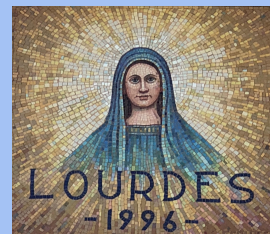




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Newsletter Term 2 Week 8, 2019

19TH JUNE, 2019

FUTURE DATES

Friday, 21st June
2pm in the hall Kinder,
Years 1 & 2
Assembly

Wednesday, 26th June
Dance Fever
InterSchool Challenge
at Homebush

Thursday, 27th June
Athletics Carnival
(Re-scheduled) at CV
Kelly Park Girraween

Tuesday, 2nd July
Parent Teacher
Interviews 3.30 -
9.00pm

Wednesday, 3rd July
Infants Dance Fever
concert in the hall at
2pm
Parent Teacher
Interviews 3.30pm -
5.00pm

Friday, 5th July
LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Sausage Roll and Pie
Meal Deal and Pie
Drive

Monday, 22nd July
1st day of **TERM 3**

Friday, 2nd August
Stage 2 Science
Incursion

Wednesday, 7th August
1st Meeting Eucharist
parent only 6.30pm -
7.30pm
Kindergarten -
Golden Ridge farm
excursion

Thursday, 8th August
Mary MacKillop Mass
at 9.15am

Acting Principal's Message

Dear Families of Our Lady of Lourdes,

As we approach the end of Semester One it is an opportunity to reflect on the learning that has happened over the first half of the year. Over the last weeks teachers have been preparing student learning reports designed to provide parents with information about their child's achievements in all Key Learning Areas. Whilst these reports are important records of student learning their true value is only realised when they are coupled with a meeting with your child's class teacher.

Our parent/teacher interviews, scheduled for the last week of term, are a vital component in the school/home partnership to support a student's learning. These interviews provide an opportunity to celebrate successes but also to discuss future goals.

Last week we sent home the information to assist parents to book a time to meet their child's class teacher. This information is repeated in this newsletter. I encourage all parents to make an interview time and take the opportunity to learn more about your child's progress and discuss their progress with them. I look forward to seeing many of you during this interview period in Week 10.

Today we unfortunately had to postpone our athletics carnival due to council closing the grounds. The new date for the carnival is next Thursday, June 27th. New permission notes and requests for parent help were sent home today. Hopefully we will have better luck running the carnival next week.

Kind regards,

Carol Cividin - Acting Principal

PHOTO GALLERY:
See the latest photos
on the school
website:



[2019 Stage 3 Cake Stall](#)



[2019 Pentecost Liturgy](#)



Our enrolment process for kindergarten 2020 has well and truly begun. If you are an existing family and have not yet submitted your application please do so as soon as possible as we would like to finalise appointment times for all interviews by the end of this Term. Please note offers have been sent and confirmed. We have spaces available in Years 1-6 in 2019.



THE LAST DAY FOR TRADING IN THE UNIFORM SHOP IN TERM 2 WILL BE THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH DUE TO HALF YEARLY STOCKTAKE. NO ORDERS CAN BE PROCESSED AFTER THIS DATE. THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL RE-OPEN IN TERM 3.

The uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. If you wish to make an appointment to try-on please logon to the website:

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

Event Code: n4dcm

If you require any assistance with Uniforms Please contact Aida Almeida in the school office on 8869 6800



Term 2 School Fees are now overdue. If you have already paid your fees, thank you. All school fees should now be under arrangement. If you require any assistance can you please make contact with Mrs Monique Kearins on 8869 6800.

Please note: No cash payments can be accepted the last week of term.



HELP NEEDED

On Friday July 5th we are holding our next Meal Deal. The proceeds of this Meal Deal go towards the Year 6 Graduation. We need as many helpers as possible to pack and deliver the Meal Deals to the classroom. Helpers are needed in the hall from 11:30 am. If you have completed the Parents as Educators course either this year or last year and are able to assist please contact Theresa Sultana on 0434 429 011

All help gratefully accepted



Congratulations to this week's Gold Award winners:

***Kindergarten
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6***

***Alexander Nowak
Edward Zhuang
Avisn Pragash
Masyn Buckley
Pranshu Kumar
Philip Park
Zak Armitage***

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in Science, Mathematics, Writing and English



From this year, I.C.A.S Assessments will be completed online, except for Year 3 & 4 Writing. ICAS Assessments are designed to assess students' ability to use classroom and curriculum learning in new contexts, requiring the use of higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

Below you will find information about I.C.A.S. These competitions, run by the Educational Testing Centre of the University of NSW, are open to all students in Years 3 to 6. Although they are an excellent **enrichment activity**, for some children they are **quite rigorous** so please consider the **suitability** for your child. Please note that this year we are offering **4** competition papers.

