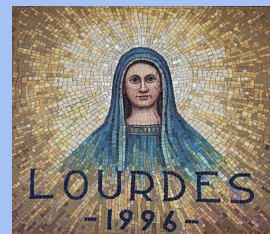




**Parish Priest:** Father Henry Duc  
**Phone:** 9622 2920

**OOSH:** Ben Irmisch  
**Phone:** 9676 7293



## Newsletter Term 3 Week 10, 2019

**25TH SEPTEMBER, 2019**

**FUTURE DATES**  
**LAST DAY OF**  
**TERM 3 - FRIDAY, 27TH**  
**SEPTEMBER**

**SCHOOL RESUMES**  
**FOR TERM 4 ON**  
**MONDAY 14TH**  
**OCTOBER IN FULL**  
**SUMMER UNIFORM**

**Wednesday, 23rd**  
**October**  
**Kindergarten 2020**  
**Information Night - 7pm**  
**- 8.30pm**

**Tuesday, 29th October**  
**Parent Group AGM at**  
**7pm in the library ALL**  
**WELCOME**

**Wednesday, 30th**  
**October**  
**Kindergarten Group 1**  
**2020 Orientation**  
**morning**

**Friday, 1st November**  
**All Saints Day**

**Tuesday, 5th November**  
**Kindergarten excursion**  
**to Riverside Theatre**

**Wednesday, 6th**  
**November Kindergarten**  
**Group 2 2020**  
**Orientation Morning**

**Sunday, 10th November**  
**Whole School Family**  
**Mass at 9.30am**

**Wednesday, 13th**  
**November Kindergarten**  
**Group 3 2020**  
**Orientation Morning**

**Friday, 15th November**  
**School Mission Mass at**  
**9.15am**  
**Mission to Busk**  
**afternoon**

**Sunday, 17th November**  
**FAMILY PORTRAIT**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
**ORGANISED BY THE**  
**PARENT GROUP**

### Principal's Message



*Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,*

*The word 'communion' means to be united with; Catholics believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ.*

*At his last supper, Jesus said of the bread that he shared among his followers, "Take and eat, this is my body." When we receive Holy Communion, Catholics believe that in a mysterious way we are sharing in the body and blood of Christ.*

*First Eucharist is a special occasion - a further step in becoming one with Christ and united with the People of God. This was the case for many of our students these past two weeks. As Fr Henry reminded us the Eucharist is our spiritual food that nourishes our soul. The Eucharist strengthens us and inspires us to grow with Jesus throughout our lives.*

*I would like to share with you the prayer that Fr Henry prepared for the celebration of First Holy Communion last Sunday.*

*Dear Lord Jesus,  
You were sent to let us know that you are loved by God  
And you have left us with the Eucharist.  
With your body and blood as food to nourish us  
And strengthen our love for God.  
Help us prepare ourselves to receive you today.  
May the Eucharist help us remain ever strong in your love.*

*My best wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday.*

**God Bless,  
Keiran Byrnes**

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



[2019 Term 3 FIAT](#)



[2019 Year 6 Market Day](#)



[2019 Year 4 Digital Technologies](#)



[2019 Stage 1 Collaroy Excursion](#)

**2020** ♦♦♦  
**enrolments**

**Our enrolment process for kindergarten 2020 is being finalised. We have spaces available in Years 1-6 in 2019.**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



**All students will return to school in Term 4 in their full SUMMER UNIFORM.**

The uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login>

### **Event Code: 46bgt**

If you require any assistance with uniforms please contact Aida Almeida in the school office on 8869 6800. If you know your child's size please complete an order form which is available on the school website or they are available at the school office and your order will be sent home with your child.



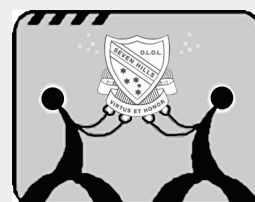
Term 3 School Fees are now overdue. Please make contact with Anne Korazija at the school office if you haven't paid your fees and require any assistance.

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.

