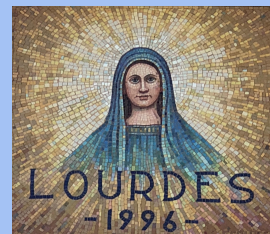




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Newsletter Term 1 Week 10, 2019

3RD APRIL, 2019

FUTURE DATES

Friday 5th April -
Assembly in the hall at
2pm
Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2

Wednesday 10th April
First Reconciliation
Liturgy 7pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 11th April
Diocesan Swimming
Carnival

Friday 12th April
LAST DAY FOR
TERM 1

Monday 29th April
First day Term 2 -
ANZAC Day Prayer
8:40am in the hall

Wednesday 1st May
Dance Fever
commences

Wednesday 1st May -
Friday 3rd May
Stage 3 in Bathurst

Wednesday 8th May
Mother's Day stall
Confirmation - 2nd
meeting 6.30pm -
7.30pm

Friday, 10th May
Mother's Day Breakfast
and Mass

Monday, 13th May
Students change to full
winter uniform

Commencing
Tuesday 14th May
Naplan for Yrs 3 & 5

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

The parable of the prodigal son that Jesus told us in last Sunday's Gospel invites us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

Our familiarity with this parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. The father in the parable is an image for us of how much God wants to forgive us. In our lives, we are sometimes like the younger son; we wander away from God. At other times, we might be like the older son, jealous of the love and forgiveness that God shows to others. This story speaks to us of the meaning of reconciliation, of God's forgiveness and the mercy God wants us to show to one another. During Lent, we remember this story and we seek to be reconciled with God and others.

In this Gospel God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

As we conclude our term, we also enter into the celebration and commemoration of Holy Week, commencing with Palm Sunday. Each word, act and rite of Holy Week points to the enormity of God's love for us. I encourage you to attend our school Holy Week liturgies next week. I also encourage you to attend the Parish Holy Week and Easter liturgies during the school holidays.

I take this early opportunity to wish all our families a happy and blessed Easter in the coming weeks.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

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



[2019 MAI Interviews](#)



[2019 Stage 1 Rouse
Hill Excursion](#)



[2019 Cross Country](#)

2020
enrolments



Enrol now for
Kindergarten

2020

**We have spaces
available in Years 1-6
in 2019. If you have
any relatives or
friends considering
enrolling their child at
OLOL in 2020, now is
the time to remind
them to place their
applications at the
school office.**

Facilities at OLOL – Construction Work

We have almost completed the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). Thank you for your continued cooperation as construction works continue.

There is progress in regards to access. Access to the school is as follows:

School Access:

- Pedestrian access to the school is now available through the gate entrance near the car park and through the school gate near the Library.
- Children who normally wait in the afternoon on the paved area opposite Year 6 (carline) are to **continue** to be collected by parents from the hall.

Progress of the construction in the past weeks include:

- Completion of roof
- Completion of plumbing
- Art bench installation
- Painting to be compatible with existing paint work
- Synthetic turf installation
- PA system installation

In the coming weeks we anticipate:

- Rectification of any minor finishes
- Handover of the COLA for school use

ANNOUNCEMENT

During the Easter holidays there will be some much needed drainage rectification completed. This is to assist with water issues on the school site adjacent to Year 1 and the Creative Arts room. Once again these works will happen as result of the support of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta to improve the facilities for our children.





Term 1 School Fees are now overdue. If you have already paid your fees, thank you. If you have not paid your 1st instalment of your school fees or have not set up an arrangement can you please make contact with Mrs Monique Kearins on 8869 6800.

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Closed from 10:40am to 11:00am)

All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.

Cash Payments

Just a reminder that no cash payments can be accepted on the last week of each term. We do however take EFTPOS payments.



