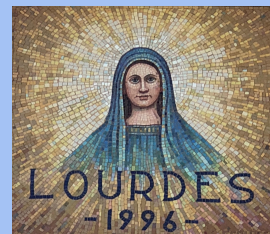




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Phone: 9622 2920

OOSH: Ben Irmisch
Phone: 9676 7293



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6TH FEBRUARY, 2019

FUTURE DATES

Sunday, 10th February

OLOL Parish Feast
Day - Mass at 9.30am
ALL WELCOME

Tuesday, 12th February

Parent Group Meeting
at 7pm in the Library

Wednesday, 13th February

Parents as Educators
8.40am - 10.30am

[Blacktown Zone](#)
[Swimming Carnival](#)

Friday, 15th February

Opening School Mass
commencing at 9.15am

Tuesday, 19th February

Meet the Teacher
3.30pm - 9pm

Wednesday, 20th February

School Photo Day

Tuesday 26th February

Parent's as Educators
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday, 28th February

Kinder Welcome BBQ
5pm - 6.30pm

Friday, 1st March

Stage 3 Assembly at
2pm in the hall

Wednesday, 6th March

Ash Wednesday Mass
commencing at 9.15am

Thursday, 7th March

Kinder 2020 Morning
for prospective new
families 9.30am - 11am
**Enrolments Open for
2020 Kindergarten.**

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Welcome to the 2019 school year. It has been delightful to greet the children – those returning and especially the new children to our school in Years One to Six and our youngest students, our very special 2019 Kindergarten group. I know that all our new families will find Our Lady of Lourdes a warm and inviting school community. The children have returned refreshed and energetic – keen to be with their friends and teachers for 2019.

Throughout the administration of the MAI's the teachers witnessed the children's enthusiasm for learning and a keenness to introduce themselves and get to know them. Thank you to every parent for making these opportunities run so smoothly. Such partnership is indicative of how OLOL teachers and parents work together to bring about excellent outcomes for our students and I know that this foundation will mean that 2019 will be a year of happiness and success for all of our students.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the amazing OLOL staff for their commitment to their vocation of working in Catholic education. Many hours of holiday time have been dedicated to preparing for the start of the school year.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten children and their parents for the fabulous start that they have had to the year!

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

PHOTO GALLERY:

See the latest photos on the school website:



[2019 Kindergarten First Day](#)



[2018 Year 6 Graduation End of Year Mass](#)



We will be holding our 2019 Open Day for existing and new families for 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments on Thursday, 7th March from 9.30am till 11am. Presentation by Ms Byrnes & Mrs Cividin in the Library with a school tour and visit to Kindergarten classrooms

SCHOOL LEADERS 2019

School Leaders

Congratulations to Catherine Holmes and Thomas Fahey who were elected as our School Leaders for 2019.

House Colour Captains

On Monday the 4th of February, the primary students had the opportunity to vote for their House Colour Captains. Every student in Year 6 who wished to be nominated, were given the opportunity to address their peers explaining why they would make a good sports leader. Congratulations to the following students who have been voted as the sport leaders for 2019. We know that they will work hard to encourage all of their peers, demonstrate great sportsmanship and be great role models as leaders of our school.

Blue - Thomas Pollard, Jessie Raad

Yellow - Juan Burgess, Mary-Rose Mejalli

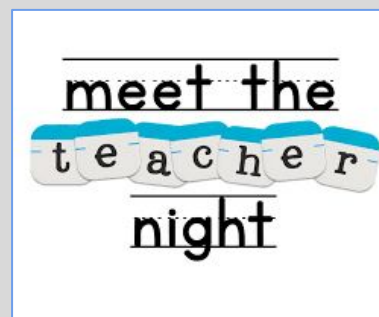
Red - Mason Lanfranca, Zarah Mowbray

Green - Rhys Webster, Zoe van Zoggel

SRC

Voting for SRC Leaders will take place tomorrow Thursday 7th February. Two students will be elected from Year Three, Year Four and Year Five.

