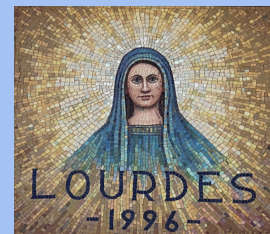




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## Newsletter Term 1 Week 8, 2019

**20TH MARCH, 2019**

### FUTURE DATES

**Friday 22nd March -**  
**2pm in the hall**  
Assembly - Yrs 3 & 4

**Friday 29th March**  
**OLOL Cross Country**  
School Fees first  
instalment due today!

**Wednesday 3rd April**  
Parent Information  
Evening - Confirmation  
6.30 - 7.30pm

**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 -**  
**Transition into winter**  
**uniform depending**  
**on weather**

**Wednesday 1st May**  
**Dance Fever**  
**commences**

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

**Wednesday 8th May**  
**Mother's Day stall**

**Friday, 10th May**  
**Mother's Day Mass &**  
**Breakfast**

### Principal's Message



*Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,*

*"This is my Son, my chosen: listen to Him."*

*The Transfiguration is a pivotal event. It is time for the disciples to walk in Jesus' ways. It is also a time for each of us to rediscover the direction of life. As Pope Francis said on Ash Wednesday "The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world: the direction must lead to him". I share this prayer with you for your reflection during this season of Lent.*

*Jesus, in you I am transformed*

*And transformed still again.*

*When the discouraged cry for hope, make me hope*

*When the hungry cry for bread, make me bread*

*When the thirsty cry for water, make me water*

*When the suffering cry for help, make me help*

*When the sick cry for healing, make me healing*

*When the bound cry for freedom, make me freedom*

*When the outcasts cry for love, make me love*

*Jesus who is hope*

*Who is bread and water*

*Who is help and healing*

*Who is freedom,*

*And who is love.*

*Transform me anew,*

*and so keep me close to you*

*as you transform the world.*

*Amen*

**God Bless,**  
**Keiran Byrnes**

### PHOTO GALLERY:

See the latest photos  
on the school website:



[2019 Ash Wednesday Mass](#)



[2019 Lifted Live](#)



[2019 Young Leaders Day](#)

**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.**



The School Fees have now been sent to your mailing address. Please contact the school office if you haven't received your invoice. **First Instalment is due by Friday, 29th March 2019.**

In accordance with Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Conditions of Enrolment:

Payment Due Date: All Fees and Charges are due and payable 30 days from the date of the School Tax Invoice / Statement unless a payment arrangement is agreed to by the school in writing prior to the Current Term Fees Due date.

Flexible Payment Plans (FPP) are offered as an alternative payment option for your School Fees. Should you like to accept this offer our preferred method is to go to <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/school-fees> and arrange a direct debit from a nominated bank account or credit card. A Direct Debit Request Form has been supplied should you not have access to a computer and should be lodged with CEDP before the 22nd March.

BPAY election **requires you** to set up a recurring payment for the exact amount displayed under your preferred option, via your bank by the 22nd March so the first payment occurs by the 29th March.

Please contact Monique Kearins on 02 8869 6800 or [olol-shlsfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olol-shlsfees@parra.catholic.edu.au) if you have any queries regarding your account or if you wish to discuss payment arrangements.

Withdrawal of a Student: A full terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before a parent / guardian terminates the Student's enrolment. If sufficient notice of termination of the Student's enrolment is not given, the parent / guardian is to pay the School one term's school fees including any Diocesan Fees applicable. This amount reflects the School's financial loss associated with the Student's withdrawal without sufficient notice of termination. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment.



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 if you wish 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.



### **Congratulations to Term 1 Week 7 & 8 Gold Award Winners:**

<b>Kinder</b>	<b><i>Joshua Blackshaw</i></b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b><i>Harrison Miliatis</i></b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b><i>Eva Layoun</i></b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b><i>Audrina Ortiz</i></b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b><i>Emma Webster</i></b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b><i>Nikita Kreminski</i></b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b><i>Thomas Pollard</i></b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b><i>Noah Bumanglag</i></b>

<b>Kinder</b>	<b><i>Nataliya Abdelahad</i></b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b><i>Tate Roughley</i></b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b><i>Saanvi Regmi</i></b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b><i>Tino Kama</i></b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b><i>Georon Un</i></b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b><i>Lewis Savic</i></b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b><i>Cassandra Laus</i></b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b><i>Makayla Dalmati</i></b>

### **COMPLAINT HANDLING POLICY**

Our Lady of Lourdes is committed to developing an educational and organisational culture based on mutual trust and respect. We are committed to providing a safe and supportive work and learning environment for all staff and students.

