

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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FUTURE DATES...

Friday 9th February

Opening School
 Mass at 9.15am

Sunday 12th February

 OLOL Parish Feast Day – All Welcome

Tuesday 13th February

- Parent Group Meeting in the Library at 7pm
- Yr 6 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 14th February

- Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15am
- Blacktown Zone
 Swimming Carnival

Thursday 15th Febuary

 Yr 6 Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 20th February

Meet the Teacher
 3.30pm – 9.00pm

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- Parents as
 Educators note
- Parent Group Note to new families at OLOL for 2018

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Yr 6 Meet the Teacher Note
- Year 6B staffing

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

A warm welcome is extended to all our children and families and to our staff – those returning and those who join our learning community for the first time this year. We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing holiday! 2018 looks to be an exciting one for Our Lady of Lourdes.

Thank you to everyone for all that you have done to ensure the children have returned refreshed, enthusiastic, dressed immaculately and ready to learn in 2018.

The teachers have been meeting since mid-January to plan the learning programmes for your children and have some wonderful opportunities organised for them. There will be many occasions throughout the year when you will be invited to participate in activities with the children and the teachers look forward to your involvement. As always if you are unsure of something or have any concerns, please ask a member of staff who will be only too willing to assist you.

We look forward to catching up with many of you during the upcoming weeks and encourage each of you to take up the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. Everyone is invited to join our community this Friday 9th February at 9:15am for our opening school mass where we will welcome our new Kindergarten students, commission our school leaders, welcome new staff and celebrate the new school year. We also invite you to celebrate the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday this year is on Wednesday 14th February.

A special thank you to all families who brought their child(ren) into school last week for the Mathematics Assessment Interviews. These days commenced our goal of interviewing individually every child in the school as quickly as possible. The response was absolutely overwhelming and shows your support and commitment to your children's education.

We pray for God's blessing on each member of our community for the year ahead.

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our community be willing to begin anew. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

May the year ahead bring you many blessings.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

Respect Responsibility Readiness to Learn

Welcome to New Staff

Welcome to new staff members Mrs Lucy Messina (Year 5), Miss Sharleen Espiritu (Year 1), Mrs Wilma Clenton(Learning Support) and Mrs Michelle Donnelly (Teacher Assistant). We wish you all the best for 2018 and hope you have a rewarding year at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Parish Feast Day

To mark 160th Anniversary of Lourdes apparition this year we have a celebration after the 9:30am Mass from 11am. Fr

Henry has organised a spit roast lunch and salads and we are asking people coming along to bring a dessert to share. It will be held on the grass between the church and parish office so families are invited to bring a picnic rug or chairs etc.

RSVP – there's a list at the back of the church or leave your name at the parish office with the number attending.

Any parent who can spare some time to help out on the day with setting up tables for food, packing up etc it would be greatly appreciated.

Days on which students wear sports uniforms

Grade	Day to where sports			
	uniform			
Kindergarten	Tuesday and Thursday			
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday			
Year 2	Wednesday and Thursday			
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday			
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday			
Year 5	Thursday			
Year 6	Year 6 Tuesday and Thursday			

NUT FREE POLICY

A reminder that OLOL is a nut free school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate nut spreads such as Nutella and nuts as snacks. As we have a number of children with life threatening food allergies we also have a policy of not sharing food with friends. Thank you for supporting all within our school community.

OLOL PARENT GROUP

PARENT GROUP NEWS

The Parent Group would like to warmly welcome all the new families who join our school community in 2018. In particular our new Kindergarten Parents, who I'm sure have had a very exciting first few days of your child's school journey.

Our first introduction to our kindergarten families was a wonderful Cheers and Tears morning tea, which was a great opportunity for parents to meet and share their experience of their first days of school. Thank you especially to the families who organised, volunteered time or contributed treats on the day.

Our first Parent Group meeting for the year will be held **Tuesday 13th February in the library**. The meeting starts at 7pm, and usually finishes by 8pm. All parents are welcome to come and enjoy some cheese and wine, or a coffee and biscuit. It's an opportunity to hear from our Principal, discuss plans for the school and share ideas that ultimately benefit our school and our children. Any matter you would like to add to the agenda must be emailed to **ololpg@hotmail.com**

Don't forget to join our Facebook page **OLOL PG CHAT**. It's our page for parents to ask questions, share information and get to know our community.

