



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 6

11th November, 2015

FUTURE DATES...

NOVEMBER

- ❖ November 12th
Stage 2
excursion to
Nurragingy
- ❖ November 13th
Assembly 2pm
in hall
- ❖ November 18th
Group 2
Kinder 2016
Orientation

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY...

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY...

- ❖ 2016 –
Mathematics
Assessment
Interviews
- ❖ Year 5 Parent
volunteers for
Graduation
Ceremony

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents,

Your child will probably come home wearing a paper poppy today, the symbol of the slaughter of World War 1 commemorated on the 11th November.

One of the places that I was extremely fortunate to visit on my pilgrimage last year was Gallipoli. It was amazing how familiar Gallipoli looked, after seeing it in so many photos, movies and documentaries. It was almost as if it was a part of Australia. Photos don't show just how steep the cliffs are though. How brave those young men must have been to scale them in their heavy uniforms and packs. The highest point of Gallipoli, where the Turks command post was, had a clear view of all the places where the ANZACs were. Lone Pine, the highest point reached by the Australians, was clearly seen as were the beaches- no wonder we were unable to take the peninsula. It was very sad to see the rows of gravestones and the tender inscriptions left by the families.

Gallipoli is a very sacred place to Turkey as well as Australia. We were invading their country and they fought very bravely too, ultimately winning. The night before we went to this sad place the waiter at dinner explained that he visited the place often and it made him cry. The day we visited was a Turkish holiday, an Eid festival and there were many Turkish families touring the site.

At the Lone Pine cemetery we celebrated mass and prayed for peace in the world. We prayed today at our Remembrance Day ceremony at school, led by Years 5 and 6. We remembered the sacrifice of the young men for their country, some whose graves I saw at Gallipoli.



Regards

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Kathryn Andrew
Year 1	Rhea Arora
Year 2	Liam Essex
Year 3	Brayden Dobbie
Year 4	Ashiqca Manandhar
Year 5	Jessica Faorlin
Year 6	Emma Lawrence



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

To make an appointment please go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code: **BNRUP**

If you know the size required order forms can be downloaded from the school website and sent to the office with payment.



The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th January, **2016**. If you would like to make an appointment please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code: **GPUCU**

Please contact Beth Polo in the office if you require any further assistance with your uniform appointments.

BUS ROUTE CHANGES

There have been changes to the morning school bus routes. Affected students have been given a copy of the changes but please contact Hillsbus on 9890 0000 if you have any concerns.

WAKAKIRRI

People's Choice Award

There will be one Primary School Challenge winner for each state. Winners will be announced 30th November, 2015. Follow the link below and click on the love button to cast your vote.

<http://www.wakakirri.com/mainsite/nsw-primary-peoples-choice-award-our-lady-of-lourdes-catholic-primary/>

PARISH NEWS...

Family Mass - The Feast of Christ the King

The families of Year

6 and **Kindergarten** will lead

the **Family Mass on Sunday the**

22nd of November at 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten and Year 6 are also responsible for providing morning tea for the Parish after Mass. Please send any donations (packaged cakes or biscuits) to the office. This is the last Sunday of the Liturgical year before we begin Advent. Everyone, especially families are welcome to come and celebrate the Eucharist together.



PARENT GROUP NEWS ...

Last Parent Group meeting for 2015

The final Parent Group meeting for this year will be held on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like any agenda items to be mentioned please email them to: ololpg@hotmail.com.

ALTAR SERVER FUN NIGHT FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 6.30-8.30pm

If you are a current Altar Server and participate in Mass we would like to say Thank you for your service and ask you to join us for a Fun Night. We will have games, dinner, drinks etc. It will be a Christmas Theme event so if you would like to Dress Up we will have a prize for the best male and female. Please place your name and number on the clipboard at the rear of the church and any allergies you may have. Please contact Debra from the Parish Office if you have any further enquiries on 9622 2920.

LUNCHTIME SALES

The Parent Group will be selling Lamingtons (until sold out) as well as iceblocks on Mondays and Wednesdays.



Are your contact numbers during school hours up-to-date? If these have changed recently, could you please let the office know.

School Fees

School Fees are now overdue. Kindly make prompt payment if you have any outstanding fees.

Please contact Mrs Monique Kearins if you wish to discuss your statement or alternatively contact our office on 9622 7216 to arrange an appointment time with Mrs Studans to discuss your fees.



Woolworths Earn and Learn

During last term we participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. As a school community we collected 37,715 points which equated to \$1640.00 worth of equipment purchased for our school. With our points, among other things, we purchased new sand toys for the sand pits, some insect and spider specimens and a weather station. A big thank you to Mrs Trish Falzon who once again coordinated the program, painstakingly counting sticker sheets and sticking on extra stickers, and to all who supported the program which allows us to buy some extra items without dipping into our budget.

[Win an iPad in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge](#)



Over the holidays it's important to keep practising all those important literacy skills learnt during the year. One way to do this AND have the chance of winning amazing prizes is to enter the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. They just need to read something they enjoy and type in 50 words or less why they loved it.

The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis.

Entries open on 2 November 2015 and close at 5pm on 5 February 2016.

To read the rules: www.parra.catholic.edu.au

To enter the challenge:

<http://tinyurl.com/EDSummerReading>

Why not give your child a book for Christmas?



OUT AND ABOUT

Last Friday we had the wonderful experience of the Year 6 Market Day. The experience was positive on so many levels. The Market Day concept is that students make, market and sell a product to their peers. All the money raised from the sales is collected and goes toward paying for the Year 6 graduation disco. So what were some of the skills that the students learned as part of the experience. To begin with the students needed to work as a team they needed to decide on the roles each of them would take and the time frame in which each task would be undertaken. Secondly, as a group, they had to decide what product they would sell, how would it be manufactured and what help they would need. The next step was promoting their product – we saw posters and video clips providing information about what was for sale.

Then there was the manufacturing of the product itself, purchasing supplies and packaging. On the day the stall had to be set up – the practicalities of how the items would be sold or how the games would be run discussed and organised. Then the selling itself started and of course this meant lots of mathematics in calculating totals and giving change. Finally at the conclusion of the day there was the clean up just as there is in any business. The students did a great job organising the stalls and running them. The customers seemed happy and all stalls selling products sold out!!! There was a great community feel about the day and the added bonus is that we raised \$1218.60 to go towards the disco. My thanks go to the Year 6 parents who helped their children prepare for the day and the wider school community for their generous support. Based on the success of the day we are thinking this could be an annual event.

Carol Cividin
Assistant Principal



Year 6 Market Day!



Last Friday Year 6 students held a Market Day to raise money for the end of year Graduation disco. There were a great range of stalls selling things like icecreams, lolly bags and other stalls allowing the students to participate in games of skill. It was a valuable learning experience for our Year 6 students who had to market, set up and man the stalls on the day. It was also a lot of fun for the rest of the students who were able to be the customers.

