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

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**Term 2**

**Week 6**

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

## **FUTURE DATES...**

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

- Year 6 cake stall

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

- Dance Fever  
Interschool Dance  
competition

## **NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY**

- Year 6 cake stall  
flyer

## **NOTES SENT HOME TODAY**

- Dance Fever update

## **UNIFORM SHOP SALE:**

**3 WINTER  
HEADBANDS FOR \$4  
OR 5 WINTER  
SCRUNCHIES FOR \$2  
UNTIL SOLD OUT!!**

Respect  
Responsibility  
Readiness to  
Learn

*Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,*

*In last Sunday's Gospel on the feast of the Ascension the words of Jesus enliven our faith, hope and love. "And remember, I am with you always; yes. To the end of time." These words truly stir a deep sense of joy in our faith in God. The feast of the Ascension reminds us that we now carry on the work of Jesus – but not alone: with his help!*



*Equally, as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this Sunday we ponder gifts of the Spirit. "There are many different gifts" says Paul, "but always it is the same Spirit. There are many different forms of activity but it is the same God at work in them all." We experience signs of the Spirit in our lives – prompting, encouraging, guiding and empowering us to live from Jesus' vision of God in our community and in the lives especially of our children.*

*Lord, help me in the circumstances of my life to show others the way to you.*

*Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

*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 will renew the face of the earth.*

*God Bless  
Keiran Byrnes*

## GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:



Kindergarten	<b>George Safiti</b>
Year 1	<b>Isha Dipu</b>
Year 2	<b>Ellie Cho</b>
Year 3	<b>Naveen Panakkal</b>
Year 4	<b>Deng Wol</b>
Year 5	<b>Katelyn Fountain</b>
Year 6	<b>Jessica Holmes</b>

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

KB	<b>Elisha Odur, Yana Patel, Christina LaGuidara, Charlotte Sibilant</b>
KW	<b>Violet Stevens, Kaydn Perrett, Ethan Santosa, Sarayu Arani</b>
1B	<b>Mark Onen, Eva Layoun, Syon Shanker, Masyn Buckley</b>
1W	<b>Amber Issanchon, Nathan Bayeh, Charlotte Byrne, Emma Skinner, Sergio Sulaiman</b>
2B	<b>Emma Webster, Jairus Odur Ochieng, Kathryn Andrew, Audrey Bajada, Ellie Cho</b>
2W	<b>Arham Batra, Alisra Fernando, Haylee Zahra, Ashley Tenn</b>
3B	<b>Ava Rigney, Ruby Sultanta, Jayden Cortis, Alex Layoun</b>
3W	<b>Jaylene Bong, Alby Bento, Liv Lal, Ranbeer Walia</b>
4B	<b>Harshul Gaur, Aaron Sriraj, Andy Li, Haisam Choudhary</b>
4W	<b>Jake Wright, Connor Nilon, Awien Lual, Juan Burgess, Charlize Abou Yaghi</b>
5B	<b>Max Jahshan, Oliver Browne, Thomas Osborne, Aryan Roy</b>
5W	<b>Ethan Neish, Lennox Talauta, Christian Milicevic, Brayden Dobbie</b>
6B	<b>Caidyn Joel Armitage, Nicholas Bumanglag, Jessica Holmes, Rebecca Said</b>
6W	<b>Rustom Kavarana, Xavier Krzeminski, Ashiqca Manandhar, Tiana Poniris</b>

## School Fees

Term 2 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.

If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Monique Kearins on 9622 7216.

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Closed from 10:40am to 11:00am)

All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.



### Year 6 Cake Stall

Tomorrow at recess Year 6 will be holding a Cake Stall to help fund the Year 6 graduation disco at the end of the year. Lots of delicious treats to buy so make sure to bring some money with you and help support our Year 6 fundraising.

### Staff Development Day

A reminder that our next Staff Development Day will be held Friday 9th June. No staff will be on the premises that day. Please contact Tania at OOSH on 9676 7293 to make arrangements for your child/children to attend on this day.

### KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

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.

### Attendance Update

At school we are interested in your child's wellbeing and happiness, engagement with learning in the classroom, and social and emotional development. The single most important thing you can do to support all of these areas is ensure they attend Every Day.

Our current attendance rate at the end of last week is 90%. This is on target for our Diocesan goal – great work.

Remember the things that parents can do to establish good attendance patterns to set your child up for success:

- Be firm and send your child to school every day unless they are sick.
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time



## OLOL PARENT GROUP

Our winter treats of hot chocolate and popcorn are on sale at lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$1 each.



