



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 3 **Week 4** **10th August, 2016**

FUTURE DATES...

AUGUST

Friday 12th

9:15am St Mary
Mackillop Mass
Rubbish Free Day

Monday 15th

9:00am The Feast of
the Assumption Mass

Tuesday 16th

Maths ICAS
Zone Athletics Carnival

Friday 19th

2:00pm Assembly

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- ❖ Catholic Outlook
- ❖ Maths Information Night
- ❖ Rubbish Free Day
- ❖ In the Know
- ❖ Year 5 Newsletter

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- ❖ ACARA
- ❖ Stage 3 Market Day Note
- ❖ Year 6 Newsletter

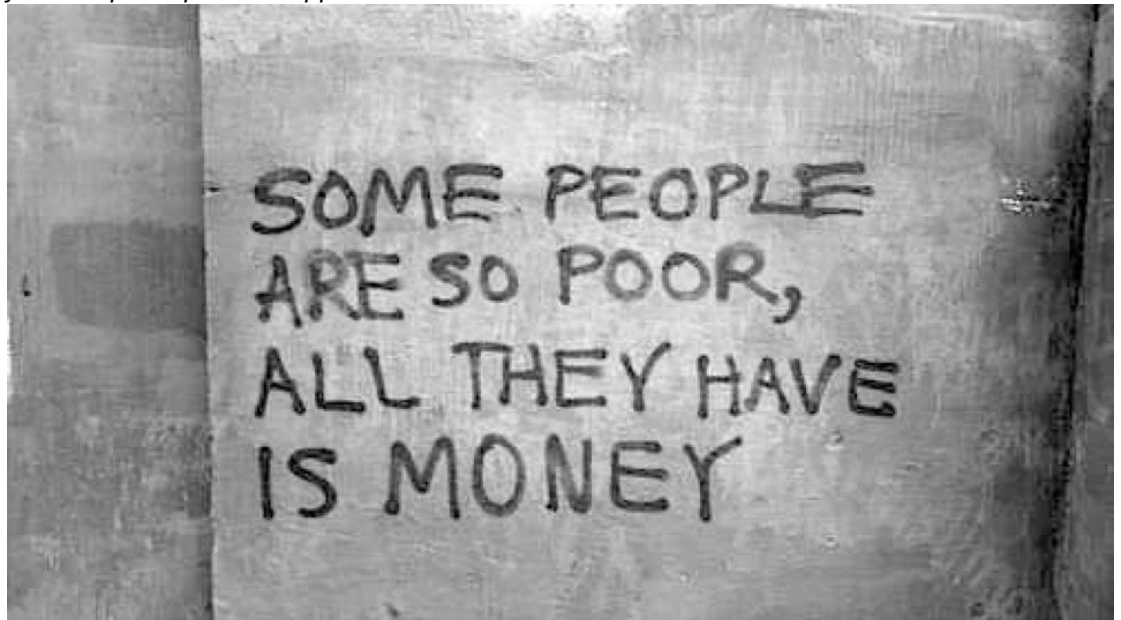
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Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents,

A very big thankyou to Mrs Cividin for all her hard work running the school, whilst I took some family leave to be with my elderly mum. It seems like some fun was had and I'm very pleased to hear that the Parent Group Trivia Night was so successful. The Parent Group really does play an important part in our school, building community but also helping the school. Lunchtime treats, special breakfasts, stalls and meal deals are a great service to the school.

The great work that parents, staff and leadership do at school was recognised today. We had a visit from Sue Walsh, the deputy director of the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta. Sue visited myself and toured around the school, meeting teachers and children.

Our week of service this week is letting our children know that giving to others is the right way to live your life. Last Sunday's Gospel showed the importance of living a good life now and not worrying too much about the future. Sometimes called the parable of the 'rich fool', Jesus told the story of a rich man who had a good harvest and wanted to build bigger storage barns to hold the grain in. That night he died, leaving the world a poor man; poor in character, poor in friendship and poor in happiness.



