



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 6

1st June, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

JUNE

Thursday 2nd

Year 2 Powerhouse
Excursion

Year 6 Cake Stall

Friday 3rd

2:00pm Assembly

Wednesday 8th

7:00pm Parent Group
Meeting

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- ❖ Stage 3 Boys' Soccer
- ❖ Years 4-6 Australian Girls' Choir
- ❖ Year 6 Fundraising Cake Stall

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- ❖ Stage 3 Australian Catholics
- ❖ Year 5 Cyber Safety

Respect

Responsibility

Readiness to

Learn

Dear Parents

The cold weather is finally here. At school we like to warm up the learning!

~ Warm up with a walk- Year 1 have been exploring the local community to learn about our local history

~ Warm up with sport- AFL clinics for Stages 2 and 3, Rugby League Gala Day, Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

~ Warm up with a trip to the city- Year 2 will be tired tomorrow night after their big day at the Powerhouse Museum

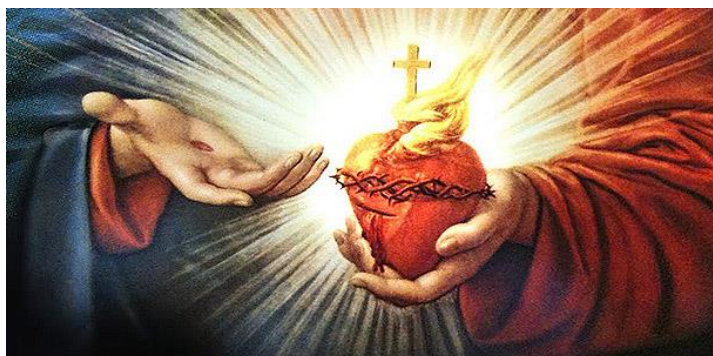


And of course we always warm up our hearts:

~ with the love of Jesus, symbolised by the image of the sacred heart.

~ by practising acts of Mercy. This week we are focusing on collecting food to make hampers for the hungry for the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal.

~ through prayer. Assembly on Friday will have a special prayer for the Feast of the Sacred Heart when Miss Bentley will present the hampers to a representative of our parish St Vincent de Paul society



With warm regards,

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Mark
Year 1	Latai
Year 2	Diya
Year 3	Thomas
Year 4	Yasin
Year 5	Diana
Year 6	Victor



Change of Travel Routine

A reminder that should the details of your child's travel to and from school change, you need to let the class teacher know in writing.

Only emergency changes to any normal routines should be phoned to the school office.



Lost property

Please check your child's uniform to ensure that they have not accidentally picked up another student's clothing. All belongings should be clearly marked with the child's name.

ICAS WRITING- CHANGE OF DATE

The ICAS Writing Competition will now take place on Friday 17th June.

This Week's Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed the Hungry (ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS)

For two weeks we are focusing on 'Feed the Hungry' as our corporal work of mercy. Our action for these two weeks is to create class hampers of winter food items which will be used by the Society to help those in need. The children have been asked for a donation of a non-perishable food item for the class hamper. The hampers will be presented to a representative from the Society at the Sacred Heart of Jesus liturgy this Friday. Thank you for your support of this appeal.



YEAR 6 CAKE STALL

Tomorrow, Year 6 will be holding a cake stall at recess to help raise funds for the Year 6 graduation and disco. There will be lots of yummy cakes, biscuits and slices for sale at recess with prices starting from 50c.



WE NEED GLASS JARS!

During Library lessons, Stage 3 are about to start growing crystals. To do this, we need lots of large, clean glass jars. If you have any to spare, please place them in the box just inside the Library.

Thanks. Mrs Biskupic and Stage 3

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.

If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Monique Kearins 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.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES COMMUNICATION

Parents are reminded that teachers are always available to discuss any area of grievance provided an appointment time has been established through the Office Staff or a note given to the teacher from the student. Please remember the first point of contact should be with the Class Teacher. If there is still a point of issue then please follow the school guidelines which outline the avenues of communication to follow. The Teacher, the Stage Coordinator, The Assistant Principal, The Principal to the Diocesan Office where there is also an order of avenues to follow.

UNIFORMS

If you are unsure of the size needed please make an appointment for Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon at:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

code **XVQUU**.

Alternatively if you are sure of the sizes required you can complete an order form and return it to the school office with payment. Forms can be downloaded from the school website.



NUT FREE POLICY

A reminder that OLOL is a nut free school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate nut spreads such as Nutella and nuts as snacks. As we have a number of children with life threatening food allergies we also have a policy of not sharing food with friends. Thank you for supporting all within our school community.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Are your contact numbers during school hours up-to-date? If these have changed recently, could you please let the office know.



