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Newsletter Term 1 Week 8, 2021.

17th MARCH, 2021

FUTURE DATES

Friday, 26th March OLOL Cross Country - Parents Welcome

Thursday, 1st April
- Last day of
Term 1
Hot Cross Bun
Meal Deal

Monday 19th April, 2021 First Day of Term 2



Click here to view a 360° Virtual Tour of OLOL.



Stay informed: Link to NSW Health

Principal's Message

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Dear Parents, Lent is now fully underway. Students have been exploring how they can 'Be More' working to end poverty and injustice through Project Compassion. In addition, Pope Francis has some sage advice for Lent...

POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Please encourage your child to participate fully in our Project Compassion Day this Friday 19th March.

> God Bless, Keiran Byrnes

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.

If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2022 encourage them to submit their enrolment application. We have limited spaces available in 2021. 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.





Staffing Update

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Silvia Nichol's last day of teaching will be Thursday 1st April, 2021 which is the end of Term 1. She will be commencing Maternity Leave on Monday 19th April till the end of the year.

I am pleased to announce that commencing 19th April, Miss Chloe Douglas will be teaching Year 1W for the remainder of the year. We welcome Miss Douglas to OLOL.

We wish Silvia and her husband Scot every blessing as they await the birth of their first child.



Term 1, 2021 Statement of Accounts have now been issued to families.

If you have not received a statement, or wish to discuss a payment arrangement plan, please contact Anne during Office Hours.

During the uncertain time for employment, we are grateful for your financial contributions. We understand that for many families it may be a difficult time and may not be in a position to contribute. Fee relief is available to support families who are experiencing significant financial hardship. 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.

Term 1, 2021 OLOL School Events and Parent Access and Participation

OLOL wishes to update you about some routines and scheduled events for the remainder of this term, especially in light of the recent easing of restrictions with the latest advice from NSW Health and Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta. Our Lady of Lourdes can welcome parents back in a COVID-safe way.

Please note the following:

NSW Services App and QR code

All parents visiting the school site for meetings, volunteering or school events will be required to sign in using the NSW Services App and QR code. These QR codes will be located in the school office, on the school gates and various locations in the school.

Student Entry to School

Parents and carers are asked to continue to physically distance from one another and from staff during school pick-up and drop-off.

Morning Procedures

- Enter via Kiss and Drop encourage independence of your child to open their own car door and exit the car with their bag.
- Park outside the school grounds and walk your child to the school gate. (For safety reasons no parking in the car park)
- Parents may enter the school grounds with their child but must sign in using the NSW Services QR code. Parents must exit grounds **before** the second bell so that the site can be secured and lessons can begin punctually at 8:40am

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Afternoon Procedures

Park and collect

- 2:50pm normal dismissal time. (We encourage parents to stagger their time of arrival between 2:50 and 3:00pm. Supervision concludes at 3:20pm)
- NO kiss and collect
- Park either in the car park or in surrounding streets
- Students will assemble in the Covered Outdoor Learning Area
- Parents to walk in the main gate and follow the keep left signs as you move towards the Covered Outdoor Learning Area
- Parents please continue to bring your name tag so that children can be called quickly to meet you
- Exit via the main gate
- Parents are still required to maintain social distancing at all times.

Grantham Road Bus and Walkers

• Same process where a teacher will walk children to the Grantham Road Gate

OOSH

 Same process where children will gather and go to OOSH from within the school grounds

Olive Street

• Same process where a teacher will walk children to the Olive Street gate to catch the bus

Thank you for working with us to establish parents being able to enter the grounds particularly to collect children.

Term 1, 2021 OLOL School Events and Parent Participation (Continued)

Appointments with Teachers

Parents can meet with teachers face to face on the school site. Please make an appointment via the school email or contacting the school office to arrange a mutually agreeable time. Enter via the school office and sign in with the kiosk and the NSW services QR code.

Parent Volunteers and Parents as Educators Course

Parents wishing to volunteer in educational support roles are to complete the online learning module and volunteer undertaking. Face to Face parents as Educators course in 2021 will be postponed. Please see the next page for further details.

When volunteering, enter via the school office and sign in with the kiosk and the NSW services OR code.

Excursions/Incursions

All future excursions and incursions will go ahead unless health advice changes. Requests for parent volunteers will be communicated near to the time of the excursion. When volunteering enter via the school office sign in with the kiosk and the NSW services QR code.

