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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 2

4th May, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

MAY

FRIDAY 6th

7:40am Mothers' Day

Breakfast and

9:15am Mass

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- ❖ Stage 2
Excursion
Riverside
Theatre
- ❖ Mothers' Day
reminder note
- ❖ Catholic Outlook

NOTES SENT HOME

TODAY

- ❖
- ❖ Year 6
Graduation
Committee
- ❖ Stage 3 End of
Year Disco
- ❖ Kindergarten
Newsletter
- ❖ Year 1
Newsletter
- ❖ Year 2
Newsletter
- ❖ WYD Dance

Respect

Responsibility

Readiness to

Learn

Dear Parents

I know the children are looking forward to Mother's Day and I hope you are too! It's such a special day to celebrate as a family. As a Catholic school, with anything that is so important, we mark with a celebration of our own. Thanks to the hard work of the Parent Group we have the opportunity to shop for something nice for mum and also a delicious breakfast.

The highlight of our celebration is of course the Mother's Day Mass prepared by the teachers and students of Early Stage 1 and Stage 1. Children and parents and grandparents have a chance to sit together and pray as a family. The Eucharist acts just like the Mother's Day breakfast- giving us nourishment for the hard work of being a loving family. It places our family within the family of the Church, helping to keep our family strong and connected to good values.

Happy Mothers' Day to all families!

On a less happy note many of you would know of the serious illness of Debra Price our parish secretary. You may wish to join the parish praying a novena to Mary MacKillop. The Novena is a prayer said over 9 days with many people praying for a person or a cause. This Novena is prayed as part of daily prayers:

"Ever generous God, You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop we ask that you grant our request for the healing of Debra. We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness. Ever generous God hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen



Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Sophia
Year 1	Mira
Year 2	Ava
Year 3	Zakary
Year 4	Ezekial
Year 5	Liz
Year 6	Navharsh



BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club order forms have been sent home today. Please return orders next Wednesday, 12th May.

ORDERS MUST ONLY BE RETURNED NEXT WEDNESDAY.

CONFIRMATION

The first meeting for the sacrament of Confirmation will be held tonight. **It is for parents only and will be held in the hall at 6:30p.m.**



2017 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Please return the completed enrolment application forms as soon as possible as interviews have already commenced.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST

This Friday, 6th May, we are holding our Mothers' Day breakfast followed by our Mothers' Day Mass.

Breakfast will commence from 7:40am. Following breakfast, from 8:40am, 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.



SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees have now been issued and mailed to your home/billing address. School Fees are due by Monday, 30th May 2016. If you have not received your statement by Friday, 13th May, please contact our school office 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.

MERCY BOX

This week each family will receive a mercy box to fill with coins. The boxes will be collected at the end of the term and the money will be donated to help Fr Luan Le OFM Cap who is working to assist the isolated community of Hatubesilolo in East Timor establish a reliable water supply for their village. The village is located at the top of the mountains and villagers need to walk to the base of the mountain daily for clean water. Please give generously.

DANCE OFF FOR WYD

Students are invited to participate in a dance off at lunchtime in the hall. Entry is \$3 and all money will go to raise funds for World Youth Day.



Monday 9th May: Kindy- Year 2
Wednesday 11th May: Year 5 – Year 6
Friday 13th May: Year 3- Year 4

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.

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DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

The students had a wonderful day with the best results we have ever had. The students (and their placings yesterday) representing Parramatta at the NSW CPCS Cross Country on 17th June are:

<i>Zakary (1st)</i>	<i>Harry (2nd)</i>
<i>Awien (3rd)</i>	<i>Rhys (4th)</i>
<i>Byron (5th)</i>	<i>Chloe (5th)</i>
<i>Sophie (7th)</i>	<i>Alai (8th)</i>
<i>Sophie (8th)</i>	

Well done to the rest of the team who ran their best in this gruelling race.

