



Innovative Learning In A Changing
World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 3	Week 10	20th September 2017
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FUTURE DATES...

Tuesday 10th October

- Spring Fair Meeting 7:30 pm
- ES1/ST1 – Auditions for Mission to Busk

Wednesday 11th October

- Stage 3 incursion
- ST2 – Auditions for Mission to Busk

Friday 13th October

- Mission Week Mass – 9:15
- ST3 Auditions for Mission to Busk

Sunday 15th of October

- 1st Holy Communion 11:30 am (group 1)

Monday 16th October

- Swimming Program Begins

Sunday 22nd October

- 1st Holy Communion 11:30 am (group 2)

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- World Mission Day
- Mufti Day for Choc Toss

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

I wish to inform you of construction works that it is anticipated will take place during this school holidays, beginning on the 22nd of September, to rectify the surface of the Church car park at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills. The opportunity to renew the surface came about very recently as a result of negotiations between Fr Henry, the Parish and the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

The essential elements of the scope of works include removing the existing deteriorating surface, works to the exposed sub grade, supply and lay new asphalt surface and complete line marking. It is anticipated that all works will be completed during the holidays to minimize impact on the school. However, as with all construction works some contingency plans need to be in place.

If, for unforeseen reasons such as weather conditions, the work is not complete for the beginning of Term 4 the following alterations will be in place in terms of children being dropped off and picked up from school.

- A temporary Kiss and drop zone will be in place using the car park immediately in front of the school entrance. This will be in place in the morning and afternoon.
- Refer to the map included at the end of the newsletter for the temporary kiss and drop zone. Note that there will be **no right turn from school car park into Grantham Road.**
- In the mornings the Kiss and Drop zone will operate in the same way as it does at present just in the new location.
- In the afternoon rather than gather outside Year 2 students will be taken to the grass area in front of the school. Parents may either park offsite and walk in and collect their child/children **OR** choose to pick up their children by car from the Kiss and Drop Zone. If making this choice parents will be asked to display a sign with their family name in the front windscreen of the car so that staff can identify the car and organise for children to be ready to enter the car and ensure a smooth departure process. All families will be sent home a sign with the family name on it this week to facilitate this process.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO QUEUE IN THE KISS AND DROP ZONE IN THE AFTERNOON AS THIS WILL IMPACT ON TRAFFIC FLOW. IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO PICK UP FROM THE KISS AND DROP ZONE YOU SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CARPARK PRIOR TO 2:55 TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN ARE READY FOR COLLECTION**
- There is to be no car parked at anytime in the kiss and drop zone.
- No parent parking will be available on the OLOL site.
- If you wish to park and walk your child to and from school parents are to park in nearby streets.
- We encourage you to use the Olive Street entrance as well to ease congestion. The Olive Street Gate will be open at 2:30 each day to assist with this.
- Pedestrian access will be via existing footpaths and is marked in green on the included map.
- Fencing will prevent access to the construction site for safety purposes.

The school will communicate towards the end of the school holidays the progress of the works and whether these contingency plans will need to be implemented. This communication will be via the skoolbag app, the school website and the electronic sign at the front of the school. We ask for the patience and cooperation of all families should these contingency plans be needed to allow for an important upgrade of the Parish and School site.

Life is full of good things. At OLOL we have much to be grateful for and as Term 3 draws to a close I reflect on the many blessings God has shared with us as a community. I thank God and am grateful for the goodness in my life and for the opportunity to work as a team with staff, parents and children as we work to show goodness to each other every day.

