



Innovative Learning In A Changing
World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 3

Week 8

6th September 2017

FUTURE DATES...

Wednesday 13th September

- Wakakirri NSW Sydney Region awards at Homebush Sports Centre commencing at 7pm

Thursday 14th September

- Year 6 Market Day

Friday 15th September

- Stg 3 Assembly postponed**
- Stage 2 Touch Gala Day
- Parent Group Disco K-2 5pm – 6pm
Yrs 3-6 7pm – 8pm

Thursday 21st September

- Last Day for students in Term 3
- Mufti Day – Chocolate Toss

Friday 22nd September

- Staff Development Day - no staff on premises**

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Staff Changes Year 1
- Parent Group Disco
- Year 2 – change to sports day Week 9

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the community. Jesus sets out the steps we need to take in moving towards reconciliation.

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of life. Yet, when we experience conflicts, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect.

If we have a disagreement with someone we should always try to resolve the matter first with the other person involved, by talking with them gently. If that doesn't work, then we may need to get the help of others. Jesus wants us to lovingly try to help each other obey God.

Jesus also teaches us in Sunday's reading that he will be with us when we pray to him about the conflicts in our lives. Prayer is also an important part of handling conflict. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we are sent forth to "Go in peace". This is an incredible challenge. The words, "Go in peace" means much more than to leave with a good feeling. It means that we leave church with the intention of making peace happen in our personal lives and in what happens around us. We must all do the small, everyday things that strengthen our relationships with those around us. And we are also responsible to act as part of the human family.

"Forgiveness, dialogue, reconciliation, these are the words of peace let us pray for peace, and let us bring it about starting in our own homes". Pope Francis.

God Bless
Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to week 7 Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Charlee Sexton
Year 1	Alisha Sharma & Isley Williams
Year 2	Demi Tsakos
Year 3	Enrique Monses
Year 4	Andy Li
Year 5	Chelsea Beotich
Year 6	Joanne Mghames

Congratulations to week 8 Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Vicky Su
Year 1	Nathan Bayeh
Year 2	Isabella Fiorenza
Year 4	Angad Ahuja
Year 5	Tupou Lino
Year 6	Rianna Patrabansh

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at Week 8 Monday's Book Week Assembly:

KB	Luca Madejski, Christina La Guidara
KW	Juliana Zhu, Charlotte Martin
1B	Syon Shanker, Eva Layoun
1W	Sergio Sulaiman, Emma Skinner
2B	Alexander Spadaro, Piper Sullivan
2W	Ekaspreet Sohi, Zac Osborne
3B	Jayden Leota, Ava Rigney
3W	Lily Maher, Alby Bento
4B	Monu Pongi, Florencia Wanandy
4W	Connor Nilon, Zarah Mowbray
5B	Katelyn Fountain, Amber Kahlon Joye-Mari Boursianis
5W	Brayden Dobbie, Karen Pannu
6B	Melvin Monses, Larissa Leary
6W	Samuel Butylewicz, Xavier Krzeminski

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.



Staff Development Day

Just a reminder that Friday the 22nd September will be a Staff Development Day. The focus of this day is for the faith formation of staff and will be related to our school goal to strengthen our relationship with God through reflection, discussion and prayer so that we may learn how to become "The Living Body of Christ". This day will be held offsite so no school staff will be present at the school.

OLOL PARENT GROUP

PARENT GROUP NEWS

Disco Friday 15th September

Years K - 2, 5 - 6.30pm; Years 3-6, 7 - 8.30 pm.
A flyer was sent home on Monday.



As you are aware, 7-year-old Julian, who was a student at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Lalor Park, was killed in the attack in Barcelona. Julian's mother Jom remains in a Barcelona hospital recovering from her serious injuries.

The Cadman family have expressed their deep thanks to the school communities within the Diocese of Parramatta for their compassion, their prayers and their support during this incredibly challenging time. They are well aware that the healing process will be a very long one but have been comforted by the knowledge that our communities will continue to stand in solidarity with them.

There have been many requests for advice on how people can help in a practical way. A GoFundMe site has been set up by a close family friend to provide long-term financial support to the family. The site can be accessed at <https://www.gofundme.com/the-julian-jom-fund>.

Please keep the Cadman family in your prayers.



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

All families are encouraged to collect their tokens, complete the reward sheets and return them to the school to be collated.

Thankyou

And the winners are...

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE: Brayson Beullens

2nd PRIZE: Ashiqca Manandhar

3rd PRIZE: Lily Maher

School Phone Number

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary new main number is **8869 6800** replacing **9622 7266**, 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.



