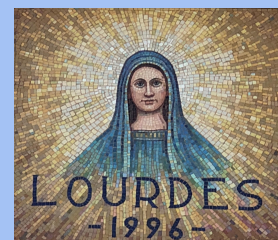




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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2, 2020.

21st OCTOBER, 2020

FUTURE DATES

**FRIDAY, 23RD
OCTOBER**

**BOOK WEEK
CELEBRATIONS
STUDENTS ONLY -
COME DRESSED
AS YOUR
FAVOURITE
CHARACTER,
THEME THIS YEAR**

***"Curious
Creatures,
Wild Minds"***

**Last Day of
School Year for
students
Wednesday
16th December
2020**

Principal's Message

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,



Welcome back to all our families and staff. I can tell from the children that they enjoyed the break and the opportunity to spend time with their families. The children are refreshed and ready to learn.

This term with some easing of restrictions we hope to be able to engage with some of our usual activities during the term albeit adapted to ensure COVID19 safe plans.

This Friday we will have Book Week activities including an opportunity for the children to dress as their favourite character, vote on their favourite shortlisted book for 2020 and have the opportunity to participate in an activity related to a shortlisted book in their learning spaces.

This Friday OLOL will also celebrate World Teacher's Day, though the official date is October 30. World Teachers' Day is a day to celebrate and be proud. This year, despite major challenges, our teachers have made sure education continues and has reinforced the significant role our teachers play in the lives of our children, families and community. Earlier this year while children were learning at home many of you expressed your gratitude and appreciation for the role of a teacher. I most sincerely thank our teachers for the work that they do and I encourage us all to offer a gesture of gratitude to our teachers. How blessed we are to have teachers at OLOL so committed to the children in their care.

During the next two weeks OLOL will also run an adapted Kindergarten orientation for our newest children and families in our community. This will involve virtual Parent Information meetings for parents of children beginning Kindergarten in 2021. Children will attend an orientation session at OLOL in small groups of 10-12 children. We make these newest and youngest members of our community most welcome.

During the term we will continue to share as much as we can with you via our newsletter, website and facebook page.

**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](#)



Click on the image above to see our new OLOL Seven Hills Facebook Page. Like and Follow!

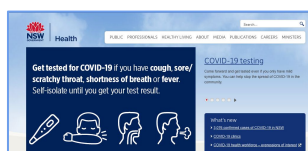


Enrolments for 2021

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.



OVERDUE

Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking

Due to an update in the processes for volunteer undertakings all volunteers are required to complete the new Building Safe Communities form and online training. This is regardless of whether your existing declaration was less than 2 years ago. We do understand that given the restrictions of COVID19 parents are unable to volunteer at present but it is still a great opportunity to make sure your volunteer status is current. Last Term the following item was placed in the newsletter several times. I encourage you to read this and update your volunteer status if you have not already done so. As always we will continue to run Parents as Educators courses at OLOL early in 2021. If COVID19 restrictions are still in place an alternate mode of delivery will be organised.

Dear Parents/Carers

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.

CEDP has launched a new *Building Child Safe Communities* form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete by 30 September 2020.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

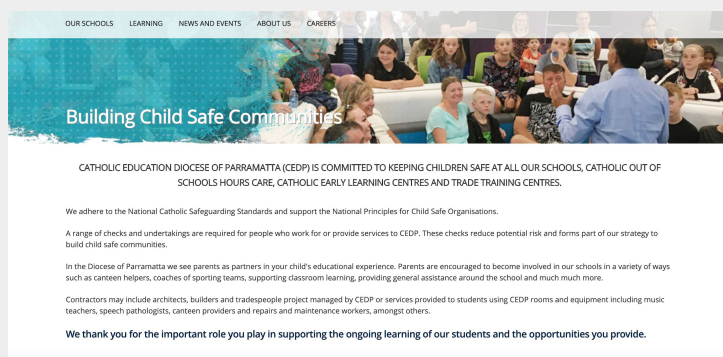
The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au and clicking on *about us/building child safe communities*. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Keiran Byrnes
Principal



