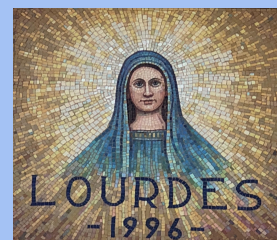




Parish Priest: Father Henry Duc
Phone: 9622 2960

OOSH: Ben Irmisch
Phone: 9676 7293



Newsletter Term 1 Week 8, 2020.

18TH MARCH, 2020

FUTURE DATES

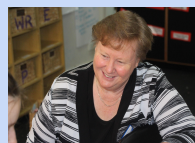
**RECONCILIATION
MEETINGS
POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

**Thursday, 9th April
Holy Thursday - LAST
DAY OF
TERM 1**

**Monday, 27th April
School Resumes for
Term 2**

**CONFIRMATION
MEETINGS
POSTPONED UNTIL
OCTOBER AT THIS
STAGE WITH
SACRAMENT IN
NOVEMBER DATES
TO BE ADVISED**

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

The recent events with the spread of the Coronavirus have in some way impacted us all. It can be really hard to know what to say to your child to respond to their questions when there is uncertainty. Here are some tips:

Give children reassurance and extra emotional support.

Reassure children of the steps being taken to keep them safe. Explain that people from all over the world offer help in times of need. If they are old enough you can mention that the government and hospitals are also doing everything possible.

Be honest with children. Children are better able to deal with a situation when they understand it. They need information just like adults do. Begin by asking your children what they already know about the situation. Most likely, they have already heard about it on TV, at school or from friends. However, a lot of their information may be inaccurate. As they explain what they know, look for misunderstandings or frightening rumours. Tell the truth and do not try to mislead them "for their own good."

Monitor children's media exposure. Keep young children away from frightening images they may see on TV, social media, computers, etc.

Be mindful of what children hear you saying in regards to the pandemic. Keep your language positive and hopeful.

Pray. As a Catholic community we recognise the importance of prayer in times of need.

Please find two links that may be helpful to you as a parent.

- Advice for Parents about how to speak with your children about the Coronavirus. Watch video [here](#).
- [Helping Kids Who Are Worried About Coronavirus](#)

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

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



**2020 Kindy
Aboriginal Incursion**



**2020 Canberra Day 1
2020 Canberra Day 2
2020 Canberra Day 3**



ENROL NOW FOR 2021

Enrolment packs are available for collection at the School Office. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2021 encourage them to collect their 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.

Term 1, 2020 OLOL School Events

OLOL wishes to update you about some scheduled events for the remainder of this term, especially in light of the recent coronavirus advice from the Australian Government, NSW Health and Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta. Please note the following:

Monday assemblies, Stage 3 Assembly-20 March, 2020 Stage 2 Assembly - 3 April

All assemblies cancelled until further notice. Awards will still be given to students and presented in class. Names of recipients will still be published in the school newsletter.

Project Compassion Day -23 March, 2020

This event has been cancelled.

Parents as Educators Course - 23 March 2020

This event has been postponed date to be advised.

Excursions/Incursions

All planned excursions and incursions will not go ahead until further notice. OLOL will follow the advice of government, Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, relevant agencies and organisations.

OLOL Cross Country -27 March, 2020

This event has been cancelled.

Movie Night -28 March, 2020

This event has been postponed until 17th October

Hot Cross Bun Meal deal - 9 April, 2020

This event is cancelled. Please do not send orders to school.

Holy Week Liturgy - 9 April, 2020

The current plan for our Holy Week liturgy has been cancelled. An alternate format to celebrate this most Holy time in our liturgical calendar is being planned.

Important Health Information

The three most important things we can all do that really make a difference are:

- Wash hands regularly and thoroughly
- Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands
- Keep your child at home if they are unwell or show signs of being unwell.

Detailed information about COVID-19 is also available using NSW Health and Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta websites -

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Planning-for-the-Future/Information-concerning-COVID19>

Much consideration has taken place relating to these decisions. Thank you for your understanding and continued support with this matter.

