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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 6

15th November, 2017

FUTURE DATES...

Friday 17th November

Year 3 & 4 Assembly in
the hall at 2pm

Wednesday 22nd November

Parent Group Meeting in
the library at 7pm

Sunday 26th November

Family Mass – Year 1

Tuesday 5th December

Christmas Concert and
awards night
6.30pm – 8pm

Wednesday 6th December

Reports go home

Wednesday 13th December

End of Year Mass at
9.15am in the church and
Year 6 Graduation
Year 6 Disco 6-9pm

Friday 15th December

School closes for 2017

NOTES SENT HOME

Mathematics Assessment
Interviews for 2018

Years 4 & 5 – Details for
Canberra Excursion 2018

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Saturday 4th November was an opportunity for the Our Lady of Lourdes Community to again celebrate our “common-unity”. Our Fair was undoubtedly a fantastic display of the OLOL spirit alive and well. It was a big success with many smiling faces, great support from OLOL, parishioners, families and staff, and lots of bargains and fun to be had by all. We were even doubly blessed with the weather remaining just dry enough.

Needless to say this only came about because of the dedicated commitment and generosity of so many people before, during and after the event. This support came in many forms small and large. People donating items and preparing baskets for the basket stall, cakes for the cake stall, talking to local businesses seeking sponsorship and prizes, purchasing food and supplies, putting up and putting down stalls, designing flyers, organizing and working on stalls, donations, picking up rubbish, and attending fair meetings. To all who helped in any way - thank you.

It would be remiss of me, however, not to acknowledge a core group of people who were instrumental in making this year’s fair happen. Sincere thanks to the Fair committee team made up of Fr Henry, parishioners, school parents and school staff who have been tireless in their efforts, generous with their time, and have worked willingly in a spirit of good heartedness.

Thank you also to the entire OLOL staff who gave their own family time to be with and support the OLOL community on Saturday. Your support is also gratefully appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the children. Many students who willingly carried items, ran errands, and generally did anything that was asked of them and all with a smile. Enjoy our photos in this newsletter.

We pray and give thanks for the many blessings on our community. May our “common-unity” always be grounded on our God given gifts of love and faith.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to week 6 Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Marshal Millar
Year 1	Okustino Kama
Year 2	Mayanna Watts
Year 3	Amelia Herczeg
Year 3	Samuel Thoms
Year 4	Diya Dsouza
Year 5	Irene Suryatho
Year 5	Sienna Rose Letafuga
Year 6	Samuel Butylewicz
Year 6	Analise Cortis



SCHOOL BANKING

Last day for school banking for 2017 will be Tuesday, 28th November.

UNIFORMS



Due to our annual uniform stocktake, the uniform shop will be closing for the

remainder of the school year from Thursday 30th November.

Therefore, no uniform orders will be accepted after this date.

The uniform shop will reopen by appointment only on Monday 22nd January, 2018.

To make an appointment go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au code:vhek4. Please contact Aida Almeida if you require any further assistance. Thankyou.

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at Last weeks Assembly

KW	Levi Dickson, Amelia Laus, Tyrell Crisostomo, Violet Stevens
KB	Yana Patel, Saanvi Regmi, Zachary Nohra, Talysha Johnson, Laura Perkins
1W	Brodie Holley, Ben Albion, Jamie Hallett, Anika Thakur, Harry Sultana
1B	Masyn Buckley, William Zhang, Laumanu Kama, Rushil George, Isha Dipu, DeAsia Fatafehi
2W	Ashley-Louse Tenn, Charlotte Lawrence, Alexandra Kostis, Vrinda Kumar, Cameron Fahey
2B	Alex Spadaro, Chloe Attard, Rebecca Mou, Jackson Gow, Emma Webster
3W	Cai Marshall, Chelsea Kataria, Jacob Sammut, Nikita Krzeminski
3B	Cassandra Laus, Wyatt Hornyak, Naveen Panakkal, Enrique Monses
4W	Riley Sultana, Sean Park, Nicholas Wang, Charlize Abou Yaghi, Catherine Holmes, Alysse Yates
4B	Matthew Abdilla, Agnes Biju, Noah Bumanglag, Angela Cho, Ali Keser, Aaron Sriraj
5W	Ethan Neish, Alex Sakre, Kondaliza Azrag, Tupou Lino
5B	James Thompson, Thomas Osborne, Irene Suryatho, Natalie Assi
6W	James Layoun, Alex Timpanaro, Rianna Patrabanish, Shehan Fernando
6B	Annelise Gonzalez, Nicholas Bumanglag, Dwayne Somauroo, Caidyn Joel Armitage

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.



