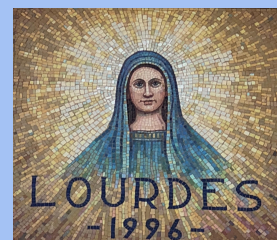




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Newsletter Term 2 Week 2, 2018

9th May 2018

FUTURE DATES

Friday 11th May
Mother's Day
Breakfast and Mass

From Monday 14th May
ALL STUDENTS IN
FULL WINTER
UNIFORM

Tuesday 15th May
Naplan Yrs 3 & 5

Wednesday 16th May
Naplan Yrs 3 & 5

Thursday 17th May
Naplan Yrs 3 & 5

Tuesday 22nd May
Year 2 - Fizzics
Incursion
Confirmation
Practice 6.30 -
7.30pm

Friday 25th May
Assembly 2pm -
Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2
Confirmation Mass
7pm

Sunday 27th May
Presentation of
Confirmation
Certificate 9.30am
Mass

Monday 29th May
Stage 3 Girls soccer
Gala day
ICAS - Science

NOTES SENT HOME ...

Year 6 Graduation
committee
Stage 2 & Year 2
Fissics

Principal's Message

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,



"Every mother is like Moses. She does not enter the Promised Land. She prepares a world she will not see". - Pope Paul VI

Mothers are the precious treasure troves which remain an important part of our lives for all of our life. There are times you just sit back and think about the times when you learnt from your mother, or suddenly after tasting a dish you prepared, you think of how your mother used to prepare it. We can all remember when it was only our mothers kind and gentle hands that could console us after a fall when we were little or a disappointment when we were older. Such reflections never fail to bring a smile to our face. Mothers Day is a time to love, kiss and thank the most precious creation of God - your Mum! Throughout our lives it is our mothers who have comforted, protected, guided and cared for us. We pray for all our mothers, aunties, grandmothers and special women who make such a difference to our lives.

We celebrate our wonderful Mothers this Friday at a special Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass, where the children have the opportunity to be grateful for how special their mums are to them. We pray especially to our Mother Mary to guide and protect all Mothers.

It is lovely to be back at school for Term 2. As we commence a new term, may our community be blessed for the journey ahead.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

PHOTO GALLERY:

See the latest photos on the school website:

[2018 Mark Taylor Shield](#)



[2018 Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day](#)



[2018 OLOL Cross Country](#)



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

Parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2019 applications are now being accepted. Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of this term. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2019, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

Out and About

During the recent holidays we commemorated ANZAC Day. Each year our school is invited to send student representatives to the children's ANZAC march organised by Seven Hills RSL. This march is generally held on the Sunday before ANZAC day. This year our student representatives were Sophie Stancic and Ethan Neish. Sophie and Ethan represented our school with pride - wearing their school uniforms and carrying our school banner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sophie, Ethan and their parents for giving up their time to participate in the ANZAC march which is an important way to honour those men and women who gave up their lives so that we may have the life that we enjoy today.



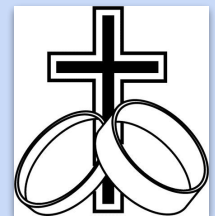
We also received a gift of two books for our school library from The Cumberland National Servicemen's Association. These ANZAC books will be placed in our collection along with a large number of other books we have in our ANZAC collection to help the children gain a perspective on the importance of ANZAC Day. I would like to thank the Cumberland National Servicemen's Association for their generous gift.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal



SOCCER WORLD CUP ATHON - SAVE THE DATE

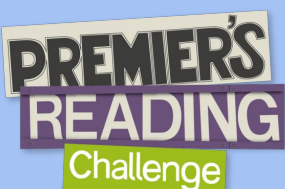
On Friday June 15th we will hold our school soccer world cup - athon. Students will be asked to seek sponsors and on the day will participate in a range of soccer related activities. More details to follow.



Congratulations Mrs Clynick

Congratulations to Mrs Elise Clynick (nee Geekie) on the celebration of her marriage during the holidays.

We wish Mrs Clynick and her husband all of God's blessings throughout their lives.



Premiers Reading Challenge

As a school we are once again participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. The challenge officially commenced on March 5th. Logon details were sent home last term for all students. Please note that the website address to access the Premiers Reading Challenge has now changed. The updated link is shown below. If you are still having difficulty logging on using this address please contact Mrs Cividin.

