuesday at 9:15am.

Below is a prayer you may wish to pray together as a family.

*Ever generous God,
You inspired St Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were lonely, disheartened and needy.*

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

*Most loving God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

God Bless
Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to week 3 Gold Award winners:

Year 1	Kristena Azrag
Year 2	Lucas Laus
Year 3	Isabelle dela Cruz
Year 4	Angela Cho
Year 5	Max Jahshan
Year 6	Myra-Kelis Talauta

Congratulations to week 4 Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Charlotte Martin
Year 1	Daniella Katafono
Year 2	Charlotte Lawrence
Year 3	Jesseline Franco
Year 4	Juan Burgess
Year 5	Byron Aspin
Year 6	Chloe Anderson

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at last Friday's Assembly:

KB	Karlos Ravic, Amber Patel, Lucas Watts, Lachlan Greentree-Davis
KW	Thomas Cadavid, Tahlia Herczeg, Prisha Gaur, Vicky Su
1B	Isha Dipu, Ashley Lo, Maci Case, Lucas Albion
1W	Sophie Shaw, Timothy Heenpellage, Shaan Patel, Vanessa Assi, Danielle Katafono
2W	Ziva Suryatho, YoYo Wang, Jesse James Crane, Mia Lal
3B	Neil Razdan, Gabriella Russo, Phoenix Dickson, Hailey Case
3W	Chantai Ward, Obama Azrag, Callum Marshall, George Gatt
4B	Noah Bumanglag, Kaylee Aspin, Monu Pongi, Alyssa Stenton, Arth Varma
4W	Liam Essex, Makayla Damati, Harry Albion, Juan Burgess
5B	Arzaan Netto, Adalina Abdilla, Daniel Tenn, Matthew Shawcross
5W	Ezekiel Viray, Petar Siljeg, Khi Dickson, Byron Aspin
6B	Annelise Cortis, Jessica Holmes, Joanne Mghames, Jayden Raad
6W	Diana Park, Grace Palmiotto, Edward Taylor, Chloe Apps



PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

If you wish to receive a receipt when making a payment we ask that you ensure that the school has the correct email address. Receipts will be emailed to parents/caregivers nominated on the enrolment form. If there have been any changes please notify the office so that student records can be updated accordingly. Please also make sure your current Home/Mobile/Business numbers are up to date as well.

OLOL PARENT GROUP



PARENT GROUP NEWS

Thursday, 10 August @ 2.30pm meeting in the hall, if you want to be involved in organising the upcoming school disco – Contact Julie Abdilla on 0409 667 038.

Dates for the diary:

Father's day stall – Wednesday, 30th August,
Father's day Breakfast – Friday 1st September, further details will be sent home.

Day at the Hunter – note to be sent home soon
Saturday, 28th October – lock the dates into your diaries.

The ICAS Mathematics competition will be held next Thursday August 17th. Please note that due to the nature of the competition if a student is away on the day of the competition no make-up days can be provided.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge concludes on August 25th. There is not long to go now and we want many more of our students to complete the challenge and receive their certificate. Make sure that you log on to the Premier's Reading Challenge site, using the user name and password provided, and record the books you have read to ensure that you complete the challenge. If you are experiencing difficulty logging on please contact Mrs Cividin.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Woolworths Earn and Learn has now commenced. Thank you to Theresa Sultana who has kindly offered to co-ordinate the promotion. All families are encouraged to collect the tokens, complete the reward sheets and return them to the school to be collated. Thankyou



FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our Fathers' Day
Mass will be held on
Friday, September 1st

at 9.15am. Father's and grandfathers 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 a photo of father's and their child/children to the school at lolshills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked "Father's Day Photos". Please note that Friday, August 25th is the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection. All photos *must* be received by 3pm. 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. To avoid any disappointment please ensure photos are received by the cut off time. We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Dads.



School Phone Number

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary new main number is 8869 6800 replacing 9622 7216, this is a new digital number CEDP has been provided by Telstra. A call redirection will be in place for **18 months**, this will allow time to communicate the new number to the school's wider community and update all marketing material. CEDP have already updated the number on the Our Lady of Lourdes Primary website.

Redirection Plan

First 6 months no announcement redirection. Incoming call rings schools number then Telstra redirects to the new 8869 6800

Second 6 months - redirection with announcement. Incoming call rings schools number then Telstra announces the number has changed and redirects to new 8869 6800 number.