<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Sophia</i>
<i>Ashiqca</i>	<i>Macy</i>
<i>Caidyn Joel</i>	<i>Daniel</i>
<i>Alessandra</i>	<i>Jaylan</i>
<i>Nicholas</i>	<i>Anoj</i>
<i>Grace</i>	<i>Jessica</i>
<i>Abbie</i>	<i>Chelsea</i>
<i>Christian</i>	<i>Riley</i>
<i>Max</i>	<i>Kaylee</i>
<i>Mia</i>	<i>Irene</i>
<i>Zahra</i>	<i>Alysse</i>
<i>Noah</i>	<i>Thomas</i>
<i>Rueben</i>	<i>Lewis</i>

PARENT GROUP NEWS...

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to Lisa Thompson and all her helpers for making the Mother's Day stall a huge success as always. Hope everyone loves their gifts on Sunday :-)



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

This Friday from 7:40am. Hope to see many of you there enjoying breakfast with your children. It's always a special morning.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Next Wednesday, 11th May, at 7:00pm in the library.

Lucky Door Prize - come to your very first meeting and earn a bonus ticket!

If you would like to add anything to our agenda please speak to one of the committee members or email

ololpg@hotmail.com before Monday.

Maths Is Fun

The ability to calculate in your head is an important part of mathematics and an important part of coping with life beyond school. There are number facts that children should learn 'by heart' and a range of mental strategies for finding quickly (from known facts) a range of related facts that they cannot recall rapidly. Informal recording and the use of tools such as number lines and hundred squares can be used to develop understanding of number and help develop competence and confidence for mental calculation at all stages. Calculators can help to develop a better sense of number, but do not become part of mathematics teaching until a child can add and subtract any pair of two-digit numbers mentally.

Obviously there are some differences (and hopefully some similarities, too!) in the way parents may recall being taught at school, or indeed, in the way in which you may calculate an answer.

See how well you and your child can answer the questions below just using mental calculations.

Add 3 and 5

7 take away 3

4 plus 4

Half of 10

6 times 2

Which is more: 7 or 8?

Add together seven, three & sixteen

Write the number that is 7 less than 100

What is 749 to the nearest hundred?

What is six multiplied by four?

Write the number four thousand and seven in figures

Write nought point five as a fraction

Change one & a half metres into centimetres

What is two point seven multiplied by ten?

How many halves are there in four whole ones?

Sixty-four per cent of the children in school are girls. What percentage are boys?

The side of a square is two metres. What is the area of the square?

A coach trip starts at nine fifty. It lasts thirty-five minutes. At what time does it finish?

What is 700 divided by 10?

How many twelves in two hundred and forty?



Karin Schrader
Maths Coordinator

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessments, otherwise known as NAPLAN.

As the name suggests this is a national program so students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will sit the same tests on the same day.



Our students will undertake four tests.

The tests are as follows:	Language Conventions	Tuesday 10 th May
	Writing	Tuesday 10 th May
	Reading	Wednesday 11 th May
	Numeracy	Thursday 12 th May

The data gained from these tests is used in a variety of ways both at a school level, the diocesan level, the state level and the national level. It is useful data but also must be viewed in context of all the other data we have in relation to students. It reflects a student's performance on a given test on a given day and for any of us who have had the experience of sitting exams we know that a number of factors can influence the results.

Having said that our students are prepared and we are confident that their results will reflect this. Parents can support their children by reassuring them that they have the skills to complete the tests, by encouraging them to attempt all the questions even if they are not sure of the answer and by encouraging them to recheck their answers if they have time to spare.

The tests are undertaken following strict guidelines and the tests are kept securely until they are sent to ACARA (the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) for marking. Later in the year individual reports for each child will be sent back to the school for distribution to parents. After individual reports have been received the school will receive data about the schools results which in turn will be analysed to inform future directions.

NAPLAN is just one tool among many we employ to determine the learning needs of our children. If you have any concerns in relation to NAPLAN please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

