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# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 3

11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

## FUTURE DATES...

### MAY

#### THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

#### FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

AFL Clinic Stage 2/3

Stage 2 Dance Off

2:00pm Assembly

#### MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

Winter Uniform to be worn

8:40am Assembly

Pentecost Liturgy

#### WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup>

Stage 2 Riverside

Theatre Excursion

## NOTES SENT HOME

### MONDAY

- ❖ Year 3 Newsletter
- ❖ Parent Group Agenda
- ❖ In the Know

## NOTES SENT HOME

### TODAY

- ❖ Year 4 Newsletter
- ❖ Year 5 Newsletter
- ❖ Year 6 Newsletter

Respect

Responsibility

Readiness to

Learn

Dear Parents



*There is no doubting that birthdays are very important occasions. Last week was my mum's 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday and as you can imagine she was spoiled - raising nine children is no mean feat and does pay off in birthday presents! Of course our children love birthdays and I see what pleasure they get from the little (and often big!) things you do for them.*

*The Catholic church also has a birthday. It is the Feast of Pentecost when, 60 days after Easter, the Holy Spirit appeared as wind and fire to the apostles and disciples of Jesus - inspiring them to preach and live openly as Jesus had shown them how. Inspiring them to band together, nourish their souls through the Eucharist and care for each other. From this small beginning there are now countless millions of Catholics and Christians throughout the world. Why not celebrate this birthday with your children? Could be a great excuse to eat cake this Sunday!*

<http://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com.au>

*On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, students in Year 3 and Year 5 participated in the national assessment called NAPLAN, giving a snapshot of their learning on that day. We wished our students all the best, knowing that they were well-prepared by the teachers and parents.*

Kind regards,

**Lesley Studans**

## GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	<b>Kristena</b>
Year 1	<b>Harsimran</b>
Year 2	<b>Gabriella</b>
Year 3	<b>Catherine</b>
Year 4	<b>Irene</b>
Year 5	<b>Ashiqqa</b>
Year 6	<b>Patricia</b>



## PARRAMATTA DIOCESE BISHOP APPOINTMENT

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta. He has been Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 2011.

Bishop Vincent was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. He and his family came to Australia as refugees in 1980. He was ordained in 1989 into the order of Franciscan friars who are inspired by St Francis of Assisi. He has been the parish priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville, is known to Father Henry and so has connections to the diocese and to our parish.



## 2017 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Please return the completed enrolment application forms as soon as possible as interviews have already commenced.

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees have now been issued and mailed to your home/billing address. School Fees are due by Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016. If you have not received your statement by this Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, please contact our school office on 9622 7216.

## Winter Uniform

The official day for changing to our winter uniform is next **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**. From this day, each child is expected to wear the correct uniform, including tabs for the girls and ties for the boys. Appointments can be made at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) code **XVQUU**.

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.



## DANCE OFF FOR WYD

Students are invited to participate in a dance off at lunchtime in the hall. Entry is \$3 and all money will go to raise funds for World Youth Day.



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Year 3- Year 4**

## MACKILLOP RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

Congratulations to *Harry Nicholas and Jacob*

on representing Parramatta at the Mackillop Rugby League trials last Friday. By all reports the boys played well in a very competitive field. Special congratulations to Nicholas who was selected in the MacKillop team.

## YEAR 1 FAMILY MASS

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

The families of **Year 1** will lead the **Family Mass at 9:30am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. Year 1 are also responsible for providing morning tea for the Parish after Mass. Please send any donations (packaged cakes or biscuits) to the classroom. Everyone, especially families, are welcome to come and celebrate the Eucharist together.



## SICK CHILDREN

In this time of winter chills where illness is more prevalent, please be mindful of others as infections spread rapidly to other children and their teachers. If your child is unwell we ask that you keep them at home until they are well enough to attend school. Please be considerate of the well-being of others in our community.

## MEDICATION

Any children requiring medication during the day need to bring their medication to the office with a note stating the dosage and time to be taken. No child is to keep medication in their school bag or the classroom.



## STUDENT BANKING

Student banking at Our Lady of Lourdes has recommenced for term 2. Any parents wishing to open a Commonwealth Bank Savings account for their child should contact Mrs Polo in the school office for further details. Banking is conducted every Thursday at OLOL.

## PARENT GROUP NEWS...

The Parent Group would like to thank all the parents who helped us last week with the Mother's Day wrapping, stall and breakfast. It was so lovely to see so many people at the breakfast. We truly hope you had a lovely morning.



## PARENT GROUP MEETING

Don't forget our meeting is on tonight at 7:00pm in the library. Come along and hear about the activities we have planned this term and for later in the year. There will be a lucky door prize tonight. As a bonus, if it is your very first meeting you will get an extra ticket!

## THE NEWS IN RE



**This term is set to be a full and exciting term in RE. We began our term with a prayer liturgy prepared by Stage 2 for ANZAC day and at lunchtime on Thursday of week one, Miss Musgrave, Miss Mercado and myself sold over 280 jelly cups to help fund our WYD pilgrimage to the Philippines and Poland, which will take place at the beginning of next term.**

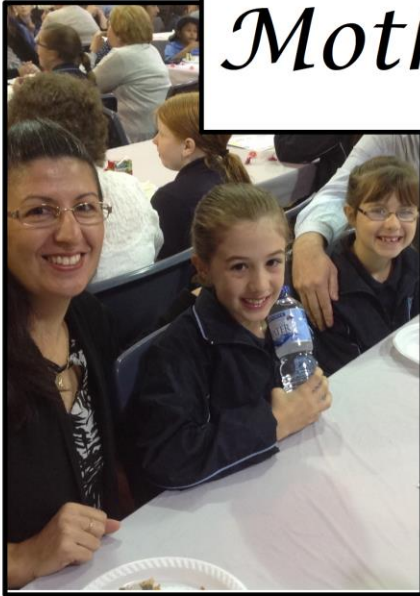
**On Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 17 ex-students from OLOL reconnected to share their experiences of their first term in high school. They began by celebrating Mass together with the Parish at 6pm where they received a special blessing from Fr. Henry and the congregation. Following Mass they tested their wits by competing in a game of trivia organised by one of the OLOL youth group members, Crystal. Thank you to Crystal as well as Judy Kendall for their hard work in preparing this special evening for our ex-students.**

**Last week we celebrated Mother's Day with a delicious breakfast and open classrooms. At the centre of celebrating this day is always the Eucharist. Thank you to Early Stage One and Stage One for preparing a beautiful Mass for our mothers and to all who were involved in making this day a great success.**

**Upon returning to school you may have also noticed the addition of a 'Mercy wall' outside of our Stage 3 classrooms. This wall will be used throughout the term to display and provide information on the seven corporal works of mercy. Every week or every other week, there will be a particular 'action' or 'work of goodwill' that will accompany the corporal work of mercy that we are learning about that week. The students as well as the wider community are encouraged to actively participate in these works of mercy throughout the term. This week we will continue to reflect on 'give drink to the thirsty' and our action is to give loose change to the mercy box. The money raised will assist the isolated community of Hatubesilolo in East Timor establish a reliable water supply for their village.**

**Miss Amanda Bentley  
REC**

# *Mother's Day 2016*



*We thank God for our Mothers*