Third 6 months - announcement with number and line cut. Telstra announces the new 8869 6800 number with no redirect to old and ceases the call.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



The Australian School of Performing Arts is coming to the school on August 30th to hold an assessment workshop for girls from Kindergarten to Year 6 who may be interested in joining the Australian Girls Choir. This is a voluntary activity offered as a service to the school and there is NO compulsion for students to attend. There is no guarantee that girls who attend the workshop will be offered a place in the choir but attendance at the workshop is open to all girls at the school. A flyer advertising the workshop accompanies this newsletter. If your daughter is interested in participating in the workshop please complete the form attached and return it to the office by Friday August 18th.

NAPLAN Online Readiness

What is happening?

In preparation for NAPLAN Online in 2019, all CEDP schools will complete a NAPLAN Online Readiness Test in Term 3 of 2017. 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 between 14 August and 22 September 2017 at your child's school.

Who will be involved?

Not all students will participate in this testing. A minimum of one class from grades three, five, seven and nine from each CEDP school will complete this test.

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 for parents](#)



UNIFORMS

All uniforms can be purchased from the school uniform shop. Appointments can be made on Tuesday

afternoons and Thursday mornings. 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. Uniforms will be sent home by the end of the week. Please contact Aida Almeida if you require any further assistance. Thankyou.

FREE FAMILY EVENT

A program of spiritual Enrichment for families on the theme of the world meeting of families 2018

Gospel of the family: Joy for the World

Sunday 27th August 2017
1pm-3.15pm

Mass available 11am
BYO picnic lunch
Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall – 230 Fairlight Road
MULGOA NSW 2745
Register: 8838 3460 or
Imf@parra.catholic.org.au

‘Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection’

On the school website is a letter about a year-long Diocesan journey that Bishop Long will launch on Sunday 27 August 2017 - ‘Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection’. This year-long Diocesan journey will allow all of us to reflect through prayer and discussion on how we can take action to better support refugees and people seeking protection in our community. In the weeks and months following the launch, the Diocesan Social Justice Office will be initiating a series of community conversations across parishes and schools within the Diocese. Please note the launch will take place during Migrant and Refugee Week Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall Seven Hills.

PLEASE LABEL UNIFORMS AND BELONGINGS

To help minimize any lost belongings we ask parents to support in two 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 labelled clearly so that if they are left behind they can be returned easily. This also includes returning to school any items that may have inadvertently been brought home incorrectly. By doing this we can achieve two things. Your child will be taught to look after their belongings and it will save parents money!



Spring Fair Raffle

Next week each family in the school will receive a book of raffle tickets that are part of the fundraising activities associated with the Spring Fair. Families are encouraged to sell a book of tickets with all those returning sold books of tickets going into the draw for incentive prizes of iTunes cards. We encourage all families to sell tickets to family and friends and help raise funds for our school and parish communities.

School Fees

Term 3 School Fees have now been issued and mailed to your home/billing address. School Fees are due by Monday, 21st August 2017. If you have not received your statement please contact our school office 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.

RE NEWS



Mary MacKillop was an ordinary

Australian. With faith and trust in God, she was able to achieve extraordinary things. 'Never see a need without doing something about it' was one of her well-known sayings.

She taught children about the love of God. She saw the face of Jesus in everyone she met. Above all, Mary MacKillop trusted in God!

Below I have written some of Mary Mackillop's other quotes with an example of what the saying might mean to us in our daily lives. You might like to discuss some of these sayings with your child/children and ask them how we might be able to become more like Mary Mackillop and reflect the love of God to those we meet?

Mary Mackillop's Saying	What does this mean to me?
<i>Never see a need without doing something about it.</i>	Help someone without being asked.
<i>Gratitude is the memory of the heart. (1907)</i>	Say thank you to everyone that helps you.
<i>Be full of forgiveness, hope and love. (26/11/1873)</i>	Forgive others with a big heart when they say sorry.
<i>There must be charity and gentleness towards the erring of others. (7.8.1888)</i>	Take time to help someone when they have made a mistake.
<i>Let not your cross make you unhappy. (28/2/1890)</i>	Deal with small problems as soon as you can.
<i>I do not let myself speculate upon anything. (1/12/1898)</i>	Do not talk about someone behind their back.
<i>We can do nothing without God. (11/11/1880)</i>	Think about what God wants you to do before you act.



