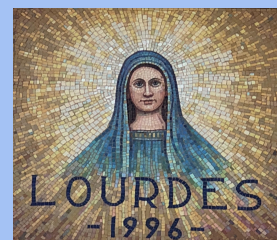




Parish Priest: Father Henry Duc
Phone: 9622 2960

OOSH: Ben Irmisch
Phone: 9676 7293



Newsletter Term 1 Week 2, 2020.

5TH FEBRUARY, 2020

FUTURE DATES

Sunday 9th February
OLOL Parish Feast
Day Mass at 9.30am
followed by morning tea

Tuesday 11th
February
Parent Group Meeting
- 7pm in the library

Wednesday 12th
February - Parents as
Educators -
2 sessions
8.40am - 10.40am
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 13th
February
Blacktown Zone
swimming carnival

Friday, 14th February
Opening School Mass
at 9.15am

Sunday 16th
February
Reconciliation
Enrolment Mass
9.30am

Tuesday 18th
February
Meet the teacher
3.30pm - 9pm

NOTES SENT
HOME THIS
WEEK ...

Parents as Educators
for parents

Coronavirus update

Communication at
OLOL

Stage 3 Canberra note

Meal Deal - Pancakes
shrove Tuesday

Principal's Message

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,



On behalf of the staff I would like to warmly welcome you and your children back to Our Lady of Lourdes and to the 2020 school year. We hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing holiday with family and friends.

Welcome to all our new students and their families. Welcome also to our new staff. We hope that you find OLOL Primary School a friendly, caring and inclusive community and we look forward to getting to know you.

There has been much excitement over the past week as the teachers and children reunited for the new year. On Thursday the playgrounds were buzzing before school with excited voices as the Years One to Six children commenced the 2020 school year. Of course our biggest excitement came on Friday when our newest members of our school - Kindergarten began their primary education.

2020 is set to be a fabulous year – the teachers have been preparing learning programmes and their classrooms over the last weeks and have many rich learning opportunities in store for the children.

On Friday 14th February we will gather in prayer as a community, to celebrate our feast day and ask God's blessing on us during the year ahead. During our Mass we will welcome our Kindergarten children and all who are new to OLOL. We will also commission our new student leaders. Parents are warmly invited to attend. Our Mass will commence at 9:15am. Don't forget that Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day will be celebrated as a Parish this coming Sunday 9th February at 9:30am.

We ask for God's blessings throughout this year on all our families especially as we work in partnership as a catholic community recognising, appreciating and sharing our gifts and talents and the gifts and talents of others.

God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes

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



2019 Coding Club



2020 Kindergarten
First Day



Enrolments for 2021
Open on

Tuesday 25th

February - Enrolment
packs are available for
collection at our Open
Day sessions and
school office, the first
session in the evening
on Tuesday, 25th
February & the
second morning
session on Monday,
2nd March. More
details in the flyer
below. If you have
any relatives or
friends considering
enrolling their child at
OLOL in 2021
encourage them to
attend

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 27th 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Staff 2020

Please note the staff list for 2020. I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Leanne Napoli, Mrs Susan Roberts, Mrs Janet Young and Mrs Rita Milic who will be joining the teaching staff at OLOL in 2020.

Kindergarten	Mrs Silvia Nichols and Miss Jessica Bradford
Year 1	Miss Sharleen Espiritu and Mrs Marlee Cividin
Year 2	Miss Karin Schrader and Mrs Elizabeth Van Zoggel
Year 3	Mrs Janelle Bawden and Mrs Leanne Napoli
Year 4	Mrs Lucy Messina and Mr Jim Van Gend
Year 5	Mr Wayne Owen and Miss Tyla Attard
Year 6	Ms Toni Critchlow and Miss Donna Muddle(Monday-Thursday) Mrs Michelle Khattar (Fridays)
Learning Support	Mrs Wilma Clenton, Mrs Rosemary Armstrong, Mrs Leonie McKenna, Mrs Rita Milic and Mrs Carol Cividin
School Counsellor	Ms Julie Nhan (newly assigned)
Executive Release	Mrs Susan Roberts, Mrs Michelle Khattar, Mrs Janet Young
Creative Arts and LTST	Mrs Clare Willemse
Physical Education	Mrs Veronica Brogden
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Katherine Begg, Mrs Kira Moujalli, Mrs Aida Almeida, Mrs Sharon Zarzycki, Mrs Leanne Terry
ICT Trainee	Mr Nicholas Adams
Office Administration	Mrs Beth Polo
Office Finance	Mrs Anne Korazija
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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Primary School Seven Hills