#### **Cash Payments**

**Just a reminder that no cash payments can be accepted on the last week of each term. We do however take EFTPOS payments.**



**OLOL Parent  
Group  
Keeping you**

**"IN THE KNOW"**

**October 2019**

Click on the link below to go to the **OCTOBER** edition

**[IN THE KNOW"](#)**

# RE NEWS - Mission to Busk



For a number of years, the children at Our Lady of Lourdes have been invited to participate in a busking afternoon to share their talents with the school community and support Catholic Mission. Children are able to perform a dance, sing a song, play an instrument or even perform some magic tricks either individually or as part of a group. This year the Mission to Busk afternoon will take place on Friday 15th November between 1.30 p.m. and 2.40 p.m. around the school grounds. We invite you to share this special time with your child/children and come along to support this worthy cause.

As part of Mission Week, your child is encouraged to make a simple donation to the buskers. We ask that the children bring in a number of coins to throw into the buckets of those children performing, with all funds being contributed to the missions.

Depending on the number of students, there will be two busking sessions – the first will be from 1:30pm – 2:00pm and the second will be from 2:10pm – 2:40pm.

## **Important things to note:**

- ▮ Students can audition as a single entry or group entry. *Singers, dancers, cultural dances, musicians, comedians, magicians – ALL talents are encouraged to enter!!*
- ▮ Auditions will be held at lunch time in the 2nd week back of Term 4, throughout the week - (Stage 3- 22nd October; Stage 2- 23rd October and ES1/S1 24th October). Acts need to be practised and polished by then.
- ▮ Children need to come to the audition fully prepared, with music and costume ready. **Music used needs to be appropriate for primary aged students. Staff will be reviewing this as part of the audition process.**
- ▮ Those students who are successful will be issued with a busking licence at a cost of \$1 for a single entry and \$2 for a group. (this money will need to be paid on the day of their audition in Week 2)
- ▮ Buskers will be placed at several points around the school and students, staff and parents will spend the afternoon walking around enjoying the talent on display and throwing coins into their buckets.
- ▮ The buskers will perform their act a number of times over a 30-minute period. They will need to provide their own **battery operated** portable music player as they may be outside.

**Looking forward to seeing all the talents at OLOL!**

Lucy Messina (Leader of Learning)





## RE News

Over the past two Sundays many children from our school celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion. This sacrament is the source of great graces that help us to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ. Catholics believe the Eucharist, or Communion, is both a sacrifice and a meal. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. As we receive Christ's Body and Blood, we also are nourished spiritually and brought closer to God. Thank you very much to Father Henry and Judy Barden who facilitated the preparation of the candidates and to all of the families who supported their children in their faith development. Congratulations to everyone involved and may you be strengthened and nourished by God's love as you journey through life.



## Staff Development Day – September 20

Each year our staff are involved in professional, personal and spiritual development which sometimes involves reaching out to the wider community to offer assistance where needed. Last Friday, the staff of OLOL had the wonderful experience of putting our faith into action and being witness to the message of the Scriptures.

We started the day by volunteering at organisations such as Ronald McDonald House, House of Welcome and the Palliative Care Unit at Mount Druitt Hospital. Each service provided the staff with educational input on the services that they provide and then we were lucky enough to be able to partake in either a working bee or having conversations with patients who were terminally ill and needed someone to talk to.

After returning to school at lunch time, we reflected on the experience and discussed what it meant to us as disciples of Christ. It was a very meaningful and life changing experience for many of us and it enabled us to think about what we can further do to reach out to those in need. The day finished with prayer, led by Father Henry.

It was a humbling and unique experience that has given our staff inspiration to try to give more to society.







Next term, the students and the staff of OLOL will be leading our parish in a Family Mass on Sunday November 10 at 9.30am. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to celebrate with our parishioners and to pray together as a wider community.

The children will lead the parish in the Readings of the Day, Prayers of the Faithful, the Offertory, The Gospel Procession and a reflection after Holy Communion. The school choir are also invited to lead our community in songs of worship. After Mass we are asking families to supply a simple morning tea to share with our parishioners.