Competition	Sitting Date	Cost
Science	Thursday 5th September	\$ 14.50
Writing	Thursday 10th September	\$ 14.50
English	Tuesday 17th September	\$ 14.50
Mathematics	Thursday 19th September	\$ 14.50

There is also a new direct-payment system for ICAS. Parents will now need to pay for ICAS directly to UNSW Global. Parents can access and make payments through the **ICAS Parent Payment System until 31st July 2019**.

Parents can access this service by typing unsw.global/parentpay into a browser.

You will require a unique access code to purchase the assessments listed above that have been registered by our school. The school's unique access code is: **70b62d7efd**





On **Friday June 28** we will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a **Mass at 9.15am**. This will be led by the students in ES1 and Stage 1. During this eucharistic celebration we will have time to think about the deep love and compassion that Jesus has for all people, especially the poor and the suffering in our world. It is a time for us to ask God to help us to love like Jesus and to be more generous and kind in our loving. The families of OLOL school community have been generously donating canned food towards the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - this is one small gesture that reflects a way that we can apply the message of the Gospel into our lives.



Faith in Action Presentation: This term, as a part of our school Mission Goal, each grade has had the opportunity to unpack the scripture passage John 13:34-35. Not only have the students been able to identify the key message of the passage but they have also been able to reflect the message through their actions. After Recess on Friday June 28, each grade will be presenting their response to the whole school. The children who are a part of our Faith In Action team (FIAT) will be leading this presentation with Miss Sharleen Espiritu (our FIAT leader). Everyone is warmly invited to this presentation to witness how each grade has responded to this Scripture.



Vinnies Winter Appeal: This year, in order to reach out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves, we will be asking each child to donate a can of food to help out those who may be struggling during the cold Winter days and nights. It might be a can of soup, spaghetti, beans, salmon, tuna, vegetables..... The children can bring in the can/s of food and leave it in their classroom donation basket



Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held from **3.00pm – 9.00pm** on **Tuesday 2nd July** and from **3.30pm - 5.00pm** **Wednesday 3rd July, 2019.**
Times made available are subject to teacher availability.

You can now book interviews at times that suit ***YOUR FAMILY BEST.***

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

School Event Code **44tr5.**

- 1. ENTER DETAILS**
- 2. CHOOSE TEACHER**
- 3. CHOOSE TIMES**

BOOKINGS CLOSE SUNDAY 30TH JUNE AT 6PM.

When you click ***finish***, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited.

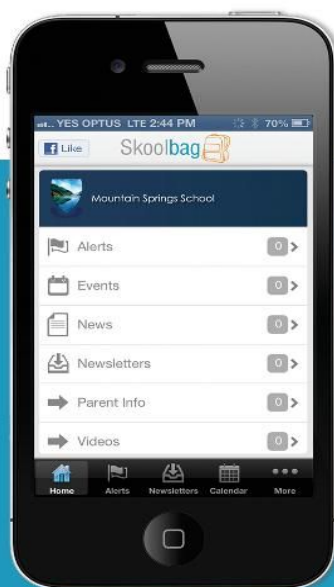
Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address that you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 88696800



On Wednesday, 3rd July at 2pm in the Hall, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will have an opportunity to showcase their learning in a mini concert. All parents and friends are welcome to attend and enjoy this special presentation.

DO YOU HAVE THE SKOOLBAG APP?

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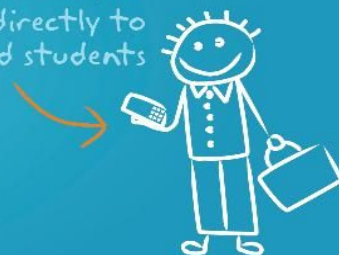


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- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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SPORT NEWS

Athletics Carnival - New Date

Our K-6 Annual Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled and will now be held on Thursday 27th of June at CV Kelly Park, Girraween. Please make sure your child has returned their *new* permission note to their class teacher. We are still looking for parent helper volunteers. If you have completed the Parents as Educators course either this year or last year and are able to assist please let Mrs Clynick know as soon as possible. We look forward to a fantastic day!



NSWCPSCCC Cross Country

Congratulations to Zackary Armitage who represented Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Cross Country trials on Friday 14th of June.

Zackary represented not only our school but our diocese with a great sporting attitude and demonstrated fantastic athletic ability. Competing at this level of competition is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of Zackary's effort.