<u>MEET THE TEACHER</u> <u>INTERVIEWS</u>

On Tuesday 20th February, we will be conducting our 'Kindergarten to Year Five Meet the Teacher Interviews.' This ten minute meeting is your opportunity to tell us about your child(ren) and discuss any issues which will enable us to construct effective teaching/learning programs. Please come prepared with the information you would like to share about your child with their teacher. Your child is welcome to come to the meeting with you.

Please Note: Year Six Meet the Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 13th February and Thursday 15th February.

Year Six will receive their Interview note **today**. Kindergarten to Year Five will receive their Interview note on **Monday** 12th February.

Out and About

Once again it has been a positive start to the year. It was great to see so many parents last week bringing their children to school for the Maths Assessment Interviews. It was also great fun to see the children walk the red carpet



either onto our new synthetic grass playground or in the case of Kindergarten into their new classroom. What a happy and positive start to the year. To continue the excitement going, as part of our whole school writing, Ms Byrnes and I have invited the students to write a letter persuading us to buy equipment for our new playground space. As with all writing, we have asked the students, even our new Kindergarten students, to think about their purpose and audience when writing. The writing has a real purpose. Ms Byrnes and I will choose 3 proposals and purchase that equipment for the playground. In addition the children whose proposals are chosen will have the chance to unveil the equipment and have the first opportunity to use it. Already a number of our students have begun lobbying us verbally – it will be interesting to read their persuasive letters!!

On Monday the letter in relation to our 2018 Parents as Educators course was sent home. Please be aware of the dates of these courses. Parents are required to complete this course, which includes the online child protection component, every two years, if they are to help in the classroom or supervise children in any capacity (excursions, sport gala days, selling iceblocks etc). To assist with organisation parents wishing to attend are asked to complete the form that was sent home with the letter on Monday. Over coming weeks there are a number of opportunities for parents to come into the school environment — our opening school Mass, our Meet the teacher interviews our first Parent group meeting. I encourage all parents, but particularly those new to the school to take advantage of these opportunities to become involved in our community. Carol Cividin — Assistant Principal

CARPARK

At the beginning of the year it is a good time for a reminder about our carpark rules. As a shared environment it is important that we show care, respect, courtesy and patience when accessing the carpark. Double parking within the carpark either with or without a



driver is prohibited. There is usually ample parking in Grantham Road and your children will be cared for by staff if you are not here precisely when the bell goes in the afternoon. In the morning there is no access to the bottom carpark after 8:10am. This is for safety reasons and there are no exceptions. We ask that anyone dropping children to school is made aware of this rule including mums, dads, siblings and grandparents. The Kiss and Drop zone operates outside the hall each morning ensuring a safe and smooth drop off. This is supervised each morning by a member of the leadership team. To ensure a smooth flow parents are asked not to get out of the car to farewell their children and children are encouraged to be ready to alight when the car stops. There are two drop off spaces in the Kiss and Drop zone and parents are asked to make sure that they utilise both spaces. Carers not following the carpark guidelines will be approached by staff to remind them of the expectations. It is important that we all follow these rules to ensure the children's safety. Thank you in anticipation.

UNIFORMS



The uniform shop has opened for 2018. If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website

http://www.school interviews.com.au Use the event code: gf88b.

Alternatively, if you know the size please complete an order form and return it to the school office and your order will be sent home. Please contact Ada Almeida if you require any further assistance.

Student School Leaders 2018

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2018

School Captains Elijah Villa and Sophie Stancic

House Colour Captains

On Monday the 5th of February, the primary students had the opportunity to vote for their House Colour Captains. Every student in Year 6 who wished to be nominated, were given the opportunity to address their peers explaining why they would make a good sports leader. Congratulations to the following students who have been voted as the sport leaders for 2018. We know that they will work hard to encourage all of their peers, demonstrate great sportsmanship and be great role models as leaders of our school.