Ice Block Sales

Parent volunteers are needed for ice block sales. When volunteering, enter via the school office and sign in with the kiosk and the NSW services QR code.

Monday Assembly Week 9 - 22 March, 2021

Monday assembly will take place and be recorded and made available to parents. No assembly in Week 10. The hall capacity does not allow for parents to be present. This will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Project Compassion Day -19 March, 2021

This event will take place weather permitting. As in previous years this is a student learning activity only.

OLOL Cross Country -26 March, 2021

This event will take place weather permitting. Given that this is an outdoor event parents are welcome to attend. All parents will be required to use the QR code to sign in. We will now be using the NSW services QR code for all visits to the school. Parents need to adhere to physical distancing requirements of 1.5m, use hand sanitiser upon entry and remain in designated spectator area which will be located at the edge of the playground where there are numerous silver seats available. Parents are encouraged to bring a folding chair, water and hat.

Holy Week Liturgies 29th March - 1st April, 2021

The children will participate in liturgy each day during Holy Week. This will be recorded and shared with parents. The hall capacity does not allow for parents to be present. This will be reviewed on a regular basis for future liturgies.

Hot Cross Bun Meal deal - 1 April, 2021

Parent Volunteers needed. Contact Pat Fiorenza if you can assist. When volunteering, enter via the school office and sign in with the kiosk and the NSW services QR code.

Health Information

Please continue to take a cautious approach to COVID-19. If you or your child have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please get tested and provide the negative test result to the school before returning.

Much consideration has taken place relating to these decisions. It takes time to transition and to continue to adjust processes while still meeting any health requirements. Thank you for your understanding and continued support with this matter.

Keiran Byrnes Principal

Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking

With the easing of restrictions parents will be able to volunteer in educational support roles on site. To expedite opportunities for parents to volunteer, in 2021 only, attending the Parents as Educators course will not be compulsory. However, it is a legal requirement that as a minimum any volunteer must complete the Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module. Please find the relevant information below.

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 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



Out and About

NAPLAN ONLINE

Commencing on the 11th of May this year all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 in NSW schools will complete NAPLAN Online. Last year in 2020 NAPLAN did not occur due to COVID19. In 2019 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.

A fact sheet produced by NESA is included in this newsletter below. A link to an ACARA fact sheet is also provided below along with the link to the NAPLAN Online public demonstration site.

These resources provides extensive information around NAPLAN Online -

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. Margaret Ferguson - NAPLAN Coordinator



Premiers Reading Challenge

As a school we are once again participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Logon details for all students including our Kindergarten students will be sent home before the end of term.

Margaret Ferguson

NAPLAN Online – Information for parents and carers

What is NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Students participate in NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN provides an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. The tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools and education authorities with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Moving to NAPLAN Online

Schools in all states and territories are moving from paper tests to online tests. It is expected that all NSW schools will transition to NAPLAN Online by 2022. The move to NAPLAN Online brings new benefits for teachers and students.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

More precise results with an adaptive design: Tailored tests adapt to a student's performance and ask questions that match the student's achievement levels.

Better engagement: Research into online assessment indicates that students engage well with online tests as the questions are tailored to their achievement levels.

Tailored testing

Tailored testing provides a more precise assessment of students' performance. Students at each year level start with a similar set of questions. Depending on the number of questions they answered correctly, the next set of questions may be more, or less, difficult.

A student's NAPLAN result is based on both the number and difficulty of questions the student answers correctly. A student who completes a more difficult set of questions is more likely to achieve a higher score.

Watch a video (3:06 length) to learn more about tailored testing – https://youtu.be/oGFseJAM3Ew

Supporting your child

The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day.

Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended.

Students can use the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the tools and type of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online – https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

Students' digital skills

The digital skills required to complete NAPLAN Online are skills that students use in everyday classroom activities.

Students do not need to be able to touch type to complete the test. The online test is not about keyboard skills (just as the paper test is not about handwriting skills).

Withdrawals and exemptions

You can withdraw your child from NAPLAN tests.

A student may be granted a formal exemption if they have:

- a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the tests, or
- recently arrived in Australia and have a non-English speaking background.

Contact your child's school for further information and to complete the parent/carer consent form.

Practice tests

NSW schools participating in NAPLAN Online will participate in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April 2021.

The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability.

Participation in the practice tests is highly beneficial as it allows schools and students to become familiar with the online assessment platform tools and processes.