We acknowledge that employees, students and parents may sometimes have a complaint about a decision; behaviour, act or omission that they feel is unacceptable. Whilst most issues can be resolved through direct discussion with the parties, there may be instances in which this is not possible.

Our Lady of Lourdes Complaint Handling Policy is a process for staff, students, parents and members of the wider community to raise a complaint. This policy outlines options available to the persons with complaints, the intake process, addressing complaints and the appeal process. Please refer to the [CEDP Complaint Handling Policy](#).

## **Sport News**



### **2019 Our Lady of Lourdes School Cross Country**

Just a reminder that our annual school Cross Country carnival will be held on Friday the 29th of March. For the day to run successfully we need a number of parent volunteers. If you are able to assist on the day and have completed the Parents as Educators course either this year or last year, please return the note to Mrs Clynick as soon as possible.

The children have been preparing for the carnival during class and PE lessons with Mrs Brogden. It is important that all students participate in the race to the best of their ability. Even if they cannot run the entire distance, we are encouraging the children to have a go and receive a point for their house. We look forward to a great carnival full of fun and school spirit.



# RE NEWS



***Pope Francis' Prayer for peace and protection from violence and terrorism.***

**O Almighty and merciful God,**

We ask you today to keep in peace the world and its people, to keep far away from it the devastating wave of terrorism, to restore friendship and instill in the hearts of Your creatures the gift of trust and of readiness to forgive.

**O Giver of Life,** we pray to You also for all those who have died as victims of brutal terrorist attacks. Grant them eternal reward. May they intercede for the world that is torn apart by conflicts and disagreements.

**O Jesus, Prince of peace,** we pray to You for the ones who have been wounded in these acts of inhuman violence: children and young people, old people and innocent people accidentally involved in evil. Heal their bodies and their hearts; console them with Your strength and, at the same time, take away hatred and a desire for revenge.

Touch the hearts of terrorists so that they may recognize the evil of their actions and may turn to the way of peace and goodness, of respect for the life and for the dignity of every human being, regardless of religion, origin, wealth or poverty.



## PROJECT COMPASSION DAY

On Monday March 25 (Week 9), we will be holding a fundraiser to support the Project Compassion campaign. Every day, thousands of people around the world need to cover many kilometres to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or the market, or simply to survive.

**Caritas Ks** will be the name of this year's initiative and it is an opportunity to fundraise and educate our students with the aim of inspiring them to "be more" and "be a voice" for the poorest in our world.

The children will be participating in an obstacle course where they will complete specific activities. They will be either walking, running, balancing or climbing. To make this become a fundraiser for Project Compassion we are turning it into an opportunity for the students to gain sponsors for the completion of the event. The students can be sponsored 'per lap' or they can be given a specific donation for participating in the event.

All children will be expected to participate in the day and will need to wear their sports uniform. Each class will participate in a 20 minute session and during this time their sponsorship cards will be stamped to say that they have completed the event.

We look forward to your support in this social justice campaign as we make steps towards becoming *the Living Body of Christ*.

# RE NEWS

## CEDP PARENT RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:

The CEDP are offering two parent retreat opportunities as a part of their formation program.



### Parent Retreat Day: Wednesday 1st May: **RSVP 19 April 2019**

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This is a relaxing day for parents that will be held at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills from 9.30am - 2.30pm. The day will be facilitated by Monica Dutton who has had extensive experience as an educator and presenter. Monica has facilitated Retreat programs in a variety of contexts with both students and adults. Monica has completed her PHD in Adult Formation and incorporates creative and practical activities to explore and nourish faith. This is a day for Parents to recharge their spirit by participating in enjoyable and reflective individual and communal activities.

### Animators Day: Thursday 2nd May: **RSVP 19 April 2019**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUcSBMOIhzCcH0\\_ODPe-5dZp9uBLyHYVkkUyaunFkTPT10Og/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUcSBMOIhzCcH0_ODPe-5dZp9uBLyHYVkkUyaunFkTPT10Og/viewform)

The concept of Parent Animators is new to the Parramatta Diocese in 2019 and this day is an invitation to this role. Held at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills and facilitated by Monica Dutton, this day will explore a variety of Prayer techniques and skills that will give parents a good foundation to lead prayer within their parent communities. Schools are most welcome to send one Parent Animator or a group of Animators to this day. It is hoped that parents will gain skills that will enable them to lead prayer at the beginning of Parent Meetings within their school and the possibility of them running a Parent Morning or Afternoon get together that might begin with prayer and be followed by either discussion or a guest speaker. This day will give parents knowledge and skills in: prayer themes from the Liturgical Calendar e.g. Lent, Easter etc., strategies for gathering parents to prayer, prayer formats, setting a sacred space, prayer templates and a variety of prayer experiences such as Lectio Divina and Visio Divina and a list of useful prayer sites and resources. Depending on interest, future support will be ongoing. On site support within schools can also be provided to assist and mentor Parents.





