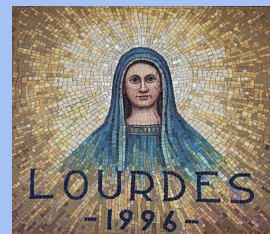




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Newsletter Term 3 Week 4, 2018

15TH AUGUST, 2018

FUTURE DATES

Thursday 16th August
Mufti Day for a Farmer

Friday 17th August
Pizza Meal Deal Yr 6
Fundraiser

Monday 20th August
BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY
- 9am in the Hall - ALL
WELCOME

Friday 24th August
Photos for Father's Day
Mass powerpoint need to be
emailed by 3pm

Sunday 26th August
FAMILY MASS Yr 3

Tuesday 28th August
Netball Gala Day

Wednesday 29th August
Father's Day Stall

**PREMIERS READING
CHALLENGE CLOSES
FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST**

Friday 31st August
Father's Day
Breakfast and Open
Classrooms
7.30 – 9.00
Father's Day Mass 9.15

Wednesday 5th September
1st Eucharist –
2nd Meeting 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday 8th September
2nd Meeting 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Friday 7th September
Stage 3 Assembly 2pm in the
hall
Stage 2 Boys Touch Football
at St Mary's

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

I write with exciting news about further improvements to the facilities at OLOL. We have been recently advised that further work will take place to resurface the driveway and lower car park. This work will address the existing uneven and deteriorating surface.

In addition to the car park, work will take place to rectify and resurface the basketball court, renew the basketball hoops, make good the current uneven concrete edges surrounding the court and lay synthetic grass surrounding the basketball court.

These works will happen as result of the support of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta to improve the facilities for our children.

The funds that were raised during the recent World Cup Athon that was planned to contribute to resurfacing the basketball court will now be used to enhance play equipment for the children.

At this point it is anticipated that, similar to last year, the car park works will take place during the next school holidays. All playground works will be completed by Christmas. As further details are confirmed I will inform you as soon as practicable.

As with all construction works there will be some short term inconvenience. Full details of any adjustments that will need to be made will be communicated in a timely manner.

This construction work will make a massive difference to the appearance and quality of the facilities for the children for 2018 and well into the future.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

PHOTO GALLERY:
See the latest photos on
the school website:



[2018 St. Mary
MacKillop Mass](#)



[2018 Week of Service](#)



[2018 Over 50s Concert](#)



**We have limited
spaces available in
Years 1-6 in 2019.
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.**



Father's Day

Fathers' Day Mass

On Friday August 31st we will once again be holding our Fathers' Day breakfast followed by our Fathers' Day Mass. Breakfast will commence at 7.30am followed by open classrooms, Mass will commence at 9:15. Fathers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass. As part of our liturgy there will be a photo reflection at the conclusion of the Mass. Families are invited to email one photo of fathers and their child/children to the school at **OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au** marked "Father's Day Photos". Please note that the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection is **3pm on Friday, August 24th**. Please understand that photos sent in after this time cannot be included as the slideshow will be created over the weekend and once created the format prevents any further changes. This is why we have given over three weeks notice to give families plenty of time to source photos and send them in to avoid any disappointment. We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Dads.

FAMILY MASS - SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST AT 9.30AM

Just a reminder that Year 3 will be leading the prayers in our Family Mass which is on Sunday August 26 at 9.30am. Please be reminded that Year 3 families are asked to generously supply something for morning tea. Please take your offerings to the hall kitchen before Mass. We also ask that some parents are available to help serve the refreshments after the celebration of the Mass.

Book Week Activities

Our Book Week activities this year will take place on Monday August 20th. These will commence with our Book Week assembly at 9:00 in the Hall which incorporates our Book Week Parade. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Students are asked to dress as their favourite book character or something linked to the theme "Find your Treasure".

As part of the activities we are asking parents to view and vote on the best writing piece for each stage written in response to our whole school writing stimulus: "Which is the best Super Hero?" the piece voted the best for each stage will receive two movie tickets as a reward.

Following the assembly students will engage in activities related to a selected book along with a buddy class.

In the afternoon students will engage in book related trivia in cross stage groups. We are sure it will be a fun day of activities.

