



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 7

7 June 2017

FUTURE DATES...

Friday 9 June

- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 13 June

- ICAS writing

Thursday 15 June

- Wakakirri Prop making school library from 3pm

Friday 23 June

- Pizza meal deal

Thursday 29 June

- Dance Fever Interschool Dance competition

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- Spring Fair Flyer

NOTES SENT TODAY

- Year 2 incursion note

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

"Together We can Do Heroic Things"

Last Monday at assembly and in sessions throughout the day the children had the opportunity to listen to a presentation from Courtney a Youth Representative from St Vincent de Paul as an introduction to the Vinnies Winter Appeal 2017. The theme of this year's appeal is "Together We Can Do Heroic Things."

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20 year old student named Frederic Ozanam in 1833. It was established by like minded individuals who wished to put their faith into action.

This compassionate outlook, enthusiasm and vision continues today in Australia. There are thousands of people who every day share their time, care for humanity and energy to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people all around Australia.

The St Vincent de Paul Society live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand up" to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

This winter Our Lady of Lourdes will also put our faith into action by supporting the Vinnies Winter Appeal. It is important that the children are grateful for their own blessings in their lives and develop a sense of social justice to reach out those less fortunate than themselves. More details of how we can support this important appeal will come in the following weeks.



The hand of Christ blesses the cup



The hand of love offers the cup



The hand of suffering receives the cup

God Bless
Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Pearl Grover
Year 1	Anika Thakur
Year 2	Pranuti Saisriraam
Year 3	Philip Park
Year 4	Thomas Fahey
Year 5	Fletcher Kendall
Year 6	Sophie Albion



Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at last Friday's Assembly:

KB	Johnathan Awkar, Aaliyah Gray, Lachlan Greentree, Nathan Smith
KW	Jesicca Walia, Johnathan Sant, Anita Nguyen, Avleen Singh
1B	Alisha Sharma, Rushil George, Himika Chantapatla, Riley Dobbie
1W	Brodie Holley, Jack Burns, Sophia Pearce, Ashton McLoynes
2B	Emily Essex, Clarisse Tuanqui, Mayanna Watts
2W	Kyra Witjaksono, Cameron Fahey, Alexandra Kostis, Pranuti Saisriraam
3B	Janet Aya, Amelia Herczeg, Wyatt Hornyak, Jayden Leota
3W	Nikita Krzeminski, George Gatt, Cai Marshall, Jesseline Franco
4W	Rhys Webster, Gianni Trimboli, Lily Kwiecien, Avneet Kaur, Nicholas Wang
5B	Sanmeet Brar, Ethan Ballment, Arzaan Netto, Irene Suryatho
5W	Kondaliza Azrag, Byron Aspin, Khi Dickson, Joshua Herczeg
6B	Noah Ebb, Analise Cortis, Myra Talauta, Annelise Gonzalez
6W	Alex Timpanaro, Liz Sager, Tanisha Ramachandran, James Layoun



Book Fair - Two Weeks to Go!!

Our annual school book fair will take place from Friday June 23rd until Wednesday June 28th. During that time the library will be open before and after school as well as at lunchtime and during the parent/teacher interviews, to allow children and parents to purchase quality books. The Book Fair also assists the school in that the school receives a commission from each sale which then can be used to purchase resources for our library. A flyer advertising the fair will be sent home in coming weeks. If any parents have any queries in relation to the Book Fair please see Mrs Cividin.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

No orders for Scholastic Book club will be accepted after Thursday 8th June.

Staff Development Day

A reminder that our next Staff Development Day will be this Friday 9th June. There will be no staff supervision on this day. Please contact Tania at OOSH on 9676 7293 to make arrangements for your child/children to attend on this day.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2018, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.



Congratulations to Rianna Patrabanash who has been selected for the Australian Girls Choir 2017 National Tour at the end of this month.

TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

In recent weeks our staff have been engaged in many hours of professional learning. This includes a 3 hour twilight meeting updating our First Aid qualifications. Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers attending the Stage 2/3 Reading course and Stage 3 teachers attending the Geometric Reasoning Course. In addition to this work teachers at OLOL gather each week in professional learning meetings focussed on our school goals. This professional learning continues this Friday at our Staff Development Day with our learning focussed on a greater understanding of how we can more intentionally assist students to improve in their ability to consistently craft well structured texts. With all teacher professional learning we are always focussed on what this means in the classroom and how we can improve student outcomes. The professional conversation and learning that takes place is amazing! Our staff are certainly committed to learning.

In addition to this I was fortunate to attend the Australian Catholic Principals Association Biennial Conference over three days last fortnight. The conference brought together Catholic School Principals from around NSW with international presenters speaking around Pope Francis' challenge from Laudato Si, Care for Our Common Home. Speakers included Cardinal John Dew, Bishop Edwards, Dr Pasi Sahlberg, Dr Pak Tee, Prof Stephen Dinham, Prof Chris Sarra and Prof Louise Stoll.

UNIFORMS

All uniforms can be purchased from the school uniform shop. Appointments can be made on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

To make an appointment go

to www.schoolinterviews.com.au code:vhek4

Alternatively, if you know 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. Uniforms will be sent home by the end of the week. Please contact Aida Almeida if you require any further assistance. Thankyou.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & EMAILS

Fortnightly newsletters via email will commence at the beginning of Term 3, 2017. Newsletters will also be made available via Skoolbag. We will be using electronic facilities to notify parents more and more rather than via paper. At this time all excursions and notes that require a reply slip will still continue to be sent home via your child. Other information notes ie: Grade overviews, Parent Group notices etc, will be sent via your nominated e-mail account setup on the school website in E-News Subscription.

