



Innovative Learning In A Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 2

18th October, 2017

FUTURE DATES...

Friday 20th October

- Basket Stall items due

Sunday 22nd October

- 1st Holy Communion
11:30 am (group 2)

Monday 23rd October

- Raffle incentive draw

Wednesday 25th October

- Parent AGM meeting in the library at 7pm
- Swimming Program ends

Thursday 26th October

- Scholastic book club due

Friday 27th October

- Raffle tickets due back
- Mission to busk
- World Teacher's day
- Stg 3 assembly 8.40am
- Basket stall wrapping day

Tuesday 31st October

- Bottle stall mufti day

Wednesday 1st November

- Mass for All Saints Day at 9.15am
- Kindergarten information night 2018 – 7pm – 8.30pm in the Library

NOTES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

- Cake Stall Note

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Our congratulations to those children who received Communion for the first time last Sunday and this Sunday coming.

Many of you may have shared in this moment where young boys and girls came forward to receive Communion for the first time. They extended their hands as they had been taught – one cupped under the other and reverently made the sign of the cross. Most then smiled and bounced a little as they returned to their seat. These young people evoked a precious sense of presence, as if Jesus was not only being received but also extended to all of us in the innocent gesture of a child.

As small hands extend outwards to receive Christ in the form of bread and wine, the entire community is drawn together in sacred memory. It's a great reason for all of us to "bounce" a little as we step forward, extend our hands, and receive the gift of Christ.

Perhaps this is an opportune time for parents to share a memory with your child about your own First Communion. Tell what it means to you to continue to take part in the Eucharist each week. I encourage you and your family to take every opportunity to be nourished through the Sacrament of Eucharist by joining the Parish each Sunday.

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step in a life long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire us all to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to Learn

Facilities at OLOL

Welcome to the new term and there is exciting news to share. I wish to inform you of construction works to improve the facilities at Our Lady of Lourdes beginning 6th November, 2017 and to be completed by Christmas. These works will happen as result of the support of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta to rectify and or improve the playground facilities for our children.

The essential elements of the scope of works include:

Replacing 8 pit drain grates with new heel grate grids that meet standards.



Remove the dilapidated shade structure in the far corner of the playground near the basketball court. This structure serves no purpose and is an eyesore.



Remove one side of the metal mesh basketball court fence closest to the Year 5 classrooms. There is already an existing retaining wall and railings on this side of the court. Removal of this mesh will serve to open up the view and flow between the school buildings and play areas. Further, parts of the fence removed will be harvested to repair and make safe the remaining two sides of the basketball fence that needs to be retained.



The “grass” playground surface is uneven, gravelly, dusty and no attempt to turf it over a number of years has been successful. This has been an expensive process. I have taken advice and the best long term solution to provide an attractive durable and safe surface is to replace it with a premium quality synthetic grass. This work will include shaping, grading the existing playground surface and supplying and laying 2100 square metres of high wearing premium quality synthetic grass.



Naturally this will mean some short term inconvenience whilst construction takes place. We have negotiated with Fr Henry and during construction we will make use of the area behind the Parish and near the Olive Street entrance as additional play area. Full details of any adjustments that will need to be made will be communicated shortly

This construction work will make a massive difference to the appearance and quality of the playground for the children for 2018 and well into the future.

*God Bless
Keiran Byrnes*

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to week 9 Gold Award winners:

Year 1	DeAsia Fatafehi
Year 2	Ayesha Hidalgo
Year 3	Alexandra Simpson
Year 4	Sofia Culili
Year 5	Joye-Mari Boursianis
Year 6	Chelsea Mejalli



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.

ARE YOU MOVING?

If your child/children will not be returning to Our Lady of Lourdes School in 2018, would you kindly inform the office as soon as possible.



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.



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has now concluded. We look forward to sharing the resources we have been able to purchase. Thank you to Theresa Sultana who has coordinated the program this year.