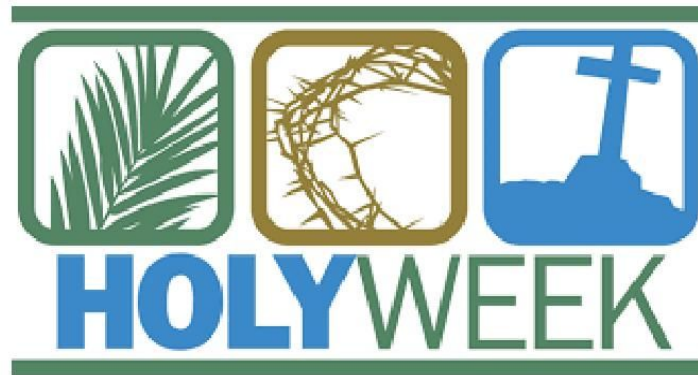
The uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website:

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

Event Code: n4dcm

The official day for changing to winter uniform is Monday, 13th May (Week 3 Term 2). From this day, each child will be expected to wear their full winter uniform. However, should the weather be cool before that date, children can wear their winter uniform to school. Children must wear either their full summer uniform or their full winter uniform during this time. **Please ensure that you purchase your child's winter uniform before this date. No cash is accepted the last week of term EFTPOS ONLY.**

Alternatively, if you know the size please complete an order form and return it to the school office. If you require any further assistance please contact Aida Almeida in the school office.



Next week we will be celebrating the events of Holy Week at school. On Tuesday, April 9 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be leading the school and telling the story of Palm Sunday and the Last Supper. This will take place in the hall at 8.45am. On Thursday, April 11, Years 3, 4 +6 will lead the school through the Stations of the Cross. This will also be in the hall at 8.45am. All are invited to share in these celebrations as the students share the message of the most important season in our Church.

After we return to school in Term 2, Year 5 will continue the celebrations with an Easter Prayer on Tuesday morning in the hall (8.45am).



On Monday the children participated in a fundraising initiative called K's for Caritas. The purpose of the day was to give the children a small taster of what it is like to face challenges in life and to help them to try to persevere despite the difficulties. All grades completed an obstacle course that proved to be difficult for some and also tiring for others. The children were able to reflect in their classes on the scripture passage Matthew 30:25-40. 'for I was hungry, and you gave me food'. Please ask your child to share their reflections and actions with you and discuss the connection that it has to their life.

We now ask for the sponsorship cards to be returned to school with the amount promised as donations. All of the money needs to be collected by the end of this week and we thank those people who have already returned their money and cards. The community of OLOL really are helping to make a difference in the lives of others and truly trying to become the 'living body of Christ' through their words and actions.

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE



On Monday 1st April each grade participated in Ks for Caritas for Project Compassion Day. Each grade completed an obstacle course to experience the kilometers people from around the world would cover to fetch water, food or go to school to provide for their needs. For example, one of the stations involved the students walking a beanbag on their head from one end of the basketball to experience what it could have been like to bring water to a family. It was a successful but a rewarding day as the students were able to reflect on the difficulties that people have around the world experience for their everyday life.

Here are some of our FIAT's (Faith in Action Team) reflection of the day:

Alyssa: It was really fun it but also tiring. It reminded me that people all over the world do this everyday.

Phillip: It was very tiring and it started to get a bit boring which made me realise that these people did not have much to do as most of the time is spent getting food and water for their family.

Charlize: The obstacle course made us put ourselves into others shoes.

Arushi: This day made me realise how much other people all over the world travel by foot.

Katherine: Really fun to do all the activities but it was hard to go through the tunnel.

Mary Rose: I now understand where the money goes to and how it will help their daily life.

Demi: It was great to see how it is different to what others do and what we do.

Georgia: The obstacle course was tiring and this made me realise people who do this must feel the same way.

Jessie: I could not imagine how hard it would be for them to do this everyday because we only had to do a few laps and they would have to do this for most the day.



