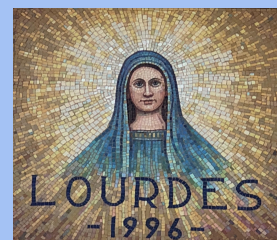




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**Phone:** 9622 2960

**OOSH:** Ben Irmisch  
**Phone:** 9676 7293



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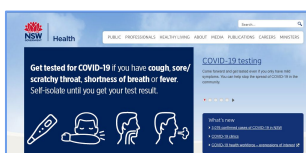
**12th AUGUST, 2020**

## FUTURE DATES



**ADVANCED  
NOTICE FRIDAY,  
18TH SEPTEMBER**  
No staff on  
premises, please  
contact OOSH on  
9676 7293 if you  
wish to make  
arrangements for  
your children

**View our St Mary  
of the Cross  
MacKillop Liturgy  
here:**



**as recommended  
sent home this  
week**

## Principal's Message



*Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,*

*I love to share with our children my deep love of reading. I always read the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books in each category every year. I also enjoy recommending books to students and teachers alike.*

*Leading Literacy Educators have noted that becoming a lifetime reader is based on developing a deep love of reading. If children develop a love of reading when they are young then they are more likely to do so when they get older.*

*For younger readers in particular, their home environment is critically important in developing a positive attitude towards reading. So what can parents do to encourage it? Here are some great ideas that parents can use to motivate their children and help them develop a love for reading.*

**Reading to your son or daughter:** it's important to make sure you read to them as much as they read for themselves.

**Escapism:** promoting reading as a form of escapism from the general pressures of school and their social lives encourages children to see reading as a form of self-indulgent relaxation.

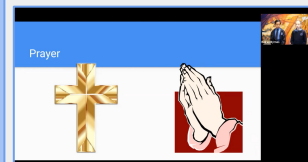
**Anything goes:** introduce your children to a wide variety of texts, comics, e-books, novels, short stories, picture books, online articles and magazines are all possibilities.

*Encourage your children to read for pleasure, the opportunities books provide are endless!*

**God Bless,  
Keiran Byrnes**

## HELPFUL WEBSITE LINKS:

Visit our Parent Portal to see recordings of our Monday Zoom Assemblies and the wonderful learning that is shared:  
[OLOL Zoom Assemblies](#)



## Enrolments for 2021

The school is accepting applications for enrolment. Enrolment applications are available online on the school website or collection at the School Office.

The preference is to submit applications via to the school email or by post.

If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2021 encourage them to visit the school website or phone the school office about enrolment applications. If you are an existing family with a younger child ready for school in 2021 it is important that you submit your application. For further enquiries contact Beth or Anne in the school office on 8869 6800.



# Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2021

We're all about learning at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. We put safety first, and focus on student wellbeing. Hold your smartphone camera over the QR code for a virtual tour of the school.

**A reminder that limited places are still available for 2021 in Kindergarten to Year 6. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours.**

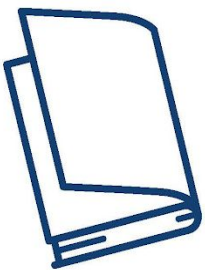
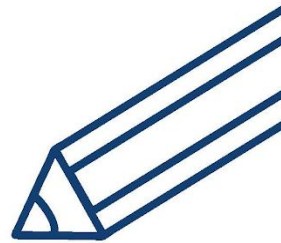
For more information about joining our caring school community, please contact us on 8869 6800 or visit our website [www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au)





# Innovative Learning in a Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Primary,  
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[ololshills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ololshills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Out and About

On the front page of the newsletter Ms Byrnes talked about the importance of fostering a love of reading in children. As she noted there are many ways to do this. Each year, as a school. We celebrate books and encourage reading amongst our students. We do this in a number of ways: by sourcing good quality books for our library and making them accessible to all students, by organising activities such as our Book Week celebrations and normally, in a non COVID year, our annual Book Fair.

