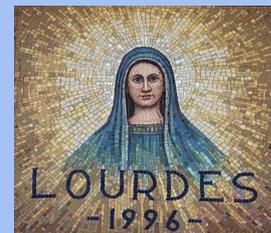




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Newsletter Term 3 Week 4, 2019

14TH AUGUST, 2019

FUTURE DATES

Thursday, 15th August
Mass at 9.15am Feast of the Assumption

School Voice of Youth final

Friday, 16th August
Pizza Meal Deal
Assembly in the hall
2pm - Stage 2

Monday, 19th August
Book Week Assembly

Wednesday, 21st August
2nd Meeting - Eucharist 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday, 22nd August - Dental Assessments for Yrs K,2,4 and 6

Friday, 23rd August
Diocesan Athletics
Blacktown Olympic Park

Wednesday, 28th August - Father's Day Stall

Friday, 30th August - Father's Day celebrations from 7.30am - Breakfast, Open Classrooms and Father's Day Mass

Tuesday, 3rd September - Parent Group meeting 7pm in the library

Friday 20th September - Pupil Free Day

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Tomorrow, August 15th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we remember the person of Mary and the relationship we have developed with her through the many accounts of our Holy Mother through scripture.

As a school we will celebrate the Eucharist at 9:15am tomorrow and we encourage you to join us for the celebration of this feast day. The Gospel we will listen to highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan, and play our own role in helping to fulfill Christ's mission.

Holy Mary, on this day, we honour your life as the chosen Mother of Jesus. We remember your dedication to God and the joy and heartache you had in your life as you followed God's plan for you. We pray for the love you had for God, the hope you had in Jesus, and the joy you found in your heart. Pray for us as we grow in love, hope and joy.....AMEN

God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes

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



[2019 Over 50s Concert](#)



[2019 St Mary MacKillop Mass](#)



[2019 Kindergarten Farm Excursion](#)

2020 enrolments

Our enrolment process for kindergarten 2020 has well and truly begun. If you are an existing family and have not yet submitted your application please do so as soon as possible as we would like to finalise appointment times for all interviews by the end of this Term. Please note offers have been sent and confirmed. We also have spaces available in Years 1-6 in 2019.



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: jtz45

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 were sent out last week and are due on the **28th August, 2019**. If you require any assistance please make contact with the 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.

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.



**Congratulations to Week 3 & 4
Term 3 Gold Award Winners:**

***Kinder Jordan Un
Year 1 Sienna Bayeh
Year 2 Charanjot Minhas
Year 3 Ashley Lo
Year 4 Ellie Cho
Year 5 Naveen Panakkal
Year 6 Juan Burgess***

***Kinder Alexander Madejski
Year 1 Isaac Abdel Ahad
Year 2 Karlos Ravic
Year 3 Dylan Cortis
Year 4 Alexander Spadaro
Year 5 Samuel Thoms
Year 6 Harry Albion***

RE NEWS



Last Thursday the children of OLOL performed in a concert for the Over 50's parish group. This was a wonderful opportunity to share our talents and also entertain the senior members of our community. Both staff, students and parishioners sang along together whilst clapping and toe tapping. There was a poetry recital, a book narration, hymns and a medley of tunes that engaged us all.

Thank you to John and Mary Jordan from our parish for always ensuring that this opportunity is not missed. We are very blessed to have such a positive relationship with our senior parishioners. You can view photos of the performance on our school website.

On Thursday August 15 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption. Mass will begin at 9.15am and everyone is welcome to join us in this eucharistic celebration. The feast day celebrates the entry of Mary into heaven, body and soul. In life, Mary was the first among Jesus' disciples and in her death she joyfully meets her own son in heaven.

As part of our Mission goal, our students focus on a scripture passage each term to link their understanding of the Scripture with the application to their life. This term our students will be focussing on the passage from John 13:1-20 *Jesus Washes The Disciples Feet*. Each grade will also choose one of Mary MacKillop's sayings and link the message of the Scripture to her sayings. This message will then be reflected in an initiative that they can share across the whole school.

