



Innovative Learning In A Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 3

Week 2

26 July 2017

FUTURE DATES...

Wednesday 26 July

- Woolworths Earn & Learn commences

Friday 28 July

- Assembly Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 – 2pm in the hall

Tuesday 1 August

- Scholastic book club order due – please ensure the correct money is sent in
- ICAS - English

Wednesday 2 August

- Voice of Youth School final – 11am in the hall
- Parent Group Meeting 7pm in the library

Friday 4 August

- Pie/sausage roll meal deal
- 2017 Census

Tuesday 8 August

- St Mary Mackillop Liturgy at 9.15 in the Hall
- Yr 5 Personal Development evening at 6.00pm
- Fete meeting – 7.30pm in the parish meeting room

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- Kindergarten Farm excursion
- Stage 3 – PDHPE evening

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Religious Literacy assessment Yrs 4 & 6

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you have all enjoyed the break and ready for another exciting term of learning and growth in our faith journey at OLOL.

In the last week of Term 2 parents and teachers met to discuss the progress, strengths and challenges for our students. This is such an important process to aid communication as school and parents work together to support our children. Thank you to parents who were able to take part. Also my thanks to our dedicated teachers who make themselves available to support parents and children.

Term Three is a term that promises to engage the children in a range of vibrant learning experiences. There will be highlights, challenges and opportunities for us to live our mission to be a centre of learning integrating Gospel values and quality education focussing on the needs of the children in our challenging world.

I am the new term. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practise what you have learned about life in its journey thus far.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it out with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have – these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." I am the new term.

I look forward to working with you in this new term.

God Bless
Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Tehnoor Sran
Year 1	Tia Gupta
Year 2	Cameron Fahey
Year 3	Jaylene Bong
Year 4	Catherine Holmes
Year 5	Alex Sakre
Year 6	Liz Sager



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Current families with siblings starting school next year should contact the school office immediately for an enrolment pack if they have not already done so.

Uniform

My thanks to parents for ensuring your child has returned to school in full school uniform. Please ensure that high standards are reinforced so that the children are proud of themselves and their school.

As an added aspect of teaching the children to respect themselves and the school, we have the expectation that all children will look after their belongings such as jackets and hats, ensuring they are returned to their own bags. Any property found that is labeled will be returned to the owner. Lost hats, jackets and lunch boxes will no longer be gathered outside of Year six as this has proven ineffective.

We ask parents to support in two ways. Firstly, set the standard with your child, no matter what age, that they are expected to bring home their uniform items and lunch boxes. Secondly, make sure all items are labelled clearly so that if they are left behind they can be returned easily. By doing this we can achieve two things. Your child will be taught to look after their belongings and it will save parents money!

NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

As from the beginning of this term the new finance system went live. There is a change in the way we process receipts. 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.

We ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

Attendance Update

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. 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 8:45am.

LOL for most of the year has had an attendance level of 90% or above. This is pleasing, however, at the end of Term 2 this dropped to 87.8%.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child has to:

- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness
- in the case of a natural disaster

Please help your child establish and consolidate a good attendance habit.

ICAS English and Mathematics Competitions

Advance notice the ICAS English competition will be held on Tuesday August 1st for all those students who have registered. The ICAS Mathematics competition will be held on Thursday August 17th. Please note that due to the nature of the competition if a student is away on the day of the competition no make-up days can be provided.



URGENT HELP NEEDED
Our Spring Fair is fast approaching on November 4th. In order to make the day a success we still need a number of coordinators.

Most urgently we need a coordinator for the rides and a coordinator for Kids Corner. If you are able to take on either of these roles or assist with the Spring Fair in any other way, please email lolsspringfair2017@gmail.com or come along to our next meeting, August 8th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

SPORTS DAYS

Grade	Days of the Week to wear Sports Uniform
Kindergarten	Tuesday + Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday / Friday
Year 4	Wednesday/ Friday
Year 5	Tuesday/Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday/Thursday

Voice of Youth Competition.

The school final for the Voice of Youth competition will be held next Wednesday, August 2nd at 11.00 am in the school hall. Interested parents are warmly invited to attend.



