



Innovative Learning In A Changing World

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

## News 'n' Views

School: Ms Keiran Byrnes (Principal)

7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills 2147

Parish: Father Henry Duc (Parish Priest)

OOSH: Tanya Hirth (Before and After School Care)

Phone: 9622 7216

Email: [OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Website: [www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au)

Phone: 9622 2920

Phone: 9676 7293

Term 2

Week 10

28 June 2017

### FUTURE DATES...

#### Thursday 29 June

- Dance Fever Interschool Dance competition

#### Friday 30 June

- Last day of Term 2

#### Monday 17 July

- School resumes

### NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Stage 3 Art Gallery excursion
- Stage 3 incursion – Fizzics Education

Respect  
Responsibility  
Readiness to Learn

*Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,*

*Dear Parents, Term 2 has been a great one in building our school as a learning community founded on our rich Catholic faith from which we draw our school values of tolerance, forgiveness, respect, honesty, care and compassion.*

*Throughout this term I have been meeting the new children and their families seeking enrolment at Our Lady of Lourdes for 2018. Throughout these interviews it has been an honour and privilege to hear the hopes and dreams of each parent for their children, and to share in their anxieties as they face this next milestone in their child's life. These discussions have enabled me to hear public perceptions about our school community.....and it's all good!*

*Families have spoken of the high regard in which our school is held throughout the local community. They speak of its 'good name' and the recognised strength of how our students treat each other and how our staff support them in developing their values and attitudes. Thank you to each member of our community for all that you do in being people of God, living daily in our parish school community.*

*This term has seen the staff involved in significant professional learning in literacy, numeracy and religious education. Parents have had the opportunity to participate in excursions, parent group activities, assisting in class rooms and assisting at various sporting activities. Our students showcased their talents at the Zone and Diocesan Cross Country events, our School Athletics Carnival and a number of sporting gala days as well as the Dance Fever performances this week. We celebrated together as a faith community at our Mothers' Day Liturgy, Sacred Heart Mass and at our Confirmation Mass. The children attended excursions – Hill End, The Rocks, Bella Vista Farm, and also participated in incursions.*

*All in all it has been a fabulous term of fun filled learning and activity. Congratulations to everyone - students, parents and staff for taking up the opportunities offered and for working together to support our children to grow and develop into resilient, happy young people.*

*My best wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday.*

God Bless  
**Keiran Byrnes**

## **GOLD AWARDS**

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	<b>Sarayu Arani</b>
Year 1	<b>Ashton McLoynes</b>
Year 2	<b>Jacqueline Yates</b>
Year 3	<b>Lewis Savic</b>
Year 4	<b>Callam Stirton</b>
Year 5	<b>Yasin Yagci</b>
Year 6	<b>Rebecca Said</b>



## **UNIFORMS**

No more uniform appointments can be made or uniform orders processed for the remainder of this term in preparation for the new finance system. The uniform shop will be back in operation from Tuesday August 1 in Term 3, if you have any queries Please contact Aida Almeida in the school office.

## **KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

Current families with siblings starting school next year should contact the school office immediately for an enrolment pack if they have not already done so.



## **FOUR2EIGHT**

Are you in year 4, 5 or 6? Looking for something to do once a month to spend time with friends, have some fun and contribute to the parish and wider

community?? Then the OLOL parish junior youth group **Four2Eight** is for you! We meet each month in the parish meeting room **after the first 9:30am mass of the month**. Last month, we reflected on the feast of Pentecost and what it means for us: to be Jesus in the world for others. We also looked at practical ways we could do this which included making care packages for housebound elderly people or people in hospital, promoting food and clothing drives etc. Over the coming months, we will be working on these initiatives and would like to invite you to come along and join in!

Our next meeting is **this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 10:45am – 12pm**. Looking forward to seeing you there!



## **SPORTING NEWS**

Congratulations to Nicholas Bumanglag who competed in the PSSA Opens Rugby League State Championships last week. Nicholas demonstrated outstanding athletic

ability and Rugby League skills as well as fantastic leadership and sportsmanship as the Captain of the team. Nicholas led his team to win the grand final.