The Uniform Shop

If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login>
Use the event code: dd66v

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 on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

School FEES

Term 3 School Fees have now been issued and mailed to your home/billing address. School Fees are due by Wednesday, 29th August 2018. All remaining fees should be paid by that date unless under an arrangement. If you have not received your statement or are requiring financial assistance please contact Mrs Monique Kearins on 8869 6800.

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.

CYBER Safety

A reminder to parents to be aware of the risk associated with children having access to the internet. This includes all forms of social media and online games.

Parents should note that, unless properly supervised and screen time limited, exposure to online activity can have a negative effect not only on a student's academic performance but their social and emotional well being as well.



Gold Awards and Merit Awards

Congratulations to Week 3 Gold Award Winners

Kindergarten Giselle Assi
 Year 1 James Liaros
 Year 2 Jamie Hallett
 Year 3 Pranuti Saisriraam
 Year 4 Rhea Arora
 Year 5 Rhys Webster
 Year 6 Karen Pannu



Congratulations to Week 4 Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten Hayley Greentree-Davis
 Year 1 Bianca Fiorenza
 Year 2 Laumanu Kama
 Year 3 Isabella Fiorenza
 Year 4 Andy Su
 Year 5 Matthew Abdilla
 Year 6 Fletcher Kendall

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at last Friday's Assembly:

- KB:** Varshith Domaralju, Indie-Rose Scanlan, Edward Zhuang, Saanvi Mistry
- KW:** Tate Roughley, Mikylah Fontanilla, Kyra Prajapati, Lucius Asuncion
- 1B:** Luke Butylewicz, Prisha Gaur, Tahlia Herczeg, Anita Nguyen, Ethan Santosa
- 1W:** Vicky Su, Zac Nohra, Vardy Kad, Pearl Grover, Ava Nowak, Tyrell Crisostomo
- 2B:** Ben Albion, Billy Douglas, Timothy Heenpellage, Sergio Sulaiman
- 2W:** Maci Case, Vihaan Gatla, Tia Gupta, Laumanu Kama
- 3B:** Emily Biziuk, Cameron Fahey, Clarisse Tuanqui, Mia Lal, Ekaspreet Bhullar
- 3W:** Jairus Odur Ochieng, Madeleine Zaaat, Kevin Su, Chloe Attard
- 4B:** Liv Lal, Phillip Park, Jayden Cortis, Brookyn Buckley
- 4W:** Chelsea Kataria, Cai Marshall, Nysa Sethi, Nikita Krzeminski
- 5B:** Florencia Wanandy, Shagun Kad, Aaron Sriraj, Liam Essex, Arnva Sharma
- 5W:** Connor Nilon, Saanvi Vadlamudi, Noah Bumanglag, Angad Ahuja
- 6B:** Oliver Browne, Katelyn Fountain, Lennox Talauta, Elijah Villa
- 6W:** Adalina Abdilla, Aryan Roy, James Thompson, Alex Sakre

PARENT GROUP NEWS...

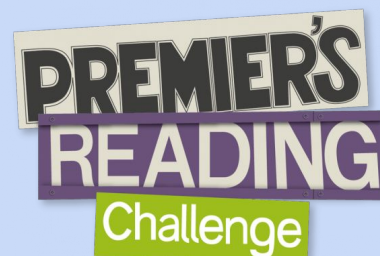
Tonight -
 Parent Group Meeting at 7pm
 in the library -
ALL WELCOME

Tuesday, 28th August -
 wrapping day for Father's Day
 stall

Wednesday, 29th August -
 Father's Day Stall

Friday, 31st August - Father's
 Day breakfast and Mass

Don't forget to save the date
 Friday 19th October -
 Hollywood themed trivia night



The Premier's Reading Challenge concludes on Friday August 31st. To be included in the challenge students online reading logs must be completed by this time. All Kindergarten and Year 1 students have completed the challenge via the books their teachers have read to them in class. If you have any difficulties updating your child's reading log please contact Mrs Cividin.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Awards

These children have received this special award for trying to be the Living Body of Christ through the saying of Mary MacKillop.