Another way we promote reading amongst our students each year is via the Premier's Reading Challenge. This year, given the impact of COVID 19 the challenge has been modified slightly. If students do not complete the challenge this year they will not be penalised for not having a continuous record of challenge completion and will still be eligible for silver, gold and platinum certificates at the appropriate time.

Students are now able to have up to 10 personal choice books (that is books not officially listed as PRC books) included in their reading log - this is an increase of 5 books as compared to previous years. Students in K - 2 are required to have read, or have read to them, 30 books. Students in Year 3 - 6 are required to read 20 books. Books read should be entered into the online log using the login details provided in Term 1.

Currently 28 students have completed the challenge whilst 94 have registered to participate. I would like to see many more students participating in the challenge and reading the quality literature that the challenge promotes.

PRC books are readily available for borrowing through the school library and via our elibrary. A reminder that the challenge finishes for students, in just over 2 weeks, on Friday August 28th.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal



## YEAR 6 PIE DRIVE

**Thank you to all those families who supported our recent Year 6 Pie Drive. It was very successful and has helped in raising funds for the Year 6 end of year disco.**

**Pie Drive orders will be delivered tomorrow and sent home with students or delivered to OOSH dependent on the option chosen.**

**Thank you to Theresa Sultana for organising this initiative**



# eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join one of the following free webinars for parents and carers:

- 1) *Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 yrs)* - Thursday 20 August 2020, 12:00 - 1.00 pm
- 2) *Tech, teens and time online (secondary schools)* - 7 September 2020, 7.00 - 8.00 pm

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

## About the webinars

1. *Helping kids thrive online*: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old.
2. *Tech, teens and time online*: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.

Both sessions will cover topics including:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying/harassment
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong.

## What you need to do

- 1) Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:
  - 20 August 2020 session - [link to register](#)
  - 7 September 2020 session - [link to register](#)

If you have any further enquiries please email [safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au).

## **ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice**

*The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.*

***Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 28 August 2020***

*Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.*



## Draft New Curriculum ~ Religious Education

Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta has undergone much change in the last two years. The process of developing a new approach, currently known as the Draft New Curriculum, has been a collaboration with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. This innovative and ambitious project has led to the development of Learning Cycles (one per term), that apply scripture and tradition in a meaningful way to the contemporary life of young people. This endeavour supports our students to grow in faith and understanding through prayer, reason and action in daily life.

Term 3 at OLOL marks the next step towards implementing a new curriculum that will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for over 20 years. Throughout the term, teachers from all grades will be participating in professional learning days, in situ with our Mission Educator Amanda Bentley and CEDP Inquiry Learning expert Jo Kirby. These days will enable us to develop learning cycles that apply scripture and tradition in a meaningful way to the contemporary life of our young people. These professional learning opportunities for staff enable extensive theological formation and ongoing development.

This is an exciting opportunity for our faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes to further exclaim our commitment to empowering all our young people to discover a meaningful and flourishing life.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you throughout the term and will keep you updated about opportunities that will extend the learning experience further for students and their families.

**Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop:** On Friday the students were able to celebrate this feast (which was on August 8) through a liturgy that was led by our Year Three children. We were able to do this by recording the children reading the prayers and also providing opportunities for each class to share their responses to one of Mary MacKillop's sayings. This proved to be a reverent and meaningful prayer experience as the students celebrated it in their learning spaces at a time that was suitable to their grade. Each class prepared their own sacred space and the students all prayed and sang hymns together in honour of Australia's first saint. Where possible we are hoping to continue to celebrate upcoming liturgies in a similar way through the use of technology. To view the Liturgy at home visit our [Parent Portal Site](#) or view the YouTube link here:





Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

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27 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is changing the way students learn about their faith in response to changing times. A bold new approach to Religious Education has been developed based on the big questions students ask about life, identity and belonging.

I can now report that our Draft New Curriculum for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been approved by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). This is a great outcome and supports the important work that is already underway with schools trialling the new approach for many of the other year groups. We are now looking forward to completing the final version of the curriculum so it can be launched in Term 2, 2021.