Faith In Action Initiative



As part of FIA (Faith in Action) response at our school and therefore as a response to John's Gospel message of "Love One Another", Year 6 have chosen to raise funds for the purchase of two new flag poles. The idea is that these would be used to fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags all year round.

These two flags represent the First Australians—one representing Aboriginal peoples, and one representing Torres Strait Islander peoples. Flying or displaying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags at our school shows respect for, and recognition of, the First Australians. Flying the flags also promotes a sense of community partnership and is a public commitment toward reconciliation. Year 6 feel that this action does much to live out the message in the Gospel of showing love for one another and a chance for all to reflect and take renewed action towards reconciliation in our school.

In order to raise money for the flag poles, we are asking that you allow your child to bring in loose change. The idea is that any small, loose change or money earned for completing chores, may be offered by the students and families as a donation to the raising of funds. Year 6 students have made money boxes for their families as well as one for each of the classes at school.

We thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Calling for Expressions of Interest to be the OLOL representative on the Parents Representative Council (PRC)

For the last few years Jennifer Herzceg has been the OLOL representative on the Parents Representative Council (PRC). We would like to thank Jennifer for generously taking on this role. Jennifer is now stepping down and we are seeking expressions of interest from parents who may be interested in nominating for the role. This involves attending the PRC meetings once a term, advertising PRC events and whenever possible reporting back to the Parent Group around PRC initiatives. A link to the PRC website is provided below. If you are interested in taking up this role please contact Mrs Cividin via the office.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PRC?

The Parents Representative Council exists as a forum to:

- assist parents to develop as educators through discussion and training
- represent the combined opinions and ideas of the parent body in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta with the wider community
- promote open communication and keep parents in touch with education and social issues
- share and network ideas on issues that affect the education and spiritual welfare of our children
- support parents in their roles within their family

The Parents Representative Council keeps the 'big picture' in perspective. It links with schools, school communities and the diocese to help parents to:

- be aware of their responsibility and role in their child's education
- keep in touch with emerging issues, such as how Catholic schools are funded, the Religious Education curriculum and healthy school canteens, etc.
- stay informed about current trends in education

[PRC Website](#)

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Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools

NEXT COSTUME & PROP MAKING AFTERNOON **- Week 10- Thursday the 4th of July 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

Thank you so much to the parents, students and teachers who came to our prop afternoon last week. We got so much done but still have plenty to do! We would like to invite all parents, teachers and students to come along to our costume and prop making afternoon in Week 10 on Thursday the 4th of July. We will meet in the Library. We will have stations set up to help glue our vine shirts, cut out material, create seaweed skirts, and sketch our large backdrops.

Any questions please see Mrs. Willemse or Mrs. Clynick.
We hope to see you there!

***NO MORE NEWSPAPERS NEEDED!**

Thank you so much for the overwhelming response to our call for newspapers. We no longer require any more donations.

Thank you!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS



Interschool Challenge

The Challenge is open to ALL students from **Year 3 to Year 6**. The atmosphere will be fantastic and it will be a wonderful occasion for our whole school community. Entry fee has been kept to the lowest price possible.

Date	Wednesday, 26th June, 2019
Time	Doors open 4:30p.m. for a 5:30 p.m. start – finish 9 p.m.
Venue	Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Australia Ave, Sydney Olympic Park
Cost	\$8.00 per person - Tickets must be bought online.

Participating students – Tickets can be purchased through **Try Booking** and the children will be seated within their school area.

Parents and Spectators – can also purchase tickets through **Try Booking**. These tickets are **ALLOCATED** seats and a certain number of seats are available directly behind your children. This method will give you a full block of supporters. Once these tickets are sold there are additional allocated seats available in the blocks which are located at either end of the Arena.

TICKETING – Tickets will now be pre-sold and allocated seats are bought on line through **Try Booking**.

STEP 1 – <https://www.trybooking.com/book/search>

STEP 2 – enter **Dancefever** into Search event

STEP 3 – Click on the **Day of the Challenge**

STEP 4 – Click on **Book Now**

STEP 5 – **Select the school** your children go

STEP 6 – Enter the **Number of Students Participating**

STEP 7 – **Next**

STEP 8 – **Buy More Tickets**

STEP 9 – Scroll down to your schools **Spectator seating Block**

STEP 10 – Enter the **Number of Spectator Seat**

STEP 11 – **Next**

STEP 12 – **Finalise Payment**

TICKETS HAVE ALREADY GONE ON SALE and are selling quickly



Paid parking is available via Car Park P3, corner of Sarah Durack Avenue and Olympic Boulevard. Parking in bus bays or on footpaths may incur an infringement notice from Homebush Rangers.

