



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 1

Week 1

1st February, 2017

FUTURE DATES...

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2nd

8:40am Cheers and
Tears in Library

Wednesday 8th

7:00pm Parent Group
Meeting

Friday 10th

9:15am Opening
School Mass

NO NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Catholic
Outlook

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

It is with great excitement that we commence the 2017 school year. A very special welcome to the children, families and staff who join the OLOL community for the first time. I very much look forward to meeting the children and families of OLOL in the coming weeks and working with you in providing the very best learning opportunities for your children.

A warm welcome to Mrs Janelle Bawden (Acting Religious Education Coordinator), Mrs Melinda Callaghan (Year 5 teacher), Mrs Veronica Brogden (Physical Education teacher), Mrs Cindy Noah (who will be based at OLOL this year doing Reading Recovery) Brian Melocco (School Counsellor) and Antony Hanna (IT trainee). We pray for God's blessing on each of these people and for all our community for the year ahead.

It is delightful to see the children return to school with enthusiasm and ready to embark on new beginnings. The way in which the children have presented themselves reflects the pride they have in themselves in being a member of OLOL Catholic Primary School.

On Friday 10th February we will gather in prayer as a community, to celebrate our feast day and ask God's blessing on us during the year ahead. During our Mass we will welcome our Kindergarten children and all who are new to OLOL. We will also commission our new student leaders. Parents are warmly invited to attend. Our Mass will commence at 9:15am.

In this initial period at OLOL I have been impressed by the spirit that is evident within the school, the pride the children demonstrate in their school and the commitment of staff as they work with parents to improve all aspects of each child's learning. Be assured of the continued commitment of the staff of OLOL in providing a quality Catholic education.

I share with you a blessing for the year ahead.

Every good gift comes from the God of light.

May God grant you grace and every blessing, and keep you safe throughout the coming year.

May God grant you unwavering faith, constant hope, and love that endures to the end.

May God order your days and work, in peace, hear your every prayer, and lead you to ever-lasting life and joy.

May the year ahead bring you many blessings!



God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

Days on which students wear sports uniforms

Grade	Day to where sports uniform
Kindergarten	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday

PARISH SCHOOL FEAST DAY – HELP NEEDED

On Sunday February 12th we will be celebrating our Parish/School Feast Day. This is an opportunity for our Parish and school communities to come together to celebrate Mass commencing at 9:30 followed by a sausage sizzle, face painting and entertainment for the children. To assist with the day we are looking for parents who would be willing to assist with the sausage sizzle. We already have a parent, Andrew Millar, who is coordinating so we are just looking for some willing volunteers to help set up, cook, serve and then clean up afterwards. If you are unable to help for the whole morning perhaps you could volunteer for some of the time e.g the set up. If you are able to assist please complete the form below and return it to the office marked attention Mrs Cividin. Thank you in anticipation.



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I am able to assist with the sausage sizzle on Sunday February 12th following the 9:30 am Mass.

I can assist with:

- setting up
- cooking and serving
- cleaning up

NAME: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

CARPARK

At the beginning of the year it is a good time for a reminder about our carpark rules. As a shared environment it is important that we show care, respect, courtesy and patience when accessing the carpark. Double parking within the carpark either with or without a driver is prohibited. There is usually ample parking in Grantham Road and your children will be cared for by staff if you are not here precisely when the bell goes in the afternoon. In the morning there is no access to the bottom carpark after 8:10am. This is for safety reasons and there are no exceptions. We ask that anyone dropping children to school is made aware of this rule including mums, dads, siblings and grandparents. The Kiss and Drop zone operates outside the hall each morning ensuring a safe and smooth drop off. This is supervised each morning by a member of the leadership team. To ensure a smooth flow parents are asked not to get out of the car to farewell their children and children are encouraged to be ready to alight when the car stops. There are two drop off spaces in the Kiss and Drop zone and parents are asked to make sure that they utilise both spaces. Carers not following the carpark guidelines will be approached by staff to remind them of the expectations. It is important that we all follow these rules to ensure the children's safety. Thank you in anticipation.



UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS

The uniform appointments for Term 1 2017 are now open. Uniform appointment days are Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. The new code is: **q8ane**



CONTACT NUMBERS

Are your contact numbers during school hours up-to-date? If these have changed recently, could you please let the office know either in writing or by email.



NUT FREE POLICY

A reminder that OLOL is a nut free school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate nut spreads such as Nutella and nuts as snacks. As we have a number of children with life threatening food allergies we also have a policy of not sharing food with friends. Thank you for supporting all within our school community.

CONGRATULATIONS CHLOE!!

Last year we learned that Chloe in 6W had been cast in the Packemin Youth Production of Cats. We have it on good authority that she did an amazing job – she certainly looks the part! Well done Chloe!



OLOL PARENT GROUP

Welcome back and to the new families, welcome to OLOL. The parent group is looking forward to another great year, and we hope to see lots of you helping at our various events.



