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# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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**Term 3**

**Week 7**

**31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016**

## **FUTURE DATES...**

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:40am Fathers' Day

Breakfast

8:40am Open

Classrooms

9:15am Fathers' Day

Mass

#### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Maths Parent info night

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

OLOLathon

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Staff Development Day

No Students at School

## **NOTES SENT HOME**

### **MONDAY**

- Year 6 Parent Helpers for sausage sizzle
- OLOL Parent Group meeting agenda

## **NOTES SENT HOME**

### **Today**

- Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2, Responsible Pet Education Program

Respect  
Responsibility  
Readiness to  
Learn

*Dear Parents,*

*Going home with the Newsletter is a very important letter from Greg Whitby the Director of Education of the Parramatta Diocese regarding the future leadership of our school.*

*When you read it you will know that I have been appointed as the Principal of St Joseph's School Schofields from Term 4 of this year. I am very sad to be leaving this beautiful community. I will miss greatly all the children, staff and parents. What teamwork we have had! I am also sad to be leaving the parish. This parish is a true treasure for young and old under the wise and gentle leadership of Father Henry.*

*You may know that Principals are employed by the diocese rather than the school which means that they may be moved from their school when the need arises at another school. This school is in the fortunate position of having a very strong leadership team. The wonderful Mrs Cividin will be Acting Principal for Term 4. This means that the day to day operation of school and more importantly the warm and caring ethos of our school will continue. Mrs Cividin and I have built our leadership together as we were both appointed together and this will, I'm certain, make a smooth transition for the children, teachers and parents.*

*Kind regards,*

**Lesley Studans**

## **GOLD AWARDS**

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	<b>Kara</b>
Year 1	<b>Ivy</b>
Year 2	<b>Naveen</b>
Year 3	<b>Thomas</b>
Year 4	<b>Sophie</b>
Year 5	<b>Seth</b>
Year 6	<b>Savtej</b>



## **OLOLathon Update**

Just over a week to go to our OLOLathon! Children should now be collecting sponsors. Next week they can begin bringing in sponsorship cards with sponsorship pledges for the day, so that pledges can be tallied. **No money is needed until after the OLOLathon.**

Details of the program for the day will be sent home next Monday. The day will go ahead whether it is wet or dry as we have a wet weather plan in place.

## **AWARDS**

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at our Bookweek Assembly:



KB	<b>De Asia, Ravindhu, Mark, Dylan</b>
KW	<b>Charlotte, Jamie, Ashton, Isley</b>
1B	<b>Madeleine, Jane, Aaron</b>
1W	<b>Haylee, Rhys, Demi</b>
2B	<b>Liv, Phoenix, Rhea Xavier</b>
2W	<b>Alex, Wyatt, Nikita, Lewis</b>
3B	<b>Zak, Alyssa, Deng, Haisam</b>
3W	<b>Sean, Thomas, Jessie, Makayla</b>
4B	<b>Alexander, Arzaan, Joye-Marie, Sienna Rose</b>
4W	<b>Aliana, Joshua, Elijah</b>
5B	<b>Jessica, Noah</b>
5W	<b>Alison, James, Rianna</b>
6B	<b>Jaylen, Chloe Wang, Jorjar, Navharsh</b>
6W	<b>Darshleen</b>

### **Fathers' Day Mass and Breakfast**

On Friday September 2nd we will once again be holding our Fathers' Day breakfast followed by our Fathers' Day Mass.



**Breakfast will commence at 7:40. Following breakfast fathers and grandfathers are invited to visit the classrooms and view the learning that is happening in each space. Mass will commence at 9:15. Fathers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass.**

**We look forward to seeing many dads and granddads on Friday.**

### **Meal Deal**

A number of parents have requested a non beef option for the sausage on a roll meal deal. As a result we will offer a chicken sausage option. If you wish to order a chicken sausage please use the order form that was sent home and write "Chicken" clearly on the order. To allow parents time to order the meal deal cut off date has been extended to Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**HELP NEEDED:** *We would like to have an equestrian event as part of our OLOLathon and are hoping that some parents/children may loan us hobby horses for the day. If you have a hobby horse you would be prepared to loan please mark it clearly with your name and drop it in to Kindergarten.*

***If you haven't already sent in a clean and dry empty plastic bottle can you please do so by next Monday as we need one per child for one of our OLOLathon activities.***

## **PARENT GROUP NEWS...**

### **FATHER'S DAY**

#### **Father's Day breakfast**



**Just a reminder that the Father's Day breakfast will be held this Friday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> September with a special Mass dedicated to all fathers at 9.15 in the church.**

### **Parent Group Meeting**

**The next parent group meeting will be held tonight in the library at 7:00 pm. All parents are invited and welcome.**

#### **Visitor/Parent Helper Sign In**

We now have an electronic Visitor/Parent Helper sign in device at the front office which requires any Visitor/Parent Helper to login in and acknowledge our security/safety procedures. You will then be able to print out a Visitor/Parent Helper pass which is to be worn whilst on the school grounds.