All our 2019 student leaders will be acknowledged at our **Opening School Mass on 15th February.**



MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday 19th February, we will be conducting our 'Kindergarten to Year Six 'Meet the Teacher Interviews.'

This ten minute meeting is your opportunity to tell us about your child(ren) and discuss any issues which will enable us to construct effective teaching/learning programs.

Please come prepared with the information you would like to share about your child with their teacher. Your child is welcome to come to the meeting with you.

Bookings for the 'Meet the Teacher' interviews will be made via the School Interview website.

A note with booking details will be sent home on Tuesday 12th February.

PARENTS AS EDUCATORS 2019

On Monday a letter in relation to our 2019 Parents as Educators course was sent home.

Please be aware of the dates of these courses - there are two opportunities - a morning course on February 13th and an evening course on February 26th. Parents are required to complete this course, which includes the online child protection component, every two years, if they are to help in the classroom or supervise children in any capacity (excursions, sport gala days, selling iceblocks etc). To assist with organisation parents wishing to attend are asked to complete the form that was sent home with the letter on Monday.

Out and About

Our Lady of Lourdes has been a hive of activity over the holiday break and in these first weeks as together we begin another year of learning. The physical transformation that has taken place over the break has been amazing with the re-surfaced basketball court and new playground equipment nearing completion and preparation for the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area), well underway.

The students have coped well with the adjusted play areas and there is much excitement and anticipation around the new play equipment. Parents have also have played their part in ensuring that the adjusted pick up and drop off areas are operating smoothly.

A reminder that in the afternoon parents of children in Years 2- 6, who are picking up their children from school, are asked to collect them from the hall. Parents are asked not to congregate outside of Year3/4 and the library to collect students as students will not exit through these doors but will go straight to the hall. This is also a high traffic area with children going to OOSH and bus lines exiting through these doors.

It is also important that in the afternoon parents realise that a pick up zone does not operate. Parents must come into the hall to collect their students - this is to ensure student safety and to maintain traffic flow. Parents stopping at the front of the hall and attempting to collect children will be asked to move on by staff. Children are being asked to line up in an orderly fashion in the hall to ensure safe dismissal, staff will direct students to parents as quickly as possible.

In addition parents are requested not to access the school via the hall. The construction zone means that the school grounds are not accessible from the hall other than directly through classrooms. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated as we work together to ensure the safety and comfort of all our students.

Our Kindergarten students have settled in well. It was lovely to see so many of our new Kindergarten parents interacting with our more experienced parents at our Cheers and Tears morning tea. Listening to the parents they are feeling positive about their children entering the world of "Big School".

Over the next few weeks there are a number of opportunities for parents to visit/ become involved in the school. These include our Opening School Mass, our Parents as Educators courses, our first Parent Group meeting and our Meet the Teacher interviews details of all of these activities can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

I look forward to working with you all during 2019 to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal

RE NEWS



On Sunday, our parish and school community will be celebrating the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**. This will be starting with a **Mass at 9.30am** followed by some morning tea. Everyone is invited to attend this celebration with us.

The reason that this day is significant to us is that Our Lady of Lourdes is the patron saint of our parish and our school and it is in her honour that we are named. Our Lady of Lourdes is just one of the many titles given to Mary the Mother of Jesus. Mary was the one who was chosen to be Jesus' mother and she is a model of faith to us all. She is not only the mother of God but the Mother of our Church.

Please take the time to celebrate Mass with us on Sunday as we continue to grow in love, faith and compassion for each other – just as Mary the Mother of Jesus did.

Beginning School Mass:

On **Friday February 15**, we will be having our **Beginning School Mass**. This will be in the church at **9.15am**. This is a time when we welcome our new staff and students and join in a eucharistic celebration with our families, friends and students. Please make the time to attend this celebration as it is part of our faith journey and also very important in our faith development.

