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

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Term 1

Week 11

5<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

## FUTURE DATES...

### APRIL

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Last day of Term 1

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Term 2 commences

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Anzac Day – school  
closed

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

School as usual

## NOTES SENT HOME

### MONDAY

- Mothers' Day

## NO NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

Respect  
Responsibility  
Readiness to  
Learn

*Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,*

*My thanks to all OLOL children, staff and families for your dedication and commitment to learning this term. Much has been accomplished in a short time.*

*As we conclude our term, we also enter into the celebration and commemoration of Holy Week, commencing with Palm Sunday next Sunday. Each word, act and rite of Holy Week points to the enormity of God's love for us.*

*In these next two weeks we come to the end of our Lenten journey and Easter awaits us.*

*This Lent has been a time to dwell on God's great love. God wants to love us and allow us to see that love and experience that in its fullness, thus enabling us to love.*

*As we approach Holy Week and listen and speak of the passion of Jesus, we are referring not only to his death but also to the breadth and height and length and depth of his love for all. Holy Week is about life....it gives meaning for life....it means life is for giving....it means that if you love enough, if you care enough, then you have to show it. We have to show the change in moving from....*

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|-----------------|----|------------|
| ✠ suffering     | to | glory      |
| ✠ death         | to | life       |
| ✠ darkness      | to | light      |
| ✠ hatred        | to | love       |
| ✠ shame         | to | glory      |
| ✠ individualism | to | altruism   |
| ✠ separation    | to | unity      |
| ✠ indifference  | to | solidarity |



*I encourage you to take your children to the Parish celebrations during Holy Week that highlight the significance of these events for us as Catholics. We will then stand in front of the tomb waiting for the fullness of Love to restore us in the resurrection where all sin, sorrow, fears, heartaches, limitations and illness will be wiped away and transformed.*

*May the Lord's limitless love be with you. Have a blessed Easter.*

God Bless

**Keiran Byrnes**

## GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold

Award winners:

Kindergarten **Amelia**

Year 1 **Sophia**

Year 2 **Vrinda**

Year 3 **Nysa**

Year 4 **Jessica**

Year 5 **Sophie**

Year 6 **Chloe**



## MOTHERS' DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST

On Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## TERM 2

School resumes on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday and no students or staff at school.

## 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.

## WINTER UNIFORMS

We are now taking appointments for winter uniform fittings. **Code: q8ane**

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

Extra appointments have been made available for the first week back at school next term.

Appointments are available Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoons. Students will commence wearing winter uniform early in Term 2.



## CAR PARK

Once again we have a few parents who seem to think they are the exception to the expectation regarding the dropping off of their children safely each morning. **We request that under no circumstances do any parents enter the bottom car park after 8:10am each morning.** There are clear drop off procedures outside the hall that ensure a smooth and quick flow of traffic. There are no exceptions to this request!



## 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.



## THANKYOU

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the wonderful community at OLOL

Seven Hills over the past 28 years.

Thank you for your cards, flowers, messages and gifts. I would also like to thank the staff and parents for the special assembly I attended yesterday. It showed me just how wonderful it is to be part of a Catholic school.



## 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.

## COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES COMMUNICATION

Parents are reminded that teachers are always available to discuss any area of grievance provided an appointment time has been established through the Office Staff or a note given to the teacher from the student. Please remember the first point of contact should be with the Class Teacher. If there is still a point of issue then please follow the school guidelines which outline the avenues of communication to follow. The Teacher, the Stage Coordinator, The Assistant Principal, The Principal to the Diocesan Office where there is also an order of avenues to follow.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Each week the Newsletter and any notes that have been sent home are uploaded on to the school website and can be downloaded if necessary.

<http://www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au>

For **notes** go to

- Parents
- Notes for home

select the appropriate year group or for general notes e.g uniforms - select:

- Whole school notes

For **newsletters** go to

- News and events
- Newsletters

## PARENT GROUP NEWS...

### MEAL DEAL

Meal deal is this Friday morning. If you are available to help sort, pack and deliver to the classrooms on the day (To deliver to the classroom, you must have completed the **Parents as Educators** course this year or last year) please come to the hall after drop off.