Every child and their family is invited to attend the Mass. We are looking for children who would like to participate in the Gospel Procession, Choir and the Reflection after Communion. If your child is willing to be a part of this, please ask them to let their teacher know.

A note will come home next term as a reminder of the occasion but please put the date in your diaries now so that we can have as many people as possible from our school at the eucharistic celebration.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Janelle Bawden





This term, OLOL have been exploring the Bible passage *Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet* (13:1-20) to learn about how Jesus served others and how they too can pass this message on to our wider school community.

Each grade were inspired by the Gospel passage by using the message of service and putting this into 'action'. On Tuesday 17th September, each grade had the wonderful opportunity of paying forward their initiative to another grade. OLOL showed they were just like Jesus in this scripture passage by showing their service to one another.

Please ask your child what their grade's initiative was and what initiative was 'passed' to them as they will be proud in sharing this with you.



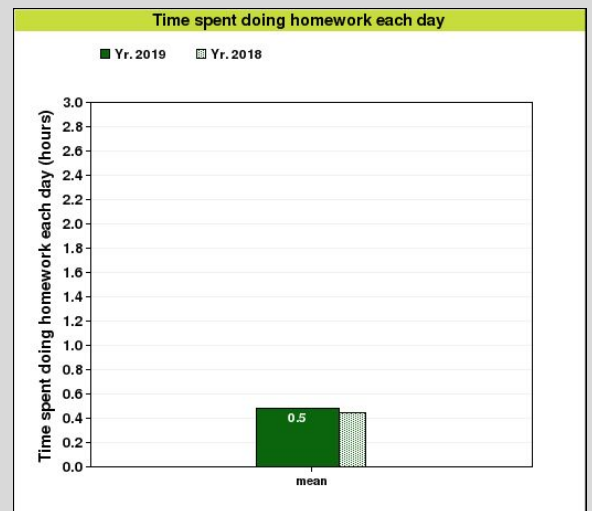
# Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey

Late last term we received the reports that are generated by the data from students, parents and staff. The feedback overall has been extremely positive and I will take the opportunity to share some of the key aspects of these reports with you over a number of weeks in the school newsletter. Below is some feedback on two aspects of the survey: School Supports Learning at Home specifically some measures about homework.

## Parent Survey

**We asked:** On average how long does your child spend on homework?

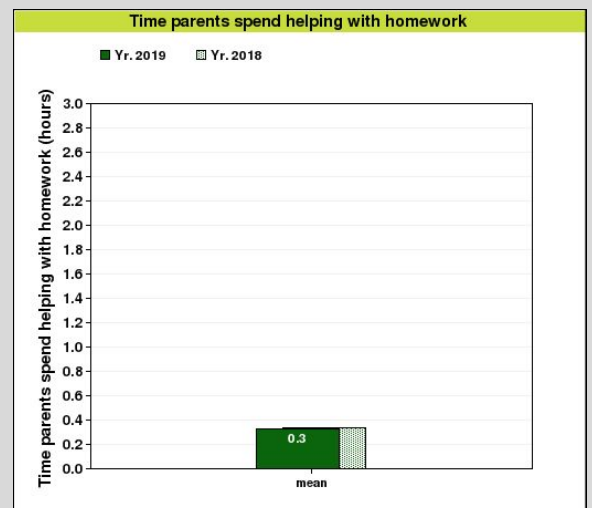
**You said:** You said about 30 minutes



## Parent Survey

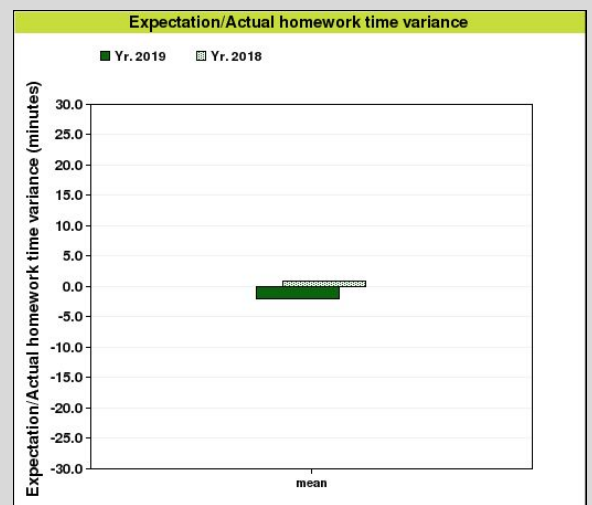
**We asked:** On average how long do you spend helping your child spend with homework?

