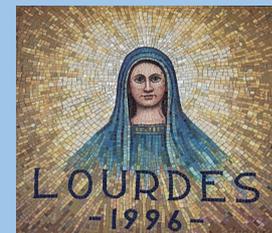




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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2, 2018

24TH OCTOBER, 2018

FUTURE DATES

Wednesday 31st October
Swimming Program concludes

Friday 26th October
World Teachers Day

Sunday 28th October
Family Mass at 9.30am in the Church

Wednesday 31st October
Kindergarten excursion to Monkey Baa

Thursday 1st November
All Saints Day Mass at 9.15am

Monday 5th November
Stage 3 excursion to Sydney

Tuesday 6th November
Yr2 excursion - Rouse Hill

Wednesday 7th November
Kindergarten 2019 orientation night

Friday 9th November
Mission Mass at 9.15am in the church
Mission to Busk from 1.30pm

Wednesday 14th & 21st November
Kindergarten 2019 orientation mornings

Tuesday 4th December
Christmas Concert and Awards night

Wednesday 5th December
Swimming Carnival

Thursday 13th December
Year 6 Graduation Mass and End of Year Mass

Principal's Message



Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Welcome back to all our families and staff. I can tell from the children that they enjoyed the break and the opportunity to spend time with their families.

As you know the resurfaced lower car park has been accessible for the last two weeks. Thank you for taking care when driving and parking in the car park. Can I formally thank the facilities team at Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta for the organisation and funding of this project. Please see the section in the newsletter with all the latest details about the facilities work at OLOL.

On Thursday 25th October four children, Mrs Bawden and Miss Espiritu will represent OLOL at the Diocesan Education Mass. This occasion precedes and highlights World Mission Sunday, the day traditionally set aside for Catholics to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity throughout the world. OLOL will continue to support Catholic Mission through prayer at our school mission mass on November 9th and through our annual Mission to Busk activities. Please also note, we celebrate All Saints Day Mass on November 1st. We warmly invite and encourage parents to join us at both these celebrations of the Eucharist.

This Friday is World Teacher's Day. How blessed we are to have teachers at OLOL so committed to the children in their care. How blessed we are as teachers to have the children of OLOL who show us the face of Jesus each day. As a leader in a Catholic school I have the privilege of working with a dedicated team of professionals who strive each day to make a difference to the lives of the children here at OLOL. I most sincerely thank them for the work that they do and I encourage us all to offer a gesture of gratitude to our teachers.

Finally, I wish to thank Mrs Cividin and all the leadership team for their work in leading the school so well during my absence in Term 3.

**God Bless,
Keiran Byrnes**

PHOTO GALLERY:

See the latest photos on the school website:



[2018 Creative Arts Showcase Concert](#)



We have limited spaces available in Years 1-6 in 2019. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at OLOL in 2019, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

Notes to home:

Year 1 Excursion - The Gruffalo's Child

Stage 3 Excursion
The Observatory & Museum of Applied Sciences and Arts

Facilities at OLOL

In Term 3 (Week 4 newsletter) we informed the community of further facilities work to be undertaken to continue to improve the environment at OLOL. As you know the carpark has been resurfaced during the recent school holidays and the line marking was completed last night. There are a few minor works on the carpark still to be completed during this term.

In addition to the car park, we also informed the community that further work will take place to rectify and resurface the basketball court, renew the basketball hoops, make good the current uneven concrete edges surrounding the court and lay synthetic grass surrounding the basketball court. In addition to this plan play equipment will be installed adjacent to the basketball court that meets all Australian Safety Standards. Today we were advised that the work on the next stage of the playground will begin next week with the erecting of safety fences. The goal is to have the works completed by Christmas and in time for the 2019 school year.

We are very grateful as these works will happen as result of the support of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta to improve the facilities for our children.

