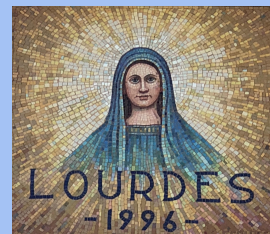




Parish Priest: Father Henry Duc
Phone: 9622 2920

OOSH: Ben Irmisch
Phone: 9676 7293



Newsletter Term 4 Week 8, 2019

4TH DECEMBER, 2019

FUTURE DATES

Tomorrow, 5th
December
**LAST DAY FOR
TRADING IN UNIFORM
SHOP**
Uniform shop re-opens
in 2020 on Tuesday 21st
January, Wednesday,
22nd January &
Tuesday, 28th January.

Friday, 6th December
Parent Thankyou
morning cuppa
8.10am - 9am
Reports go home

Thursday, 12th
December
Year 6 Graduation and
End of year Mass
starting 9.15am followed
by morning tea in the
hall
Year 6 Graduation Disco
at 6pm

Friday, 13th December
Principal's morning tea
for students only

Monday, 16th December
Stage 3 Excursion to
Mary MacKillop House

Wednesday, 18th
December Last day for
students for 2019

2020 DATES

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**

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Advent is the season of longing and light. Week by week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near.

Yet Advent heralds more than Christ's birth. It paves our way toward celebrating Christ as:

God - with - us, God in human flesh.

This is a profound mystery at the heart of our faith, and it is the cause of our joy at Christmas.

We Pray together

Creator God, source of all life, you awaken our hearts during these days of Advent.

Open our eyes to see you anew in our midst.

Open our ears to hear your gentle call.

Open our hearts that we might receive the love that you offer us as we go.

Then may we, your people work together in body, spirit, heart and mind

To become more like the beloved community

That you dream we can be.

This prayer we make through Jesus, your gift to us.

Amen

Ann Gerondelis

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

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



[2019 Term 4 Family
Mass](#)



[2019 Kindy Riverside
Theatre Excursion](#)



[2019 Awards and
Christmas Concert 1](#)
[2019 Awards and
Christmas Concert 2](#)
[2019 Awards and
Christmas Concert 3](#)

**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

Reporting Student Learning K - 6

Next Friday 6th December you will receive your child's report for Semester 2. These reports are only one way of gaining information about your child and their academic progress. We encourage you to also look through your child's workbooks and work samples that will be sent home in the last week of school.

The report communicates information about your child's learning

- for all seven Key Learning Areas (KLAs)
 - Religion
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Human Society and its Environment
 - Science and Technology
 - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
 - Creative Arts
- using a scale of achievement.

What is a Scale of Achievement?

Kindergarten learning reports communicate individual achievement in all areas according to the following scale:

Working Towards ES1	Beginning ES1	Middle ES1	Late ES1	Working Beyond ES1
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Years 1 – 6 learning reports communicate individual achievement in all areas according to the following scale:

E	D	C	B	A
Achievement Elementary	Achievement Basic	Achievement Sound	Achievement High	Achievement Excellent
Number of students achieving an E	Number of students achieving a D	Number of students achieving a C	Number of students achieving a B	Number of students achieving an A

Your child's effort for each area is reported using a three-point scale:

- **Improvement Required**
- **Satisfactory**
- **Commendable**

The number of students achieving at various levels is determined:

- by the year group's achievements
- it is not by a mathematical formula

For Years 1 to 6 the number of students achieving at each level E - A is stated on your child's report for each key learning area.

Comments In the Semester 2 Report a comment section has been included for Religion, English and Mathematics as well as a general comment. In the Key Learning areas of Religion, English and Mathematics the comments take the form of dot points. The first set of dot points relate to what the student is able to do and the next set of dot points give suggestions as to the next step for the student in relation to the Key Learning Area.

The general comment at the end of the report gives the teacher an opportunity to comment on the work habits and social aspects of each child.

As throughout the year, parents have the opportunity to discuss their child's performance. Should you wish to have a meeting with your child's teacher, please contact the office or your child's teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.



End of Year Celebrations

Friday 6th December	Parent Thank You Morning Cuppa	8:10am – 9:00am
Thursday 12th December	Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Mass (Farewell of Students and Staff)	9:15am
	Year 6 Graduation	11:00am

On many occasions I have spoken about how proud we are of the excellent reputation Our Lady of Lourdes has in the wider community and as we draw near to the end of the year collectively we have much to be proud of and thankful for.

God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes



The last day for trading in 2019 will be tomorrow, 5th December.

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

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.



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.



Sacramental Program Enrolment Evening

Any parents interested in their children making their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2020 are invited to attend an Information and Enrolment Meeting on 4th December 2019. The meeting will take place in the Parish meeting room at 6.30- 7.30pm. A note explaining the Sacramental Program for 2020 was sent home to all Year 2 students last week.