Year 4 Excursion to The Big Dig Recounts



By Dominic Sant 4B

On the 20-5-2019 year 4 went on an extension to The Rocks. It was a one and a half hour bus trip. When we arrived at The Rocks we had recess just in front of The Big Dig education centre.

After recess Mr VG took some other kids and I for a walk down Gloucester Street. At the end of the street there was a lovely looking painting. Inside the education centre the lady told us to put our bags down and go into the first class room. She introduced herself to the class. Next we went into a medium sized sand pit. It had four sections. Each group had six children and we dug for things from the past. I found two small tiles. I guess that they were part of a plate.

After we went outside our guide Ritsky told us that in the past houses were connected together. Then we sat down and she asked for some actors. Maddy acted out as an Anne Armsden. She was sent to Norfolk Island for highway robbery. Her husband became friends with the aboriginal people. One day he went fishing, his boat capsized and a shark ate him.

I was chosen for the second act as George Cribb who had a wife in England and secretly had a second wife. He went on a very expensive date but was accused for fake money so he was sent to Australia and was in prison for 14 years. His second wife was sentenced for 7 years. Then his 1st wife wrote him a letter. It said that she was coming to live with him so he bought his second wife a ticket back to England but on the way back she died by a disease. When his first wife eventually died he married a third wife. But then his nephew came to live with him. BUT he stole his third wife.

Later Ritsky told showed us some old items and showed us where the convicts lived after punishment. She said after their punishment they lived a normal life.

Next we played a game where we had to say and show where the convicts lived. Finally we had lunch at Circular Quay and headed back to the bus. The day was fabulous and I really enjoyed the day. My favourite part was learning the great and enjoyable history.

By Alexandra and Pavithra 4B

On the 20th of May Year Four went on an excursion to The Big Dig at The Rocks. When we arrived we ate our recess. After recess we went and placed our bags on the shelves they provided us. Our guide's name was Ritsky. We were introduced to a room and were told what we were going to do.

First we were put in groups to find objects in our first station - the sand pit. There were four groups altogether. In each group there were five people and in the groups there was a captain and a vice captain. We had to dig and find objects from the past which are called artefacts. Some of the objects were horseshoes, broken mugs and some old cutlery.

Next we went outside and we learnt about the history of the past.

The main people we discovered about were George Cribb (and his three wives), Margaret Byrnes, James Foy, George Legge and Anne Armsden.

Then we went inside and our guide Ritsky asked us questions about all the convicts. After that she gave us a pencil, clipboard and a piece of paper that had questions on it and she gave us objects. The other questions which was on the paper were about the objects she gave us. Some of the objects she gave us were bones, shoe polishers and chalk boards. Some of the questions were which convicts might have owned the objects.

After that we left the Big Dig to have lunch near a park.

We all enjoyed our excursion to The Big Dig and it was awesome!

Year 4 Excursion to The Big Dig Recounts



By Clarisse Tuanqui 4W

On Monday, 20th of May 2019, Year 4 of O.L.O.L went on an excursion to The Big Dig at The Rocks, Sydney.

Firstly, we all went on the bus excitedly. 4 Blue was behind our class. All of us picked our seats with our buddies and we started travelling. We saw many wonderful things during our trip to The Big Dig like, The Sydney Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and other cool things. It took approximately 45 minutes to get there.

Secondly, when we arrived at The Big Dig we saw many rocks and signs about the olden days.

Then a lady named Leone and a man named George welcomed us. We ate recess before we went in.

It was a longer recess because we were early. Many minutes later it was time to start the adventure!

After that, Leone and George took us to see a sign that said that the place we were standing in was built in 1802.

Some of the building had dots so we could visualise that it was an old building. After explaining we went to sit down on the pathway.

Jesse - James was George Cribb (One of the convicts). Leone said some police were thinking that George Cribb was suspicious, so they opened his suitcase and was convicted to have fake money in the suitcase he had. Georgia (Fanny) was George Cribb's wife in Australia but George Cribb's real wife Marthur, (Chloe A) sent a letter to come back home so George Cribb said goodbye to Fanny. Then suddenly Marthur passed away and George Cribb got a new wife. He also owned a Pub, Hotel and a Butcher Shop.

We went to Margaret Byrne's Place where we found a glass box filled with Margaret Byrne items in it. She owned 7 children and was convicted for stealing from her mistress. She then had 7 years transportation to New Holland. In her place there were some rocks because it was old.