May the holidays be safe, happy and relaxing.
God Bless

Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to week 9 Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Laura Perkins
Year 1	Ashley Lo
Year 2	Rhys Williams
Year 3	Hailey Case & Brooklyn Buckley
Year 4	Mason Lanfranca
Year 5	Douglas Leota
Year 6	Sophie Fahey

Congratulations to week 10 Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Rubie Daabaul
Year 1	Javiar Bou Serhal
Year 2	Ekaspreet Sohi
Year 3	Lily Maher
Year 4	Zarah Mowbray
Year 5	Ethan Neish
Year 6	Grace Palmiotto



Staff Development Day

Just a reminder that this Friday, 22nd September will be a Staff Development Day. The focus of this day is for the faith formation of staff and will be related to our school goal to strengthen our relationship with God through reflection, discussion and prayer so that we may learn how to become "The Living Body of Christ". As this day will be held at an external site it is important to be aware that no school staff will be onsite on Friday. If you need supervision for your children on this day please contact Tanya at Lourdes OOSH on 9676 7293.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

If you wish to receive a receipt when making a payment we ask that you ensure that the school has the correct email address. Receipts will be emailed to parents/caregivers nominated on the enrolment form. If there have been any changes please notify the office so that student records can be updated accordingly. Please also make sure your current Home/Mobile/Business numbers are up to date as well.

GOFUNDME

As you are aware, 7-year-old Julian, who was a student at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Lalor Park, was killed in the attack in Barcelona. Julian's mother Jom remains in a Barcelona hospital recovering from her serious injuries.

The Cadman family have expressed their deep thanks to the school communities within the Diocese of Parramatta for their compassion, their prayers and their support during this incredibly challenging time. They are well aware that the healing process will be a very long one but have been comforted by the knowledge that our communities will continue to stand in solidarity with them.

There have been many requests for advice on how people can help in a practical way. A GoFundMe site has been set up by a close family friend to provide long-term financial support to the family. The site can be accessed at <https://www.gofundme.com/the-julian-jom-fund>.

Please keep the Cadman family in your prayers.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN



The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has now concluded. To ensure that collected tokens are included in our school total the incomplete or completed sticker sheets **MUST** be returned to school tomorrow as the total needs to be forwarded to Woolworths during the school holidays. We look forward to sharing the resources we have been able to purchase with everyone next term. Thank you to Theresa Sultana who has coordinated the program this year.

Student Disco



Last Friday a large number of our students had a fantastic time at our school disco. It was great to see our students enjoying the dancing, the food and the photo opportunities on the night. A big thank you to the Parent Group for organising the night. Many of the committee spent many hours prior to the evening and after the event to ensure that everything ran smoothly and that the children had an enjoyable experience. It is very much appreciated.

SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to the students who represented the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Athletics Championships on Monday 18th September. We are extremely proud of their achievements and the way they represented Our Lady of Lourdes with great sportsmanship and pride.

Congratulations to Zahra Nohra and Rhys Webster who have made it into the MaKillop team and will compete in the NSWPSA Athletics Championships in October. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the next stage of competition.



UNIFORMS

All uniforms can be purchased from the school uniform shop. Appointments can be made on Tuesday

afternoons and Thursday mornings.

To make an appointment go

to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

code: **vhek4** Alternatively, if you know the sizes required you can complete an order form and return it to the school office with payment. Forms can be downloaded from the school website. Uniforms will be sent home by the end of the week. Please contact Aida Almeida if you require any further assistance. Thankyou.



Summer Uniform

At the beginning of next term students return to school in their summer uniform. The correct summer uniform is shown below. Parents may book in for a uniform appointment using the code shown above. The correct summer uniform is:

GIRLS

Blue check dress with navy piping and tab
Navy ankle socks
Black leather shoes
Navy jacket with school crest
School hat or cap

BOYS

School blue shirt with crest Navy (blockers or aussie style) shorts
Navy jacket with school crest
Navy ankle socks
Black leather shoes School hat or cap

SPORTS UNIFORM

Navy school sports shirt
Navy embroidered school shorts
Navy school trackpants
Navy jacket with school crest
White ankle socks
Predominantly white joggers

School Phone Number

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary new main number is **8869 6800** replacing **9622 7216**, this is a new digital number CEDP has been provided by Telstra. A call redirection will be in place for **18 months**, this will allow time to communicate the new number to the school's wider community and update all marketing material. CEDP have already updated the number on the Our Lady of Lourdes Primary website.

