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Term 1 Week 8 – 21st March, 2018

FUTURE DATES...

Tonight

- ❖ First Reconciliation
Liturgy 7pm –
8.30pm

Friday 23rd March

- ❖ ES1/STAGE ONE –
Assembly 2pm

Monday, 26th March

- ❖ NO ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 27th March

- ❖ Prayer Room
session in the Hall
at 8.40am or 2pm.

Thursday 29th March

- ❖ Assembly 8.40am

Friday 30th March

- ❖ Good Friday –
School Closed

Sunday 1st April

- ❖ Easter Sunday

Monday 2nd April

- ❖ Easter Monday –
School Closed

Tuesday 3rd April

- ❖ Easter Liturgy –
9.15am
- ❖ Parent Information
Meeting
Confirmation 6.30 –
7.30pm

Friday 6th April

- ❖ OLOL Cross
Country

Friday 13th April

- ❖ Last Day Term 1

**NOTES SENT HOME
TODAY...**

Cross Country Note

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

This weekend we will celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The liturgy of Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem – only a few days before he was arrested and crucified.

In the story of Holy Week we witness the journey of Jesus to the cross. We see Jesus in all humility and obedience choosing to surrender himself for the good of all creation. In walking the path he did, Jesus abandoned himself completely into God's loving care and mercy. He shows us how to fall into the arms of God, trusting in God's absolute goodness.

The Liturgies of Holy Week are a public profession of belief in Jesus and His mission. They are in fact a splendid act of faith. Faith gives us an entirely new dimension to our lives just as it does to the rituals of Holy Week. Faith enriches our lives and the world in which we live. It is faith that enables us to allow God into our lives so that we can see ourselves, and our place in this world in a totally different and meaningful way.

Holy Week presents us each with the opportunity to reflect on God's plan for us. In today's world with so much suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness we need to be people of faith "waving palms of hope, resurrection and new life" to point the way to a brighter future. Easter looks to the future, and Jesus invites us to look to the future with him.

Through the use of prayer and scripture the children and teachers will be reflecting on the significant events of Holy Week next week. I encourage you to take your children to the Parish celebrations during Holy Week that highlight the significance of these events for us as Catholics.

I also take this early opportunity to wish all our families a happy and blessed Easter in the coming weeks.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to Week 7 Gold award winners:

Kindergarten	<i>Sophie Grima</i>
Year 1	<i>Vardy Kad</i>
Year 2	<i>Nathan Bayeh</i>
Year 3	<i>Ashleigh-Louise Tenn</i>
Year 4	<i>William Martin</i>
Year 5	<i>Zak Armitage</i>
Year 6	<i>Joshua Herczeg</i>

Congratulations to Week 8 Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	<i>Koko Wang</i>
Year 1	<i>Prisha Gaur</i>
Year 2	<i>Syon Shanker</i>
Year 3	<i>Cameron Fahey</i>
Year 4	<i>Alby Bento</i>
Year 5	<i>Shagun Kad</i>
Year 6	<i>Tino Kama</i>



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.

School Fees

Term 1 School Fees have now been issued and mailed to your home/billing address. School Fees are due today. If you have not received your statement please contact our school office 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.

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

KB	<i>Giselle Assi, Aariah Moss, Lachlan Andrews, Abel Mathews</i>
KW	<i>Mikylah Fontanilla, Alexis Avia Joanna Jerin Pulparayil, Harrison Miliatis</i>
1B	<i>Matthew Cadavid, Ethan Santosa, Elisha Odur, Avish Pragash, Yana Patel, Sarayu Arani</i>
1W	<i>Laura Perkins, Bianca Fiorenza, Jot Minhas, Thomas Cadavid, Karlos Ravic</i>
2B	<i>Tino Kama, Chris Yata, Sergio Sulaiman, Leo Culili</i>
2W	<i>Mark Onen, Harmony Cummings-Bron, Lucas Albion, Ashton McLoynes</i>
3B	<i>Georgia Andrew, Kathryn Andrew, Riley Ballment, Demi Tsakos, YoYo Wang</i>
3W	<i>Jesse James Crane, Jackson Gow, Madeleine Zaait, Venya Domaraju, Valerie Sulaiman</i>
4B	<i>Philip Park, Hailey Case, Xavier Talauta, Liv Lal</i>
4W	<i>Keira Pangilinan, Ben Clark Alex LaGuidara, Obama Azrag</i>
5B	<i>Aaron Sriraj, Brayson Beullens, Erin Poniris, Harry Albion</i>
5W	<i>Riley Sultana, Thomas Fahey, Agnes Biju, Charlize AbouYaghi</i>
6B	<i>Natalie Assi, Khi Dickson, Tessa Kennedy, Daniel Tenn</i>
6W	<i>Amber Kahlon, Ethan Neish, Aryan Roy, James Thompson</i>



UNIFORMS

From Term 2 students will be going into their 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.

