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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School News 'n' Views

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Week 7

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FUTURE DATES...

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 18th

6:30pm Spring Fair
wrap up meeting in
the library

Friday 20th

Year 1 Featherdale
Excursion

2:00pm Assembly

Wednesday 25th

Group 3 Kindergarten
2016 Orientation
7:00pm Parent Group
Meeting

NOTES SENT HOME MONDAY...

- ❖ 2016 Diocesan School Fees
- ❖ Parent Group meeting date change

NOTES SENT HOME TODAY...

- ❖ Slice Drive – order form

Respect
Responsibility
Readiness to
Learn

Dear Parents,

I hope you were able to avoid the downpour on Friday afternoon. Unfortunately we were caught in the hall when the storm hit and had to abandon our Awesome Authors Assembly. So we will have the rest of the Assembly this Friday for Years 2-6. Fortunately our Kindergarten and Year 1 authors were able to have their turn and merit awards were given out to the children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. If you can make the assembly (and the weather behaves itself!) you will be in for a treat. We have a James Bond style story and a superhero comic to share as well as some great fantasy stories, detective reports and poetry. Here is a taster of the quality on show:

*Land of the Imaginary
By Gabrielle*

It was there and then it had gone. Why would a rabbit be on my bathroom floor? Maybe I was imagining things? I crouch down to examine the faint, almost invisible, footprints. Suddenly, they disappear, one by one, like puffs of smoke. Intrigued, I follow the trail, running to get to each paw before it disappears. The footprints lead me out the bathroom, down the hallway and into the backyard. They snake along the yellow pathway, beckoning me to follow. I can't resist and keep going. The faint prints guide me to a cute little door hidden underneath leafy green vines that are hanging from the wall. They part a little, just enough for me to see the glossy brown of the door. A golden key glints inside a tangle of intertwining vines. I reach out to grab it, and then slot it into the keyhole.

Click! The door opens, revealing a land of wonder. It's just like Oz, or Neverland, except, well, different.

Prayer for Peace

At Assembly on Monday morning we prayed for peace after the Paris killings and pledged to perform peaceful actions as Jesus showed us. As part of a Catholic school it's important to remember the words of Pope Francis that we should not see a religious justification for killing humans of all religions or none at all know that killing is wrong.



Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

Kindergarten	Charlotte
Year 1	Alby
Year 2	Mia
Year 3	Charlotte
Year 4	Edward
Year 5	Nicole
Year 6	Tayla



SPRING FAIR

Tonight we will be having a **Spring Fair wrap up meeting** for all those involved in organising the Spring Fair. This meeting will take place at 6.30pm in the Library. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



SCHOOL STUDENTS OPALCARDS

Some parents and students will need to apply online for their 2016

School Opal card. This includes **children starting in kindergarten and moving from year 2 to 3 or moving on to high school changing their address next year.** transportnsw.info/school-students

AWARDS

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



KB	Jaslene, Demi, Mia Lal, Mayanna, Chloe, Ellie
KW	Georgia, Isla, Aiden, Andre, David, Rhys, Pranuti
1B	Arshaan, Anderson, Jaylene, George Ava
1W	Jeremy, Alanis, Naveen, Ruby Sultana, Jacob, Jayden
2B	Dhruv, Alysse, Izabella, Harshul, Jessica
2W	Jay, Connor, Brayson, Alvin, Charlize

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Win an iPad in the CEO Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. **Entries open on 2nd November 2015 and close at 5pm on 5th February 2016.**

To read the rules: www.parra.catholic.edu.au

To enter the challenge:

<http://tinyurl.com/EDSummerReading>



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

To make an appointment please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code: **BNRUP**

If you know the size required order forms can be downloaded from the school website and sent to the office with payment.

The uniform shop will be open on **Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th January, 2016.** If you would like to make an appointment please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code: **GPUCU**

Please contact Beth Polo in the office if you require any further assistance with your uniform appointments.



MARK TAYLOR SHIELD

Congratulations to our cricket team for making it to Round 4 of the Mark Taylor Shield competition, it was an awesome effort by the boys. Unfortunately we didn't win the match against St Augustine's, Brookvale.