Artelle Lenthall
OLOL Seven Hills Sacramental Coordinator

Christmas Concert

Last Night we enjoyed our Presentation of Awards and Christmas Concert. It was wonderful to see so many of our community present to celebrate the achievements that have been made through the year. We have much to be proud of and thankful for.

The awards presented recognised special achievement academically as well as recognising the effort children give to their learning and of course recognising children who consistently display their faith in God through their kind and caring attitude towards others.

We also celebrated the greatest story ever told. That, of the birth of Christ. And the children prepared so beautifully and with great joy to share the real meaning of Christmas.

Thank you to Ms Schrader, Mrs Bawden, Mrs Willemse and the team of many teachers who have worked with the children to prepare last night– both the awards and the concert itself. It was a most joyous celebration.



2019 END OF YEAR AWARDS



Academic Achievement Awards 2019

KB - Benjamin Spadaro
KW - Jordan Un
1B - Tatjana Paku
1W - Joshua Jeganathan
2B - Luca Madejski
2W - Thomas Cadavid
3B - Audrina Ortiz
3W - Tia Gupta
4B - Madeleine Zaaït
4W - Vrinda Kumar
5B - Amelia Herczeg
5W - Philip Park
6B - Makayla Dalmati
6W - Florencia Wanandy

Individual Achievement Award 2019

KB - Ridhvi Bhardwaj
KW - Oscar Laskowski
1B - Saanvi Mistry
1W - Jude Park
2B - Christina La Guidara
3B - Syon Shaker
3W - Emma Skinner
4B - Ivy Su
4W - Chloe Sibilant
5B - William Martin
5W - Cai Marshall
6B - Zoe Van Zoggel
6W - Zarah Mowbray

2019 END OF YEAR AWARDS



Christian Living Award 2019

*KB - Alexander Madejski
KW - Summer Sindel
1B - Deng Atem
1W - Sophie Grima
2B - Charlotte Martin
2W - Pearl Grover
3B - DeAsia Fatafehi
3W - Ben Albion
4B - Mira Sharma
4W - Lucas Laus
5B - Obama Azrag
5W - Isaac Ortiz
6B - Noah Bumanglag
6W - Timmy Atem*

Year 6 Awards

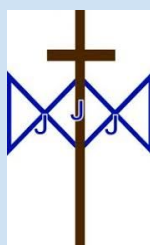
School Service Award - Catherine Holmes

Sports Award - Rhys Webster

School Leaders - Catherine Holmes & Thomas Fahey

Sports Awards

*Blue - Jessie Raad & Thomas Pollard
Red - Zarah Mowbray & Mason Lanfranca
Yellow - Juan Burgess & Mary-Rose Mejalli
Green - Rhys Webster & Zoe Van Zoggel*



Mary MacKillop Award

Makayla Dalmati

Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Mass

All families are invited to the culmination of the 2019 year on **Thursday 12th December at 9:15am** as we celebrate our End of Year Mass.

We will be farewelling our current Year 6 students whilst celebrating the wonderful year of learning that we have had.

We warmly invite you join us in this time of prayer and as a school and faith community.

LOLO Parish Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Children's Mass – Tuesday 24th December 6pm

Christmas Vigil Mass – Tuesday 24th December 9pm

Christmas Midnight Mass – Wednesday 25th December Midnight

Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday 25th December 8am

Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday 25th December 9:30am



Last Sunday was the beginning of Advent. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world. The first Sunday of Advent also sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. You will notice that the liturgical cloth and the priest's garments are primarily purple in colour. This indicates a period of preparation to celebrate The Birth of Jesus.

Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for Christian families to keep Christ at the center of Christmas, and for parents to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas.

The colours of the candles in the Advent wreath are purple, pink and white. One candle is lit each week at mass.

- The first candle (purple) that is lit is sometimes called the Prophecy Candle or the Candle of Hope.
- The second candle (purple) is the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation.
- The third candle (pink) is The Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy.
- The fourth candle is (purple) The Angel Candle or the Candle of Love.
- The final candle (white) is lit on Christmas Day and is called the Christ Candle.

Christmas time is a very busy time for many people but there should always be time to pray. It only takes a few moments. Sometimes we feel that we are too busy to do this. I invite you to make some sacred space in your day, especially during Advent. Any place can be a sacred space and it will only take a few moments to share some of your time with Jesus.

You might like to take a few moments to quietly say this prayer before you start each day. Enjoy talking to God and enjoy your day!!!!

***Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily.
To lean upon your great strength, trustfully, restfully.
To wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely.
To meet others, peacefully, joyously.
To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.
St Francis***



PARENT THANK YOU MORNING CUPPA

**This Friday December 6th
8:10 - 9:00 in the hall**

All parents who have helped in anyway in the school this year are warmly invited to come and share a thank you cuppa with the staff before school on Friday December 6th. This is an opportunity for staff to say thank you for the support parents have given throughout the year whether this be in the classroom, the library, at sports carnivals, organising meal deals or selling iceblocks.

Drop in after school drop off - stay for 10 mins or half an hour to allow the staff to say thank you for your support this year which is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to all those students who completed the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge, certificates will be sent home in the next week.