Spring Fair Raffle Tickets



Please return your raffle tickets in order to go into the incentive prize draw. All raffle tickets must be returned by Friday, 27th October, sold or unsold.



Mufti Day for Choc Toss Stall tomorrow

A reminder that tomorrow is a mufti day to support the Choc Toss stall for the Spring Fair. Children are able to wear plain clothes to school and are asked to bring in a block of chocolate to donate to the Spring Fair. A fun way to end the term!



Holy Communion

This term some children and their families from our school have been preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The 'First Holy Communion' group will receive the sacrament on Sunday October 15 and the second group will receive theirs on Sunday October 22 at 11.30am. We ask that you all keep the children who are making their First Eucharist in your prayers as they receive The Body of Christ. May they continue to be disciples of Christ as they spread the Word of God to all those they meet.

It is recognized that not only do families need to take an active role in their children's religious education and preparations, but that parents need to model their faith and religious values to their children. This has a far greater effect than words. The role of the school is to be supportive. The role of the parish is to coordinate a sacramental program and provide necessary resources and faith education within that program. Therefore, the parish, home and school form a partnership in Faith.

WAYS TO GUIDE YOUR CHILDREN TO EXPLORE THEIR FAITH

- Talk to your child about what it means to belong to a Catholic community.
- Listen to your child.
- Encourage questions.
- Take your child to Mass.
- Learn the common prayers.
- Teach your child to pray.
- Take your child to Mass.
- Pray with your child.
- Tell them about the lives of the Saints.
- Take your child to Mass.
- Read stories from the Bible.
- Show your child the ways to live a life of faith and
Take your child to Mass.

SOCCER GALA DAY



Last Friday, 15th of September, 14 boys from Years 3 & 4 represented Our Lady of Lourdes in the annual Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day at the Kingsway. Considering most of them had never played Touch Footy before, they had a wonderful day, winning 4 out of 6 games.

Congratulations to Zak, Noah, Juan, Phoenix, George Gatt, Mason, Alex Layoun, Monu, Tom Pollard, Arnav, Riley, Gianni, Rhys & Deng for your efforts, your skills and your sportsmanship. Thank you for your training too, giving up several lunchtimes a week.



A huge thank you to the parents who were able to make it on the day and support our team. I think that you would agree that the boys made us very proud!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Advanced notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Group will be held on Wednesday, 25th October, at 7pm in the library. All parents and caregivers are welcome and are asked to consider becoming a member of the Parent Group Executive. More information will be sent home in Week 1 of next term.

Wakakirri State Final Wednesday 13th September 2017.



On Wednesday the 13th of September 88 OLOL students represented our school at the NSW Sydney Region Story Award finals for Wakakirri.

We won Best Adapted Story Award for Division 3 schools from our first performance and were invited to perform at the Story Awards night.

The students did an amazing job sharing our story, "Once Upon a Fairy tale", to the audience and did our school proud. As well as our Best Adapted Story Award, we also won best Costume Design Award on the night.

Thank you to all the parents who came to help with hair and make-up, especially Rebecca Clarke for her incredible face-painting skills, which truly brought our characters to life.

It's been an incredible journey over the past 9 months and a wonderful joint community effort. Chookas!

The Wakakirri Team.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Seven Hills

Location: NSW Sydney | Year: 2017 | Division: 3

Teachers Name: Clare Willemsa, Stephanie Musgrava, Elise Geekie, Stephanie Iordanou



Once Upon a Fairy Tale

A girl is transported into fairytale land and realises one of the Seven Dwarves is missing! With the help of the Dwarf Detectives, the girl journeys through the pages of the book on a fairy tale adventure.



"A super journey of fantasy told through amazing set changes and fun characterisation" - Josh Horner

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Excellent Lead Cast

Excellent Supporting Cast

Excellent Individual Acting

Excellent Overall Set Design

Excellent Overall Costume Design

Most Creative Reuse of Materials for Costumes

Best Individual Makeup & Hair

STATE AWARD

Best Adapted Story Award

Performing at Awards Night



Rebecca Clarke
0414 226 836

Our Amazing Stars!





