

Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 2

Week 6

4th June, 2014

FUTURE DATES...

Friday 6th

Staff Development Day
No Students at School

Monday 9th

Public Holiday

Friday 13th

Parent Group Disco

Friday 20th

Athletics Carnival

NOTES SENT HOME LAST MONDAY...

- ❖ Athletics
Carnival

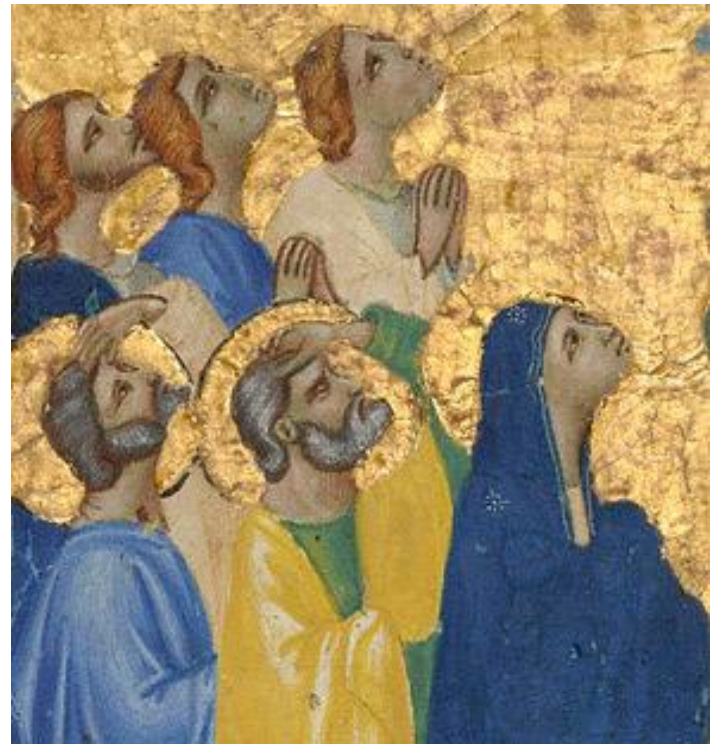
NOTES SENT HOME TODAY

- ❖ Kindergarten
Newsletter
- ❖ Parent Group
Agenda
- ❖ Years 3-6
Dance Fever
Interschool
Challenge
Update

AT OLOLI
CARE FOR
MYSELF,
OTHERS &
THE
ENVIRONMENT

Dear Parents

Last Sunday was the feast of the Ascension. This marks the end of the Easter season and the beginning of Pentecost- which will be next Sunday. Jesus ascended into Heaven. Some accounts have this happening on the top of a mountain forty days after the Resurrection. Jesus' time on earth was over but Jesus made his disciples ready to continue His work. He gave them the help of the Holy Spirit. So the friends and supporters of Jesus, waited in Jerusalem for the inspiration of the Spirit. And what an inspiration it must have been! Within the lifetime of the apostles and St Paul, Christianity spread throughout the Roman empire, spreading beyond the Jewish faith and Israel, despite persecution and attempts at repression.



Although there is great mystery around the form that the risen Christ took and what actually happened at the Ascension, there can be no doubt that Jesus and his teachings were loved and revered, radically transforming the ancient world. We have lost the memory of the real, historical Jesus and must rely on the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles to learn about those times. Our world still needs transformation and so the work of Jesus continues through us with the inspiration of the scriptures and the Holy Spirit. Teachers are working hard at the moment preparing our school reports. I am looking forward to rewarding the students with outstanding work efforts soon.

Regards,

Lesley Studans

MERIT AWARDS

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



KB	<i>William, Anderson, Thomas, Ajay, Nikita, George</i>
KW	<i>Ranbeer, Naveen, Alby, Breanna, Lily, Isabella dela Cruz</i>
1B	<i>Sophie, Alvin, Mia , Jessie, Deng Ainsley, Haisam, Zackary, Kaylee</i>
1W	<i>Tristan, Riley, Jake, Saanvi, Steven, Connor, Mia, Mary Rose</i>
2B	<i>Shany, Karen, Elijah, Christian, Lennox, Sanmeet</i>
2W	<i>Jasmine, James, Ethan, Aryan, Yasin</i>
3B	<i>Chloe, Sophie, Hannah, Grace, Jayden, Alex</i>
3W	<i>Anastatia, Larissa, Courtney, Tiana , Tanisha, Zahra, Tanish</i>
4B	<i>Liam, Navharshbir, Lilly-Maree, Mary Wol, Neive,</i>
4W	
Stage 3B	
Stage 3G	
Stage 3R	
Stage 3W	

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder that our next Staff Development Day will be held this Friday, 6th June. No staff will be on the premises. Please contact Mary at OOSH (9676 7293) if you require care for your child.

WINTER UNIFORM

Thank you for sending your children in their winter uniform this week.

