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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 3

10th May 2017

FUTURE DATES...

- Parent Group Meeting in Library tonight 7pm
- This Friday 12th May Mother's Day breakfast & Mass starting at 7.30am

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY

- Catholic Education Office re: Proposed new education funding

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- Dance Fever interschool challenge
- Spring Fair volunteers needed

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Learn

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to wish all our mothers a happy Mother's Day for this Sunday. They are special people who love us and give us strength and comfort. Mothers show us something of what the heart of God must be like. We thank you for being you and helping us to be the people that we are. We give thanks for Mary the mother of Jesus who is a model for all of us. We pray that we may listen to the call of God in our lives and like Mary say yes to God.

*May God's gentleness and peace
be in your heart.
May God's strength be with you
in times of trouble
May you grow each day in
wisdom and grace.
And may Mary, our Mother who
knows joy and sorrow
always walk beside you.*



We celebrate our wonderful Mothers this Friday at a special Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass, where the children have the opportunity to be grateful for how special their mums are to them. We pray especially to our Mother Mary to guide and protect all Mothers.

God Bless
Keiran Byrnes

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Prisha Gaur
Year 1	William Oakes
Year 2	Zac Osborne
Year 3	Rhea Arora
Year 4	George Palmiotto
Year 5	Karen Pannu
Year 6	Samuel Butylewicz



Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at last Friday's Assembly:

KB	Luca Madejski, Ava Nowak, Charlee Sexton, Tehnoor Sran
KW	Levi Dickson, Tyrell Crisostomo, Tahlia Herczeg, Pearl Grover
1B	William Zhang, Vihaan Gatla, Dylan Cortis, Kristena Azrag
1W	Ada Feliciak, Timothy Heenpellage, Evren Semerci, Anika Thakur
2B	Alex Spadaro, Jacqueline Yates, Piper Sullivan, Ayesha Hidalgo
2W	Georon Un, Vrinda Kumar, Riley Ballment, Chloe Sibilant
3B	Alexandra Simpson, Naveen Panakkal, Cassandra Laus, Phoenix Dickson
3W	Obama Azrag, Chelsea Kataria, Brooklyn Buckley, Samuel Thoms
4B	Angela Cho, Timmy Atem, Thomas Pollard, Brianna Faorlin
4W	Harry Albion, Catherine Holmes, Thomas Fahey, Jessica Butylewicz
5B	Nathan Clark, Daniel Tenn, Natalie Assi, Koby Sullivan, Adalina Abdilla
5W	Mikayla Galea, Reuben George, Tino Kama, Ezekiel Viray
6B	Aaron Dela Rosa, Sophie Fahey, Ben Lawrence, Larissa Leary
6W	Shehan Fernando, Daniel Ryder, Rianna Patrabanish, Vaidehi Patel

WINTER UNIFORMS

The official day for changing to our winter uniform is next Monday 15th May. From this day, each child will be expected to wear the correct uniform.



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.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST

This Friday, 12th May, we will once again be holding our Mothers' Day breakfast starting at 7.30am, followed by Open classrooms and our Mothers' Day Mass.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & EMAILS

A decision has been made to issue the school newsletter each fortnight and to move away from a printed format. This is both a cost effective practice and environmentally friendly. Fortnightly newsletters via email will commence at the beginning of Term 3, 2017. Newsletters will also be made available via Skoolbag. We will be using electronic facilities to notify parents more and more rather than via paper. At this time all excursions and notes that require a reply slip will still continue to be sent home via your child. Other information notes ie: Grade overviews, Parent Group notices etc, will be sent via your nominated e-mail account setup on the school website in E-News Subscription.

E-News Subscription

Sign up now to receive our newsletters, with all the latest news and school events from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, straight to your email inbox. Access is on the website, please complete your details & click on the subscribe to E-News button, it's that simple. It is therefore important that you make sure that you submit your current email address and regularly check your emails for any information sent from the school. School newsletters are also available on the school website to download. During the transition from paper to email some printed copies will be available for collection from the school office.

Wakakirri Parent Helper Committee Meeting

All parents who are interested in helping with making costumes and props are invited to attend our Parent Helper Committee Meeting.
When: Thursday 18th May (Not June as advertised in last week's Newsletter. (Week 4)
Where: School Library
Time: 3:15 p.m.

