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#### Newsletter Term 1 Week 4, 2021.



Friday, 26th February - Years 1 & 2 excursion to Rouse Hill Farm

Monday, 8th March and Wednesday, 10th March Open evenings for kindergarten 2022, bookings are essential, click on the link below to Register Your Interest



<u>Click here to view a</u> <u>360° Virtual Tour of</u> <u>OLOL.</u>





Please visit our <u>school</u> <u>website here</u> for gallery photos, news articles and information. Stay informed: Link to NSW Health

#### **Principal's Message**



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Today, Ash Wednesday, is the start of the season of Lent. This significant season in our church's liturgical year is a time of reflection, penance and prayer as we prepare for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Ash Wednesday, the ashes to remind us that life passes away on earth. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of last year. The ashes are blessed with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him.

At our Ash Wednesday liturgy we were reminded that over the next forty days we are invited to be more loving and generous with our time, talents and material possessions, in pursuit of making a difference in the lives of others. Let us reach out to others in our community and search for that face of Christ in everyone. By doing this we are striving to make a difference in the lives of those we meet each day.

> God Bless, Keiran Byrnes

#### 17th FEBRUARY, 2021

HELPFUL WEBSITE LINKS: Visit our Parent Portal to see recordings of our Monday Assemblies and the wonderful learning that is shared: OLOL Assembly Recordings



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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 2022 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 2022 it is important that you submit your application. For further enquiries contact Beth or Anne in the school office on 8869 6800.

### **Out and About**

This week parents and teachers are meeting so that we get a better understanding of your child and their interests, strengths and challenges. At the same time, you will have an opportunity to get to know your child's teacher a little better.

One way we as teachers create challenging and fun learning activities for your child is through assessment. Teachers work hard to gain an understanding of your child's interests, their strengths and the things that they find challenging.

Assessment is carried out to see what children know, understand and are able to do.

Assessment is very important for tracking progress, planning next steps in their learning, reporting and involving parents. Teachers will assess what your child knows, understands and is able to do within the learning experiences and the outcomes for each task.

Your child's progress is not only based on 'tests' but on the learning that takes place within the classroom and in different settings outside the classroom every day. Evidence of your child's progress and achievements will come from day to day learning and through the things they may write, say, make or do. For example, evidence may emerge as a result of your child taking part in a presentation, discussion, performance or practical investigation. Evidence could also be a drawing, report, or piece of artwork that they have produced. Evidence may be captured as a photograph, video or audio clip as part of a particular learning experience.

It's not only teachers that assess the learning, but the students themselves assess how they are going and what their next steps are through carefully constructed criteria. Students can describe where they are in relation to the criteria, and use that information to select learning strategies to improve their work.

Your child's progress, strengths and needs are assessed as part of day-to-day learning and teaching. Teachers and others do this by, for example, watching and listening to learners carrying out tasks, by looking at what they write or make and by considering how they answer questions. Children will be involved in planning their next steps in learning. From time to time, teachers will assess your child's progress and achievements formally in order to be able to plan ahead and to record and report on progress. This will help to ensure that their progress is on track and that any necessary action is taken to support their learning.

Margaret Ferguson Acting assistant Principal

#### **Catholic Schools Week**

8th March begins Catholic Schools week. In Catholic Schools Week we celebrate the joyful and distinctive character of a distinctive Catholic school. The week is designed to be a celebration for all those who have a stake in our school community, students, staff, parents, families, priests and Parishioners.

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week and to mark the 2021 School Year a Liturgy will be held for students only. Also during Catholic Schools Week, on Monday, 8th March and Wednesday,10th March we will be conducting our Open Day Tours for 2022 Kindergarten families. These evenings commence at 7pm, Bookings are essential, so please register on our website or click on the link below to register and be placed on our email list to stay informed of any updates. <u>Register Your Interest</u>

## **SCHOOL LEADERS 2021**

Congratulations to Mira Sharma and Cameron Fahey who were elected as our School Leaders for 2021.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM AND SPORTS CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted as part of the student leadership team:

Blue colour captains: Isabella Fiorenza, Jasmine Davis

**Red colour captains:** Zachary Osborne and Madeleine Zaait

Green colour captains: Chloe Sibilant, Jacqueline Yates

In 2021 we have invited four Year 6 student leaders as additional members of the student leadership team as we work towards creating diverse opportunities for student leadership at Our Lady Of Lourdes. Aiden Clark, Lucas Laus, Valerie Sulaiman and Audrey Bajada



## **SRC LEADERS**

Congratulations to our SRC leaders for 2021.

