



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 6

16th November, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 22nd

Book Club Orders
Due

Wednesday 23rd

9:00am-10:30am

Group 1 2017

Kindergarten

Orientation

DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th

Parent Thank you

Morning tea

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- Year 6
Graduation
- Years 4 & 5
2017 Hillend
Excursion

NOTES SENT HOME

TODAY

- MAI
appointments
- Book Club

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday Miss Bentley represented our school community at the closing of the Jubilee of Mercy Holy Door and the conclusion of the Way of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This event precedes the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy this Sunday, November 20th which is echoed not only around Australia but around the world.

Throughout this Jubilee Year of Mercy we have been called to be Merciful like the Father. Miss Bentley has guided our school community to become more familiar with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and to reflect on ways in which we may practically live these. Our own Mercy doors and our Mercy collage are reminders of this.

The conclusion of the Jubilee Year does not mean that we abandon our attempts to enact these works of Mercy in our day to day lives. In fact, in contrast, having had practical examples of how we can put these Works of Mercy into action, the burden is on each of us to extend God's Mercy and compassion to those in need. Whether this need be physical and material or emotional and spiritual.

It is important that we, as adults, provide this example to our children. If we are not compassionate, if we do not forgive, if we do not help those less fortunate than ourselves then how can we expect our children to act differently?

As we move towards the season of Advent and the beautiful celebration of the birth of Christ let us take time to reflect – have we really made a change? Have we taken every opportunity to be "Merciful like the Father" so that our children can see that the impact of Jubilee Year extends far beyond the year itself and deep into our lives.

Kind regards,

Carol Cividin

Acting Principal



GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Tia
Year 1	Aiden
Year 2	Samuel
Year 3	Jay
Year 4	Kondaliza
Year 5	Tiana
Year 6	Aaron



Executive Director Summer Reading Challenge

How to enter: It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or



less why they loved it. Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis.

Entries opened on 7 November 2016 and close at 5pm on 7 February 2016. Terms and Conditions can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mikayla in Year 6 who has been selected as a finalist in the Blacktown Mayoral 2016 Creative Writing competition. Mikayla's piece titled 'The Curious Incident of the Poppy and the Soldier' was written in response to our Term 2 whole school writing stimulus of the tent. Mikayla will attend a special award ceremony at the Max Webber Library on Friday November 25th. Good luck Mikayla – another "Awesome Author" in our midst.

ASSEMBLY CHANGE OF TIME

The Assembly on Friday 2nd December will be at 8:40am and **not** 2:00pm.

MERCY BOXES

As the Year of Mercy draws to a close, could all Mercy Boxes please be returned to either the School or Parish Office as soon as possible so that the money can be sent to East Timor. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 2 FAMILY MASS SUNDAY 27th November

The families of Year 2 will lead the **Family Mass on Sunday the 27th November at 9:30 a.m.**

Year 2 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.



WELCOME

Today we welcomed the first group of 2017 Kindergarten students to our school. The Kindergarten teachers reported that the children enjoyed their morning while their parents listened to a presentation by Mrs Cividin in the library. At the end of the morning parents shared a book with their children. Our orientation program continues for the next two Wednesdays.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Advanced notice that this year we are changing the format for the Christmas concert slightly. We are encouraging families to bring a picnic to share rather than having a sausage sizzle. This has worked well for our Family Dance evening at the beginning of the year and eliminates wastage in the event of wet weather. So bring along a hamper with your favourite picnic food and enjoy the "ambience" of the playground as well as our Christmas concert.



UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

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

Please note that extra times and days have been made available, including dates in January before school resumes



PARENT GROUP NEWS...

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Please note the viewing date for Family Portrait's has changed to Thursday, November 24, between 2:00pm - 6:30pm. If you have not yet confirmed a booking time to view your portraits please contact the photographer directly on 0403 535 185.



PARENT GROUP MEETING

Our next Parent Group meeting will be held next Wednesday, 23 November, if you have any agenda items, please forward them to ololpg@hotmail.com or contact any of the Parent Group members.

SLICE DRIVE

Reminder to get those orders for the slice drive, great Christmas gifts. Order forms and money are due back by Wednesday, 23rd November. For further details, contact Theresa Sultana.



The News in RE



Last term, students from Years 4 and 6 participated in the Religious Literacy Assessment. Although teachers are continually assessing students' learning in religious literacy, Term 3 is a significant time in the school year for the students in Years 4 and 6 as they participate in a Diocesan Assessment of their religious literacy.

Developing religious literacy is the focus of teaching and learning in the Key Learning Area of Religious Education (RE) from Kindergarten to Year 6, throughout the entire school year. To be religiously literate requires children within a Catholic primary school to be able to communicate with and be at home in Catholic society and with religion in general in an increasingly multicultural society. Our children will grow to live and work, learn and serve with people of differing cultures, Christian traditions, world religions and other people of good will. If they are religiously literate, they will be able to communicate and cooperate with other citizens to create a more just and compassionate society.

The students in Year 4 completed a variety of learning tasks related to their unit of work: *God's forgiveness and healing*, which looked in depth at the sacrament of Reconciliation. Their achievement in completing these tasks were formally assessed and they also completed an online assessment featuring multiple choice questions which focused on the students' knowledge and understanding of the key concepts that have been addressed in their Catholic education thus far. The on-line questions were taken from each of the seven strands found in the *Sharing Our Story K-6 Syllabus*. They are: God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. Year 6 students also participated in the on-line assessment. The results that have been sent home this week for Year 6 measure their growth in understanding these seven strands from Year 4.

The results from the Religious Literacy Assessment for Years 4 and 6 will be sent home today.

Miss Amanda Bentley
Religious Education Coordinator

STAGE 1 LEARNING

Year 1 went on an excursion to Collaroy beach and Long Reef Rock Platform as part of our integrated unit of how Australia is Unique. The children explored this by looking at what Australia is worldly known for - our never ending coastlines. We walked up to the top of the lookout where we saw some whales and a view of the northern beaches. We also made some sea animals in the sand and ended the day with an animal catch where we caught some octopus, fish, sea snails and more in the rock pools.



Last Tuesday the 8th of November, Year 2 had the opportunity to participate in the 'Build a Mind' incursion in the school hall. The children were highly engaged, as they worked through design and make tasks to use push and pull forces for a car launcher and a merry-go-round. They had loads of fun!