Blue - Byron Aspin and Sanmeet Brar

Yellow - Max Jahshan and Joye-Marie Boursianis

Red - Thomas Osborne and Mikayla Galea

Green - Reuben George and Irene Suryathyo

SRC Leaders – 2018

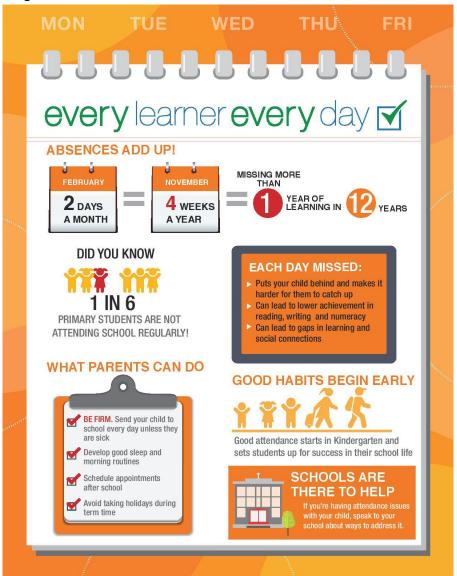
	Boy	Girl	
Year Three	Aiden Clark Ellie Cho		
Year Four	Lewis Savic	Lily Maher	
Year Five	Thomas Pollard	Florencia Wanandy	

School Attendance

Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce.

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.

Every day of attendance adds to a student's academic achievement and success at school. Parents are essential partners in promoting good attendance because they have the ultimate responsibility to ensure that their child attends school every day arriving punctually to begin lessons promptly at 8:40am. With this newsletter is an information pamphlet regarding school attendance. Please click on the link http://bit.ly/zdLonM Please read this carefully and help your child establish and consolidate a good attendance habit.





School Fees

School Fees for Term 1 will be arriving within the next two weeks to your home address by mail.

Term 1 fees are due by Wednesday, 21st March 2018.

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Closed from 10:40am to 11:00am)

All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.

Please contact Mrs Monique Kearins on 8869 6800 if you wish to discuss your school fees statement or if you are having financial difficulty in paying the fees.

Our Lady of Lourdes Staff 2018

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Kindergarten	Miss Marlee Broughton and Miss
	Stephanie Musgrave
Year 1	Miss Sharleen Espiritu and Mrs Elizabeth
	Van Zoggel
Year 2	Miss Rachel Grima and Miss Stephanie
	Iordanou
Year 3	Miss Toni Critchlow and Mrs Eleonora
	Coledan
Year 4	Mrs Karin Schrader and Mr Jim Van Gend
Year 5	Mr Wayne Owen and Mrs Lucy Messina
Year 6	Miss Elise Geekie and Miss Donna Muddle
Learning Support	Mrs Wilma Clenton, Mrs Janelle Bawden,
	Mrs Rosemary Armstrong and
	Mrs Carol Cividin
School Counsellor	Mr Brian Melocco
Executive Release	Mrs Leonie McKenna
Creative Arts and LTST	Mrs Clare Willemse
Physical Education	Mrs Veronica Brogden
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Katherine Begg, Mrs Kira Moujalli,
	Mrs Aida Almeida, Mrs Michelle Donnelly
ICT Trainee	Mr Antony Hanna
Office Administration	Mrs Beth Polo
Office Finance	Mrs Monique Kearins
Leaders of Learning	Miss Karin Schrader and Mrs Lucy Messina
Religious Education	Mrs Janelle Bawden
Coordinator	
Assistant Principal	Mrs Carol Cividin
Principal	Ms Keiran Byrnes



2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: Tuesday, 20 February

TIME: 9.00 am - 1.30 pm

LOCATION: Westfield Carpark

Mount Druitt

(Covered section between K Mart & food court entrance)

No booking required

For more information contact 9839 6014.

Not available to family daycarers

An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program.





