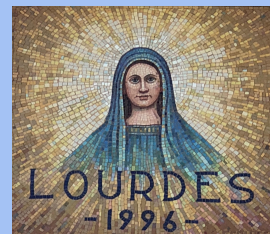




Parish Priest: Father Henry Duc
Phone: 9622 2920

OOSH: Ben Irmisch
Phone: 9676 7293



Newsletter Term 3 Week 8, 2019

11TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

FUTURE DATES

Tuesday
17th September -
ICAS - English

Year 6 Graduation
Meeting at 5pm in
the Library

Thursday 19th
September
ICAS - Maths

Friday 20th
September -
Pupil Free Day

Sunday, 15th &
Sunday 22nd
September - First
Holy Communion

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 - 8pm

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

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

My congratulations and thanks to all parents children and staff involved in both the Father's Day celebrations and Wakakirri. It certainly was a big day full of joy and it was a real testament to the community spirit at OLOL. Further photos and reports are in this newsletter.

I also wish to communicate exciting news about further improvements to the facilities at OLOL. We have been recently advised that further work will take place to complete a LED lighting upgrade of all internal lighting at OLOL. This work will address removing existing old fluorescent light boxes in all learning spaces and renewing them with new LED light boxes. This work will ensure quality lighting levels in all spaces with greater energy efficiency. These works will happen as result of the support of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta to improve the facilities for our children.

Work will commence next Monday 16th September. The majority of work will take place out of school hours and this will have the added advantage of minimising interruptions to the school day.

As with all upgrade works there will be some short term inconvenience. Parents are asked to be aware that there will be skip bins in the carpark. This means the first three parking bays nearest to the gate of the main playground will be unavailable.

This work will make a significant difference to the quality of the facilities for the children for 2019 and well into the future.

God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes

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



[2019 Father's Day
Breakfast & Open
Classrooms](#)



[2019 Father's Day
Mass](#)



[2019 Wakakirri School
Dress Rehearsal](#)



[2019 Wakakirri
Riverside Performance](#)

2020 ♦♦♦
enrolments

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

Staffing Update



I am writing to inform you that Mrs Elise Clynick will be commencing Maternity Leave at the end of this term for the remainder of the year. Mrs Clynick's last day at school will be Friday 27th September, 2019. I would like to acknowledge the great work and contribution of Mrs Clynick to OLOL and the education of the children in her care.

I am pleased to announce that commencing Term 4 2019 Miss Tyla Attard will be teaching Year 5W for the remainder of the year. We are indeed fortunate to have Miss Attard as she has worked at the school as a relief teacher and is familiar with the routines and procedures at OLOL. We wish her all the best as she begins her new role at OLOL.

We wish Mrs Clynick and her husband Luke every blessing as they await the birth of their first child.

Further Staffing Updates

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Ann Korazija as Senior Finance Officer at Our Lady of Lourdes. Mrs Korazija will commence employment at OLOL on 23rd September. Ann has 25+ years experience in finance and accountancy and will be a great asset to the team. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Korazija to our school community.

I wish to thank Mrs Maricel Lamb, Mrs Belinda Spratt and Mrs Aida Almeida who have been working on a casual basis. Special thanks to Mrs Beth Polo who has managed and ensured the smooth running of the school office during this transition period.

Today we welcome back Mrs Michelle Khattar who will be teaching Four White each Wednesday until the end of the year. Mrs McKenna will continue to teach 2W each Thursday and will also assume some casual teaching duties for the remainder of 2019. We thank Mrs McKenna for her excellent contribution to the learning of the students in 4W so far this year.

Thank you to Mrs Toni Critchlow who has taken up the role of sport coordinator in Term 4 while Mrs Clynick is on maternity leave.

Thank you

Thank you to all the parents and families who have supported Alexander Spadaro by purchasing raffle tickets last week. All money raised will pay for the registration levy and enable Alex to compete in the Northern Territory later this month as part of the New South Wales Primary Schools Sport Association team for 12 years and Under Track and Field Championships. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey

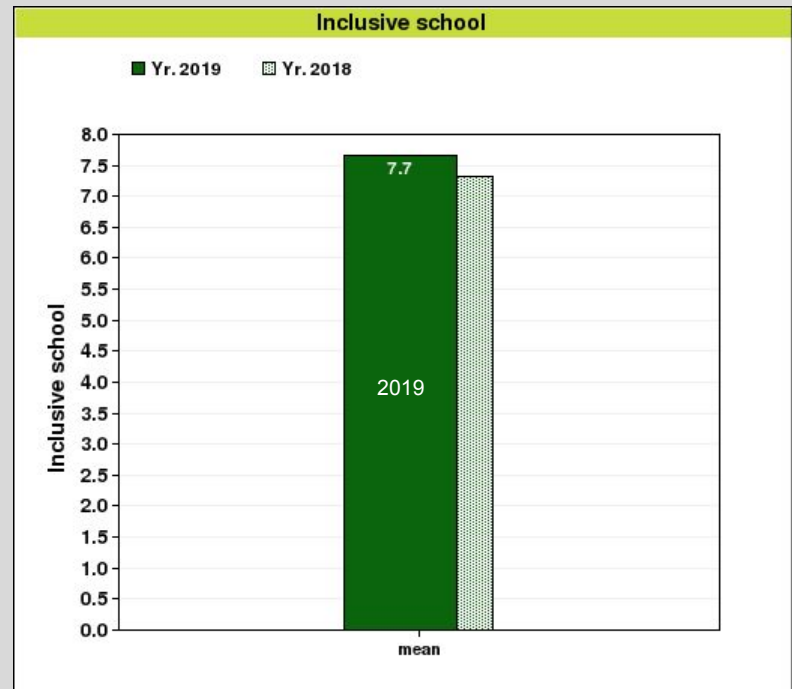
Late last term we received the reports that are generated by the data from students, parents and staff. The feedback overall has been extremely positive and I will take the opportunity to share some of the key aspects of these reports with you over a number of weeks in the school newsletter. Below is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

Parent Survey

We asked: Do teachers help students develop positive friendships, help students who need extra support and take an active role in making sure all students are included in school activities?

You said: You rated inclusive school 7.7 out of 10

We say: You rated our school above the norm for the Diocese. We firmly believe teachers have an active role in making sure all students are involved, including those students who need extra support. We will continue to work to be inclusive of all students.

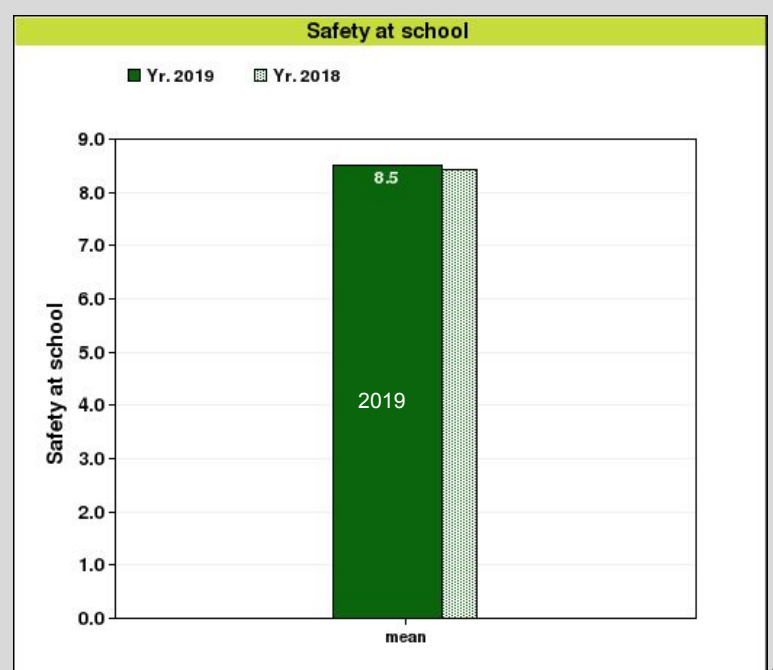


Parent Survey

We asked: Are behaviour issues dealt with in a timely manner and does your child feels safe at school?

You said: You rated safety at school 8.5 out of 10

We say: You rated our school above the norm for the Diocese. We think our clear expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Readiness to learn helps to maintain positive behaviour in the classroom and on the playground.





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: 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 are now overdue. Please make contact with 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.



Our next Staff Development Day will be this 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.



Congratulations to Week 7 & 8 Gold Award Winners:

Kinder Ruby Case
Year 1 Jude Park
Year 2 Zarah Hallett
Year 3 Shaan Patel
Year 4 Cameron Fahey
Year 5 Ava Rigney
Year 6 Timmy Atem

Kinder Miyah Awkar
Year 1 Varshith Domarajulu
Year 2 Talysha Johnson
Year 3 Danielle Katafono
Year 4 Madeleine Zaaït
Year 5 Hailey Case
Year 6 Angela Culili

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at Week 8 Assembly:

KB: Matthew Lual, Mariana Christou, Adam Kabani, Morgan Leary

KW: Olive Jaca, Tatum Leusden, Lourdes Sadipoor, Jordan Un

1B: Deng Atem, April Shao, Vaanya Chhikara, Anthony Melki, Sukhan Insan

1W: Vivaan Marikanti, Kyra Prajapati, Hayley Greentree-Davis, Oscar King, Abel Matthew