School Phone Number

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

Spring Fair Raffle Tickets

Winner of the incentive prize a \$30 itunes card for last week is Emily Biziuk from Year 2. Please return your raffle

tickets in order to go into the incentive prize draw. All raffle tickets must be returned by Friday, 27th October, sold or unsold.



WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

It's time to start combing through all your drawers, cupboards and garage and put together all those items that are your trash and someone else's treasure . . .

Please NO Clothing or Child Restraints or Old Computers...

We will have drop off for all items from :

Sat & Sun 28th & 29th October
Before and After Mass.

Weekdays 30th October - 3rd
November

7.30am-2pm.

Tues 31 Oct and **Thurs** 2nd
November 6.30-8pm.

If you have furniture and need assistance please contact Alison on 0417020710.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Please return all orders with payment by 26th October, 2017.

STEPPING BEYOND SUPPORT GROUP

Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce.

Next Gathering: **31st October**

Please note change of Venue: **2A Villiers St, Parramatta** Time: **7pm – 9pm.**

Cost: \$5.00. Registration: **Rita Ph. 8822 2222**

soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Enrolments for Year 7 2019

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. The closing date for Year 7 2019 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 6th April 2018.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2019 applicants, but open to any year group.

Monday 6th November 2017

9.15 – 11am

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

Save The Date – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon will be held from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th March 2018.

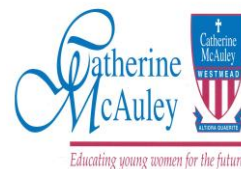


Church Car Park Update

As you know the car park has been accessible for the last two weeks. Proper line marking and some final work will take place as soon as possible. Thank you to all parents and staff who were fabulous at making our contingency traffic and pick up plans work so smoothly on the first day of Term 4. We appreciate your great cooperation.

HSC Students

We wish all HSC students the very best as they complete their exams during the coming weeks. You are in our prayers at this special time of your educational journey.



RE NEWS



As Catholics, we are committed to building a better world for all of God's people - a world where everyone has all that they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. Our missionary activity 'Mission To Busk', is a response to our love for God. Our personal mission, as baptized Christians, is to spread this love to others.

Our Mission To Busk Day will be on Friday October 27 between 1.30 pm and 2.40 pm on the school playground. Auditions have already taken place and those children who were successful have been notified.

I understand that this is a wonderful fundraising event at OLOL and I am looking forward to seeing the performances and the talent that we have at our school. Please encourage your child to bring in as many coins as they can on the day as they will be able to go around the grounds and watch the 'buskers' as well as donating money to them for sharing their talents. The money raised will go to Catholic Mission's Church Appeal- focusing on supporting women and children's health.

Pope Francis reminds us all that... *mission is at the heart of our faith.*

On Sunday October 15 , and also next Sunday October 22, children from the OLOL parish will have made or will be making their First Communion. This is a very special time in their faith journey. The word 'communion' means to be united and this sacrament unites us in a special way with Jesus Christ.

Making your First Eucharist (Communion) marks a key step in the initiation into the community of the church. It also means that those who have made their First Eucharist can now 'fully' participate in the celebration of the Mass. It is a very exciting time for the first communicants and their families. Please keep them all in your prayers as they make this very important step in their faith development.

A special thanks goes to Mrs Judy Barden, who is the OLOL Parish Sacramental Coordinator. We are very blessed to have her in this role. I have been fortunate enough to be able to attend all of the sacramental programs this year and they would not run so efficiently and smoothly if it were not for her dedication and passion.

For those children making their First Eucharist *"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you."*



RE NEWS

DIOCESAN MISSION MASS – FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 2017 – by Makayla Dalmati

Honoured and thrilled would be words to describe the feelings I felt when Ms Byrnes and Ms Bawden invited me to attend this mass.

The Diocesan Catholic Mass gave me the chance to celebrate God's wonderful teachings with my teachers and peers. I felt proud to be representing my school in uniform. It was a beautiful mass in a lovely Cathedral.