So, don't worry too much about money and you will be rich in other ways! A great message from Jesus to modern Sydneysiders....

Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold

Award winners:

Year 1	Aaron
Year 2	Lily
Year 3	Angela
Year 4	Ethan
Year 5	Rebecca
Year 6	Macy



LOLathon

With the Rio Olympics well under way it is time to get excited about our own LOLathon. In 4 weeks' time, on September 9th, we will hold this great day with an opening ceremony, lots of fun activities and a movie afternoon to finish. Next week we will send home sponsorship cards to all children to start collecting sponsors for the day. Our target is \$30 for each child, with the money raised to go towards refurbishing the paved area near the carline and making modifications to the Year 5 and 6 rooms. Mark the date in your diary – more details to follow.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards last Friday:



KB	Himika, Alisha, Sophia, William, Isha
KW	Ben, William, Amber, Charlize
1B	Mira, Richard, Lucas, Charlotte, Pavithra
1W	Lavinia, Ziva, Andre, Alannah, Harsimran, Kathryn
2B	Diya, Cai, Amelia, Naveen
2W	Jaylene, Samuel, Mitchell, Jeremy
3B	Jake, Alysse, Jessica, Isabella, Charlize
3W	Catherine, Riley, Lucas, Isaac
4B	Karen, Koby, Giselle, Shany
4W	Irene, Daniel, Ethan, Tessa
5B	Tanisha, Daniel, Alex, Jessica
5W	Grace, Xavier, Jayden, Caidyn Joel
6B	Jacob, Jessica, Kitty, Harry
6W	Aaron, Patricia, Mary, George

NEW JUMPER

At last week's Parent Group meeting the parents voted on the new school jumper. It has been decided that, commencing next year, a poly cotton v-neck jumper will be made available for purchase. We are now in the process of having size samples made up. A reminder that these jumpers will be on an order only basis with pre-payment required. When the size samples become available we will give parents further information.

FATHERS' DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST

On Friday September 2nd we will once again be holding our Fathers' Day breakfast followed by our Fathers' Day Mass. Breakfast will commence at 7:40. Following breakfast fathers and grandfathers are invited to visit the classrooms and view the learning that is happening in each space. Mass will commence at 9:15. Fathers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass. As part of our liturgy there will be a photo reflection at the conclusion of the Mass. Families are invited to email one photo of fathers and their child/children to the school at: OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked "Father's Day Photos". Please note that the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection is 3pm on Friday, August 26th. Please understand that photos sent in after this time cannot be included as the slideshow will be created over the weekend and once created the format prevents any further changes. This is why we have given over two weeks' notice to give families plenty of time to source photos and send them in to avoid any disappointment. We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Dads.



NAPLAN Results

It has been reported in the media that NAPLAN results have been released. At this stage the results have not been distributed to the school. Once the school receives the results they will be passed onto parents as soon as is practicable.

RUBBISH FREE FRIDAY!

On Friday the 12th of August 2016, Stage 2 have organised for the whole school to have a rubbish free day. We ask parents NOT to pack items in children's lunchboxes that have packaging that your child could put into the bin.

The reason why we have organised this day is because on Monday the 25th of July, 2016 Stage 2 went on a excursion to SUEZ Eastern Creek Resource Recovery Centre and learnt why we need to keep our environment clean. Some reasons why we need to keep our environment clean, is we can get sick more easily from a dirty environment, the playground looks much nicer when our environment is clean and we can reduce the amount of waste we produce.

For the past few weeks, Stage 2 have had three bins in their classroom: Food Scraps, Waste and Recycling. We have used them at recess and lunch for our rubbish. Please support Stage Two and the environment by sending minimal packaging with your child to school on Friday at recess and lunch.



Mia Patel and Catherine Holmes

FRIDAY LUNCH SALES:

As this Friday is *Rubbish Free Friday* to help support this the Parent Group will not be selling popcorn and hot chocolates at lunch time thus eliminating even more rubbish from the environment!

