



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 1

Week 11

6th April, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

APRIL

Friday 8th

School Closes

Tuesday 26th

School Resumes

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- ❖ Mothers' Day
- ❖ Jelly Day
- ❖ Dancefever

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- ❖ Diocesan
Cross Country
- ❖ Year 1 Update

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents

Today's front page comes from the words of Pope Francis.

Boundless Mercy

God is infinite love, boundless mercy, and that Love has conquered evil at its root through the death and Resurrection of Christ. This is the Gospel: the Good News: God's love has won! Christ died on the cross for our sins and rose again. With Him we can fight evil and conquer every day.....If I believe that Jesus has conquered evil and saved me, I must follow along the path of Jesus for my whole life.

(Address to Young People, October 4 2013)

God's mercy is boundless. Whatever you are facing, God's love is there to conquer it.

Thank you, as always, for your support this term. It has been a very productive term with lots of learning and fun. I'm looking forward to seeing you and the children after the holidays.



Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Danielle
Year 1	Kathryn
Year 2	Cassandra
Year 3	Juan
Year 4	Katelyn
Year 5	Grace
Year 6	Alessandra



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. Our lost property clothes rack is located outside the Year 5 classroom and has a number of items waiting for collection.

Winter Uniform

Appointments are available Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Additional appointments for Wednesday afternoons are available for the first 2 weeks of Term 2.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code **XVQUU**.



2017 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2017 are now available at the school office. Please return the completed application form as soon as possible as interviews have already commenced.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST

On Friday, 6th May, we will once again be holding our Mothers' Day breakfast followed by our Mothers' Day Mass.



Breakfast will commence at 7:40am. Following breakfast mothers and grandmothers are invited to visit the children in their classroom. Mass will commence at 9:15am. Mothers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass. As part of our liturgy there will be a photo reflection after communion. Families are invited to email one photo of mothers and children to the school to be included in this reflection.

Please email the photos to the school at the address shown, OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked "Mothers' Day Photo". Please note that the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection is **Tuesday, 3^d May, photos must be received by 3:30pm on that day to be included.** We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Mums.

The official day for changing to our winter uniform is **Monday, 16th May**. From this day, each child will be expected to wear the correct uniform. However, should the weather be cool before that date, children can wear their winter uniform to school. Children must wear either their full summer uniform or their full winter uniform during this time.

The correct uniform is as follows:

BOYS

Long sleeved (school blue) shirt with crest
Navy school trousers
OLOL School jacket with crest
School tie
Navy ankle socks
Black shoes
School hat or cap

GIRLS

Plaid tunic and tab tie
Long sleeved (school blue) blouse with peter-pan collar
OLOL School jacket (with crest)
Navy socks or
Navy (opaque) tights
Black shoes
School hat or cap

SWIMMING

Congratulations to **Abbie** for competing at the NSW CPS Swimming Championships at Homebush Aquatic Centre in the 50m Breaststroke.



MERCY BOX COMPETITION

Children are invited to enter a design for a moneybox to be given out to families in our community to collect donations for the Year of Mercy. Entries are due to Miss Bentley by this Friday. One design from each Stage will be selected. All entries will need to have their name and stage written on the back. Templates can be obtained from any homeroom teacher.

MOVING SCHOOL

The Catholic Education Office has developed a Policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this states that "A term's notice" (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be paid. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term as long as it covers the 10 weeks. This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition. Notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement for 10 week's notice will be waived.

MEDICATION

Any children requiring medication during the day need to bring their medication to the office with a note stating the dosage and time to be taken. No child is to keep medication in their school bag or the classroom.

NO CASH

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

PARENT GROUP NEWS...

MOTHERS' DAY HELPERS

The Parent Group need your help! If you are able to assist with any of the Mothers' Day activities could you please sign and hand in your parent helper forms. Thank you.



Out and About

This week I began interviewing parents and students who are interested in enrolling in

Kindergarten for 2017. It seems only yesterday that I was talking to our current Kindergarten children and their parents. Where has that year gone? This term has been a busy one and walking around the school it is evident that a great deal of exciting learning has been happening. Kindergarten made their own toys from recycled materials and shared them with their Year 6 buddies who had to give them a review! Yesterday I saw some fabulous instruments made in Year One. Today Stage 3 shared their dialogues between two characters who played a significant role in the development of our democracy and tomorrow Year 6 will celebrate their class Mass and Stage 2 will share all they have learnt about the history of the local area and monuments. It is wonderful to see such varied and engaging learning being shared. At the same time as this term's learning is being shared the teachers are busy planning for next term. Over the last two weeks all grade teachers have had an opportunity to work together to review the term that has gone, evaluate the learning that has occurred and plan the learning for next term. Next term is already shaping up to be just as busy as Term 1. In the first few weeks we will celebrate our Mothers' Day Mass and breakfast. For those new to our school this is an event not to be missed. We are still in need of helpers to make the event a success so if you are able to assist please contact one of the Parent Group committee. Early next term our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN exams - whilst only a snapshot of their learning this is still a significant event for themselves and their parents. Next term also sees us begin our Dance Fever program and sees our Year 6 students continue their sacramental journey through the sacrament of Confirmation. These are just a few of the events planned.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy holiday break. Take a well earned rest to prepare yourselves and your children for a busy term 2.

**Carol Cividin
Assistant Principal**



Cross Country 2016 Winner: Green

Curriculum Conversation



A big thank you to the parents and Brenden who helped as Course Marshals. Without your help the carnival wouldn't be possible.



Congratulations to our Diocesan Team: Harry, Cameron, Alai, Chloe, Sophia, Ashiqca, Alessandra, Caidyn Joel, Jaylen, Daniel, Nicholas, Benjamin, Anoj, Sophie, Grace, Sophie, Jessica, Abbie, Chelsea, Byron, Christian, Riley, Daniel, Thomas, Max, Awien, Kaylee, Mia, Irene, Zahra, Alysse, Rhys, Zakary, Noah, Thomas, Rueben and Lewis.