Year 3	Edward Zhuang, Kyra Prajapa		
Year 4	Jot Minhas, Geet Gorkhali		

Year 5 Nathan Bayeh, Tia Gupta



All our 2021 student leaders were acknowledged at our **Opening School Liturgy**.

#### **Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking**

Parents as Educators meetings are postponed at present due to restrictions on face to face meetings in schools. We also understand that due to COVID there is very limited opportunity for parents to volunteer at the moment. Nevertheless, we encourage you to read the following information and complete the online training.

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.

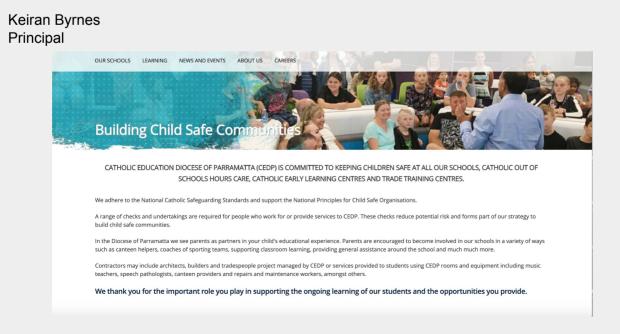
The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

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 <u>www.parra.catholic.edu.au</u> 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.



#### Video for Contractors and Volunteers to understand the BCSC process

## "Meet The Teacher" meetings

We were very excited to begin our "Meet the Teacher" meetings yesterday. It was wonderful to be able to hold these essential parent teacher meetings by appointment, face to face. We noticed lots of excited parents as well.

Thank you for taking the time to share with your child's teacher their strengths and areas for development. When school and home work together it leads to better learning outcomes for the children. Meeting with your child's teacher also lets your child know how much you value their education.



## **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.



Emails Outside School Hours Dear Parents and Carers,



Our Lady of Lourdes recognises that email with your child's teacher.

y to communicate

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

#### NEW DISPLAY CARDS SENT HOME TODAY WITH THE ELDEST CHILD IN EACH FAMILY

We ask that you CLEARLY display your Surname name card. This is to ensure the teachers on duty can see your name in the queue and can organise the children to be ready to go to their family car as quickly as possible.

A suggested option for you would be to display your name card on your passenger visor with either fold back clips or rubber bands as shown below:



## COVID19 HEALTH UPDATE

As per government guidelines please **keep your child at home if they are unwell with cold and flu symptoms** and get them tested, please provide the school with a negative result and ensure your child is symptom free before they return to school. Please refer to NSW Heath and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta for detailed information.



## GOLD, MERIT & FIA AWARDS

Congratulations to students who received Gold Awards and FIA awards in Weeks 3 & 4

Kinder	Zara Hili, Chloe Rodrigues,
Year 1	Tishan Deo, Avleen Kaur, Sabrina, Hakim, Austin Guo
Year 2	Benjamin Spadaro, Jonathan Getahun, Myra Risal, Summer Sindel
Year 3	Joshua Jeganathan, Edward Zhuang, Isaac Abdel-ahad, Raaga YuvarajKiruthiga
Year 4	Luca Madejski, Yana Patel, Christina LaGuidara, Luke Butylewicz
Year 5	Charlotte Byrne, Kara Whybin, Jack Burns, Javiar BouSerhal
Year 6	Audrey Bajada, Pavithra Jeyanthan, Rhys Williams, Piper Sullivan

Kinder	Sebastian Gluvic, Ayaan Mehta, Claire Nguyen, Mary Garas Shivash Nagpal
Year 1	Isabella Cuadros-Botero, Orlando Martinez, Janelle Hoang, Jamie Royal, Ariana Nepal, Harpa Moss, Joshua Coleman, Navdev Nithin, Sashvi Thanugundla, Cody Gonzales, Koushikha Kapuluru, Olivia Bong
Year 2	Matthew Lual, Ihrah Jha, Deon Panakkal, Loritta Li, Harrison Winter, Kiyana Cassiniti, Nataliya Abdel-ahad, Abhinav Vadlamudi
Year 3	Charbel AbouYaghi, Nilisha Uprety, Kyra Prajapati, Sabareesh Srisankaran Tyson Mowbray, Abel Mathew, Oscar King
Year 4	Zahra Hallett, Thomas Cadavid, Levi Dickson, Anita Nguyen, James Liaros Amber Patel
Year 5	Syon Shanker, Rushil George, Sleiman Awkar, Ben Albion, Dylan Cortis, Sophie Shaw, Tia Gupta, Cooper Burns, DeAsia Fatafehi, Tino Kama
Year 6	Pranshu Kumar, Charlotte Lawrence, Dominic Sant, Ashley Tenn, Latai Kama, Mira Sharma, Richard Zhuang, Emily Biziuk



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

KINDERGARTEN	TUESDAY, THURSDAY
YEAR 1	WEDNESDAY
YEAR 2	WEDNESDAY
YEAR 3	WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
YEAR 4	TUESDAY
YEAR 5	<b>TUESDAY &amp; THURSDAY</b>
YEAR 6	<b>TUESDAY &amp; THURSDAY</b>



## **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 2021**

Our School Photo Day for this year will be held on Tuesday, 23rd February. Named photo envelopes were distributed last week accompanied by a note and placed on our Skoolbage app for your information. All parents have the opportunity to choose which photo package, if any, they wish to purchase. Envelopes are to be returned to the school <u>on photo day only</u> as for security reasons we are not able to store them at school.

Sibling photo envelopes are available from the school office, these envelopes can be sent home with your children on request.

Students are to wear their *full school uniform* for photo day *not* their sports uniform. This includes those years that would normally wear their sports uniforms on a Tuesday.

# **RE NEWS** Litany of Our Lady of Lourdos



On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, we honoured Our Lady of Lourdes, a woman of Faith and Mercy, as it marked the official feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Parish and school is named in honour of our patron saint, Our Lady of Lourdes, one of the many titles given to Mary the mother of Jesus. As a whole school, we prayed the litany of Our Lady of Lourdes together, a beautiful way in which we could unite ourselves closer to God and His Church, and allow the Catholic faith to more fully fill our lives.

Here are a few photos of the students reciting the litany in the classrooms, conducted over the school loudspeaker:







## **Opening School Liturgy**

The Opening School Liturgy was celebrated as a whole school in the hall on Friday February 12. It was a beautiful way to begin the new school year linked with the official feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday February 11. Here are a few photos of the celebration.





as **PROJECT COMPASSION** 



This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. The school office will have a Project Compassion box in the foyer for your donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au. We thank you in advance for your support.

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

## Ash Wednesday Liturgy

On Wednesday February 17 we will be celebrating our Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 9:15am in the school hall, which starts the beginning of Lent. Due to current COVID restrictions, we are unable to celebrate as a whole school in the Church and we are unable to invite parents along, however the liturgy will be recorded and available to parents. This way you are able to view the celebration as it is part of our faith journey and development. This will be shared via our School Facebook page.

Lucy Messina (Acting Religious Education Coordinator)



#### STUDENT MEDICATION AT SCHOOL



Just a friendly reminder that all medication needs to be sent to the school office with the original pharmacy label and students name, dosage and time to be taken. Please ensure that all asthma and Anaphylaxis plans and medication are up to date and if necessary attend your GP to update your plans for 2021. Please refer to our <u>Medication Policy</u> 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



#### 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.



#### 2021 Changes to Family Levy

We advise that your school fee statement may look a little different next year. You will notice that the Resource Fee has increased and there is no longer a Family Levy as the Family Levy and Resource Fee have merged. In the majority of cases this has little or no impact. For families with 3 or more students there will be a slight increase in the combination of these fees. For 2021 there will be no increase in diocesan tuition fees or the building levy and therefore you will find that the total school fees increase is within the bounds of normal annual increases. Contact the school office if you require any further information.



## **Water Bottles**

Reminder to all parents to continue to send their children to school with water bottles in 2021. 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

## Our Lady of Lourdes 2021 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 continuing to use 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:

https://forms.gle/M7CZtLhoYZmDPLSw7

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.

*This form is now overdue.* Thank you to the families who have completed the form. Should you require assistance or a device to complete the form on, please contact Mrs Willemse.

Clare Willemse LTST- Learning Technology Support Teacher

### **ONLINE UNIFORM ORDERS CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE**

### PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE WILL BE <u>NO TRY-ONS</u> 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!

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

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. <u>Please email all swaps</u> to elle@ozfashions.com.au

<u>Please note that Oz Fashions warehouse in Granville DOES NOT sell the Our Lady</u> <u>of Lourdes Uniform.</u>

If you have any other concerns please email Elle <u>elle@ozfashions.com.au</u> or call 0421 216 414.

Yours sincerely Oz Fashions

## The SkoolBag - Single App Instructions for Parents

The SkoolBag "Single App" enables users to add multiple schools to one app and is frequently updated with bug fixes and improvements. It's the most reliable way to keep your community informed with SkoolBag.

#### Download Instructions For Apple Users

- 1. From your iPhone/iPad, open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag" or follow this link
- 2. Download the free SkoolBag app
- 3. Open the app, and add your school and you're ready to go!

#### For Google Android Users

- 1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
- 2. Open the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag" or follow this link
- 3. Download the free SkoolBag app
- 4. Open the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!





#### **REMINDER SCHOOL UNIFORMS for 2021**

Due to Covid-19 there will be no uniform fittings for students. Orders are to be placed on the 'QKR' app by Mastercard.

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

Please note: The first delivery of 2021 will be Thursday 28th January 2021.

A friendly reminder that all orders are to be placed on the QKR app by MasterCard. Please follow the instructions below.

While Ozfashions do not refund an exchange can be made with 14 days if the sizing is incorrect. Returned merchandise MUST be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase. Worn items can not be exchanged.

### PLEASE NOTE: OZ FASHIONS GRANVILLE DOES NOT SELL YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IN STORE.

Any concerns please email elle@ozfashions.com.au





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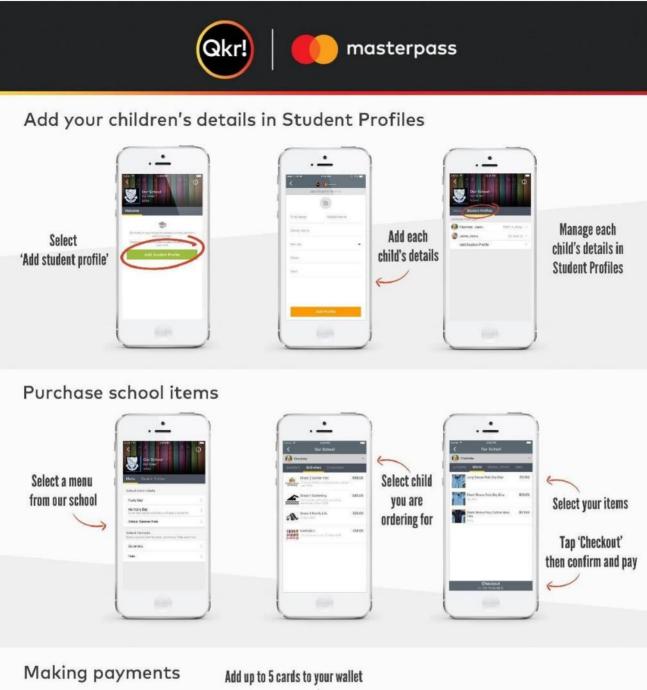


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At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

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



## NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP



Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

This online workshop is for parents, fulltime carers and grandparents. Join other families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school





For more information and to register, visit <u>www.positivepartnerships.com.au</u> or contact Alison Macrae <u>amacrae@autismspectrum.org.au</u>





# **Open Day** Sunday 7th March 2021

10.00AM - 2.00PM

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