## UNIFORMS

All uniforms can be purchased from the school uniform shop. Appointments can be made on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

To make an appointment go

to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://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. Uniforms will be sent home by the end of the week. Please contact Aida Almeida if you require any further assistance. Thankyou.

### Wakakirri Prop Making Afternoons

Anyone who is interested, parents and children, please come along to our Prop and Costume making afternoons, tomorrow and Week 8 of this term.

Dates: Thursday 1st of June and Thursday, 15th June.

Time: 3:00- 4:30 p.m.

Where: Library area.

### 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.

### ICAS Writing

Advanced notice that the ICAS Writing competition for those students who have registered will be held on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to the nature of the competition students who are not present on the day will be unable to participate.

#### *Book Fair – Advance Notice*

*Each year at Our Lady of Lourdes we hold a book fair. Ashton Scholastic provide the books and children and parents are able to purchase these. The proceeds from the book sales benefit the school with funds raised being used to buy more books. The fair takes place in the library and will commence on the 23rd of June. Further information will follow.*

### **DANCE FEVER INTERSCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION – THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2017 AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK DRESS CODE**

**FORMAL DANCE – BOYS** - long black trousers and collared shirt.

Many boys like to borrow a tie or bow tie from Dad.

**GIRLS**- It is preferred that girls wear dresses or skirts. Shoes for girls need to be a sandal style shoe with or without a small heel.

### **HIP-HOP DANCE**

**BOYS:** navy summer school shorts, **WHITE** short sleeved collared buttoned shirt, their school tie, navy knee high socks, black or navy suspenders, their school cap and black school shoes.

**GIRLS:** a **WHITE** short sleeved collared button shirt, their winter school tunic, their winter tab, white socks, black school shoes and have either a **WHITE** scrunchie, head band or ribbon in their hair.

## Out and About



**This week the winter chill has really hit Our Lady of Lourdes. In addition to the chill in the air we have seen a number of children and staff succumb to illness. It is the nature of the season. It is important to ensure that with the colder weather the children are dressed appropriately with warm jackets and undergarments that allow them to take off the layers as the day warms up. This year, as parents would be aware, we introduced a school jumper in response to parent concerns that the school jacket was not warm enough. As with any change or addition to the uniform the introduction of the jumper was an organised process with parent opinion sought, sample voted on and the final product chosen. From the outset it was made very clear that due to the cost of the jumper it would be available on an order only basis with payment taken at the time of the order. It was also made clear that there would be only one jumper order placed each year. This was advertised extensively at the end of last year and once again at the beginning of this year. There was a 3 week period during which parents had the opportunity to view and order the jumper. I understand that with the colder weather now upon us, and having seen the jumper on other students, that parents may now wish to purchase the jumper for their own child. However, due to the production process, and the cost involved, this is not possible. It was for this reason that the necessity of ordering the jumper at the beginning of the year was advertised so extensively. Our uniform suppliers have informed me that they have had direct enquiries from parents re purchasing the jumper. As they have been advised the only option for purchasing the jumper is through the school uniform shop. We always endeavour to work with parents closely and be flexible to meet parents and students need however in this situation we are unable to facilitate the order of further jumpers until next year. In the interim we ask that those students who did not order the jumper continue to wear the school jacket as has previously been the practice. I thank parents for their understanding around this matter. If you have any further questions or concerns in relation to either the school jumper or any other matter related to the school uniform please feel free to contact me directly.**

**Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal**



On Friday night our parish had the pleasure of being the witness to over 30 children making their Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament is the final one in the Sacraments of Initiation.

It is called *Confirmation* because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. Confirmation means accepting responsibility for your faith and destiny.

The sacrament of Confirmation confers special graces of the Holy Spirit upon the person being confirmed, just as such graces were granted to the Apostles at Pentecost. Like Baptism, therefore, it can only be performed once. Confirmation increases and deepens all of the graces granted at Baptism.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five effects of Confirmation:

- It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation, which makes us cry “Abba! Father!”
- It unites us more firmly to Christ.
- It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.
- It renders our bond with the Church more perfect.
- It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and to never be ashamed of the Cross.

Congratulations to all of those candidates, their sponsors and their families who were a part of this special faith development. Now you can all continue to spread the message and the Good News of Jesus. The children have renewed their baptismal promises on their own and are now ready to be the ‘Living Body of Christ’ to those that they meet – reflected in what they say and what they do.

Do not forget to show your love for Jesus by attending Mass on the weekends. This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – also known as the birthday of the Church. This a very important feast day in our church.

God Bless you all.

Janelle Bawden

Religious Education Co-ordinator