



Innovative Learning In A Changing
World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 4

1st November, 2017

FUTURE DATES...

Saturday 4th November

- OLOL Spring Fair
9.30am – 3.30pm

Wednesday 8th November

Kindy 2018 Orientation
Group 1 9am – 10.30am

Thursday 9th November

- Stage 2 excursion to
Nurragingy Reserve

Friday 10th November

Remembrance Day
Liturgy in the hall at
10.50am – ALL
WELCOME

Kindergarten, Years 1 and
2 Assembly at 2pm in the
hall

Sunday 12th November

Certificate Presentation
Holy Communion

Tuesday 14th November

- Year 1 excursion to
Collaroy

Wednesday 16th November

Kindy 2018 Orientation
Group 2 9am – 10.30am

NOTES SENT HOME

- Free Dental check

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

On Friday last week, Australian schools celebrated World Teachers' Day. Every day teachers touch the lives of others in the most profound ways. Teachers plant and nurture understandings and values that will endure for a lifetime. They create lasting memories.

Christ himself was the great teacher and he began his ministry of teaching with those wonderful words at the beginning of the Gospel of St John, 'come and see'. This is the teacher on whom we as teachers in Catholic schools are called to imitate, to model our ministry on. Christ the Teacher is the light that illumines our path and guides the work we do as teachers.

How blessed we are to have teachers at OLOL so committed to the children in their care. How blessed we are as teachers to have the children of OLOL who show us the face of Jesus each day. As a leader in a Catholic school I have the privilege of working with a dedicated team of professionals who strive each day to make a difference to the lives of the children here at OLOL. I most sincerely thank them for the work that they do and I encourage us all to offer a gesture of gratitude to our teachers.

Nevertheless, school is just one role in the education and upbringing of a child. It is the way in which family, parish and school, work together that makes the greatest impact on helping a child to grow to the best person that they can be.

Therefore, we pray...

for Pope Francis, for our bishops, for all priests and for all who bear the light of Christ to the world, may they always have the courage to be the people that Jesus calls them to be.

for parents who are the first of teachers and who entrust the ongoing education and faith development of their children to our care. May we always support the work that they do and be deserving of that trust.

for teachers and all who work in our schools that they will always choose Christ the Teacher as their model and endeavour to transform the lives of those they teach into lives of love, love of God and of one another.

for children at OLOL, and in our schools all over Australia. May we enable them to live as children of God, fully alive and faith-filled people.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to week 3 Gold Award winners:

Year 1	Charlotte Byrne
Year 2	Aiden Clark
Year 4	Riley Sultana
Year 5	Kondaliza Azrag
Year 6	Alex Timpanaro



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.

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

KW	Sarayu Arani, Jessica Walia, Anita Nguyen, Vardaan Kad, Myron Modi
KB	Tehnoor Sran, Marshal Millar, Tohuia Kama, Matthew Cadavid
1W	Kara Whybin, Tia Gupta, Evren Semerci Javiar BouSerhal, Ashton McLoynes
1B	Tino Kama, Kristena Azrag, Vihaan Gatla, Mark Onen
2W	Georon Un, Arham Batra, Ekam Bhullar, Isabella Fiorenza, Pavithra Jeyanthan
2B	Nesan Premchand, Jasmine Kaur, Audrey Bajada, Georgia Andrew
3W	Xavier Talauta, William Martin, Jesseline Franco, Jaylene Bong
3B	Alex Layoun, Ruby Sultana, Janet Janet, Ben Clark
4W	Jessie Raad, Brayson Beullens, Gianni Trimboli, Angad Ahuja, Shagun Kad
4B	Kaylee Aspin, Aarushi Duggal, Gurjot Kaur, Mason Lanfranca, Thomas Pollard
5W	Khi Dickson, Mikayla Galea, Fletcher Kendall, Christian Milicevic
5B	Cameron Ross, Aryan Roy, Chelsea Beotich Max Jahshan, Sanmeet Brar
6W	Nicholas Tsakos, Tiana Poniris, Vaidehi Patel, Liz Sager
6B	Anoj Mahendran, Abbie Savic, Benjamin Lawrence, Myra Talauta



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.

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:

Weekdays 7.30am-2pm.