As with all construction works there will be some short term inconvenience. At this point access will still be maintained to the school through the gate near the current car park but fencing will establish a corridor for pedestrian traffic to access the school in general and specifically OOSH, the recently refurbished playground and the bubblers at the end of Year 6. Full details of any further adjustments that may be required will be communicated in a timely manner.

This construction work will make a massive difference to the appearance and quality of the playground for the children for 2018 and well into the future.



Resurfaced Lower Car Park

Out and About

HELP NEEDED

Next Wednesday, October 31st, at 7pm, is the Annual General Meeting of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parent Group. This group performs a vital role within the school community, providing lunch time treats and meal deals for students, organising community events such as Cheers and Tears and our Mothers' and Fathers' Day Breakfasts, social events such as last week's Trivia Night, providing an avenue for parents to gain information about and put suggestions forward to the school, among other things.

This year a number of the Parent Group executive are stepping down and we urgently need other parents within the community to step into these roles if the Parent Group is to continue. At the end of last term nomination forms and role descriptions for each position were distributed. Any parent taking on a role would be given support and there are many parents willing to help out with specific activities so anyone volunteering is not on their own. The Parent Group meets twice a term, that is only eight times in the year, so the commitment is not onerous.

The benefit of having a Parent Group for our community is immeasurable. However it cannot run without volunteers. I am asking that all parents consider taking on a role on our Parent Group Executive. In today's society we are all busy and there are many demands made on our time but it is also true that many hands make light work. The more parents who volunteer to be part of our Parent Group the less responsibility any one individual has to take.

The rewards for volunteering are many as I am sure any member of the Parent Group will let you know. So whether you have never attended a meeting before, whether you have attended previously but have taken a break or whether you attend regularly but have never taken on an executive role I ask that you consider nominating for the committee this year. Any parent who might be interested in taking a role but has questions about the commitment please feel free to contact me at the school.

I look forward to working with our new Parent Group in 2019 as we support each other in providing the best possible learning community for your children.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal

Attendance

Attendance Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate for the year to date is **89.1%**.

Welcome back to Term 4. As a community we believe that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels for week 1 are recorded below.

Congratulations to Years 3 and 5 who continue to exceed the schools target of 90% each week.

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary Seven Hills	89.1%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	88.5%
01	88.7%
02	80.7%
03	94.5%
04	89.4%
05	94.3%
06	87.2%

ARE YOU LEAVING?



If your child/children will not be returning to Our Lady of Lourdes in 2019, would you kindly inform the office as soon as possible.

The Catholic Education Office policy relating to the notice required from parent to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part state that "A term's notice" (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of any student or a full term's fees will be paid. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term. A form is available from the school office.

This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition. Notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement of 10 weeks notice will be waived.

HSC Students

We wish all HSC students the very best as they complete their exams during the coming weeks. You are in our prayers at this special time of your educational journey.

God we ask that our students feel your closeness during the HSC exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Congratulations to Week 2 Gold Award Winners:



Year 2	Suchpreet Kaur
Year 3	Valerie Sulaiman
Year 4	Cassandra Laus
Year 5	Gurjot Kaur
Year 6	Ethan Neish

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

2019

Term 1 2019

Tuesday, 29th January	Mathematics Assessment Interviews by appointment Years K - 6
Wednesday, 30th January	Mathematics Assessment interviews by appointment Years K - 6
Thursday, 31 st January	<u>Years 1 - 6 classes begin for 2019</u> Kindergarten Mathematics Assessment interviews by appointment.
Friday, 1st February	<u>Classes begin for Kindergarten 2019</u>

Please note: A note detailing how to book your Mathematics appointments will be going home in the coming weeks

Sport News

[2019 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials](#)

Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2019 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2018 and Term One & Two in 2019.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G) and Touch Football (B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school**. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated.

All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Detailed information can be found on the website:

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au.

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Wednesday 31st October as these trials will be held in November 2018.

All OTHER sport registrations will open in November for 2019 trials.



