

**MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am. All welcome!**

27<sup>th</sup> July 2017

## DIARY DATES

<b>Tuesday 8 August</b>
Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass, 9.15am
<b>Sat/Sun 12/13 August</b>
Confirmation Enrolment Masses
<b>Thursday 17 August</b>
Swinging Summertime Rehearsal & Performance
<b>Friday 18 August</b>
<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
<b>Monday 19-26 Aug</b>
Book Week
<b>Thursday 31 August</b>
Fathers' Day Stall
<b>Friday 1 September</b>
Fathers' Day Breakfast and Prayer, from 7.30am
<b>Friday 8 September</b>
6pm P & F Movie Night
<b>Monday 11 September</b>
Confirmation Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday 13 September</b>
Confirmation Mass, 7pm
<b>Monday 18 September</b>
Footy Fever Day
<b>Monday 19 -26 Sept</b>
Book Week
<b>Thursday 21 September</b>
Grandparents' Day
<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>Wednesday 6 December</b>
Year 6 Graduation Mass
<b>Thursday 7 December</b>
Thank You Afternoon Tea
<b>Friday 8 December</b>
Awards Ceremony
Year 6 Social
<b>Monday 11 December</b>
Thanksgiving Mass, 9.15am
<b>Friday 15 December</b>
Last Day of School

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Welcome back to school! It is lovely to have our children and families return to us safely after the school holidays. Welcome to our new families who join us this term for the first time – we hope that you feel a special part of the **Our Lady of the Way** community.



We look forward to the exciting weeks ahead which make up Term 3 including the performance of the musical 'A Swinging Summertime, our Father's Day Breakfast, Grandparent's Day and also the lead up to the **Our Lady of the Way** Spring Fete.

Our Parents & Friends have an enthusiastic Fete Committee who have been hard at work planning this community building event. We are extremely appreciative of all their efforts. Keep your eye out for the invitations for you to contribute to making our 2017 Spring Fete a fabulous success.

The building and maintenance of a rich school community is dependent upon parent participation. Ongoing research shows that family engagement and involvement in school, improves student learning and wellbeing. Parents' energies and contributions help the school function smoothly, build community spirit, and demonstrate to their children how important their work at school is.

Every school experiences its share of challenges, but an invisible we-are-all-in-this-together spirit can go a long way toward carrying a school community through the highs and lows of a year.

We need your help to make our fete a success this year. How are you going to help?

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition back to a new school term.

Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow.

Cover them with enduring love.

Give them confidence and grace and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials.

Bless our teachers and parents with wisdom, understanding and hearts to collaborate,

As we embark on the journey together.

Amen

*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 2 WEEK 10 & TERM 3 WEEK 1



Ethan Houlihan, Jordan Scobie, Kye Chapman, Billy Trad, Sophie Wade, Keira Blazek, Taj Le Breton, Riley Bahlmann, Oliver McClenahan, Olivia Scott, Jake Thompson, Brodie Miles, Isabella Bradley Labra, Josh Robinson, Kyan Roach, Oliver Herps, Jason Armstrong, Kaylin Wilcox, Makenzie Clarke, Ben Hall, Ava Grech, Shanyah Kubic, Oscar King, Jorja Tabor, Ava Jones, Bailey Stonehouse, Marlie Robertson, Sam Cashel, Lincoln Mayer, Zoe Grech, Ethan Knott, Nikayla Pusko, Eli Smith, Georgia Cashel, Wayde Race, Harry Lewandowski.

#### MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

During the winter break our dear friend and mother, Mrs Joanne Whiteley, mother to Jessie Yr 6; Madison Yr 8 and Isaac Yr 12 passed away after a long struggle with cancer. Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral and showed their support. Fr Mick, in his beautiful homily, referred to Joanne as:

*"A gentle woman, quiet light, morning star so strong and bright, gentle mother, peaceful dove."*

I know you will keep David and his family in the forefront of your mind as they struggle with their grief.