Change to assembly times in weeks 9 and 10

Due to our Holy Week and Easter celebrations we will have changed morning assemblies. In week 9 we will have an assembly on Thursday morning rather than our usual Monday morning assembly. In Week 10 we will have an Easter Liturgy at 9:15 on Tuesday morning rather than our normal assembly. We look forward to seeing parents at both of these events.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Recently I have had the privilege of being with our senior students in Canberra. I was very impressed with the way the children engaged with their learning and peers in these learning opportunities outside of the classroom. The children had exemplary behaviour and represented our school with pride. I also wish to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Cividin, Miss Geekie, Miss Muddle, Mr Owen, Mrs Messina, Mr Osborne and Mr Dalamati for their commitment and hard work to make this experience possible. It takes an enormous team effort to prepare for taking away a large group of primary children overnight and the level of professionalism and care of the children was second to none. The efforts of these teachers have made the experience of Canberra a very memorable one for the children.

I also had the privilege of taking our Year 6 student leaders to National Young Leaders Day. Over 5,000 children and teachers listened to four speakers reflect on what makes a good leader and how they have succeeded in their lives. Each speaker had wisdom to share and all addressed the topic of facing challenges in life, working hard and being the best person that you can be. These are important lessons for our children so that they develop resilience and can respond to life's challenges in a positive manner. A positive attitude and mindset that there is always a way to overcome challenges is essential. We may need determination, our skills and the help of people around us but it is always possible to find a positive solution.

Keiran Byrnes

Attendance

Our school attendance rate at the end of week 7 is at 92.7%. Keep up the good work.



School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary Seven Hills	92.7%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	93.4%
01	93.2%
02	88.2%
03	92.6%
04	93.6%
05	90.7%
06	97.8%

Confirmation Program 2018 – Year 6 children Save the date!

On **Wednesday 4th April 6:30-7:30pm**, there will be an information night for parents of kids celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this year. It is **essential** that you attend this meeting to enrol for the program as this meeting is an important part of the preparation process for the kids and resources need to be ordered the following day (Thursday 5th April). If you are unable to attend but would like your child to participate in the program you **must** contact the parish office **before Wednesday 4th April** or it may not be possible for your child to celebrate Confirmation this year. Dates for all meetings are available on the parish website.

SPORT NEWS

Mark Taylor Shield

Our Lady of Lourdes last week played the first round of the Mark Taylor Shield cricket competition. We played against Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill who were very gracious hosts. Congratulations to the boys on their convincing win. Mary Immaculate batted first scoring 8/38. In reply OLOL scored 43 off 11 overs for no loss of wickets. All boys contributed to the win with some classic catches taken by Alex Sakre, Thomas Osborne and Christian Milicevic. Best bowling figures were Reuben George 4/6 and Nathan Clarke 2/7. Our opening batsmen Nathan Clark 18 not out and Aryan Roy 14 not out closed out the game. Congratulations to Nathan Clark who was named man of the match.



Parramatta Diocese Representatives

We are very pleased to announce that two of our Year 6 students have been selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese in their specific sport. Congratulations to **Byron Aspin** who was selected into the Opens Rugby League team and the Touch Football team and **Sophie Stancic** who made it into the Mixed AFL team. When trialling for these sports the students they are competing against demonstrate great skill and ability, therefore, it is great achievement to be selected. We know that Byron and Sophie will represent both our school and diocese with great pride and sportsmanship and we wish them the best of luck when they compete.

National Young Leaders Day

On the 12th of March all of O.L.O.L Year Six leaders attended the Young National Leaders day in Darling Harbour. On the day there were 5000 students from all across NSW at the International Convention Centre. We got to meet DJ Raph and Gemma who hosted the Halogen event.

Four speakers spoke who were John Coutis, Harrison Craig, Lauren Cheatle and Matt Cosgrove. All four speakers were very inspirational for our Year Six Leaders as each speaker spoke about the different ways they dealt with their problems. For example, John Coutis who had a physical disability spoke to us about how we can prevent bullying and how if we don't face our fears we just create problems. Another inspiration was Harrison Craig, the winner of *The Voice* in 2013. Harrison showed us that there are no limits to what we can do and we should have goals and milestones to reach our dreams.

This event has made our 2018 leaders want to aspire to our goals. Our leaders have learnt the fundamentals of being a good leader at Our Lady Of Lourdes.



