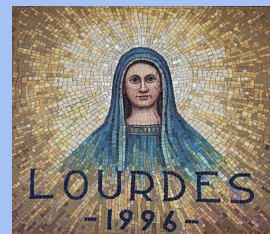




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Newsletter Term 1 Week 4

20TH FEBRUARY, 2019

FUTURE DATES

**Thursday 21st
February**

Lifted Live Concert
Penrith - Stage 3

**Monday 25th
February**

Years 1 & 2 - Rouse
Hill Farm

**Tuesday 26th
February - LAST
CHANCE FOR 2019**

Parent's as Educators
6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Thursday, 28th
February**

Kinder Welcome BBQ
5pm - 6.30pm

Year 3 Excursion to
Royal Botanic Gardens

Friday, 1st March

Stage 3 Assembly at
2pm in the hall

Year 4 Excursion to
Royal Botanic Gardens

Sunday, 3rd March

Parish Mass student
leaders representing
school community

Monday 4th March

Catholic Schools
Liturgy followed by
Open classrooms and
morning tea with your
child

Tuesday 5th March

Pancake Meal Deal

**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

Catholic Schools Week

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,



This year from 3 - 9 March 2019 Our Lady of Lourdes will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). Our theme for CSW 2019 is 'TRANSFORMING LEARNING'.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions. For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us at OLOL on Monday 4th March to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019. Our school will celebrate in the following ways:

Sunday 3rd March - 9:30 Parish Mass student leaders representing OLOL school community.

Monday 4th March - 9.30 Catholic Schools Week Liturgy followed by Open Classrooms and morning tea where parents are welcome to join their child in the playground.

Wednesday 6th March - 9:15am Ash Wednesday Mass.

Thursday 7th March - Open Day information session. This session is for prospective new families looking to enrol their child at OLOL in 2020.

This is an ideal opportunity to support our community of OLOL and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of OLOL and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

PHOTO GALLERY:

See the latest photos on the school website:



2019 Playground Construction



2019 Opening School Mass

2020 enrolments



Enrolments for 2020

Open on
Thursday

7th March, 2019

Enrolment packs are available for collection at our Open Day session which takes place from 9.30am - 11.00am or at the School Office. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2020 encourage them to attend

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Enrolling
Now for
2020

Open Day

Thursday 7th March

9:30-11am

Talk by Principal, Tour of the school including Kindergarten
and Morning tea with Kindergarten teachers
All welcome ~ please RSVP ~ Phone 8869 6800



All welcome





This year Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from the 3rd to the 9th of March.

This is an opportunity to celebrate all that is special about Catholic Schools.

At Our Lady of Lourdes we will mark the week with a number of events as listed on the front of the newsletter.

Parents are especially invited to come to the school on Monday March 4th. The morning will commence with a special Catholic Schools Week Liturgy at 9:30 am in the hall.

The Liturgy will be followed by open classrooms from 10:00 - 10:30 where parents and special visitors are invited to visit classrooms and share the learning with the students.

At the conclusion of the open classrooms parents and visitors will be invited to share in a special morning tea or share a picnic morning tea with their children. (Due to safety concerns hot drink consumption will be restricted to a designated “adults only” area.)

We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with all parents and special visitors. Mark the date in your diary!!

The staff and students of Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills.



**Congratulations to Term 1 Weeks 3
& 4 Gold Award Winners:**

Kinder *Evie Massey*

Year 1 *Joshua Jeganathan*
Charbel Abou Yaghi

Year 2 *Christina LaGuidara*
Grover Khwahish

Year 3 *Jamie Hallett*
Laumanu Kama

Year 4 *Chloe Attard*
Mira Sharma

Year 5 *Alexandra Simpson*
Obama Azrag

Year 6 *George Palmiotto*
Jessie Raad

Attendance

Congratulations to the children arriving
ready to learn on time each day.

At school we are interested in your child's

Well being and happiness

Engagement with learning in the classroom

Social and emotional development

The single most important thing you can do to support all of these areas is
ensure they attend Every Day

every learner
every day 

Respect, Responsibility and Readiness to Learn

At Our Lady of Lourdes we pride ourselves on showing respect, responsibility and a readiness to learn. These values are important values for all our community including children, staff and parents. The children are very clear about these expectations and we are proud of the high standard of behaviour that our children display.

Naturally concerns sometimes arise for children and as adults working with the children we assist them to reflect upon the situation and find positive ways to solve their concern or issue. As adults, sometimes you may also have an issue or concern in regards to your child. Office and teaching staff are always happy to listen to and help resolve any concerns that may arise. It is important that this is done in a manner that maintains the dignity of the person and is respectful. In this way we can set a great example for our children of how to resolve concerns in a positive, honest and respectful manner.

As always if you need to speak with any member of staff we simply ask that you make an appointment so that we can make the time to continue to work in partnership with you. Thank you for your continued support.

Keiran Byrnes

Out and About

This week saw the opening of our new play equipment. This was a source of great excitement for students and staff alike. To ensure that the playground is used in a safe and responsible way we have put a number of measures in place.