WYD 2019



World Youth day was truly an amazing experience, words cannot describe this. Throughout this journey, 170 pilgrims from Parramatta Diocese celebrated in song, dance and prayer with people all around the world as well as making new friendships. Over the upcoming weeks I will share various parts of the pilgrimage starting in Mexico. I have been very blessed to be able to attend this wonderful pilgrimage to Panama. Thank you for your support and prayers during this time. Here is a sneak peek of a beautiful Church in Mexico called Our Lady of Remedies, which was positioned on a steep hill that took 20 minutes to get too, it was worth the walk!

Sharleen Espiritu

Facilities at OLOL – Construction Work

Thank you for your cooperation as construction works continue. Though there is some inconvenience during construction we look forward to further improvements to the playground for the children.

During the construction works, fences have been erected around the work site and the gate entrance near the car park will not be available for school use. This entrance will be available exclusively for OOSH.

Therefore, there will be the following adjustments:

School Access:

- All pedestrian access to the school will be through the school gate near the Library.
- Children who normally wait in the afternoon on the paved area opposite Year 6 (carline) are to be collected by parents from the hall.
- Adjustments within the school site for the children to access learning areas, playground areas and toilets was explained to the children on the first day of school

OOSH Access:

- Access for parents dropping off and collecting children from OOSH will continue to be available through the gate entrance near the car park as usual. NB This access is for OOSH only.

Progress of the construction in the past weeks include:

- Removal of subsiding paving outside of OOSH and pouring of concrete
- Pouring of footings for Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)
- Establishment of large sliding doors from Year 5 and Year 6 learning spaces to access COLA
- Rectification of internal sliding door in Year 5 and 6 learning space to remove trip hazard
- Stud wall and relocation of Apple TV and screen in Year 5 learning space.
- New pinboards in Year 5 and Year 6
- Significant progress of playground equipment
- Completion of artificial turf surrounding basketball court
- Laying of some soft fall surrounds around the basketball court
- Minimisation of fencing of basketball court

There will be less activity over the next few weeks as we wait for the manufactured steel for the COLA.

If you would like to see the plans for the COLA and progress pictures join us at our Parent Group meeting on the 12th February.



CURRICULUM NEWS

Why have Mathematical Assessment Interview days?

“The ability to make informed decisions and to interpret and apply mathematics in a variety of contexts is an essential component of students’ preparation for life in the 21st century.” (Mathematics K-10 Syllabus, p.13)

This Key Learning Area of study is informed by the NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum Mathematics K–6.

Last week the teachers at Our Lady of Lourdes spent two days undertaking the Mathematical Assessment Interview testing of students from K-6. Over 200 students attended the school over these two days to undertake their interview.

The Mathematics K – 6 Syllabus is organised into four strands – one process strand, Working Mathematically, and the three content strands: Number and Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, and Statistics & Probability. Working mathematically encompasses processes that are embedded into the other three strands through the content.

Each year students from Years K-6 participate in a one-on-one Mathematics Assessment Interview with their teacher in order to obtain information about students’ strengths and challenges in the areas of place value, counting, addition & subtraction and multiplication & division. This information enables teachers to meet learners at their point of need and to build upon Number skills that are fundamental to learning new concepts.

Students who were not able to attend school last week will undertake their interview with their classroom teacher over the first three weeks back at school.

A big thank you to all parents and children who attended an interview and helped to make this important learning experience at OLOL a successful one.

Ms Karin Schrader
(Maths Coordinator).



KINDERGARTEN

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

Tuesday and Thursday

Wednesday and Thursday

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Wednesday and Friday

Thursday

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Tuesday and Thursday

Welcome and Congratulations to our Kindergarten Children

Our youngest children commenced their schooling so beautifully last week. Congratulations to the children and parents. A big thank you to our Kindergarten parents and families who have been assisting their children to transition to school. It was also great to see parents join us for "Cheers and Tears" last Monday to share a 'cuppa' and meet new people.



Kinder Welcome BBQ

OLOL will be holding a Kinder Welcome BBQ on **Thursday 28th February beginning at 5:00pm** to welcome our kinder children, allow them some time to play with their new friends and encourage our kinder parents to meet new people as well. Kinder parents please mark this date in your diary and a letter with further information will be sent home next week.

