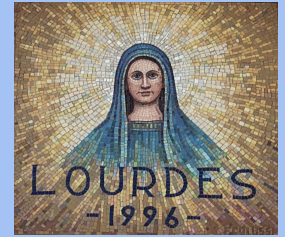




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Newsletter Term 4 Week 4, 2019

6TH NOVEMBER, 2019

FUTURE DATES

Friday, 8th November
Stage 2 & 3 Assembly in the hall at 2pm
School Disco from 5.30pm

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

Monday, 11th November
9:00am Remembrance Day Liturgy - in place of Monday morning assembly

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

Monday, 18th November
Swimming Program begins

Wednesday, 27th
November Swimming Program concludes

Friday, 29th November
Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2 Assembly at 2pm in the hall

Monday, 2nd December
Primary Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre

Tuesday, 3rd December
Christmas Concert and Awards Night 6.30pm - 8pm

Friday, 6th December
Parent Thankyou morning tea & reports go home

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

At the moment OLOL are welcoming our newest members of the school community through the process of our Kindy Orientation. I had the opportunity to speak with new and existing parents about some key aspects of our community that are relevant to us all.

The reputation of OLOL Catholic Primary School is as a result of the values and relationships that have grown over many years and through the tremendous work of the children, parents and staff. We want to continue to grow this success and we can do this by working together.

Relationships are at the heart of schools and what makes Catholic schools different is that we model our relationships within the community on Jesus Christ. Jesus is the focus of who we strive to be. We strive to be the face of Christ to each other.

As children travel through school our aim is to work in partnership with you to help your child be the best person that they can be. We want them to be people who develop a strong sense of who they are. We want them to be people who believe in themselves and are not afraid to grow from their mistakes. As parents and teachers we have a role to let them have a go and learn how to deal with challenges in life. Of course we want to give them a quality education so that they are equipped to achieve in life. Most of all we want them to find meaning in their life through their loving relationships with others and their loving relationship with God.

We aim to set the children up for success. In all our work at OLOL the first and foremost consideration is our students and meeting their learning, social, emotional and spiritual needs.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

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



[Kindy 2020 Information Evening](#)



[2019 Kindy Orientation Group 1](#)

2020 enrolments

The formal commencement of Kindergarten 2020 began with the parent information evening and the first two orientation mornings.

We 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.



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. The last day for trading in 2019 will be Thursday, 5th December. The uniform shop will re-open on Monday 21st January, 2020.



All outstanding fees have now been sent out to families. If you have already paid your fees, thank you. All school fees should now be under arrangement. If you require any assistance can you please make contact with Anne Korazija on 8869 6800.

Please note: No cash payments can be accepted the last week of term.



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.



Thank you to our parents who provided a beautiful morning tea for all our staff on World Teacher's Day. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.



OLOL Parent Group Keeping you.....

“IN THE KNOW”

November 2019

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

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

Out and About Parent Group AGM

Last Tuesday our Parent Group held their annual general meeting. At the meeting the new Parent Group Committee for 2019 - 2020 was elected. We would like to thank and congratulate the following people on taking up the executive roles for the next 12 months.

President: Patricia Fiorenza

Vice President: Pankaj Gaur

Treasurer: Ben Martin

Secretary: Melissa Fahey

Publicity Officer: Melissa Laus

We would like to also thank the following outgoing committee members for the contribution they have made during their time on the committee.

Janine Ballment - outgoing Treasurer and Katherine Fountain - outgoing Vice President.

We are always grateful to the parents who actively support the school through their involvement in the Parent Group.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal

RE NEWS Remembrance Day Liturgy



Next Monday, November 11, in place of our usual Monday morning assembly we will be holding a Remembrance Day Liturgy.

To allow the students to prepare we will hold the liturgy at the slightly later time of 9:00am.

All parents are warmly invited to attend and it would be wonderful to have a strong parent presence as we pause and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedom we have.

On Monday, Mrs Bawden and our school captains will also be attending a special Remembrance Day ceremony at Seven Hills RSL.



RE NEWS

Whole School Family Parish Mass

On Sunday 10th November there will be a Family Mass in our parish of Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:30am. This Mass has a long and lively tradition and is celebrated only twice a year.

All families are invited to attend

We endeavour to engage and encourage the participation of children and their families in all aspects of the Mass. **We will be holding an exhibition of student work and photos in the school hall after the mass during morning tea. This will be a great opportunity to see what your child has been learning in class in Religious Education around Mission.**

We are asking for assistance and volunteers to help with parts of the Mass and the **preparation and serving of morning tea** after the Mass. You will receive a note to confirm your participation. To undertake the following three roles in the mass you must be Catholic. These include:

1. reading the Scripture
2. reading the Prayers of the Faithful
3. bringing forward the gifts as part of the Offertory procession

All children who attend OLOL are also invited to assist with the **Gospel Procession** and the **Choir**. All Kindergarten students and their Year 6 buddies are invited to perform a **liturgical movement**.