The day reminded me that as Catholics we need to live in Christ's footsteps. My heart ached when Roza from Catholic Mission spoke about her experience with a young boy named Michael in Thailand. He passed away of Aids at age 4 years old, in her arms. She was upset and felt that she needed to leave quickly, she told the Priest and he told her it's not about you. It's about filling gaps in people's lives and the community. Roza inspired me to fill in the gaps with love and compassion, she gave me feelings that this is something I would like to do in the future. We are so lucky and other countries and people are so unlucky.

At the expo I discovered what other school communities have been doing around the Diocese to support people in need. Schools had made clothing, pillowcases, dresses for children in other countries. Something simple, but would mean a lot to them. There was a school helping the elderly understand that they have talent and are special, fundraising by having superhero days. They are all filling gaps in the community and spreading love.

I had watched a video about Harriett in Uganda at school and at the expo I got the chance to explore Uganda with Catholic Mission's simulation. I found out more about her life. I was able to compare her life to mine, she doesn't have much and doesn't have things that we take for granted. It makes my heart tingle that at school we are going to help provide for Uganda. It also left me wanting to do more. I hope that one day I can spread God's word and do something that will keep my heart happy..

It taught me lots and I am so glad that I could attend.

As Catholics we can make a difference, we all just need to wear our uniform of love.



Out and About

The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Group will be held next Wednesday, October 25th. The Parent Group is a vital part of our school community. The Parent Group executive work closely with the school to develop community and make the school the very best it can be. Without the Parent Group activities such as our Mothers' and Fathers' day stalls, our Mothers' and Fathers' Day Breakfasts, Meal Deals and lunch time sales cannot happen. These are great experiences for parents and students alike and help to make OLOL the special place that it is. This year a number of our Parent Group executive are stepping down. In many cases they have worked on the committee for a number of years. For our Parent Group to continue we need other parents to volunteer to come onto the committee. The roles are not onerous and anyone volunteering will be given support. The Parent Group meets twice a term and it is a great way to meet other parents and be informed about what is happening within the school. Last week a list of the committee roles was circulated. I am asking that all parents consider taking on a role and help to continue the vital work of the Parent Group. If you have any questions about becoming a member of the parent group executive please feel free to contact a member of the current committee or myself.

Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal

Stage 3 Book Tasting

As a way of celebrating and exploring the 20 new book packs that the school has purchased for our library, Stage 3 had the opportunity to engage in a 'Book Tasting' session. The books were displayed and set out at our 'Book Restaurant' for the students to explore, looking at the covers, reading the blurb and reading a few pages of the book. The students were able to reflect on the books that they had seen and think about which texts they would like to read further in Menu Board time and even at home. It was an extremely rich experience that was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the students. It exposed them to a variety of books that they may not have previously selected and helped develop their love of reading.

I like that there were a lot of different style books that we could look at. There was adventure, war stories, science fiction and humorous books. – James 6W

The book tasting was a good way for us to try different books that we might not normally read. – Daniel 5B

I loved that I could relate to so many of the characters in the books. – Alison 6B

I can't wait to read 'Counting by 7's'. I read a few pages and really want to read it! – Charlotte 5W





Spring Fair Countdown – Saturday November 4th

17 days to go!!

Our Spring Fair is fast approaching and the excitement is building. As we get closer there are a few reminders.

Raffle Tickets

It is now time for all raffle tickets, sold or unsold, to be returned. Our final incentive draw will be held next Monday, October 23rd, so get those raffle tickets back to have a chance of winning a \$30 iTunes voucher. The raffle prizes themselves are great so offer them to your family and friends to be in with a chance to win the major prize.

Ride Bands

The deadline for pre-purchasing ride bands is next Monday October 23rd. This is great value with ride bands purchased on the day costing \$30 and individual rides \$5. A number of rides are available including dodgem cars, lady bugs and inflatable world. A great way to entertain the children for the day.

