

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES Seven Hills

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#### Newsletter Term 4 Week 10, 2019

#### **FUTURE DATES**

#### **2020 DATES**

PLEASE REFER TO 2020 PARENT PLANNER FOR TERM 1 AT A GLANCE

Maths Assessments -Years K-6 Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th January & Kindergarten Thursday, 30th January.

Years 1-6 commence Thursday, 30th January

KINDERGARTEN 2020 COMMENCE FRIDAY, 31st January staggered starts

From Monday, 3rd February all KINDERGARTEN students start at 8.40am and finish 2.50pm.

Monday, 3rd February Cheers and tears in all from 8.40am for all new kindergarten families NO ASSEMBLY

Sunday, 8th February OLOL Parish Feast Day

Tuesday, 11th February First Parent Group Meeting for 2020 in the school library

Wednesday, 12th February Parents as Educators morning session 8.40am - 10.40am Evening session 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday, 13th February Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival

#### **Principal's Message**



#### Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

This has been an amazing fortnight at OLOL. Our children were each recognised for their learning throughout the year, our 2020 School Leaders were announced, we celebrated our End of School mass, showed our appreciation to our parent helpers and we all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Concert Celebration.

As 2019 comes to a close, we reflect on what an great year it has been, filled with learning and opportunity. Our students:

- joined students across the diocese in sporting carnivals and gala days, Voice of Youth, Mission Mass and Expo, and of course Wakakirri
- welcomed guest groups such as Dance Fever, and Catholic Missions
- attended a number of excursions related to their units of work
- reached out to those in need Project Compassion, ST Vincent de Paul and Catholic Mission
- celebrated the sacraments of reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation
- enjoyed playing on our playground equipment, and using our new COLA for learning and play

I wish to take the opportunity to thank Fr Henry for his continued support. I thank the dedicated support staff and teachers who commit themselves to the education and wellbeing of the children. I thank our parents for your energy, encouragement, support and challenge. Finally, I thank the children for their hard work and enthusiasm for the variety of learning that they have been provided with this year.

Before we finish the school year, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, joyful Christmas. Enjoy the time with your family and spend some time thinking about the gift of God in his Son Jesus.

> God Bless, Keiran Byrnes

#### **18TH DECEMBER, 2019**









2019 December Principal Morning Tea



2020 \*\*\* enrolments

## We still have spaces available in Years 1-6 in 2020.

Enrolment packs are available at the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

Please contact Beth or Anne in the school office if you require any further information on 8869 6800.

We have an Open Day for new families on Monday, 2nd March from 9.30am - 11am. Enrolments for 2021 Open on this day.

## **SCHOOL LEADERS 2020**

Congratulations to Cassandra Laus and Isaac Ortiz who were elected as our School Leaders for 2020.



### **OLOL Parish Christmas Mass Times**



Christmas Children's Mass – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 9pm Christmas Midnight Mass – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Midnight

Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 8am Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am



We would like to say thank you and best wishes to the following staff who are leaving us at the end of 2019. Miss Jessica Menezes, Ms Eleonora Coledan, Mr Brian Melocco,Mrs Jasmine Anvia. We appreciate all they have brought to our community and wish them every success with their future endeavours.

#### 100% ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES -TERM 4

At assembly on Monday certificates were given to children who had 100% attendance for Term 4 up to and including Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Congratulations to these children.

To be able to produce certificates for our last assembly we could not include the data from the last week of school.

#### ASTHMA MEDICATION



All asthma medication was sent home today with your child. This will give you the opportunity to wash out your child's spacer and if necessary attend your GP to update your asthma plan for 2020. Please refer to our Medication Policy in the

<u>Medication Policy</u> In the parent handbook on the school website for guidelines for Administering Medication at school.



The uniform shop will be re-open on Tuesday, 21st January, Wednesday, 22nd and Tuesday, 28th January, 2020. If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website:

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

### Event code for January, 2020 appointments: v6fee

IN 2020 THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL ONLY BE OPEN ON TUESDAYS. THERE WILL BE ALTERNATE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS. PLEASE USE CODE: **2xcns** to make an appointment. This change will take effect from Tuesday 4th February.