With a strong focus on connecting students' faith through a framework we call 'Head, Heart and Hands', the new approach is about all aspects of school and parish life here in Parramatta. We encourage everyone to learn more and there will be information about this from your school soon.

Many people have contributed to this once-in-a-generation draft curriculum particularly our Principals, teachers, Religious Education Coordinators, clergy and Catholic Education staff. Bishop Vincent's pastoral leadership has also been critical in guiding this work. It has been a very collaborative process and I particularly want to thank families who have been involved.

This is a very exciting time for our school communities. We look forward with confidence to the launch in 2021 as we 'go into the deep' together to support the faith life of our students and their families.

Yours sincerely

**Gregory B Whitby AM KSG**  
Executive Director  
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## Water Bottles

**Reminder to all parents to send their children to school with water bottles. Under the current COVID 19 guidelines school bubblers have been turned off so children need to bring their own water. Thank you for your support**

## CHANGE OF HOME OR EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren). You can also update your details via the school's skoolbag app under the Parent eForms tab.



## **ADVANCED NOTICE - TERM 3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Our next Staff Development Day will be Friday, 18th September, 2020. There will be no staff on the premises on the day.**

**Please contact OOSH on 9676 7293 if you wish to make arrangements for your child/children.**

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS LUNCH TIME SALES AT SCHOOL**

As has always been the case we are happy to acknowledge student birthdays at school. However given the current COVID 19 restrictions we are currently not accepting birthday cakes, cupcakes or lolly bags with unwrapped lollies. Children wishing to share a birthday treat with their friends are encouraged bring in either wrapped lollipops or a small packet of chips. These can be distributed easily with minimal contact.

Also given the restrictions on adult access to the school, lunch time sales have also been suspended until further notice.

These measures are for the safety of everyone. We will review these as is appropriate as the year progresses.



## **STUDENTS MEDICATION AT SCHOOL - MEDICAL ACTION PLANS, EPIPENS AND VENTOLINS**

As per our medication policy can you please ensure that your child's medication and action plans are kept up to date. Please send in new epipens and Ventolin **before** expiry to the school office. Please refer to the medication policy in the parent handbook which is available on our school website or click on the link below.

[Medication Policy](#)

Thankyou



***Term 3 Statement of Accounts have now been issued to families. If you have not received a statement, please contact Anne during Office Hours.***

***During the uncertain time for employment, we are grateful for your financial contributions and understanding that for many families, who may not be in a position to contribute. Fee relief is available to support families who are experiencing significant financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. There are three ways that parents/carers can apply for fee relief with the process made as simple as possible. Information is available on the CEDP website.***

***We are here to help. Please contact Anne Korazija if you have any questions on 8869 6800 during the hours of 8:30am – 3:30pm.***

***Thank you for your support with this matter.***



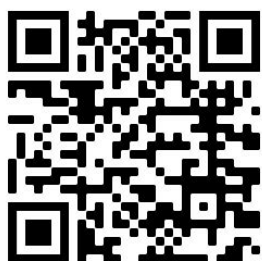
## ***Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey***

In the next few weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills.

This year's TTFM surveys are later due to the impact of COVID19 but will include 5 additional questions related to experiences during remote learning as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the QR code or the URL below:



<http://tellthemfromme.com/ololshills>



This year's *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* survey window is from **Monday, 10 August to Friday, 28 August 2020 (Term 3, Weeks 4-6).**

## ***SPORTS NEWS***



***Due to the restrictions of COVID19 we were unable to hold our Cross Country and Athletics carnival. It has been decided that we will hold a fun activity day called "Play on Sport".***

***The activities are student favourites from the Play On Multi-Sport, Athletics & Team Building programs. This event will be held at school on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.***

***Unfortunately due to continuing restrictions parents will be unable to attend but we will share lots of photos and a few short videos.***