Thurs 2nd November 6.30-8pm.

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

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.



Spring Fair Raffle Tickets

Winner of the incentive prize a \$30 itunes card for last week is Sofia Culili from Year 4. **All raffle tickets must be returned ASAP** sold or unsold.

Respect and Responsibility in the Carpark

Over the last two weeks we have had three incidents where cars have been quite significantly damaged while parked in the car park in front of the school. This is concerning on a number of levels.

It is distressing for the car owners who now have the expense and inconvenience of having to have the damage repaired through no fault of their own. It is also upsetting that the person/ persons who caused the damage did not leave their details on the damaged cars and so take responsibility for the accident. We all know that accidents happen, but the important thing particularly in our Catholic community, is that we take responsibility and show respect for the property of others. Of further concern is the nature of the driving taking place in the carpark that resulted in the accidents occurring. As we are all aware the carpark is a shared zone with high pedestrian traffic and large numbers of young children present. Slow careful driving is essential to ensure the safety of all car park users. If anyone has any information in relation to the car park accidents in the last two weeks it would be appreciated if they could contact the school office.

Facilities at OLOL – Construction Work

As you know construction works to improve the facilities at Our Lady of Lourdes are planned to begin on 6th November, 2017 and are 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. Full details of the scope of works are available in Term 4 Week 2 newsletter.



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 (carline) are to be collected by parents from the hall.

Additional temporary playground space has also been negotiated with Fr Henry during the construction, utilising the areas behind the Parish office and the grass area near the Olive Street gate.

Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation throughout the construction period. We are looking forward to some great new facilities for the children in 2018 and beyond.



Church Car Park Update

As you know the car park has been accessible for the last few weeks.

Proper line marking has now been completed and the spacing has been checked to ensure it meets standard and is the same size as the spacing in the front carpark. Also just a reminder that there is to be no overtaking cars that are stationary in the kiss and drop zone for safety.

Kindergarten Orientation

2018

This evening is our Information Evening for parents of children beginning Kindergarten in 2018. Then on Wednesday for the following two weeks our 2018 Kindergarten children and parents will attend their orientation visit at OLOL. We make these newest and youngest members of our community most welcome.

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 at school and in life. During the enrolment process new parents often speak about choosing OLOL for their child based on the strong reputation our school has for providing a quality Catholic education. This reputation is reliant on the positive, mutually respectful relationships that parents, children and staff form at OLOL. This reputation is also a testament to our families and staff who continually value working together to optimize success for all 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.



**Bus
Safety
Week**

Next week is Bus Safety week this is a state government initiative to highlight the importance of bus-related safety issues for all road users.

Bus Safety Week is organised by Transport for NSW as part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign which aims to reinforce the road rules relating to buses to the community and promote safer on-road interactions between pedestrians, motorists, bicycle riders and buses.

School buses pick up and drop off children on roads all across NSW. Buses use signs and flashing lights to warn drivers that they are picking up and dropping off children. You must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash and look out for children crossing the road. Be Bus Aware and help keep our kids safe.

Always hold your child's hand when crossing the road. **School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand. Remember:**

- Always meet your child AT school or the bus stop. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road until they are at least 10.
- Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

Bus safety for children

The [Safety Town website](#) has more information for families on driving safely around buses, and getting children to and from the bus stop safely.

We all have a part to play.

Our Be Bus Aware campaign highlights the importance of bus safety for all road users. Buses are large, heavy vehicles and can't stop quickly.

Each year, Bus Safety Week helps raise awareness for all road users on how to stay safe on and around buses, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities.

OLOL PARENT GROUP

PARENT GROUP NEWS

Parent Group

Last week our Parent Group held their annual general meeting. At the AGM the current committee stepped down and all positions were declared vacant. We would like to congratulate and thank the following office bearers for 2017 - 2018.

President: Lisa Beullens

Vice President : Vacant

Treasurer: Megan Shawcross

Secretary: Vacant

Publicity : Theresa Sultana

As you can see we have two positions vacant - if any parent feels that they would be able to take on the role of Vice President or Secretary please contact Mrs Cividin.