Week 3		Week 4	
“Never see a need without doing something about it.”		“Gratitude is the memory of the Heart.”	
Kindy Blue	Koko Wang	Kindy Blue	Evie Kandall
Kindy White	Lucius Asuncion	Kindy White	Joshua Jeganathan
1 Blue	Thisara K Don	1 Blue	Amelia Laus
1 White	Christina LaGuidara	1 White	Bianca Fiorenza
2 Blue	Alisha Sharma	2 Blue	Ashley Lo
2 White	Tia Gupta	2 White	Kristena Azrag
3 Blue	Demi Tsakos	3 Blue	Kathryn Andrew
3 White	Valerie Sulaimon	3 White	Dominic Sant
4 Blue	Phoenix Dickson	4 Blue	Erika Naing
4 White	Louis Savic	4 White	William Martin
5 Blue	Juan Burgess	5 Blue	Erin Poniris
5 White	Agnes Biju	5 White	George Palmiotto
6 Blue	Ethan Ballment	6 Blue	Katelyn Fountain
6 White	Ethan Neish	6 White	Joel Case



Mufti Day for a Farmer

Australia is in the grips of one its worst droughts in decades, and farmers all across the country have been waiting and praying for rain. As part of OLOL's Social Justice mission, we try to reach out to those in need, both around the world and in our local community. In hearing about the hardship and the devastation that many farmers and businesses in rural Australia are facing, and seeing the images on the media, we have decided to join with many Australians and try to bring some relief to the challenges that they face.

"What can we do at OLOL to help? We have decided to have a **Mufti Day** for the Drought Relief. The children will be able to **dress up as a farmer** for the day and **bring in a gold coin** (or as much money as they would like) to donate to the cause. We will have the **Mufti Day for Farmers tomorrow, 16th August** and I encourage you to speak to your children about the struggles and the challenges that these families are facing. Let your children know that as a community and a nation, we are able to help others who are in desperate need. There will also be a donations container in the office foyer for those who would like to offer their support.

Please ensure that your child wears clothes that are safe and sensible. They must wear covered shoes, no thongs, and also have a hat to wear at recess and lunch times. It does not necessarily have to be the school hat but they must still have a hat to wear for sun protection.

We are very lucky to live in a country that supports so many causes but especially lucky that we have so many people who want to reach out to ease the pain and suffering of those who are struggling. We will also have a donation 'bucket' in our office foyer so if you would like to be a part of this cause, please feel free to offer your generosity.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Janelle Bawden

Religious Education Coordinator





WEEK OF SERVICE AT OLOL

The Week of Service (August 6-10) is a time when all students at OLOL try to follow the lead of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and extend our services to the wider community. Mary MacKillop's most famous saying is "never see a need without doing something about it" and as such we have been trying to share our generosity of time to others. Each grade has been responsible for conducting an 'activity' during the week and extending their care and compassion to our community and/or the environment.

Here is a summary from some children about what they did.

Year 1: We weeded the garden beds outside our classroom. We did this so that we can beautify the area for all of us at OLOL to enjoy. We had a wonderful time. It was tiring work but we felt great about making our school a better place for everyone to enjoy.

Year 2: We brought in blankets, scarves, gloves, socks and beanies to help the homeless people to stay warm in winter. We supported the organisation Heaven on Earth who travel to Parramatta Park to give these things to the people in need, just like Mary MacKillop showed us.

Year 3: We made activity books for the children in the hospital who can't get out of bed. We really enjoyed helping children who are sad and lonely in hospital.

Year 4: We made cards for people in hospital who have no visitors. This made us feel happy because we were doing good deeds and trying to be more like Mary MacKillop.

Year 5: We performed a dance to "Waterloo" and we played Maths games with the "Over 50's" group in our parish. The groups were really nice. Some of the comments they made were "I like their performance so much that I wanted to get up and dance with them," "that was a really fun game. I want to play it again," "you're fantastic mathematicians," and many, many more comments. They were a lovely audience and we thoroughly enjoyed performing for them.

Year 6: Year 6 visited two of the local preschools. It was a fun time for everyone. The young pre-schoolers were happy for us to read a special story with them and to play in their playground. Following this we then performed a song for the Over 50's parish group which was a special chance for us to spend time with them. We are grateful for the chance to have served others last week and we look forward to the many more opportunities that may arise when we can spend time with community members in this way.