#### KINDERGARTEN 2018 ENROLMENTS

Please inform family and friends that the first round interviews and offers for Kindergarten 2018 are completed. Enrolment places in Years 1-6 are also being processed. Enrolment packs are available by contacting the school office on 4777-7200 or by emailing an enquiry to [olow@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow@parra.catholic.edu.au). Please return enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2018 as soon as possible.

#### NEW CANTEEN OPERATOR

Our new canteen operator – **Healthy Canteens Australia Pty Ltd** began last week. We are very lucky to have been able to retain the services of Ms Charlene Glass as canteen manager. The new menu and procedures on how to register with the new on-line ordering company – [Flexischools.com.au](http://Flexischools.com.au) was sent home last week. If you are having trouble registering via the online canteen website, please ring flexischool on 1300 361 769 for assistance.





## THANK YOU OLOW

*In May 2016, Max Selby was in the intensive Care Unit at Westmead Hospital, in a critical condition fighting for his life.*

*Hannah, Max and myself would like to present a gift to the school today. We want to thank the school and its community for showing so much love and support to our family at this difficult time.*

*The beautiful coloured cranes that spread across the school, the prayers and love in our beautiful school community gave us the miracle we were praying for.*

*We are forever grateful. These two frames together hold 1000 rainbow coloured cranes = 1 miracle. They represent so much of what this school and community stand for. It shows that love can conquer all. A battle has been fought and won together with a loving community.*

*With all our love*

*Rochelle Mason*



## ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The following students have made it through to the Zone Athletics Carnival on 10<sup>th</sup> August:

*Declan Casey, Holly Clark, Milaya Cleary, Declan Cremen, Emilia Di Prinzio, Jade Elford, Sienna Gahagan, Ava Grech, Zoe Grech, Hayden Jenkins, Sebastian Hayward, Emma Jones, Will Pearson, Marshall Pereira, Harrison Phillips, Zachery Phillips, Archie Prendergast, Sophie Procter, Tiare Raukawa, Charlize Risse, Kyan Roach, Benjamin Robinson, Blake Skinner, Cara Smith, Tianna Stansfield, Layla Starr, Isaac Steele, Jake Thompson, Tailyn Tupaea, Joshua Vanegas, Dominic Vella, Sophie Wade, Toby Witjes.*

## NSW PSSA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Jade Elford who represented the diocese in the State Cross Country Championships on 16<sup>th</sup> June. She ran an impressive 8min 52seconds over 2 kms and was placed 48<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 76 ten year old girls. This is a great achievement for Jade (#418). Well done.



## SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder to all families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing MUST be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the Principal the terms school fees will be charged for your child/children.

## NEW FINANCE EMAIL

We have a new school fees email address: [olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au)

As part of the ongoing development of the new finance system TechOne, the ability for parents to email the finance officer, Pascale Vion, directly is now up and running. This facility will also allow us the ability to attach documents including School Fee Statements, Centrelink Consent Forms and Statement of Financial Position Forms and email them to the parent/carer.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact our Finance Officer, Pascale Vion.

## CENSUS DAY

On Friday 4th August 2017 is Census Day. As with any school day, all children are expected to be at school. However, please ensure that if your child is away from school on that day that you have provided a letter of explanation to the class teacher when your child returns to school or an email on the day. Thank you for your attention to this.

## MATHS CORNER - Thinking Differently in Mathematics!

Questioning allows children to understand and identify the way they are thinking. If children understand the way they think, they are able to successfully apply the most efficient strategy to solve a problem. The more we question students about their mathematical thinking, we can ensure that all students develop a deep understanding of how to solve problems. This increases their capacity to solve mathematical problems successfully.

Below are examples of questions teachers use to assist students when thinking mathematically.


- What is the problem asking me to do?
- What Maths facts do I know that will assist me in solving this problem?
- What mathematical operations do I need to apply to solve this problem?
- Is there a better way or more efficient way that I could solve this problem?
- Do I need to use addition or multiplication to solve this problem?
- How does my understanding of multiplication help me to solve this division problem?