Attendance—Every Learner, Every Day, All Day!

This week our attendance is below our goal of above 90% attendance. This week we have achieved an overall attendance of 86.6%.

Stage 3 Assembly

Due to our selection into the Wakakirri NSW Sydney region awards, which involves a large number of our Stage 3 students, the Stage 3 assembly that was scheduled for Friday September 15th has been rescheduled for term 4



Year 6 Market Day Thursday 14th September

Following on from our hugely successful Market Day last year, Year 6 will again be running a Market Day on Thursday September 14th. On the day the Year 6 students will set up stalls with a variety of goods or activities to sell to the students in the rest of the school at both recess and lunchtime. The Year 6 students will make or organise the items to be sold and will set up and man the stalls on the day. All proceeds raised will go towards the Stage 3 Graduation disco at the end of the year. A flyer will be sent home on Monday.

Spring Fair Raffle Tickets



Upon returning Raffle Tickets can you please return them in an envelope with Parent's Name, Child's Name, Class, Amount sold on the front of envelope. Our first incentive draw for returning sold raffle books was held at Monday's assembly we are happy to announce the winner for this week was Avleen Singh in KW. Please continue to bring in your raffle tickets to go in the draw each week.



NAPLAN Online

This week, students in Years 3 and 5 participated in the NAPLAN Online Trial. This trial aimed to assess our school's bandwidth, wireless connectivity and readiness to move towards students undertaking the NAPLAN Tests in an online platform in 2019. Our trial was successful with students being able to access, connect and complete the tests with no major issues. As this readiness test is not a test of the individual children's academic performance but a test of the technical aspects of administering NAPLAN Online, parents and schools will not receive individual student performance results. Our school will be provided with the opportunity to provide feedback with respect to our experience in this trial.

SPORTING NEWS

On the 25th of August, 12 students from Our Lady of Lourdes represented Blacktown Zone in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all of the students who competed on the day, demonstrating great sportsmanship, skills and athletic ability. A special congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the MacKillop Athletics Carnival on the 18th of September at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

Rhys Webster - 100m
Zackary Armitage - 800m
Zahra Nohra - Long Jump
Sophie Stancic – Discus

We wish them the best of luck and know that they will represent Our Lady of Lourdes with great pride.

Supervision of children after school

Teachers have expressed concern, particularly in the Kindergarten area, of the behaviour of the children at the conclusion of the school day. Whilst we are happy for parents to socialise and build community links with each other after school it is important that the children, both those of school age and our pre-schoolers, are supervised at all times as the school staff are committed to supervising those students whose parents are not present. In addition it is an expectation that the children engage in safe play in accordance with our school rules. That is the “hand off” rule is respected, there is no violent play and the school environment is respected. To assist with keeping the area outside of Kindergarten tidy we have also decided to close the sandpit at the conclusion of lunch each day. We are asking parents to assist us by not letting their pre-schoolers or school aged children access the sandpit after school. We appreciate your assistance with this as we work together to ensure that our school environment is safe, happy and clean. If you have any questions or concerns in relation to this please feel free to contact me. Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal



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.

LOST ITEMS IN OFFICE

The following items have been found in the playground, if you have misplaced glasses or a watch can you please come to the office to collect your item. Thankyou





Spring Fair - Cake Stall Donations

Our Spring Fair is fast approaching. In coming weeks we will be asking for donations to help make our stalls a success.

This week we are asking for donations of ingredients for our cake stall. These ingredients or packaging materials will allow our dedicated group of bakers to make delicious treats and present them for sale for the cake stall. Each class has been allocated an ingredient to bring in to support the cake stall. The list of ingredients for each grade is shown below. Donations will be collected in classrooms over the next week. All support is very much appreciated.

Class	Ingredient
Kindergarten	Flour - Self raising flour & plain flour
Year One	White sugar, brown sugar, caster sugar, icing sugar
Year Two	Flavourings - Vanilla essence, golden syrup, cocoa
Year Three	Decorating - Food colouring, sprinkles, hundreds & thousands, lollies
Year Four	Sweet stuff - BLOCKS of chocolate, Mars Bars, strawberry jam
Year Five	Special additions - desiccated coconut, rice Bubbles, condensed milk
Year Six	Packaging - Take away containers, cupcake cases, clear cellophane bags, curling ribbon or any items that may be used for packaging



Advance Notice Choc Toss Mufti Day

Advance notice that on Thursday September 21st, the last day of term for students, we will be holding a mufti day to support the choc toss stall at the Spring Fair. Students are able to dress in mufti (plain clothes) and bring in a block of chocolate that will be used for the Spring Fair choc toss. If everyone can bring in one block of chocolate our stall will be well stocked.