Sport News

Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who have qualified to compete in the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 13th of February. We wish them the best of luck and know that they will represent our school with great pride and sportsmanship.

Harry Albion, Kaylee Aspin, Cooper Burns, Cameron Fahey, Thomas Fahey, Ada Feliciak Catherine Holmes, Lucas Laus, Zachary Osborne, Ava Rigney, Andre Roy, Lewis Savic, Jeremy Smith, Ziva Suryathyo, Zoe van Zoggel, Florencia Wanandy, Alysse Yates, Jacqueline Yates, Madeleine Zait.



Our Lady of Lourdes Staff 2019

Please note the staff list for 2019. I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Silvia Nichols, Miss Jessica Bradford and Miss Jessica Menezes who will be joining the teaching staff at OLOL in 2019. Welcome to Mr Nicholas Adams who will also be joining OLOL in 2019 as our IT trainee.

Kindergarten	Mrs Marlee Cividin and Miss Jessica Bradford
Year 1	Miss Sharleen Espiritu and Mrs Silvia Nichols
Year 2	Miss Karin Schrader and Mrs Elizabeth Van Zoggel
Year 3	Ms Eleonora Coledan and Miss Jessica Menezes
Year 4	Mrs Lucy Messina and Mr Jim Van Gend
Year 5	Mr Wayne Owen and Mrs Elise Clynick
Year 6	Ms Toni Critchlow and Miss Donna Muddle
Learning Support	Mrs Wilma Clenton, Mrs Janelle Bawden, Mrs Rosemary Armstrong and Mrs Carol Cividin
School Counsellor	Mr Brian Melocco
Executive Release	Mrs Leonie McKenna
Creative Arts and LTST	Mrs Clare Willemse
Physical Education	Mrs Veronica Brogden
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Michelle Donnelly, Mrs Katherine Begg, Mrs Kira Moujalli, Mrs Aida Almeida
ICT Trainee	Mr Nicholas Adams
Office Administration	Mrs Beth Polo
Office Finance	Mrs Monique Kearins
Leaders of Learning	Miss Karin Schrader and Mrs Lucy Messina
Religious Education Coordinator	Mrs Janelle Bawden
Assistant Principal	Mrs Carol Cividin
Principal	Miss Keiran Byrnes

School Attendance

Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world.

Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce. Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.

Every day of attendance adds to a student's academic achievement and success at school. Parents are essential partners in promoting good attendance because they have the ultimate responsibility to ensure that their child attends school every day arriving punctually to begin lessons promptly at 8:40am. Please help your child establish and consolidate a good attendance habit.

every learner every day ✓

ABSENCES ADD UP!

FEBRUARY
2 DAYS
A MONTH

=

NOVEMBER
4 WEEKS
A YEAR

=

MISSING MORE THAN
1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN **12** YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

1 IN 6
PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- ✓ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- ✓ Develop good sleep and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule appointments after school
- ✓ Avoid taking holidays during term time

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY

Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner every day ✓

Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta



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**

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.

LOL PARENT GROUP

PARENT GROUP NEWS:

The Parent Group would like to warmly welcome all the new families who join our school community in 2019. In particular our new Kindergarten Parents, who had a very exciting first few days of their child's school journey.

Our first introduction to our kindergarten families was a wonderful Cheers and Tears morning tea, which was a great opportunity for parents to meet and share their experience of their first days of school.

Thank you especially to the families who organised, volunteered time or contributed treats on the day.

Our first Parent Group meeting for the year will be held Tuesday 12th February in the library. The meeting starts at 7pm, and usually finishes by 8pm. All parents are welcome.

It's an opportunity to hear from our Principal, discuss plans for the school and share ideas that ultimately benefit our school and our children. Any matter you would like to add to the agenda must be emailed to lolpg@hotmail.com

Don't forget to join our Facebook page LOL PG CHAT. It's our page for parents to ask questions, share information and get to know our community.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Our School Photo Day for this year will be held on Wednesday February 20th. Named photo envelopes will be distributed to all students prior to the photo day with parents having an opportunity to choose which photo package, if any, they wish to purchase. Envelopes are to be returned to the school on photo day only as for security reasons we are not able to store them at school.