Keiran Byrnes
Principal
OLOL Seven Hills

NAPLAN ONLINE

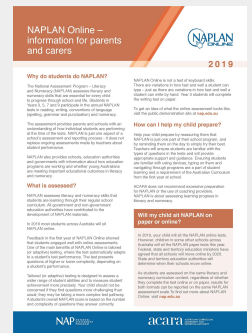
Commencing on the 12th of May this year all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 in NSW schools will complete NAPLAN Online. Last year students experienced the online version of NAPLAN for the first time. This will continue again this year.

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 along with the link to the NAPLAN Online public demonstration site.

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

[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 2nd. Logon details for all students including our Kindergarten students were sent home last 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.



Stage 3 Canberra excursion 2020

Week 6 was an exciting week for our Stage 3 students as they embarked on their 3 day Canberra excursion to the nation's capital. Students had the opportunity to visit many of Canberra's top tourist attractions such as Questacon, The National Mint, The National Museum and The Australian Institute of Sport.

As a support to their learning about Australia becoming a nation, all students visited The Electoral Education centre housed in Old Parliament House and the new Parliament House. Students had the privilege of seeing voting taking place in the House of Representatives as well as seeing our Prime Minister!

A highlight of the 3 days was a visit to The Australian War Memorial where students got to view and interact with, displays representing World War I and World War II battle sites. The culminating event for that visit, was the wonderful way our school was represented by our two school leaders, Cassandra Laus and Isaac Ortiz at the wreath laying ceremony. This was a poignant ceremony that our leaders participated in with respect and reverence.

To see photos visit our school photo gallery on our website here:

[2020 Canberra Day 1](#)

[2020 Canberra Day 2](#)

[2020 Canberra Day 3](#)



RE NEWS



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

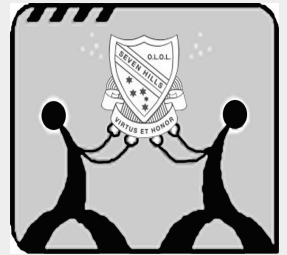
PALM SUNDAY PEACE RALLY AND MARCH

**Welcome
Refugees**

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
MOST REV. VINCENT LONG
(CATHOLIC BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA)
CRAIG FOSTER (FOOTBALL LEGEND)

**2PM SUNDAY 5 APRIL
BELMORE PARK (NEAR CENTRAL STATION)
MARCH TO VICTORIA PARK**

**JUSTICE, PEACE, UNITY
NAURU AND PNG: END THE TORTURE
PERMANENT PROTECTION AND FAMILY REUNION**



March 2020

**OLOL 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"

Emails Outside School Hours



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Lady of Lourdes recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher.

We wish to remind you that teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, teachers are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. In the case of a genuine emergency please contact the school office during business hours on OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone 8869 6800.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your emails to OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au which will then be triaged, as per usual practice.

We appreciate your assistance and understanding.

Kind regards

Keiran Byrnes

Principal



PARENTS AS EDUCATORS FINAL OPPORTUNITY IN 2020

Our final Parents as Educators session for 2020 has been postponed, date to be advised in Term 2.



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Telephone: 8869 6800
ololshills@parra.catholic.edu.au

Innovative Learning In A Changing World

26th February, 2020

Dear Parents,

CHANGES TO THE SALE OF OLOL SEVEN HILLS SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to significant changes to the school finance management system, it has been decided in consultation with Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, that the school will cease the operation of the uniform shop as of Tuesday, 10th March 2020 and our current supplier Oz Fashions will commence the operation of an online uniform shop from Wednesday 11th March 2020.

As a result of these changes the following will be taking place over the next few weeks.

TERM 1

3rd March (Tuesday) - Last day for jumper try-on at OLOL office for this term.