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Swimming Carnival and Dry Land Carnival

Due to unforeseeable circumstances we have had to change the date and time of the Primary Swimming Carnival and Infants Dry Land Carnival.

The swimming carnival will be held on **Wednesday 5th of December** at 11:00am to 2:00pm at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. The Infants Dry Land Carnival will run on the same day **at school**. A note detailing both events will be sent to parents in the coming weeks.

The Australian Ballet School - Interstate Training Programme

Congratulations to Daniel Tenn in Year 6 who auditioned and was accepted into the interstate gifted and talented training program with

The Australian Ballet School. To be accepted into this

program is an amazing achievement and tells us a lot about

Daniel's talent and dedication to his passion. There were 400

people who auditioned from Australia, New Zealand and

Singapore with only 12 boys and 16 girls making it into the program. Daniel will

travel to Melbourne next year and have the opportunity to train with the directors and elite teachers of the company. We wish him the best of luck as he takes this

next step in pursuing his dreams.



Swim Survive Lessons



Our annual 'Swim and Survive' program started on Monday 22nd of October (Week 2) and will continue each day through to Wednesday 31st of October. Each year all of the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participate in 8 daily swimming lessons to develop their skills and knowledge in water safety. Water safety skills are extremely important for children to develop, especially as we head into the summer months. The students participate in the 'Active Program' teaching a range of skills and knowledge to develop swimming, water safety, survival and basic rescue skills. The program encourages children to have a healthy respect for the aquatic environment and is aligned with the National Swimming and Water Safety framework, developing the following skills:

- Entry and exit skills
- Floating and sculling skills
- Movement and swimming strokes
- Survival and PFD skills
- Underwater skills
- Rescue skills
- Water safety knowledge

Parents are welcome to attend the centre to view your child's progress but we ask that you remain in the designated viewing areas. Please see the reception staff upon arrival at the centre prior to entering the viewing areas.

If you have any questions regarding these lessons please see your child's teacher for further clarification.

The children thoroughly enjoy this experience and learn many new skills that they can apply around water.

Swimming Timetable 2018

Grade	Lesson Start	Lesson Finish
Kindergarten	9:00 am	9:40 am
Year 1	9:40 am	10:20 am
Year 2	10:20 am	11:00 am
Year 3	11:00 am	11:40 am
Year 4	11:40am	12:20pm
Year 5	12:50 pm	1:30 pm
Year 6	1:30 pm	2:10 pm



If you wish to make an appointment to try-on uniform please logon to the website:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login>

Use the event code: szhv5

Alternatively, if you know the size please complete an order form and return it to the school office. If you require any further assistance please contact Aida Almeida in the school office on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

UNSW Global Assessments - Mathematics

The ICAS Mathematics Paper assesses students Numeracy ability. Earlier on in the year, 39 students from OLOL participated in this assessment. Out of those 39 students, 2 students received Distinctions, 12 received Credits, 3 received a Merit and 22 received Participation Certificates. We are very proud of their effort and results and we congratulate the following students who received these awards.

Distinction: Year 3: Pranshu Kumar, Madeleine Zait.

Credit: Year 3: Amulya Avireni, Vrinda Kumar, Jairus Odur, Ivy Su, Yoyo Wang.
Year 4: Tom Kendall, Neil Razdan. **Year 5:** Angad Ahuja, Zackary Armitage, Shagun Kad, Sean Park, Zoe Van Zoggel, Rhys Webster. **Year 6:** Fletcher Kendall.

Merit: Year 3: Pavithra Jeyanthan.

Participation: Congratulations to the 22 students who received a Participation certificate. A job well done!

Mission to Busk

Mission Week is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people - a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. During this week we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times. Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God's love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony, justice and communion grow among persons, communities and races. During October we dedicate time to reflect in the hope that all the baptised will be always more committed to Christ's mission of salvation for the world.

