

Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 2

19th October, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

OCTOBER

Sunday 23rd

Laura Jean Family
Portrait Fundraiser

Wednesday 26th

Swimming program
Concludes

Friday 28th

9:15am Mission

Week Mass

1:30pm Mission to
Busk

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- Dental Checks
Kindergarten,
Years 2, 4, 6.
- Kindergarten
Incursion

NOTES SENT HOME

TODAY

- Year 5
Newsletter

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents,

As we begin the final term for 2016 we will talk to our students about their personal goals and what they have achieved this year. Teachers will endeavour to motivate students to continue to work hard until the end of the year.

A question we may ask ourselves is 'How can I motivate myself to work hard?'

True motivation lies within oneself. Success arrives only after a succession of failures. A number of our past students are sitting their final HSC exams at the moment. They are hoping that the hard work they have put in will pay off for them.

As adults, we have to have self- motivation and develop a strong work ethic to be successful in our occupations. This is what we hope to instil in our own children to allow them to be successful in the future.

"Focused, hard work is the real key to success. Keep your eyes on the goal, and just keep taking the next step towards completing it. If you aren't sure which way to do something, do it both ways and see which works better." John Carmack

You have probably heard the phrase 'work smarter not harder'. Working smarter is looking for new ideas, new solutions and learning from our mistakes.

We should never compare ourselves to others. Never get overpowered by what others have achieved. Working with others will improve your thinking and learning.

"Competition doesn't improve student learning, collaboration does". (Greg Whitby)

Once you develop a strong faith in what you believe, you will remain motivated to strive hard to achieve your goals. Enjoy every little success and never stop pushing hard believing that God gave us the same powers.



I have been visiting the classrooms this week to see the learning happening during swimming. We have made some adjustments to our timetable but Literacy and Mathematics are still happening every day during this time. The classrooms are always alive with hard thinking and engaged learning. The strategic intent for our Diocese for 2016 was 'Every child, every day'. I am confident that the staff at OLOL, work hard to meet these systemic requirements, encouraging the students to work their best every day. We are always proud of the work our students do, but just as important are the teachings of our faith, which underpins all learning that happens in our classrooms everyday.

In the Reading last Sunday Timothy reminds us:

"You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were... This is how someone who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work." (Timothy 3:14-4:2)

Be kind always...

Warm regards,

Julianne Regan

Acting Assistant 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.



As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, 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. Three more of our student stories have made it through the first round of judging. We congratulate:

Cassandra (Year 2),

Elijah (Year 3)

George (Year 6)

on this achievement. We wish them the best of luck as the next round of judging continues.

Is your child in year 6? What does their future hold?

SURVIVING THE TEENAGE YEARS

The Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University is recruiting for an exciting project to discover what affects young people's emotional development. They will start with 500 children in Year 6 and assess them every year throughout high school.

FIND OUT MORE

For more information visit the RAW Project website rawproject.com.au. If you are interested in being involved you can see Mrs Regan or contact the RAW Project directly on (02) 9850 4080 or rawproject@mq.edu.au

UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code to enter for Term 4 is **vxcxg** and select the appropriate time.



SWIMMING

Parents are more than welcome to go down to the pools and watch their child at some stage during the swimming program if they wish. However, we ask you not to approach the swimming teacher or distract the children from their lesson.

Below is the timetable for classes.

YEAR	LESSON START	FINISH
K	9.00 am	9.45 am
1	9.45 am	10.30 am
2	10.30 am	11.15 am
3	11.15 am	12.00 pm
4	12.00 pm	12.45 pm
5	12.45 pm	12.45 pm
6	1.30 pm	2.15 pm

2017 PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TEAM SPORT TRIALS

Students enrolled in Years 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2016 (**AFL, Tennis, Basketball, Cricket, and Softball**) and Term One/Two in 2017 (**Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Touch.**)



If you believe your child displays an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport please write a short note asap to Ms Critchlow stating the sport and any Rep experience to receive the note with the necessary information to register an Expression of Interest online.

YEAR 6 FAMILY MASS SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER

The families of **Year 6** will lead the **Family Mass at 9:30am this 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

The next Parent Group meeting will be held next Wednesday, 26th October, at 7pm in the library. We will commence with our AGM. If you would like any agenda items mentioned, please email these to ololpg@hotmail.com. All parents and caregivers are welcome. Have you considered becoming a member of the Parent Group Executive? Please find below a brief description of the remaining roles. Nomination forms are available from the school office if you wish to nominate either yourself or another person.