LUNCHTIME SALES

Lunchtime sales have started, with Ice-blocks on sale on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays all for \$1 each. If you are able to help out on any of these days, please contact any of the Parent Group committee members.



CHEERS AND TEARS

2017 Cheers & Tears morning tea will be held tomorrow (Thursday 2nd February) after morning drop off in the school hall. Any Year 1 parents able to assist with donations of morning tea items or assisting with setting up, serving and packing up on the day, your help would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming 2017 Kindergarten parents on this morning.



MEETING

Our first Parent Group meeting will be held next Wednesday, 8th February, at 7pm in the school library. If you have any items you would like to discuss, please email Karen Dalmati on thedalmatis3@gmail.com

Out and About



Our new school year has begun smoothly. Today was a special day as we welcomed our new Kindergarten students into our community. It is always exciting to see these students and their parents as they begin their time at OLOL. This year is a year of change for us at OLOL. As well as some staff changes, we have a couple of procedural changes as well. This year we are changing the structure of our RFF – that is the time the classroom teacher is released from face to face teaching to prepare and plan for classroom instruction. Previously our RFF was made up of Music and Library with the children in Kindergarten and Year 1 having a half hour music and library lesson each week while Years 2 – 6 had an hour music and library lessons on alternate weeks. That is one week they would have Library the next week they would have Music. An additional half an hour of release a week was given by other teachers across the school. This year we have decided to consolidate our RFF into an hour and a half session each week split between Creative Arts (incorporating Music/Drama and Dance) and PDHPE. To facilitate this Mrs Willemse will take classes for Creative Arts and we have employed a specialist PE teacher, Mrs Veronica Brogden, to take classes for PDHPE. Depending upon class timetables it may be that your child will be required to wear their sports uniform twice within the week. The days on which your child is required to wear their sports uniform are shown elsewhere in this newsletter. We believe that this new structure will allow us to provide more specialised instruction in the areas of Creative Arts and PDHPE and at the same time minimise class disruption. Another change is the introduction of a school jumper. This is in response to parent requests. Please note that the jumper is an *optional* part of the school uniform. Due to its cost it can be purchased on an order and pay basis only and orders will only be placed *once* in each school year. A detailed letter will be sent home next week detailing the procedure in relation to purchasing the new jumper.

Once again I look forward to working with you all throughout 2017.

***Carol Cividin
Assistant Principal***

TERM 1 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Jan Week 1	23 rd SCHOOL CLOSED	24 th SCHOOL CLOSED	25 th SCHOOL CLOSED	26 th SCHOOL CLOSED Australia Day 	27 th MAI INTERVIEWS	28 th / 29 th Enrolment Mass for Sacramental Program
Jan/Feb Week 2 MAI	30 th MAI INTERVIEWS	31 st MAI INTERVIEWS KINDERGARTEN Year 1-6 start	1 st Kindergarten Commence Whole Day 6:30pm Sacramental Baptism 1 st Meeting	2 nd Cheers and Tears in the Library	3 rd	4 th /5 th
Feb Week 3	6 th	7 th	8 th 6:30pm Sacramental Baptism 2 nd Meeting 7:00pm Parent Group Meeting	9 th	10 th 9:15am Opening School Mass	11 th /12 th  (Sun 12 th) OLOL Parish Feast Day
Feb Week 4	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th  Zone Swimming Carnival	17 th	18 th /19 th
Feb Week 5	20 th	21 st 3.30pm – 9.00pm Meet the Teacher.	22 nd School Photo Day 6:30pm Parents as Educators	23 rd	24 th Diocesan Swimming Carnival 	25 th /26 th (Sun 26 th) Family Mass
Feb/ March Week 6	27 th	28 th	1 st 9:15am Ash Wednesday Mass	2 nd	3 rd 8:40am Parents as Educators	4 th /5 th
March Week 7	6 th Catholic Schools Week commences 2018 Enrolments Open	7 th	8 th 6:30-7:30pm Reconciliation Meeting 1 – Parents only	9 th	10 th Kindergarten 2018 Open Morning Open classrooms and Catholic Schools Week Mass	11 th /12 th
March Week 8	13 th	14 th	15 th 6:30-7:30pm Reconciliation Meeting 2 – Parents & children 7:00pm Parent Group meeting	16 th	17 th Feast of St Patrick 	18 th /19 th
March Week 9	20 th	21 st Harmony Day	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th /26 th (Sun 26 th) Family Mass
March/A pril Week 10	27 th	28 th	29 th 6:30-7:30pm Reconciliation Meeting 3 – Parents & children	30 th	31 st  OLOL Cross Country	1 st /2 nd
April Week 11	3 rd Liturgies for Holy Week	4 th	5 th Sacrament of First Reconciliation	6 th	7 th LAST DAY TERM 1	8 th /9 th