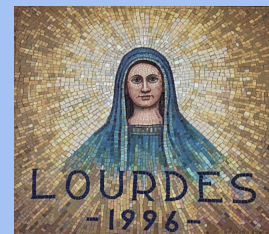




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Newsletter Term 1 Week 10, 2018

4th April, 2018

FUTURE DATES

Friday 6th April
OLOL Cross Country -
commences 9am
ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 11th April
Confirmation - 1st
Meeting parents only
6.30pm - 7.30pm or
Saturday 14th April
4.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday 13th April
LAST DAY TERM 1
Stage 2 Opera House
excursion
Stage 3 Touch Football
Gala Day

Monday 30th April
FIRST DAY TERM 2

Wednesday 2nd May
TERM 2 DANCE
FEVER COMMENCES
[See note](#)

Tuesday 8th May
Mother's Day stall
wrapping

Wednesday 9th May
[Mother's Day stall](#)
Friday 11th May
Mother's Day breakfast
and Mass
Week commencing
14th May
Naplan Week

Monday 14th May
[Students wear winter
uniform](#)
NOTES SENT HOME
Stage 2 excursion to
Sydney Opera House

Naplan letter to
parents

Mother's Day note

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

He is risen!

After attending our beautiful and meaningful Holy Week prayer at school last week I attended the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday evening with my family.

The vigil begins with the Service of Light where the paschal candle is lit, brought into the darkened Church and the light is passed from believer to believer gathered in the Church. This is the light of the Risen Christ in our lives.

The readings of the Easter vigil all concern the spreading of light. We hear about the ordering of creation. Of Abraham leaving his homeland, of Moses leading his people out of captivity, of Ezekial promising a change of heart, of Mary of Magdala sending the disciples north to Galilee. The Easter message of light, love and hope is unmistakable and urgently needed in our world.

We also renewed our Baptismal promises as an act of faith where we promised to remain faithful to God. So as we embrace this Easter season we pray that our eyes and ears are open to Christ. We pray that we have the courage to listen to God and proclaim the Good News of God's love to the world. We do not need to wait to start practicing kindness, non-violence, reconciliation, reverence, joy, hope, and peace. The risen Lord is present among us right here and now in our time. God uses our lives to bring the light of Christ to our world.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

PHOTO GALLERY:

See the latest photos on the school website:

[2018 Stage 3 Canberra](#)



[2018 Young Leaders Day](#)



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 next 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.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES COMMUNICATION

Parents are reminded that teachers are always available to discuss any area of grievance provided an appointment time has been established through the Office Staff or a note given to the teacher from the student. Please remember the first point of contact should be with the Class Teacher. If there is still a point of issue then please follow the school guidelines which outline the avenues of communication to follow. The Teacher, the Stage Coordinator, The Assistant Principal, The Principal to the Diocesan Office where there is also an order of avenues to follow.



GOLD AWARDS WEEK 9 TERM 1

Kindergarten	Deng Atem
Year 1	Pearl Grover
Year 2	Brodie Holley
Year 3	Chloe Sibilant
Year 4	Ava Rigney
Year 5	Thomas Fahey
Year 6	Alexander Sakre

MERIT AWARDS TERM 1 WEEK 8

KW - Tanishka Sriraj, Oscar King, Deng Atem, Sienna Bayeh

KB - Evie Kendall, Varshith Domaraju, Vaanya Chhikara, Mehrnaz Bhasin

1B - James Liaros, Zeel Gilitwala, Tohuia Kama, Marshal Millar, Elisha Odur, Jonathan Sant

2B - Billy Douglas, Rushil George, Shaan Patel, Ben Albion

2W - Sleiman Awkar, Himika Chintapatla, Amber Issanchon, Sophie Shaw

3B - Zac Osborne, Arham Batra, Mayanna Watts, Alexandra Kostis, Mira Sharma

4W - Chelsea Kataria, Jacob Sammut, Cassandra Laus, Jayden Leota

5B - Catherine Holmes, Sean Park, Alyssa Stenton, Florencia Wanandy

5W - Lily Kwicien, Ali Keser, Jessica Taliana, Matthew Abdilla, Angad Ahuja

6B - Oliver Browne, Douglas Leota, Karen Pannu

6W - Fletcher Kendall, Daham Don, Adalina Abdilla, Tupu Lino

SPORT NEWS



NSWPSSA Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Irene Surathyo and Cameron Fahey who have qualified into the MacKillop swimming team and will be competing in the NSWPSSA Swimming Championships in Week 11. We wish them the best of luck and are very proud of their achievements.