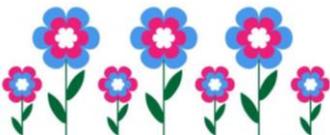
Helpers Needed

Can you donate some time to assist at our
2017 Spring Fair?

There are lots of opportunities for you to get involved
and support our Parish and School Community

Please contact the OLOL Spring Fair Committee
at ololspringfair2017@gmail.com

OLOL Spring Fair ♦ 4 November 2017



PARENT GROUP NEWS...

Our next Parent Group Meeting will be tonight at 7pm in the library, if you have any agenda items, please forward them to ololpg@hotmail.com or contact any of the parent group members.

Lunchtime sales have started once again, with our winter treats of hot chocolate and popcorn on sale on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays all for \$1 each. We are still in need of helpers, if you are able to help out on any of these days, please contact any of the parent group committee members.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2018 applications are now being accepted. Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of next term. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2018, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to the 43 students who participated in the Diocesan Cross Country last week. All of the students did a tremendous job and represented Our Lady of Lourdes with great pride. These students understood what a privilege it was to represent our school at such an event and demonstrated this through determination and fantastic sportsmanship. Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the NSWCPSS Cross Country, representing Parramatta Diocese on the 16th of June.

Rhys Webster

Zachary Armitage

Awien Lual

Byron Aspin

Irene Suryathyo

Chloe Apps

Sophie Stancic



MacKillop Opens Rugby League

Congratulations to Nicholas Bumanglag for representing Parramatta Diocese in Rugby League in Canberra, on the 5th of May. Nicholas has been selected to play in the MacKillop team later in the year. This is an outstanding achievement and we know Nicholas will represent our school with great sportsmanship and pride.

Our School Mission Goal:

"To develop our understanding of God and Jesus and how we can be the living body of Christ".

You may have noticed that we have displayed our school Mission Goal outside the Stage 3 learning spaces. Each class has been asked to 'unpack' the goal so that we can all get a better understanding of what it means to us at OLOL. Please take the time to read these responses and speak to your child about what we are doing at school to become 'the Living Body of Christ'.



The month of May is traditionally known in our Church as the month of Mary. It is also the month which provides us with a day to remember our mothers, grandmothers and the female carers in our lives. We have the opportunity to say thank you to those women who have been so nurturing and caring as we journey through life. Mary, the Mother of Christ is the ultimate role model for women and mothers and we see her as a mentor for all. On Friday we will be celebrating the gift of our mothers, and we will be giving thanks to all of those women at OLOL who nurture and care for us. Please join us in Mass at 9.15am as we recognize their love for us. For all those mums who are unable to be with us on Friday we offer you our prayers and blessings for a lovely day on Sunday.

**Before you were conceived I
wanted you
Before you were born I loved you
Before you were here an hour I
would die for you
This is the miracle of life.
Maureen Hawkins**



For those bereaving mothers, especially on Sunday, please take heart from this week's Gospel from John. (Jn 14:1-12) I am the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me"

**Janelle Bawden – Religious Education
Co-ordinator**

NAPLAN

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week all students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessments, otherwise known as NAPLAN.

As the name suggests this is a national program so students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 all sit the same tests on the same day.

Our students will undertake four tests.

The tests are as follows: Language Conventions Tuesday 9th May
Writing Tuesday 9th May
Reading Wednesday 10th May
Numeracy Thursday 11th May



The data gained from these tests is used in a variety of ways both at a school level, the diocesan level, the state level and the national level. It is useful data but also must be viewed in context of all the other data we have in relation to students. It reflects a student's performance on a given test on a given day and for any of us who have had the experience of sitting exams we know that a number of factors can influence the results.

Having said that our students are prepared and we are confident that their results will reflect this.

The tests are undertaken following strict guidelines and the tests are kept securely until they are sent to ACARA (the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) for marking. Yesterday we had a spot check to make sure that we were following the guidelines correctly and of course we were!!

Later in the year individual reports for each child will be sent back to the school for distribution to parents. After individual reports have been received the school will receive data about the schools results that in turn will be analysed to inform future directions.

NAPLAN is just one tool among many we employ to determine the learning needs of our children. If you have any concerns in relation to NAPLAN please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