OPEN DAYS 25 February 7:00pm-8:30pm,
2 March 9:30am-11:00am

T 8869 6800 www.ololshills.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming
you to our school

Enrol Now



Out and About

As is the case every year it is always exciting to return to school and see the happy faces of our students as they greet friends and teachers after the summer break.

2020 promises to be another exciting year filled with fun and learning. Even at this early stage of the year this is evident in all classes across the school.

As always parent involvement is highly valued at Our Lady of Lourdes. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents to three important parent meetings which will be held next week and the following week.

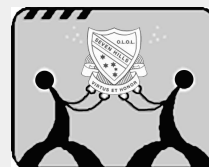
The first is our initial Parent Group meeting for the year. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday February 11th at 7:00pm** in the school library. This is an opportunity for parents to come together and hear about happenings in the school via the Principal's report as well as have input in relation to parent initiatives in the school. For new parents it is a great way to meet other parents. The Parent Group is a vital part of our school community. Already this year they have organised "Cheers and Tears" for our new Kindergarten parents and planning is underway for a family movie night. The meetings are welcoming and do not run for a long time, both myself and Miss Byrnes will be in attendance..

The second is our **Parents as Educators** course. Two sessions of this course will be run in the school library in the morning and evening of **Wednesday February 12th**. This course is compulsory for all parents who wish to assist in any way in the school and must be completed every two years. A letter in relation to this course was sent home on Monday. Even if you are not thinking of assisting in the school, if you have not attended previously, I would encourage you to attend. This year we are looking at the new Science curriculum and the way this is being implemented in the classroom which is very interesting. Mrs Messina and myself will be running this course.

The final opportunity for parent involvement comes with our **Meet the Teacher** interviews which will be held on **Tuesday, February 18th**. This is an opportunity for all parents to meet their child's class teacher and share insights that will assist in ensuring that they have the best possible start to the year. Information about how to book for our Meet the Teacher interviews are found elsewhere in the newsletter.

I look forward to working with you all during 2020 to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal



February 2020



LOL Parent Group Keeping you IN THE KNOW

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

"IN THE KNOW"

PANCAKE MEAL DEAL

The parent group is organising a pancake meal deal for Tuesday February 25th (Shrove Tuesday)

Order forms were sent home today and are due back to school by Tuesday February 18th - unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted.



SCHOOL LEADERS 2020

School Leaders

Congratulations to Cassandra Laus and Isaac Ortiz who were elected as our School Leaders for 2020.

House Colour Captains

On Wednesday 6th 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 2020. 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	Erika Naing and Jacob Whybin
Yellow	Jaylene Bong and Phoenix Dickson
Red	Ava Rigney and William Martin
Green	Amelia Herczeg and Lewis Savic

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 2020 student leaders will be acknowledged at our **Opening School Mass on 14th February.**



MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday 18th 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 concerns 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 **Wednesday 12th February.**

PARENTS AS EDUCATORS 2020

On Monday a letter in relation to our 2020 Parents as Educators course was sent home.

Please be aware of the dates of these courses - there are two opportunities on **February 12th** - a morning course and an evening course. 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 ice blocks etc). To assist with organisation parents wishing to attend are asked to complete the form that was sent home with the letter on Monday.

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 ✓

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 2020.

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. No nail polish is to be worn to school.

