

Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 1

27th April, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

APRIL

Thursday 28th

Stage 3 Incursion
Jelly Cups

MAY

Tuesday 3rd

Mothers' Day
Wrapping
3:30pm Photos to be
received for Mothers'
Day Mass

Wednesday 4th

Mothers' Day Stall

FRIDAY 6th

7:40am Mothers' Day
Breakfast and
9:15am Mass

NOTES SENT HOME

TUESDAY

- ❖ Stage 3
Incursion

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TODAY

- ❖ Mothers' Day
Information
- ❖ Term 2
Planner

Respect

Responsibility

Readiness to

Learn

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2. Kindergarten are now well and truly 'big school kids' and I saw lots of eager faces from children of all ages as they walked through the school gates yesterday morning. The teachers have been hard at work in the holidays preparing for the term ahead. If you have been up to school you would have seen our mystery tent, a cause of great excitement and a great encouragement for the children to write. There's more information on the back of the Newsletter.

Yesterday, after lunch, we had a small ceremony at school to commemorate Anzac Day. I was very struck by the reverence the children displayed- they know how important and sad death in war is. Our Catholic view is that we celebrate Peace rather than glorify war. We highlight the tragedy of deaths of ordinary soldiers and civilians but believe in the power of love over hate. After all Jesus was a victim of war. He was killed by an army of occupation, tortured and died an agonising death. His death was justified politically by the Jewish leaders and even his friend Judas who became cynical about the power of love. However his resurrection was a victory against death, victory against the evil of violence and war.

I pray that no child at OLOL will ever have to be involved in the horror of war.



Prayer for ANZAC Anniversary

Gracious and loving God,

As we mark the ANZAC anniversary, we remember all who lost their lives through Australia's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, On ANZAC Day, we especially remember the courageous actions undertaken by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during the First World War.

On this national day of commemoration, we pray for the airmen, sailors and soldiers who died in battle, sacrificing their lives while on duty.

We commemorate their bravery and pray for the families who lost loved ones.

As we strive for peace in our country and the world, help us become instruments of your peace.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

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.

CHILDREN'S ANZAC DAY MARCH

Our thanks to Gabrielle and Jackson who represented Our Lady of Lourdes at the Seven Hills RSL children's ANZAC Day march on Sunday April 17th.



Back to School Jelly Day!

This Thursday the 28th April buy a cup of jelly to help raise funds for World Youth Day

Large Jelly \$2
Jelly with lollies \$3
Jelly with ice-cream \$4



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SEVEN HILLS CLASS OF 2015 REUNION MASS

All students of the class 2015 are invited to come to pray together, catch up and share your experiences of your first term in High School!

Feel free to bring a new friend from school.

When: Saturday 30th April 2016

Time: 6:00pm

What: Mass in the Parish church with festivities to follow in the Parish Meeting Room to conclude at 8:00pm.

Please RSVP Miss Bentley or Judy Kendall in the Parish Office ASAP.

SPORTS DAYS

Students wear their sports uniform on the following days:

Kindergarten	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday

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 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, 3rd 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.

Winter Uniform

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.

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**.

ABSENCES

Please remember to send a note to explain any absences from school. A phone call to the school office is only necessary if the absence will be for more than two days.



ASSEMBLY MANNERS

We request that all parents respect and consider the students facilitating assemblies by switching off all mobiles, not talking to those around them and ensuring toddlers aren't too noisy. Furthermore, we would ask that students are not collected between 2:00pm and 2:50pm as collecting students in the audience is disturbing to those presenting. Should you need to collect your child(ren) during this time, when Friday assembly is on, we request that they are collected prior to 2:00pm to ensure no interruptions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



School Hours

Supervision on the playground commences at **8.10am** each morning. Our school day then commences at **8.40am**.

Children should be ready for class at this time.

Recess is **10.40am – 11.00am**

Lunch is **1.00pm – 1.50pm**

Final dismissal time is **2.50pm**.

Supervision finishes at **3.20pm** and all children should be collected by this time.

If a student is within the school outside these times the OLOL Out of School Hours facility is available. Thank you.



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.

Out and About



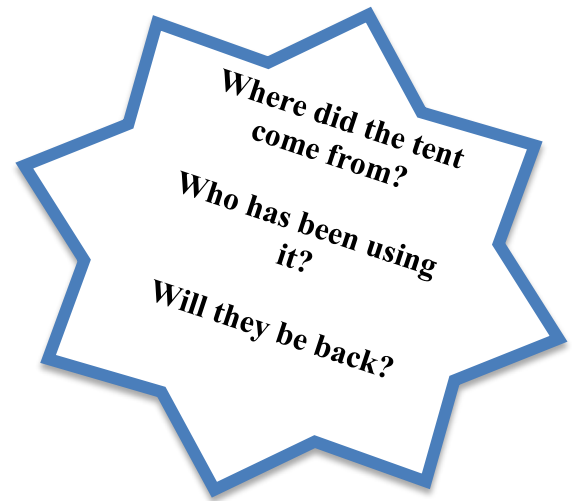
Returning to school for another term it was great to see so much enthusiasm. A number of the children I spoke to yesterday morning told me that they were happy to be back at school – eager to see their friends and to get back into the school routine.

Whilst we have been on holidays there have been a number of changes around the school. Some of the most obvious are in the carpark. Parents will notice that we have had “No Entry” and “Exit Only” signs installed at the exit of the carpark. This is to reinforce to all carpark users the correct direction of the traffic flow. We will continue to put the witch’s hats across the lower carpark entry after 8:10am in the morning meaning that NO car should enter the lower carpark after this time. Even if you need to visit the office you are asked to park in the upper carpark outside the Church – this is to ensure the safety of all children. We have also had numbers painted in the Kiss and Drop zone to indicate the two clear parking spaces to be used for Kiss and Drop. Can all parents please make sure that if they are the first car in the line that they move up into the first Kiss and Drop space allowing for a second car to pull in behind. This will allow for a greater number of cars to move through the Kiss and Drop zone in a shorter period of time. Members of the school Leadership team will be reminding parents to do this when they are on Kiss and Drop duty.

Moving further into the school we have had fresh sand placed into the large sand pit, the hand rails re-painted, bag lockers installed in Year 6 and courtesy of the OOSH committee the Creative Arts room has had a renovation to upgrade the facilities for OOSH which in turn provides improved amenities for the school. Not to mention the mysterious tent on the playground! Make sure you take time to have a look at the changes around our school.

*Carol Cividin
Assistant Principal*

What's the story?



The children and staff at Our Lady of Lourdes returned to school to find an unusual addition in the playground. A large green canvas tent had been erected and whilst no one was around, a number of objects were in the tent suggesting that some one had been there.

Each class visited the tent and were asked to write an imaginative story using the tent, and what they observed in it, as the basis for their writing.

There were many different theories surrounding the tent's origins – Had the scarecrow in the vegetable garden been involved? Had Mr Stink found a new home?

Was there a link to ANZAC Day?

We are all waiting to find out – WHAT'S THE STORY!!