### FAREWELL

On behalf of all the parents of OLOL we would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Cathy Hutchings a very happy retirement and thank her for all her hard work in helping not only the Parent Group with notes, etc but all the parents and children of the OLOL community over the years.

## OUT and ABOUT

**It is hard to believe that we are at the end of term 1 already. The term has been very busy and seems to have gone quite quickly. It was great to see so many parents at our Cross Country Carnival last Friday. We were certainly lucky with the weather given the large amounts of rain we have been experiencing. Next term is shaping up to be just as busy as Term 1. One of our most significant events occurs early in the term, our celebration of Mothers' Day. This begins with our Mothers' Day stall followed by our Mothers' Day Mass and breakfast. A note asking for parental assistance for both these functions was sent home on Monday. Our Mothers' Day stall is organised by the Parent Group on the Wednesday prior to Mothers' Day. It is an opportunity for the children to buy inexpensive gifts for mothers and grandmothers, prices range from \$1 to \$10, with the profits from the sales going to the parent group and ultimately back to the school. It is up to parent's discretion as to how much money they give to their children to spend. Children are taken to the stall by their class teacher and are able to buy up to 4 gifts. In addition there are raffle tickets available for sale with the children having the opportunity to win a raffle prize. On the Friday prior to Mothers' Day we have our Mothers' Day Breakfast followed by open classrooms and Mass. Mothers and Grandmothers are invited to come to the school to enjoy a breakfast with their children/grandchildren provided by the parent group. It would be fantastic if we could have some Dads volunteer to assist with the cooking to give our Mums a break. This is a great community event and is always well attended. Following the breakfast mothers are invited to visit classrooms and then join their children at Mass. I am sure that all mothers will enjoy these special celebrations. More information will follow at the beginning of next term. As we move towards the Easter break I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy and Holy Easter. I look forward to working with you all again next term.**

**Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal**

# SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

On Wednesday, the 29th of March, the leaders **James, Jayden, Noah, Annelise, Sophie, Chloe, Daniel, C.J and Abbie** helped to organise a fundraising event within the school. The events took place on the oval and the basketball court. The money was raised for **Project Compassion** to buy some pigs for a village in The Philippines. The school participated in water relays to resemble the struggle of people less fortunate in our world. Most people in poor countries have to carry heavy buckets of water for long distances to be able to have clean drinking water. Everyone also participated in an obstacle course where we had to crawl under things, jump over hurdles and balance on balance beams. We did the obstacle course because poor countries have to push through the hard times. Everyone had a very good time raising money for the poor and helping with getting more pigs in our pigpen. On the day we raised \$922, which helped us to buy 12 more pigs for the village in The Philippines. The events were an eye opening experience as we realised how fortunate we are to live in a beautiful country such as Australia. **by the Year Six Leaders**

The first activity that we did was a relay. We had to jump through 6 hoops, jump over 3 hurdles, then we walked across a balance beam before crawling through hoops and running back to the end. This activity taught us that people in the world have to go through many obstacles every day and sometimes it is tough. The second activity was a water relay where we had to carry a bucket of water on our head for our team. The team with the most water left won. This taught us that this is how hard it is for people to get water for their families every day. **By Catherine Year 4**

"I am really tired. That was hard work! I feel really sorry for all those poor people who have to do that every day!" **by Charlotte Year One**

My favourite activity was when we had to carry the water buckets on our heads. It really made me think about how the children had to carry the water on their heads every day. I think it would be hard for the children to do this every day because when I was on my way back with the water in the relay my hands started to shake and I was wobbling. **by Lily Year 3**

I felt excited because we got to carry water and buckets on my head. It felt like we were travelling through the poor countries because that's what they have to do every day and it is so heavy. The obstacle course was to see how tricky it is for some people to do things every day. There were lots of things that we had to do. **by Mira Year 2**

I loved the obstacle course because I had to do lots of running. We did the running because the people around the world have to carry lots of buckets of water and walk a long way every day. **by Luca Kindy**

I like how now we finally realize the situation of the people who we are raising money for and how they struggle in their everyday lives. We didn't really realize how hard it was for them every day until we did this and now we know. We are trying to be like Jesus and follow him. These people are not as fortunate as us. **by Alex Year 5**