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

2020 Diocesan School Fees

22 November 2019

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2020. The new schedule includes a very modest 1.5% increase on the fees from 2019, a reflection of Bishop Vincent Long's aim of making our Catholic schools as affordable as possible for families.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 1.5% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of 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 2020 are outlined below:

2020 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 st child (100%)	2 nd child (75%)	3 rd child (50%)	4 th Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,224	\$918	\$612	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,581	\$1,185	\$792	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,190	\$1,644	\$1,095	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,430	\$1,824	\$1,215	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,102	\$2,328	\$1,551	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 2020 is \$822. This is an increase of 2% from 2019. This increase is slightly higher than the tuition fee increase of 1.5% as governments do not provide sufficient capital funding for our school provisioning program.

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 for the building levy of 50% applies to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

RE NEWS



This **Sunday at 9.30am** our parish will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The actual feast day is on February 11 but as a parish it will be celebrated on **Sunday February 9** through Mass and then a special morning tea afterwards. Everyone is welcomed to attend and be a part of the parish eucharistic celebration.

The reason that this feast day is special to us is that Our Lady of Lourdes is the patron saint of our parish and school and it is in her honour that we are named. *Our school was formed many years ago with the four core values of love, justice, dignity and freedom.*

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.

Opening School Mass - Friday February 14

Our Opening School Mass will be in the church at **9.15am on Friday February 14**. This is a time when we welcome our new staff and students and join in a eucharistic celebration with our families, friends and students. We will also be commissioning our school leaders at this time. Please make the time to attend this celebration as it is part of our faith journey and also very important in our faith development.

Parent Retreat Day Wednesday 13 May - St Joseph's Retreat Centre Baulkham Hills

Join parents from the Parramatta Diocese in a day of personal transformation as you nurture faith through reflection, small group discussion and creative activities.

For more information: Donna Dempsey 0407 597 426

ddempsey1@parra.catholic.edu.au

Yours in Christ

Janelle Bawden

Religious Education Coordinator

LOL's Superhero Day – Friday 21 February



In response to the devastating bushfires that have spread across our country, LOL is holding a fundraising day to support those who have lost possessions and their livelihood.

On Friday 21 February we are having a "Come Dressed as Your Hero Day" in honour of all of the firefighters and heroes who fought tirelessly to save lives, houses, properties and wildlife during the recent bushfires. Your child might like to come dressed as a firefighter or perhaps another hero in their life.

We are asking all children who come dressed up for the day to kindly donate a gold coin (or as much as one can afford). Proceeds will be going to Vinnies Bushfire Appeal to enable much needed support to many families in need.

Thank you for your support in this social outreach initiative. Many families need our continued prayers and support and by becoming involved in this event we are able to contribute in a small way to make a big difference to others.

Janelle Bawden

Religious Education Coordinator

MEDICATION



ASTHMA MEDICATION

All asthma medication was sent home on the last day of 2019. Just a friendly reminder for those that haven't sent their ventolin and spacers back to the office can you please ensure that they are returned immediately and if necessary attend your GP to update your asthma plan for 2020. Please refer to our [Medication Policy](#) in the parent handbook on the school website for guidelines for Administering Medication at school. If your child requires long term medication we will where necessary remind your students to come to the school office to administer their medication.

NO MEDICATION IS TO BE LEFT IN STUDENT'S SCHOOL BAGS

Parents are responsible for:

Ensuring the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time to be taken.



IN 2020 THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL ONLY BE OPEN ON TUESDAYS. THERE WILL BE ALTERNATE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

This change will take effect from Tuesday 4th February. Please be advised that uniform orders must be received by Tuesday morning to go home in the same week.

If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login>. CODE: **y3gxn**

If you require any assistance with uniforms please contact Aida Almeida in the school office on 8869 6800. If you know your child's size please complete an order form which is available on the school website or they are available at the school office and your order will be sent home with your child.