At Our Lady of Lourdes, the children are invited to participate in a fundraising event that will give them the opportunity to share their talents with our community and help those less fortunate than themselves. The **Mission to Busk** fundraising event will take place on Friday November 9 between 1.30pm and 2.40pm on the school playground. All children have been invited to audition as buskers and the successful applicants have already been notified to perform on the day.

Some important things to know:

- Buskers will be placed at several vantage points around the school and students, staff and parents will spend the afternoon walking around enjoying the talent on display and throwing coins into their buckets.
- The buskers will perform their act a number of times over a 30-minute period. **They will need to provide their own portable music player/music as they may be outside.**

As part of Mission activities, the students are encouraged to donate their gold and silver coins to the buskers. We ask that children bring in a number of gold or silver coins to throw into the buckets of those children performing, with all funds raised being donated to the missions.

Depending on the number of students, there will be two busking sessions – the first will be from 1.30pm – 2.00 pm and the second will be from 2.10pm – 2.40 pm.

We are looking forward to enjoying all of the talent that OLOL children have.



FAMILY MASS

On Sunday 28th October the whole school will be leading the Parish Mass in prayers and readings at 9:30 am. Just a reminder that Year One are responsible for providing something small for the morning tea after the Mass. Biscuits, cakes or anything that you think will be suitable to have with a cup of tea or coffee will be most welcomed. Please leave your offerings in the kitchen in the hall before Mass.

We will also need Year One parents to help with serving the food. Please make yourself available to help straight after Mass to help with the serving.

Thank you for your ongoing support

PARENT PLANNER TERM 4 2018

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Sept	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th /7 th
Oct	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th /14 th 1st Holy Communion Certificates 9.30am
Oct Week 1	15 th	16 th Mission to Busk Auditions Stage 3	17 th Mission to Busk Auditions Stage 2	18 th Mission to Busk Auditions ES1/Stage 1	19 th Parent Group Trivia night.	20 th /21 st
Oct Week 2	22 nd Swimming Program Begins 	23 rd Swimming Lessons	24 th Swimming Lessons	25 th Swimming Lessons Education Mass (formerly Mission Mass) 9-2pm Blacktown	26 th Swimming Lessons World Teachers Day	27 th /28 th
Oct/ Nov Week 3	29 th Swimming Lessons	30 th Swimming Lessons	31 st Swimming Lessons Conclude Kinder Excursion to Monkey Baa Theatre - K and Year 6 to swap swimming lesson times Parent Group AGM 7pm	1 st All Saints Day – Mass Stage 3 9.15 a.m	2 nd All Souls Day	3 rd /4 th
Nov Week 4	5 th STAGE 3 Excursion to Sydney Observatory and The Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences	6 th Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm	7 th Kindergarten 2019 Information Night – 7:00pm to 8:30pm Year 6 graduation parent meeting 3pm -	8 th	9 th School Mission Mass 9.15am MISSION TO BUSK	10 th /11 th
Nov Week 5	12 th	13 th	14 th Kindy Orientation-Group 1 9:00am – 10:30am	15 th	16 th	17 th /18 th
Nov Week 6	19 th	20 th	21 st Kindy Orientation-Group 2 9:00am – 10:30am	22 nd	23 rd	24 th /25 th

Nov/ Dec Week 7	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	1 st /2 nd	
Dec Week 8	3 rd	4 th Christmas Concert and Awards Night 6:30pm -8:00pm 	 Swimming Carnival	5 th	6 th	7 th Parent Thank You Morning Tea 10:30am – 11:00am REPORTS GO HOME Lourdes OOSH Christmas party 6:00- 8:00	8 th /9 th
Dec Week 9	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Mass 9:15am Year 6 Graduation Disco 6:00pm	14 th Principal Morning Tea	15 th /16 th	
Dec Week 10	17 th	18 th Meet the Teacher 2019 11:00am	19 th Last Day for Students SCHOOL CLOSES Last day for 2018	20 th	21 st		