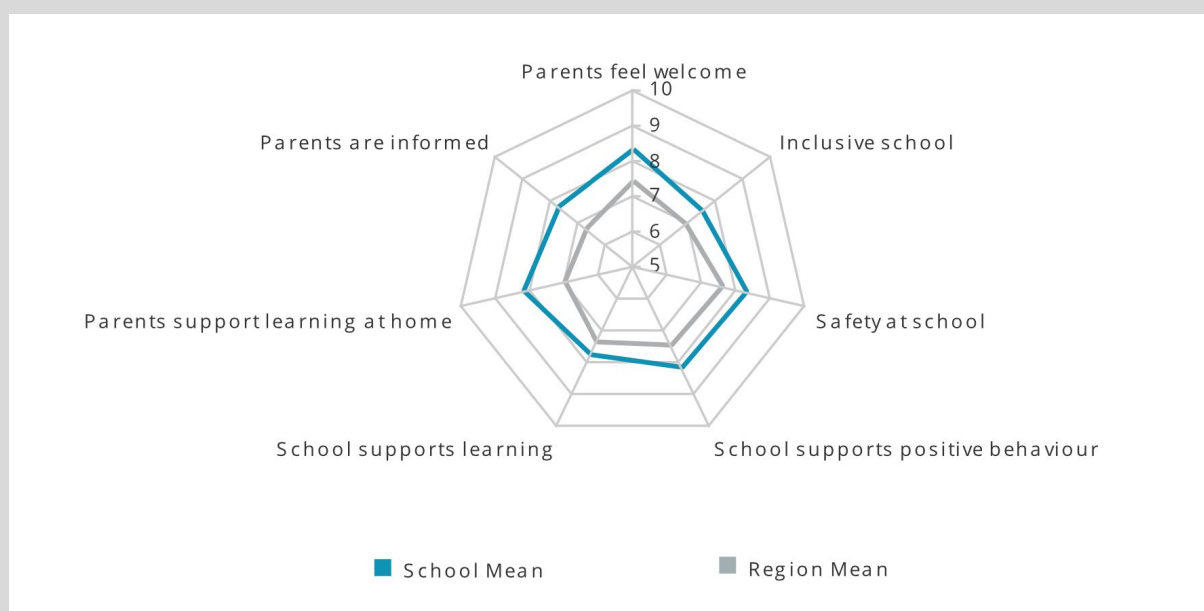
[Video for Contractors and Volunteers to understand the BCSC process](#)

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey



We would like to thank parents (41 respondents), students (Year 4, 5 and 6) and staff for completing the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. We value all our stakeholders within our school community and greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provided 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.

Late last term we received the reports that are generated by the data from students, parents and staff. The feedback overall has been extremely positive and I will take the opportunity to share some of the key aspects of these reports with you over a number of weeks in the school newsletter. Below is a radar chart that provides a summary of the results for the seven aspects of parent perception for Our Lady of Lourdes. The blue line is OLOL. The grey line is the TTFM norm or average. You can see from a quick glance we are above TTFM norms for all seven aspects of perception. Below is a sample of one aspect of parent perception about Our Lady of Lourdes.



Parent Survey

We asked: Do you feel welcome when you visit the school?

You said: You rated feeling welcome at school 8.3 out of 10

We say: Thank you! That is apparently a good score and you rated our school above the norm for the Diocese and within the top 4 ratings across our Diocesan schools. We will continue to try to make parents feel welcome, be approachable and provide clear communication. We know it has been especially difficult for parents in 2020.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SEVEN HILLS

Children to Return to Term 4 in Summer 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 Term 4, 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

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 (laceup/velcro)
- navy broad brim hat or cap with school crest
- navy bag with school crest



Girls and Boys summer uniform
Samples of acceptable school shoes



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

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 sport uniform
Predominately white sandshoes and correct length white socks



Out and About

With the continued positive COVID 19 case numbers in NSW we have seen some easing on restrictions of what we can and can't do in the school environment. Hence, as Ms Byrnes mentioned on the front page, we are now able to have a modified Kindergarten orientation along COVID safe guidelines.

In a similar way we are exploring what may be possible in terms of our Year 6 graduation and disco. Once again any celebration would need to be conducted following COVID safe guidelines. We are mindful that Year 6 have been unable to participate in many of the normal activities that are part of their last year of primary school and want to ensure that this milestone is marked in some way.

In a normal year the Year 6 students and parents would have engaged in a number of fundraising activities to help cover the cost of the graduation and disco. This has not been possible this year. The OLOL Parent Group has kindly offered the proceeds of lunchtime iceblock sales to be given to Year 6 to help cover the graduation expenses. This is greatly appreciated.

Last Friday we recommenced, iceblock sales, with Year 6 students and a teacher selling the iceblocks to the students. These sales were very popular and while it provided a source of funds for our Year 6 graduation it also provided a treat for our students which they have missed for the majority of the year. Judging by the lines outside of the Creative Arts room and the brisk business that we did it was a popular decision all round.

We will continue to sell iceblocks on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunch time for the remainder of the term. We have also had a donation of Messy Monkeys so we will sell these as well. For both the iceblocks and the Messy Monkeys the cost is \$1.

In coming weeks we will outline, based on Health Department advice, what we believe will be possible to celebrate our Year 6 students completing their final year at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS THIS FRIDAY

We will hold our postponed Book Week celebrations this Friday, October 23rd. The theme this year is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character or perhaps as a curious creature. We will have 2 parades, one for our K- 2 students and another for our 3 - 6 students with a special Readers Theatre performance at both parades. Each class will have a special Book Week activity in their classroom and the book that OLOL voted as their favourite will also be announced. So come along dressed up ready for some fun!!