OLOL PARENT GROUP

PARENT GROUP NEWS

Welcome to Melissa Fahey as Secretary of the Parent Group

We still have a vacancy for Vice President, please contact Mrs Cividin if you are interested or want more information.

Our next Parent Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22 November at 7pm in the library, if you have any agenda items, please forward them to ololpg@hotmail.com or contact any of the parent group members.

Coordinator still required for lunch time sales. This role involves rostering of parents and the organisation of items for sale. Without this person, we may be unable to continue with lunch time treats for the children.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2018



Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2018 due to extended holidays or any other reason, could you please notify the office, in writing, that this will be happening and noting the date your child will be returning for the 2018 school year. This information impacts on the February Census and our funding.

Remembrance Day 2017

On the 11/11/17, we represented Our Lady of Lourdes at Seven Hills RSL for a Remembrance Day Service. We laid a wreath in honour of all the people who served in war to fight for our country. The national anthem was sung with pride along other songs such as Amazing Grace. We were very proud to represent the school on such an important occasion.

By CJ and Jessica



PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Advanced notice that we will hold our Parent Thank You morning tea on Friday, 8th December from 10:30 – 11:00 in the school library. This is an opportunity for the staff to say thank you to the parents who have helped in any way throughout the school year. If you have sold ice blocks, covered books for the library, helped with excursions, helped at the athletics, cross country or swimming carnivals, transported students to our gala days or helped around the school in any way then you are warmly invited to attend our morning tea so that the staff can show their appreciation.

Winners - Spring Fair Major Raffle

Winners of the Spring Fair Raffle for 2017:

1ST PRIZE: Taiarol

2ND PRIZE: Galang

3rd PRIZE: Nguyen

4th PRIZE: Bajada

5th PRIZE: Jerome

6th PRIZE: Nonno

Thank you for all your support for our Parish Community Spring Fair.

Christmas Concert



As is our tradition we will once again hold our annual Christmas concert on Tuesday December 5th. This year due to the playground improvements the concert will be held in the front carpark with the students performing on the grass area immediately in front of the school. Parents are invited to bring along a chair to sit as well as a picnic dinner to share. Parents are welcome to bring picnic rugs as well but be mindful that you will be sitting on a hard surface. Given that the front carpark will be utilised for audience seating it is important to note that onsite parking will be extremely limited and parents are encouraged to use street parking on both Grantham Rd and Olive St. The Olive St gate will be opened for the evening. The concert is scheduled to begin at 6:30. Children are asked to be move to their classrooms by 6:15 to allow for organisation prior to the performance. Details of dress requirements will be included in the newsletter in Week 8.

Performance at Woolworths

A number of our Year 5 and Year 6 students will perform the National Anthem at the relaunch of the Woolworths Seven Hills store at Seven Hills Plaza tomorrow at 8:00 am. This is a positive way in which we can promote ourselves within the local community. Thank you to those parents who are assisting by dropping their children to the centre prior to school commencement.



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14th November, 2017

Dear Parents

In 2018 teaching staff will administer the Mathematics Assessment Interview with all our students. This numeracy assessment identifies individual students' and whole grades' Mathematical knowledge and understanding and involves a teacher asking a series of problems within counting, place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. This valuable, comprehensive assessment has been our practice for many years.

The one on one (teacher and student) Mathematics Assessment Interview takes approximately 30-40 minutes to administer. Administering this during learning time can be a complex situation. As a result, to get a start on the administration of these tests, all staff will begin testing on the **first two days** of 2018 (Staff Development Days). We are seeking parents help by offering to bring their child(ren) to school on Monday 29th January 2018 and Tuesday 30th January 2018 for approximately 30-40 minutes. These assessments will take place with the child's grade teacher or learning support teacher in their 2018 learning spaces. The more students we assess the better. It is also an opportunity for your child to get to know their new teacher. Tea and coffee will be available in the library during this time, as it would be expected that parents would remain at school whilst the test is being administered. Alternatively if your child is attending OOSH on these days testing can occur. We will collect and return your child to OOSH.

We will be using the *school interviews website* to make bookings online as we did for the half yearly Parent/Teacher interviews. *We recommend that families with 2 or more children make their bookings early so that all of your children can be interviewed at the same time.*

You will need to select your child's grade for 2018. Choose a suitable time with any of the available teachers listed, as all teachers on that list will be working with children in that grade.