Calling all Dads!!

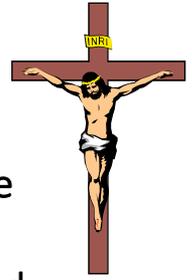
Our Mothers' Day breakfast will be held on Friday May 11th commencing at 7:40. This year we are looking for Dads who may be able to assist with setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up after the breakfast. If you are able to help please contact Kevin Naing on 0437 440 783

Out and About

This year, as a school, we have been focusing on developing individual writing goals with our students. The aim of the process is for each child to have a very clear understanding of what they can do to improve their writing. These goals are targeted. They are SMART goals i.e Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time Bound. They are developed in consultation with the student but also with the data around the student's writing in mind. In writing these goals we are endeavouring to highlight for our students the next steps in the process of becoming more skilled writers. Our aim this year is that each child is able to articulate their personal writing goal. This will be recorded somewhere within the learning space. The goals will also be tracked to see what progress the students have made throughout the year. These goals will look different in each grade. Our Kindergarten students for example have goals such as "To write all my ideas in my story" whereas our Year 6 students have goals such as "To build on my ideas with rich vocabulary to help the audience understand my writing" each goal is relevant to the age and need of the student. Some students may have the same goal as they are working on similar strategies but within a class there will be a range of different goals. Ask your child about their writing goal - see if they can tell you what it is they are working on - as the year progresses and you visit the classroom look for evidence of the goals within the learning environment - ask your child to show you where their writing goal is recorded. Our individual writing goals are designed to assist our students become reflective learners, to review their work and self assess against their goal. It is further evidence of the active role that the students have in their learning.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal

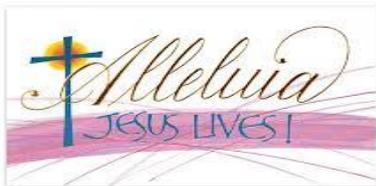
RE NEWS



This year during Holy Week the staff and students will be participating in our Holy Week Prayer Room. It will be a multi sensory and reflective experience where children are engaged and immersed in the events of Holy Week. It invites us to reflect on Jesus' journey through the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The Prayer Room will be set up in the hall and each class will have their own specific timeslot to enter the room. The Prayer Room will be set up and used on Monday and Tuesday so this will mean that there will be **NO MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY ON MARCH 26 – THIS WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY MARCH 29**. As usual all parents are warmly invited to attend the Assembly.

Parents are invited to attend a Prayer Room session on **Tuesday 27th March at either 8.40am or 2pm.**

EASTER LITURGY



Our Easter Liturgy will be held in the hall on our return to school after the Easter Break (Tuesday April 3). It will start at 9.15am.

There will be no Family Mass for the month of March or April due to Easter celebrations and school holidays. The next Family Mass will be in 27th May and will be led by Year 6 and Kindergarten.

RECONCILIATION



Congratulations to those children who will be making their First Reconciliation tonight. (7.00-8.30pm) This will be remembered as an important part of their faith development and I ask that everyone keeps the children and their families in their prayers.

Congratulations on taking 'the next step' on your faith filled journey. Many thanks go to Mrs Judy Barden for the wonderful preparation of the children, and to all of the parents and families who have supported her. We are very blessed to have her as our sacramental leader in our community.

Stage 3 Canberra

Excursion 2018

In Week 6 of this term, the students in Years 5 and 6, along with Ms Byrnes, Mrs Cividin, Mrs Messina, Mr Owen, Miss Muddle and Miss Geekie, and two parents helpers, Mr Dalmati and Mr Osborne, visited Canberra, our nation's capital for three days. This excursion was an integral part of our History and Geography Project Based Learning Unit, *'Australia becomes a Nation'*.



Our itinerary was jam packed with exciting and educational visits and tours. These included the Electoral Education Centre, Geoscience Australia, The Australian War Memorial, The National Museum of Australia, The National Gallery, The Royal Australian Mint, Parliament House, The Institute of Sport and Questacon.

While on these tours, we participated in a variety of programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capital and has therefore contributed to the cost of the excursion under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.



We stayed at Gold Creek Resort which was close to all the places we visited. We shared a cabin with our friends and delicious meals together. We even got to visit Mount Ainslie Lookout and watch the night embassy lights around Canberra. Voting was a highlight and a rewarding experience as well as role playing a parliamentary chamber using props and a script.

We certainly had an enjoyable time and shared many wonderful experiences which we will treasure always. We would like to thank all our teachers and parent helpers in making our experience a positive and memorable one.