The team consisted of:

Bailey Joshua
Joshua Declan Yerko
Blake Luca Frank Cameron
Geoff Harley Jackson

Joshua Thompson was our man of the match with an all-round performance. Thank you to the coach Paul Thompson and the parents who helped out on the day, umpiring, scoring and transporting students.

Are You Moving?

If your child/children will not be returning to Our Lady of Lourdes School in 2016, would you kindly inform the office as soon as possible. Currently, we have a number of children on our waiting lists and classes for 2016 will need to be finalised soon. Thank you.

Maths Assessment Interview
The code for MAI is RLPE8.

PARISH NEWS...

FAMILY MASS – THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



The families of Kindergarten and Year 6 will lead the Family Mass on Sunday the 22nd of November at 9:30

a.m. This is the last Sunday of the Liturgical year before we begin Advent. Everyone, especially families are welcome to come and celebrate the Eucharist together. The Parish will be providing a sausage sizzle after Mass to celebrate the great work of all of the choirs. Please bring a plate (such as a salad). All are welcome!

PARENT GROUP NEWS ...

LAST PARENT GROUP MEETING FOR 2015

The final Parent Group meeting for this year will be held on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm in the library. **Please note date change.** All parents are welcome to attend. Please email agenda items need to ololpg@hotmail.com.

SLICE DRIVE

Please complete the order form from Heather Brae and return to school with the correct money by Monday, 30th November. **Please note: Fundraiser cookie boxes, and Christmas Fare are not available with this offer.** Please ensure the eldest child's name is clearly marked on the order form. Your order will be delivered between Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th December, just in time for Christmas Celebrations. Get as many orders as you can, by parents taking to work, or asking neighbours and family members. If you are available to help sort, pack and deliver to the classrooms on delivery day, date to be advised, and you have completed the **Parents as Educators course this year or last**, please contact Theresa Sultana on 0434 429 011.



FUNDS RAISED

Each year the Parent Group, through its various activities, raises funds for our school. This may be through the Meal Deals, the Mothers and Father's Day stalls or the slice drive that we are currently running. All of these funds go back to the school or are used to support things such as our Mothers and Father's Day breakfasts. Recently our funds have been used to purchase a new shade sail over the handball courts and purchase new blinds for the Creative Arts room and Year One. This year we are looking at helping to purchase an electric sign for the front of the school. Every cent raised helps the school and therefore our children in some way. Your support for our activities is appreciated.

The News in RE



The sad events that occurred on the weekend in Paris can really at times test our faith. It can also be extremely difficult to answer the questions of our children when they witness disturbing stories on the news such as the ones on the weekend. It is times like these when we can turn to Christ for comfort and some answers.

This coming Sunday we are reminded that we must look for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The feast day was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and does not so much celebrate a specific event in the history of salvation, but rather honours our Saviour Himself under the title of king. The feast is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time just before Advent begins and was originally instituted to counteract the growing secularism and atheism.

Whatever the motivations for the horrific acts carried out in Paris were, we can 'gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies' (*Quas Primas*, 33). Christ was clear in what He wants from us and modelled it for us during his life. Christ's kingship is one of *humility and service*. When the children witness these stories on the news it is important that the focus is on the helpers: the paramedics, the police officers, the people lining up to donate blood, the people offering their prayers. They are the people who are Christ's hands here on earth.

The 9:30am Mass this Sunday will be Year 6 and their buddies Family Mass. All families are welcome to come along and pray for peace and for the Kingdom of Christ.

**Amanda Bentley
Religious Education Coordinator**

CURRICULUM CONVERSATIONS

THIS TERM THE STUDENTS IN STAGE TWO ARE STUDYING, WHO ARE AUSTRALIA'S NEIGHBOURS AND WHAT ARE THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM AND AUSTRALIA. TO ENHANCE OUR LEARNING WE ARE SPECIFICALLY LOOKING AT BLACKTOWN'S SISTER CITIES LOCATED IN NEW ZEALAND, CHINA, THE PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH KOREA. ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2015 STUDENTS IN STAGE TWO VISITED NURRAGINGY RESERVE TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT BLACKTOWN'S SISTER CITIES. WE VISITED THE CHINESE GARDENS AND BECAME JUNIOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AS WE BEGAN TO PLAN AND DESIGN OUR OWN PARK LAND FOR OTHER ASIAN CITIES.

