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Changing World

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

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**Term 3** **Week 5** **17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

## FUTURE DATES...

### AUGUST

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Voice of Youth Cluster

Final at Lalor Park

2:00pm Assembly

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:10am Book Week

Assembly

### NO NOTES SENT

### HOME MONDAY

### NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- ❖ OLOLathon  
Note and  
Sponsor Card
- ❖ Fathers' Day  
Stall and  
Breakfast
- ❖ Year 2  
Excursion
- ❖ Years 4 to 6  
Parish Youth  
Group
- ❖ Years 3 and 5  
NAPLAN

Respect  
Responsibility  
Readiness to  
Learn

Dear Parents,

NAPLAN results go home with Year 3 and Year 5 today. Each year it seems that more and more publicity is given to these results through the media and perhaps not coincidentally, each year there seems to be more anxiety from parents about the results.

When you look at your child's results there are a few things to keep in mind:

Particularly with Year 3, it is very tricky to get an accurate result as it is the first time that the children encounter a serious test. The teachers report that the children get very nervous. Therefore it's very important to take the results along with the results of other assessments. MAI gives a good indication of how the children are progressing and where they are with their Mathematics and the assessment compares children from many different Australian schools.

NAPLAN was taken at the beginning of the year and much learning has happened since that time. So the results are a snapshot of where your child was at on that day. Again, MAI connectors were given to all of the children in the school at the end of last term and the teacher will have up to date information on your child's progress.

The school is able to see how well our children grow between Year 3 and Year 5 and Year 5 and Year 7. These measures show just how well the school goes in developing the learning of each child and particularly on this measure we do very well. I often say how proud I am of our teachers and the outstanding job they do each day, caring for the children and their learning. One of the ways they do this is by constantly striving to improve their practice. This is seen through our NAPLAN results as we use our NAPLAN results, along with MAI and many other assessments as a guide to the direction the school takes to improve learning.

I urge you to contact your child's teacher if you are concerned with any aspect of NAPLAN. Mrs Cividin and myself would also be only too happy to talk to you about this.

## EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day  
can make a difference



Each day's learning builds  
on what has been learnt before



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten  
It's where good habits begin



Kind regards,  
Lesley Studans

## VOICE OF YOUTH

Congratulations to our Voice of Youth winners who will represent Our Lady of Lourdes at the cluster final at St Bernadette's, Lalor Park, this Friday.

*Leah* Greyhound Racing  
*Jackson* - Life and Soccer  
*Kitty* Little Brothers  
*Jaylen* (reserve) Bullying



## BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY

Our annual Book Week Assembly will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 9:10am 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.

## FATHERS' DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST

On Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will once again be holding our Fathers' Day breakfast followed by our Fathers' Day Mass. Breakfast will commence at 7:40am. 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 9:15am. 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](mailto:OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au) marked "Fathers' 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.

## THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge will finish this **Friday, 19th August**.

To add to your child's reading log, search for "PRC NSW" then log in using their username and password.



## SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees are due by Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should be under an arrangement.

If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please contact Mrs Monique Kearins on 9622 7216.

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Closed from 10:40am to 11:00am) 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.

## ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

The results from our school carnival are:

8 years	<i>Rhys</i>	<i>Awien</i>
9 years	<i>Zak</i>	<i>Mia</i>
10 years	<i>Byron</i>	<i>Sophie</i>
11 years	<i>Jaylen</i>	<i>Alai</i>
12 years	<i>Harry</i>	<i>Mary</i>

Senior Champion 11 & 12	<i>Harry</i>
Junior Champion 8, 9 & 10	<i>Rhys</i>
House Winner	Blue 227      Green 198 Red 165      Yellow 148