[Premiers Reading Challenge](#)

Mark Taylor Cricket Shield

In the last week of term I had the pleasure of accompanying OLOL students who represented the school at the Mark Taylor Cricket Shield. The boys played well and displayed an excellent sporting attitude defeating Redfield College. I was most impressed by the way in which our students supported each other throughout the game. Congratulations to Aryan Roy who was named player of the match. The boys will progress to the third round this term. Special thanks goes to Mr Clark and Mr Thompson who assisted with umpiring and scoring. Keiran Byrnes

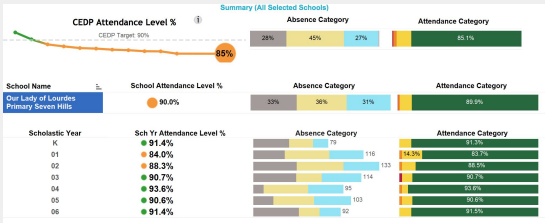
Attendance

Congratulations to all students who received a 100% attendance certificate for Term 1.

Our school attendance rate at the end of week 1 is at 90%. Our school goal for the whole year is 90%. Let’s stay above 90%.

If your child is away from school it is a legal requirement for parents to provide an explanation for your child’s absence. Parents may

- send a note or email the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school



Mothers’ Day Mass and Breakfast



On Friday we will celebrate Mothers’ Day with a special Mass and Breakfast. Breakfast will commence at 7:40am. Following breakfast mothers and grandmothers are invited to visit the children in their classroom. Mass will commence at 9:15am. Mothers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass. We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Mums. Any Dads who can help with setting up, cooking, serving or cleaning up would be most welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR Mothers Day stall raffle winners:
1st prize Juan Burgess Year 5
2nd prize Johnathan Sant Year 1
3rd Prize - Venya Domaraju Year 3

Slime

During Term 1 a large number of children were bringing “slime” to school. This has resulted in some problems particularly in relation to stains on uniforms. As a result we are asking that “slime” not be sent to school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Sports Uniform Days Term 2



KINDERGARTEN
YEAR 1
YEAR 2
YEAR 3
YEAR 4
YEAR 5
YEAR 6

Wednesday and Thursday
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Wednesday
Tuesday and Friday
Wednesday and Friday
Thursday
Tuesday and Wednesday

Curriculum Conversations

Peer Review 2018

Each year all Primary and Secondary schools in Parramatta Diocese engage in the process of Peer Review to present curriculum documentation and obtain critical feedback from peers in a professional learning context. In the last week of Term 1 OLOL was involved in this annual process. The process of Peer Review allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum that will form a point of focus. The process of Peer Review also enables all schools to assure that they are fully compliant according to NESA and CEDP requirements.

This year OLOL presented curriculum documentation in the area of Religious Education and Creative Arts for Kindergarten. My thanks and congratulations to Miss Marlee Broughton, Miss Stephanie Musgrave, Mrs Janelle Bawden and Mrs Clare Willemse who were responsible for preparing and presenting at Peer Review in 2018, ably supported by Mrs Carol Cividin.

The feedback given to OLOL was very positive and included some of the following statements.

Religious Education

The scope & sequence is aligned with Sharing Our Story. Good practice is that there is a whole school peer review to ensure outcomes align with the scope & sequence. The assessment plan incorporates assessment AS, OF and FOR learning. It is well organised and aligns with the scope & sequence and it matches the outcomes. The teaching & learning program incorporates all the necessary elements and shows evidence of teacher evaluations of student learning. There is great incorporation of the 3 senses of scripture. Students are able to reflect on lessons and are given opportunities to apply their learning. There are detailed annotations in the programs. All assessments aligned with the scope & sequence and Assessment Plans and this is reflected in the program. Evaluations of student learning and the success of teaching tasks are evident in the program. Student use of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria for next steps of learning is also evident. Student self assess within the program. Student work samples of assessments were presented showing high, middle and low achievement levels. These have very detailed annotations with rubrics. Differentiation is reflected through the incorporation of open ended tasks.

Creative Arts

The scope & sequence was clear and easy to read. Good practice is that the school has compliance meetings once a term to ensure they are compliant with outcomes and content. The assessment plan links to the assessment tasks and is very clear to understand. There is a comprehensive 5 point grading system which is very detailed and can give accurate information about the students to parents. The programs are very well set out and easy to read and follow. There are links to other KLAs including RE which incorporates Catholic Values. Annotations on programs reflect where changes are made and take into consideration student interests and engagement. These are quite clear and easy to read. Sharing of markbooks to share grades between colleagues is a great idea. Plenty of varied work samples were provided including digital and hard copies. Rubrics were attached to samples which makes it easy to see different levels of students' work.