Following the Mass we are looking for parent volunteers to **usher, prepare and serve morning tea** to parishioners.

A note went home to invite you to indicate on the return slip if you and your family will be attending and if you would be available to assist in some way. If you did not receive this note, please contact your class teacher or school office and we will provide you with one. We value your attendance and participation as a community of OLOL and look forward to sharing in the Eucharistic celebration together.

RE NEWS

All Saints Day Mass

Last Friday in our Parish we celebrated as a school community the All Saints Mass to honor all our Saints. The Gospel reading, Matthew 5:1-12, was about The Beatitudes, the opening lines of the Sermon on the Mount, spoken by Jesus as a guide to his followers and disciples.

Jesus wants us to understand that the life of faith is indeed richly blessed. It is the pathway to human happiness in this world and for all eternity. Pope Francis said, 'The Beatitudes are the path that God indicates as the answer to man's innate desire for happiness, and they perfect the Commandments of the Old Covenant.' Whether we are persecuted, reviled or in mourning, our faith calls us to be humble, merciful, compassionate, gentle, strong, righteous and peace-making agents of love in our world. It is indeed a joy and a privilege to be a person of faith.



RE NEWS

Mission to Busk

Our Mission to Busk auditions are over and all busking licences have been distributed. The teachers were so impressed with the quality of the auditions. We are so proud of our students for the effort they put in to practising and preparing for their acts. Some of the wonderful auditions we had were dancing acts, singing acts, playing an instrument, Joke telling, balloon making and even students performing some magic tricks. **If your child did not bring money to the audition and still need to pay, please send in this money to the class teachers as soon as possible.**

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.

We look forward to seeing all the talent at OLOL and seeing you all there to support our students and Catholic Mission. All proceeds will go to Catholic Mission to support children in Cambodia, Indian Communities, Indigenous Australians & More.



Fundraising for Catholic Mission



Three of our Year 5 students, Isabella dela Cruz, Alexandra Simpson and Janet Ayaa are holding a treat stall on Monday, November 11th, at lunch time to support Catholic Mission. The girls are selling chocolate crackles, popcorn, icecream cones, poppers, cookies and are holding a "Guess the number of Lollies in the Jar" competition. The proceeds from the stall will be combined with our takings from Mission to Busk and will go towards supporting the work of Catholic Mission. So bring your money along and enjoy a treat and support a worthwhile cause at the same time.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

It is that time of the year again! As we are nearing Advent, it is an excellent time to put our faith into action by participating in the Christmas appeal for our local chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. This year we will once again be making class hampers of non-perishable food items, which will be used by the Society to help those in need in our community. On **Thursday, 12th December**, we will present our hampers to a representative from St Vincent de Paul at our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass. The children in our school will be given an opportunity in class to choose what item/s they would like to donate to the cause. Please ensure that these items are brought into school by **Tuesday, 10th December** so that we can prepare the hampers for donation.

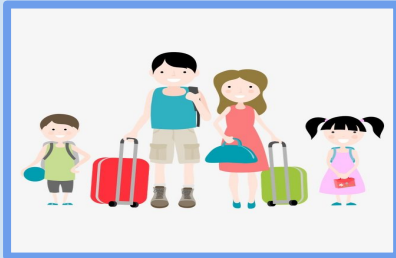




Congratulations to Week 3 & 4 Gold Award Winners:

Kinder Mariana Christou
Year 1 Nilisha Uprety
Year 2 Charlotte Martin
Year 3 Arya Patel
Year 5 Jesseline Franco
Year 6 Makayla Dalmati

Year 1 Hayley Greentree-Davis
Year 2 Ava Nowak
Year 3 Maci Case
Year 4 Ashley Tenn
Year 5 Jayden Leota
Year 6 Alysse Yates



LEAVE APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance. Please complete an application for Extended Leave for travel of 5 or more days, this form can be downloaded from the school website or is available at the school office. The last school day for students in 2019 is Wednesday, 18th December. Years 1 - 6 will return on Thursday, 30th January and Kindergarten commence on Friday, 31st January, 2020. If you are planning a holiday and won't be returning on the first 5 DAYS of school please complete an application form before the end of this school year.