## SPORTSMHIP AWARDS

Kindergarten

*Nathan & Sophia*

Year 1

*Dominic & Madeleine*

Year 2

*Mitchell & Alanis*

8 year

*Gianni & Dorianna*

9 Year

*Juan & Jessie*

10 Year

*Sienna-Rose & Christian*

11 Year

*Jacob & Jacinta*

12 Year

*Victor & Jayda- Leigh*



## SPRING FAIR

### ST ANTHONY'S GIRRAWEEEN

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

Chocolate wheel, cakes, gift baskets, food, rides, markets, silent auction, kids' corner and face painting

## **PARENT GROUP NEWS...**

The Parent Group would like to advise that Aisling Sethi has resigned as treasurer of the Parent Group. We would like to thank Aisling for all her outstanding work during her time as treasurer. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Gayle Abou-Maroun has kindly offered to take over the treasurer's role. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gayle and warmly welcome her to the team.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS...**

### **WALK AND SUPPORT DEBRA PRICE**

Many of you will know the parish secretary, Debra Price who sadly was diagnosed with terminal cancer a few months ago. As a show of solidarity to Debra and her family, and in order to help support them

financially, we are holding a community event on 25<sup>th</sup> September after Mass. We invite you and your family to join Debra and the



community to walk from the church to Grantham Reserve and back and then join in a sausage sizzle afterwards. This is a symbol to show Debra our support in walking part of the journey with her. Registration will be available after all weekend Masses in September or at the Parish Office from 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and is \$10 per person or \$25 per family, which includes the sausage sizzle and a drink. You will be given a sponsorship card with registration so you or your family can also get sponsors for the walk. Those who are unable to walk are welcome to join in the sausage sizzle.

We will also be holding a giant garage sale on the same day in the hall. Donations of items in good condition for the garage sale would be appreciated. No books, clothes or used electrical appliances thank you. If you are able to help with sorting or manning the garage sale or at points around the walking track, please email, text or call Alison. 0417 020 710 [punch123@optusnet.com.au](mailto:punch123@optusnet.com.au). Thank you for supporting Debra.

## **Out and About**



**Over the next few weeks we have a number of exciting events happening at Our Lady of Lourdes.**

**Next Monday we have our annual Book Week assembly and activity day. Students and teachers alike get into the spirit of the day by dressing as their favourite book character. There is an assembly, where our short listed books are introduced and of course the children (and teachers) participate in a parade showing off their creative and often quirky costumes. Following the assembly, students will then participate in book related activities within their classrooms, followed in the afternoon by cross grade book related trivia. This year, throughout the week, we will also have featured authors chosen from our own student population, who will read their stories over the PA system after lunch each day. Our congratulations to the following children on their excellent writing, which they will share with the rest of the school.**

**Amber, Kindergarten;  
Andre, Year 1; Cassandra, Year 2; Makayla Year 3; EJ Year 4; Daniel, Year 5 and Mikayla and George, Year 6.**

**Accompanying today's newsletter are the sponsorship forms for the OLOLathon that will be held in Week 8. This year we are aiming to raise funds to refurbish the paved area near the carline and also to modify the Year 5 and Year 6 learning space. Apart from raising funds this is also an opportunity for students, staff and parents to participate in a fun, activity filled day.**

**On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September we have a Maths Parent meeting. This meeting will provide parents with practical strategies to assist their children with Maths and give an insight into the way Mathematics is taught at OLOL. I am sure that it will be a very informative and worthwhile evening. A note with details was sent home last week. We hope to see many parents on the night – there will even be something practical to take home.**

***Carol Cividin  
Assistant Principal***





**Kindergarten singing for the Over 50's**



**Year 2 playing games with the Over 50's**



**Year 1 weeding the gardens in the school**

**Week**

**of**

**Service**

**CONGRATULATIONS OUR LADY OF LOURDES. THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY AND ACTIONS, YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.**



**Year 3 creating care packages including socks and scarves to donate to the homeless**



**Year 4 making cards for the elderly, for a local Retirement Village**



**Year 5 making Activity packs for the children in hospital**



**Year 6 reading to the children at a local pre-school**

**"Never see a need without doing something about it"**

**Mary Mackillop**