2B: Prajay Pokharel, Ethan Santosa, Vicky Su

2W: Juliana Zhu, Lachlan Greentree-Davis, Violet Stevens, Rubie Daaboul

3B: Audrina Ortiz, Chris Yata, Dylan Cortiz, DeAsia Fatafehi

3W: Kara Whybin, Jamie Hallett, Ujaan Roy, Ben Albion, Isley Williams

4B: Riley Ballment, Rebecca Mou, Andre Roy

5B: Amelia Herczeg, Nikita Krzeminski, Keira Pangilinan, Obama Azrag

5W: Hailey Case, Chelsea Kataria, Alby Bento, Cai Marshall

6B: Mason Lanfranca, Makayla Dalmati, Jessie Raad, Rhys Webster

6W: Matthew Abdilla, Charlize Abou Yaghi, Callam Stirton, Alysse Yates

RE NEWS

In recent weeks in celebrating Father's Day we went over to the church to give thanks to God for the special gift of our fathers. We prayed for fathers who are living. We remembered fathers who had died. We were grateful for special men in our lives who have been like fathers to us. In celebrating the love of fathers on Fathers' Day we are mindful that Jesus had such great love for God, whom he called Father.

If you were unable to come along to the Eucharistic celebration, I have provided the prayer that we asked all fathers to pray together as an OLOL community. Please take some time to read through this prayer as it reflects the wonderful blessing that you have been given in becoming a father to your child.

A FATHER'S PRAYER

Lord bless me as a father.

Watch over me and protect me from harm of any kind.

Grant me your wisdom, your grace and the strength to live a life of goodness.

Help me to honour my family with words of respect, forgiveness and love.

To listen with my heart as well as my head.

To give and not count the cost.

To be patient and persevering when all seems lost.

Bless me Lord this day.

Bless and protect me all through my life.

Amen





Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL

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21 August 2019

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The case involving Cardinal Pell on historic child sexual abuse crimes has again dominated the media and public discourse following the appeal decision that was handed down today.

We respect that decision and the process of law.

We know that for some, this case has reopened existing wounds and past traumas. I want to reiterate our support to the victims of abuse and to all those who are hurting.

As the Bishop of Parramatta with responsibility for the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, I remain absolutely committed to protecting children in our care from harm.

I am determined to enable survivors of abuse to have a voice and are responded to in a caring, practical, and meaningful way.

Catholic parish communities in the Diocese of Parramatta have support mechanisms in place to help those in need.

At a parish level, I would encourage you to reach out to your parish priest for help.

At a diocesan level, we strongly encourage anyone who has been affected by abuse from within the Catholic Church to contact the Diocese of Parramatta via our Office of Safeguarding & Professional Standards on (02) 8838 3419 or safeguarding@parracatholic.org.

Any concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

For more information about safeguarding support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta please contact the Child Protection Information Line on 1300 661 015.

Safeguarding information and support contacts are available on our safeguarding website at safeguarding.org.au.

During this period of continued crisis and deep darkness, as the Catholic Church, let us pray for the survivors of abuse, their families and all those affected.

May we all - as a community of disciples - accompany one another on the journey towards justice, healing and restoration of trust.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

Sport News

NSWPSSA Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Alexander Spadaro in Year 4 who has been selected in a New South Wales Primary Schools Sport Association team for 12 years and Under Track and Field Championships. Alex will be competing in the Northern Territory later this month. The selection process for this team is extremely competitive and being a part of this team demonstrates the amazing athletic ability Alexander possesses. We are very proud of Alexander's achievements and wish him the best of luck.

Netball Gala Day

Well Done to all the girls that participated in the 2019 St Nicholas Gala day a Jamison Park Penrith. We took four teams on the day with all teams being successful in winning some of their games. Each team showed excellent sportsmanship. Ada Feliciak, Maci Case, Sophie Shaw, Kristena Azrag, DeAsia Fatafehi, Eva Layoun, Jaime Halett, Sophia Pearce, Audrina Ortiz, Mira Sharma, Madeleine Zaaite, Emma Webster, Jacqueline Yates, Jasmine Davis, Pavithra Jeyanthan, Mia Lal, Georgia Andrew, Kathryn Andrew, Tahlia Winter, Vrinda Kumar, Ekaspreet Sohi, Alexandra Simpson, Hailey Case, Liv Lal, Amelia Herczeg, Nikita Krzeminski, Aarushi Duggal, Angela Culili, Agnes Buji, Alyssa Stenton, Saanvi Vadlamudi, Chelsea Kataria, Zarah Mowbray, Alysse Yates, Florencia Wanandy, Winnie Lual, Makayla Dalmati, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Diya Dsouza, Zoe van Zoggel, Lily Kwiecien, Kaylee Aspin and Jessica Butylewicz. A very big thank you to all the parents that coached, managed and transported students your help is much appreciated.