6th March (Friday) - Last day for jumper orders and payments at OLOL

10th March (Tuesday) - Last day for uniform orders and payments at OLOL no later than 9:30am

11th March (Wednesday) - All orders direct to Oz Fashions via the app (please see the flyer with the instructions regarding the downloading of the app and the ordering & payment process)

19th March (Thursday) - Weekly delivery to OLOL by Oz Fashions commences

7th April (Tuesday) - 8.00am – 8:30am - Last day try on at OLOL for this term by appointment only -

www.schoolinterviews.com.au code: **y3gxn**

TERM 2

Availability of Uniform Fitting Room at OLOL will commence:

Tuesday Morning: 8:10am to 8:40am and Afternoon 2:40pm - 3:30pm

Thursday Morning: 8:10am to 8:40am and Afternoon 2:40pm - 3:30pm

Attached is an introductory letter from Oz Fashions outlining the procedures from the above date.

Yours sincerely,

Keiran Byrnes
Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians

As of 11th 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***

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 or call 0421 216 414.

*Yours sincerely
Oz Fashions*



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Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



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.

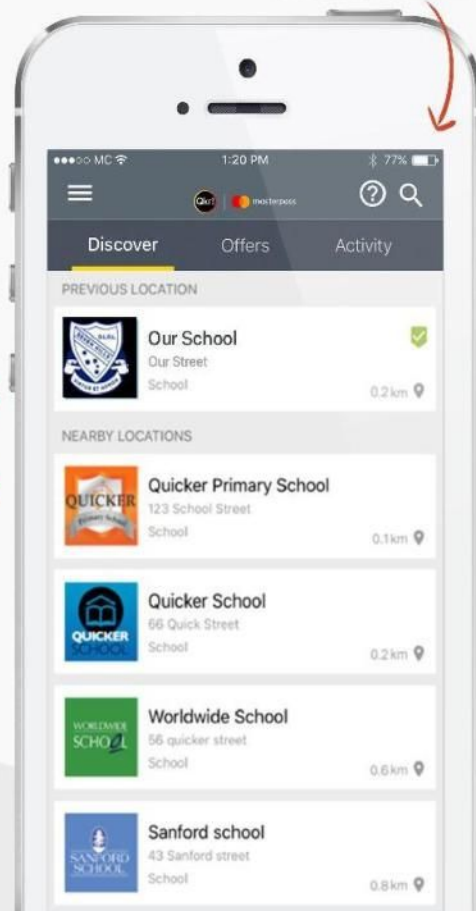
Step 4 Register your children

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

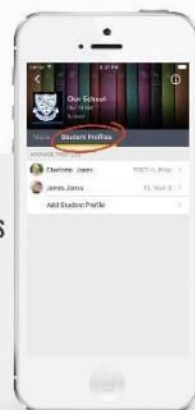
Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles

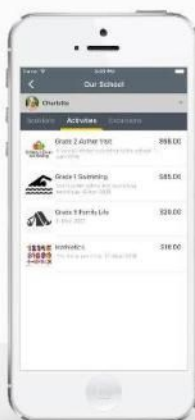


Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



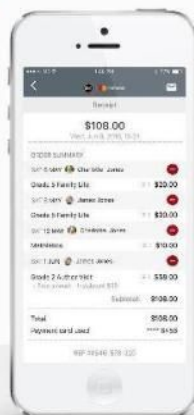
Select your items



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.



Congratulations to Term 1 Weeks 7 & 8 Gold Award Winners:

Kinder Evie Wright, Gabriel Garas

Year 1 Elisabeth Reardon, Olive Jaca

Year 2 Charbel Abou Yaghi, April Shao

Year 3 Avleen Singh, Jot Minhas

Year 4 Dylan Cortis, Arya Patel

Year 5 Clarisse Tuanqui, Chloe Attard

Year 6 Jaylene Bong, Cassandra Laus

School FEES

Term 1 fees are due TODAY. Thankyou to our families that have already paid this terms fees.

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.

**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.

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