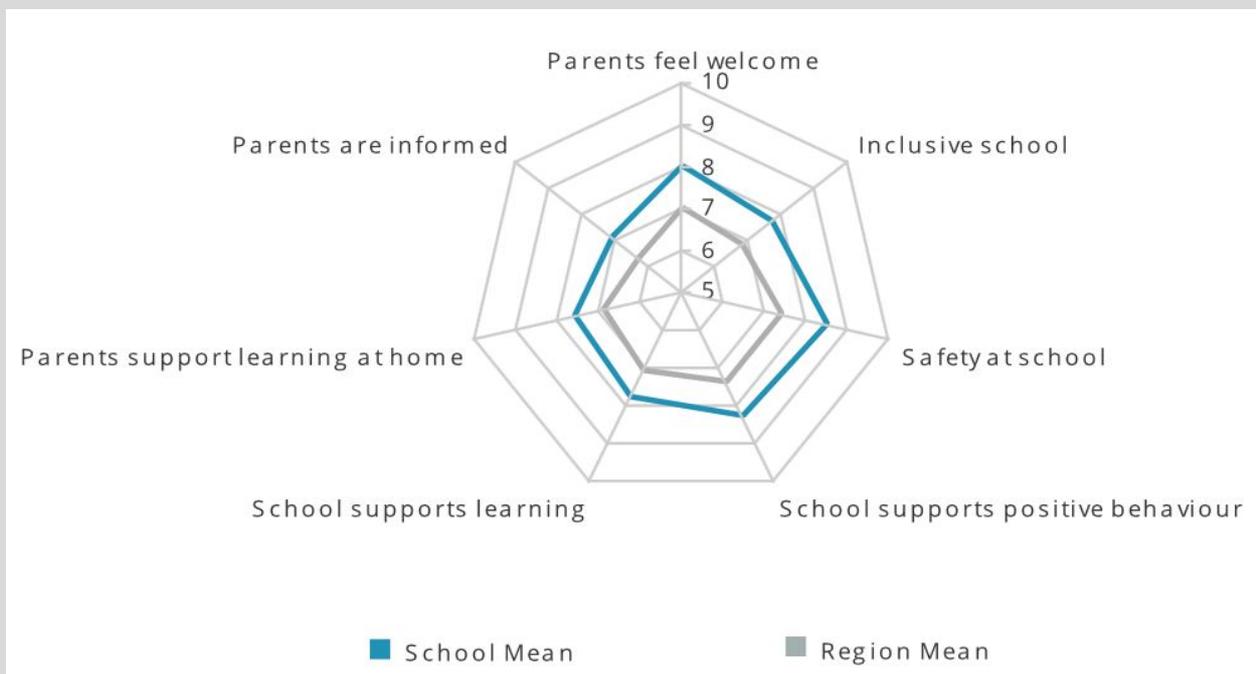
The learning opportunities that are provided for our students enable them to foster belonging and embrace servant leadership. Each grade incorporates the initiative as a basis of enquiry into the link between the Scripture and our witness to our faith.

On Tuesday, Ms Byrnes and I were privileged to be able to accompany four of our students to the cathedral in Parramatta to celebrate our Education Mass with many other students across our diocese. Following the Mass we were able to attend the Mission Expo which highlights the activities that have taken place in collaboration with local agencies that work in the field of mission in the diocese. Thank you to Valerie and Pranuti from Year 4 and Philip and Jayden from Year 5 for representing our school so respectfully. We look forward to your responses from the day. **Below are some photos from the Expo.**



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 a radar chart that provides a summary of the results for the seven aspects of parent perception for Our Lady of Lourdes. The blue line is OLOL. The grey line is the TTFM norm or average. You can see from a quick glance we are above TTFM norms for all seven aspects of perception.