TERM 1 PARENT PLANNER **2018**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA Y	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Jan	22 nd SCHOOL CLOSED	23rd SCHOOL CLOSED	24 th SCHOOL CLOSED	25 th SCHOOL CLOSED System Leadership Day 8:00 – 3:30 pm	26 th Australia Day	27 th / 28 th
Jan/Feb Week 1 MAI	MAI INTERVIEWS	MAI INTERVIEWS	MAI INTERVIEWS KINDERGARTEN Year 1-6 start	Kindergarten Commence Whole Day- staggered starts	2nd Cheers and Tears in the Hall 8:40pm	3 rd /4 th
Feb Week 2 MAI	5 th Whole School Writing	6 th	7 th	8 th Over 50's in hall 10:30-1:00pm	Opening School Mass – 9:15am	10 th /11 th (Sun 11 th) OLOL Parish Feast Day
Feb Week 3 MAI	12 th	Parent Group Mtg 7:00pm Library	14 th Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival	15 th	Parents as Educators 8:40am – 10:40am	17 th /18 th
Feb Week 4	19 th	20 th Meet the Teacher. 3.30 – 9.00 p.m	21st School Photo Day	22 nd	23rd Diocesan Swimming Carnival "Welcome to Nagle College" morning for Year 6 female students 9:00- 12:00	24 th /25 th
Feb/ March Week 5	26 th	Parents as Educators 6:30pm – 8:30pm	28 th 1st Reconciliation Meeting 6.30 - 7.30pm Parent Only	1st Kinder Welcome BBQ 5:00 - 6:30	2 nd Stage Two Assembly	3 rd /4 th 1st Reconciliation Meeting 4:30 – 5:30pm Parent Only

March	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th /11 th
Week 6 Catholic Schools Week	Kinder Open Morning for prospective families 2019	Catholic Schools Week Mass 9.15am	2nd Reconciliation Meeting 6.30 - 7.30pm Canberra Excursion Stage 3	Over 50's in hall 10:30 - 1:00 Canberra Excursion Stage 3	Canberra Excursion Stage 3	2nd Reconciliati on Meeting 4:30 – 5:30pm
March Week 7	Enrolments for 2019 Kindergarten Commence	Parent Group Mtg 7:00pm Library	14 th 3rd Reconciliation Meeting 6.30 - 7.30pm	15 th Year 2 Excursion – The Observatory	16 th Stage Three Assembly	Feast of St Patrick 3rd Reconciliati on Meeting 4:30 – 5:30pm
March Week 8	19 th	20 th	First Reconciliation Liturgy 7:00 – 8:30pm	22 nd	ES1/Stage One Assembly	24 th /25 th
March/ April Week 9	26 th	27 th	28 th	HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	31st /1st EASTER SUNDAY
April Week 10	EASTER MONDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	3rd Easter Celebration - 9:15am Parent Information Meeting Confirmation 6.30- 7.30pm	4 th	5 th	OLOL Cross Country	7 th /8 th Program Enrolment Confirmation 9.30am
April Week 11	9th	10th	Confirmation – 1st Meeting Parents Only 6.30- 7.30	12th	13th LAST DAY TERM 1	Confirmation – 1st Meeting Parents Only 4.30-5.30



On Friday February 9 we will be celebrating the start of the new school year with a Mass. The theme for the Mass is 'Come Follow Me'. During the Mass we will also be recognizing Our Lady of Lourdes, (also known as Mary the Mother of Jesus) as her Feast Day is on Sunday February 11. This is a significant day for us as Our Lady of Lourdes is the patron saint of our parish and school and it is in her honour that we are named.

We will pray together so that 2018 is another wonderful year in which we choose to follow the path that Jesus leads and that we all continue to grow in love, faith and compassion for each other. All parents, families and friends are warmly invited to attend. The Mass will start at 9.15am in the church.



On February 14 we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with a Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the period in which we prepare for Easter - the death and resurrection of Jesus. During Lent we will be journeying together and preparing our hearts and our lives for the new hope that we are promised at Easter. Lent is a time of prayer. Lent is a time for thinking about the way we live. Lent is a time for looking into our hearts and trying to be better people. It is a time for saying 'sorry' and

asking for forgiveness. And it is a time for coming back home to God who loves us so very much. During the Mass we will be receiving the Ashes to mark this special occasion. Mass will be at 9.15am and everyone is warmly invited to be a part of this very important occasion in our liturgical season.