**You said:** You about 18 minutes



## Parent Survey

**We say:** The difference between your expectation of time spent on homework and actual time spent on homework is 3 minutes. We think we are hitting the mark with homework expectations. Though we want to encourage good study habits we do not want to put undue pressure on families.





## Staffing Update

I wish to inform you that Mrs Janelle Bawden, Religious Education Coordinator, has been granted leave for the first three weeks of Term 4.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Lucy Messina as Acting Religious Education Coordinator and Ms Eleonora Coledan as Acting Coordinator for Stage 2 during Mrs Bawden's absence. Thank you to Mrs Messina and Ms Coledan for taking up these leadership roles.

I also inform you that Mr Jim Van Gend has been granted leave for the first two weeks of Term 4. Mrs Kathy Brown has been appointed to teach Year 4 in collaboration with Mrs Messina.

## Lighting Upgrade

Last week a complete LED lighting upgrade of all internal lighting at OLOL took place. This work involved removing existing old fluorescent light boxes in all learning spaces and renewing them with new LED light boxes. It also included updating external security lighting to LED lighting.

This work will ensure quality lighting levels in all spaces, more efficient security lighting with greater energy efficiency. These works have happened as a result of the support of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta to improve the facilities for our children.



Out with the old ...



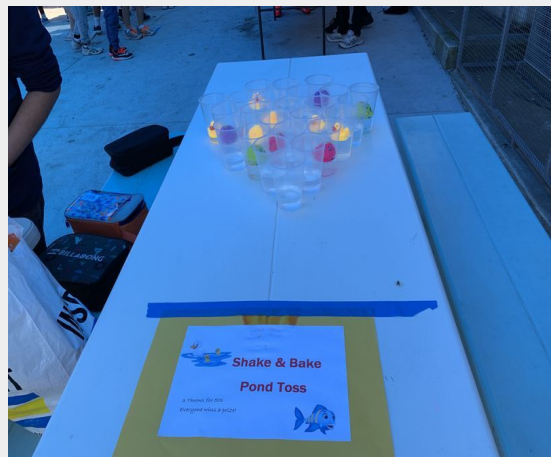
In with the new!

# Year 6 Market Day

On Wednesday September 11th Year 6 held their annual Market Day to raise funds for their end of year graduation disco. The day sees the year 6 students prepare, market and sell a variety of goods and activities to the rest of the school.

We were blessed with perfect weather and the Year 6 students did an amazing job with a great variety of items and games available. The students in Years K - 5 are also to be commended for their excellent manners when waiting at the various stalls. The day was also a great success ensuring that our fundraising target was achieved.

Carol Cividin - Stage 3 Coordinator



# Sport News

## **NSWPSSA Athletics Championships**

Congratulations to Alexander Spadaro in Year 4 who represented New South Wales in the Primary Schools Sport Association Track and Field Championships in the Northern Territory last week. We are very proud of Alexander's achievements and we know that he represented Our Lady of Lourdes with great pride and a positive sporting attitude. Thank you to all of the people who bought raffle tickets to support Alex. He had an amazing experience that he will never forget.

### **Alexander's Results**

800m Medley Relay - Gold

High Jump - Bronze

200m sprint - 11th overall

Long Jump - 6th overall



## **Parramatta Diocese Athletics Team**

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop trials last Monday at Sydney Olympic Park. *Zackary Armitage, Kaylee Aspin, Juan Burgess, Alexander Spadaro, Rhys Webster, Madeleine Zait and Monu Pongi.*

We are very proud of their efforts and achievements.

