



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 1

Week 1

3rd February, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 9th

7:30pm-8:30pm

Kindergarten

Information Evening

Wednesday 10th

9:15am Ash

Wednesday Mass

7:30pm Parent Group

Meeting

Friday 12th

8:40am-10:40am

Parents as Educators

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- ❖ Computer Contracts
- ❖ Disco
- ❖ Stage 2 Walking Excursion
- ❖ Stage 3 Rock and Water

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- ❖ Year 6 Reward System
- ❖ Parents as Educators
- ❖ Year 1 Parent Helpers
- ❖ Year 1 Afternoon Pickup
- ❖ Year 1 Absences
- ❖ Catholic Outlook

Dear Parents

Welcome back! The teachers have been hard at work over the holidays preparing for the new year as have the workmen. You may have noticed that we have painted all the railings in the quiet area, the railings of the steps up to Year 2 and Stage 2 and areas of Kindergarten and the library have been repainted. Just in time for Saturday's big storm we cleared our drainage pits and have made minor repairs to our outdoor seating. Thanks to OOSH we now have a lovely new seating area outside OOSH with planters and a stage area.

It's lovely to see all the familiar faces of parents and a great pleasure to welcome our new parents to our wonderful school. Best of all the pleasures of the new school year is meeting the children again and helping them settle in with their teachers, friends and learning.

What makes our school such a good school is the spirit in our community. Many people are going above and beyond to help without the expectation of reward. The teachers have been hard at work over the holidays preparing for the new year, giving up so much of their holidays that it was hard to find a time without teachers on site to clean the carpets and get the building and landscaping work done. Our Parent Group treated the new Kindergarten parents to a morning tea as well as creating an individual welcome pack for each family. Lunchtime iceblock sales are already up and running and many more events are planned for this term.

What makes our community work so hard together? I believe we have a common purpose to make the very best school for the children and of course we are a Catholic school. We are giving the children a model of how good people work together in a Christian community. You choose our school for your child because you want your child to develop into an adult who will lead a good life.

We are explicitly teaching both Years 5 and 6 how to be leaders, developing the skills of positive thinking, planning, self-discipline, effective problem solving, seeing another's point of view and working together. Leaders are "people who know how to do the right thing even when no one is looking." In other words they learn to act like our school's heroes, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Bernadette and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We will soon elect two school captains from Year 6 to handle the ceremonial leadership. However all children in Year 6 are being given the responsibility of leadership too, including sport's leadership. Children in Years 3-5 will choose 2 representatives to act as our student representative council, the SRC.



Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

SAVE THE DATE FOR RE!

All are warmly invited to attend the following upcoming Eucharistic celebrations:



9:30 am Sunday 7th February

Parish/School Feast Day celebration

9:15am Wednesday 10th February

Ash Wednesday Mass

9:15am Thursday 18th February

Opening School Mass

WORLD YOUTH DAY LUNCH TIME DISCO

Kindergarten - Year 2: Monday 8th February

Year 3 – Year 6: Tuesday 9th February

Children are asked to bring \$3 on the day.

All money will go to support the teachers attending World Youth Day in July this year.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday, 9th February, from 7:30-8:30pm

we will be holding a Kindergarten Information Evening in the library.

This is an opportunity for all Kindergarten parents to come and learn a little more about what happens in the Kindergarten classroom.

It is also an opportunity, after the children's first week at school, to have questions answered. We hope to see as many Kindergarten parents as possible on the night.



STUDENT BANKING CHANGE OF DAY

Banking is conducted every **THURSDAY** at OLOL and will commence next week.

Details on opening an account can be found in the flyer sent home today.

SPORTS DAYS

Students wear their sports uniform, with predominantly white sport shoes, on the following days:

Kindergarten	Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday



SAD NEWS

Very sadly, Mrs Cividin's much-loved mother passed away in January. Can you please keep Carol and her family in your prayers.

UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS

If you need to try uniforms on appointments can be made for Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon. If you know the size you need orders can be sent to the office with payment and completed orders will be sent home by the end of the week.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code **GGWPQ**.



CARPARK

It is once again 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 8:10. 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. 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.

CONTACT NUMBERS

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



SCHOOL COMMUNITY PICNIC AND DANCE

On Friday, 26th February, we are once again holding a family picnic and community dance. This was very popular last year. Families are invited to bring a picnic and find a space on the grass to eat and socialise with fellow parents and children. Following the picnic we will have some dancing with parents, children and teachers invited to join in. Come and have fun as we attempt the Macarena, Gangnam Style and Nutbush among others!



PARENT GROUP NEWS...