MEDICATION POLICY



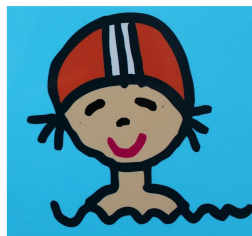
Responsibilities of parents

Parents are responsible for:

- Obtaining the relevant medication forms from the school and arranging for their completion and return
- Providing the medication in the original labeled container to the school office
- Ensuring the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time to be taken
- Providing a request by parents and written instructions from a medical practitioner for medication that is not obtained on prescription, indicating:
 - Name of student
 - Condition for which the medication is required
 - Guidelines for administration

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO STUDENT IS TO ADMINISTER THEIR OWN MEDICATION. ALL MEDICATION IS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Sport News



Compulsory Swim & Survive Program Kindergarten-Year 6

When Monday 18th November - Wednesday 27th November (8 days)

Where Aquatic Safety Training Academy, Seven Hills

Travel By bus to and from school

Instructors All swimming instructors are fully qualified.

What happens in swim class?

On the first day of swimming your child will be grouped according to the information you've supplied in the Swim and Survive Student Survey. Children will then be assessed by ASTA staff and re-grouped accordingly. Students will learn water safety and survival skills. You are welcome to attend the centre to view your child's progress but we ask that you remain in the designated viewing areas. Please see the reception staff upon arrival at the centre prior to entering the viewing areas.

What do I need to bring? Infants students may wear their swimmers under their uniform or change at school. Primary Students will change at school.

Bring each day: Towel (hooded towels are a great idea for younger grades), goggles, swimming cap, thongs or sandals and underwear. The students will change before leaving school and upon return. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED.**

Students are not permitted to swim in board shorts.

Cost The swimming program fees have been paid through your account in Term 3. No further payment is required.

2020 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN - Current Y4 & Y5

ALL 2020 Team Sport Trials are OPEN, however, the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS registrations close for these sports only on Monday 11th November as these trials will be held in November 2019.

All other sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2020.

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2020 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above-average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2020 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed below.

This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for the 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria, therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the child's school. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event, this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports, only 2 students per school can be nominated. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Kindergarten Orientation

For the last two weeks our 2020 Kindergarten children and parents attended their orientation visit at OLOL. It was most successful with both adults and children, meeting new people and creating new networks as they join the OLOL community. We make these newest and youngest members of our community most welcome.

This time of transition to school is a time that is exciting and no doubt a time of nervousness as well. When parents reflect back on the birth of their new baby they held great hopes for their child for the future and also some fears. When discussing with new families their hopes they often express that they want a good education for their child, for them to be able to make friends and for their child to be happy at school and in life. The success of your child's education is reliant on the relationships that parents, children and staff form at OLOL. Both experience and research tell us this. School personnel and parents must work with one another to form positive, open relationships. When we focus on working together as partners in the education of your child we need to keep the following principles in focus:

- ❑ All families and schools want the best for their children.
- ❑ All children have the right to reach their full potential.
- ❑ Families are the first and continuing educators of their children.
- ❑ Effective schools provide a nurturing and supportive learning environment.
- ❑ Families and schools value quality teaching and respect teachers' professional expertise.
- ❑ Families and schools value the diversity of families and use this for building partnerships and communities Family-school partnerships are based on mutual responsibility, respect and trust
- ❑ Family-school partnerships improve student motivation and learning
- ❑ Family-school partnerships strengthen the connections between schools and their communities and strengthen their community

At OLOL we place value on continuing positive, mutually respectful relationships where families and schools work together to ensure optimum success for all children.





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CYBER SAFETY CHALLENGING TODAY'S YOUTH

Our Speaker will help parents understand the modern day challenges facing our young people within the digital world. Everything that they write, post and send can be traced and will remain there forever. Learn how parents can protect their kids from online risks. Sexts, Texts and Selfies are a concern for any parent. Learn how to give your child the skills, knowledge and strategies to use the Internet in a safe, smart and responsible way.



Cyber safety, Sexts, Texts, Selfies, Pornography, Bulling and Online Predators.



Our guest speaker for the evening is:

**School Liaison
Officer NSW Police**

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

SEATS ARE STRICKLY LIMITED TO 100 SO REGISTER EARLY!!



Monday, 18th November 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker
Institute of Mission (downstairs meeting room))

Flushcombe Rd & Marion St, Blacktown NSW 2148

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

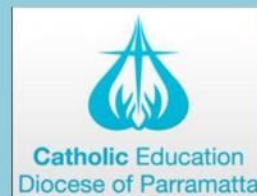
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