RE NEWS

On Monday, October 19, all staff participated in professional learning based around the New RE Curriculum. This was facilitated by our Mission Educator Amanda Bentley and Teacher Educator of Contemporary Learning Jo Kirby. We were able to explore the meaning of HOPE and make the connections with the curriculum - as it presents a theology of hope for our young people. The purpose of the curriculum is to empower each young person to discover a meaningful and flourishing life- historical and transcendent.

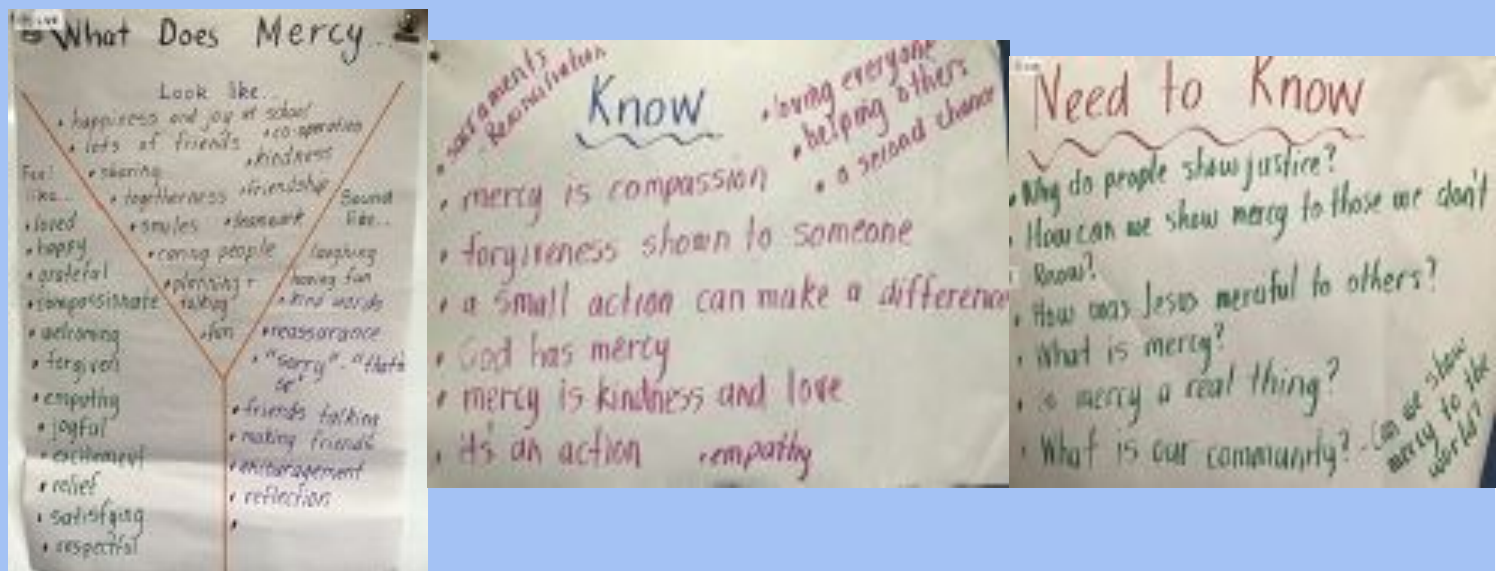
As we explored the concept of HOPE, we unpacked the Beatitudes, which Pope Francis describes as a message of hope for all humanity and also reflected on ways that we can be an instrument of hope at school and for our families. We then spent the rest of the day focussing on instructional strategies to advance student learning. All teachers collaborated to harness high-yield strategies to teach the learning cycle from the New Draft RE Curriculum.

As has been previously communicated, Stage 2 and 3 are implementing the New RE Curriculum this term. The learning cycle for Stage 2 is "How am I Merciful in my Daily Life?" where they will learn about the importance of forgiveness and justice for human flourishing.

So far this term they have started to explore the questions

- What does Mercy look/sound/feel like?
- Why is Mercy important in my community?
- Why did Jesus want us to know about Mercy and forgiveness?

The essential content focuses on Jesus' teachings on forgiveness and mercy. There will be a focus on sacred scriptures relating to the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and how this brings us closer to God. The students will reflect on and explore the role of forgiveness and mercy in their daily life. Below is an example of some of the brainstorming of the knowledge that the Year 3 children shared with their class on mercy. This was an introductory activity that will be reviewed as an assessment to show the new knowledge gained throughout the term.



Stage 3 are learning about the relationship between prayer and Christian discipleship. They have started to explore the questions:

- What is prayer and Why do we pray?
- When do you use formal and informal prayers in your own life?
- Why are there formal and informal prayers?
- How do informal/formal prayers help you in your life?