Please allow a couple of minutes for you to login the first time.

## Netball Gala Day 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Well done to all the girls who participated in the St Nicholas Netball Gala day, all the girls showed wonderful sportsmanship. Leah, Taliah, Isabella, Macy, Jorjar, Savtej, Sasha, Mikayla, Kitty, Abbie, Karen, Sanmeet, Sophie, Madeline, Chelsea, Kondaliza, Tanisha, Zarah, Makayla, Alysse, Irene, Mia, Mary-Rose Charlize, Florencia, Teeana, Brianna,

A big Thank You to all the parents that attended, helped out with the coaching, managing and transporting students.

### School Fees

Term 3 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.

If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Monique Kearins on 9622 7216.

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 made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.

### Year 6 Market Day - Advanced notice

Following on from our hugely successful Market Day last year, Year 6 will again be running a Market Day on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>.

On the day the Year 6 students will set up stalls with a variety of goods or activities to sell to the students in the rest of the school at both recess and lunchtime.

The Year 6 students will make or organise the items to be sold and will set up and man the stalls on the day. All proceeds raised will go towards the Stage 3 Graduation disco at the end of the year. More details to follow.

## **RE NEWS**

**This week, our returning teacher pilgrims reflect on their World Youth Day experiences...**



### **Miss Musgrave on The Philippines...**

**I feel exceptionally blessed that I was able to attend World Youth Day and participate in a mission encounter at Tawala Elementary School in Bohol Island, Philippines. As a small group of pilgrims we spent our days painting, teaching and developing a lasting relationship with the teachers and students of the school. Together we were able to learn from each other through sharing songs and games at lunch times, to working alongside the teachers within classrooms. A particular highlight for me was joining kindergarten for story time and helping the parents feed the children.**

### **Miss Mercado on the footsteps of St. Pope John Paul 11...**

**I had the privilege of attending World Youth Day as a small group leader on pilgrimage in the footsteps of St John Paul 11. As a group of young adults, we visited and experienced the places and holy sites that were of significance to the late Pope, including his hometown Wadowice. Poland was a fitting place for World Youth Day as we witnessed their devotion to the faith and to Mary our Mother. I was able to gain a deeper understanding of praying to our Lady and build a stronger connection to the faith.**

### **Miss Bentley on World Youth Day week...**

**The Word Youth Day week in Poland itself was an incredible experience. For me, this week was a celebration of my faith as a member of the universal church and of my culture as a Pole. We listened eagerly to the catechesis provided by various Cardinals from all over the world, participated in the praise and worship of Christ with millions of fellow pilgrims and were inspired by Pope Francis in his homilies, each of which addressed living in the Year of Mercy. I will never forget the silence, reverence and peace that was present on the evening of the vigil with Pope Francis as two million people knelt down in adoration for the Blessed Sacrament. Yours in faith**

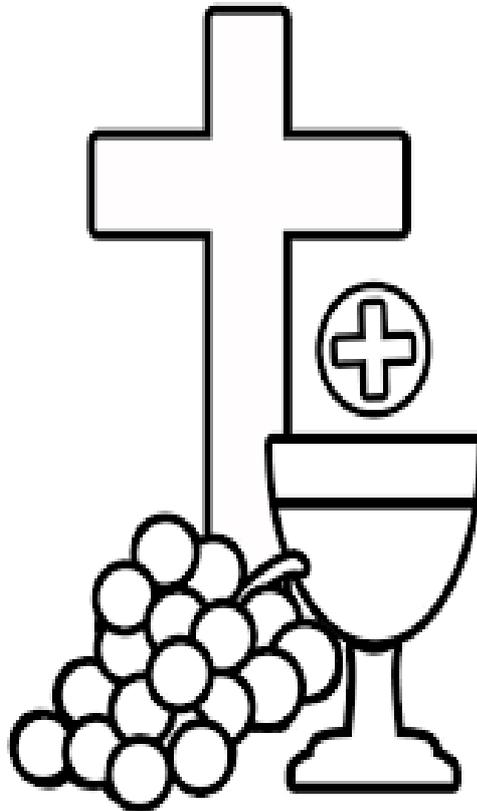
**Amanda Bentley  
(Religious Education Coordinator)**

# *FIRST HOLY COMMUNION*

*In the coming weeks, the following students in our school community will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time.*

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Chloe  
Lucas  
Juan  
Samuel  
Jessica  
Izabella  
Makayla  
Liam  
Thomas  
Doriana  
Mary Rose  
Melvin  
Connor  
Alyssa  
Callam  
Riley  
Jessica  
Gianni  
Isaac  
Chloe  
Nicholas  
Zarah



## **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Matthew  
Charliza  
Zachary  
Kaylee  
Brayson  
Noah  
Teeana  
Sofia Angela  
Catherine  
Alvin Kuriakose  
Mason  
Sean  
Thomas  
Jessie  
Liz  
Florencia  
Rhys  
Alysse  
Brianna

***We ask that you keep these children and their families in your prayers at this special time in their lives.***