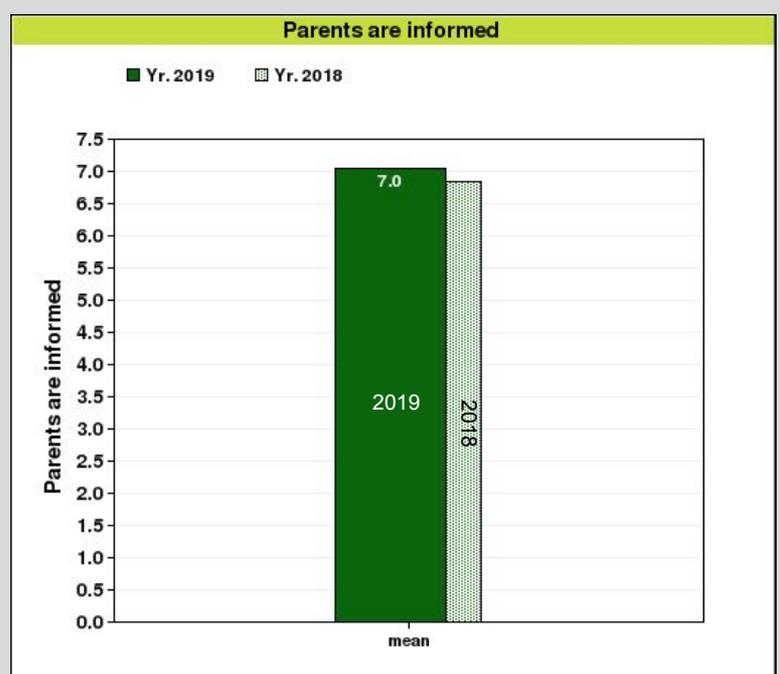


Parent Survey

We asked: Do you feel you are informed about your child's progress in their learning, their social development and their behaviour?

You said: You rated parents are informed 7.0 out of 10

We say: You rated our school above the norm for the Diocese. It also seems compared to 2018 we have improved in this area. We will continue to try to be proactive about our communication with you.



STAFFING UPDATE

In case you missed the notice in the week 2 newsletter. I wish to inform you, that Mrs Monique Kearins has been permanently appointed Senior Finance Officer at St Mary MacKillop Primary School, South Penrith. Mrs Kearins has often worked well beyond her role to support the staff, children and families of OLOL. She has made an invaluable contribution to our school and we want to say we appreciate her hard work, good humour and endless patience. In the journey ahead we wish Mrs Kearins great happiness personally and professionally, good health, and that God's blessings travel with her.

Mrs Kearins will conclude her full time work at OLOL on Friday 16th August. There will be appropriate casual finance staff employed whilst a recruitment process takes place in the coming weeks. We thank you for your support during this transition period.



Attendance

Our challenge is to meet a minimum target of 90% attendance every day.

At the conclusion of Friday week 3, we have fallen short of our target of 90% at **84.4%**.

- K - 88.2%
- 1 - 77.9%
- 2 - 86.7%
- 3 - 68.7%
- 4 - 94.1%
- 5 - 81.9%
- 6 - 91.7%

Congratulations to Year 4 and 6 who achieved the 90% attendance target! We know all grades can achieve this target and everyone's learning improves when there is regular and timely attendance.

Absences From School

All absences from school are required to be explained within 7 days of the absence, as per CEDP guidelines.

If an absence explanation has not been communicated the office will send home with your child an unexplained absence letter, as the absence remains unexplained. It would be greatly appreciated if you receive this letter that it is returned immediately.

Safety is always paramount here at OLOL and children that are dropped at school after 8.50am are required to be walked into the office and signed in by a parent or carer. If they do come in unaccompanied after 8.50am this is also recorded as an unexplained partial attendance.

Sport News

Zone Athletics Carnival

Yesterday Ms Coledan and Mrs Clynick travelled with 32 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, coming away with great results. All students represented Our Lady of Lourdes with a positive sporting attitude and pride for our school. A special congratulations to the students who will be representing Blacktown Zone at the Diocesan carnival next week. Thank you very much to the parents who assisted on the day as officials.