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 www.schoolinterviews.com.au 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.

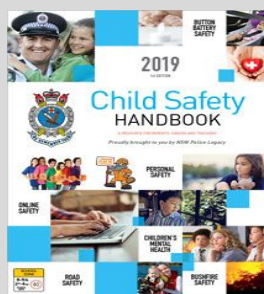
You can return to HYPERLINK "<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>"

www.schoolinterviews.com.au 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, 30th January	<u>Years 1 - 6 classes begin for 2020</u> Kindergarten Mathematics Assessment interviews by appointment.
Friday, 31st January	<u>Classes begin for Kindergarten 2020</u>



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](#)

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

- 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
- 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)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest
- navy bag with school crest

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

Boys Summer

- school classic blue short sleeve shirt with school crest
- navy (blockers) shorts
- navy jacket with school crest
- navy jumper with school crest (optional)
- navy (ankle) socks
- black shoes (lace up/velcro)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with 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
- navy jumper with school crest (optional)
- navy (ankle) socks
- black 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 summer uniform
Samples of acceptable school shoes



Girls and Boys winter uniform



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

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)

	1 st child (100%)	2 nd child (75%)	3 rd child (50%)	4 th 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.

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 school-based 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 [Bishop Manning Support Fund](#) 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 [Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme](#) 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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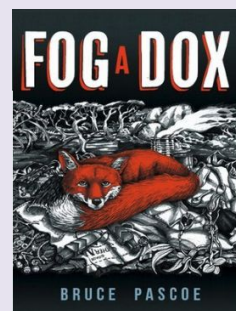
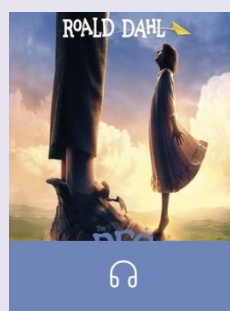
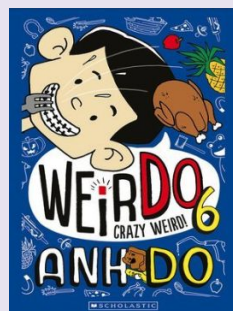
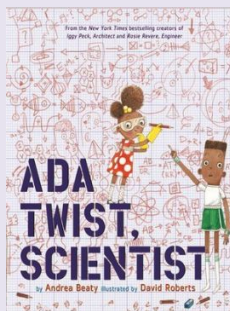
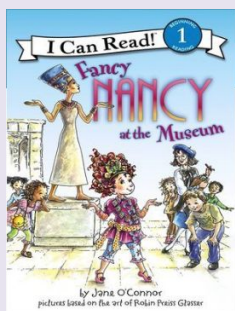


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Congratulations to Week 7 Gold Award Winners:

<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Scarlett Bong</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>April Shao</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Lucas Watts</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Ben Albion</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Andre Roy</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Polat Yagci</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>Jessie Raad</i>

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at Week 7 Assembly:

- KB:** Matthew Laul, Eva Massey, Achia Meyan, Deon Panakkal, Myraa Sethi, Abhinav Vadlamudi
- KW:** Rosemary Laker, Sebastian Lamprou, Oscar Laskowski, Joshua Magtanong, Aayra Rana, Alexander Nowak, Elisabeth Reardon, Harrison Winter, Tilly Zhu
- 1B:** Charbel Abou Yaghi, Avi Gatla
- 1W:** Vivaan Marikanti, Sukhleen Insan
- 2B:** Tohuia Kama, Johnathan Sant, Prisha Gaur, Charlotte Sibilant
- 2W:** Laura Perkins, Charanjot Minhas, Maanvi Nimmagadda, Luke Butylewicz, Amelia Laus, Zahra Hallet, Ameliya Talauta
- 3B:** Jack Burns, Nathan Bayeh, Syon Shanker, Laumanu Kama, DJ Leota, Lucas Albion, Kristena Azrag, Danielle Katafono, Mark Onen
- 3W:** Shaan Patel, Eva Layoun, Maci Case, Brodie Holley, Himika Chintapatla
- 4B:** Audrey Bajada, Isabella Fiorenza, Ayesha Hidalgo, Latai Kama, Alexandra Kostis, Mira Sharma, Alexander Spadaro, Ziva Suyathyo
- 4W:** Aiden Clark, Zac Osborne, Kevin Su, Piper Sullivan, Clarisse Tuanqui, Rhy Williams, Tahlia Winter
- 5B:** Lewis Savic, Polat Yagci, Brooklyn Buckley, Liv Lal, Samuel Thoms
- 5W:** Wyatt Hornyak, Cassandra Laus, Jayden Trinity-Leota, Alby Bento, Hailey Case
- 6B:** Noah Bumanglag, Angela Culili, Aarushi Duggal, Brianna Faorlin, Connor Nilon
- 6W:** Liam Essex, George Palmiotto, Erin Poniris, Callam Stirton