Pastoral letter on the same-sex marriage postal survey

Dear sisters and brothers,

As I write to you, the national debate on same-sex civil marriage is in full swing. It is an issue that many feel passionate about and hence, it has potential to polarise the community. I appeal to all Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta to conduct this dialogue with a deep sense of respect for all concerned, and for the opinion and decision that each person is free to make.

It is important to remember from the very outset that the postal survey is about whether or not Australians want the legal definition of civil marriage changed to include same-sex couples. It is not a referendum on sacramental marriage as understood by the Catholic Church.

Many years ago, divorce was legalised in Australia; but this change did not alter the law of the Church. Therefore, whatever the outcome of the survey or the eventual legislation by the government, the Church will continue to hold that marriage is a natural institution established by God to be a permanent union between one man and one woman, directed both to mutual companionship and to the formation of a family in which children are born and nurtured.

For many Catholics, the issue of same-sex marriage is not simply theoretical but deeply personal. These may be same-sex attracted people themselves or that may be the case with their relatives and friends. In such cases, they are torn between their love for the Church and their love for their same-sex attracted child, grandchild, sibling, cousin, friend or neighbour.

As your bishop, I wish to reiterate the commitment I made at my installation: "I am committed to make the church in Parramatta the house for all peoples, a church where there is less an experience of exclusion but more an encounter of radical love, inclusiveness and solidarity." As a community of disciples, we seek to accommodate, accompany and care for one another irrespective of sexual orientation, marital status and situation.

I invite all Catholics in our Diocese to exercise our responsibility as citizens to engage in this community discernment. It should not be a matter of a simple answer Yes or No to the postal survey. It should be an opportunity for us to witness to our deep commitment to the ideal of Christian marriage. But it should also be an opportunity for us to listen to what the Spirit is saying through the signs of the times.

Throughout much of history, our gay and lesbian (or LGBTI) brothers and sisters have often not been treated with respect, sensitivity and compassion. Regrettably, the Church has not always been a place where they have felt welcomed, accepted and loved. Thus, regardless of the outcome of the survey, we must commit ourselves to the task of reaching out to our LGBTI brothers and sisters, affirming their dignity and accompanying them on our common journey towards the fullness of life and love in God.

Let us pray, discern and act with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Catholics, in keeping with the tradition of the Church, are asked to exercise their consciences, ensuring that they are informed as they come to exercise their democratic rights in the coming postal survey.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