SPORT NEWS

Stage 3 Girls and Boys Soccer Trials

Just a reminder we will be having a trial for the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day on Thursday 10th of May and the Stage 3 Boys Soccer trials on Tuesday 15th of May. The Gala Days will be held on May 29th for the girls and June 5th for the boys at Jamison Park in Penrith.

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, 1st May, 32 OLOL students participated in the Parramatta Diocese Cross Country Carnival held at Sydney Motorsport Park. Congratulations all students who represented OLOL so well, displaying not only fantastic performances but exemplary sportsmanship. Well done.

Outstanding results for the day were:

Rhys Webster	1st	10 Years Boys
Western Division		
Zackary Armitage	2nd	11 Years Boys
Western Division		
Sophie Stancic	2nd	12/13 Years Girls
Western Division		
Byron Aspin	2nd	12/13 Years Boys
Western Division		

These athletes have been selected to represent Parramatta Diocese at the NSW Catholic Schools Championships on Friday 15th June.

UNIFORMS

From next week Monday, 14th May all students will be required to wear their full school winter uniform.

If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website <http://www.schoolinterviews.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. If you require any further assistance please contact **Aida Almeida** in the school office.



Congratulations to Week 11 Term 1 Gold award winners:

Kinder Deng Atem
Year 1 Luke Butylewicz
Year 2 Emma Skinner
Year 3 Mayanna Watts
Year 4 Isabella delaCruz
Year 5 Alysse Yates
Year 5 Jessie Raad
Year 6 Irene Suryatho

Congratulations to Week 2 Term 2 Gold Award Winners

Kinder Abel Mathew
Year 1 Aaliyah Gray
Year 2 Javiar Bou Serhal
Year 3 Aiden Clark
Year 4 Obama Azrag
Year 5 Charize Abou Yaghi
Year 6 Tupou Lino



Winter Uniform

The official day for changing to our winter uniform is next Monday, 14th May. From this day, each child will be expected to wear the correct uniform. The correct uniform is as follows:

Winter Uniform

BOYS

Long sleeved (school blue) shirt with crest
Navy school trousers
OLOL School jacket with crest or School jumper
School tie
Navy ankle socks
Black shoes
School hat or cap

GIRLS

Plaid tunic and tab tie
Long sleeved (school blue) blouse with peter-pan collar
OLOL School jacket (with crest) or school jumper
Navy socks (long) or Navy tights
Black shoes
School hat or cap

NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN exams.

These will take place on Tuesday the 15th (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday the 16th (Reading) and Thursday the 17th of May (Numeracy). These examinations take place nationwide and give an indication of student's proficiency in Literacy and Numeracy. It should be remembered that these exams, whilst important, provide us with only a snapshot of a child's performance on a given day and must be considered in light of all the other information we know about the child. Never the less, the Year 3 and Year 5 teachers have been providing the students with opportunities to experience NAPLAN like activities so that they are familiar with the format when it comes to the exams and feel encouraged and supported throughout the experience. If any parents have any questions or concerns with regards the NAPLAN exams please see your child's class teacher.

Term 2 planner is available to view on the school website click on link below

[Term 2 planner](#)

The need to transform education unquestionable, says Catholic education Leader.

Go to the **school website** to see a media release from Greg Whitby in the significant shift in the model of schools proposed in 'Gonski2.0' report.

Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day

On the last day of Term One a group of Stage Three students participated in the Touch Football Gala Day. Our Lady Of Lourdes entered three teams, two boys teams and a girls team. Each player displayed great skill, exceptional sportsmanship qualities and a large competitive drive. The Blue Boys team won their division and very proudly received a medal for their efforts. The White boys team came third while the girls narrowly missed out on first place and came runners up in a tight for and against points count! A big thankyou to the parents that helped on the day, organising, encouraging and provided great school spirit. We were all very proud of the way all the teams represented our school.



2018 OLOL CROSS COUNTRY

6TH APRIL, 2018



On Friday, 6th April, we held our annual Cross Country Carnival at OLOL. This was the culmination of a term of work in PE lessons for Kindergarten through to Year 6.

Congratulations to every student who participated on a very warm autumn day! The display of teamwork, sportsmanship and respect amongst all the students was fantastic to see and all should be proud of their effort.

House Captains prepared the teams well with cheers and team spirit being showing through in the enthusiastic cheers.