**After the amazing experience from World Youth Day, I journeyed to Houston Texas, where I stayed at the scenic Stoney Creek Ranch. The next two days was a valuable opportunity for all the Parramatta pilgrims to reflect, pray and give thanks for all we shared over the past two weeks. We did this through song, prayer and even a bonfire to wrap up our pilgrimage.**

**World Youth Day was a pure celebration of faith, diversity and humanity. Throughout the whole event, I could feel the spirit and passion from all pilgrims on display at every moment. It was truly awe inspiring to be in a place where you could see all nations represented. We would often walk past groups of people various parts of the world- Asia, Africa and the Americas and high-five one another in a shared procession of joy and mutual respect. We felt this is what the world should be like every day.**

**Thank you once again for your support and especially your prayers while I was away. Refreshed by the Holy Spirit, I have been forever changed by my experience and will continue to share what I have learnt with each of you in the months to come.**

**For highlights of each day of the trip please visit [parrawyd.org](http://parrawyd.org) or follow Catholic Youth Parramatta CYP on Facebook.**

**Sharleen Espiritu**

## **Sport News**

### **MARK TAYLOR SHIELD CRICKET ROUND 1 - Mrs Veronica Brogden**

On a cool, showery Wednesday, 13 March the OLOL Cricket team played St Michael's Baulkham Hills at Golden Grove Park in Kings Langley. After winning the toss OLOL elected to field first.

The team was able to hold St Michael's to a 149 runs. Arnav bowled extremely well and bowled two wickets. Harshul played wicket keeper and had an outstanding game by catching one player out and running another out. Alex and Noah also took a wicket each in their bowling spells.

The team then went into bat. Alysse was the top scorer and played extremely well by blocking and keeping St Michael's on their toes. The bowling of St Michael's was too strong with OLOL making a total of all out for 24.

Thanks to the St Michael's Team and parents for their sportsmanship and assistance with scoring and umpiring.

Congratulations to the whole OLOL team on their conduct, positive play and support of each other. They represented the school with pride and had a very enjoyable introduction to competition cricket. Congratulations to Arnav Sharma who was named as player of the match.



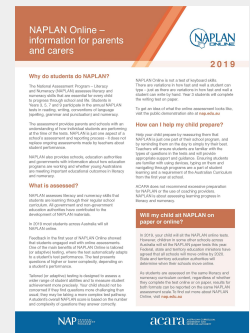
## **NAPLAN ONLINE**

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.

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in an online practice test so that they have experience of the online test under test conditions.

Today a fact sheet produced by ACARA, was sent home to our Year 3 and Year 5 parents, which provides extensive information around NAPLAN Online - a link to the fact sheet is also provided below.

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



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

## **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 will be sent home next week. Students who participated last year are able to log on using their previous log. If your child did not receive their logon or you are having trouble accessing the site please contact Mrs Cividin.





## Facilities at OLOL – Construction Work

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

### A reminder that access to the school is as follows during construction

#### 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:

- Opening of the playground equipment
- Arrival of manufactured steel
- Erection of main frame of COLA
- Electrical rough in
- Roofing materials arrival
- Roofing installation beginning
- Storm water and appropriate drainage installed for COLA
- Pinboards completed in Year 5 and Year 6

#### In the coming weeks we anticipate:

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



## **Out and About**

### **SAFETY AND COURTESY IN THE CARPARK**

Now that the school year has well and truly begun it is a good time for a reminder about our carpark rules. As a shared environment it is important that we show care, respect, courtesy and patience when accessing the carpark.

Double parking within the carpark either with or without a driver is prohibited. There is usually ample parking in Grantham Road and your children will be cared for by staff if you are not here precisely when the bell goes in the afternoon.

**In the morning there is no access to the bottom carpark after 8:10. This is for safety reasons and there are no exceptions. We ask that anyone dropping children to school is made aware of this rule including mums, dads, siblings and grandparents.**

The Kiss and Drop zone operates outside the hall each morning ensuring a safe and smooth drop off. This is supervised each morning by a member of the leadership team. To ensure a smooth flow parents are asked not to get out of the car to farewell their children and children are encouraged to be ready to alight when the car stops. There are two drop off spaces in the Kiss and Drop zone and parents are asked to make sure that they utilise both spaces. ***Under no circumstances should parents pass cars that are stopped in the Kiss and Drop zone.*** This is an extremely dangerous practice as the view of the crossing is obscured by the stationary cars.