Next, was Anne Armsden and Vrinda was her. Anne was a baker. She was sent to Norfolk Island because she held a gun in front of 2 ladies holding beautiful materials. She had to be hung but she did not want to so she went to so she was sent to the island instead.

Her first husband was named George Legg and Aiden was acting as him. Anne's first Husband might've died because he fell off a boat while fishing. Anne Armsden then got another husband called George Talbot! Her second Husband was played by Zac. It was so funny!

Then we went back on the mat and got random items that maybe some of those convicts used for their job.

Some people got a lot of dominos that maybe Margret Byrne's children used. We put them on the mat map and put the item on the convict's house we think might have owned it. This was an interesting task.

After that, was the fun part! THE DIG! We got into groups and took our shoes off and went into one of the divided squares. We all got our spades and dug immediately when they said 'go!'. Many groups got a lot of cool items. When we were all done we got all our bags and headed outside to go eat our lunch near a **BIG CRUISE SHIP**. Finally, we arrived at school and watched 2 short animated movies to finish the day. It was a fun day for all of us to discover 3 new convicts.

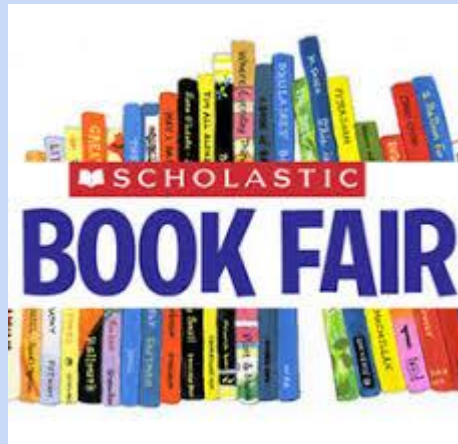
By Ellie Cho 4W

On Monday, 20th of May 2019, Year 4 of Our Lady of Lourdes Seven hills (Year 4) went on an excursion to the Big Dig at the Rocks, Sydney. There we dug up some artifacts, learnt about convicts and examined, ecofacts and artifacts.

First, the role was marked and the children were handed blue wristbands. The students then checked if they had their hats and hopped on to the bus. After a 45 minutes we then finally arrived to The Rocks. They had recess and we were lead inside a room where we put our bags into a cupboard. There were two rooms for one class each, the 4W Guides, Leonie and George, talked about ecofacts, artifacts and archaeologists. Soon after we went outside to see some paintings. The first painting showed The Rocks but in 1991 it looked alot different. The buildings looked different and there were less of them. Also there were goats and no cars.

We then went to the ruins of George Crib's house. The guides told us about his life- like how many wives he had which were three! He was a successful butcher and pub owner. Next was Margret Byrnes. She was sent to New Holland (Australia) for seven years because she stole from her mistress. She found a husband and had seven children she worked as a seamstress selling the clothes she made.

The students next visited Anne Armsden, who threatened two rich women who had just gone shopping with a gun to hand over their cloth and silk to her. After she was caught she was sentenced to be hung but she talked her way out of it and was actually sent to Norfolk island where she met her husband named George Legg. She worked as a baker in Australia and made bread and things like that. Sadly her husband died by drowning while fishing when his boat hit a rock and broke the boat. She remarried George a while later. It was a great excursion.



BOOK FAIR AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES Friday June 28th until Wednesday July 3rd In the Library

Commencing next Friday, June 28th, we will hold our annual Book Fair.

The Book Fair will be located in the school library. This is an opportunity for parents to buy quality books for their children while at the same time supporting the school. The Book Fair will be Open from 8:20 - 8:40 each morning, at lunch time, from 3:00 - 3:30 after school on Friday and Monday and also during our parent teacher interviews. Purchases may be made using either cash or EFTPOS. Please note that after school no cash sales are possible and it will be EFTPOS only. A flyer advertising some of the books available at the fair was sent home today. Please come along to the fair and take a look.

BOOK FAIR OPENING HOURS

Friday: Before School 8:20 - 8:40 , Lunch time: 1:15 - 1:45, After school: 3:00 -3:30

Monday: Before School 8:20 - 8:40 , Lunch time: 1:15 - 1:45, After school: 3:00 -3:30

Tuesday: Before School 8:20 - 8:40 , Lunch time: 1:15 - 1:45, After school: 3:00 -9:00 PT interviews

Wednesday: Before School 8:20 - 8:40 , Lunch time: 1:15 - 1:45, After school: 3:00 -5:30 PT interviews