



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2 **Week 9** **22nd June, 2016**

FUTURE DATES...

JUNE

Friday 24th

Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 28th

Principal's morning tea

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- ❖ Kindergarten report information
- ❖ Year K-2 Dance Fever mini concert
- ❖ Overdue library books

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TUESDAY

- ❖ Stage 2 cooking morning

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TODAY

- ❖ Stage 2 Boys soccer gala day
- ❖ Stage 3 PDHPE Program
- ❖ Staff Changes for WYD

Respect

Responsibility

Readiness to

Learn

Dear Parents,

Our community has been very generous in fundraising to offset the cost of sending three of our teachers to World Youth Day. Miss Bentley, Miss Musgrave and Miss Mercado are our pilgrims. World Youth happens at the very beginning of next term.



What is World Youth Day and why are they going?

World Youth day is a gathering of young Catholics from across the world, lead by the Pope, celebrating and learning about their faith. World Youth Day was begun by Pope John Paul, who is now a saint. John Paul came from Poland and courageously stood up to the Communists. The strength of the church in Poland helped to make a peaceful transition to democracy. This year's World Youth day is therefore in Krakow, Poland.

Living a life of faith in a secular world is a difficult thing for young people. World Youth Day gives a sense of belonging to something bigger than themselves and their country, something that is working for good in the world. Under the leadership of Pope Francis, the Catholic Church is more than buildings and more than an institution, it is people, inspired by the love of God, working together to improve the world.

Our school, admittedly only a tiny part of the world, needs inspired people like that too and that is why we are sending some of our teachers. They will return from their pilgrimage more able to work as Catholic school teachers and leaders. It is therefore the highest professional development that we can give to them. The diocese supports the pilgrimage of teachers to Poland and many high school students also have that opportunity too.

Is a pilgrimage a holiday?

World Youth Day is a pilgrimage, very different to a holiday. In 2008 when Sydney hosted World Youth Day some pilgrims stayed at our school. They slept in classrooms that were cold at night and shared a single makeshift shower block constructed from plywood. Accommodation in Poland may be a little better than that, however is still very basic. This is because the point of a pilgrimage is spiritual development not relaxation. World Youth Day culminates in a large outdoor mass with up to a million pilgrims attending the mass and this requires miles of walking, camping overnight. Our teacher pilgrims will be supervising a group of teenage pilgrims so will be working hard to keep them safe and focused.

I wish our pilgrims well as they prepare for their exciting journey.

With regards,

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold

Award winners:

Kindergarten **William**

Year 1 **Emma**

Year 2 **Lily**

Year 3 **Charlize**

Year 4 **Shany**

Year 5 **Sophie**

Year 6 **Jayda-Leigh**



Special Invitation to parents of students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two.



This Term the students at Our Lady of Lourdes have enjoyed participating in the program 'Dance Fever'. On Wednesday 29th June 2016 students from Kindergarten to Year Two will have an opportunity to showcase their learning in a mini concert being held in the school hall between 1:50pm and 2:30pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend and enjoy this special presentation.

BOOK FAIR



We will be hosting the Book Fair in the school library from Monday 27th June until Wednesday 29th June. There will be a wide range

of books available for purchase.

Opening hours:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Before school	8:00am - 8:40 am		
Lunchtime	1:15pm-1:40pm		
After school	2:50pm-4pm	2:50pm-8:45pm	2:50pm-5:15pm

Children will be able to make cash purchases at lunchtime but we will only be able to accept EFTPOS before and after school.

You are invited to attend the Fair with your child. Please note that the Fair is opened during Parent/ Teacher interviews.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend in person, you may order from the Book Fair Brochure or from your child's wish list.

KINDERGARTEN FAMILY MASS SUNDAY 26TH JUNE



The families of Kindergarten will lead the **Family Mass on Sunday 26th June at 9:30 a.m.** Kindergarten 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.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards on Friday, 17th June

KB	Emma, Ravindhu, Evren, Sophie, Syon
KW	Anika, Riley Aarav, Ashton, Kristena
1B	Rebecca, Ekaspreet Lucas Jacqui, Helena, Charlotte
1W	Jairus, Kyra, Rhys, Lavinia, Chloe
2B	Jayden, Amelia, George, Thomas, Neil
2W	Obama, Callum, Chantai, Alexandra
3B	Connor, Izabella, Haisam, Harshul, Arnav, Jessica, Gianni
3W	Nicholas, Erin, Liam, Teeana, Arth
4B	Sienna Rose, Hayden, Khi, Giselle
4W	Tessa, Jhamahl, E.J., Declan
5B	Melvin, Nicholas, Alex
5W	Abbie, Zahra, Rianna
6B	Harry, Macy, Kitty, Chloe
6W	Andreas, Leah, Sofia, Alessandra

PARENT GROUP NEWS...