Treasurer

- ★ Receive all monies and keep accurate records of monies received.
- ★ Obtain and keep receipts for all monies paid by the association.
- ★ Bank all monies received.
- ★ Present at each General Meeting a statement of accounts showing receipts and expenditure during the current month, together with the current balance.
- ★ Present at the AGM an audited statement of accounts



Publicity Officer

- ★ Promotes and publicises the events organised via the school newsletter and handouts. This includes notification of the meetings and calling for agenda items.
- ★ Assists other members of the Executive Committee.

CATHERINE MCAULEY WESTMEAD 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

All past students, staff, parents and friends of Catherine McAuley Westmead are invited to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Sunday, 6th November, 12pm-4:30pm
12 noon: Mass in the Morley Centre,
Catherine McAuley

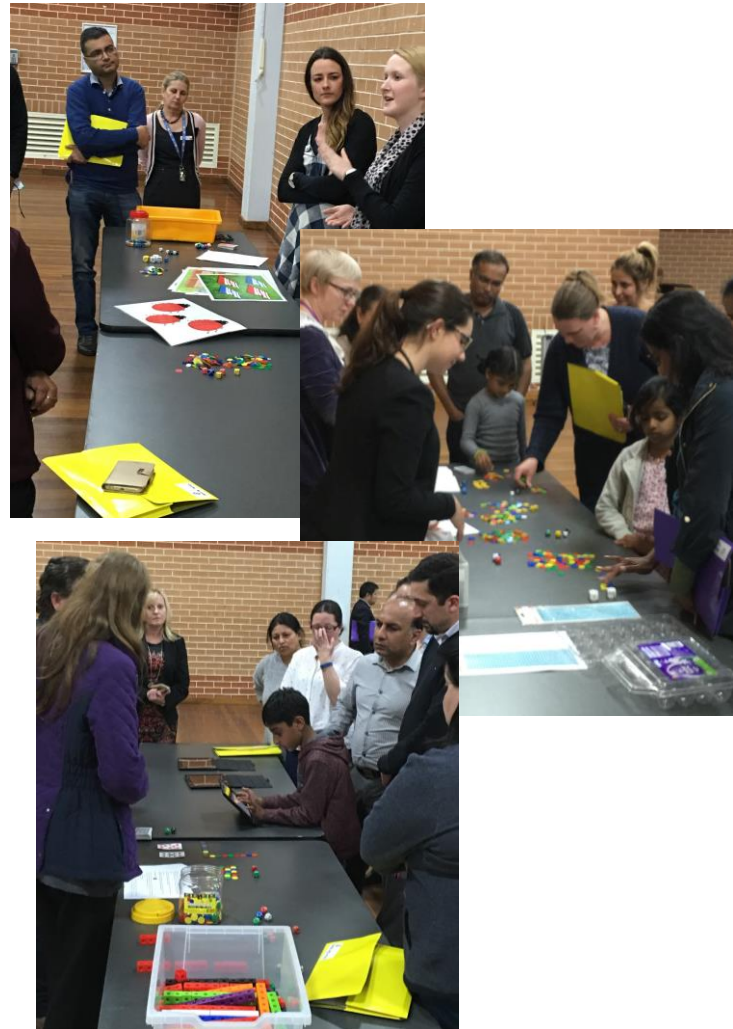
Following Mass enjoy a 'trip down memory lane' with memorabilia, displays, hospitality and performances. Further information please contact School Reception: 9849 9100 or mcauleywestmead@parra.catholic.edu.au
Catherine McAuley Westmead 2 Darcy Road,
Westmead www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

Maths Is Fun

At the end of last term Our Lady of Lourdes hosted a Parent Information Night on how Mathematics is taught at our school. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend and participate in the evening. Parents had an opportunity to learn about our Whole School Mathematics Goal on Multiplication and Division, strategies to teach Multiplication and Division followed by demonstrations of activities that are being used in the classroom and may be applied at home.

A number of staff from Kindergarten to Year Six were on hand to answer questions and showcase the learning taking place in our classrooms throughout the school.

A big thank you to parents and staff for giving up their time to attend the evening. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the exciting learning taking place in Mathematics at OLOL.



Swim and Survive Program

The Swim & Survive Program is designed so that the children gain an increased level of aquatic awareness and safety skills. Your child's overall swimming skills and confidence will also be further developed.



At swimming we are learning how to safely jump off a boat in case of an emergency. We had to use the safety jump strategy, swim under the water away from danger and we learnt how to float and tread water. Year 6

*1White
-like learning to do freestyle
-it's very, very fun
-check the depth of the water*



*1Blue
-have been laying on our backs and kicking
-push off and glide
-pin drop in the deep end
-diving in the big pool*



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