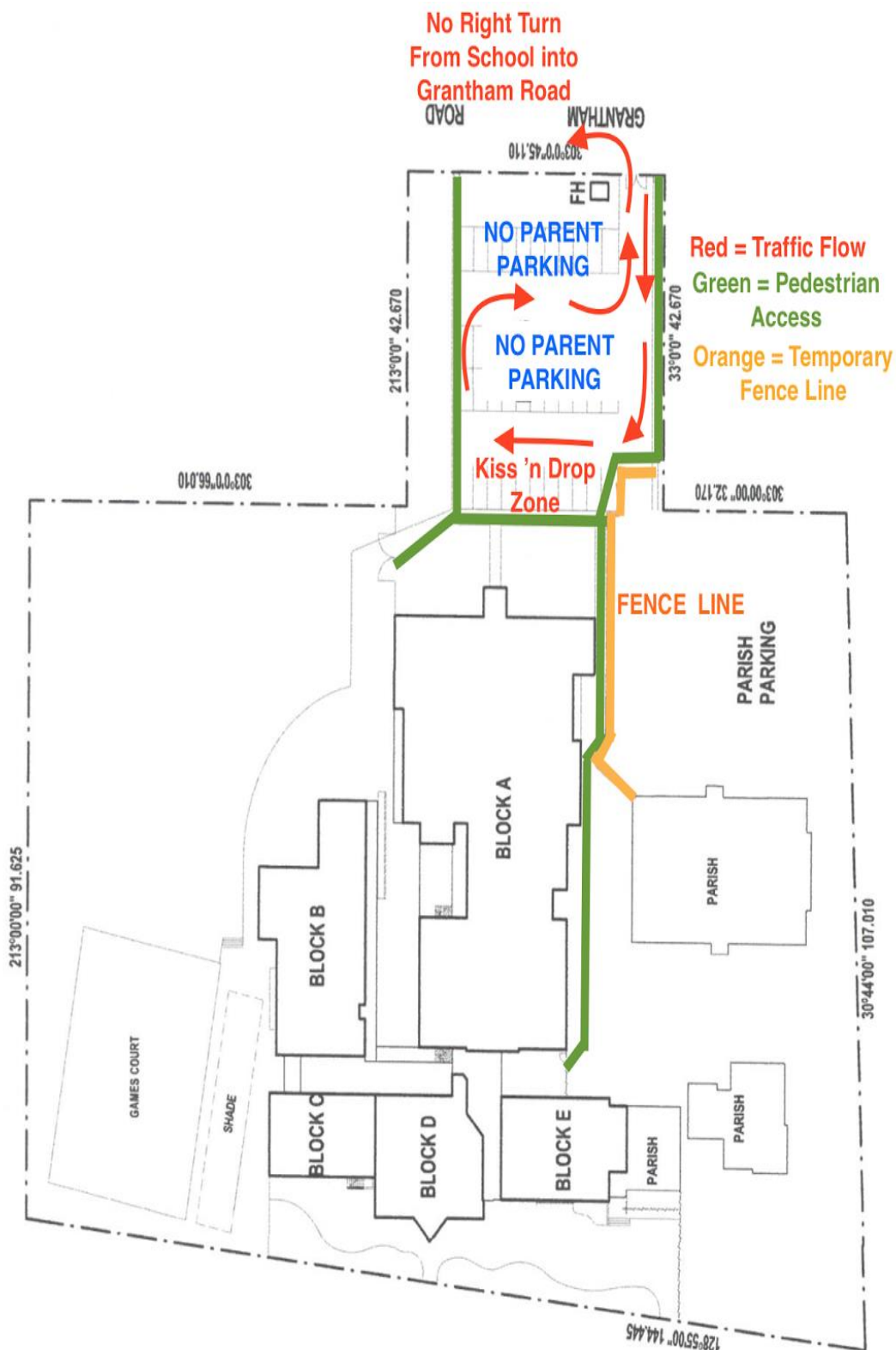


**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta**

*Given at Parramatta on 13 September A.D. 2017,
Memorial of St John Chrysostom*

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
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PLEASE REFER TO THIS MAP FOR TEMPORARY KISS AND DROP ZONE IF WORK NOT COMPLETED IN CAR PARK AT THE BEGINNING OF TERM 4 – YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTICE VIA THE SKOOLBAG APP, A NOTICE WILL GO ON THE SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD AND ALSO ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Technology in Stage 3

This term we have had some exciting new developments in our technology in Stage 3. We have purchased new iPads and Chromebook computers. Our Chromebooks are a smaller touchscreen laptop that can be folded and used as a tablet as well. They are a device for using many google features. One application in particular we are learning to use is Google Classroom.



We have been lucky enough to have the help and support of Mr. Chris Maguire from CEO, a specialist teacher in Digital Technologies, to come visit our school over the term and work with the Stage 3 students and teachers to learn how to effectively implement Google Classroom into our learning activities.

Google Classroom is a blended learning platform developed by Google for schools that aims to simplify creating, distributing and grading assignments in a paperless way.



Google Classroom™

Teachers have created Google classroom pages for English Menu Board tasks, Homework, Maths Tasks, PBL Projects, the Year 6 Market Day Stall planning and even in Creative Arts lessons. It's a great way for students to see their learning content, ask their teacher a question and submit their work online and receive feedback from their teacher. Students are also able to look at their schoolwork and complete and submit from home as well. It's a great tool for Stage 3 to help transition them to high school learning.