Blacktown Zone Carnival Competitors

Charlize Abou Yaghi
Georgia Andre
Zackary Armitage
Kaylee Aspin
Juan Burgess
Maci Case
Cameron Fahey
Amelia Herczeg
Tino Kama
Danielle Katafono
Alexandra Kostis

Awien Lual
Mary-Rose Mejalli
Marshal Millar
Zarah Mowbray
Jairus OdurOchieng
Mark Onen
Isaac Ortiz
Audrina Ortiz
Zachary Osborne
George Palmiotto
Monu Pongji

Jessie Raad
Lewis Savic
Alexander Spadaro
Zoe van Zoggel
Rhys Webster
Emma Webster
Rhys Williams
Deng Wol
Alysse Yates
Madeleine Zaaıt

Congratulations to the following students who won overall categories and/or broke Blacktown Zone Records:

Awien Lual - Blacktown Zone 11 Years Girls Champion
Rhys Webster - Blacktown Zone 11 Years Boys Champion
Kaylee Aspin - Blacktown Zone 11 Years Girls Champion Runner Up
Alexander Spadaro - Blacktown Zone Junior Boys Champion
Zackary Armitage - Broke the record for Senior Boys 200m
Rhys Webster - Broke the record for 11 Years Boys 100m



OLOL WAKAKIRRI - SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Our big Wakakirri performance is coming up on Friday the 30th of August (Week 6) at Parramatta Riverside Theatre. The students are very excited and busily preparing for our show.

We would like to present our performance of, "Where the Wild Things Are" to the students, parents and teachers of the OLOL Community as a special dress rehearsal before the event.

Date: Tuesday 27th August

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: School Hall

Please come along to see our amazing students!

Clare Willemse, Elise Clynick and Jessica Bradford
Wakakirri Coordinators



TERM 3 SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

KINDERGARTEN

Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

Tuesday, Thursday
Wednesday, Thursday
Wednesday
Wednesday & Friday
Thursday
Tuesday & Friday
Friday



Our next Staff Development Day will be Friday, 20th September, 2019. There will be no staff on the premises for most of the day.

Please contact OOSH on 9676 7293 if you wish to make arrangements for your child/children.



**OLOL Parent Group
Keeping you
IN THE KNOW
August 2019**

Have a coffee/tea/hot chocolate handy, this one is a big read...

Click on the link below to go to the **APRIL** edition of the Parent Group's -



"IN THE KNOW"

PIZZA MEAL DEAL

This Friday August 16th the Year 6 Graduation Committee are organising a Pizza Meal Deal. Proceeds from the Meal Deal will go toward the Year 6 graduation disco. Any help from parents to assist with distributing the pizzas on the Friday would be greatly appreciated. Helpers can come to the hall from 12 pm.



FATHER'S DAY

Fathers' Day Mass - Advanced Notice

On Friday August 30th we will once again be holding our Fathers' Day breakfast followed by open classrooms and our Fathers' Day Mass. Breakfast will commence at 7.30am with the Mass commencing at 9.15am. 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 Monday, August 26th**. Please understand that photos sent in after this time **cannot** be included as the slideshow will be created and once created the format prevents any further changes. This is why we have given plenty of 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.



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
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7 August 2019

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We believe that all human beings are made in the image of God and that all human beings matter.

The Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death.

I have been closely following this abortion debate as it has unfolded in our parliament and across the public sphere. I join my voice with my brother bishops and many people of goodwill across many faiths who are alarmed at the newly-proposed NSW abortion legislation.

It is not enough to argue that this legislation is simply about “decriminalising abortion.” What’s at stake is far more complex and goes to the heart of a healthy society. As human beings, we all have a responsibility to care for each other.

Pope Francis reminds us bluntly: “It is not right to kill a human being, regardless of how small it is, to solve a problem.”