Congratulations to Week 9 & 10 Gold Award Winners:

Kinder Olympia Miliatis

Year 1 Lachlan Somauroo, Alexis Avia

Year 2 Anita Nguyen

Year 3 Himika Chintapatla

Year 4 Piper Sullivan

Year 5 Gabriella Russo

Year 6 Saanvi Vadlamudi

Kinder Morgan Leary

Year 1 Clare Park

Year 2 Luke Butylewicz

Year 3 Charlotte Byrne

Year 4 Pavithra Jeyanthan

Year 5 Alex Layoun

Year 6 Connor Nilon

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

KB: Julian Martinez, Visshanth Vijay, Mariana Christou, Matthew Lual

KW: Alexander Nowak, Elisabeth Reardon, Rafael Williams, Kevin Zhang

1B: Tatjana Paku, Avirath Gatla, Isaac Abdel-Adah, Giselle Assi

1W: Kyra Prajapati, Mikaele Kama, Mikylah Fontanilla, Abel Matthew

2B: Karlos Ravic, Tahlia Herczeg, Lucas Watts, Prisha Gaur

2W: Thomas Cadavid, Amelia Laus, Nathan Smith, Johnathan Awkar

3B: Lucas Albion, Nathan Bayeh, Dylan Cortis, Dana Leota

3W: Kara Whybin, Ben Albion, Harry Sultana, Sai Sharma, Riley Dobbie

4B: Mia Lal, Dominic Sant, Georon Un, Jacqueline Yates

4W: Lucas Laus, Pranshu Kumar, Cameron Fahey, Jesse-James Crane, Pranuti Saisiraam

5B: Erica Naing, Will Martin, Amelia Herczeg, Jacob Sammut

5W: Cai Marshall, Gabriella Russo, Ruby Sultana, George Gatt

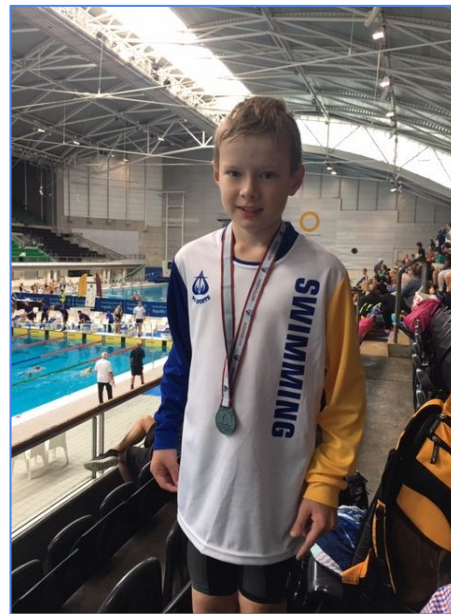
6B: Harry Albion, Noah Bumanglag, Jessie Raad, Lily Kwiecien

6W: Jessica Taliana, Florencia Wanandy, Isaac Villa, Ali Keser

Sport News

MacKillop Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Thomas Fahey, Cameron Fahey and Ziva Suryathyo who competed in the MacKillop Swimming Carnival on the 27th of March. The students competed with a wonderful sporting attitude and represented our school as well as the Parramatta Diocese with great pride. A special congratulations to Cameron Fahey who came 2nd in his event. Cameron will progress to the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships next week. We are very proud of the students and their amazing achievements and wish Cameron the best of luck as he competes at a state level.



Cross Country

What a wonderful day we had on Friday at our annual Cross Country carnival. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the race. There was a great sense of team spirit and determination throughout the day with all of the students trying their best and supporting each other. A very special thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on the day, without your assistance we would not be able to run these carnivals for the children. We would like to congratulate all of the students who will be going through to the Diocesan Cross Country carnival next term. These students will receive their permission note later this week.

Thank You!

Nerida Whybin
Katherine Fountain
Rebecca Clark
Melinda Sammut
Michael Osborne
Melissa Laus
Mariquita Park
Srividhya Vijay
Simrandeep Kaur
Ann Wilson
Pat Fiorenza
Theresa Sultana





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

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

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



"IN THE KNOW"

**SAVE THE DATE -
LIBRARY WORKING BEE**

Next term, on Wednesday, May 22nd, we will have a working bee in the library. The purpose of the working bee is to sort and reshelve the non fiction section of the library.

"Many hands make light work" so we are seeking as many volunteers as possible to help on the day. You may be able to come for an hour, 2 hours or the whole day. All help will be gratefully accepted. As you will be working in the library it is a requirement that you have completed the Parents as Educators course either this year or last year. More details in the newsletter next term.

