



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 3

Week 9

14th September, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

SEPTEMBER

Thursday

Year 6 Market Day

Friday 16th

Staff Development
Day

No Students at
School

Thursday 22nd

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

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- Year 6 Market Day
- Parent Group Portrait fundraising day

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Mission to Busk

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents,

It is an exciting time of life for many of our Year 3 students as they make their first Holy Communion. Some students made their communion last week and some this Sunday. At this time extended families come together and the church is filled with cousins, grandparents, favourite aunties and uncles. The children see the connection between family love and the love that Jesus showed for us through the Eucharist. Both involve celebrations with food given with love.

Father Henry connected the readings of the day to this love. The Gospel reading was long- involving the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost (Prodigal) son. He asked the children if they had big back yards and to imagine they had 100 sheep or 100 dogs or 100 cats. What would they do if they came home from school and one was lost? The children imagined themselves going on a quest for a lost animal just as the Good Shepherd did. The wonder of the Eucharist is in the strength of the searching and forgiving love highlighted in these Gospels. It was lovely to see the joy on the faces of our children last Sunday- what a gift their parents have given them by guiding them to make their Communion.



Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Cooper
Year 1	Isabella
Year 2	Rhea
Year 3	Mary-Rose
Year 4	Sanmeet
Year 5	Larissa
Year 6	Taliah



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our second group of children will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday the 18th 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 next week.



FAREWELL MASS FOR MRS STUDANS

All members of the Our Lady of Lourdes community past and present are warmly invited to celebrate Mrs Studan's service to our school community and to farewell her as she embarks upon a new chapter in her professional career as Principal of St. Joseph's Schofields. Our community will celebrate and give thanks with a Mass on Thursday 22nd September at 9:15 a.m. followed by morning tea in the library.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 12 September 2016. For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470. Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm. The Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015 is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta. Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444. The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au

SUMMER UNIFORM

The uniform code for Term 4, 2016 is **vxcxg**.

Parents are reminded that all children need to return to school in Term 4 in their summer uniform. The OLOL school uniform including school bags and hats may be purchased from the school only. The correct summer uniform is:

GIRLS

Blue check dress with navy piping and tab
Navy ankle socks
Black leather shoes
Navy jacket with school crest
School hat or cap



BOYS

School blue shirt with crest
Navy (blockers or aussie style) shorts
Navy jacket with school crest
Navy ankle socks
Black leather shoes
School hat or cap

SPORTS UNIFORM

Navy school sports shirt
Navy embroidered school shorts
Navy school trackpants
Navy jacket with school crest
White ankle socks
Predominantly white joggers

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 relics of St. Mother Teresa (our newest saint) and St. Mary MacKillop at 9:00am, Friday 23rd 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. In addition, the Parish will host the cross and relics from 6pm Friday, 7th October (details in the Parish bulletin).



LOLATHON

Thank you for the fantastic response in returning sponsorship money. Our tally is slowly rising and the race for the pizza party is being closely fought. Congratulations to all of our incentive prize winners. There are still a number of prizes to be won including the major prize of a Fit Bit. So if you haven't returned your money yet get it back as quickly as possible to be in the draw.

NO CASH

Due to audit requirements the school is unable to accept cash and cheque payments on Thursday and Friday of next week. However we will still accept Eftpos payments. It would be appreciated if Ololathon money is sent to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

DEBRA'S WALK

Registrations are now available after all weekend Masses until walk day on 25th September. 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 th September	8am – 1pm
Tuesday 20 th September	6.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 21 st September	3pm - 3:30pm 6.30pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 nd September	3pm – 3:30pm 6.30pm - 8pm
Friday 23 rd September	9am – 4pm
Saturday 24 th September	9am – 4pm

Please contact Alison for enquiries

punch123@optusnet.com.au or 0417020710



PARENT GROUP NEWS...

Bookings are now being taken for our Laura Jean Family Portrait fundraiser to be held on Sunday, 23rd October in the school hall. For \$20 you will receive a framed 10" x 13" family portrait with all proceeds going towards our school. Simply complete the voucher slip that was sent home on Monday along with \$20 to secure your booking. Contact Dianna on 0402 047 265 with enquiries.



THE NEWS IN RE



This term our weekly focus has moved from the corporal works of mercy to the spiritual works of mercy. It has been wonderful to see our Year 6 students take the lead each week in teaching the school these important and often abstract works of mercy in very practical ways. The seven spiritual works of mercy are:

**Forgive offences willingly
Bear wrongs patiently
Admonish the sinner
Comfort the sorrowful
Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Pray for the living and the dead**

We will conclude our term of carrying out acts of spiritual mercy with a special prayer liturgy in the hall next Friday morning. During this liturgy the students will have the opportunity to learn more about our Church's newest saint, St. Mother Teresa and venerate a relic of hers along with a relic of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Both of whom were remarkable examples of women who lived out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

A relic is a physical remain of a saint or an item that was owned by them. As Catholics, we venerate these items to acknowledge that these people not only existed in our history, but that they also help us to become closer to God.

The relic of St. Mary MacKillop is a strand of her hair while the relic of St. Mother Teresa is a framed message to one of our diocesan priests, Fr. Paul Roberts, handwritten in 1986 along with her business card, which reads:

**The Fruit of Silence is Prayer,
The Fruit of Prayer is Faith,
The Fruit of Faith is Love,
The Fruit of Love is Service**

Everyone is welcome to attend our special Way of Mercy celebration next Friday the 23rd September at 9am.

**Amanda Bentley
Religious Education Coordinator**

Our Lady of Lourdes

OLOLathon



Our OLOLathon held last Friday was an outstanding success. The day began with our opening ceremony followed by the children in country groups engaging in a range of Olympic themed activities. These continued after the morning tea break and the activities concluded with a delicious sausage sizzle meal deal and an iceblock from the parent group. Thanks to all those who contributed to make the day a success. Our fundraising tally continues to grow! Who will win the pizza party?

