



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 4

Week 3

26th October, 2016

FUTURE DATES...

OCTOBER

Wednesday 26th

Swimming program
Concludes

Friday 28th

9:15am Mission

Week Mass

1:30pm Mission to
Busk

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st

9:15am All Saints

Day Mass

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- Year 3
Newsletter

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TODAY

- Parent Group
meeting
agenda tonight
- Stage 3
Australian
Catholics

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to return to school and see all the children so happy and settled. My thanks to all the staff, but particularly Mrs Regan, for keeping the school running efficiently during my leave. The fact that the school ran so smoothly is a testament to the staff at our school who work very hard to ensure that the children experience the best learning environment possible.

It is appropriate that this Friday we celebrate World Teachers' Day. This is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thank you for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. As part of this day the Parent Group are providing lunch for the staff. It is very much appreciated.

This Friday we will also celebrate a special Mission Mass with the focus on what Mission means to each of us. We will also hold our annual Mission to Busk afternoon. For those new to our school Mission to Busk is a great afternoon where individuals, or groups of children, busk at various points around the school. Those not performing move from act to act watching the performance and donating coins to the artists. It is a fun afternoon but with a social justice focus. All the money collected is donated to Catholic Mission or the Mary MacKillop foundation to support charitable works for the needy. In this way the students can enjoy themselves but also help others.



Tonight is the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2016 committee, Lisa Beullens, Rebecca Clark, Julie Abdilla, Gayle Abou Maroun and Louise Gatt for the help and support they have provided the school this year. A number of our committee members will be stepping down after having served for a number of years. I am asking that all parents consider taking on a role on the Parent Group executive. The Parent Group exists to support the school and to assist in the provision of resources for the students and the contribution it makes to the school is invaluable. I hope to see many parents at tonight's meeting as we form the committee for 2017.

Kind regards,

Carol Cividin

Acting Principal

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to last week's Gold

Award winners:

Year 1	Pranuti
Year 2	Wyatt
Year 3	Sean
Year 4	Daniel
Year 5	Rianna
Year 6	Gabrielle



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Award winners:

Year 1	Ellie
Year 2	William
Year 3	Agnes
Year 4	Ezekiel
Year 5	Melvin
Year 6	Jayda-Leigh



AGM – TONIGHT 7.00P.M

Just a reminder that our Parent Group AGM is on this evening. The general meeting will be held first followed by the elections. The Parent Group are an extremely important entity within our school. They are responsible for organising Mother's and Father's Day stalls, lunchtime sales, Meal Deals, social events and much more. They also fundraise for the school allowing for resources to be purchased to enhance the classroom and playground environment. We highly value the contribution the Parent Group make to our school community. Please consider coming along to the meeting this evening as 'many hands make light work' and we would love to see some new and familiar faces. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS

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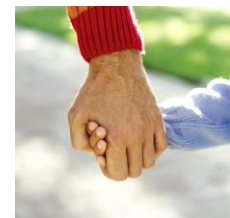
MISSION MASS AND MISSION TO BUSK

This Friday we will celebrate Mission week with a school Mass prepared by Early Stage One and Stage One at 9:15a.m. In the afternoon we will be entertained by our talented students who have been busily rehearsing for our Mission to Busk afternoon scheduled to begin at 1:30pm. All money raised will be given to support the good works of Catholic Mission and Mary MacKillop International. All are warmly invited to attend our Mass and Busking afternoon and we urge you to bring along your coins.



CHILD CAR SAFETY

An issue was brought to my attention last week regarding a toddler left in a car whilst the parent came in to collect children from the carline. As you can appreciate this can be quite dangerous as the hot weather approaches. A better option could be to come a little bit later so that you can drive into the carpark or ask another parent to collect your child or watch your infant. We are a community who look after the well being of each other so perhaps we could offer a hand if we see someone in need.



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to both **Rhys** and **Awien** for their success in the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships both making the 100 m final on the second day of the competition. Rhys had a wonderful run and came 2nd. This is a remarkable achievement in competing against the best athletes in the State. We are very proud and wish them continued success.



ALL SAINTS MASS

All are warmly welcome to attend our All Saints Mass prepared by Stage Two on Tuesday (1st of November) at 9:15 a.m. in the church. Praying for the living and the dead is an important work of mercy. Please come along and pray for those who have gone before us.



CARPARK

Please be mindful of other parents when driving in and around our carpark. **We request that under no circumstances do any parents enter the bottom car park after 8:10am each morning.** There are clear drop off procedures outside the hall that ensure a smooth and quick flow of traffic. There are no exceptions to this request!



2017 PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TEAM SPORT TRIALS

Students enrolled in Years 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2016 (**AFL, Tennis, Basketball, Cricket, and Softball**) and Term One/Two in 2017 (**Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Touch.**)



If you believe your child displays an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport **please write a short note asap to Ms Critchlow stating the sport and any Rep experience** to receive the note with the necessary information to register an Expression of Interest online.

The News in RE



If you have had an opportunity to come through the gates and into the school grounds this week you may have noticed a change to the doors entering each learning space. As a way of concluding the Year of Mercy, each grade has constructed their own door of mercy with pictures and words that summarise all their learning on mercy this year.

The Year of Mercy has been a wonderful opportunity for us all to get to know God's love better. The children are certainly familiar with the mantra 'Be merciful like the Father' and have been using the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as one way to show this love to others. With the conclusion of the Year of Mercy on the 20th November, it is important that this learning is not lost. Our beautifully designed doors will help each of us to be merciful towards others each time we pass through them.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy commenced when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 8, 2015 and on December 13, 2015 all the Holy Doors in Cathedrals and designated churches throughout the world opened to pilgrims. Miss Musgrave and myself were very fortunate to be able to pass through the very Holy Door opened by Pope Francis upon our visit to Rome after attending WYD in Poland and indeed as we travelled from city to city we came across a number of Holy Doors.

Each time you walk through an official Holy Door of Mercy during the Jubilee Year, you have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence when you receive the sacrament of reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist within a day of your visit, and when you pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit one of the Holy Doors in our Diocese, you have a few weeks left to do so.

In the meantime, all are welcome to experience our OLOL doors of mercy during our mission to busk afternoon this Friday.

**Amanda Bentley
Religious Education Coordinator**

Stage 3's Trip to Sydney Observatory



On Friday 14th of October, Stage 3 went to Sydney Observatory to begin our unit about Space Exploration. The focus of our learning is how our scientific understanding of the Solar System has developed throughout history and what significant events have contributed to this understanding. As always our students were very engaged and keen to learn and demonstrated the outstanding behaviours they are known for when representing our school.