Students are to wear their full school uniform for photo day not their sports uniform. This includes Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 who normally wear their sports uniform on a Wednesday.

A detailed note will be sent home along with the photo envelope prior to the day.

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 2019.

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



Safer Internet Day 2019

Tuesday
5 February

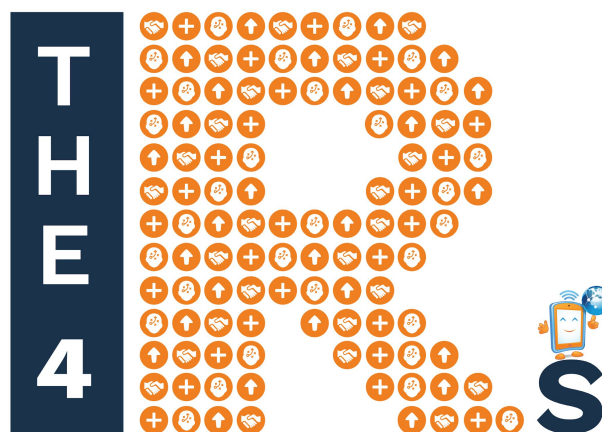
Together for a better internet

Office of the eSafety Commissioner – Official Australian Committee for Safer Internet Day

Tuesday the 5th of February is Safer Internet Day. This is an important initiative in our ever changing and growing world of technology for children to be more aware of the importance of staying safe online. Attached is information for parents to discuss issues surrounding Internet use at home and at school. During Creative Arts lessons at the start of this term, the focus will be on technology, use of the library and Internet Safety lessons.

The students over the next week will also be given an **Acceptable Use of Technology Contract** to bring home to read and sign with their parents. The students will be explained this contract in class but please also read through it with your children, to help reinforce the importance of following the internet safety guidelines for the best interest of their learning. Please return the contracts once signed back to school, so your child can continue to use our school technology.

Thanking you,
Clare Willemse
LTST- Learning Technology Support Teacher



🤝 Respect. + Responsibility. 🧠 Reasoning. ↑ Resilience.



Safer Internet Day raises awareness about the positive role of digital technology and explores ways we can all contribute to creating a better, safer internet. Coordinated by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner in Australia and celebrated in over 130 countries, this year's Safer Internet Day theme is **'Together for a better internet'**.

Parents are encouraged to get involved and support our young people in developing the critical skills required to successfully navigate the online world. These skills take time to develop but they can help us in all areas of life - online and off. We like to call them the 4Rs...

Respect - I treat myself and others the way I like to be treated

Responsibility - I am accountable for my actions and I take a stand when I feel something is wrong

Reasoning - I question what is real

Resilience - I get back up from tough situations

Help spread the word about creating a safer, more positive internet—start a conversation with your child about which of the 4Rs of online safety is most important to them and how can they help build a better internet for everyone.

This year, as part of the wider celebration of Safer Internet Day, we encourage all of our parents, students and teachers to review their privacy settings associated with their social media accounts and adjust as necessary to ensure our own personal safety and privacy.



Use the [Privacy Checkup](#) to review and adjust your settings to make sure you're sharing with who you want. You might also want to review photos and posts that someone has tagged you in. If you don't like something you're tagged in, you can [remove the tag](#) or [ask the person who tagged you to remove the post](#).



Anyone can view your profile and posts on Instagram. You can make your posts [private](#) so that only followers you approve can see them. If your posts are set to private, only your approved followers will see them on hashtag or location pages. You might also want to check that you actually know your [followers](#) in real life.



