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

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**Term 3** **Week 3** **3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016**

## FUTURE DATES...

### AUGUST

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:30pm Year 6

Graduation Meeting

7:30pm Parent Group  
Meeting

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Meal Deal

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm Assembly

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Voice of Youth School  
Final

## NOTES SENT HOME

### MONDAY

- ❖ Year 3  
Newsletter &  
week of service
- ❖ Year 1  
Excursion  
Australian  
Museum
- ❖ Parent Group  
Meeting Agenda

## NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- ❖ Year 6 Voice of  
Youth
- ❖ Years 4 and 5  
2017 Excursion

Respect

Responsibility

Readiness to

Learn

Dear Parents,

*Last Sunday's Gospel told of the parable of the rich man who had accumulated and hoarded his material wealth while ignoring his relationship with God. In our current society the pressure to acquire material things is often immense. For many the constant striving for more, a better car, a bigger house, a more extravagant holiday means that they do not enjoy the abundant blessings that God has given them. How often do we hear of disputes between families, friends and even countries over money or possessions?*

*In the Gospel Jesus asks us to look beyond material wealth and think of our spiritual well being. Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop is a very good example of someone whose focus was on the spiritual rather than the material. Her call to us to, "Never see a need without doing something about it," is a reminder to focus not on what we have but rather on the needs of others.*

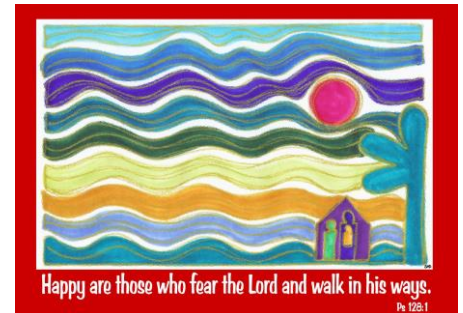
*Next week at Our Lady of Lourdes we will do just that as we undertake our annual Week of Service. It is an opportunity for us to do acts of service for others – to improve our spiritual well being as we look to enacting the corporal works of Mercy to others in the community. Our week will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist at which we will share some of the activities that we have engaged in during the week. I hope that many of you will share this Eucharistic celebration with us.*

*Last Friday night I spent an enjoyable evening at the Trivia Night organised by the Parent Group. The night was filled with talk and laughter as participants tried to work out the answers to the at times very challenging 80's trivia questions. I am sad to report that the staff table didn't win on the night but then, in our defence, half our team wasn't even born in the eighties – I wish I could claim this defence!!*

*A night such as Friday night cannot happen without the work of many. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Clark, Janine Ballment, Gayle Abou Maroun, Mel Sammut and Lisa Buellens particularly for their work in organising the night but also to the other parents who assisted in any way, collecting money, decorating the hall, cleaning up at the end of the night, every little bit helps. The wonderful thing about the night was the sense of community among those present. The money raised will assist the school but the real success of the night was that it provided parents and friends an opportunity to socialise and enjoy each other's company, strengthening the sense of community within our school.*

Kind regards,

**Carol Cividin**



## **GOLD AWARDS**

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	<b>Charlotte</b>
Year 1	<b>Mayanna</b>
Year 2	<b>Enrique</b>
Year 3	<b>Gianni</b>
Year 4	<b>Christian</b>
Year 5	<b>Chloe</b>
Year 6	<b>Amanda</b>



## **IMPORTANT RE DATES**

**8<sup>th</sup> August –12<sup>th</sup> August**

Our Lady of Lourdes, 'Week of Service.'

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

9:15am St Mary Mackillop Mass

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

9:00am The Feast of the Assumption Mass

## **STOMACH BUG**

We have had a large number of students ill with a stomach bug over the last week. If your child is feeling unwell in the morning we ask that you keep them at home to reduce the spread of the bug. Thank you in anticipation.



## **AWARDS**

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards last Friday:



KB	<b>Sophie, Joshua, Vanessa, Evren</b>
KW	<b>Javier, Ada, Maxx, Eva</b>
1B	<b>Moses, Lucas, Piper, Latai, Emma</b>
1W	<b>Ellie, Audrey, YoYo, Georgia, Riley</b>
2B	<b>Isabella, Chelsea, Ranbeer, William, Alby</b>
2W	<b>Mark, Cassandra, Enrique, Erika</b>
3B	<b>Sofia, Angad, Mia, Tristan, George</b>
3W	<b>Awien, Jay, Monu, Harry</b>
4B	<b>Ethan, Khi, Sienna-Rose, Natalie, Ezekiel</b>
4W	<b>Thomas, Christian, Katelyn, Adalina</b>
5B	<b>Sophie, Liz, Diana, Jaylen</b>
5W	<b>Nicholas, Analise, Joanne, Ashiqca</b>
6B	<b>Marc-Antony, Sophia, Alai, Mitchell</b>
6W	<b>Jacinta, Charlotte, Lachlan, Dominic</b>

## **OLOLathon**

This year the school will hold an OLOLathon to raise money for resources for our school. This great event will be held on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, with children organised into multi age country groups, participating in a range of activities. Sponsorship cards will be distributed in coming weeks with the aim of each student gaining \$30 worth of sponsorship. There will be great incentive prizes for those who return their sponsors money quickly and for those who raise more than \$30. There will be a reward of a pizza party for the class which raises the highest amount. We are looking forward to a great day! Watch this space for details.