Student Illness

With the change of weather we are have seen a rise in illness among students. Whilst we encourage student attendance it is also important that students who are unwell are not sent to school as this increases the spread of illness and exacerbates the problem. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



DANCE FEVER INTERSCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION – THURSDAY 29th JUNE, 2017 AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK DRESS CODE

FORMAL DANCE – BOYS - long black trousers and collared shirt. Many boys like to borrow a tie or bow tie from Dad.

GIRLS- It is preferred that girls wear dresses or skirts. Shoes for girls need to be a sandal style shoe with or without a small heel.

HIP-HOP DANCE

BOYS: navy summer school shorts, **WHITE** short sleeved collared buttoned shirt, their school tie, navy knee high socks, black or navy suspenders, their school cap and black school shoes.

GIRLS: **WHITE** short sleeved collared button shirt, their winter school tunic, their winter tab, white socks, black school shoes and have either a **WHITE** scrunchie, head band or ribbon in their hair.

Vinnies Talk 5th June 2017 – by Year Six

On Monday the 5th of June, Courtney from Saint Vincent de Paul came to Our Lady of Lourdes to give a talk on their Winter appeal. She talked about what we can do as a school to help them with the appeal. Saint Vincent de Paul was started by a man named Frédéric Ozanam who did a 'knock and run' on people's doors and gave them fire wood. One day he said "Maybe I should talk to these people," and when he did he made their day. That's how the Saint Vincent de Paul Society started.

Once we had learned who had started Saint Vincent de Paul we brainstormed what we like about winter. Some said Hot Chocolate and some said snuggling up in their warm beds. Some people also said that they also love to the snow. But there are over 105,237 people experiencing homelessness in Australia. This equals to 1 in 200 Australian and has increased by 2006 by 17%.

Our mission is to help those who are doing it tough this winter so we are making hampers and are giving them to St Vinnies.

By Jessica, Seth and Jayden

Year 6

RE NEWS



On Monday the students of our school were very fortunate to have the opportunity to listen to a presentation from Mrs Courtney Deighton, a Youth Representative from St Vincent de Paul Society. She spoke to the children about the plight of some families and the struggles and challenges that they may face. So many of our children were shocked to hear that over 2.9 million people in Australia live below the poverty line and out of that number over 731,000 are children under the age of 15.

As you know, our school mission goal is to try to become the 'living body of Christ' and one way that we can do that is to reach out to those more needy than ourselves. A social justice campaign that we are supporting is the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

This year, to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal, we have decided to make a "Heart of Cans". This means that we will be asking each child to donate a can of food to help out those who may be struggling this Winter. It might be a can of soup, spaghetti, beans, salmon, tuna, vegetables..... The children can bring in the can/s of food and leave it in their classroom donation basket. On Friday June 23 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a Mass at 9.15am and at the conclusion of the Mass, all children and families will be invited to move to the school hall where the children will have the opportunity of offering their donation of canned food to our 'heart'. This will be a time for us all to think about the deep love and compassion that Jesus had for all people, especially the poor and suffering in our world. It is a time for us to ask God to help us to love like Jesus and to be more generous and kind in our loving.

Janelle Bawden – Religion Education Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION STORY

To begin our new History unit we went on an excursion to Rouse Hill Farm to meet the Muru Mittigar Community. We set off to gain field knowledge in order to investigate our inquiry question 'What is my family story?'. In great excitement we boarded the bus, with energy levels buzzing and curious minds in over drive- our long awaited day had begun! Once we arrived we were greeted by the Muru Mittigar people and got straight into our research and learning for the day.



Our first lesson was to throw a boomerang and to learn how the Aboriginal people used them to hunt food. We listened in silence as the boomerang whistled through the air- a technique used to scare birds into trees in order to capture them. In amazement we watched the boomerang fly around in a circle and return to its sender. Next was our turn. All students threw the boomerang in hope it would come back but were all cheered and encouraged by peers. Many of us surprised ourselves with the boomerang making a U-turn to return.



Following this we walked through the garden on a bush tucker walk. Our guide informed us of all the bush tucker around us and the many uses one plant can have. We were amazed to learn that some plants act as super glue, other plants can work like soap to clean our bodies. While some plants can take the air out of small puddles to make it very easy to catch fish. Another very small plant's leaves can be used to sand tools and sharpen spears. Our guide explained that a special Golden Spider's web can be used to heal deep cuts when medical treatment was not possible. We couldn't believe that the many plants in our environment could have so many uses while still looking beautiful.



Next we went into the education centre and got up and close to many Aboriginal artifacts. We were lucky enough to hold boomerangs, touch possum and kangaroo fur, nurse wooden carved gathering baskets, play the clapping stick carved from bark and some boys even got to play the didgeridoo. We listened intently as we were told dreamtime stories and heard animal noises being recreated on the didgeridoo. What an experience!

The last thing of the day was to paint our own Aboriginal inspired story. We learnt about the Aboriginal symbols of many tribes and observed stunning Aboriginal art before becoming artist ourselves. Following this we waited patiently to get our faces painted with rock paint. Even though it was cold, tickly paint the end result was well worth it. The overall experience of the day was fantastic. We discovered lots, asked many questions, learnt about a world other than our own and left with many great questions to research back at school during Investigations. This unit of work has only just begun.