Basket Stall

All basket stall items should be sent to the school by this Friday October 20th. Thank you to all those who have already sent in items. Next Friday, October 27th, our Basket Stall coordinators will be holding a Basket Stall wrapping day from 11:00 am all help is most welcome.

Cake Stall

A note was sent home last week calling for cooks for our cake stall. If you are able to cook a cake to help make our cake stall fabulous please complete the form and send it back to the school as soon as possible.

Mufti Day for the Bottle Stall




Advance notice that we will be holding a mufti day to support our bottle stall on Tuesday, October 31st. A note with details will be sent home next week.

Flyer distribution

Next week we will be giving each family a small bundle of Spring Fair flyers to distribute within their street. Students are asked to put the flyers into neighbours letter boxes to advertise our fantastic Spring Fair.

Finally spread the word about our Spring fair to family and friends – it promises to be a great community event!!

Parent Planner TERM 4 2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Sept	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th /1 st
Oct	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th /8 th
Oct Week 1	9 th Basket Stall Note sent home	10 th 9:40- Stage 3 "Book Tasting" in the hall. SPRING FAIR MEETING ES1/ST1-Auditions for Mission to Busk	11 th Practice Group A – 1 st Communion Indonesian Dance- "Suara" Stage 3 Incursion Entry Event ST2-Auditions for Mission to Busk	12 th OVER 50's in the hall	13 th MISSION WEEK MASS- 9:15am ST3-Auditions for Mission to Busk	14 th /15 th (Sun 15 th) 1 st Holy Communion Group A
Oct Week 2	16 th Swimming Program Begins 	17 th	18 th Practice Group B – 1 st Communion	19 th	20 th Basket stall items Due	21 st /22 nd (Sun 22 nd) 1 st Holy Communion Group B
Oct Week 3	23 rd Raffle Incentive Draw Swimming Lessons	24 th	25 th Swimming Lessons conclude Parent Group Meeting AGM 7.00 pm	26 th	27 th Basket Stall Wrapping day STG3 ASSEMBLY MISSION TO BUSK (Afternoon)	28 th /29 th
Oct/ Nov Week 4	30 th	31 st Bottle Stall Mufti Day	1 st All Saints Day – Mass 9.15 a.m 2018 Kindergarten Information Night – 7:00pm to 8:30pm	2 nd All Souls Day	3 rd	4 th /5 th OLOL SPRING FAIR 9:30am – 3:00pm
Nov Week 5	6 th	7 th	8 th Kindy Orientation- Group 1 9:00am – 10:30am	9 th Stage Two Excursion Nurragingy Reserve	10 th Remembrance Day Liturgy – Stage 2. 11.00 KINDER/ STAGE1 ASSEMBLY	11 th /12 th (Sun 12 th) Certificate Presentation Holy Communion
Nov Week 6	13 th	14 th Year One Excursion to Collaroy Beach	15 th Kindy Orientation- Group 2 9:00am – 10:30am	16 th	17 th STG 2 ASSEMBLY	18 th /19 th
Nov Week 7	20 th	21 st	22 nd Parent Group Meeting – 7 pm	23 rd	24 th	25 th /26 th Family Mass
Nov/ Dec Week 8	27 th Year 2 Excursion Calmsley Hill Farm	28 th	29 th Stage Three Cultural Expo	30 th	1 st	2 nd /3 rd 1 st Sunday Advent
Dec Week 9	4 th	5 th Christmas Concert and Awards Night  6:30pm -8:00pm	6 th	7 th	8 th Parent Thank You Morning Tea 10:30am – 11:00am	9 th /10 th 2 nd Sunday Advent
Dec Week 10	11 th Swimming Carnival 	12 th Meet the Teacher 2018 11:00am Parish Reconciliation	13 th Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Mass 9:15am Year 6 Graduation Disco 6:00pm	14 th	15 th SCHOOL CLOSSES	16 th /17 th 3 rd Sunday Advent
Dec Week 11	18 th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd /24 th