LIBRARY WORKING BEE

In so many ways, our school depends upon the help and generosity of parents. Many, many thanks to the group of parents who gave up their time to cover books on Monday - and indeed anytime. With your help, we have added over 300 books to the library collection this year, including 100 on Monday. Thank you!



BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY

Our annual Book Week Assembly will be held on Monday 22nd August at 9:10 am in the hall. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book and will parade around the hall as part of the assembly. In Library lessons we have been learning how to write like award-winning authors so there will also be some amazing stories to share.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The PRC finishes on Friday 19th August. So far 170 children have completed the challenge including all of Kindergarten and Year One. Books can be added to your child's reading record by logging into the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

See your child's classroom teacher if you need to know your child's login details.

MATHS IS FUN

Spotlight on fractions

Fractions are a maths topic that is very relevant to everyday life. We use our knowledge of fractions to solve problems and make decisions all the time.

Support your child by using mathematical language to talk about fractions.

Here are some maths language terms that your child will be using at school:

Fraction – any part of a whole, a group or a number.

Numerator – showing the number of parts of the whole. $\frac{3}{5}$

Denominator – the number of parts the whole is divided into. $\frac{3}{5}$

Proper fraction – numerator is less than the denominator. $\frac{3}{4}$

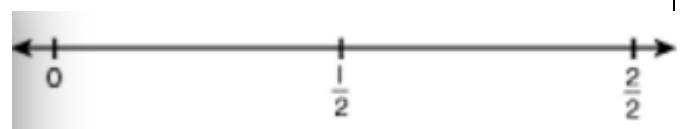
Improper fraction – numerator is greater than or equal to the denominator. $\frac{3}{2}$

Equivalent fraction – fractions that have the same value or amount. $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{6}$, $\frac{4}{8}$

Mixed numbers – a whole number and a fraction. $2\frac{3}{4}$

As children learn about fractions, they gain new mathematical skills:

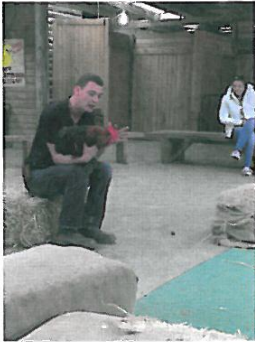
Children begin by learning that there are many numbers between whole numbers. A number line is an effective model to start with.



Farmer for a day!

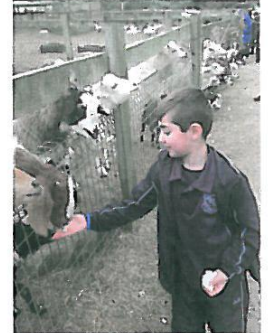


After gathering all the information we knew about farms we wrote a great list of inquiry questions to ask the farmer. We wanted to know all about the animals- what they eat- and where they live. Armed with these questions we set off to a local, working farm. What better way to satisfy our curiosities than experiencing the farm for ourselves!



With great *excitement* we started our day by learning the features of animals and observing baby animals on the farm. The farm shed was buzzing with questions and ideas of what each feature of the animal may be named. A few tricky questions were fired at us but our knowing minds returned keen investigator answers. Did you know? The top of roosters head, the spikes is called a 'comb' and when a rooster is sick the comb changes colour to alert the farmer. *How amazing!*

Next it was time to do some real farm work and feed the hungry animals their morning tea. The lambs, deers, lamas, kids, alpacas and goat were very hungry. They were snatching the food out of our hands! A few little farmers were nervous to begin but quickly overcame their concerns and got to work!



Our work was far from over, next we had to milk the cow, as the farmer does this a few times a day. We tried the old fashioned way and used our hands before watching the modern, fast way of using a machine. We quickly decided the machine was much quicker than our method.



Our last job, to finish our busy day was to give the kid's, the baby goats their bottle. This job made many smiles and lots of satisfied Kids. This piece of documentation shows hands on workers, keen investigators and children who are passionate to inquire and explore their curiosity. Our day at the farm was a rich learning experience that provided great discussions with fervent excitement. It was a fantastic learning opportunity that left many exhausted on the bus ride home.