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> July) Our Lady of the Way Attendance Level was:

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	 89.2%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	 94.3%
01	 87.4%
02	 91.0%
03	 91.8%
04	 85.5%
05	 87.5%
06	 87.9%

Our challenge is to meet a minimum target of 90% attendance every day. This week, we have failed to meet the system target.

Congratulations to Kindergarten, Years 2 and Year 3 who have achieved over the 90% attendance rate! We know all grades can achieve this target and everyone's learning improves when there is regular and timely attendance.

**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.

# BOOK WEEK @ OLOW: 19-26 AUGUST



To celebrate Book Week 2017, our librarian Mrs Masters has been promoting all the appropriate books that have been short-listed. She has prepared a beautiful display and the grades have been given opportunities to hear some of these stories.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, all students are asked to bring in their **favourite book** to share with a friend, a **favourite pillow**, and their most **treasured stuffed toy** so we can celebrate the joy of reading together!

## WHY DO STUDENTS AT OLOW HAVE INDIVIDUAL LEARNING GOALS?

We have such an awesome opportunity to empower students to set goals and celebrate with them when they reach their goals. Most students don't reflect on their own learning naturally. It's not an innate skill that students have when they come to school. Actually, most adults don't have that skill either. It's something that needs to be taught.

Individual learning goals aim to improve students' learning and achievement and build students' capacity to learn. Students who set their own learning goals have more confidence to take on more challenging tasks, regardless of their ability. Their motivation to improve and master a task increases and their self-esteem remains strong, even in the case of failure.

Research into the motivation and efficiency of students has indicated that students who set their own learning goals and targets tend to achieve more than when working on goals set for them by the teacher.

Individual learning goals and targets motivate students to:

- become more active participants in the learning process
- become independent learners
- identify what is important to their own learning
- achieve their full potential.

WOOLWORTH'S EARN & LEARN is on again this year.

26th July 2017 – 19th September 2017

Spend \$10 and get a sticker. Have your family and friends collect stickers for you. Send the stickers to school. We then collect fabulous new learning resources.



# **OLOW SCHOOL FETE – SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**

*Planning for our school fete is well underway. Tara Cremen, Kiery Pascoe and Julie Irvine have been doing lots of 'behind the scene' work. It is going to be a great community event!*

***Our next Fete meeting will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm  
PLEASE JOIN US***

## ***IT MAY NOT BE SPRING BUT YOU CAN STILL HAVE A CLEAN UP***

*We ask you to dig out all your pre-loved (in good condition) **BOOKS**, **DVD's**, **CD's** and **TOYS** that you would like to donate to the fete. These can be brought to the school office at any time. Please ask your relatives and friends – I'm sure they will be able to help out as well.*

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

### **OLOW Presents ~ A Swinging Summertime**

With just 3 weeks until showtime, the school is buzzing with excitement. This week we were very fortunate to have Mr Phil Rooke, a Teacher Educator from the Catholic Education Office, convert our music room into a recording studio. The students were given the opportunity to experience what it is like to record their musical tracks to be used on the night.

Preparing for the musical has been an enriching experience both for our Creative Arts Curriculum and for our community. The energy the children and teachers are bringing to the process can only lead to an amazing night. *I hope that you have returned your form to secure your seats for what is bound to be a night to remember.*



*Year 4 as recording artists*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Parish Sacramental Program - Confirmation:

Confirmation Program			
Parent Information Evenings	Wednesday Thursday	July 26 July 27	7:30pm 7:30pm
Enrolment Mass	Saturday Sunday	August 12 August 13	6:00pm 8:00am & 9:30am
Lessons	Week 1 - Monday Week 2 - Monday Week 3 - Monday	August 14 August 21 August 28	
Rehearsal	Monday	September 11	7:30pm
Confirmation Mass	Wednesday	September 13	7:30pm

## Term 3 Mass and Reconciliation:

Again this term we extend an invitation for you to join with the students in celebrating the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation at a grade and whole school level. You are more than welcome to attend with your children. The dates for Term 3 are:

### Week 4:

Tuesday August 8 - *Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop (whole school Mass)* - 9:15am

Wednesday August 9 - *Year 6 Reconciliation* - 10:00am

Friday August 11 - *Year 2, 3 & 4 Parish Mass* - 10:00am

### Week 5:

Tuesday August 15 - *Feast of the Assumption Mass* - 9:00am

Wednesday August 16 - *Year 5 Reconciliation* - 10:00am

### Week 7:

Friday September 1 - *Fathers' Day Liturgy* - 9:00am

### Week 9:

Wednesday September 13 - *Year 1 and Year 6 Parish Mass* - 9:00am

Thursday September 14 - *Kindergarten and Year 5 Parish Mass* - 9:00am

### Week 10:

Wednesday September 20 - *Year 3 Reconciliation* - 10:00am

Thursday September 21 - *Grandparents' Day Mass (whole school Mass)* - 9:15am

Friday September 22 - *Year 4 Reconciliation* - 10:00am

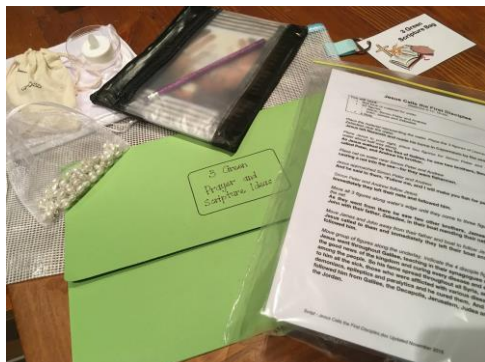


## Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop:

On Tuesday August 8 we will celebrate the feast day of our country's first saint, Mary MacKillop, commencing at 9:15am. The students of Year 4 will be preparing the Mass for us and you are very welcome to attend.



## Scripture Bags:



If you would like to share your family's experiences, would you mind sharing an email with me – my address is [cday3@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cday3@parra.catholic.edu.au). Looking forward to hearing your thoughts.

**Carole Day**

Religious Education Coordinator

## SPORTS NEWS

### St Nic's Netball Carnival

*On Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 teams will represent Our Lady of the Way at the St Nic's Gala Day in Penrith. All students should have received an initial note and the permission note will be sent home soon. Thank you to those parents who have offered to coach or manage a team and to our wonderful ex-students who have volunteered to umpire.*

Anne-Maree McKeon

### Soccer Gala Day



On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, the Stage 3 boys played at the soccer gala day at Jamison Park. The weather was beautiful and sunny and we had a cracker of a day competing against lots of other schools in the Parramatta Diocese.



We all played our best and watched each other play their games. The games were really quick, about 10 minutes a game. This day was all about having fun with our friends from Stage 3 and playing to the best of our abilities.

From Harrison Armour Year 5







The Children's Book Council of Australia has pleasure in announcing

## THE 2017 BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORT LIST

### Book of the Year: Older Readers

(NB: These books are for mature readers)

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
CADDY, Meg	<i>Waer</i>	Text Publishing	9781922182210
CROWLEY, Cath	<i>Words in Deep Blue</i>	Pan Macmillan Australia	9781742612386
FRAILLON, Zana	<i>The Bone Sparrow</i>	Hachette Australia	9780734417138
JACOBSON, Megan	<i>Yellow</i>	Penguin Random House	9780143573333
PLOZZA, Shivaun	<i>Frankie</i>	Penguin Random House	9780143573166
ZORN, Claire	<i>One Would Think the Deep</i>	University of Queensland Press	9780702253942

### Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
BALLA, Trace	<i>Rockhopping</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760112349
BAVATI, Robyn	<i>Within These Walls</i>	Scholastic Australia	9781760152857
FOXLEE, Karen	<i>A Most Magical Girl</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781848125742
ORR, Wendy	<i>Dragonfly Song</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760290023
PASCOE, Bruce	<i>Mrs Whitlam</i>	Magabala Books	9781925360240
TEMPLE, Kate & Jol (illus by John Foye)	<i>Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760291938

### Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Author/Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
BELL, Johanna (illus by Dion Beasley)	<i>Go Home, Cheeky Animals!</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760291655
BROOKE, Cori (illus by Megan Forward)	<i>All I Want For Christmas is Rain</i>	New Frontier Publishing	9781925059717
CHAMBERS, Susannah (illus by Mark Jackson)	<i>The Snow Wombat</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781760113810
DUNSTAN, Kylie	<i>Nannie Loves</i>	Working Title Press	9781921504839
HOWARTH, Kylie	<i>Chip</i>	The Five Mile Press	9781760400736
RUDGE, Leila	<i>Gary</i>	Walker Books Australia	9781925081695

## Picture Book of the Year

Some of these books may be for mature readers (Arranged by illustrator)

Illustrator/Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
ANELLI, Liz (text by Ross Watkins)	<i>One Photo</i>	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670077977
BALCHIN, Lance	<i>Mechanica</i>	The Five Mile Press	9781760401085
GRAHAM, Bob	<i>Home in the Rain</i>	Walker Books	9781406368239
HUXLEY, Dee, Oliver & Tiffany	<i>My Brother</i>	Working Title Press	9781921504853
RUDD, Van T (text by Maxine Beneba Clarke)	<i>The Patchwork Bike</i>	Hachette Australia	9780734416681
SWAN, Owen (text by Angela May George)	<i>Out</i>	Scholastic Press	9781743629000

## Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

Author/Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
COOTE, Maree	<i>Spellbound: Making Pictures with the A-B-C</i>	Melbournestyle Books	9780992491727
COSSINS, Jennifer	<i>A – Z of Endangered Animals</i>	Red Parka Press	9780987594662
HENDRY, Lorna	<i>The Gigantic Book of Genes</i>	Wild Dog Books	9781742034102
McMULLIN, Neridah (illus by Andrew McLean)	<i>Fabish, The Horse that Braved a Bushfire</i>	Allen & Unwin	9781925266863
NEWTON, Gina M	<i>Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks</i>	NLA Publishing	9780642278883
SEDUNARY, Michael (illus by Bern Emmerichs)	<i>William Bligh: a stormy story of tempestuous times</i>	Berbay Publishing	9780994289537

Margot Hillel OAM, CBCA National Chair is available for comment: 0429 867177

The 71<sup>th</sup> CBCA Awards will be presented in Hobart on 18 August.

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: 19-25 August 2017**

**THEME: Escape to Everywhere - <http://cbca.org.au>**

Support the CBCA by purchasing Book Week products  
From CBCA Branches or the estore: <http://store.cbca.org.au>

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*Donations to the CBCA Awards Foundation are tax deductible and can be sent to: PO Box 172, Blackheath NSW 2785*

### *School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Promotion*



**“Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash – see a new video clip:**

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/index.html>

School buses pick up and drop off children on roads all across NSW. Buses use signs and flashing lights to warn drivers that they are picking up and dropping off children. You must slow down to 40km/hr when bus lights flash and look out for children crossing the road. Be Bus Aware and help keep our kids safe.”







# **PIANO AND SINGING LESSONS!**



**Does your child want to play piano or sing?**

**Rita Higuchi offers professional music tutoring  
right here at OLOW!**

## **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

**45 minutes group lessons  
will be offered after school  
hours at OLOW Music Room  
once a week.**

**In group lessons students  
will work not only on piano  
skills but also develop  
complete musicians  
through:**

**ensemble playing,  
composition, improvisation,  
keyboard harmony, sight-  
reading and singing.**



**New Class starts  
on  
WED 2/8**



## **QUESTIONS? WANT TO ENROL?**

**Rita Higuchi Email:  
ritahiguchi@gmail.com Call:  
0411 498 878**

# Our Lady Of The Way Spring Fete



Sunday  
22nd October  
10:30am -  
4:30pm



## \* RIDES

\* JUMPING CASTLE

\* CAKE STALL

\* GIFT BASKETS

\* WATER DUNK TANK

\* BBQ, HOT DOGS & TREATS

\* DEVONSHIRE TEA



Family Fun  
for everyone!