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# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 4

17th May 2017

## FUTURE DATES...

### Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup>

ICAS Science  
Competition

## NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- Year 1 walking excursion
- Year 6 graduation note

## NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Year 1 Rainbow Day
- 2B Staffing

Respect  
Responsibility  
Readiness to  
Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

In last Sunday's Gospel we hear a most significant and often quoted passages from the New Testament. "I am the way and the truth and the life." John 14:1-12 I would like to share a reflection with you from the website Loyola Press Sunday Connection.

*Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.*

*Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.*

*The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."*

*The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.*

God Bless  
**Keiran Byrnes**

## **GOLD AWARDS**

Congratulations to this week's Gold

Award winners:

Kindergarten	<b>Ava Nowak</b>
Year 1	<b>Masyn Buckley</b>
Year 2	<b>Demi Tsakos</b>
Year 3	<b>Erika Naing</b>
Year 4	<b>Noah Bumanglag</b>
Year 5	<b>Elijah Villa</b>
Year 6	<b>Anoj Mahendran</b>



## **Congratulations!**

We extend our heart felt congratulations to Mrs Michelle Khattar and her husband George who are expecting their first child later this year. We wish them every happiness at this exciting time in their lives.

## **WINTER UNIFORMS**

All students should now be in their full winter uniform. All uniforms are to be purchased from the school uniform shop.



To make an appointment go

to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://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.

## **School Fees**

Term 2 School Fees have now been issued and mailed to your home/billing address. School Fees are due by Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017. If you have not received your statement please contact our school office on 9622 7216.

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. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.

## **Staff Development Day**

A reminder that our next Staff Development Day will be held Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>. No staff will be on the premises that day. Please contact Tania at OOSH on 9676 7293 to make arrangements for your child/children to attend on this day.

## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & EMAILS**

A decision has been made to issue the school newsletter each fortnight and to move away from a printed format. This is both a cost effective practice and environmentally friendly. Fortnightly newsletters via email will commence at the beginning of Term 3, 2017. Newsletters will also be made available via Skoolbag. We will be using electronic facilities to notify parents more and more rather than via paper. At this time all excursions and notes that require a reply slip will still continue to be sent home via your child. Other information notes ie: Grade overviews, Parent Group notices etc, will be sent via your nominated e-mail account setup on the school website in E-News Subscription.

### **E-News Subscription**

Sign up now to receive our newsletters, with all the latest news and school events from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, straight to your email inbox. Access is on the website, please complete your details & click on the subscribe to E-News button, it's that simple. It is therefore important that you make sure that you submit your current email address and regularly check your emails for any information sent from the school. School newsletters are also available on the school website to download. During the transition from paper to email some printed copies will be available for collection from the school office.

### **Wakakirri Parent Helper Committee Meeting**

All parents who are interested in helping with making costumes and props are invited to attend our Parent Helper Committee Meeting.

When: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. (Week 4)

Where: School Library

Time: 3:15 p.m.

### **Free “Alerts” and more to your mobile**



phone..... Did you know that you can receive “Alerts” to your mobile phone for free? This is very handy to have and will keep you updated on “last minute” changes or reminders to School events. The App is called “Skoolbag” and to install this free App on your iPhone or Android phone, this is what you do: Simply search for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Seven Hills in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select “OK” to allow Alert notifications. Also click on “more” then “Setup” and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for. For those that have Android phones, simply search our school “Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Seven Hills” and install. After the App is installed click on “more” then “Setup”

and select which categories you would like to receive alerts for.

## LOLO PARENT GROUP



A big thank you to all the wonderful helpers that made our Mothers Day Breakfast a success. We hope everyone enjoyed the morning celebrations.

Meal deal note for Chicken strips went out on Monday, order forms to be returned by Monday, 22 May. We will require lots of helpers on Meal deal day, Friday, 26th time will be advised. If you have any queries, please contact Theresa Sultana on 0434 429 011.

Our winter treats of hot chocolate and popcorn are on sale on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays all for \$1 each. We are still in need of helpers, if you are able to help out on any of these days, please contact any of the parent group committee members.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2018 applications are now being accepted. Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of next term. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2018, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.



### Mark Taylor Cricket Shield

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying twelve OLOL students who represented the school at the Mark Taylor Cricket Shield. Despite playing well and displaying an excellent sporting attitude OLOL were defeated by St Anthony's, Girraween. I was most impressed by the way in which our students supported each other throughout the game. Congratulations to Noah Ebb who was named player of the match. Special thanks goes to Mr Ebb, Mr Thompson and Mr Roy who assisted with umpiring and scoring.

*Keiran Byrnes*

### Carpark

A reminder that the lower carpark is not to be used in the morning after 8:00 am for school drop off. This is due to the high volume of student traffic in the carpark in the morning. Parents may either use the Kiss and Drop zone or park in the upper carpark after 8:00 am. Thank you in anticipation.

## Out and About

Last week we celebrated Mothers' Day with our Mothers' Day Stall, our Mothers' Day Mass and breakfast. These occasions are always special and would not be possible without many willing helpers. My thanks to all those who contributed to making these events so memorable. I am sure that both Mum and children alike enjoyed the experience. The photos on the back page attest to this.

This Friday is National Walk Safely to School Day. This is an annual nation wide initiative to encourage all primary school children to walk and commute safely to school. Given my observation of some recent behaviour in our carpark this is a timely reminder of measure we need to ensure that our children remain safe.

There are a number of key messages. Most importantly, for parents, it is a recommendation that children up to 8 years of age hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the car park, or when crossing the road and that children up to the age of 10 should be actively supervised in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road. I have to say that observing the parents and students of Our Lady of Lourdes in the carpark before and after school this is not always the case. No one in our community would want an accident to occur in our carpark or in the area around our school. Unfortunately being in a hurry, being distracted by conversation and at times complacency leaves us open to an accident happening.

By nature young children do not have the ability to accurately gauge the distance or speed of a moving car. They have limited peripheral vision and they are impulsive – they run first and think later!! It is the responsibility of the adults in their lives, therefore to protect them, show them a good example and educate them as to safety around traffic.

This Friday take the opportunity to remind your children of the key messages around road safety. The website <http://www.walk.com.au/> provides useful tips about the key messages young children need to hear. Also take note yourself of how aware you are of your children's behaviour around traffic but particularly in the carpark. Take the time to think about the way you drive around school zones and particularly in and around our carpark. Five minutes extra to park correctly, make sure that there are no little people around and to ensure the safety of our precious children is time well spent  
**Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal**



# Mother's Day at OLOL

What a wonderful celebration we had for Mother's Day last Friday. The day started with a scrumptious breakfast in the hall where we saw many mothers and grandmothers and carers sit down to share a meal together. We then progressed over to the church where we celebrated a beautiful Mass in honour of our mothers. The church was packed to capacity and it was lovely to see so many children sitting very proudly with their mothers and offering up their prayers for them.

A huge 'thank you' to all of those people who helped to make the day a success. There were many people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, many of them being mothers themselves, and for this we are most grateful.