STAGE TWO AUTHOR GALLERY

A MOMENT IN TIME BY JAYDEN CORTIS

I HEAR THE CROWD CHEERING SO LOUDLY THAT I THINK THEY ARE GOING TO EXPLODE BUT DEEP INSIDE I KNOW THEY WON'T. I ALSO HEAR THE SONG FINISHING. I SEE SMILES AND PEOPLE ENJOYING OUR PERFORMANCE. I SMILE. THEN I SEE MY MUM AND SHE IS SMILING PROUDLY. I FEEL MY HEART POUNDING SO FAST LIKE A RACING CAR. JUST AT THAT MOMENT I REALLY FEEL LIKE WE ARE GOING TO WIN! I WONDER IF MY MUM CAN SEE ME. I HOPE SHE CAN. THEN I THINK TO MYSELF IF THE TROPHY IS HEAVY? I HAVE LOTS OF FUN. WE ALL MADE A GOOD EFFORT BECAUSE WE WON!

A MOMENT IN TIME BY HARRY ALBION

AS I WALKED ONTO THE DANCE FLOOR I FELT NERVOUS AND I WAS SHIVERING ON THE INSIDE. THEN THE MUSIC BEGAN TO PLAY AND I FELT HAPPY AND EXCITED. I COULD HEAR PEOPLE CHEERING ME ON SHOUTING, 'GO OUR LADY OF LOURDES!' THE MUSIC WAS DEAFENING AND I WAS WONDERING IF I WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN A RIBBON. I COULD SEE THE JUDGES WHISPERING AND CHECKING TO SEE IF I WAS MAKING ANY MISTAKES. FINALLY THE DANCE WAS OVER AND MY PARTNER AND I MADE OUR WAY BACK TO OUR SEATS. I WAS EXHAUSTED.

A MOMENT IN TIME BY GEORGE GATT

MY HEART IS BEATING AS FAST AS A ROCKET. THIS IS THE BEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE. I SEE A MOUNTAIN OF KIDS DANCING. I WONDER IF WE ARE GOING TO WIN. IT FEELS LIKE A BOMB OF THOUGHTS ARE GOING OFF IN MY BRAIN. I HEAR THE CROWD YELLING LIKE A PACK OF WILD LIONS GROWLING. I WONDER IF THE JUDGES LIKED OUR PERFORMANCE. I FEEL AS SCARED AS A MOUSE THAT IS FACE TO FACE WITH A TIGER. WHEN WE GET OUR RESULTS THAT WE HAVE WON, I FEEL LIKE FIREWORKS ARE GOING OFF IN MY HEART.

THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE!!! BY ANDY LI

THE MUSIC WAS LOUD AND THE PEOPLE AROUND ME WERE MORE EXCITED THAN A BIRD FLYING FOR THE FIRST TIME. I COULD SEE PEOPLE FLOWING IN THROUGH THE DOORS. I COULD ALSO SEE PEOPLE PRACTICING, WHICH MADE ME HAVE BUTTERFLIES IN MY TUMMY. MY HEART WAS THUMPING FASTER THAN USAIN BOLT, AND LOUDER THAN THE LARGEST THUNDERBOLT. I WAS UP TO THE RIM WITH EXCITEMENT, BUT ALSO NERVES AND FEAR WERE BATTLING AGAINST ME. AT LAST THE MOMENT CAME. THE MUSIC LIGHTENED. PEOPLE STOPPED TALKING AND THE MICROPHONE RUMBLED BEFORE, AT LAST THE JUDGES SAID, "COULD EVERYONE PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE STAGE." I WAS IMMEDIATELY ALARMED AND MY HEART CONTINUED TO THUMP, BUT I WAS RELIEVED WHEN THEY SAID IT WAS JUST TO GET WARMED UP.

Stage 3 Excursion Art Gallery of NSW

As part of our Term 3 Art Composition and Appreciation Program, Stage 3 travelled to the Art Gallery of NSW. The students had the opportunity to view the different styles of art, while reflecting on the artworks that they liked, making connections with the different ways in which the artists created their pieces. Some of the artists that the students were able to see were Jeffery Smart, Brett Whitely, Frederick McCubbin, Sidney Nolan and Arthur Streeton. This entry event forms the basis of a series of tutorials that the students will undertake over the course of the term, resulting in the final product of a Stage 3 Art Gallery.