Thanks must go to the band of ready Parent Helpers who took on the roles of Course Marshals, Time Keepers, Place Judges and Lap Markers.

Thank you to the staff of OLOL for their dedication and involvement as House Patrons, Recorders and Officials. Your sense of fun in dressing for the occasion was appreciated by the students and added to the carnival atmosphere.

Congratulations to those students who qualified to represent OLOL at the Diocesan Cross Country



HOUSE POINT RESULTS

1st Green 86 pts; 2nd Blue 82 pts; 3rd Yellow 75 pts
and 4th Red 51 pts

RE NEWS



Sunday Mass is a time to give thanks to God for all that has happened in our lives and it is a time to call out to God, asking for help in all the things that are about to happen in our lives. It is a time for the believer to see God's love present in the world in many ways, but most especially in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Coming together in faith gives members of the Church the opportunity to worship God, to provide for those who are in need; to comfort those who are suffering and to encourage those who are weighed down by life's challenges and difficulties.

At times it is all too easy to find yourself caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life where work becomes a burden, relationships are overly complicated and family life is chipped away. In the Catholic tradition Sunday has long been a day of prayer and rest.

The celebration of the Mass on Sunday reminds us that God is the centre of our lives and by rising from the dead Jesus Christ makes all things new.

Each grade in our school has the opportunity to lead the parish in a **Family Parish Mass**. On the fourth Sunday of each month (apart from school holidays) the students are encouraged to attend the 9.30 Mass and lead the community in prayer. Some children will be asked to do the First and Second Reading, the Prayers of the Faithful or the Offertory Procession. As a commitment to our Catholic faith I encourage all families to try and make the effort to attend Mass each week.

Our Family Masses this term are:

May 27 Kindergarten and Year 6

June 24 Year 2

Morning tea is provided after Mass and if your child's grade is responsible for leading the Mass then we encourage you to bring along a plate of food or biscuits to share with the community. This food can be left in the kitchen of the hall before Mass.



The theme for Project Compassion this year was "For A Just Future". Once again the huge hearts of OLOL have been revealed through this initiative. Many students and families reflected on their lives and sacrificed something and donated money to enable us to support those who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

In total we were able to raise \$1623.90, which means that Caritas are able to purchase 32 goats for a village in Nepal.

What a wonderful effort from our community.

Thank you to all of those families who discussed the cause with their children and encouraged them to make sacrifices so that others could benefit.



A Prayer for Mothers

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to women the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life.

Watch over every mother. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Family Day at OLOL



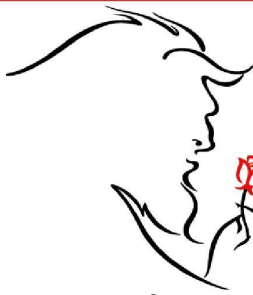
May 15 has been designated by the United Nations as International Family Day. Bishop Vincent has declared this day (or another day suitable to the local context) as a day of awareness and fundraising for CatholicCare, the organization in our diocese which offers many services in support of families.

Each school has been asked to engage in prayer and hold a fundraiser connected with International Family Day with the proceeds going to CatholicCare. At OLOL we have decided to hold a Liturgy on Monday May 14 at 8.40am in the school hall. We will then have a 'Family Day Mufti Day' on Friday May 18. On this day the children will be asked to dress up as a member of their family and donate a gold coin towards the event. Your child might like to dress up as their grandparents, the occupation of their parents (eg: police officer, nurse, builder, mechanic, gym instructor, artist,) or they might dress up in something that reflects a favourite past time or hobby of a family member (eg sports, knitting, chef....) . You can be as creative as you wish.

We are looking forward to 'meeting' these members of your family and learning a lot more about them on the day. I am sure that each child will be able to tell their teacher and friends why they have dressed up as they did and it will start some interesting and perhaps some familiar conversation amongst everyone. Don't forget to send in a gold coin donation on the day to support CatholicCare and Bishop Vincent's initiative.



Gilroy Catholic College's



PRODUCTION OF

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Music by

Alan Menken

Lyrics by

Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by

Linda Woolverton

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Wednesday 9th May • Thursday 10th May • Friday 11th May • Saturday 12th May | **2018**

Tickets available from : www.trybooking.com/345002

**Catherine McAuley Westmead
School Open Morning
9.15 – 11am
Tuesday 29th May 2018**

Enrolments for Year 7 2020



Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2020 applicants but open to any year group. School tours later in the year get very crowded so beat the rush!

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.