MEDICATION

Any children requiring medication during the day need to bring their medication to the office with a note stating the dosage and time to be taken. No child is to keep medication in their school bag or the classroom.

PARENT GROUP NEWS...

THANK YOU

The Parent Group would like to thank all the people who generously donated their time to help with the meal deal last Friday. It was a great success and your assistance is very much appreciated.



AGENDA ITEMS

The next Parent Group meeting is on Wednesday, 8th June. If you would like anything to be discussed, please email these to Ololpg@hotmail.com as agenda items.

THE NEWS IN RE

We are now half way through the term and it is becoming clear that the children are gaining a clearer understanding of the year of mercy and the corporal works of mercy. It has been wonderful to see the children actively participate and engage in the actions and social justice initiatives linked to each of the works of mercy covered so far. When we are consciously making a decision to help and care for another person, particularly the poor and downtrodden, we are demonstrating God's love and mercy for all.

So far we have begun to collect money through the mercy box to give drink to the thirsty in East Timor (this is a year-long social justice initiative), 179 cards have been made to comfort the sick in local nursing homes, Blacktown hospital and the Children's hospital at Westmead and we have donated food to create winter hampers to feed the hungry families who are struggling to make ends meet in our local area. These hampers will be presented to a representative of St. Vincent De Paul Society from our Parish on Friday.

Next week we will shift our attention to the corporal work bury the dead. Each day, the children will pray a short prayer before the Angelus at 12pm for those who have passed away. All members of our community are welcome to join us in praying for the deceased throughout the week. Each day will focus on a particular group of people:

Monday- for those who have died due to war

Tuesday- for those who have died due to poverty and natural disasters

Wednesday- for relatives and friends who have died

Thursday- for those who have died without family or friends

Friday- for the saints

In addition to our daily prayer, each prayer space within the classrooms will have a memory box for students to place items or photos to remember those who have passed away. The item or photo may be connected to a family member or friend, or it may be something that reminds them of one of the groups of people who we are praying for during the week.

Thank you for your continued support in these Year of Mercy activities.

Amanda Bentley REC

Curriculum Conversations – Stage 3

Stage 3 have been working very hard throughout the term. The learning is engaging and diverse. Take a look of some of the great things that have been happening.

Writing

The students wrote some great imaginative pieces in response to our whole school writing stimulus. Here is an excerpt from Mikayla's piece entitled:

The Curious Incident of the Poppy and the Soldier

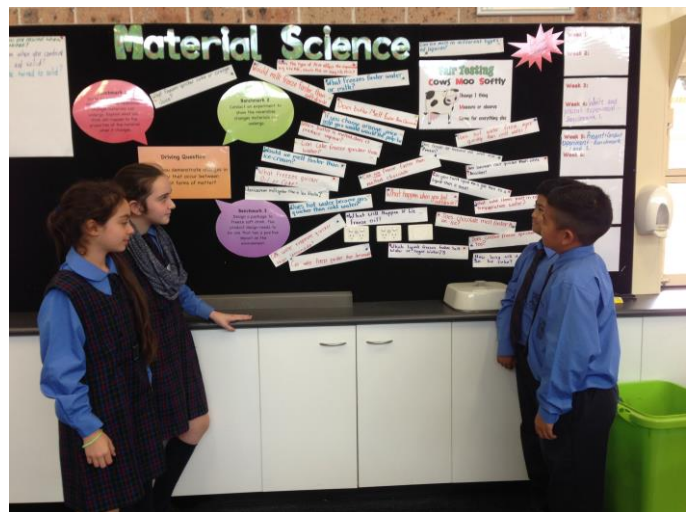
.....Edward places his poppy in an old ration tin filled with water. It looks so perfect compared to this land of sorrow. He rolls out his blanket, takes off his hat and boots and places his rifle and trumpet in an old chest where he keeps all his belongings from home. Edward lies down and tries to block out the muffled sounds of war. The young boy silently wishes to be home, on his parents chicken farm. At that moment he was sure that they were wishing for the exact same thing.....



Project Based Learning

This term the PBL unit in Stage 3 has been focused around science. We have been exploring the question *“How can you demonstrate changes in properties that occur between different forms of matter”*

Many experiments have been conducted and interesting observations made.



Chelsea 5B
“I have learned that when you heat water, a liquid, a gas forms and evaporates and you end up with less liquid.”

Melvin 5B
“I have learned that when you freeze a liquid it turns into a solid. When you apply heat energy to the solid it changes back into a liquid.”

Grace 5W
“When I put coffee into water I discovered that over time the coffee dissolved.”

Nicholas 5W

“We learnt about making a fair science test. Cows Moo Softly. When conducting a fair test you - Change one thing. Measure or observe and the Same for everything else.”