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.



## **ARE YOU MOVING?**

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. Forms are available at the school office.

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.



#### **DON'T FORGET!**

#### BOOK YOUR MATHS ASSESSMENT BOOKINGS FOR 2020

Please follow the instructions below to access the booking system for the Mathematics Assessment Interviews for 2020.

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**. PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK <u>www.schoolinterviews.com.au</u> and

## Enter code: tf9uw

When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to HYPERLINK "http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au" <u>www.schoolinterviews.com.au</u> at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.



# 2020

Tuesday, 28th January	Mathematics Assessment Interviews by appointment Years K - 6
Wednesday,29th January	Mathematics Assessment interviews by appointment Years K -6
Thursday 20th January	Veers 1 C classes begin for 2020
Thursday, 30th January	<u>Years 1 - 6 classes begin for 2020</u> Kindergarten Mathematics Assessment interviews by appointment.



## A new edition of the safety resource is now available online.

The Child Safety Handbook App has also been produced by NSW Police Legacy and includes everything we need as a community to protect our children. From preventative measures at home to safety outdoors, from cybersafety to dealing with peer pressures, this App is a resource for every family and school community. The app can be downloaded via the Apple store, Google Play or Amazon Kindle.

Click on the link below: NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook



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OLOL Parent Group

Would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a happy and holy Christmas and a safe holiday break.

Looking forward to working with all parents in 2020.

## **PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA**

Last Friday, along with the other members of the Leadership Team, I had the pleasure of serving 160 of our students at the Principal's Morning Tea. These students achieved a commendable effort grade for all Key Learning Areas in their Semester 2 report. As I explained to the students they may not have achieved an "A" grade but they had tried their best and put in effort into all subject areas throughout the semester and as a principal that is what I am most proud of. I think the students enjoyed the experience of being served by the leadership team and we certainly enjoyed serving them!





#### 2020 Diocesan School Fees

22 November 2019

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2020. The new schedule includes a very modest 1.5% increase on the fees from 2019, a reflection of Bishop Vincent Long's aim of making our Catholic schools as affordable as possible for families.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 1.5% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

#### 1. Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the *same for every school*. There are **significant sibling discounts** for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2020 are outlined below:

#### 2020 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

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	1 <sup>st</sup> child (100%)	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> child</b> (75%)	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> child</b> (50%)	4 <sup>th</sup> Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,224	\$918	\$612	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,581	\$1,185	\$792	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,190	\$1,644	\$1,095	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,430	\$1,824	\$1,215	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,102	\$2,328	\$1,551	No fee

#### 2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2020 is \$822. This is an increase of 2% from 2019. This increase is slightly higher than the tuition fee increase of 1.5% as governments do not provide sufficient capital funding for our school provisioning program.

**There is only one Diocesan building levy per family** with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount for the building levy of 50% applies to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

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#### 3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. School-based fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.

This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their schoolbased fees.

Although it varies from school to school, as a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.

#### Here's how we can help

We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

#### · Flexible payment options

Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

#### Fee assistance

We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

#### Bishop Manning Support Fund

In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Support Fund is available to families who experience challenges meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Further information is available at the <u>Bishop Manning Support Fund</u> page of the CEDP website.

#### Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible. Further information is available on our <u>Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme</u> page of the CEDP website.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely

**Gregory B Whitby AM KSG** Executive Director Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

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# **Sport News**

Congratulations to Rhys Webster and Alexander Spadaro for being invited to the Parramatta Diocesan 2019 Sports Awards and receiving a certificate and medal.