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Our first Parent Group meeting for the year will be held next Wednesday 10th February. To accommodate the Sacramental Program meeting that is being held on the same night the Parent Group meeting will commence at 7:30pm immediately after the Sacramental Program meeting. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like any agenda items to be mentioned please email them to: ololpg@hotmail.com.



PARISH NEWS...

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

It is not too late to register your child to be further initiated into the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year. The Sacramental Program is scheduled to start with First Reconciliation in March and First Holy Communion in September. Our parish offers the Sacramental Program to children who are in Year 3 (or older) this year. A friendly reminder that this Sunday (7th February) is the enrolment Mass for the Sacramental Program and the first meeting (parents only) will be held on Wednesday 10th February in the Stage 2 learning space. Contact the parish office on 9622 2920.





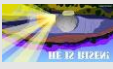
OUT AND ABOUT AT OLOL



The new school year is in already in full swing. Thank you to the many parents who brought their children to school last week for the MAI interviews. As a result we already have a large number of the interviews completed. Our Kindergarten students have adjusted well and our returning students and their teachers have settled back into their routine. The school year ahead promises to be an exciting one filled with many exciting learning opportunities. The beginning of a new school year gives us the opportunity to review the procedures that we have in place to ensure that our school is a safe and happy place. At the end of last year the teachers reviewed the playground rules and expectations and these will be revised with the students over coming weeks. One change that we have put into place is to have a 10 minute supervised eating time at lunch time. Class teachers supervise students in their designated eating area with the hope that this will encourage students to take time to eat their lunch and also reduce the rubbish that we have around the school. This procedure will be reviewed each term to evaluate its effectiveness. For many years, indeed as long as I have been at Our Lady of Lourdes, we have had in place procedures to deal with emergency situations. This is a requirement for all Catholic Schools. Just as with our playground procedures these are reviewed annually. Throughout the year we hold regular drills to ensure that the teachers and students understand what they should do in the unlikely event that an emergency should occur. These drills include both fire drills and lockdowns. The regular scheduling of these drills and the evaluation of how well the procedures work help us to refine the process and be as prepared as we can practically be. We are fortunate that we have never had a situation where we have had to use the skills that have been practised but parents can feel confident that we are prepared as we can be for such an event. This year we are once again holding our Parents as Educators course. A note with details of the course accompanies this newsletter please consider attending.

Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal

PARENT PLANNER TERM 1 2016 AT A GLANCE

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Jan Week 1	25th Jan SCHOOL CLOSED	26th Jan Australia Day SCHOOL CLOSED	27th Jan Mathematical Assessment Interviews	28th Jan Mathematical Assessment Interviews	29th Jan Mathematical Assessment Interviews Years 1-6 start	30th/ 31st
Feb Week 2	1st Kindergarten Commence Whole Day- Staggered Starts	2nd Cheers and Tears in the Hall	3rd	4th	5th	6th /7th
Feb Week 3	8th Shrove 'Tuesday' Lunchtime disco. K-2 WYD Fundraiser	9th Shrove 'Tuesday' Lunchtime disco. 3-6 WYD Fundraiser 7.30 – 8.30 pm Kindergarten Information Evening	10th Mass 9:15am Ash Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm Sacramental Meeting 7:30pm Parent Group Meeting	11th	12th School Census Day 8.40 a.m. Parents as Educators	13th /14th
Feb Week 4	15th	16th 3.30 – 9.00 pm Meet the Teacher	17th	18th 9:15am Opening School Mass Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival	19th	20th /21st
Feb/ March Week 5	22nd	23rd	24th School Photo Day 7:00pm-9:00pm Parents as Educators	25th	26th 2:00pm Assembly – PDH 6:00pm-8:00pm Family Picnic and Dance Night	27th /28th
March Week 6	29th	1st	2nd Parents Only - 6.30 – 7.30pm Reconciliation meeting. Stage 2 classroom	3rd	4th	5th /6th
March Week 7	7th	8th	9th 6:30pm Parent and Child -- Reconciliation meeting. 7:30pm Parent Group Meeting	10th	11th CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS 2:00pm Assembly Awesome Authors	12th /13th
March Week 8	14th	15th	16th First Reconciliation. 7.00-8.30pm CANBERRA	17th Feast of St Patrick CANBERRA	18th CANBERRA	19th/20th
March Week 9 HOLY WEEK LITURGIE S	21st	22nd	23rd	24th HOLY THURSDAY 	25th GOOD FRIDAY  SCHOOL CLOSED	26th /27th EASTER SUNDAY 
March/ April Week 10	28th EASTER MONDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	29th EASTER MASS	30th	31st	1st 2:00pm Assembly Marvellous Mathematicians	2nd /3rd
April Week 11	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th LAST DAY TERM 1	