Four2Eight – Parish Youth

Our parish youth group **Four2Eight** (for kids from year 4 to year 8) will meet again on **Sunday 6th August** after the 9:30am mass in the **parish meeting room**. Over the past month, many generous parishioners have donated items to be used for care packages we will be assembling this weekend to go out to the elderly, sick and housebound in our community over the coming months. Come along and help out with this important initiative as well as have fun getting to know other young people from our parish! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Premiers Reading Challenge



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge concludes on August 25th. Currently we have 38 students who have

completed the challenge. There is not long to go now and we want many more of our students to complete the challenge and receive their certificate. Make sure that you log on to the Premier's Reading Challenge site, using the user name and password provided, and record the books you have read to ensure that you complete the challenge. If you are experiencing difficulty logging on please contact Mrs Cividin.



WAKAKIRRI PROP MAKING AFTERNOON

The Prop making afternoon for Wakakirri is this Thursday 27th

July in the library after school – all welcome.

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.

School Census

Our annual School Census will take place on Friday, 4th August. If your child will be absent from school leading up to or on this day, please inform your child's class teacher in writing with the date that your child will commence their absence and their return date to school. This is an audit requirement. Thank you.

School Fees

Term 3 School Fees have now been issued and mailed to your home/billing address. School Fees are due by Monday, 21st August 2017. If you have not received your statement please contact our school office 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.



RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

The Bishops of NSW and ACT in 'Catholic Schools at a Crossroads' invite educational leaders and staff, clergy and religious, parents and parish communities, to dedicate themselves to ensuring that our schools are "truly Catholic in their identity and life" and "enable our students to achieve high levels of 'Catholic religious literacy' and practice."

With you, we are concerned to develop children's literacy in every area of learning, and this includes Religious Education. In one sense, a focus on 'religious literacy' is not new. Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, and the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school and the parish.


Teachers are continually assessing students' learning and reporting to you on their developing religious literacy. In addition to this school-based assessment, and in consultation with the Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board, all Year 4 and Year 6 students in Primary and Year 8 and Year 10 students in Secondary will participate in a Diocesan Assessment of their religious literacy. Students in these grades will complete an online assessment during Term 3. The students will answer a series of multiple choice questions related to their learning in Religious Education. In addition, Year 4 students only will complete a variety of learning tasks related to the Religious Education unit, Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing. Their achievement in completing these tasks will be formally assessed. A report based on students' completion of these assessments will be forwarded to parents during Term 4.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Byrnes if you have any questions or concerns regarding this diocesan initiative.

Janelle Bawden

Religious Education Coordinator

Out and About



Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that all parents had a relaxing break with their children enjoying the beautiful winter weather. This term once again looks to be a busy one with many exciting events to look forward to. Throughout this term we will be seeking support for our combined Parish/School Spring Fair that will be held early in Term 4. Parents are able to help in many ways and any support, whether big or small, is greatly appreciated. Keep watching the Spring Fair newsletters throughout the term. Throughout this term also the Woolworths Earn and Learn program will be running. This program allows the school to choose educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids based on the number of points earned from tokens. In previous years this promotion resulted in the school receiving many valuable resources. We earned 40,000 points previously and would like to aim for 50,000 this year. We are encouraging all families to collect the tokens being offered and to involve grandparents, family friends and relatives in the collection. Collected tokens may be sent to the school office on the prepared sheet. Wherever possible we ask that the sticker sheets are filled when they are sent to school. The promotion begins today and a collection box will be placed in the office foyer and the local Woolworths. We are seeking a parent to coordinate the program as our previous coordinator's children have now left the school. The role of the coordinator is to place a collection box at the local Woolworths supermarket, collect the sticker sheets from the school and supermarket collection boxes, ensure that the sheets are complete and count and record the number of completed sheets. At the end of the program the completed sheets are brought back to the school for processing. I will give the coordinator any support that is needed. As this role can be done from home there is not a requirement to have completed the Parents as Educators course. If you feel that you are able to assist with this role please contact me via the school office any assistance would be greatly appreciated and be of direct benefit to our students.