We would also like to thank those members of the 2016/2017 committee who have stepped down, Julie Abdilla and Karen Dalmati, for their work supporting the Parent Group and our school community over the last 12 months. It is much appreciated.

Lunchtime sales are back on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays selling ice blocks for \$1 each. We are still in need of helpers and a coordinator, if you are able assist, please contact Lisa Beullens on 0409 624 401.

Spring Fair is this Saturday, 4th November come along and support our school.

Spring Fair Reminders

Our Spring Fair will be held this Saturday from 9:30 – 3:00. It promises to be a great family day and we hope to see as many of our families there as possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously yesterday to our Bottle Stall Mufti Day it was a great success.

Raffle Tickets

A reminder if you still have raffle tickets at home please send them back to the school by the end of the week sold or unsold.

Chocolate Wheel

We are still looking for prizes for our Chocolate Wheel or donations of scratch lottery tickets. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Cake Stall

Donations to the Cake Stall will be gratefully accepted either on the Friday afternoon or on the day of the fair so get baking and share your talents with our community!!

School Art Auction

This year we will once again be auctioning original artwork created by the students of OLOL. Each grade has created a unique artwork. These will be on display at the Spring Fair and auctioned by Ms Byrnes on the main stage at 1:00pm. Parents, make sure that you are there at 1:00pm, to have your chance at securing this special piece of memorabilia for your child.

Dunk Tank

This year we will once again have the Dunk Tank. This is an opportunity for individuals to pay to have an opportunity to be dunked but it is also a chance for you to dunk one of our teacher volunteers. A timetable for the dunking is shown below – don't miss your chance to "dunk" a teacher!!

10:30 - Mrs Cividin

11:00 – Miss Iordanou

11:30 – Mrs Van Zoggel

12:00 – Ms Coledan

1:30 – Mr Owen



Western Sydney Health Dental Checks

Next Tuesday, November 7th, dental staff from Blacktown/Mount Druitt Dental Clinics will be visiting our school to provide children in Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 with a short Oral Health Information and Diet advice talk as well as a free dental assessment. Consent forms were sent home today and should be returned as soon as possible, an information sheet about the service accompanies the consent form. Children are unable to have a dental assessment without a signed permission form.

As part of their unit 'Why Is Australia Unique?' on Tuesday 24th October, Year 1 participated in an incursion exploring the Aboriginal culture with the Jarara Indigenous Education Unit.

Alisha - It was really special learning about Aboriginal culture from Aboriginal people.

Luca - We began the day with a smoking ceremony, and it was to clean us and take away the bad spirits. Joshua said the 'Welcome to Country' and Ayoola lit eucalyptus leaves in a piece of bark. I really liked it a lot.

Isley - First Joshua drew the symbol for gathering in the sand. Then we created Aboriginal symbols by putting glue on paper and sprinkling it with sand and shaking the sand off.



Timothy - I learnt that didgeridoos were made from termites hollowing out the branch or trunk of a tree and then the Aboriginal men would use a stick to dig out any extra wood. Then they used beeswax over the mouth so that it doesn't hurt the mouth when they blow.

Javiar - Joshua played different types of animal sounds on the didgeridoo like the kookaburra, the dingo, the kangaroo and he even played the word "didg-e-ri-doo". I felt really happy inside learning about the first people that lived in Australia.

Tia - We played musical statues where we had to be an Australian animal. Joshua played the didgeridoo and Ayoola was the hunter and pretended to hunt us with a boomerang. It was so much fun!



Sleiman - We painted journey stones using paint to show where we had been.

Evren - We decorated a boomerang with Aboriginal symbols using textas.