Mothers' Day Mass and Breakfast

Each year at OLOL we celebrate Mothers' Day with a special Mass and Breakfast. This year this will be held on Friday May 10th. Breakfast will commence at 7:40am. Following breakfast mothers and grandmothers are invited to visit the children in their classroom. Mass will commence at 9:15am. Mothers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass. As part of our liturgy there will be a photo reflection after communion. Families are invited to email **one** photo of mothers and children to the school to be included in this reflection.

Please email the photos to the school at the address shown, OLOLHills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked "Mothers' Day Photo". Please note that the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection is **Monday, 6th May**, photos **must** be received by **3:30pm** on that day to be included. We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Mums.





Commencing on the 14th of May this year all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 in NSW schools will complete NAPLAN Online. Over the last 2 years students have experienced the online version of NAPLAN in a trial setting. This year, however, we move to the actual tests being carried out online.

Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in an online practice test so that they had experience of the online test under test conditions.

Below is a link to a fact sheet produced by ACARA, which provides extensive information around NAPLAN Online.

A link to a useful video is also included.

[NAPLAN Online Fact Sheet for Parents and Carers](#)

[NAPLAN ONLINE Information Video](#)

In addition a link to the Catholic Education Office of Parramatta's resource to assist parents understand what is involved with NAPLAN online and NAPLAN generally is also included along with the link to the NAPLAN Online public demonstration site.

[CEDP NAPLAN ONLINE RESOURCE FOR PARENTS](#)

[NAPLAN Online Public Demonstration Site](#)

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. Carol Cividin - NAPLAN Coordinator

Principal's Holiday Reading Challenge



Ms Byrnes has issued a holiday reading challenge!

The challenge is for students to take a photo of themselves reading, over the holidays, in an unusual place.

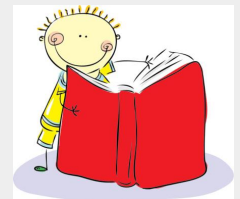
The photos may be sent to the school email address,

ololshills@parra.catholic.edu.au

with the title "Principal's Reading Challenge" and the student's name and class.

The photos will be judged by a panel of teachers and there will be a prize awarded for the most creative photo submitted from each class.

*So come on students of Our Lady of Lourdes !
Get reading over the holidays and send in those photos
we look forward to seeing them all !*



Premiers Reading Challenge

As a school we are once again participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. The challenge officially commenced on March 4th. Logon details for all students including our Kindergarten students were sent home today. Students who participated last year are able to log on using their previous log on. If your child did not receive their logon or you are having trouble accessing the site please contact Mrs Cividin.



DANCE FEVER

MultiSport

Once again Our Lady of Lourdes has the opportunity to participate in an exciting program known as 'Dance Fever.' Dance Fever is where the students learn a variety of dances, which includes Jive, Tango, Waltz, Cha Cha, Foxtrot and Samba where they learn to dance as a 'couple.' Students are also taught progressive dances, where they change partners and dance with 'everyone.' Apart from having fun, students also develop listening skills, co-ordination, social skills, self esteem, confidence and fitness. Due to the positive feedback and enjoyment expressed by our students for this program it will once again be offered throughout Term Two 2019.

Payment for the program is covered from the excursion levy that each family paid with their school fees. The program will run once a week over ten weeks, on Wednesday, with students from Kindergarten to Year Two involved in 30 minute lessons and students from Year 3 to Year 6 involved in 45 minute lessons.

What the program looks like.

Kindergarten –Year Two - students learn a series of dances, including Rock n roll, Foxtrot and party and progressive dances. Hip Hop routines have also been added to the junior program which challenges children beyond partner dances. Each lesson is designed so that students in this age group learn about rhythm and body movements.

Year Three-Year Six - students learn two dance routines in Latin and Ballroom, including Cha Cha, Foxtrot, and an African Ceremonial routine. A big part of our program also teaches students Funk and Hip Hop routines and a series of party and progressive dances. The two structured Latin and Ballroom dances taught during the term are then performed at the Dance Fever Interschool Challenge.

At the end of each school term Dance Fever hosts the "**Dance Fever Interschool Challenge**". This is a spectacular event where children from schools participating in the program utilise the skills they have learnt through a professional production, totally organised by Dance Fever. Students compete from grades Three to Six at Homebush Sports Centre. This showcase event is for the entire school community to thoroughly enjoy. This event will take place on **Wednesday 26th June 2019**. Further information will be made available next term.