NAPLAN Online 2021 test window

Practice test window: 22 March – 1 April

NAPLAN Online test window: 11 – 21 May

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is nine days instead of the three days provided for the paper test. This is to give schools flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

What if my child was absent on the day of a scheduled test?

Where possible, schools may arrange catch-up tests for individual students who were absent on the day of a scheduled NAPLAN Online test.

Catch-up tests are not permitted after Friday 21 May 2021.

COVID-19 advice

Parents should keep students at home if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms and monitor NSW Health advice on COVID-19 case locations across the state. For more information, visit https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19.

Your child's school will be required to conduct NAPLAN testing in accordance with the latest NSW Government COVID-19 advice.

Year 3 writing test

The Year 3 writing test is conducted on paper at schools participating in NAPLAN Online. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests will be online tests.

Privacy

NESA is responsible for the collection of personal information from NSW schools to be used during NAPLAN testing and reporting.

All data collection for NAPLAN is managed in accordance with NSW and Federal privacy legislation described in NESA's privacy management plan, which can be found on the NESA website:

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/who-we-are/privacy/naplan-privacy

Results

Parents receive two reports showing their child's achievements in NAPLAN; the individual student report (ISR) and additional student report (ASR). The ISR and ASR should always be interpreted with care. Teachers will have the best insight into a child's educational progress.

Reports are usually dispatched to schools towards the end of Term 3. Schools then distribute the reports to parents.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.



NSW Education Standards Authority NAPLAN team

Phone: 1300 119 556 or 02 9367 8382 Ema

Email: naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.edu.au

Click on the links below to see the latest photos on our school website Gallery:



2021 Catholic Schools

Week Classroom

Activities



2021 Catholic Schools
Week Liturgy



2021 Diocesan Swimming Carnival



2021 Stage 1 Rouse Hill Farm Excursion

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS LUNCH TIME SALES AT SCHOOL

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.



Ice Block sales continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, zooper doopers are sold for \$1.



Water Bottles

Reminder to all parents to continue 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

PROJECT Compassion Day SPONSORSHIP



Each year, we hold a fundraiser for Project Compassion at our school. This is to support thousands of people around the world who need to cover many kilometres to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market, or simply to survive.

This year we will be participating in Caritas Ks. This is an opportunity to fundraise and educate our students with the aim of inspiring them to "be more" for the poorest in our world.

This **Friday 19th March**, **Week 8**, the children will be participating in an obstacle course where they will complete specific activities. They will either make a toy out of natural materials, walk, run, balance, carry a load or climb. They will be able to wear their sports uniform on this day. This will be set up as a fundraiser for Project Compassion where the students will take home a sponsor card and gain sponsors for the event. The students will be asked to collect a specific donation for participating in the event. A sponsorship card was sent home with the students this week and they will be asked to gain sponsorship from family, neighbours and friends.

Please support your child by assisting them with their sponsor card that went home on Monday this week. They are to collect money from as many family members, neighbours and friends as they can who are willing to sponsor them for the obstacle course event. All sponsor cards need to be returned, with or without donations, *no later than Friday 26th March* as the money raised will be sent to Project Compassion to support those in need. Your support is greatly appreciated.

To prepare your child for this special day, you might like to watch the videos from the <u>Project Compassion site</u>. Please explain the significance of walking and running and the challenges that these people face and the relief that we might be able to bring to them through our efforts. You could also explore and make reference to the scripture passage "The Widow's Offering" (Mark 12:41-44) where *'all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she (the widow) out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'*

Lucy Messina (Acting Religious Education Coordinator)

RE NEWS HOLY WEEK AT OLOL



This year, we will be celebrating Holy Week with one event each morning to start the day in Week 10. The following timetable will be followed:

Monday 8:50am - Year 1 - Passion Sunday

Tuesday 8:50am - Year 2 - Holy Thursday

Wednesday 8:50am - Year 6 - The Garden of Gethsemane

Thursday 8:50am - Year 6 - The Stations of the Cross

Each reflection will be between 20 mins - 45 mins in total, depending on the grade and reflection. Parents are encouraged to reflect on the events of Holy Week with their families by viewing the following website:

https://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/explore/paschal-mystery/

Lucy Messina (Acting Religious Education Coordinator)

SPORT NEWS

Diocesan swimming carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Our Lady of Lourdes at the Parramatta Diocesan swimming carnival last Tuesday the 9th of March. All of the students did an outstanding job on the day, not only demonstrating amazing swimming ability but had a great sporting attitude as well.