Configure your Snapchat profile to only receive messages from users on your [My Friends list](#) and to control who you share your stories with. This might be a good opportunity to review your *MyFriends* list to ensure that you have only people who you know in real life. You might also want to check that [SnapMap](#), a location-based service is disabled for your own personal safety and privacy.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner's [iParent](#) portal is packed with resources to help you address online safety with your children.

2019 Diocesan School Fees

13 December 2018

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2019. The new schedule includes a very modest 2.7% increase on the fees from 2018.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 2.7% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of important 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 2019 are outlined below.

2019 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 st child (100%)	2 nd child (75%)	3 rd child (50%)	4 th Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,206	\$903	\$603	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,557	\$1,167	\$780	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,157	\$1,617	\$1,080	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,394	\$1,794	\$1,197	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,057	\$2,292	\$1,530	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 2019 is \$804. **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 of 50% is granted 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.



TERM 1 AT A GLANCE

2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Feb 1 MAI	28 th Jan Australia Day Holiday	29 th Teachers Commence MAI INTERVIEWS 	30 th MAI INTERVIEWS 	31 st MAI INTERVIEWS KINDER  Year 1-6 start	1 st Feb Kindergarten Commence Whole Day- staggered start 	2 nd /3 rd
Feb 2 MAI	4 th Cheers and Tears in the Hall 8:40pm	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th /10 th  (Sun 10th) OLOL Parish Feast Day
Feb 3 MAI	11 th	12 th Parent Group Meeting at 7pm in the library	13 th Parent's as Educators 8:40-10:40 <i>Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival</i> Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm	14 th	15 th Opening School Mass 9:15am	16 th /17 th
Feb 4	18 th Grade Newsletter	19 th Meet the Teacher. 3.30 – 9.00 p.m	20 th School Photo Day	21 st	22 nd	23 rd /24 th
Feb/ March 5	25 th	26 th Parent's as Educators 6:30-8:30pm	27 th	28 th Kinder Welcome BBQ 5:00 - 6:30	1 st March ASSEMBLY Stg 3	2 nd /3 rd Catholic Schools Week - Sunday Mass school reps?? TBC

March 6 Catholic Schools Week 	4 th Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 9.30am in hall. Open classrooms and morning tea	5 th	6 th ASH WEDNESDAY MASS	7 th Kinder Open Day Morning for prospective new families 9:30-11:00 am	8 th	9 th /10 th
March 7	11 th Imagination Day Leaders nd Miss Byrnes	12 th Parent Group Meeting at 7pm in the library	13 th Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm	14 th	15 th	16 th /17 th St Patrick's Day
March 8	18 th	19 th St Joseph's Feast Day	20 th	21 st	22 nd ASSEMBLY Stg 2	23 rd /24 th
March 9	25 th  Annunciation	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th  OLOL Cross Country	30 th /31 st March
April 10	1 st April	2 nd	3 rd Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm	4 th]	5 th ASSEMBLY ES1/Stg1	6 th /7 th
April 11 HOLY WEEK	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th Diocesan Swimming Carnival	12 th School Closes	13 th /14 th



February 2019

Welcome to the 2019 school year!

A special welcome to all of our new OLOL families.

Many thanks to the parents who assisted in welcoming and supporting our kindy parents at the Cheers and Tears morning on Monday 4th February.

This is the first edition of the 2019 In The Know Parent Group Monthly Newsletter to keep you up to date and informed on what is going on at school.

To support the school in their environmentally friendly endeavours regarding the use of paper, In The Know will be distributed digitally.

As outlined in the 2018 Term 4 In The Know, the Parent Group is all about supporting the Our Lady of Lourdes school community. It is a component of OLOL that is here to give us as parents an opportunity to become actively involved in the community of the school, getting to know one another and functioning as a supportive community, benefitting not only the school community through the raising of funds and accomplishing tasks across the school that would not be possible without our assistance, but also our children as we demonstrate to them the importance of their schooling by showing them that we are here WITH them to support them in ALL aspects of their schooling. After all, our children's schooling does not begin and end at the school gate, there is so much more to our children's schooling that further enhances their potential for success and happiness.