Timetable Term Two - Dance Fever

Week One	Wednesday 1st May
Week Two	Wednesday 8 th May
Week Three	Wednesday 15 th May
Week Four	Wednesday 22 nd May
Week Five	Wednesday 29 th May
Week Six	Wednesday 5 th June
Week Seven	Wednesday 12 th June
Week Eight	Wednesday 19 th June
Week Nine	Wednesday 26 th June
Week Ten	Wednesday 3 th July



We are very fortunate to be able to offer this program at Our Lady of Lourdes once again this year and we are certain that our students will enjoy the opportunity to have fun through dance.

Karin Schrader
(Coordinator)

TERM 2 AT A GLANCE

2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
April Holy Week	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th HOLY THURSDAY	19 th GOOD FRIDAY	20 th /21 st EASTER SUNDAY 
April	22 nd EASTER MONDAY	23 rd	24 th	25 th ANZAC DAY 	26 th	27 th /28 th Program Enrolment Confirmation Sunday 28th April 9:30am (Mass)
May 1 Winter Uniform	29 th April ANZAC DAY Prayer 8:40am	30 th Easter Prayer 8.45am in hall	1 st May DANCE FEVER Stg 3 Bathurst Confirmation – 1st Meeting Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 pm Parents only	2 nd Stg 3 Bathurst	3 rd Stg 3 Bathurst	4 th /5 th Confirmation – 1st Meeting 4:30 – 5:30 pm Parents only
May 2	6 th	7 th <i>Cross Country- Eastern Creek</i> Mothers Day Stall Wrapping 1pm	8 th DANCE FEVER Mothers' Day Stall Confirmation – 2nd Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm	9 th	10 th Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass 9:15am	11 th /12 th Mother's Day  Confirmation – 2nd Meeting Saturday 11th May 4:30 – 5:30 pm Presentation of the Creed Sunday 12th May 9:30 am (Mass)
May 3	13 th GRADE NEWSLETTERS TO GO HOME	14 th Yr 3&5 National Writing Assessment Parent Group Meeting 7:00 pm	15 th Yr 3&5 National Reading Assessment DANCE FEVER INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY 	16 th Yr 3&5 Conventions of language Assessment	17 th Yr 3&5 Numeracy Assessment	18 th /19 th Confirmation – 3rd Meeting 18th May 4:30 – 5:30 pm

May 4	20 th The Big Dig Stage 2 - Yr 4 excursion	21 st The Big Dig Stage 2 - Yr 3 excursion	22 nd DANCE FEVER Library Working Bee Confirmation Practice 6.30-7.30pm	23 rd	24 th Confirmation Mass 7:00 pm	25 th /26 th FAMILY MASS 9.30am May 26th (whole school) Presentation of Confirmation Certificates Sunday 26th May 9:30 am (Mass)
May/June 5	27 th	28 th	29 th DANCE FEVER Stg 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day	30 th	31 st ASSEMBLY Stage Three Hot Dog Meal Deal	1 st June /2 nd Ascension
June 6	3 rd	4 th	5 th DANCE FEVER Stg 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day	6 th	7 th	8 th /9 th Pentecost 
June 7	10 th Queens B'day 	11 th Pentecost Liturgy Parent Group Meeting 7:00 pm	12 th DANCE FEVER	13 th	14 th	15 th /16 th Holy Trinity
June 8	17 th	18 th	19 th Athletics Carnival TBC	20 th	21 st ES1/Stg 1 Assembly	22 nd /23 rd Corpus Christi
JUNE 9	24 th	25 th	26 th REPORTS GO HOME Stg 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day DANCE FEVER INTER SCHOOL CHALLENGE HOME BUSH	27 th	28 th Sacred Heart Mass 9.15am  BOOK FAIR BEGINS	29 th /30 th /1 st July
July 10	1 st July	2 nd Parent Teacher interviews 3.30-9.00	3 rd Infants Dance Fever Concert 2pm Parent Teacher interviews 3.30-5.00	4 th Principal's Morning Tea 	5 th ASSEMBLY Stage 2	6 th /7 th