## **Athletics Carnival**

Last Monday we had our School Athletics Carnival. We were blessed with beautiful weather and all of the children from Kindergarten to Year 6 had a fantastic day competing in running races, field events and other fun activities during the Tabloid. Thank you to all of the parents who came to support the children and cheer them on throughout the day. A special mention to all of the parent volunteers who assisted on the day as timekeepers, ribbon writers, age assistants and starters. Without the parent volunteers we would not be able to run the day as successfully as we did. Congratulations to the winning house, Green and to all of our Age Champions and Sportsmanship award winners.

## **Age Champions:**

8 Years Boy – Alexander Spadaro  
8 Years Girl – Emma Webster  
9 Years Boy – Rhys Webster  
9 Years Girl – Awien Lual  
10 Years Boy – Zackary Armitage  
10 Years Girl – Irene Suryathyo  
11 Years Boy – Byron Aspin  
11 Years Girl – Abbie Savic  
12 Years Boy – Daniel Ryder  
12 Years Girl – Zahra Nohra  
Junior Girl Champion – Awien Lual  
Junior Boy Champion – Rhys Webster  
Senior Girl Champion – Abbie Savic  
Senior Boy Champion – Byron Aspin

## **Sportsmanship Awards:**

Kindergarten Boy – Lucas Madejski  
Kindergarten Girl – Tahlia Herzceg  
Year 1 Boy – Evren Semerci  
Year 1 Girl – Ashley Lo  
Year 2 Boy – Andre Roy  
Year 2 Girl – Clarisse Tuanqui  
8 Years Boy - Cameron Fahey  
8 Years Girl – Diya Dipu  
9 Years Boy – Jayden Leota  
9 Years Girl – Avneet Sidhu  
10 Years Boy – Juan Burgess  
10 Years Girl – Angela Cho  
11 Years Boy – Elijah Villa  
11 Years Girl – Grace Palmiotto  
12 Years Boy – Melvin Monses  
12 Years Girl – Rebecca Said

## **Field Events for Zone and Diocesan Athletics**

If your child would like to be considered for Zone or Diocesan Athletics for Discus and/or High Jump you need to bring your Little Athletics Achievement Record and give it Miss Geekie as soon as possible. Below are the qualifying heights and distances.

### **Discus:**

Junior Girls 500gms Qualifying distance – 12m  
Junior Boys 500gms Qualifying distance – 14m  
11 yrs Girls 750gms Qualifying distance – 13m  
11 yrs Boys 750gms Qualifying distance – 15m  
Senior Girls 750gms Qualifying distance – 14m  
Senior Boys 750gms Qualifying distance – 16m

### **High Jump:**

Junior Qualifying height – 1.00m  
11 yrs Qualifying height – 1.05m  
Senior Qualifying height – 1.10m

## **NEW FINANCE SYSTEM**

**No further payments can be made this term as we migrate to the new finance system.**

As from Monday, 17th July there will be a change in the way we process receipts.

Receipts will be emailed to parents/caregivers nominated on the enrolment form. In preparation all families are asked to ensure that the school has the correct family email address. 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.

We ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

## **Student Attendance**

What if my child has to be away from school for a day?

**If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:**

- send a note or email the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school office and tell us in person

**If the school does not receive an explanation for an absence a note will be sent to request a reason for the child's absence.**

What if my child has to be away from school for part of a day?

**Children need to arrive to school and class on time. Lateness to school or leaving early from school must be recorded as a partial absence. If your child is late to school a parent or carer must come into the office with your child and sign the child in, giving a reason for the partial absence. Similarly if a child is picked up early, a parent or carer must come into the office and sign the child out, giving a reason for the partial absence. This process is to ensure your child's safety.**

If the school does not receive an explanation for a partial absence, parents will be contacted by telephone, followed by a letter to request a reason for the child's absence.