Gala Days

Good luck to the Stage 3 students who will be representing our school in the Mark Taylor Cricket Shield on the 11th of April and the Parramatta Diocese Touch Football Gala Day on the 13th of April. We know these boys and girls will represent OLOL with great pride and sportsmanship. Thank you to Ms Byrnes, Miss Broughton and Mrs Van Zoggel who have been preparing the students and will accompany them on the day.

Diocesan Cross Country

The Diocesan Cross Country will be held on Tuesday the 1st of May at

Coles Sport for Schools Vouchers

Just a reminder that there is still time for you to bring in your Coles Sport for Schools Vouchers. We will be collecting these vouchers until Monday 9th of April. Thank you to all of the people who have already donated their vouchers.

UNIFORMS

From Week 3, 14th May all students will be in 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.

School Fees

Term 1 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.

If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate in contacting 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.

WINTER UNIFORM

The official day for changing to our winter uniform is Monday, 14th May (week 3 Term 2). From this day, each child will be expected to wear the correct uniform. However, should the weather be cool before that date, children can wear their winter uniform to school. Children must wear either their full summer uniform or their full winter uniform during this time.

Mothers' Day Breakfast Committee

It has been a tradition for some years at Our Lady of Lourdes to celebrate Mothers' Day with a breakfast followed by a Mass. This year the breakfast will take place on **Friday May 11th** and we are forming a committee of Dads to run the breakfast. Kevin Naing (dad of Riley Year 6 and Erika Year 4) has kindly agreed to coordinate. If you can help in any way, please contact Kevin Naing on 0437 440 783.



REMINDER SCHOOL ZONES

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

It is recommended that this advice is provided for the break at the end of Term 1. For most NSW Catholic schools, school zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday 13 April 2017 and resume on Monday 30 April 2017. Note: even though many schools will elect to have Monday 30 April as a pupil free day, school zones will be in operation on the Monday, whether students are present or not.

Should you have any queries or require clarification of this advice, please contact Mr Peter Grace, State Co-ordinator – Student Wellbeing and Mission, at CECNSW on peter.grace@csnsw.catholic.edu.au or 9287 1583.

NAPLAN

Parents of children in Year 3 and Year 5 please be aware that linked to this is a letter advising you of details about NAPLAN testing in 2018. There is also a link to a parent guide to NAPLAN 2018. Additionally hard copies of this information has been sent home with your child today. If you have any concerns or questions feel free to contact the school.

[NAPLAN - Letter to Parents](#)
[NAPLAN - Information for Parents and Carers](#)



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 week for all new students including our Kindergarten students. Students who participated last year are able to log on using their previous log. If your child did not receive their logon or you are having trouble accessing the site please contact Mrs Cividin.

New Look Newsletter

As you can see we are in the process of updating the look of our newsletter.

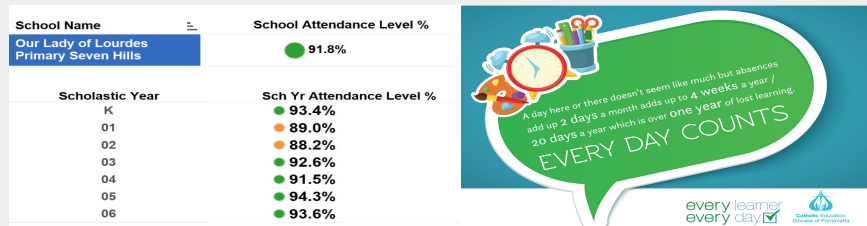
We are aiming to continue our high level of communication with links to other relevant information sources. These include but are not limited to letters, information brochures, the gallery on our website and news stories on our website.

Attendance Update

Our school attendance rate at the end of week 9 is at 91.8%. Our school goal for the whole year is 90%. Keep up the good work.

The reason we track school attendance is because research shows us there is a strong correlation between school attendance and achievement. The school will contact you if we are concerned about your child's attendance. We are here to listen and support you to help your child have great patterns of attendance.

Term 1 100% attendance certificates will be distributed at the first assembly in Term 2.



Mothers' Day Mass and Breakfast

Each year at OLOL we celebrate Mothers' Day with a special Mass and Breakfast. This year this will be held on Friday May 11th. 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. As part of our liturgy there will be a photo reflection after communion. Families are invited to email one photo of mothers and children to the school to be included in this reflection.

Please email the photos to the school at the address shown, OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked "Mothers' Day Photo". Please note that the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection is **Monday, 7th May, photos must be received by 3:30pm on that day to be included.** We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Mums.



Mothers' Day Stall

Each year at OLOL we hold a Mothers' Day Stall. This is an opportunity for the students to purchase inexpensive gifts for their mothers and grandmothers for Mothers' Day. This is organised by the Parent Group. Children are taken to the stall by their teacher a class at a time. This year the stall will be held on Wednesday May 9th. A note asking for helpers to assist with the stall was sent home today.



