



Innovative Learning In A
Changing World

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Term 1

Week 8

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FUTURE DATES...

MARCH

Wednesday 16th

Stage 3 Canberra
Excursion

Commences

Friday 18th

5:30pm-6:00pm

Stage 3 Return from
Canberra

Wednesday 23rd

Parent Group
Meeting

NOTES SENT HOME

MONDAY

- ❖ Jelly Cups

NOTES SENT HOME

TODAY

- ❖ Meal Deal

Respect

Responsibility

Readiness to

Learn

Dear Parents

Today we farewelled our Year 5 and 6 students on their excursion to Canberra. I planned to take a photo to put on the front page but it was so wet and rainy that none turned out!

For some students it is the first time that they have been away from home and for all parents it is a big thing to give overnight responsibility to the school. The teachers work hard to ensure all students have a good time, stay safe and stay well. Today, for example, they arrived at work before 6 am and will probably still be working well after midnight. If you have ever had a sleepover at your place you can imagine the excitement of the children! The purpose of going to Canberra is to learn about our history and geography and to begin to see how our country is run. I have been very impressed by the knowledge our children are developing on this topic through the process of project based learning (PBL).

As always I am so impressed by the love and care shown to our children by our parents. It makes my job much easier and I always feel very privileged to have the care of the children during the school day.

Next week is the most important week of the church year - Holy Week. Please see inside the Newsletter for details of our celebrations. Occasionally Easter falls within the school term as it does this year and it's a great opportunity for us to highlight the message of hope that is in Holy Week. We remember during this week that Jesus suffered and died on the crucifix for us. The crucifix has since become a symbol of our religion. However it is the Risen Christ that shows us that all suffering comes to an end. Jesus is alive with us still and we can feel his presence every day, particularly through the Eucharist. That is why we are having an Easter Mass on Tuesday, March 29th after the Easter break.



Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Dylan
Year 1	Lucas
Year 2	Alanis
Year 3	Mia
Year 4	Aryan Roy
Year 5	Annelise
Year 6	Lilly-Maree



AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards at assembly on Friday:



KB	Himika, Lucas, Mark, William
KW	Maxx, Amber, Nathan, Luca
1B	Aaron, Richard, Madelaine, Latai, Ivy
1W	Addison, Kathryn, Arham, Georon, Emily
2B	Isabella, William, Phillip, Arshan
2W	Enrique, Cassandra, Jaylene, Erika
3B	Saanvi, Tristan, Mia, Angad
3W	Mary-Rose, Doriana, Isaac, Monu
4B	Ezekiel, Mikayla, Chelsea, Lennox
4W	Elijah, Aliana, Thomas, Reuben
5B	Diana, Annelise, Charlise, Seth
5W	Anoj, Xavier, Alicia, Grace
6B	Charlotte, Katelyn, George, Samuel
6W	Theo, Taliah, Jaylen, Jackson

EASTER BONNET DAY FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

Children are asked to bring in a gold coin to wear their favourite hat or to wear a bonnet made at home to celebrate the Easter season. All money raised will go to support our pilgrims travelling to WYD in July.

HOLY WEEK

Next week is Holy Week. All are welcome to join in one or all of our liturgies. Please see below for details.

Liturgy	When/Where	Grade Responsible
Palm Sunday	Grass playground <u>Monday</u> 2:00pm	Kindergarten
Washing of Feet	Hall <u>Tuesday</u> 1:40pm	Year 2
Last Supper	Hall Following the Washing of Feet	Year 1
Agony in the Garden and the arrest	Grass area between school and church <u>Wednesday</u> 2:00pm	Year 3
Stations of the Cross and the good thief	Church, <u>Thursday</u> 2:00pm	Year 4
Resurrection (Easter Mass)	Church, <u>Tuesday</u> 9:15am	Stage 3

WINTER UNIFORM

Appointments are available Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Students will commence wearing winter uniform in early May.

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PARENT GROUP NEWSs... HOT CROSS BUN MEAL DEAL

Just a reminder that the Hot Cross Bun Meal Deal is on Thursday the 24th of March at recess. The order forms went home last week. Helpers are greatly needed. If you can provide any assistance, please be at the hall on the day of meal deal from 8.45am.



NEXT MEETING

The next Parent Group meeting will be held next Wednesday, 23rd March at 7:00pm in the library. If you have anything you would like to discuss at the meeting please email these items to: ololpg@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions or enquiries you can ask a member of the executive committee.

KISS AND DROP ZONE

Parents have been expressing concern about the flow of traffic in the carpark in the morning. One of the issues is the appropriate use of the Kiss and Drop Zone. The Kiss and Drop Zone is designed to assist parent and students complete the morning drop off quickly. On most mornings one of the school leadership team is present in the Kiss and Drop Zone to assist students to alight quickly and efficiently in the zone. Parents are asked to have the student's bags with them in the car – alighting and getting the school bag out of the car boot slows down the process. Parents are asked to remain in the car – parents alighting and hugging students in the Kiss and Drop Zone also slows down the process. If you wish to assist your child out of the car and give them a final kiss and hug then you are asked to park the car in the top carpark rather than using the Kiss and Drop. There are two spaces in the Kiss and Drop Zone. The first car is asked to pull up towards the front of the zone the second car behind it. In this way two cars can be dropping students at the one time – again speeding up the process. Wherever possible students should alight on the passenger side of the car to ensure child safety. *Overtaking in the Kiss and Drop Zone is strictly prohibited.* If all parents can assist with adhering to the Kiss and Drop guidelines the traffic flow in the carpark will be greatly improved. Thank you in anticipation.



Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and special friends visiting the school and taking part in activities in the classroom. For those who were unable to attend visitors were asked to participate in two learning activities with the students. The first was a “quick write” – a quick writing activity designed to get our brains thinking about writing. This is an activity that is undertaken regularly in classrooms at the beginning of writing lessons. Last Friday’s quick write required the participants to use the words “classroom, genie and spaghetti” in a sentence. A time limit of 3 minutes was set and writers were asked to think of an imaginative way to use the words. Following the activity the writers were invited to share their work with others in the classroom. Our second activity was a number busting activity. Once again this type of activity is used to “warm up” our brains for Mathematics. Students and visitors were given a number and asked to “number bust” it. That is think of, and record, as many different ways as possible to represent the given number. Once again at the conclusion of the activity sharing was encouraged. At the conclusion of the classroom time the visitors were then fittingly invited to share the Eucharist with the entire school community. This is particularly appropriate in Catholic Schools Week as the celebration of the Eucharist is central to our Catholic faith. Finally visitors were invited to share morning tea with the students on the playground. The general feeling was positive with visitors and children enjoying the experience. We had a full house in the library for new families considering OLOL in 2017 and the feedback was positive from parents who were given a tour of the school and Kindergarten in particular. As you are reading this I am in Canberra with our senior students. I am confident that, as in Catholic Schools Week, our students will represent our school with pride. As always it is a privilege to be part of this community.

Carol Cividin – Assistant Principal

WYD RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to all the families who have supported our teacher pilgrims by buying or selling WYD raffle tickets. All tickets that have been returned have now been sent to the Diocesan Office for the draw this Sunday (20th March) after the Palm Sunday Mass at 6pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Before enrolling in a Community Health Program young midwife Sreymom lacked experience. Now, she is a trusted midwife, helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region in Cambodia. So far Our Lady of Lourdes Primary has raised \$373.20

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Congratulations to all
our children who are
making their First
Reconciliation tonight.