TRIVIA NIGHT

The '80's Trivia night is on Friday 29th July, so get your fluoro leg warmers and sweat bands ready for a fun night out.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder, that parent teacher interviews need to be booked online as soon as possible. Interviews will take place next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Parents can access the site by going to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

1. School Event Code: 73m83
2. Enter your details
3. Choose teachers
4. Choose times
5. When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

TERM 3 - Student Banking

Tomorrow will be the last day for school banking for this term. We will recommence Week 1, Term 3 each Thursday. If you make 3 or more School Banking deposits in Term 3 you will automatically be entered in a competition for a chance to win one of the Star Saver Prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.



*Next Week's Corporal Work of Mercy:
Clothe the Naked*

The children are encouraged to donate any clothes for the children in the Philippines to be delivered by Miss Musgrave and Miss Bentley on their way to World Youth Day. Please see 'The News in RE' for more information.

Four2Eight youth group

The Four2Eight youth group are meeting this Sunday, after the family mass, in the meeting room until 12pm. All children from Grades 4-8 are welcome to join in the fun!

Mercy Boxes

The Parish will collect the first round of Mercy Boxes over the first weekend in July. 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 at the beginning of next term.

The News in RE

As we approach the last few weeks of term, the final piece of the puzzle on the Mercy Wall has been revealed. The message reads:

Transform me O God,

That my hands may be merciful,

That I use them to serve my neighbour

Each of the actions that the children have participated in has specifically been selected with the purpose of serving others. This is the whole purpose of the works of mercy. As I wrote previously, when we are consciously making a decision to help and care for another person, particularly the poor and downtrodden, we are demonstrating God's love and mercy for all. Since my previous column, we have sheltered the homeless by donating blankets and long life milk to the Franciscan Friars Coffee van that serves the homeless men and women living in the CBD on a weekly basis. This week we visited the imprisoned by constructing a mercy brick wall in the Library to show our solidarity with refugees and others who have been denied their right of freedom. Next week, we will carry out our final action: clothe the naked. This action will require the children to donate clothes (preferably new) for the toddlers and children living in Bohol in the Philippines who were devastated by a hurricane 18 months ago. Miss Musgrave and myself will personally deliver these clothes to the children, as we will be spending four days working in this community before heading onto World Youth day in Poland.

Miss Mercado, Miss Musgrave and I are now nearing the end of our formation sessions and are busily preparing for our pilgrimage. In many ways, we wish we could take the whole community with us. Each teacher will be organising a way for their class to be part of the journey. Miss Musgrave's class will be putting together a prayer kit to give to the children in the Philippines. Miss Mercado will be asking the families in Year 1 to contribute to her book of prayer intentions that she will bring and pray for during the pilgrimage. My class will construct a number of prayer petitions that I will pray throughout the pilgrimage on their behalf particularly during Masses with Pope Francis and as I travel onto Rome.

I would like to thank Mrs Regan for taking on the Religious Coordinator role while I am away and I look forward to seeing you all when I get back. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for all our pilgrims.

**Amanda Bentley
REC**

CURRICULUM CONVERSATIONS

THIS TERM OUR CHILDREN HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXPERIENCING THE DANCE FEVER PROGRAM. THE CHILDREN ARE THOROUGHLY ENJOYING THE PROGRAM AND HAVE LEARNT WONDERFUL NEW DANCE SKILLS AS WELL AS VERY GOOD SOCIAL SKILLS. DANCE FEVER WILL HOST AN INTER SCHOOL DANCE EVENT WHICH WILL INVOLVE OTHER SCHOOLS THAT HAVE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM THIS TERM. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW NIGHT AT HOMEBUSH. IT WILL BE A VERY EXCITING EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN AS THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF REPRESENTING THEIR SCHOOL AND PERHAPS WINNING TROPHIES AND PRIZES. KINDERGARTEN, YEAR ONE AND YEAR TWO WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOWCASE THEIR NEWFOUND SKILLS ON WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE IN A SCHOOL CONCERT IN THE HALL BETWEEN 1:50PM-2:30PM. ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND.