## **LIBRARY WORKING BEE**

We have recently purchased a number of new books for the library and need assistance to cover these before they can be borrowed by students. Next Monday morning, August 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately after assembly, we will hold a working bee in the library. If you can spare half an hour, or longer, your help would be very much appreciated. We also have some older books that are in need of repair. No need to RSVP just come to the library next Monday. If you have a toddler feel free to bring them with you. All help gratefully received.

## **YEAR 6 GRADUATION COMMITTEE**

The Year 6 graduation committee will meet tonight at 6:30pm in the library meeting room.

## **SCHOOL CENSUS**

Our annual School Census will take place this Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August. If your child(ren) are absent on this day, please inform your child's class teacher in writing as soon as possible.

## THE PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers Reading Challenge will finish on **Friday, 19th August**.

All children in Kindergarten and Year 1 have finished the challenge, and Year 2 are very close! Congratulations to the children from Years 3-6 who have finished the challenge independently.

To add to your child's reading log, search for "PRC NSW" then login using their username and password. (Class teachers have been provided with copies of login details.)



**Save the date:** Book Week Assembly will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. All welcome to attend.

## PARENT GROUP NEWS...

### PARENT GROUP MEETING

The next Parent Group meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Please note the time change for this meeting - 7:30 pm in the library.

### LUNCHTIME SALES

Lunch time sales helper forms went out last week and thank you to those people who have offered to help. We still have a few shifts vacant. If you are able to volunteer your time please complete the form and return to the office ASAP.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

The trivia night was held last Friday night and it was a great night. A huge success and a lot of fun. The Parent Group would like to thank all the people who helped to organize the night, who dressed up and attended, and who helped to set up and pack up after. The support given by parents, friends, teachers and the community is greatly appreciated.

### FATHERS' DAY

Fathers' Day is not too far away and flyers advertising the Fathers' Day events will be coming home soon. Again the Parent Group will be needing help with the Fathers' Day breakfast and stall so if you are able to help please contact one of the parent group members. Or why not come along to the meeting tonight to see how you can help and share your ideas.



## RE NEWS

This term, we will continue our focus on the year of Mercy. Last term we looked at the *Corporal* works of mercy and the students participated in many positive actions and experiences to help others in a tangible way. We are now focusing on the *Spiritual* works of Mercy. The *Spiritual Works of Mercy* are related to a person's feelings or how they may need strength and support. These are presented at the Monday morning Assembly and the year 6 students have been assisting by showing a role play to demonstrate to the students how they can show Mercy to others in their everyday life. You will also see the displays around the school, which remind the children of how they can be the face of Jesus to others.



August the 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop. She holds great significance to our country, being the first Australian saint, but she holds a special place in our school community. We have always followed the values and mission of St Mary Mackillop of "Never see a need without doing something about it". As a result we partake in an annual week of Service, where each grade will do something tangible to help those within our own school or parish community or the wider community. This allows the students to understand the importance of Social Justice and how we can continue the work of Mary Mackillop. The week of service will culminate with a celebration of the life of St Mary Mackillop at a Mass on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. Early Stage One and Stage One will lead us in this Eucharistic celebration. Parents are very welcome to join us.

I take this opportunity to extend our thoughts and prayers to our 3 staff members who have travelled to Poland to the World Youth Day celebrations. They have demonstrated that 'Mercy has a face' and we look forward to their return in the coming weeks and hearing the stories of their spiritual journey.

**Yours in faith**

**Julianne Regan**  
(Acting Religious Education Coordinator)

## *Athletics News*

Finally we got to hold our Athletics Carnival even though it was in modified form. It was a lovely day and we got to run the 100m, 200m and 800m on the day. The shot put was conducted back at school.

Infant students also participated in a mini tabloid carnival back at school.

A huge big thank you to all the parents that gave up their time to be time keepers, starters and human cones, the day wouldn't have happened without you. 😊



### **Congratulations to our 2016 Zone Athletics Team**

**Sophie, Chloe, Caidyn Joel, Zackary, Byron, Kaylee, George, Chelsea, Lilly-Maree, Noah, Erika, Jorjar, Taliah, Dominic, Max, Leah, Ben, Alai, Awien, Jaylen, Ethan, Zahra, Mia, Monu, Aaron, Daniel, Abbie, Jaylen, Harry, Sophie, Irene, Cameron, Gabrielle, Rhys and Mary.**

The Athletics Carnival Winner and Age Champions will be announced at Friday's Assembly. Ribbons for first four place getters will also be distributed on Friday.