

Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 1

12th October, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

OCTOBER

Thursday 13th

Stage 2 Busking
Auditions

Friday 14th

Early Stage 1 and
Stage 1 Busking
Auditions

Monday 17th

Swimming Program
begins

Tuesday 18th

Book Club Orders
Due

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- Year 4 Film Study

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Stage 2 Incursion
- Year 1 Excursion

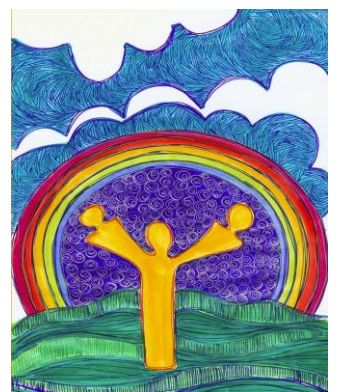
Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust that you have enjoyed the break with your children and are ready for the term ahead. This term is very much about a team effort as we all adjust to Mrs Studan's appointment. As you read this I will be travelling through Spain. I am very fortunate that Mrs Regan, Ms Bentley, Ms Schrader and Mr Owen will oversee the school in my absence. The fact that everyone is willing to step up means that responsibility is shared and the burden does not fall on any one person. It means that the task is not as daunting and that each person is confident of support.

It is with this in mind that I remind parents that on Wednesday October 26th we will hold the Annual General Meeting of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parent Group. This year a number of our current executive members who have held roles for successive years, are stepping down. We are looking, therefore, just as with our school leadership team, for people to step up and take on some of these roles. The Parent Group is a vital part of our school community. The Parent Group executive work closely with the school to develop community and make the school the very best it can be. The roles are not onerous and anyone volunteering will be given support. I am asking that all parents consider becoming active members of our parent group and consider taking on a role on the executive. Any parent volunteering will be given a lot of support. A description of roles on the Parent Executive will be included in the newsletter over the next couple of weeks. Please consider taking on a role.

Yesterday's Gospel told the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers. In the Gospel we hear that despite ten being healed only one gave thanks and it was the Samaritan, a foreigner. How often, I wonder, do we forget to give thanks for God's abundant generosity to us evidenced in no greater way than in the gift of our children. As we begin this term I hope that we may take many opportunities to thank God for his many gifts to us.



Regards,

Carol Cividin
Acting Principal

MISSION MASS AND MISSION TO BUSK

This year to acknowledge Mission Sunday on the 23rd October, we will celebrate with a school Mass prepared by Early Stage One and Stage One on **Friday 28th October at 9:15a.m.** In the afternoon we will be entertained by our talented students who have been busily rehearsing for our **Mission to Busk afternoon scheduled to begin at 1:30pm.** All money raised will be given to support the good works of Catholic Mission and Mary MacKillop International. All are warmly invited to attend our Mass and Busking afternoon.



BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club order forms have been sent home today and should be sent back next Tuesday, 18th October.

CHANGE OF SPORT DAY

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



STAGE 3 EXCURSION

Sydney Observatory

Just a reminder that the Stage 3 students **need to be at school by 8am** this Friday in order to catch an early bus into the City. **They may wear their full sports uniform** instead of their school uniform as stated previously in the note.

Thank-you from the Stage 3 Teachers.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property trolley is overflowing at present. Please ask your children to check for those missing jackets, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles. It will be emptied next week and all unnamed items will be donated or discarded.

As always, we ask that all items brought to school are labeled as it is much easier for them to be returned to the owner when left on the playground.

Thank you

A few of our students were entered into a Schools Writing competition called 'Write 4 Fun'. Students all over Australia were invited to enter their poems OR short stories. **Makayla** in Year 3 entered her story 'Miley and Mimi'. Her story has made it through the first round of judging, which means it will be published into a book of Short stories and Poems called 'Word Zone'. We congratulate Makayla on this achievement and look forward to seeing her name in print. We wish her the best of luck as the next round of judging continues, where there are cash and prizes to be won.



UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code to enter for Term 4 is **vxcxg** and select the appropriate time. If you know what size you need a uniform order form can be downloaded from the school website, completed and sent to school with payment. Alternatively drop into the office with the form and your order will be sent home.



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. 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 weeks notice will be waived.



Out n About



YEAR 6 FAMILY MASS SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER



The families of Year 6 will lead the Family Mass at 9:30am Sunday 23rd October at 9:30 a.m. Year 6 are also responsible for providing morning tea for the Parish after Mass. Please send any donations (packaged cakes or biscuits) to the classroom.