Students are also learning skills of screen casting and navigating through various Google platforms.

Vaidehi- "I love Google Classroom because you can access it really easily and see what your peers are doing. It's helpful when your teacher posts something and they tell you when to submit it, so its easier. I also love how they turn into touch screen tablets like the iPads".






Sophie A- "The new iPads are better to use because they are faster and have more updated apps. Thank you Ms, Byrnes!"



Students have also enjoyed having the new iPads to create films on imovie to promote their market day stalls and to complete English Menu Board Tasks. These new technology items have been a fantastic addition to the students learning experiences, helping prepare them as future learners.

Mrs. Clare Willemse
Learning Technology Support Teacher.

Parent Planner TERM 4 2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Sept	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th /1 st
Oct	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th /8 th
Oct Week 1	9 th Basket Stall Note sent home	10 th 9:40- Stage 3 "Book Tasting" in the hall. SPRING FAIR MEETING ES1/ST1-Auditions for Mission to Busk	11 th Practice Group A – 1 st Communion Indonesian Dance- "Suara" Stage 3 Incursion Entry Event ST2-Auditions for Mission to Busk	12 th OVER 50's in the hall	13 th MISSION WEEK MASS- 9:15am ST3-Auditions for Mission to Busk	14 th /15 th (Sun 15 th) 1 st Holy Communion Group A
Oct Week 2	16 th Swimming Program Begins 	17 th	18 th Year 6 Meal Deal Practice Group B – 1 st Communion	19 th	20 th Basket stall items Due	21 st /22 nd (Sun 22 nd) 1 st Holy Communion Group B
Oct Week 3	23 rd Raffle Incentive Draw Swimming Lessons Bottle Stall sent Home	24 th	25 th Parent Group Meeting AGM 7.00 pm	26 th	27 th Basket Stall Wrapping day STG3 ASSEMBLY (Morning) MISSION TO BUSK (Afternoon)	28 th /29 th Parent Group Wine Tour
Oct/ Nov Week 4	30 th	31 st Bottle Stall Mufti Day	1 st All Saints Day – Mass 9.15 a.m 2018 Kindergarten Information Night – 7:00pm to 8:30pm	2 nd All Souls Day	3 rd	4 th /5 th OLOL SPRING FAIR 10:30a – 3:00pm
Nov Week 5	6 th	7 th	8 th Kindy Orientation-Group 1 9:00am – 10:30am	9 th Stage Two Excursion Nurragingy Reserve	10 th Remembrance Day Liturgy – Stage 2. 11.00 KINDER/ STAGE1 ASSEMBLY	11 th /12 th (Sun 12 th) Certificate Presentation Holy Communion
Nov Week 6	13 th	14 th Year One Excursion to Collaroy Beach	15 th Kindy Orientation-Group 2 9:00am – 10:30am	16 th	17 th STG 2 ASSEMBLY	18 th /19 th
Nov Week 7	20 th	21 st	22 nd Parent Group Meeting – 7 pm	23 rd	24 th	25 th /26 th Family Mass
Nov/ Dec Week 8	27 th Year 2 Excursion	28 th	29 th Stage Three Cultural Expo	30 th	1 st	2 nd /3 rd 1st Sunday Advent
Dec Week 9	4 th	5 th Christmas Concert and Awards Night  6:30pm -8:00pm	6 th	7 th	8 th Parent Thank You Morning Tea 10:30am – 11:00am	9 th /10 th 2nd Sunday Advent
Dec Week 10	11 th Swimming Carnival 	12 th Meet the Teacher 2018 11:00am Parish Reconciliation	13 th Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Mass 9:15am Year 6 Graduation Disco 6:00pm	14 th	15 th SCHOOL CLOSES	16 th /17 th 3rd Sunday Advent
Dec Week 11	18 th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd /24 th