We would like to acknowledge Rhys Webster and Alexander Spadaro that have qualified for the MacKillop team and will be competing in the State Athletics Championships later this year.

## **Stage 2 Boys Touch Football Gala Day**

On Friday the 13th of September, Mrs van Zoggel and 9 boys travelled to St Marys to compete in the Stage 2 touch football gala day. The boys had a fantastic day where they came runners up in their pool. All of the students demonstrated a great sporting attitude and worked well as a team. Thank you to all of the parents that helped and supported the children on the day.







**Congratulations to Week 9 & 10 Gold Award Winners:**

**Kinder** Ava Liaros  
**Year 1** Mikaele Kama  
**Year 2** James Liaros  
**Year 3** Ujaan Roy  
**Year 4** Clarisse Tuanqui  
**Year 5** William Martin  
**Year 6** Jessica Taliana

**Kinder** Adam Kabani  
**Year 1** Sukhan Insan  
**Year 2** Zachary Nohra  
**Year 3** Anika Thakur  
**Year 4** Andre Roy  
**Year 5** Jacob Whybin  
**Year 6** Jessie Raad

**Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at our last Assembly:**

**KB:** Ridhvi Bhardwaj, Eva-Maria Klavdiou, Olivia Penumethsa, Benjamin Spadaro

**KW:** Ruby Case, Jonathan Getahun, Myra Risal, Rafael Williams

**1B:** Varshith Domaraju, Charbel Abou Yaghi, Sabareesh Srisankaran, Jaiveer Singh

**1W:** Tyson Mowbray, Sofia RinconEscobar, Taylan Tufanoglu, Sophie Grima, Indie-Rose Scanlan

**2B:** Christina LaGuidara, Luca Madejski, Charlotte Martin, Lucas Watts

**2W:** Ava Novak, Avish Pragash, Rafael Ortiz, Julian Zhu

**3B:** Dylan Cortis, DeAsia Fatafehi, Audrina Ortiz, Chris Yata

**3W:** Ashley Lo, Rushil George, Ashton McLoynes, Sophie Shaw

**4B:** Amulya Avireni, Jasmine Davis, Emma Webster, Jacqueline Watts

**4W:** Ashley Tenn, Pranuti Saisriraam, Lucas Laus, Jane Fountain, Jesse-James Crane, Ellie Cho, Kathryn Andrew, Georgia Andrew

**5B:** Jesseline Franco, Vincent Gomes, Ben Clark, Alex Layoun

**5W:** Janet Justin, Philip Park, Jeremy Smith, Jacob Whybin

**6B:** Alyssa Stenton, Zoe Van Zoggel, Harry Albion, Angad Ahuja

**6W:** Zackary Armitage, Juan Burgess, Zarah Mowbray, Catherine Holmes



## **Parent Group Annual General Meeting**

Have you considered becoming a member of the Parent Group Executive? Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, in the school library. The executive roles are outlined below.

### ***President***

- ★ Chairs all meetings and ensures the smooth running of the meetings.
- ★ Prepare the agenda for General/ Annual General Meetings with the other Executive Committee members
- ★ Liaise with the Principal to prepare the agenda for any of the Executive Meetings and liaise with the Principal at all times.

### ***Vice President***

- ★ Assist the President in their duties as required.
- ★ Preside as Chairperson at meetings in the absence of the President.

### ***Secretary***

- ★ Take minutes of all business conducted and ensure all minutes are signed by the President.
- ★ Receive and deal with correspondence, maintain copies of correspondence, bulletins and minute books.
- ★ Give notice of the agenda to all members.
- ★ Maintain a register of members

### ***Treasurer***

- ★ Receive all monies and keep accurate records of monies received.
- ★ Obtain and keep receipts for all monies paid by the association.
- ★ Bank all monies received.
- ★ Present at each General Meeting a statement of accounts showing receipts and expenditure during the current month, together with the current balance.
- ★ Present at the AGM an audited statement of accounts

### ***Publicity Officer***

- ★ Promotes and publicise the events organised via the school newsletter and handouts. This includes notification of the meetings and calling for agenda items.
- ★ Assists other members of the Executive Committee.