HOLY WEEK AT OLOL



Last week, the children were engaged in a multi sensory and reflective experience where they immersed themselves in the events of Holy Week. The Holy Week Prayer Room invited the students to reflect on Jesus' journey through the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Each class started their prayer journey by watching a reflective clip on what Easter means to them. This enabled them to think about what 'the real meaning of Easter' was. They then entered the Prayer Room where they were able to reflect on Jesus, his feelings, his intentions and the effect that he had on us as His followers.

The children sang songs, waved palms, prayed together as a group and sat in silence as the events of Holy Week were revealed to them. In each Prayer Room there were symbols to reflect the meaning of what happened. Children shared the bread together just as Jesus did with His disciples and then went on to pray in The Garden of Gethsemane as a class. The most powerful and reverent room was in the room of Good Friday where the cross and the crown of thorns symbolized Jesus' suffering.



Yesterday, the school celebrated the Risen Christ in a liturgy that was led by Year Two in the hall. Our scripture story passage told us that on the road to the town of Emmaus, Jesus met up with two of his disciples; two friends who thought he was gone forever. They talked about all the things that had happened. They ate with him. They recognized Jesus as they shared a simple meal with him. Their hearts were warmed by his presence. There was no doubt in their hearts that Jesus was alive.

As we reflect on the disciples story, we ask ourselves could we say the same – do we believe He truly lives, and if so, how do we experience his presence.

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 **CROSS
COUNTRY**



Innovative learning
in a changing world



OLOL CROSS COUNTRY 2018

OLOL SCHOOL GROUNDS
9am Start

Don't forget to bring:

Hat Water Sunscreen Recess
Lunch House Coloured t'shirt

BE READY TO CHEER YOUR TEAM MATES!

TERM 2 PARENT PLANNER 2018 AT A GLANCE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
May Week 1	30 th ANZAC DAY Prayer at Assembly School Resumes	1 st Diocesan Cross Country	2 nd DANCE FEVER COMMENCES Confirmation – 2 nd Meeting 6.30-7.30pm	3 rd	4 th	5 th /6 th Confirmation – 2 nd Meeting 4.30-5.30pm
May Week 2	7 th	8 th Mother's Day Stall Wrapping 1:00pm in Parish Meeting Room	9 th Mother's Day Stall DANCE FEVER Confirmation – 3 rd Meeting 6.30-7.30	10 th Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day - TRIALS Over 50's in Hall	11 th Mother's Day Breakfast 7:40 followed by Open Classrooms and Mass at 9:15	12 th /13 th Mother's Day Saturday Confirmation Meeting Presentation of the Creed Sunday
May Week 3	14 th NAPLAN WEEK Students in <u>WINTER UNIFORM</u>	15 th NAPLAN - Language conventions and Writing Stage 2 Science Incursion - Meeting Room Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day - TRIALS Parent Group Meeting 7:00pm	16 th NAPLAN - Reading DANCE FEVER	17 th NAPLAN - Numeracy	18 th NAPLAN - Make up day	19 th /20 th
May Week 4	21 st	22 nd Confirmation Practice 6.30-7.30pm	23 rd DANCE FEVER	24 th	25 th Confirmation Mass 7.00pm Early Stage One/ Stage One Assembly	26 th /27 th Presentation of Confirmation Cert 9.30am
May/ June Week 5	28 th	29 th Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day - Jamison Park ICAS SCIENCE	30 th DANCE FEVER	31 st	1 st Stage Two Assembly	2 nd /3 rd
June Week 6	4 th <u>NO ASSEMBLY</u> due to hall being used by the Parish	5 th Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day - Jamison Park	6 th DANCE FEVER Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day - TRIALS	7 th	8 th Sacred Heart Mass 9.15am	9 th /10 th

June Week 7	11 th SCHOOL CLOSED Queen's Birthday 	12 th Parent Group Meeting 7:00pm in the library	13 th DANCE FEVER	14 th ICAS WRITING	15 th <i>Soccer World Cup-athon</i>	17 th /17 th
June Week 8	18 th	19 th	20 th DANCE FEVER	21 st	22 nd Stage Three Assembly Year 2 Science Incurion 8.40 - 1040	23 rd /24 th
June Week 9	25 th OLOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (TBC) CV Kelly Park 	26 th Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day - Jamison Park	27 th DANCE FEVER REPORTS GO HOME	28 th BOOK FAIR ARRIVES	29 th BOOK FAIR DANCE FEVER INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION HOMEBUSH 	30 th /1 st
July Week 10	2 nd BOOK FAIR	3 rd BOOK FAIR PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS- 3.30-9.00	4 th BOOK FAIR PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS- 3.30-5.00	5 th	6 th Last Day of Term 2	