*Rhys Webster* Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills



- \* Parramatta Football Team
- ★ Parramatta Touch Football Team
  - ★ Parramatta Athletics Team
- ★ MacKillop Touch Football Team
  - ★ MacKillop Athletics Team



Alexander Spadaro Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills



#### 2019 Student Sport Representation

- ★ Parramatta Athletics Team
  - ★ MacKillop Athletics Team
- ★ NSWPSSA State Athletics Team
- ★ NSWPSSA State Athletics Medallist
- ★ School Sport Australia Athletics Medallist



## **Swimming Carnival News**



And the Winning Colour House is "Blue" Junior Boy Champion - Cameron Fahey Junior Girl Champion - Ziva Suryathyo Senior Boy Champion - Thomas Fahey Senior Girl Champion - Zoe van Zoggel

We also had a number of records broken this year. Congratulations to Cameron who broke 50m 10Yrs Boys Freestyle, 50m Jnr Boys Breaststroke and the 50m Jnr Boys Backstroke.

Ziva broke both the 50m 10Yrs Girls Freestyle and the 50m Jnr Girls Breaststroke.

Thomas broke the 50m Sen Boys Breaststroke.



## **Our Lady of Lourdes Staff 2020**

Please note the staff list for 2020. I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Leanne Napoli, Mrs Susan Roberts, Mrs Janet Young and Mrs Rita Milic who will be joining the teaching staff at OLOL in 2020.

Kindergarten	Mrs Silvia Nichols and Miss Jessica Bradford
Year 1	Miss Sharleen Espiritu and Mrs Marlee Cividin
Year 2	Miss Karin Schrader and Mrs Elizabeth Van Zoggel
Year 3	Mrs Janelle Bawden and Mrs Leanne Napoli
Year 4	Mrs Lucy Messina and Mr Jim Van Gend
Year 5	Mr Wayne Owen and Miss Tyla Attard
Year 6	Ms Toni Critchlow and
	Miss Donna Muddle(Monday-Thursday)
	Mrs Michelle Khattar (Fridays)
Learning Support	Mrs Wilma Clenton, Mrs Rosemary Armstrong,
	Mrs Leonie McKenna, Mrs Rita Milic and
	Mrs Carol Cividin
School Counsellor	Ms Julie Nhan (newly assigned)
<b>Executive Release</b>	Mrs Susan Roberts, Mrs Michelle Khattar,
	Mrs Janet Young
<b>Creative Arts and</b>	Mrs Clare Willemse
LTST	
<b>Physical Education</b>	Mrs Veronica Brogden
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Katherine Begg, Mrs Kira Moujalli, Mrs Aida
	Almeida, Mrs Sharon Zarzycki
ICT Trainee	Mr Nicholas Adams
Office	Mrs Beth Polo
Administration	
Office Finance	Mrs Anne Korazija
Leaders of Learning	Miss Karin Schrader and Mrs Lucy Messina
<b>Religious Education</b>	Mrs Janelle Bawden
Coordinator	
Assistant Principal	Mrs Carol Cividin
Principal	Miss Keiran Byrnes

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES SEVEN HILLS

#### School Uniform

Children are required to wear full school uniform at all times including appropriate haircuts and limited jewelry. Parents' support is essential to ensure their child wears correct school uniform each day.

The following information and images provide clarity about school expectations upon the return of students to school in 2020.

Boys hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of "styles" that are unacceptable include: ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, any excessive shaping with gel, and any shaving cuts. The school reserves the right to make rulings on the acceptability of any student hairstyles.

Girls hair is to be of consistent natural colour. Hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face. Hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes. Ribbons, hair slides etc, if worn should be in the uniform fabric or blue. Scrunchies are sold from the Uniform Shop.

#### **Girls Summer**

**Boys Summer** 

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- blue check dress with navy piping • & navy tab
- navy school jacket with school crest
- navy jumper with school crest (optional)
- navy (ankle) sock
- black shoes (lace up/velcro)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest

school classic blue short sleeve

navy jacket with school crest

black shoes (laceup/velcro)

navy bag with school crest

navy broad brim hat or cap with

navy jumper with school crest

shirt with school crest

navy (blockers) shorts

(optional) navy (ankle) socks

school crest

navy bag with school crest

#### **Girls Winter**

- plaid tunic with plaid tab .
- long sleeved peter pan collar
- classic blue blouse .
- navy jacket with school crest navy jumper with school crest
- (optional)
- navy (ankle or knee high) socks or navy (opaque) tights
- black shoes(lace up/velcro)
- navybroadbrimhatorcapwith
- school crest
- navy bag with school crest