The students who represented our school on the day were: Cameron Fahey, Javiar Bou Serhal, Ada Feliciak, Tahlia Herczeg Christina LaGuidara, Lucas Laus, Maanvi Nimmagadda, Amber Patel, Ziva Suraythyo, Alexander Spadaro, Jacqueline Yates and Madeline Zaait.

A special congratulations to Cameron Fahey who won the Senior boys age champion as well as Ziva Suryathyo who won the senior girls age champion. Both Ziva and Cameron will now compete at the MacKillop SWCPS swimming championships held next Monday the 22nd of March at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre. We wish them all the best.







Congratulations to students who received Gold Awards and FIA awards in Weeks 7 and 8

Kinder	Amaya Chand, Jaxon Blackshaw, Emilia Bogicevic
Year 1	Eylem Semerci, Harpa Moss, Sophia Hlentzos
Year 2	Evie Massey, Joshua Blackshaw, Peyton Lanfranca, Aya Mahendrarajah
Year 3	Kyra Prajapati, Jeremiah Khattar, April Shao
Year 4	Charlotte Sibilant, Charlotte Martin, Pearl Grover
Year 5	Harry Sultana, Kristena Azrag, Danielle Katafono
Year 6	Madeleine Zaait, Georgia Andrew, Mayanna Watts

Congratulations to students who received Merit Awards in Weeks 7 & 8:

Kinder	George Joannou, Aisha Khandokar, Shivang Ballupet Prasad, Shannon Adhikari, Nivani Vithange, Matthew Stevens, Audrey Walter, Nila Sriram
Year 1	Lily Whybin, Christian Hallett, Liam Thapa, Anumeha Antony, Sunshine Insan, Raadira Pangwani, Miya Gurung, Jeremy Davis
Year 2	Lourdes Sadipoor, Mridun Arun, Aaliya Moussa, Lillian Chebat
Year 3	Raksha YuvarajKiruthiga, Lachlan Somauroo, Anish Parasnis, Hayley Greentree-Davis
Year 4	Johnathan Sant, Ivy Guo, Prajay Pokharel, Abhinav Kadari, Nathan Smith
Year 5	Lucas Albion, Ada Feliciak, Aaron Shrestha, DJ Leota
Year 6	Andre Roy, Valerie Sulaiman, Kathryn Andrew, Nivriti Padamati

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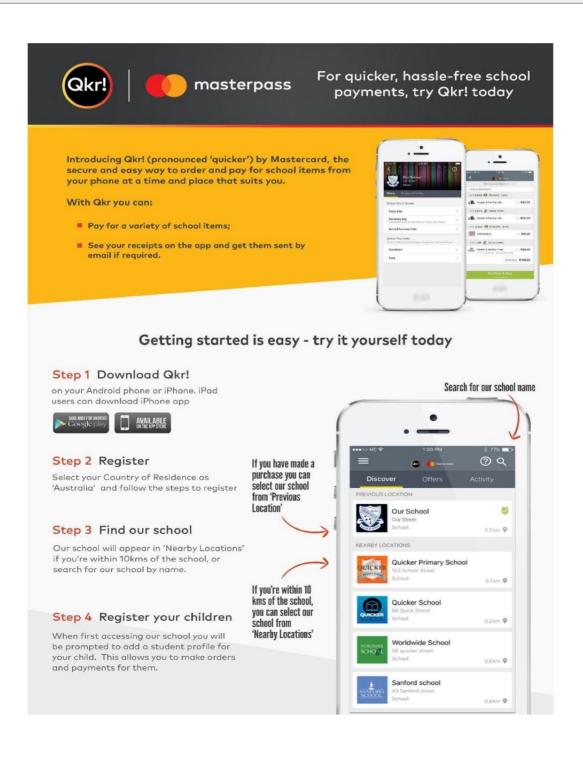
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UNIFORM ORDERS

Please remember to order your winter uniforms as students will be changing over to winter uniforms in Term 2. There will be a transitional period depending on the weather.

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

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





Add your children's details in Student Profiles





Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items











Select your items

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

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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.

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
- Download the free SkoolBag app
- Open the app, and add your school and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users

- 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
- Download the free SkoolBag app
- Open the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