*Carol Cividin
Assistant Principal*

Parent Planner TERM 3 2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
July	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th /16 th
July Week 1	17 th Whole school Writing Stimulus	18 th Fete meeting 7pm	19 th Stage 3 Excursion Art Gallery	20 th	21 st Stage 3 Create –a- Buzz incursion – Hall 8.40 -1.00	22 nd /23 rd Family Mass Year 2
July Week 2	24 th	25 th Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day	26 th St Bernadettes Netball Gala day	27 th	28 th ASSEMBLY – ES1/S1. 2.00 p.m	29 th /30 th
July/ Aug Week 3	31 st RLA ONLINE TESTING TRIAL – Year 4 Kindergarten Golden Ridge Farm	1 st ICAS – English	2 nd Voice of Youth School Final <i>Parent Group – 7.00</i>	3 rd	4 th Year 6 Fundraiser Meal Deal – Pie and Sausage Roll	5 th /6 th
Aug Week 4	7 th RLA ONLINE TESTING TRIAL – Year 6 Year 1 Chicks Arrive Week of Service	8 th St Mary MacKillop liturgy – 9:15. ES1/S1 Year 5 Personal Development Evening – 6.30 pm Fete Meeting 7.30p.m	9 th Voice of Youth Cluster Final 11am School Hall	10 th Concert for Over 50's.	11 th ASSEMBLY – Stage 2 2.00 p.m	12 th /13 th
Aug Week 5	14 th	15 th Zone Athletics Carnival Feast of the Assumption Mass – 9:15. Stage 2	16 th	17 th ICAS – Maths	18 th	19 th /20 th
Aug Week 6	21 st RLA ONLINE TESTING – Year 4	22 nd WAKAKIRRI -7pm Riverside Theatre	23 rd <i>1st Eucharist Parent Meeting</i>	24 th	25 th Diocesan Athletics Carnival –	26 th /27 th (Sun 27 th) Family Mass Year 6/K
Aug/ Sept Week 7	28 th RLA ONLINE TESTING – Year 6	29 th	30 th Father's Day Stall Parent Group Meeting – 7pm	31 st	1 st Father's Day Breakfast and Open Classrooms 7.30 – 9.00 Father's Day Mass 9.15- Stage 2	2 nd /3 rd Father's Day
Sept Week 8	4 th RLA ONLINE TESTING – Years 4 & 6 BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY	5 th Fete meeting – 7.30p.m	6 th <i>Sacrament of the Eucharist – 2nd meeting 6:30 pm</i>	7 th	8 th	9 th /10 th (Sun 10 th) Presentation of the Lord's Prayer
Sept Week 9	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th Year 6 Market Day	15 th Stage 2 Touch Gala Day Parent Group Disco K-2- 5.00-6.30 Yr3 – 6 7.00 – 8.30 ASSEMBLY Stage 3	16 th /17 th (Sun 17 th) Eucharist Talk after Mass
Sept Week 10	18 th	19 th	20 th <i>Sacrament of the Eucharist – 3rd meeting 6:30 pm</i>	21 st Mufti day – Choc Toss	22 nd STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	23 rd /24 th (Sun 24 th)

CURRICULUM CONVERSATIONS

ON THURSDAY 29TH JULY 2017 APPROXIMATELY 100 STUDENTS FROM YEAR THREE TO YEAR SIX REPRESENTED OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT THE DANCE FEVER INTER SCHOOL COMPETITION AT HOMEBUSH. THEY PERFORMED THE FORMAL DANCES OF JIVE AND TANGO AND THEN PARTICIPATED IN THE SHOW DANCE WHOLE SCHOOL COMPETITION, WHERE THEY PERFORMED A HIP HOP ROUTINE AGAINST A NUMBER OF OTHER SCHOOLS. ALL STUDENTS REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL WITH PRIDE AND WON A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL RIBBONS AS WELL AS THE YEAR SIX TROPHY, HIGHEST POINT SCORE TROPHY AND THE PRESTIGES SHOW DANCE TROPHY. IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE NIGHT FOR ALL.