Firstly all students have been oriented to the playground by Mrs Brogden, our specialist PE teacher. This orientation involved the students, during their scheduled PE lesson, being given an opportunity to explore the equipment, but also to have important safety measures explained to them. Students were encouraged to plan their ascent and descent. The “belly button rule” was introduced whereby the children were directed to keep the top rail of the equipment above their belly button to ensure that their centre of gravity was maintained. Students were given a chance to experiment and appropriate use of the various elements of the equipment was explained. Thus all were familiarised prior to the free play period.

Secondly we have developed a roster for use of the equipment to ensure appropriate numbers of children on the equipment at any given time and also to ensure that we have children of similar age/ability using the equipment at any given time. Each class has either a morning tea break or a second half of lunch allocated for their time on the play equipment, with the exception of Kindergarten and Year 1 who have their turn during their weekly Gross Motor sessions. The classes are rostered so that the younger students access the equipment at recess when it is cooler, the older students, who are more readily able to monitor themselves with the heat, are rostered at lunchtime.

Finally we have allocated one teacher to monitor the play equipment during the breaks. This is in addition to the playground supervision we previously had in place. The planned transition has been very successful. The new equipment not only adds to the students enjoyment of our playground space but provides another piece of equipment that can be used creatively to enhance student learning. If you have not already had an opportunity to see the equipment our Catholic Schools Week Open morning, details of which are contained elsewhere in the newsletter, is a great opportunity to do so.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal





Plenary Council 2020

The Catholic Bishops of Australia are asking everyone to share their voices about the future direction of the Catholic church in Australia. Each parish and school and other communities are invited to become involved in the process. The process is called Plenary 2020.

The first stage of the process is called the Listening and Dialogue stage and will close on Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019). This is a unique opportunity to respond to the question *“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”*

If you would like to respond and contribute your story or your experience of faith, Church and God in your life please go to the link and respond. This will help shape the historic journey for the Church in Australia.

Responses can be anonymous and your thoughts can be shared through by clicking on the link [Plenary Council 2020 - Have Your Say](#)

It is in the form of a questionnaire and may take about 10 minutes to complete. If you do not want to answer a question, move onto the next one. If you would like to submit a more detailed response, you are invited to upload additional files at the end of the submission.

[A flyer with information about this will be sent home with your child.](#)



WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019

"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38).

This was the theme verse announced by Pope Francis for World Youth Day 2019 in Panama City, Panama.

Our first destination was in Mexico with 171 other pilgrims from Parramatta Diocese. Our first stop was a brief stop in Mexico City where the city of Cholula, where we celebrated Mass and climbed on top of the pyramid of the famous church of the Lady of Remedies. We then stayed for several days in the city of Puebla where we spent time working with local schools and Sisters of Charity, a refuge home for the disadvantaged. During our stay in Puebla we were kindly guided by our Spanish interpreters who are students from the local school, who were very helpful in showing us around the city, translating for us and keeping us safe. We then made our way to climb the ancient pyramids of the sun and moon. The third highest pyramid in the world.

The highlight of my trip in Mexico was the pilgrimage to our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica. Which started off with a 3 kilometre walk with high spirits and song. Once we arrived we were able to celebrate mass in the old Basilica, walk around grottos and view and pray to the famous tilma, the large apron imprinted with the image of the Virgin Mary and worn by St Juan Diego.

After 5 days in Mexico, we then made our way to Panama City, Panama for World Youth Day where I was able to see the Pope. In the next Newsletter I will share my highlights of World Youth Day in Panama.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and prayers whilst I was away.

For highlights of each day of the trip please visit parrawyd.org or follow Catholic Youth Parramatta CYP on Facebook.

Sharleen Espiritu

Photos from Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Ancient Pyramid the sun and moon



Sport News

Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Our Lady of Lourdes at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival on the 13th of February. All of the students did an outstanding job on the day, not only demonstrating amazing swimming ability but had a great sporting attitude as well.

Congratulations to the students who will be moving to the next level, representing Blacktown Zone at the Parramatta Diocese Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday the 22nd of February at Blacktown Aquatic Centre.

A special congratulations to Cameron Fahey and Ziva Suryathyo who were the Junior Age Champions and Thomas Fahey and Zoe van Zoggel who were the Senior Age Runner Ups on the day.



The Uniform Shop

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

As students will be changing to winter uniform in Term 2, it is advisable to start booking your appointment to try on, as the time slots fill up very quickly towards the end of term.

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.

WINTER JUMPERS



PLEASE NOTE: Last day to try winter jumpers on is Thursday, 7th March, we are only able to place one order a year and no further orders can be placed until 2020. No appointment required, please attend the school office on Tuesday afternoon or Thursday morning.



LAST CHANCE FOR PARENTS AS EDUCATORS FOR 2019

Next Tuesday evening February 26th is the last Parents as Educators Course for 2019. 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).



The School Fees are in the process of being finalised and will be sent to your home address as soon as possible.

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.

Please contact Mrs Monique Kearins on 8869 6800 if you wish to discuss your school fees statement or if you are having financial difficulty in paying the fees.