IF YOU HAVE ANY 2ND HAND UNIFORMS THAT YOU NO LONGER REQUIRE AND COULD DONATE TO THE SCHOOL IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THESE UNIFORMS ARE USED TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WHERE NEEDED OR AS SPARES FOR CHILDREN AS REQUIRED.



Term 1 Music Bus Enrolments Open

The Music Bus are taking new student enrolments for Term 1. The program is open now and we ready to enrol your child. Running weekdays at School. The Music Bus have limited availability in Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drum and Ukulele and so it is advised to enrol asap.

The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$20 per week (Drums \$22).

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, check out their website at

www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742



All school fees will be sent to your home address on Week 4 of Term 1.

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 paid by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of your 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 Anne Korazija on 8869 6800 if you wish to discuss your school fees statement or if you are having financial difficulty in paying the fees.







CARPARK







At the beginning of the year 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 8:10am. 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. Carers not following the carpark guidelines 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.



TERM 1 AT A GLANCE

Parent Planner 2020

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Jan	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th /26 th Australia Day 
Feb 1 MAI	27 th Jan Australia Day Holiday	28 th Teachers Commence MAI INTERVIEWS 	29 th MAI INTERVIEWS 	30 th MAI INTERVIEWS KINDER  Year 1-6 start	31 st Kindergarten Commence Whole Day-staggered start 	1 st Feb/2 nd
Feb 2 MAI	3 rd Cheers and Tears in the Hall 8:40 am No Monday morning Assembly	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th /9 th  (Sun 9 th) OLOL Parish Feast Day
Feb 3	10 th	11 th 7pm Parent Group Meeting	12 th Parents as Educators 8:40 - 10:40 2020 Lifted Junior (Yrs 5 & 6) FIAT Student gathering-Rooty Hill RSL Parents as Educators 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	13 th Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival	14 th Opening School Mass 9:15	15 th /16 th Sunday 16th First Reconciliation Enrolment Mass 9:30
Feb 4	17 th Grade Newsletter sent home	18 th Meet the Teacher. 3.30 - 9.00 p.m	19 th 1st Meeting - Recalling Baptism 6.30 - 7:30pm (Parish Meeting Room Parents Only)	20 th Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Blacktown	21 st	22 nd /23 rd 1st Meeting - Recalling Baptism 4.30 - 5:30pm Saturday (Parish Meeting Room Parents Only)
Feb/ March 5	24 th	25 th Open Evening for prospective new families 7:00 - 8:30pm	26 th ASH WEDNESDAY 2nd Meeting - Recalling Baptism 6.30 - 7:30pm	27 th KINDER WELCOME BBQ 5pm- 6:30pm	28 th	29 th /1 st March 2nd Meeting - Recalling Baptism Saturday 4.30 - 5:30pm
March 6	2 nd Open Day	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th /8 th

Catholic Schools Week 	For New Families 9:30-11:00	OLOL Catholic Schools week celebrations	Stage Three Canberra 	Stage Three Canberra 	Stage Three Canberra 	
March 7	9 th	10 th 7pm Parent Group Meeting	11 th 3rd Meeting: First Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm	12 th	13 th School Photo Day	14 th /15 th 3rd Meeting: First Reconciliation Meeting Saturday 4:30 - 5:30pm
March 8	16 th	17 th St Patrick's Feast Day	18 th 4th Meeting First Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm	19 th St Joseph Feast Day	20 th	21 st /22 nd 4th Meeting First Reconciliation Meeting Saturday 4:30pm
March 9	23 rd	24 th	25 th Annunciation  5th Meeting First Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm	26 th	27 th  OLOL Cross Country	28 th /29 th 5th Meeting First Reconciliation Meeting Saturday 4:30 - 5:30pm Parent Group Movie Night
March/April 10	30 th	31 st	1 st April First Reconciliation Liturgy 7.00-8.30pm	2 nd	3 rd	4 th /5 th
April 11 HOLY WEEK	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th School Closes HOLY THURSDAY	10 th GOOD FRIDAY	11 th /12 th EASTER SUNDAY



STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS FOR TERM 1

KINDERGARTEN

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

TUESDAY, THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

THURSDAY

TUESDAY, FRIDAY

TUESDAY, THURSDAY

COMMUNICATION AT OLOL

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

SkoolBag

Coding Club

In Term 3 last year, Stage 3 students were lucky enough to learn from the expertise of our school IT Trainee, Mr Nicholas Adams by joining our very first OLOL Coding Club. The students enjoyed coding with scratch and learning basics such as binary coding. The few dedicated students who remained in the club towards the end of the year were able to watch Mr Adams take apart a computer, learn about each part and ask many questions about how computers work. It was an awesome learning experience for all! We are so lucky to have Mr Adams helping us with technology at OLOL and look forward to more work in the coding club this year.



Our Lady of Lourdes 2020 Responsible Use of Technology Agreement.



Each year students and parents of OLOL read and sign a Responsible Use of Technology Contract which is returned to the school, stating that students and parents agree that students will use technology and equipment safely and respectfully at school.

This year we are moving to using an electronic google form for students and parents to complete at home to sign the agreement.

Could parents please click on or copy and paste the following link:

<http://bit.ly/3bbxKUZ>

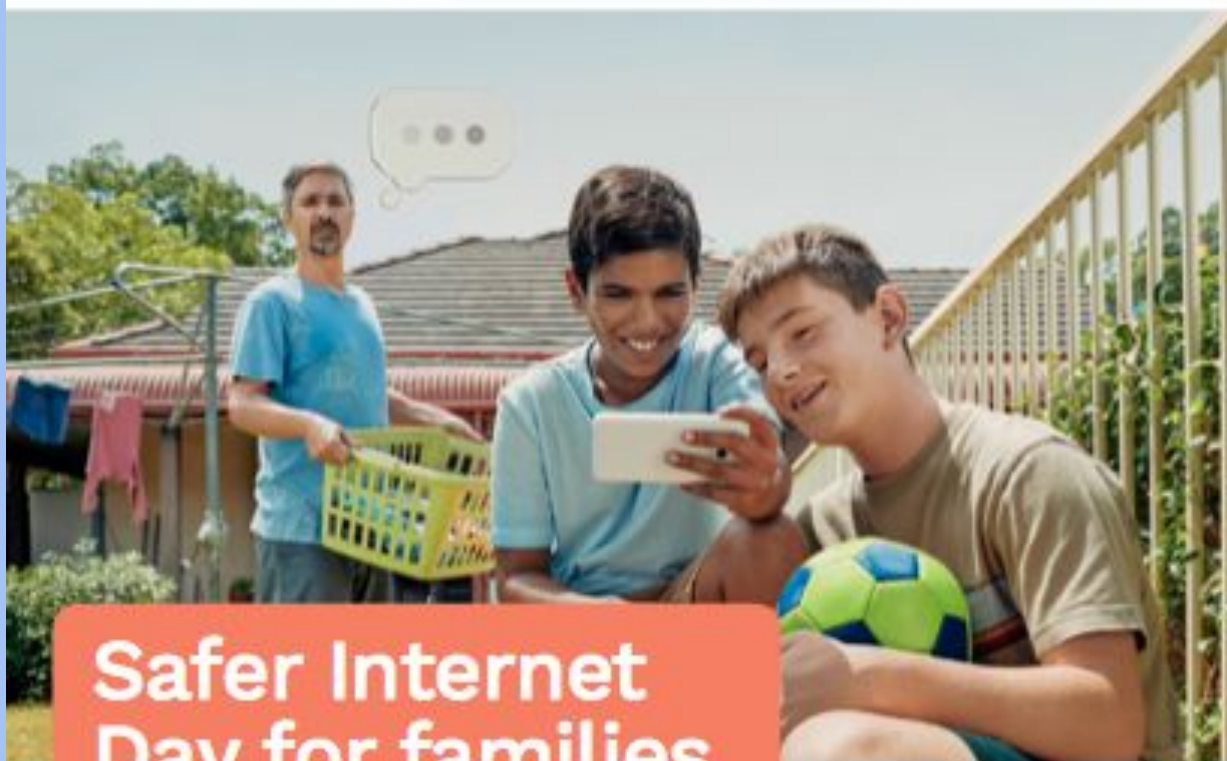
To complete and submit the google form. You will need to fill one out for each of your children. You must use your parent email address- not the students'.