BOYS

Long sleeved (school blue) shirt with crest
Navy school trousers
OLOL School jacket with crest

School tie

Navy ankle socks
Black shoes
School hat or cap



GIRLS

Plaid tunic and **tab tie**
Long sleeved (school blue) blouse with peter-pan collar

OLOL School jacket (with crest)

Navy socks or
Navy (opaque) tights
Black shoes
School hat or cap

A reminder that school ties and tabs are part of our winter school uniform and must be worn at all times.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS

This year we will once again be making class hampers of winter food items which will be used by the Society to help those in need. Over the next two weeks the children will come home with a request for a donation of a non-perishable food item for the class hamper. The hampers will be presented to a representative from the Society at the Sacred Heart of Jesus liturgy in week 9.

Thank you in anticipation for your support of this appeal.

BUS ROUTE CHANGES

There have been changes to the Grantham Road afternoon bus route. If you have any issues please contact the bus company directly.

BOOK FAIR – TWO WEEKS TO GO!!

Our annual school book fair will take place from Friday, 20th June until Wednesday, 25th June. During that time the library will be open before and after school as well as at lunchtime and during the parent/teacher interviews, to allow children and parents to purchase quality books.



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to *Mary, Ethan and Khi* who received this award at Monday's Assembly.



GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:
Kindergarten

The Book Fair also assists the school in that the school receives a commission from each sale which then can be used to purchase resources for our library. A flyer advertising the fair will be sent home next week. If you have any queries in relation to the Book Fair please see Mrs Cividin.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Last Friday 29 boys from Years 3-6 competed in the Parramatta Rugby League Knock Out at Kellyville Park. The Under 10's team played 2 games. They fought hard and played well together but unfortunately didn't win. The Open's team played 3 games and were a strong team with a win, a draw and a loss. The boys were excellent role models for our school, showing teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Thank you to

Mrs Camilleri for coaching the Under 10's and Mr Thompson for coaching the Open's team. The boys really appreciated your guidance, encouragement and support. Thank you to all

the other parents who assisted the teams during games or with travel to and from the ground. The two teams have been invited to play at the next level at Smithfield in a few weeks' time. Congratulations to the teams:

Under 10's:

Cameron Wallington, Frank Palmiotto, Harley Dickson, Harry Stancic, Matthew Torrisi, Marc-Antony Sakre, George Bardney-Battaglia, Aaron Rosario, Ben Lawrence, Jayden Raad, Jacob Camilleri, Jaylen Naing and James Layoun.

Opens:

Ethan Rietdyk, Isaac Rosario, Raymond Raad, Flynn Broom, Joel Nohra, Bryce Cairns, Anthony Jade, Brendan Tenn, Joshua Thompson, Declan Schell, Luca Azzopardi, Cohen Andrews-Webb, Danny Layoun, Christian Sakre, Bailey Thompson and Jaiden Hoang.



Mrs Clare Willemse

The News in RE

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birth of the Church. At

Pentecost Disciples were given the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enabled them to speak in different languages, allowing them to minister to every nation on Earth. It was with this event that the Church came to exist, the Holy Spirit made the Christian message truly Catholic.



To be Catholic is to be universal and open to the world, not just the world you are familiar with but open to all, to every single person from every corner of the Earth. This may seem difficult, but with the Holy Spirit all things are possible! When we are filled with the Spirit, we can work beyond what we perceive to be our boundaries, with creativity and imagination. In order for this to happen however, we need to be transparent instruments for the Spirit to work. People who have emptied themselves of their agendas and who are open to the Word. When powered by the Spirit, the Christian community can hope for great things through the witness in word and deed. The fruits of the Holy Spirit can be seen by the traces of justice in the world.

There are countless examples of how the OLOL community gives witness to the Holy Spirit year after year. One concrete example of where justice can be seen is through the annual Winter Appeal, which begins again this week. Through your generous donations, some of the most vulnerable members in our society have been able to feed themselves and their families each winter. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work within our community of Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills.

‘Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.’

*Amanda Bently
Religious Education Coordinator*

Curriculum Conversations

Morris Gleitzman Talk

On Monday twenty Stage 3 students and three teachers were fortunate enough to go to St Agnes High School at Rooty Hill to listen to a very entertaining talk by Morris Gleitzman a popular Australian children's author.

Morris spoke about his new book "Loyal Creatures" which tells the story of the men and horses of the Australian Light Horse Brigade. We were then treated to a wonderful performance of a short play written by Morris around the same theme. Children and teachers alike were held enthralled as a single actor told the story of one light horseman and his horse.

After the play there was an opportunity to ask questions of both Morris and the actor as well as to have books signed by the author. It was an exciting and enthralling opportunity to gain a real insight into how an author works.

Special thanks to Mrs Regan for organising the event and to the parents who assisted with transport.