The speed in the carpark should be limited to 10 kilometres an hour in keeping with the NSW government guidelines for shared zones. A shared zone is an area where vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic share the same area. In such zones **pedestrians always have priority.** The carpark is a small area with high pedestrian traffic. In addition, this pedestrian traffic is made up of a large number of very small children who are often below the line of sight of drivers within a car. At the moment there are a large number of carers not following the carpark guidelines. In such cases carers will be approached by staff to remind them of the expectations. It is important that we all follow these rules to ensure the children's safety.

Thank you in anticipation.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal



## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, the school and sports captains travelled to the city by train for the Halogen National Young Leaders' Day (NYLD). We listened to four famous Australians that had all done something special. These were; Tim Diamond, Tamsin Janu, Cate Campbell and Holly Ferling. The day was hosted by Liv Phyland and DJ Raph. All of the OLOL school leaders received a Halogen Pin. A Halogen Pin represents leadership, and we wear it with pride.

### Tim Diamond

Tim Diamond is the founder of the Cotton On Foundation. He told us where the money goes when we buy the charity items on sale at Cotton On stores. Tim and his team have travelled to Thailand, remote parts of Australia but mostly to Uganda and South Africa. They have rebuilt schools for the poor children and upgraded their school facilities. He says that their aim is to build or rebuild 20,000 educational places by 2020.

### Tamsin Janu

Tamsin Janu is a children's author and has written books about her journeys to other countries. Tamsin said she found it difficult to live there because of their lack of basic facilities. She moved to Ghana in Africa for three months when she finished high school, she said she found it difficult to see how they lived. Tamsin talked to us about her problems as a teenager and how to overcome them. Tamsin loved writing but found it hard in high school because she had to write a story about a topic that was given by her teacher instead of using her own imagination and ideas in her stories. Her stories such as Figgy in the World are based on her travels.

### Cate Campbell

Cate Campbell is an Olympic swimmer, born in Africa. She talked about her hip accident as a 12 year old and how she overcame her injury. She brought to the presentation items that meant most to her in a bag. Cate told us about how she started swimming and showed us some of her commonwealth medals. She told us how she only started training harder because she wanted to beat her sister. Cate has had the same coach [Simon Cusack] ever since she was a young girl. She spoke with pride and gave us a strong recount of her past that gave an insight into her life.

### Holly Ferling

Holly Ferling is a female Australian cricketer who has played for Brisbane Heat and now has a contract with Melbourne Stars. Holly used to be the only girl in her town's cricket team. Holly's brother was her biggest supporter, she was always in his team until they had a women's league. Holly has had a lot of injuries in the past, but she sees setbacks as "life's way of saying do you really want this?".

*The key messages from these inspirational leaders that we took away from the day are:*

*"A small action can make a huge impact on the world" Tim Diamond - Cotton On Foundation*

*"All you need is a plan ... and courage." Tamsin Janu - Children's Author*

*"If you want to achieve something great, you have to work towards it." Cate Campbell - Olympic Swimmer*

*"Embrace the scary but exciting!" Holly Ferling - WBBL Melbourne Stars Bowler*

By School Captains Thomas Fahey, Catherine Holmes and Sports Captains Jessie Raad, Thomas Pollard, Zarah Mowbray, Mason Lanfranca, Mary -Rose Mejalli, Juan Burgess, Zoe van Zoggel, Rhys Webster





## **2019 Term 1 Stage 2 Excursion**

In week 5, the students in Stage 2, along with Mrs Messina, Mr van Gend, Mrs Coledan and Miss Menezes and parent helpers, went to The Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney. Our day was jam packed exploring the amazing world of invertebrates. This was linked to our Science and Technology unit. We learnt how the environment provides for the needs of all living things. We investigated different habitats, observed minibeasts and discussed their similarities, differences, features and special adaptations. We explored the lifecycle of selected insects and annelids, like earthworms, stick insects and silkworms. We all had an amazing time.





# **Catholic Schools Week**

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week at OLOL in the week of the 3rd -8th of March. We began the week with Ms Byrnes, Mrs Cividin, Mrs Bawden and our student school leaders representing our school at the Parish Mass on Sunday. We continued the celebration on Monday with a Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, followed by open classrooms and a morning tea with parents. We rounded out the week with our Kindergarten Open morning where we welcomed 30 families who enjoyed a presentation by Ms Byrnes and Mrs Cividin followed by a tour of the school. The week provided us with a number of opportunities to showcase all that is special about OLOL.