Here are some photos of our Week of Service at OLOL

[Kindy Photos](#)

[Year One Photos](#)

[Year Two Photos](#)

[Year Three Photos](#)

[Year Four Photos](#)

[Year Five Photos](#)

[Year Six Photos](#)

Sport News

Zone Athletics Carnival

Yesterday Ms Critchlow and Mrs Clynick travelled with 31 children to the Blacktown International Sports Park to compete in the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day where the students were able to showcase their different sporting abilities. All students represented Our Lady of Lourdes with great sportsmanship and pride. A special congratulations to the students who will be representing Parramatta Diocese at the next carnival. Thank you to David Spadaro and Penny Kostis for volunteering as track officials on the day.

Blacktown Zone Carnival Competitors

Zackary Armitage

Kaylee Aspin

Byron Aspin

Kondaliza Azrag

Jaylene Bong

Joye-Mari Boursianis

Sanmeet Brar

Juan Burgess

Reuben George

Amelia Herczeg

Joshua Herczeg

Alexandra Kostis

Tupou Lino

Winny Lual

Ethan Neish

Jairus OdurOchieng

Thomas Osborne

Monu Pongi

Aryan Roy

Alexandra Sakre

Jeremy Smith

Alexander Spadaro

Sophie Stancic

Kevin Su

Irene Suryathyo

Zoe van Zoggel

Rhys Webster

Emma Webster

Rhys Williams

Alysse Yates

Chloe Sibilant

Parramatta Diocese Representatives - 23rd of August

Awien Lual - Blacktown Zone Junior Girls Champion

Rhys Webster - Blacktown Zone Junior Boys Champion

Zackary Armitage - Blacktown Zone 11 years Boys Runner Up

Sophie Stancic - Blacktown Zone Senior Girls Champion

Byron Aspin

Kaylee Aspin

Alexandra Kostis

Alexander Spadaro

Irene Suryathyo

Juan Burgess

Ethan Neish

Monu Pongi

Jeremy Smith



MacKillop Touch Football

Congratulations to Byron Aspin who represented MacKillop in Touch Football. Being selected for this team is an amazing achievement as he was competing against some of the best touch football players in the state. We know that Byron not only represented the MacKillop team with great skill and sportsmanship, but Our Lady of Lourdes as well. .

Voice of Youth Competition

Each year all of the Year 6 students prepare and present a speech on a topic of their choice for the Voice of Youth competition. This competition is an opportunity for those students with a flare for public speaking to compete against other schools in our diocese. The speeches are all presented in the class setting and from there 12 school finalists are selected. Congratulations to the following students who presented at our School final on the 7th of August. *Fletcher Kendall, Irene Suryatho, Yasin Yagci, Christian Milicevic, Aryan Roy, Sophie Stancic, Daniel Tenn, Ezekiel Viray, Thomas Osborne, Reuben George, Arzaan Netto and Ethan Neish.* It was a difficult decision for the judges to make as all of these students presented fantastic speeches.

The two students that were selected to represent Our Lady of Lourdes at the cluster final were Daniel Tenn and Aryan Roy, with Fletcher Kendall as the reserve. Both Daniel and Aryan did an amazing job when we travelled to Greystanes to compete against the other schools in our area. Aryan Roy was the Winner on the day, and Daniel Tenn was awarded with the Runner Up trophy. This is an amazing achievement for the boys and we are very proud of their great effort.

We wish Aryan the best of luck as he moves through to the next stage, competing in the Eastern Semi Final on the 12th of September.



OLOL Parent Group Meeting Agenda

Meeting to be held tonight at 7:00pm in the school library

- Opening Welcome and Prayer
- Apologies
- Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting
- Matters arising from previous minutes
- President's report
- Principal's report
- Treasurer's report
- Publicity report
- PRC report
- Correspondence



General Business

- o Trivia night
- o Father's Day breakfast

Book Give Away

As part of Book Week we are having a "book give away" where books that have been discarded from our library collection are offered for free to families.

These books have been discarded to make way for newer books in our collection. There are a range of books, fiction, non fiction, picture books, readers and novels.

The books will be available for one day only in the library, on Monday August 20th. Parents are able to come to the library after the Book Week Assembly and after school on that day to view the books available and take them away with them. Children may also view books at lunchtime on that day.

*After the day any left over books will be collected and removed from the library.
This is an opportunity to give some pre loved books a new home!*