RE NEWS

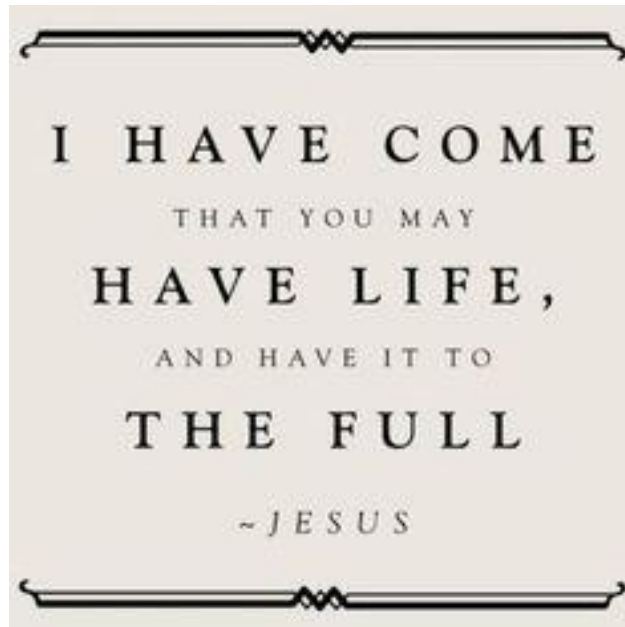
Congratulations and many blessings to these beautiful children who made their First Eucharist on Sunday October 22. Our prayers continue to be with them as they journey on the path of their faith development.



Today is All Saints Day. It is a day dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

As a school, we celebrated with a Mass to remember and celebrate the lives of the men and women who faithfully followed Christ. We remembered those who acted like servants and helped others, through their example of love and prayer. All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints, meaning those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.





Social Justice News!!!!

As baptized Catholics, we are committed to building a better world for all of God's people - a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. On Friday October 27, the students of OLOL responded to God's love by using their talents to become 'The Living Body of Christ'.

Remembrance Day Liturgy Friday 10th November, 2017 at 10.50am

To mark Remembrance Day we will hold a special liturgy in the hall commencing at 10.50am. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Mission to Busk

Our Mission to Busk afternoon was a chance for children to showcase their talents whilst other students and families donated money to support them. It was a wonderfully pleasant afternoon, where children used the talents that God gave them to try and raise money for those less fortunate than themselves. An amazing effort from all families in the school allowed us to raise \$1111. 75

The money raised will be going to Catholic Mission so that they can buy an ambulance for the villagers in Bujuni, Uganda. This will help to provide medical care that the children and families need to survive. Diseases such as malaria and typhoid can be treated more readily and medicines and treatment can be provided where needed for all people – regardless of their faith.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone at OLOL on reaching out and 'giving life' to those less fortunate than ourselves. Please continue to support these villagers in Uganda with your prayers.

WORLD MISSION DAY BUSKERS FOR 2017



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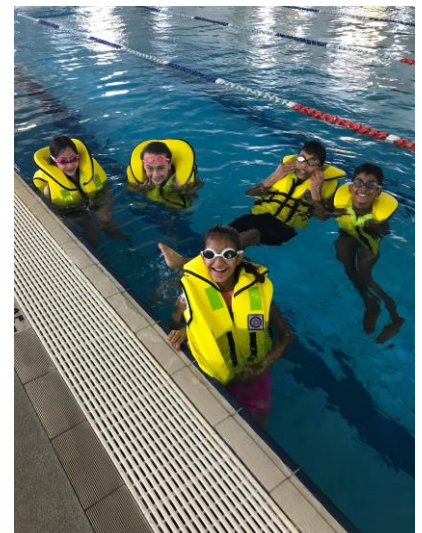
Swim Survive Program

Last week we completed our 8 day Swim Survive program. It was a fantastic experience that all students from Kindergarten to Year Six had the opportunity to participate in. Water safety skills are extremely important for children to develop, especially as we head into the summer months. The students participated in the 'Active Program' teaching a range of skills and knowledge to develop swimming, water safety, survival and basic rescue skills. The program encourages children to have a healthy respect for the aquatic environment and is aligned with the National Swimming and Water Safety framework, developing the following skills:

- Entry and exit skills
- Floating and sculling skills
- Movement and swimming strokes
- Survival and PFD skills
- Underwater skills
- Rescue skills
- Water safety knowledge



We are lucky enough to have Mrs Brogden who is an accredited trainer with Royal Life Saving NSW. Mrs Brogden will continue the theory component of Water Safety with the students in the PDH lessons. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and learnt many new skills that they can apply around water.



2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 November 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the fees from 2017.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

Tuition Fees - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

Instalment FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496



Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 payable in three equal instalments of \$261.**

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is **\$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645**. The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a *per family* basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education, support that allows us to provide students with exciting learning experiences within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



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