Please take the time to read through and complete the form with your children, answering all the questions required. If students do not have a form completed for them, they cannot use school technology until it has been completed.

Please complete the form by next Wednesday 12th February. Should you require assistance or a device to complete the form on, please contact Mrs Willemse.

Clare Willemse
LTST- Learning Technology Support Teacher

Safer Internet Day is Tuesday Feb 11.



Safer Internet Day for families

How you can be an online safety champion

On Safer Internet Day, millions of people around the world unite to raise awareness about online safety issues and inspire positive change. So it's a great opportunity to start the chat about online safety with the kids in your life.

You can use eSafety's ideas and resources to help improve the online safety of your family and your community, not just on Safer Internet Day but every day of the year.

Where to start

There are lots of ways you can be an online safety champion on Safer Internet Day:

- **Register** your support
- **Download** Safer Internet Day resources
- **Learn** with our special parents and carers webinar
- **Share** online safety tips



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3 February 2020

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to you with updated government advice about how schools should respond to coronavirus. As of 3 February, this is the latest advice:

Travellers who arrived on or after 1 February 2020

Any student or staff member who has returned to Australia on or after 1 February 2020, and has over the last 14 days visited or transited through mainland China, is excluded from school and should not return to school or child care for 14 days after leaving China.

These students or staff members are also required to self-isolate from the community, as the coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.

Travellers who arrived before 1 February 2020

Any student or staff member who arrived in Australia before 1 February 2020 and in the previous 14 days had visited Hubei Province is excluded from school and should not return to school or child care for 14 days after leaving China. Returned travellers who have been in Hubei Province must self-isolate from the community for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province, other than for seeking individual medical care.

Any student or staff member who had visited China and Hong Kong excluding Hubei Province who arrived in Australia before 1 February 2020 should not attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China.

Travellers from Hong Kong

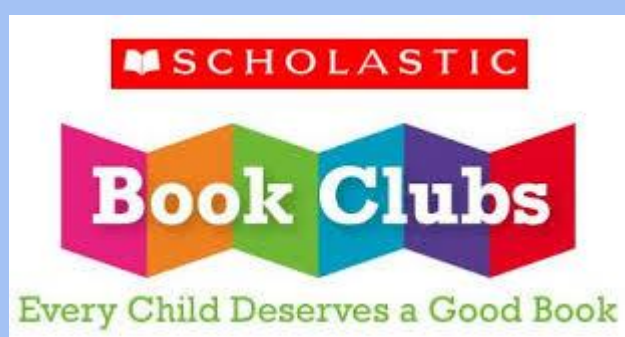
Any staff member or student who is currently not attending school due to being in Hong Kong should not return to school until the 14 period has expired. As of 2 February, people who have travelled in Hong Kong and not mainland China are able to attend school.

More information can be found at the [NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health) website.

The safety and wellbeing of our school community will remain our highest priority. CEDP will continue to update this advice as it is made available.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta



Dear Parent and Carers,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

This year, once again, Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills is participating in **Scholastic Book Club**. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted and the books are delivered directly to the school. Once delivered to the school they are then distributed to the students in their classroom.

You can place your child's order at **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. **PLEASE NOTE BOOKS CAN ONLY BE ORDERED ONLINE - ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.**

Each order helps earn points which can be used to order free books and teaching materials for our school. There is no obligation to order, Book Club is offered as service to parents. It is one way to encourage children to read by allowing them to choose the books they want to read.

If you have any questions in relation to Book Club ordering please ask your child's teacher or contact the school office.


The first Book Club catalogue was sent home today.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal




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