I really liked how the artworks were so big and we could really look closely at the details. – Ben 6B

I enjoyed seeing the different styles of art that the artists created. – Liz 6W

I loved the way you could see how the artists express their feelings and experiences through their artworks. – Larissa 6B



Get involved in the School Banking program

Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills offers the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- **Cyber Handball**
- **Colour Change Markers**
- **3D Chalk Set**
- **Tablet Case**
- **Smiley Emoji Keyring**
- **Volt Handball**
- **Pencil + Tech Case**
- **Epic Earphones**



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Tuesday**. Each week you need to **put your banking book into your class office bag**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit **commbank.com.au/schoolbanking**

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL GALA DAY

Congratulations to the two netball teams who participated in the St Bernadette's Netball Gala day on Wednesday the 26th July. The girls represented Our Lady of Lourdes with great sportsmanship. The 12's won two games of their 8 games and the 10's ended up with four wins, three draws and three losses. Despite the extreme wind the girls had a fun day.

Thank You to the parents that helped by coaching, scoring, supporting and transporting girls to and from Kellyville.



STAGE 2 SOCCER GALA DAY

On Wednesday 2nd August, students in Years 3 and 4 attended the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day. Over 106 teams from many schools across the Diocese competed on the day at Jamison Park in Penrith. Our Lady of Lourdes entered with 3 teams - Year 3 boys, Year 4 boys and Mixed girls. All teams played their very best with the Year 4 boys team coming 2nd place overall in their division.

Our sincerest thanks to the parents who dedicated their time taking children to and from the venue and helping out on the day, without their assistance the day would not have ran as smoothly as it did. Well done to all students for their good sportsmanship and proudly representing the school.

Year 3 Boys team enjoying and taking advantage of the sunny day.



STAGE 3 SOCCER GALA DAY

On the 25th of July, Miss Geekie travelled to Jamison Park with two Stage 3 Boys soccer teams, a Year 5 team and a Year 6. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and soccer skills coming away winning some of their matches. A special thanks to all of the parents who transported children on the day as well as Mrs Clark who stepped in as the Year 5 Team Manager. Without parent volunteers we are not able to participate in these Gala Days, your assistance is greatly appreciated. All of the boys had a fantastic day representing Our Lady of Lourdes with great pride!



VOICE OF YOUTH FINALS

Last Wednesday, Year Six held their school final for the Voice of Youth Competition. The Voice of Youth competition is held annually and all of the year six students participate in the process. Students are required to write a speech on a topic of their choice and deliver this to the class. The teachers then choose a selection of students based on the Voice of Youth Marking Criteria to go through to the school final. This year we had a range of topics from 'Endangered animals', to 'Health and Wellbeing' and even 'Dad Jokes'.

The following students made it to the school final:

Diana Park
Dwayne Somaroo
Annelise Gonzalez
Vaidehi Patel
Larissa Leary
Chloe Apps
Edward Taylor
Grace Palmiotto
Chelsea Mejalli

Noah Ebb
Sophie Abion
Alison Kendall
Zahra Nohra
Melvin Monses
Isabella Azzopardi

Ms Byrnes and Mrs Cividin had the difficult task of judging the school. All students presented outstanding speeches. Congratulations to Sophie Albion, Zahra Nohra and Grace Palmiotto who made it through to the cluster final that was held today.

Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers

NAPLAN Online 2017 School Readiness Testing

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This note is to inform you that some personal information about students and parents which has already been obtained this year is being used again as schools prepare for NAPLAN online.

This personal information will be used by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is the NAPLAN Test Administration Authority responsible for New South Wales.

NESA is responsible for collecting information to be used during the testing that schools are about to undertake to check their readiness for NAPLAN Online. This 'readiness testing' includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information NESA uses will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. NESA discloses this information to Education Services Australia Ltd (ESA), a national, not-for-profit company owned by Australia's state and territory education ministers. ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online.

NESA will not disclose to ESA any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not access the information provided for the readiness testing.

The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- conduct research, and compile and analyse statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

More information

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your school.

Further details about how NESA complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and