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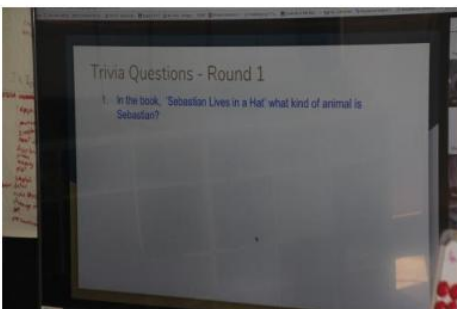
What a big week we have had at Our Lady of Lourdes!! On Monday we celebrated Book Week with our Book Week parade, in class activities and cross stage book trivia. It was fantastic to see the children dressed as their favourite book character and participating enthusiastically in the assembly and then working in cross stage groups on book related activities. There was a change of pace on Tuesday and today as our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in the NAPLAN online school readiness test. This was an opportunity to familiarise the students with the format of the test and also to test our infrastructure to support it. Speaking to the teachers involved the trial appeared to run smoothly. Looking forward this Friday we have our Stage 3 touch football teams travelling to St Mary's to participate in the Touch Football Gala Day. We wish our teams all the best for the day. Next week promises to be just as busy with 3 major activities on the calendar. With the wonderful news that we have made the next stage of Wakakirri the students and teachers are once again busily rehearsing to ensure our performance is polished before the big night on Wednesday – we hope that many parents will come along to the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre to support our team. On Thursday Year 6 will hold their annual Market Day. Students will be selling a range of treats such as donuts, icecream, jelly and slushies as well as giving children the chance to win prizes by participating in games of skill. I am sure all students remember the fun of Market Day last year so make sure that you bring your money with you to participate in the fun. Finally on Friday evening the parent group have organised a school disco. This promises to be lots of fun. A flyer was sent home on Monday advertising the event. Of course, while all of these extra curricula activities are happening, our normal routine of teaching and learning continues. There is certainly no time to be bored at OLOL!

Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal

Book Week 2017

On Monday September 4th the staff and students of Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated Book Week. The day began with our traditional Book Week assembly that incorporated class presentations of our shortlisted books as well as a student parade to show off the amazing character costumes. After morning tea it was off to the classrooms for more book related activities with the day concluding with book related trivia. Students and staff agreed it was a fun day!





Father's Day at OLOL



On Friday we celebrated Father's Day at OLOL. We started the day with a yummy breakfast so that our dads were feeling happy and full. We then asked our families to come and visit our classrooms to celebrate the learning that we have been doing so far this year.

This is a wonderful privilege for some fathers who may not normally get the opportunity to visit our school or their child's classroom due to work commitments.

We then went over to the church to celebrate and give thanks to God for the special gift of our fathers. We prayed for fathers who are living. We remembered fathers who had died. We were grateful for special men in our lives who have been like fathers to us. In celebrating the love of fathers on Fathers' Day we are mindful that Jesus had such great love for God, whom he called Father.



If you were unable to come along to the Eucharistic celebration, I have provided the prayer that we asked all fathers to pray together as an OLOL community. Please take some time to read through this prayer as it reflects the wonderful blessing that you have been given in becoming a father to your child.





A FATHER'S PRAYER



**Lord bless me as a father.
Watch over me and protect me from harm of any kind.
Grant me your wisdom, your grace and the strength to live
a life of goodness.
Help me to honour my family with words of respect,
forgiveness and love.
To listen with my heart as well as my head.
To give and not count the cost.
To be patient and persevering when all seems lost.
Bless me Lord this day.
Bless and protect me all through my life.
Amen**

YEAR ONE CHICKS

A couple of weeks ago Year One were mummies and daddies to some special visitors to their classroom.

Eggs were delivered by the farmer and within 2 days some little chicks began to hatch. The children were able to watch them hatch live, which was a great experience. The teachers and children learnt how to look after the chicks by cleaning their brooder and feeding them every day. They watched them grow and change, recording their learning in a 'Chick Diary'.

At the end of the two weeks a few children were able to take the chicks home to keep if they had a suitable environment for them. The farmer collected the remaining chick and took him back to the farm.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and it provided some great learning.