#### **Boys Winter**

- school classic blue long sleeve shirt with school crest
- navy (blockers) trousers
- school tie
- navy jacket with school crest
- (optional)
- navy (ankle) socks
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest



Girls and Boys summer uniform Samples of acceptable school shoes



Girls and Boys winter uniform

#### **Girls and Boys - Sports**

- navy polo shirt with classic blue trim & school crest
- navy shorts with OLOL embroidery
- navy school jacket with school crest
- navy track pants with OLOL embroidery
- white (ankle) sports socks
- predominately white sand shoes (lace up/velcro)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest
- navy bag with school crest

#### Other items available...

- excursion/library bag
- scrunchies and head bands

#### All items of school uniform & school bags are available at the school uniform shop.





Girls and Boys sport uniform Predominately white sandshoes and correct length white socks

- navy jumper with school crest
- black shoes (lace up/velcro)

  - navy bag with school crest



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# **Parent Planner 2020**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Jan	20 <sup>th</sup>	21*	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> Australia Day
Feb 1 MAI	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan Australia Day Holiday	28 <sup>th</sup> Teachers Commence MAI INTERVIEWS	29 <sup>th</sup> MAI INTERVIEWS	30 <sup>th</sup> MAI INTERVIEWS KINDER + + - × Year 1-6 start	31 <sup>st</sup> Kinder garten Commence Whole Day- staggered start	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb/2 <sup>nd</sup>
Feb 2 MAI	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cheers and Tears in the Hall 8:40pm No Monday moming Assembly	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> (Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> ) OLOL Parish Feast Day
Feb 3	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> 7pm Parent Group Meeting	1 2 <sup>th</sup> Parents as Educators 8:40 - 10:40 2020 Lifted Junior (Yrs 5 & 6) FIAT Student gathering- Rooty Hill RSL Parents as Educators 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival	14 <sup>th</sup> Opening School Mass 9:15 TBC	15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 16th First Reconciliation Enrolment Mass 9:30
Feb 4	17 <sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter sent home	18 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher. 3.30 – 9.00 p.m	19 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> Recalling Baptism 6.30 - 7:30pm (Parish Meeting Room Parents Only)	20 <sup>th</sup> Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Blacktown	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> Ist Meeting - Recalling Baptism 4.30 - 5:30pm Saturday (Parish Meeting Room Parents Only)
Feb/ March 5	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Open Evening for prospective new families 7:00 - 8:30pm	26 <sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY	27 <sup>th</sup> KINDER WELCOME BBQ 5pm- 6:30pm	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> March Catholic Schools Week OLOL student leaders at Parish Mass TBC 2nd Meeting - Recalling Baptism Saturday 4.30 - 5:30pm

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March 6 Catholic Schools Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Open Day For New Families 9:30-11:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> OLOL Catholic Schools week celebrations	4 <sup>th</sup> Stage Three Canberra	5 <sup>th</sup> Stage Three Canberra	6 <sup>th</sup> Stage Three Canberra	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>
March 7	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> 7pm Parent Group Meeting	1 1 <sup>th</sup> 3rd Meeting: First Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> School Photo Day	14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> 3rd Meeting: First Reconciliation Meeting Saturday 4:30 - 5:30pm
March 8	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Feast Day	18 <sup>th</sup> 4th Meeting First Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm	19 <sup>th</sup> St Joseph Feast Day	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> 4th Meeting First Reconciliation Meeting Saturday 4:30pm
March 9	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> Annunciation 5th Meeting First Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm	26 <sup>th</sup> K-2 Sequences Professional Learning	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> 5th Meeting First Reconciliation Meeting Saturday 4:30 - 5:30pm
March/Apri l 10	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> April First Reconciliation Liturgy 7.00-8.30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>
April 11 HOLY WEEK	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> School Closes HOLY THURSDAY	10 <sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY Happy Birthday Fr Henry	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY