

**DIARY DATES**

<b>Friday 22 September</b> Last Day of Term 3
<b>Monday 9 October</b> Term 4 Begins
<b>Wednesday 18 October</b> Kinder Orientation Morning
<b>Wed-Fri 18-20 October</b> Year 5 Camp to Berry
<b>Sunday 22 October</b> <b>OLOW SCHOOL FETE</b>
<b>13 – 17 November</b> Swimming Lessons for Kinder to Year 4
<b>Monday 27 November</b> Christmas Concert
<b>Thursday 30 November</b> Swimming Carnival
<b>Wed 6 December</b> Year 6 Graduation Mass
<b>Thursday 7 December</b> Thank You Afternoon Tea
<b>Friday 8 December</b> Awards Ceremony
<b>Year 6 Social</b>
<b>Monday 11 December</b> Thanksgiving Mass, 9.15am
<b>Friday 15 December</b> Last Day of School
<b>Wed 31 January 2018</b> First day of Term 1 for Years 1-6
<b>Thursday 1 February 2018</b> Kinder begin 8.45am-12.00pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Thank you to the many, many grandparents who visited us today for Grandparents' Day. It was a beautiful Liturgy led by our students, followed by morning tea and our performance of the musical "A Swinging Summertime". Grandparents also had opportunities to celebrate the learning by visiting each classroom. This was followed by a BBQ organised by our Year 6 parents, and book fair.



We give thanks to all of our grandparents for the love and care they show our children. Grandparents have the experience and knowledge that come from surviving a great many years of life's battles. They have the wisdom to know when to share this experience and knowledge with their grandchildren.

As grandparents are free to love, guide and befriend children without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out beyond pride and fear of failure and close the gap between generations. Besides being the keepers of family traditions and history, grandparents provide grandchildren with examples of hard work and family loyalty.

Grandparents' stories contribute to family identity by sharing knowledge about relatives, important events, family traditions, the grandparent's childhood and the childhood of the grandchild's parent. As these stories are passed on, the grandchild can gain a positive image of their place within the family and a positive image of ageing.

When we become parents, we automatically give our parents a new position in life, that of being grandparents. At the same time, we give our child the added security of belonging to an extended family. The relationship between grandchild and grandparent can be very life-enhancing: a grandchild can bring love, energy, optimism, laughter, youthfulness and sometimes purpose to the life of their grandparent. At the same time, a grandparent can provide maturity, knowledge, stability, a wise ear and unconditional love to a grandchild.

Nowadays, being a grandparent might not be as simple as you would like. However, whether you are a grandparent, step-grandparent or even a grandparent raising a grandchild, you are an important person in your grandchild's life.

God, our heavenly Father,  
We ask your blessings on our grandparents.  
They are valued links between the past and the present.  
They are treasured gifts and strong models.  
May they be anchors that provide stability and a sense of identity for us.  
May their wisdom guide us.  
May their lived example challenge us.  
May their witness to their faith strengthen us.  
May they always be surrounded by the love, respect and support of their families.  
Lord, bless and empower our grandparents.  
Keep them in your love.  
Give them your joy and peace each day,  
So that they may forever follow your son Jesus.

Amen

*We again come to the end of another term and what a busy term we have shared together! So many events, liturgies, sacramental opportunities, prayer reflections, educational experiences and creative performances have occurred this term that it is no surprise that schools are really becoming the hub of our communities. Thank you to all our parents for their continued support. Without you journeying with your child through their educational and spiritual life we would not have achieved the many exciting experiences along the way.*

*Teaching children is a very challenging profession. It takes constant dedication, knowledge and passion to do what happens every day. The teaching staff at OLOW is one of the most committed groups I have had the privilege to work along-side. We don't always get things right. However, we always strive to do what we can to improve the learning outcomes for all the children in our care. A lot of the role happens behind the scenes and I wish to thank our staff for what they do for your children but also how they go about the day to day of living in this community of faith and hope.*

*We are truly blessed to work with the best children in the world. Our children need to be congratulated for all their hard work, for never giving up on the learning they are constantly challenged with and always looking out and caring for each other.*

*God Bless and safe holidays,*

*Mrs. Sue Veling*

*Principal*

## **OUR LADY OF THE WAY MISSION STATEMENT**

***Our Lady of the Way is a Catholic community in which children, teachers and parents nurture a sense of personal worth as they work together in a safe, happy, challenging and faith-centred learning environment.***

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 3 WEEKS 8 & 9**



*Zoe Robertson, Olivia Scott, Layla Pascoe, Eden Chapman, Benny Tabor, Jude Godfrey, Patrick Urquhart, Ava Dyrka, Oliver MacLennan, Jessica Crambrook, Jye Walsh, Patrick Reeks, Cooper Bahlmann, Lachlan Stonehouse, Zachary Durham, Nicholas Babbage, Seth Fullan, Jack Prendergast, Zac Phillips, Jessica Craig, Hannah Fullam, William Drummond, Abby Godwin, Ariella Stroud, Sarah Budge, Mack Boormakin, Ruby Murphy, Elijah Bradley Labra, Kate Budge, Emilie Brett, Riley Burton, Emma Jones, Abby Hurst, Cooper Hegarty, Riley Craig, Abby Calleja, Tracy So.*

## WORKING BEE – Save this date

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 8am we will be holding a Parent Working Bee to tidy up the school for the fete, prepare gift baskets, hang banners and bunting and do all those last minute things. Please join us for this community event ..... even if it's only for an hour or two.



## ARE YOU MOVING?

To estimate enrolments for 2018, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving *Our Lady of the Way* at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

You are reminded that CEDP policy is that families need to give the school one full term's notice in writing in these circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.



## A SWINGING SUMMERTIME (LAST CHANCE)

The last day for DVD orders is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September @ \$18. The photos (\$2.50 each or 3 for \$6) can be previewed and ordered outside the office and the library.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

At Our Lady of the Way, we continue to promote student attendance

**- EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY -**

Regular school attendance plays a critical role in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities. When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.

To 20<sup>th</sup> September, *Our Lady of the Way* Attendance Level was 85.9%.

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	85.9%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
01	91.1%
02	92.8%
03	85.2%
04	81.5%
05	84.1%
06	84.8%

Congratulations to **Year 1 and Year 2** who have reached the Diocesan target of 90%. We look forward to a healthier Term 4, so our attendance level can return to above 90% for all grades.

**Absence Explanation Note:** If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days of returning to school. If no note is received the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'. Parents can use the Skoolbag app to email an absence note to school.

## SUMMER UNIFORM SWAP OVER

By the first day back in Term 4, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, all OLOW students will be wearing their full summer uniform.



## OLOW CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all our students that received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. May these children be sealed with the Holy Spirit:



Jason Andrews	Dieter Erdmann	Ethan Houlihan	Chloe Riley
Harrison Armour	Abbey Flanagan	Katelyn King	Kate Roser
Jason Armstrong	Sienna Gahagan	Oscar King	Emily Sekulic
Justin Bailie	Ben Garrahy	Phoebe Kruzic	Kieran Smith
Harrison Bennett	Jude Godfrey	Harry Lewandowski	Isaac Steele
Cohen Borg	Alex Godwin	Connor Lohan	Larissa Stewart
Sarah Budge	Zoe Grech	Cody Luczak	Millina Storek
Georgia Cashel	Maya Grieve	Lucie McIntosh	Jack Sykes
Milaya Cleary	Bailey Grima	Rory Muller	Charlie Thomas
Tyler Clifford	Alexander Hawkes	Marshall Pereira	Madeline Wade
Declan Cremen	Paige Hawkes	Zachery Phillips	Toby Witjes
James Cremen	Sebastian Hayward	Tiare Raukawa	Lucas Wood
Erin Downie	Bailey Houlihan		

## PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN ATHLETICS TEAM 2017

On Monday Sienna Gahagan, Jade Elford, Declan Casey, Milaya Cleary and our female 4X100 junior relay team comprising Sienna Gahagan, Jade Elford, Breha Pearson and Holly Clark attended the Diocesan MacKillop Athletics Carnival at Homebush. Congratulations to Sienna Gahagan, Jade Elford and Declan Casey who have made it through to the State Championships at Homebush on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October.



# Growth Mindset

*“If you imagine less, less will be what you undoubtedly deserve”  
Debbie Millman*

The above quote highlights what modern psychology knows about how our belief of our own ability and potential fuels our behaviour and predicts our success.

One of the most basic beliefs we carry about ourselves has to do with how we view and inhabit what we consider to be our personality. A “fixed mindset” assumes that our character, intelligence, and creative ability are static givens, which we can’t change in any meaningful way. Striving for success and avoiding failure at all costs become a way of maintaining the sense of being smart or skilled. A “growth mindset,” on the other hand, thrives on challenge and sees failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities. Out of these two mindsets, which we manifest from a very early age, springs a great deal of our behaviour, our relationship with success and failure in both professional and personal contexts, and ultimately our capacity for happiness.

The following are some phrases you can use to encourage a **Growth Mindset** in your child. A simple change in the language we use can have a powerful effect and put our children on a path towards success, not only at school, but in life.

DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



<b>INSTEAD OF.....</b>	<b>TRY THINKING....</b>
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



As we come to the end of another busy term, it is a good time to stop and be thankful for our blessings. When we are tired, sick and overwhelmed with the day to day business of life we can often get bogged down in negative thoughts.

This term has given us so many things to be grateful for such as our musical, many successes on the sporting field, excursions and wonderful learning experiences in our classrooms. I'm sure there are many things in our home lives too that we can be thankful for.

Having a positive mindset and positive heart help us to build positive emotions that can have long term benefits to our overall mental and physical health. There are 10 forms of positivity that can benefit our overall health and state of mind. These are:

JOY, GRATITUDE, SERENITY, INTEREST, HOPE, PRIDE, AMUSEMENT,  
INSPIRATION, AWE and LOVE.

Gratitude comes when we appreciate something that has come our way as a gift to be treasured. It opens our hearts and carries the urge to give back - to do something good in return. Gratitude can be as simple as being aware of the simple things, taking time to explore nature or *stopping to smell the roses - literally.*

*When was the last time you felt truly grateful?*

## GO FORTH

Be thankful that you don't have everything you desire.

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,  
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,

Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,

Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable  
lessons.

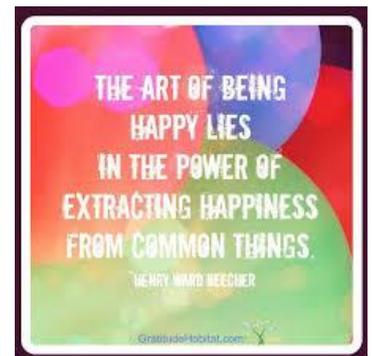
Be thankful when you're tired and weary,  
because it means you've made a difference

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the  
setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become  
your blessings.



~ Author Unknown

## GENERAL NEWS

### EARN AND LEARN

"As you know, our school has been participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!"

### SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for 2017. These fees were due on Monday 21 August 2017.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or myself, fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued."

If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, I encourage you to contact me on 4777 7200 or [pvion@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pvion@parra.catholic.edu.au) to discuss payment options. The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. Please be assured of complete confidentiality when discussing financial issues.

The school fee collection process has commenced on overdue accounts that have not been addressed as above.

School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, Direct Debit, cash, EFTPOS Credit Card or cheque.

**Ms Pascale Vion**

Senior Finance Officer

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# **JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS**

## **School Holidays**

### **Leonay Golf Club**

**Wednesday September 27      Ages 12 & Under      9 to 10:30am**

**Ages 12 & Over      11 to 12:30**

**Tuesday October 3      Ages 12 & Under      9 to 10:30am**

**Ages 12 & Over      11 to 12:30**

**BBQ Lunch at each Clinic 10:30 – 11am**

**Everything supplied \$25pp**

**Phone for bookings: 02 4735-5529**

**Ben Breckenridge Head PGA Professional Leonay Golf Club**





# Our Lady Of The Way Spring Fete

OUR LADY OF THE WAY  
EMU PLAINS  
Sunday  
22nd October  
10:30am -  
4:30pm



- \* RIDES
- \* JUMPING CASTLE
- \* CAKE STALL
- \* GIFT BASKETS
- \* WATER DUNK TANK
- \* BBQ, HOT DOGS & TREATS
- \* DEVONSHIRE TEA





# catholic out of school hours care

## **CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES**

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

### **COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:**

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

### **FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:**

#### **1. Christmas Closure**

The **last day of operation** of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

#### **2. January Vacation Care**

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

#### **3. 2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs**

COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.

# NCNS



Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services

## Parenting - Term 4, 2017

Having one of those days? Tired of yelling at the kids? Or just want to know more?  
FREE Practical tips for everyday parenting



### What's available this term?

Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)  
- 2 to 12 years

NCNS is known for providing parenting services that welcome diversity. All services are free. Bookings are essential.

Facilitator: Narelle Smith

Phone: 0409 986121 or email:  
Parenting@nepeancommunity.org.au

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For dates, times, and venues, please see the reverse of this page.