OLOL Parent Group Keeping you IN THE KNOW September 2019

Click on the link below to go to the
SEPTEMBER edition

IN THE KNOW"



ARE YOU LEAVING?



If your child/children will not be returning to Our Lady of Lourdes in 2020, would you kindly inform the office as soon as possible.

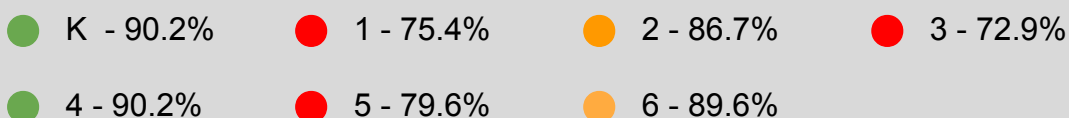
The Catholic Education Office policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese states that "A term's notice" (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of any student or a full term's fees will be paid. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term. A form is available from the school office.

This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro-rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition. Notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement of 10 weeks notice will be waived.

Attendance

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

At the conclusion of yesterday week 8, we have fallen short of our target of 90% at **83.8%**.



Congratulations to Year K and 4 who achieved the 90% attendance target!

every learner
every day ☒

When is sick too sick for school

If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

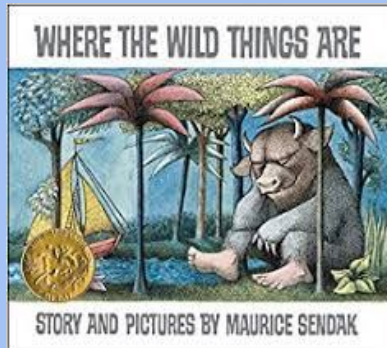
Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information

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WAKAKIRRI

Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools



On Friday the 30th of August 88 OLOL students represented our school at the Wakakirri Story Dance competition at Parramatta Riverside Theatre with our performance of, "Where the Wild Things Are".

The students performed amazingly well and got the crowd cheering. They made all the parents, friends and teachers present very proud of their hard work.

We were lucky enough to win special Show awards for:

- Best Individual Costume Design
- Best Backstage Crew

We also were awarded the following Performance and Production awards:

- Excellent Performance Teamwork
- Excellent Group Acting
- Excellent Individual Set Piece Design
- Excellent Artwork on Sets
- Excellent Soundtrack Mix

Our judges notes were the following:

"This cast takes us on a fantastic visual journey retelling a famous 56 year old children's story book! Excellent use of your props and sets with seamless changes throughout your performance. Fantastic costumes. Really strong, clear expressive storytelling and use of your 88 strong cast! Congratulations!"

The students should be extremely proud of their efforts for the past 8 months and seeing it all come together was amazing. Thank you to all the parents and teachers that helped with props, costumes and coming to painting afternoons. We all helped bring the story to life.

- ★ Parents are able to purchase the DVD of our Wakakirri Performance through the website:
<https://www.wakakirri.com/mainsite/tickets-merch/dvds/>
- ★ Parents can also vote for our school in the People's Choice Awards through this link:
<https://www.wakakirri.com/mainsite/peoples-choice/>
- ★ Parents can purchase the professional photographs of the night here:
<https://winkipopmedia.photostockplus.com/album/3134841/login/?r=%2Falbum%2F3134841%2F> The password is sloth.



Congratulations Wakakirri Students! Chookas!
Clare Willemse, Elise Clynick & Jessica Bradford- Wakakirri Coordinators.



Out and About

The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Group will be held next term on Tuesday, October 29th.

The Parent Group is a vital part of our school community. The Parent Group executive work closely with the school to develop community and make the school the very best it can be.

Without the Parent Group activities such as our Mothers' and Fathers' day stalls, our Mothers' and Fathers' Day Breakfasts, Meal Deals and lunch time sales cannot happen.

These are great experiences for parents and students alike and help to make OLOL the special place that it is. For our Parent Group to continue we need parents to volunteer to come onto the committee. The roles are not onerous and anyone volunteering will be given support.

The Parent Group meets twice a term and it is a great way to meet other parents and be informed about what is happening within the school. A list of the committee roles is included in this newsletter along with a nomination form.

I am asking that all parents consider taking on a role and help to continue the vital work of the Parent Group.

If you have any questions about becoming a member of the parent group executive please feel free to contact a member of the current committee or myself.

Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal



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, 29th 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, 29th 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

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Publicity Officer

Signed: _____