Everyone, especially families, are welcome to come and celebrate the Eucharist together.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Have you considered becoming a member of the Parent Group Executive? Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26th October at 7.00 pm in the school library. Over the next two weeks we will give a brief description of the roles.



President

- ★ Chairs all meetings and ensures the smooth running of the meetings.
- ★ Prepare the agenda for General/ Annual General Meetings with the other Executive Committee members
- ★ Liaise with the Principal to prepare the agenda for any of the Executive Meetings and liaise with the Principal at all times.

Vice President

- ★ Assist the President in their duties as required.
- ★ Preside as Chairperson at meetings in the absence of the President.

Secretary

- ★ Take minutes of all business conducted and ensure all minutes are signed by the President.
- ★ Receive and deal with correspondence, maintain copies of correspondence, bulletins and minute books.
- ★ Give notice of the agenda to all members.
- ★ Maintain a register of members

Welcome back to Term 4. It will be a very busy term as always. For some of our students they will be completing the final phase of their *first or last* Primary school year.

Next week we will begin our compulsory *Swimming Program*. This is a great opportunity for the students to learn new skills or further refine their water safety awareness coming into the summer months. Whether your child is a beginner or a confident swimmer, the program will cater to their needs.


The swimming program also offers an opportunity for the children to develop other life skills as well. Such as; being an active listener, following instructions and participating in a group. Further skills include; organisation, independence and caring for their belongings. To assist your child to locate their own things, please *label* all of their items (goggles, towel...even school clothes). It is important to have your child pack and unpack, their own swimming bag each day, developing responsibility. A good strategy is to have a checklist (such as the one below) in their room or on the fridge for the 8 days to assist them in remembering all of the items they need for each day. Children will often say "mum forgot to pack it". I am sure the children will enjoy this special time with their school friends and the teachers will assist them to adapt to the change in routine. Teaching timetables have been adjusted to ensure there is as little disruption as possible to the learning during this time.

CHECKLIST	
Costume/swimmers	
Towel	
Goggles	
Cap (optional)	
Thongs/Sandals	
Underwear	
T-shirt/dress	

If there are any problems or concerns about the program please contact me directly. I am looking forward to an enjoyable term working closely with students and parents.

Mrs Julianne Regan
Acting Assistant Principal

PARENT PLANNER TERM 4 2016

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Oct 1	10 th 8.40 am Assembly	11 th	12 th Stage 3 Busking Auditions Stage 2 Incursion	13 th Stage 2 Busking Auditions Stage 2 Incursion	14 th Stage 3 Excursion Miss Bentley attending Diocesan Mission Mass ES1/S1 Busking Auditions	15 th /16 th
Oct 2	17 th Swimming Program Begins	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd /23 rd Mission Sunday 9:30am Year 6 Family Mass
Oct 3	24 th Swimming Lessons continue	25 th	26 th Swimming Program concludes	27 th Year 1 Excursion - Collaroy	28 th 9:15am Mission Week Mass World Teachers' Day Mission to Busk	29 th /30 th
Oct/ Nov 4	31 st	1 st 9:15am Mass All Saints Day	2 nd All Souls Day Western Sydney Health - Free Dental Checks – K,2,4,6	3 rd	4 th 2:00pm Assembly Stage 3	5 th /6 th
Nov 5	7 th	8 th 7:00pm – 8:30pm 2017 Kindergarten Information Night	9 th	10 th	11 th Remembrance Day Liturgy  Stage 3 11:00am	12 th /13 th
Nov 6	14 th	15 th	16 th 9:00am-10:30am 2017 Kindergarten Orientation Group 1	17 th	18 th 2:00pm Assembly Stage 2	19 th /20 th
Nov 7	21 st	22 nd	23 rd 9:00am-10:30am 2017 Kindergarten Orientation Group 2 7:00pm Parent Group Meeting	24 th	25 th	26 th /27 th 1 st Sunday Advent 9:30am Year 2 Family Mass
Nov 8	28 th	29 th	30 th 9:00am-10:30am 2017 Kindergarten Orientation Group 3 PDCPSSC Awards 10:30am Parent Thank You Morning Tea	1 st	2 nd 2:00pm Assembly ES1/S1	3 rd /4 th 2 nd Sunday Advent
Dec 9	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th Reports to go home	10 th /11 th 3 rd Sunday Advent
Dec 10	12 th OLOL Swimming Carnival	13 th Principal's Morning Tea -Hall 6:00pm Christmas Concert and Awards Night	14 th 2017 Meet the Teacher	15 th Year 6 Graduation and 9:15am End of Year Mass Year 6 Graduation Disco	16 th TERM 4 ENDS	17 th /18 th 4 th Sunday Advent