## ALL INVITED TO THE PARENT GROUP AGM

The Parent Group is ANY and ALL parents who have children attending our school. We all belong, and are welcome to attend meetings and/or help out at social or fundraising events. These are discussed and planned for at meetings held twice a term

Do you want to: - be aware of and impact upon your child's learning and school environment?

- be part of a friendly, caring and vibrant community?

- work actively to make a positive difference to our school community?

- plan social activities for both children and adults at our school?

If this sounds like you then we welcome you to be an active member of our school Parent Group by:

a) attending meetings

b) joining a sub-committee planning group

c) joining the Parent Group Executive

d) all of the above

You are all welcome to attend the Parent Group AGM on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm in the school library. AT THIS MEETING WE WILL VOTE FOR THE 2020 PARENT GROUP EXECUTIVE. Please consider who you would like to represent you in 2020 and nominate them for an executive position by completing the form below.

YOU CANNOT VOTE UNLESS YOU ATTEND THE AGM, PROXY VOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please remember that although it is very rewarding, an executive position is quite a commitment, so please ask people if they would be willing to take on a role BEFORE you nominate them.

PLEASE RETURN THE NOMINATION FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



### Nomination Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to nominate the following people for the following roles.

ROLE

NOMINEE

*President*

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*Vice President*

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*Treasurer*

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*Secretary*

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*Publicity Officer*

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



# TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

## 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Oct	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept Public Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Feast of St Francis of Assisi 	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>
Oct	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Certificate Presentation Mass Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30am
Oct Week 1	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>
Oct Week 2	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Catholic Mission Workshop - Soktober  Mission to Busk Auditions Stage 3	23 <sup>rd</sup> Kindergarten 2020 Information Night – 7:00pm to 8:30pm Mission to Busk Auditions Stage 2	24 <sup>th</sup> Mission to Busk Auditions ES1/Stage 1	25 <sup>th</sup> World Teachers Day 	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup>
Oct/ Nov Week 3	28 <sup>th</sup>  GRADE NEWSLETTERS TO GO HOME	29 <sup>th</sup>  Parent Group AGM	30 <sup>th</sup>  Kindy Orientation- Group 1 9:00am – 10:30am	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> November All Saints Day 	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> All Souls Day 
Nov Week 4	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>  Kindergarten Excursion to the Riverside Theatre	6 <sup>th</sup>  Kindy Orientation- Group 2 9:00am – 10:30am	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>  School Disco K- 2 5:30 - 7:00 3-6 7:30 - 9:00	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>  FAMILY MASS 9.30AM Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> (whole school)
Nov Week 5	11 <sup>th</sup>  Remembrance Day prayer	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>  Kindy Orientation- Group 3 9:00am – 10:30am	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>  School Mission Mass 9.15am  MISSION TO BUSK	16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup>  FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER ORGANISED BY PARENT GROUP

Nov Week 6	18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Swimming Program Begins</b> 	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christ The King</b>
Nov/Dec Week 7	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> <b>Parent Group Meeting</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> <b>Swimming Lessons Conclude</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> <b>December</b>  FIRST SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>
Dec Week 8	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Christmas Concert and Awards Night 6:30pm -8:00pm</b> 	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Parent Thank You Morning Cuppa 8:10-9:00am  <b>REPORTS GO HOME</b>  <b>OOSH Christmas 6:00 - 8:00pm</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>  SECOND SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>
Dec Week 9	9 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Carnival desirable data TBC 	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Mass 9:15am Student leaders announced</b>  <b>Yr 6 morning tea after mass in the hall.</b>  Year 6 Graduation Disco 6:00pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Principal Morning Tea 	14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup>  3RD SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>
Dec Week 10	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher 2020 11:00am 	18 <sup>th</sup> SCHOOL CLOSES 	19 <sup>th</sup> SDD	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent</b>  4TH SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>