***A note regarding this event will be sent home closer to the date.***



### ***Congratulations to students who received Gold and Mary Mackillop Awards***

***Kinder Sebastian Batache, Jacob Spadaro, Sophia Hlentzos, Skylah Smith***

***Year 1 Julian Martinez, Joshua Magtanong, Myra Risal, Mariana Christou***

***Year 2 Jaydon Mills, Tate Roughley, Sabareesh Srisankaran, Sukhleen Insan***

***Year 3 Prajay Pokharel, Luke Butylewicz, Tohuia Kama, Juliana Zhu***

***Year 4 Rushil George, Aaron Shrestha, Evren Semerci, Timothy Heenpellage***

***Year 5 Emma Webster, Latai Kama, Emily Biziuk, Rhys Williams***

***Year 6 Isaac Ortiz, Polat Yagci, Samuel Thoms, Liv Lal***



## ***TERM 3 WEEK 3 & 4 MERIT AWARDS***

***Kindergarten Lily Whybin, Christian Hallett, Miya Gurung, Aiden Rodriguez, Darshaa Sivakumar, Millie Stormer***

***Year 1 Ridhvi Bhardwaj, Sebastian Lamprou, Ava Liaros, Vissanth Vijay, Sanvi Pragash, Jude Feliciak, Peyton Lanfranca, Shourya Malik***

***Year 2 Noah Khattar, Lachlan Andrew, Bobby Li, Saanvi Mistry, Tyson Mowbray, Clare Park, Jude Park, Vaanya Chhikara***

***Year 3 Karlos Ravic, Ethan Santosa, Nathan Smith, Lucas Watts, Violet Stevens, Jot Minhas***

***Year 4 Maci Case, Sergio Sulaiman, DeAsia Fatafehi, Emma Skinner, Javier BouSerhal, Sleiman Awkar, Ben Albion, Sophia Pearce***

***Year 5 Lucas Laus, Amelie Liu, Kathryn Andrew, Jane Fountain, Clarisse Tuanqui, Charlotte Lawrence, Amulya Avireni, Tahlia Winter***

***Year 6 Jeremy Smith, Jayden Cortis, Jaylene Bong, Vincent Gomes, Jacob Sammut, Amelia Herczeg, Phoenix Dickson, Keira Pangilinan***



# Using Technology Safely at Home

HERE ARE 5 WAYS TO FOLLOW OUR RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT AT HOME:

## BE RESPONSIBLE...



### I will...

- Use equipment safely
- Only access files as requested by the teacher
- Always re-write information in my own words
- Always ask my teacher if I have a question about a task
- Always use my parrastu login for all school work
- Dress appropriately and not use my bedroom for Zoom meetings

## BE RESPECTFUL...

### I will...

- Not share my personal details over the Internet
- Be respectful and courteous when communicating on the Internet
- Not take photos of others or share photos of myself without permission
- Record a list of websites I use to create a bibliography
- Only use my own account to log into the Network



## KEEP SAFE ONLINE...



### I will...

- Keep my passwords safe and secret, even from my friends
- Research and only use acceptable material from the Internet
- Turn off the screen and tell a teacher or parent/guardian if I see any unacceptable material or feel harassed or disrespected on a computer

## I UNDERSTAND THAT...

- If I can't follow all of these guidelines I will not be allowed to use technology for my schoolwork
- All my online activity is monitored by CEDP.
- I need to follow school guidelines for using Zoom and Google Classroom for home learning



## MY PARENTS AGREE THAT...



- The Internet and school technology is to be used for my child's learning
- They will support the school's online learning guidelines
- Cyber-bullying and use of social media is unacceptable and there are consequences
- They will monitor their child's Internet use at home





Our main methods of communication at OLOL with parents are through our fortnightly online newsletter and via the Skoolbag app that can be downloaded to your mobile device.

Our School Newsletter is available each fortnight on a Wednesday. It includes a message from the Principal and information about teaching and learning, school events and our school/parish community. Please take the time to read the newsletter each fortnight with your children. To subscribe to our newsletter visit our school website <http://www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au/Community/Newsletters> and enter your email address to receive the newsletter as an email.

Alternatively you can visit our school website <http://www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au/> to download the newsletter and see our latest photos from school events in the photo gallery.