Janelle Bawden
Religious Education Coordinator

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

2021

Term 1 2021

Wednesday, 27th January	Mathematics Assessment Interviews by appointment Years K - 6
Thursday, 28th January	Mathematics Assessment interviews by appointment Years K -6
Friday, 29th January	<u>Years 1 - 6 classes begin for 2021</u> Kindergarten Mathematics Assessment interviews by appointment.
Monday, 1st February	Kindergarten Mathematics Assessment interviews by appointment
Tuesday, 2nd February	Classes begin for Kindergarten 2021

Please note: [A note detailing how to book your Mathematics appointments will be going home in the coming weeks](#)



Term 4 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. 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.



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

LUNCHTIME ICE BLOCK SALES



Lunch time iceblock sales have now resumed. Iceblocks will be on sale Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Year 6 students, supervised by a teacher, responsible for selling the iceblocks. The cost of the iceblocks is \$1. We also have Messy Monkeys for sale at the same cost. Proceeds from our iceblock sales will go towards the cost of our Year 6 graduation.

HSC STUDENTS

We wish all HSC students the very best as they complete their exams during the coming weeks. You are in our prayers at this special time of your educational journey.

God we ask that our students feel your closeness during the HSC exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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.

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



ARE YOU MOVING?

If your child/children will not be returning to Our Lady of Lourdes in 2021, would you kindly inform the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office.

Notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement of 10 weeks notice will be waived.

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ORDERS DUE DATE: FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2020

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



2021 school travel applications are now open



Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Important Notice

Student Data Validation forms will be sent to primary household contacts via email or SMS next week by CEDP can you please ensure that you complete these forms to ensure we have accurate and reliable information.



CH:es

15/10/2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your interest in the faith and learning of children and young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. I am writing to advise that an updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website.

When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years. For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. This is a work in progress and will take time.

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. We've been surveying our schools about their experiences of trialling aspects of the Draft New Curriculum. As you would expect, we're continuing to make changes based on feedback from clergy, parents, teachers and students.

As a result, you'll notice that this document now includes references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and a new 'insights' section for teachers to use as a resource and guide. A guide to *Understanding the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta* has also been provided on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website to help community members learn more.

We know that it is important to keep our Catholic community updated about this approach that is all about sharing our Catholic faith with the next generation. If you would like to share your thoughts, please contact feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Howe'.

Christine Howe
Relieving Executive Director

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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 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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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.

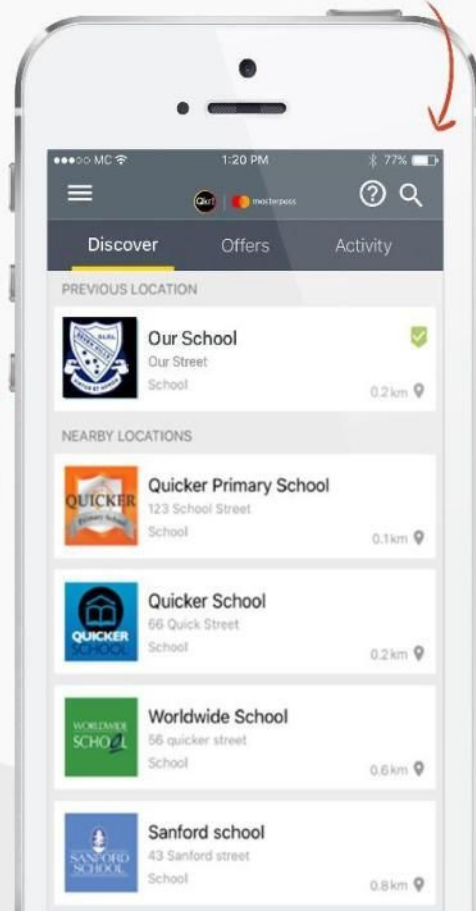
Step 4 Register your children

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

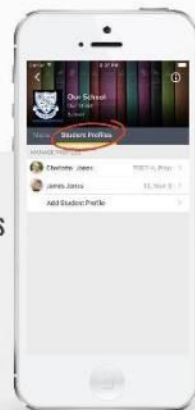
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Add each
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Manage each
child's details in
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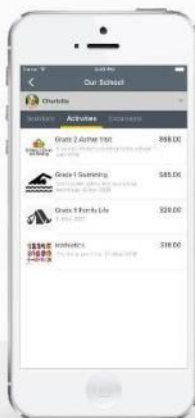


Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



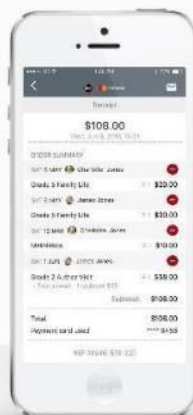
Select your items



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.