## **Out and About**



**Every year at this time I am surprised about how quickly the year has flown. By the end of this week we will have completed Semester One and students and teachers alike are looking forward to the July holidays. During this week each year we hold our half yearly Parent/Teacher interviews. A time when we can celebrate the growth that each child has made while at the same time setting goals for the future. It is an opportunity for us to grow the partnership that exists between the school and parents. A partnership that, as with any partnership, is built on mutual trust and respect. I have spoken on many occasions of the leap of faith that parents take when they entrust their children to us in Kindergarten. Hopefully, as the years progress, this becomes less a leap of faith and more a situation where parents are confident that their child is in good hands. Sometimes parents may not be sure of the rationale behind decisions made at school. This is where the trust comes in. It may not always be obvious why a decision is made and from time to time we may change the way things are done, but it is always with the best interest of the child in mind. As always if you do have a question or concern we are happy to work with you in a mutually respectful manner. The great news is that parents and teachers want the very best for the children in our care. It was great to see last night so many parents take this opportunity to work together with the teachers and so many good news stories shared. This afternoon I saw many parents enjoying the Dance Fever concert and tomorrow night I will join with Miss Byrnes and other staff at the Dance Fever Interschool Challenge just two more ways that we work together for the benefit of your children. As we move towards the holidays I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have helped and supported the school in any way this term. Enjoy the break with your children. I look forward to working with you again next term.**

***Carol Cividin  
Assistant Principal***

# Parent Planner TERM 3 2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
July	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>
July Week 1	17 <sup>th</sup> <b>Whole school Writing Stimulus</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Fete meeting 7pm	19 <sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Excursion Art Gallery	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Stage 3 Create –a- Buzz incursion – Hall 8.40 -1.00	22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup>  Family Mass Year 2
July Week 2	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day	26 <sup>th</sup> St Bernadettes Netball Gala day	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> <b>ASSEMBLY – ES1/S1. 2.00 p.m</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>
July/ Aug Week 3	31 <sup>st</sup> <b>RLA ONLINE TESTING TRIAL – Year 4</b> Kindergarten Golden Ridge Farm	1 <sup>st</sup>  ICAS – English	2 <sup>nd</sup> Voice of Youth School Final  <i>Parent Group – 7.00</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> <b>Year 6 Fundraiser Meal Deal – Pie and Sausage Roll</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>
Aug Week 4	7 <sup>th</sup> <b>RLA ONLINE TESTING TRIAL – Year 6</b> Year 1 Chicks Arrive  <b>Week of Service</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> St Mary MacKillop Mass – 9:15. ES1/S1 Year 5 Personal Development Evening – 6.30 pm Fete Meeting 7.00p.m	9 <sup>th</sup> Voice of Youth Cluster Final	10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Concert for Over 50's.</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>  <b>ASSEMBLY – Stage 2 2.00 p.m</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>
Aug Week 5	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Zone Athletics Carnival Feast of the Assumption Mass – 9:15. Stage 2	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> ICAS – Maths	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>
Aug Week 6	21 <sup>st</sup> <b>RLA ONLINE TESTING – Year 4</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>WAKAKIRRI -7pm</b> Riverside Theatre	23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent Meeting</i>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Diocesan Athletics Carnival –	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> (Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> ) Family Mass Year 6/K
Aug/ Sept Week 7	28 <sup>th</sup> <b>RLA ONLINE TESTING – Year 6</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Father's Day Stall  Parent Group Meeting – 7pm	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Father's Day Breakfast and Open Classrooms 7.30 – 9.00 Father's Day Mass 9.15- Stage 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>  Father's Day
Sept Week 8	4 <sup>th</sup> <b>RLA ONLINE TESTING – Years 4 &amp; 6</b> <b>BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>  Fete meeting – 7.00p.m	6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sacrament of the Eucharist – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting 6:30 pm</i>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> (Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> ) Presentation of the Lord's Prayer
Sept Week 9	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Market Day	15 <sup>th</sup> Stage 2 Touch Gala Day Parent Group Disco K-2- 5.00-6.30 Yr3 – 6 7.00 – 8.30 <b>ASSEMBLY Stage 3</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> (Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> ) Eucharist Talk after Mass
Sept Week 10	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sacrament of the Eucharist – 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting 6:30 pm</i>	21 <sup>st</sup> Mufti day – Choc Toss	22 <sup>nd</sup>  <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> (Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> )