



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 1

Week 10

29th March, 2017

FUTURE DATES...

MARCH

Friday 31st

School Cross Country

APRIL

Monday 3rd

No Assembly

Tuesday 4th

8:40am Assembly

Friday 7th

Last day of Term 1

Monday 24th

Term 2 commences

Tuesday 25th

Anzac Day – school closed

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- Kindergarten
Eat a Rainbow

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TODAY

- Years 3 and 5
NAPLAN
- Wakakirri

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

In last Sunday's Gospel, John 9:1-41, Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

The story of the healing of the man born blind invites us to consider the importance of sight, both physical and spiritual. The blind man is given physical sight, but he is also granted spiritual insight about the person of Jesus. Through Baptism, we are called to walk as children of the light, to live in full knowledge of who Jesus is for us.



It was truly a great gift when Jesus healed the man's blindness, but it was an even greater gift when Jesus revealed himself as the Son of Man, the Messiah. And the man received that second gift as willingly as he accepted the first one. He became a believer and worshiped Jesus.

In Baptism, Jesus reveals himself to us, and we're called to be like the man in Sunday's Gospel, accepting the gift from Jesus so that we may truly see Jesus as our Lord and worship him. We live in the light of the Gospel and the New Testament. And that light is seen in the way we behave, in the way we relate with other people in "complete goodness and right living and truth".

***God, thank you that even when we cannot see you, you are still with us.
May your light shine brightly in and through us wherever we go in the days ahead.***

God Bless
Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold

Award winners:

Kindergarten **Karlos**

Year 1 **William**

Year 2 **Aaron**

Year 3 **Polat**

Year 4 **Florencia**

Year 5 **Sanmeet**

Year 6 **Jessica**



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 31st March. Commences at

9:00am for Years 3 to 6 and

Kindergarten to Year 2 will

commence after recess at 11:00am. Children

will sit in their colour house groups. Parents

are welcome to watch their children

participate. Children wear sports uniform or

sport shorts and a t-shirt in their house

colour. Students are able to go home at the

conclusion of the carnival if they are signed

out by parents. If not leaving at the end of the

carnival students must remain at school until

normal dismissal.



Congratulations to the children who received
Merit Awards at last Friday's Assembly:



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| KB | Zahra, Matthew, Marshal, Lucas, Laura |
| KW | Charlotte, Luke, Juliana, Rubie, Prisha |
| 1B | Chris, Arya, Cooper, Lucas |
| 1W | Jamie, Danielle, Vanessa, Billy, Aarav |
| 2B | Aaron, Ivy, Madeleine |
| 2W | YoYo, Andre, Ekaspreet, Jane |
| 3B | Isabella, Ben, Thomas, Gabriella |
| 3W | Jeremy, Alex, Philip, Rhea |
| 4B | Callam, Mason, Agnes, Deng |
| 4W | Makayla, Brayson, Zarah, Angad |
| 5B | Joye-Mari, Elijah, Matthew, Katelyn |
| 5W | Joel, Tupou, Karen, Sophie |
| 6B | Hannah, Melvin, Jayden, Alison |
| 6W | Samuel, Grace, Alicia, Nicholas |

KINDERGATEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Applications are now being accepted from parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2018. 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.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

This year Holy Week occurs in the holidays.

To commemorate Holy Week we will have a

special liturgy, re-enacting the events, next

Wednesday April 5th commencing at 1:30pm

in the playground. All parents are warmly

invited to attend.

FAREWELL MRS HUTCHINGS

Next week we will move our regular Monday

morning assembly to Tuesday morning to

enable us to farewell Mrs Hutchings after

many years of dedicated service. All parents

are warmly invited to attend.

WINTER UNIFORMS

We are now taking appointments for

winter uniform fittings. Code: q8ane

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Appointments are available Tuesday

morning and Tuesday and Wednesday

afternoons. Students will commence

wearing winter uniform early in Term 2.



NAPLAN

Parents of children in Year 3 and Year

5 please be aware that with this

newsletter is a letter advising you of details

about NAPLAN testing in 2017. If you have

any concerns or questions feel free to contact

the school.



CAPTIVATE DANCE ENSEMBLE

The CAPTIVATE Commercial

Dance Ensemble will be performing

at the Royal Easter Show on Friday, 7th

April. Good luck to Chloe Apps who will be

representing the CEO.



LATENESS

If your child arrives after the bell in the morning then we ask that you come into the school office with them to complete the necessary paperwork.



SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement. If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Monique Kearins on 9622 7216.

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm
(Closed from 10:40am to 11:00am)

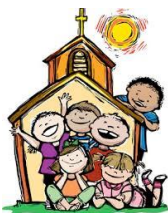
All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.

NO CASH

Due to audit requirements the school will be unable to accept cash and cheque payments on Thursday and Friday of next week. However we will still be accepting Eftpos payments. Thank you for your assistance with this.

LOST PROPERTY

It will be a good chance for all families over the holidays to check all items of school uniform and ensure that each item belongs to your child(ren). Please ensure that your child's name is marked on all items of clothing.



PARISH NEWS...

Four2Eight

Our parish junior youth group Four2Eight (for kids from year 4 to year 8) meets again **this Sunday 2nd April after the 9:30am youth Mass from 10:45-12pm.** Come along to the parish meeting room to have some fun, reflect on the season of Lent and hear about our OLOL Youth Bake Off for Mother's Day! Looking forward to seeing you there.

LENT



Lent, for most people, has often meant that it is a time to sacrifice things of pleasure, such as sweets, chocolates and other small luxuries. Sometimes the sacrifice that we make is also a benefit in some small way to us as well. Perhaps we need to reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made to save us.

During Lent we could place emphasis on doing good works and special acts of charity. Try to 'reach out' and help someone who is needy, lonely, sad or hungry. We could attend Lenten reflections or participate in prayer more often. We could try to attend Mass regularly on the weekend to show our faith and set a good example to our children who are learning to live the Gospel values. Remember that we are the 'Face of Christ' on earth and the example to our children!

When your child comes home from school today, take the time to sit down and talk about what you can do as a family. Reflect on what Jesus did for us and try to encourage them to live in Jesus' way. Be the example to others and let's spread the Good News to those around us through our actions and words.

HOW CAN WE FAST FOR LENT?

We can fast from CRITICISM, and feast on PRAISE;

We can fast from SELF PITY and feast on JOY;

We can fast from ILL-HUMOUR and feast on HAPPINESS;

We can fast from JEALOUSY and feast on LOVE;

We can fast from PRIDE and feast on HUMILITY;

We can fast from SELFISHNESS and feast on SERVICE;

We can fast from FEAR and feast on FAITH.

**Yours in Christ,
Janelle Bawden
Religious Education Coordinator**

Curriculum Conversations Stage 3

Last week Stage 3 managed to find a brief break in the stormy weather to go on a walking excursion through Parramatta. This excursion was part of their Integrated Unit "Humanity's Impact on the Earth". Students were given the opportunity to listen to a talk by a local volunteer, visit some local sights of historical significance, view pictures of early Parramatta and compare to the current development and finally visit Parramatta Park to sketch Old Government House. It was a tiring but fun excursion made all the better by the fact we escaped the rain!

