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

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Term 3

Week 8

7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

## FUTURE DATES...

### SEPTEMBER

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

OLOLathon

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Staff Development  
Day

No Students at  
School

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:15am Farewell  
Mass and Morning  
Tea for Mrs Studans

## NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- Swimming Program
- Years 1, 2 & 3 Head Lice
- OLOLATHON Update

## NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Catholic Outlook

Respect  
Responsibility  
Readiness to  
Learn

Dear Parents,

*This week the Catholic Church will have a new saint: St Teresa.*



*Catholics look to their saints for inspiration that's why when we are confirmed we take a saint's name as part of our own name. Saints are not always perfect, but struggle through their imperfections to live a life of love as Jesus showed us to do.*

*St Teresa, often known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who only died in 1997, was known for her work with the poor in India, caring for those who were unloved and unwanted, giving them a dignified death.*

*She highlighted a way that we all can be saint-like when she said,*

***"Do ordinary things with extraordinary love"***

*This is something that I see every day in our community, from parents, children and teachers.*



Kind regards,

**Lesley Studans**

## **GOLD AWARDS**

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	<b>Aarav</b>
Year 1	<b>Isla</b>
Year 2	<b>Jaylene</b>
Year 3	<b>Jessica</b>
Year 4	<b>Brayden</b>
Year 5	<b>Alex</b>
Year 6	<b>Connor</b>



## **OLOLATHON PARKING**

Parents are advised that the bottom carpark in front of the school will be closed on Friday morning to allow for the OLOLathon opening ceremony. On Friday we also have a funeral at 10:30am in the Church. To allow for parking for the funeral after the opening ceremony the bottom carpark will be reserved for people attending the funeral. Parents who are attending the OLOLathon are able to park in the top carpark but once that carpark is full parents are asked to park in the street. We are sure that parents will understand the need to be considerate of the elderly parishioners who will be attending the funeral.



## **OLOLATHON UPDATE**

Sponsorship cards should be returned to the school by Friday - there is no need to send the money until after the OLOLathon. At the conclusion of the day sponsorship cards will be returned and students asked to collect the promised money. Once money has been returned students will receive a raffle ticket for every \$5 raised. All tickets will go into our incentive draw with the major prize of a Fit Bit. On Friday afternoon, following the OLOLathon we will have a movie afternoon. Parents who wish to take their children home at the conclusion of the OLOLathon are free to do so.

## **OLOLathon Meal Deal**

A sausage on a roll will be available for purchase by parents on Friday at the OLOLathon.

## **FAREWELL FOR MRS STUDANS**

Parents are invited to join with the school community in farewelling Mrs Studans during a special Mass to be held at 9:15am on Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Following the Mass we will have morning tea in the hall for parents and staff.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Our first group of children will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am. We will have a prayer liturgy for all children who received the Eucharist for the first time this year at Monday morning's assembly in Week 10.



## **MERCY BOXES**

The Parish will collect the current round of Mercy Boxes over the next few weeks. Please kindly hand in your Mercy box with any monetary donations for East Timor to the School Office or the Parish Office before the end of the term. A new Mercy Box will be distributed in Week 10.

## **WAY OF MERCY CELEBRATION**

Our school community has the wonderful opportunity of hosting the Way of Mercy Cross and the relics of St. Mother Teresa (our newest saint) and St. Mary MacKillop on the morning of Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The whole school will participate in a liturgy and will listen to our teacher pilgrims - (Miss Musgrave, Miss Mercado and Miss Bentley) as they share their World Youth experiences. All are welcome to attend this very special morning.

## **VISITOR/PARENT HELPER SIGN IN**

We now have an electronic Visitor/Parent Helper sign in device at the front office which requires any Visitor/Parent Helper to login in and acknowledge our security/safety procedures. You will then be able to print out a Visitor/Parent Helper pass which is to be worn whilst on the school grounds.

## DEBRA'S WALK

As you already know, our parish secretary, Debra Price, is battling terminal cancer. Registrations are now available after all weekend Masses until walk day on 25<sup>th</sup> September to participate in Debra's walk. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family which includes sausage sizzle and a drink plus a ticket in the lucky draw. There will also be a Giant Garage Sale in the Hall on the same day. Please come along and show Debra how much we love and care for her and want to support her on her difficult journey by walking with her and supporting her financially.

## GIANT GARAGE SALE

Drop off times for the collection of Garage Sale items to the parish hall will be as follows:

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	8am – 1pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	2.45pm-3.15pm & 6.30pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	2.45pm-3.15pm & 6.30pm - 8pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	9am – 4pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9am – 4pm

Please contact Alison for enquiries-

[punch123@optusnet.com.au](mailto:punch123@optusnet.com.au) or 0417020710

## PARENT GROUP NEWS...

### FATHERS' DAY

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with our father's day stall and breakfast last week. We have had great feedback from both events and we couldn't have done it without all our helpers!



### PHOTO DAY

Our major fundraiser in Term 4 will be the Laura Jean Family Portrait Day. For just \$20 you will receive a framed 10"x13" family portrait with all proceeds going to our school. Additional prints can be purchased at our dedicated viewing day to be held in November. Bookings will commence from next week and payment will need to be paid in full to secure your booking.

So, save the date - Sunday, October 23. We look forward to your support of this event!

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

St. Bernadette's School Castle Hill

Novotel Baulkham Hills

6:30 – 11:30pm 22nd October 2016

\$75 per person includes food, beverages and entertainment.

Bookings: [www.sbchpf.com](http://www.sbchpf.com)

Enquiries: [sbchpf@gmail.com](mailto:sbchpf@gmail.com)

## OUT AND ABOUT

**Well what a difference a week makes!!**



**We are slowly coming to terms with Mrs Studans appointment to St Joseph's Schofields. The Schofields community are very fortunate to be gaining Lesley as their Principal. I have enjoyed working closely with her during her 9 years at OLOL and most particularly in the last 4 and a half years as we took on the roles of Principal and Assistant Principal. Lesley is a compassionate leader who cares deeply for each and every child in our school. We will certainly miss her as she begins this new phase of her career but of course wish her every success. I would also like to thank those many parents who have offered me support as I take over the reins temporarily in Term 4. I can assure you , that along with the other members of the leadership team, of continuing to work to ensure that Our Lady of Lourdes provides the best possible learning environment for our students.**

**This Friday we will hold our OLOLathon. This will go ahead rain or shine. We look forward to a fun day. Please see further details in the newsletter.**

**Next week, on Thursday, our Year 6 students are organising their Market Day. There are many exciting stalls being planned. These will operate at morning tea and at lunch time. We will send a flyer home next Monday with stall details.**

**Next Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, is a staff development day. On this day staff will work on further developing our skills in analysing student writing. I am sure it will be a productive day.**

**Carol Cividin  
Assistant Principal**



**FATHER'S DAY 2016**



**We Thank God for our Fathers**