Whilst we affirm the sacredness of all life, the Church as a community of faith, hope and love stands by pregnant women to offer them support. That is why, closely linked to protection of the unborn is the ongoing care of women who are pregnant, especially those in difficult personal circumstances.

Our legislators and community need to provide more practical care and compassion to women facing these decisions.

In our diocese, our CatholicCare services offers a comprehensive pregnancy-related service for women and families that are expecting a baby. We want to help women in these complex situations.

Being born into this wondrous planet of ours is a blessing. May each of us, given this precious gift, never forget to pray with the Psalmist: “*You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother’s womb. For so many marvels I thank you; a wonder am I, and all your works are wonders.*” Psalms 139.

This is an ongoing critical issue where the Church will continue to speak prophetically.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta



Parents Representative Council

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Building Young People to Face Modern Day Challenges

James will speak to the modern day challenges facing our young people as revealed through a number of recent national and local surveys, Diocesan student forums and countless candid conversations with young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. James presentation will explore a culture of belonging, Wellbeing and positive engagement. He will outline what and how his team is able to assist young people to face these modern day challenges.



High school aged students are invited to attend with a caregiver or parent.

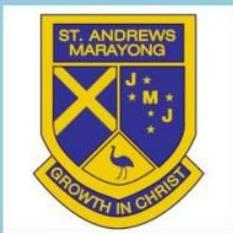


Our guest speaker for the evening is:

JAMES CAMDEN

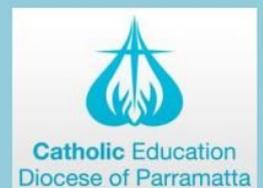
Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au



Monday, 26th August 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)
St Andrews Primary School,
36 Breakfast Rd, Marayong, NSW 2148



Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

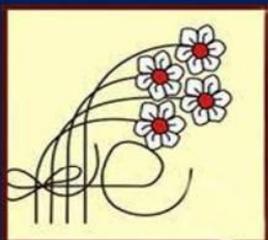
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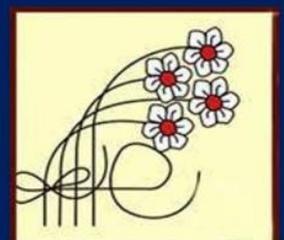


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Floral Expressions

For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116





OLOL HOT BOOK PICKS



Principal's Reading Challenge

This term we have a different Principal's reading challenge!

Students are asked to recommend a book that they have read either over the holidays or recently to others.

We are looking for recommendations that can be done in a creative way. Maybe a poster, a google slide, a video clip , a photo of yourself with a book and a caption "This is my hotpick because....."

Once again we will award prizes for the most creative entries which will be announced during our Book Week assembly next week. We will also share the recommendations with the community. So come on OLOL let us know what are your "Hot Book Pics" Entries close this Friday.

Students in Years 2 - 6 can upload their review via the google form using the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/ololbookpicks>

Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 can either bring in their entry to their classroom teacher or email it to ololshills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked OLOL Hot Book Picks





BOOK WEEK 2019

This year we will celebrate Book Week with a special assembly and Book Week activities on Monday August 19th.

The day will begin at 9:00 am with an assembly and Book Week parade to which all parents are warmly invited to attend. Students are invited to dress as a favourite book character. Parents are reminded that costumes should be appropriate - no pretend guns or knives - and that book characters chosen should also be appropriate from texts with suitable themes for primary school students.

The assembly will conclude at approximately 10:30 with parents invited to bring a picnic rug and share morning tea and a favourite book with their child. At the conclusion of morning tea students will move into cross stage groups to engage in literacy activities. In the afternoon students will once again be involved in cross stage teams for our annual trivia quiz.

Premiers Reading Challenge

As a school we are once again participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. The challenge officially commenced on March 4th and concludes on August 30th. To date 30 students have already completed the challenge. Student reading logs are completed online using the logon details provided. If you have any problems with the challenge please contact Mrs Cividin.