You can also access the Newsletters via the Skoolbag app, which also gives you regular up-dates and information for upcoming events. To download the app follow the instructions here

Please ensure you have notifications for the app turned on for the latest updates. You can also subscribe to the OLOL Parent calendar here <http://www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au/Community/Events>

Clare Willemse

**LTST- Learning Technology Support Teacher**

## How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



for Android users



for more info visit [skoolbag.com.au](http://skoolbag.com.au)



**ONLINE UNIFORM ORDERS CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE WILL BE NO TRY-ONS FOR SCHOOL UNIFORMS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.**



*Dear Parents/Guardians*

*As of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills Uniform Shop will be run online by Oz Fashions. Orders are to be placed on the 'QKR' app by MasterCard.*

*Please follow all instructions on the attached flyer to download the app and set up your account. No phone orders or messages will be accepted!*

**Delivery to the school will be every Thursday during the school term free of charge and orders must be placed by 4pm Tuesday for delivery on Thursday.**

*Try on samples will be at the school for your convenience. Please try on the sizes before ordering to avoid disappointment.*

*Please note: Always read the terms and conditions on the app before ordering.*

*Please choose carefully as we do not refund if you simply change your mind or make a wrong selection. However, we gladly exchange within 14 days of the purchase date. Returned merchandise **MUST** be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase otherwise the exchange will not be honoured. Any item that has been worn will not be able to be exchanged. **Please email all swaps to [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)***

**Please note that Oz Fashions warehouse in Granville DOES NOT sell the Our Lady of Lourdes Uniform.**

*If you have any other concerns please email Elle [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au) or call 0421 216 414.*

*Yours sincerely  
Oz Fashions*



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### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

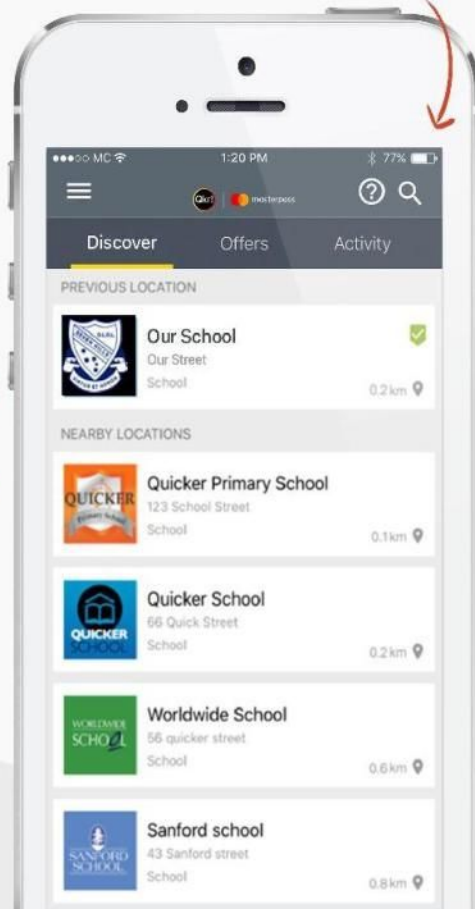
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name





## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

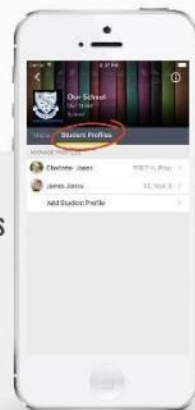
Select  
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Add each  
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Manage each  
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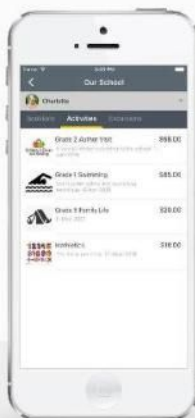


## Purchase school items

Select a menu  
from our school



Select child  
you are  
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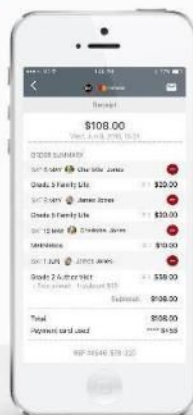
Select your items



Tap 'Checkout'  
then confirm and pay

## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted  
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.