



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 1

Week 9

23rd March, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

MARCH

Wednesday 23rd

Parent Group Meeting

Friday 25th

Good Friday

School Closed

Monday 28th

Easter Monday

School Closed

Tuesday 29th

9:15am Easter Mass

APRIL

Friday 1st

School Cross Country

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- ❖ Cross Country
- ❖ Years 3 & 5
Naplan letter to parents
- ❖ Stage 3 – Australian Catholics magazine

NOTES SENT HOME

TODAY

- ❖ Parent Group Agenda

Respect

Responsibility

Readiness to

Learn

Dear Parents

It has been good to see so many of you at our Holy Week ceremonies this week. Each grade has contributed to the school's response. Unfortunately the weather has been against us this week as we had hoped to have the ceremonies outside, creating a feeling of journey or pilgrimage. In the hall this afternoon we had the Agony in the Garden, when Jesus prayed amongst the olive trees of Gethsemane and Judas brought the chief priests and the soldiers to arrest our Saviour. The children enter and leave the hall to the solemn beat of a drum, creating a solemn reflective atmosphere. We light a special Mercy Candle which has journeyed around the school.

Tomorrow we will reflect on the crucifixion. This ceremony will be in the church at 2pm. After Easter we will celebrate with a joyful Mass.

A very big thankyou to Miss Bentley, our Religious Education Coordinator, and our teachers for the great job they are doing bringing the passion and Resurrection of Jesus alive to our children.



Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

HOLY WEEK

All are welcome to join in one or all of our liturgies.

Liturgy	When/Where	Grade Responsible
Stations of the Cross and the good thief	Church, <u>Thursday</u> 2:00pm	Year 4
Resurrection (Easter Mass)	Church, <u>Tuesday</u> 9:15am	Stage 3

EASTER BONNET DAY Thursday 31st March PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Children are asked to bring in a gold coin to wear their favourite hat or a bonnet made at home to celebrate the Easter season. All money raised will go to support our pilgrims travelling to WYD in July.



WINTER UNIFORM

Appointments are available Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Additional appointments for Wednesday afternoons are available till the end of Term 1 and the first 2 weeks of Term 2. Students will commence wearing winter uniform in early May.



www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code, **Term 1** code **GGWPQ**.
Term 2 code **XVQUU**.

MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS ASSEMBLY CANCELLED - EASTER BONNET DAY DATE CHANGE

- Due to the clash with the Cross Country Carnival we will no longer be holding our "Marvellous Mathematicians" assembly on Friday, 1st April.
- Friday assemblies will resume next term.
- Also the Easter Bonnet Day activity will now take place on Thursday to avoid the clash with the Cross Country

SCHOOL FEES

All families have received their school fee statement from the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta. The school fees are now overdue. If an arrangement has not been made with the school please contact Mrs Kearins to discuss your account. School Office hours are 8:30am - 3:30pm.



Sixth
Sunday
of Lent

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
PROJECT
COMPASSION



Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, Dhaniram and his community in India have learnt about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place. **So far Our Lady of Lourdes Primary has raised \$418.70**

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
1800 024 413

MERCY BOX COMPETITION

Children are invited to enter a design for a moneybox to be given out to families in our community to collect donations for the Year of Mercy. The entries are due by the last day of term (8th April) to Miss Bentley. One design from each Stage will be selected for printing. All entries will need to have their name and stage written on the back. Templates for the money box can be obtained from any homeroom teacher.

PARENT GROUP NEWSs... HOT CROSS BUN MEAL DEAL

Just a reminder the Hot cross Bun meal deal is this Thursday, 24th March. If any parents are able to provide any assistance it is greatly appreciated. Could you please meet outside the school hall after the morning drop-off. Parents must have completed Parents as Educators course this year or last year.



VEGETARIAN NACHOS

Ingredients

- 1 tbs olive oil
- 1 brown onion finely chopped
- 2 garlic clove finely chopped
- 1/4 tsp ground chilli (optional)
- 400 g canned diced tomato
- 450 g refried beans
- 125 mls vegetable stock (liquid)
- 400 g red canned kidney beans drained rinsed
- 250 g cheddar cheese grated
- 230 g corn chip
- 1 avocado large mashed peeled
- 1/3 cup light sour cream



Method

Preheat oven to 200 C.

Fry onion, garlic and ground chillies (optional) in large saucepan over medium heat.

Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until the onions are softened.

Add tomatoes, refried beans and stock; stir to combine. Bring to the boil and then simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally for 15 minutes. Stir in the kidney beans.

Sprinkle a little cheese over the base of 4 ovenproof dishes. Spoon the bean mixture evenly over the cheese. Arrange the corn chips over the top and sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake for 5 minutes or until the cheese has melted.

Combine avocado and sour cream in a small bowl.

Remove the nachos from the oven, top with the avocado mixture and serve immediately.

Serves 4 people

The News in RE

Holy Week, the most important week in the Church calendar has arrived. We have journeyed together through Lent and the children have begun to build a picture of what to "Be Merciful Like the Father" truly means. The Year of Mercy is a strong theme in each of our liturgies this week. The liturgies have highlighted not only what happened during each key moment in the last week of Jesus' life, but they have also incorporated how Jesus and his friends modelled the Spiritual Works of Mercy in each of the Holy Week narratives. This week the teachers and children have become pilgrims on a pilgrimage towards the Church, each day moving closer to God's House where the Eucharist is. Due to the wet weather our pilgrimage has been moved to the hall but each day we as the participants have faced a different direction within the hall so as to achieve this sense of moving along the journey. Pope Francis explains to us in his Papal Bull *Misericordiae Vultus* that the practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Year of Mercy because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. A pilgrimage takes dedication and sacrifice and therefore can be a source of a great conversion of the heart. In pilgrimage 'we can find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.' Palm Sunday marked the official start of the great World Youth Day pilgrimage. Our teacher-pilgrims (including myself) attending WYD in Krakow Poland in July this year attended Mass and the official launch of the pilgrimage journey at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday evening. In the coming weeks we will begin our formation sessions to prepare us for this spiritual journey. Although most of our community cannot go with us, you can participate in the practice of pilgrimage during this Holy Year by crossing one of the thresholds of a Holy Door located in our Diocese

<http://parrafamilife.org.au/lent2016/holydoor>



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a prayerful and reflective Holy Week and a joyous Easter season.

Miss Amanda Bentley (REC)

Curriculum Conversations

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra

Last week 94 Stage 3 students, 5 teachers and 2 fathers travelled the 274 kilometers from Seven Hills to Canberra. We set off in rainy conditions to travel to our nations capital and engage in a variety of learning experiences. We visited the War Memorial, the Electoral Education Commission, Parliament House and Questacon to name a few. The students represented our school with pride and students, teachers and parents alike returned to Seven Hills having had a positive learning experience but a little less sleep than usual!