The executive committee of the Parent Group consists of:

President	Patrizia Fiorenza
Vice President	Katherine Fountain
Secretary	Melissa Fahey
Treasurer	Janine Ballment
Publicity Officer	Melissa Laus
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The Parent Group meeting minutes can be found on the school website

www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au.

Go to 'notes for home', then 'whole school' then select the minutes you are looking for.

Please feel free to contact us at the email address listed above or if you see us around school if you have any queries, suggestions, requests or ideas to assist in supporting our school.



Dates to Remember!

- **Sunday 10th February – OLOL Parish Feast Day**
Come and join the parish community in celebrating after the 9:30am mass
- **Tuesday 12th February – Parent Group Meeting**
Meet in the **Library** at **7pm** for information on what is happening at OLOL from Ms Byrnes, Mrs Cividin and the Parent Group. See below for further details.
- **Wednesday 13th February - Parents as Educators Course 8:40am – 10:40am**
See below for further information
Wednesday 13th February – Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
- **Friday 15th February – Opening School Mass 9:15am**
- **Tuesday 19th February – Meet the Teacher 3:30pm – 9:30pm**
- **Wednesday 20th February – School Photos**
- **Tuesday 26th February – Parents as Educators course in the School Library 6:30pm – 8:30pm**
- **Thursday 28th February – Kinder Welcome BBQ 5pm – 6:30pm**



Parents as Educators Course

For those new to OLOL or unfamiliar with the Parents as Educators Course, the Parents as Educators course is a course that **MUST** be undertaken every two years by any parents/carers who wish to assist in any school activities such as classroom helpers, excursions, lunchtime sales, Mothers/Fathers Day stalls, or any activity that involves interaction with the children of OLOL. It is strongly suggested that you undertake participation in one of the two course sessions offered on **Wednesday 13th February from 8:40am – 10:40am** or **Tuesday 26th February from 6:30pm – 8:30pm** as the course will not be offered again until next year.



Lunchtime Sales

Throughout Term 4 2018, we sold an abundance of Zooper Dooper ice blocks and we look forward to continuing to do so throughout 2019. We are open to exploring other options to offer during lunchtime sales throughout the year, so if you have any suggestions, requests or ideas, please forward them to the Parent Group email or feel free to catch one of us around the school. Healthy suggestions so far have included cups of corn kernels, blueberry muffins and chopped fruit. We appreciate and welcome your input, so please keep the ideas coming!

We are in need of assistance from anyone who is able to help out with lunch sales throughout the year. Even if you can spare one hour a term to help out, it would be greatly appreciated (& just imagine the smile on your child's face when they see you there!)

If you are able to assist with lunchtime sales even just once or twice a term, please contact us via email, our facebook (OLOL PG chat) or if you see us around the school.

Parent Group Meeting

This year's first Parent Group meeting is to be held in the **school library** at **7pm** on **Tuesday 12th February**.

Please come along and meet the Parent Group executive, hear what's going on at school, listen to insight on plans anticipated for the school and share your thoughts and suggestions to contribute to the school community.



Toolbox:

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

Uniform Booking Code: n4dcm

OLOL PG Chat Facebook Page

The Parent Group have a private Facebook page. It is a place where you can ask questions and provide answers about our school, school events, or parent group events. There are currently 193 members. Welcome to the new members who have joined recently.

If you would like to join the group just search for "OLOL PG chat" and ask to join. Please read the rules so that you are aware of what can and cannot be posted.

Skoolbag App

Download the Skoolbag app for alerts regarding school events and quick access to notes, newsletters and school information



SkoolBag

OLOL Community Events

ALL parents of OLOL are members of the Parent Group and ALL are invited to put forward suggestions for events to build the parent community bond.

If there is an event that you are interested in co-ordinating for the OLOL parent and/or school community, please communicate your ideas to us and we will support you in co-ordinating the event to support our school (once the due protocol and process has been followed). Suggestions so far have included a school community outdoor movie night, a "Dads Ride Day" and a Slice Drive.

We look forward to working together as a parent community throughout 2019.