On the reverse of this note you will find the information required to make these bookings online. Bookings will open on 14th November, 2017 and close 6th January 2018. **We ask that parents log on and make appointments as soon as possible so teachers can organise and finalise timetables.**

Please note, all students will be assessed during the first five weeks of Term 1 but the more interviews conducted on these two days the less interruptions to class learning in Term One. This information will be analysed and utilised by class teachers in the teaching and learning of Mathematics.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your anticipated support of this exciting initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Karin Schrader
(Maths Coordinator)

Carol Cividin
(Assistant Principal)

Keiran Byrnes
(Principal)

Please follow the instructions below to access the booking system for the Mathematics Assessment Interviews for 2018.

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.



School event code

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Go

Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address that you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school via email at OLOLshills@parra.catholic.edu.au



On Sunday November 26 the Year One students will be leading the Family Mass at OLOL. Everyone is invited to attend Mass at 9.30am and then very welcome to stay for some Morning Tea afterwards. We ask that the parents bring along something to share for Morning Tea and leave the food in the kitchen in the hall beforehand.

Mary Mackillop Saying of the Week!

Each week, the students at OLOL are presented with one of Mary Mackillop's sayings. They then discuss this saying in the learning spaces and decide what action they can take to reflect the saying. Each week, a different stage presents their response at either an assembly or they display it on the white boards outside Stage 3.

Here are some of their responses.

Be full of forgiveness,
hope and love.



Mary Mackillop said, "There must be charity and gentleness towards the erring of others"

The key words are charity, gentleness and erring.

Charity means - giving, spending time with others, making food hampers, give money to the poor, supporting St Vincent De Paul and Project Compassion

Gentleness means - being helpful, saying good try, showing love, being friendly

Erring means - making a mistake

Mary Mackillop is saying we should always care and forgive others and accept them for who they are.

Kindergarten Orientation

For the last two weeks our 2018 Kindergarten children and parents attended their orientation visit at OLOL. It was a most successful with both adults and children meeting new people and creating new networks as they join the OLOL community. We make these newest and youngest members of our community most welcome.

This time of transition to school is a time that is exciting and no doubt a time of nervousness as well. When parents reflect back on the birth of their new baby they held great hopes for their child for the future and also some fears. When discussing with new families their hopes they often express that they want a good education for their child, for them to be able to make friends and for their child to be happy in at school and in life.

The success of your child's education is reliant on the relationships that parents, children and staff form at OLOL. Both experience and research tell us this. School personnel and parents must work with one another to form positive, open relationships. When we focus on working together as partners in the education of your child we need to keep the following principles in focus:

All families and schools want the best for their children

All children have the right to reach their full potential

Families are the first and continuing educators of their children

Effective schools provide a nurturing and supportive learning environment

Families and schools value quality teaching and respect teachers' professional expertise

Families and schools value the diversity of families and use this for building partnerships and communities

Family-school partnerships are based on mutual responsibility, respect and trust

Family-school partnerships improve student motivation and learning

Family-school partnerships strengthen the connections between schools and their communities and strengthen their community

At OLOL we place value on continuing positive, mutually respectful relationships where families and schools work together to ensure optimum success for all children.



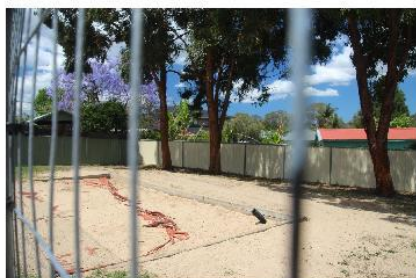
Facilities at OLOL – Construction Work

Thank you for your cooperation as construction works have begun. During the playground construction works, fences will be erected around the work site and **the gate entrance near the car park and OOSH will not be available for school use**. Therefore, there will be the following adjustments in terms of access to the school.

- All pedestrian access to the school and OOSH will be through the school gate near the Parish office and Kindergarten.
- Children who normally wait in the afternoon on the paved area opposite Year 6 (car-line) are to be collected by parents from the hall.

Progress so far includes:

- Establishment of site with fencing
- Removal of old dilapidated shade structures
- Removal of old timber edging
- Ground works including leveling of existing ground and supplying and installing suitable base materials.



Old shade structures removed and base materials unloaded

Nathan shared his vast knowledge about construction machinery after observing our playground work site.



Kindergarten were very excited watching the trucks unload materials.



Our playground becoming more level.

Playing in our temporary playground area.



Thank you Fr Henry.

Here is a sample of the writing from when we were watching the builders: We saw a dump truck make a big **big** pile of dirt and gravel and the builder was showing the truck where to go. I can see the truck flattening the gravel down and making lots of dust. I can hear the truck making the noise Rrrrr. I can smell the oil from the big truck and it is very smelly. These are my senses.

Written by Tahlia Herzceg

OLOL Spring Fair