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE



The theme for Project Compassion this year is "For A Just Future". At Our Lady of Lourdes we would like to raise as much money as we can to help those people who are not as fortunate as ourselves. We are going to become involved something called a "Goaty Gift" action. We think this will be a fun way to help people in need.

In class the children might have watched a DVD about Janaki. She is a woman from Nepal in India who took part in a training program and learnt how to build a business to support her family. We will be able to help Janaki ,and other people, build a better future by taking part in the Goaty Gift fundraising.

For every \$50 we raise, we can provide a family with one goat and also some training on how to care for the goat. This helps the people in the village to earn an income.

We would like to see how many goats we can provide to the village and make a difference to the lives of the villagers. Your child's class will have a Project Compassion box and we ask you to encourage your child to sacrifice something each week and donate the money that may have normally be spent on a treat etc, to our cause. Every Friday we will collect the money that has been donated to the class Project Compassion boxes and count it. On Monday morning assembly we will announce how much money we have raised for the week and therefore determine how many goats we are able to provide. Outside Stage 3 near the Mercy board you will see a Goat paddock. Each time we raise \$50 we can buy a goat for the village and we will add one of these cute little goats to the paddock. You will be able to see how many goats we are able to buy by counting how many goats are in the paddock. Hopefully we will have a paddock full of healthy bleating goats soon.

Congratulations to our 2018 Kindergarten Children

Our youngest children commenced their schooling at Our Lady of Lourdes so beautifully. Congratulations to the children and their parents. A big thank you to our Kindergarten parents and families who have been assisting their little ones to transition to school. It was also great to see so many of our parents join us for "Cheers and Tears" last Friday to share a 'cuppa' and meet new people.



First Day Back at School 2018

We had a great first day back at school. The red carpet was rolled out to welcome the students and to celebrate out new playground being ready for use!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SEVEN HILLS -School Uniform

Children are required to wear full school uniform at all times including appropriate haircuts and limited jewelry. Parents' support is essential to ensure their child wears correct school uniform each day.

The following information and images provide clarity about school expectations upon the return of students to school in 2018.

Boys hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of "styles" that are unacceptable include: ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, any excessive shaping with gel, and any shaving cuts. The school reserves the right to make rulings on the acceptability of any student hairstyles.

Girls hair is to be of consistent natural colour. Hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face. Hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes. Ribbons, hair slides etc, if worn should be in the uniform fabric or blue. Scrunchies are sold from the Uniform Shop.

Girls Summer

- blue check dress with navy piping & navy tab
- navy school jacket with school crest
- navy jumper with school crest (optional)
- navy (ankle) sock
- black shoes (lace up/velcro)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest
- navy bag with school crest

Girls Winter

- plaid tunic with plaid tab
- long sleeved peter pan collar
- classic blue blouse
- navy jacket with school crest navy jumper with school crest
- (optional)
- navy (ankle or knee high) socks or navy (opaque) tights
- black shoes(lace up/velcro)
- navybroadbrimhato rcapwith
- school crest
- navy bag with school crest

Girls and Boys - Sports

- navy polo shirt with classic blue trim & school crest
- navy shorts with OLOL embroidery
- navy school jacket with school crest
- navy track pants with OLOL embroidery
- white (ankle) sports socks
- predominately white sand shoes (lace up/velcro)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest
- navy bag with school crest

Boys Summer

- school classic blue short sleeve shirt with school crest
- navy (blockers) shorts
- navy jacket with school crest
- navy jumper with school crest (optional)
- navy (ankle) socks
- black shoes (laceup/velcro)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest
- navy bag with school crest

Boys Winter

- school classic blue long sleeve shirt with school crest
- navy (blockers) trousers
- school tie
- navy jacket with school crest
- navy jumper with school crest (optional)
- navy (ankle) socks
- black shoes (lace up/velcro)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest
- navy bag with school crest

Other items available...

- excursion/library bag
- scrunchies and head bands

All items of school uniform & school bags are available at the school uniform shop.



Girls and Boys summer uniform



Girls and Boys winter uniform





Predominately white sandshoes and correct length white socks