

DIARY DATES

Wed 6 December

Year 6 Graduation Mass

Semester 2 Reports

Thursday

7 December

Thank You Afternoon Tea

Friday 8 December

Awards Ceremony

Year 6 Social

Monday

11 December

Thanksgiving Mass, 9.00am

Friday 15 December

Last Day of School

Monday

29 January 2018

MAI Testing

Wednesday

31 January 2018

First day of Term 1 for Years 1-6

Thursday

1 February 2018

Kinder begin 8.45am-12.00pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,



Over the last four weeks I was lucky enough to travel with my husband to the USA starting in New York, then exploring the music route through Chicago, Saint Louis, Nashville, Memphis, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge and finally New Orleans. We hired a car and travelled down Highway 61 following the Mississippi River. It was a fantastic experience and we made sure we got off the beaten track and met as many locals as we could. We even visited the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School in New Orleans, which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The school was so badly damaged by flooding that it closed for two years. It is now thriving and one of the city's higher performing schools seen as a symbol of rebirth.

I wish to sincerely thank Miss Mizzi and Mrs. Flanagan for leading the school while I was away. To the staff, for the exceptional work they do each day in providing a safe, caring and engaging learning environment; and to you the OLOW community, for trusting us with your children.

Media advertising and the shop displays remind us the season of Christmas and gift buying is fast approaching. How well do we prepare our children for a season of giving rather than receiving, of showing thankfulness for what they have and of generosity towards those who are not as fortunate?

It is normal and natural for young children to believe everyone in the world exists exclusively for their benefit. Thankfulness is just not part of their job description. Part of our role as parents, is to lead our children out of their internal gazing and continually prompt them into a "concern for others" attitude towards the people around them.

Modelling thankfulness to our children is an important way to have them learn about living with and for others. We might need to project an attitude of thankfulness with our possessions, our clothes and appearance. Do we see the bigger world of need around us or is our focus simply on ourselves?

This year we have been constantly reminded of the suffering of our human family with refugees losing their lives in an attempt to escape for a better life all over the world. The lives of millions of people have been devastated. Even in Australia people on the margins of society need our constant prayers and support – the poor, sick, elderly, disabled, indigenous, those discriminated against by age, gender, education or family situation. ..the list is long and growing.

Thankfulness and caring for others, is a major part of wellbeing, as focusing on others creates an inner harmony of contentment and peace. As we begin the season of Advent the challenge is to balance preparing for the delights of celebrating the birth of Jesus with encouraging our children to focus on the needs of others.

God Bless,

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 4 WEEK 6 & WEEK 7



Declan Keigan, Jetta Grady, Sarah Fenning, Dylan McDonald, Liam Wilding, Zak Roach, Chase Hirsch, Michael Gardiner, Jayden Miles, Scarlett Storr, Harrison Bennett, Lily Callaghan, Charlize Risse, Hugo So, Audrey Edwards, Trinity Callaghan, Daniel Partlett, Nina McKeown, Jake Walsh, Hayley Burton, Zachary Wilkinson, Jean Kock, Sienna Footman, Talisha North, Toby Witjes, Jayden Roots, Ella Hirsch, Mackenzie Smith, Ruby Johnson, Emily McDonald, Thomas Reeks, Avalon Smith, Erin Budge, Sophie Jones, Sarah Budge, Daniel Prendergast, Ella Grech, Chloe Gardiner, Charlotte Gabriel, Nikayla Pusko, Akeda Deacon-Chilmaid, Alex Hayward, Hunter Grima, Evan Hotz, Heath Murray, Nicholas Curry, Kieran Smith, Jack Sykes, Riley Bahlmann.



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.

On the 29th November, *Our Lady of the Way* Attendance Level was **85.7%**



School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	85.7%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	85.8%
01	91.2%
02	85.5%
03	89.9%
04	80.6%
05	85.7%
06	78.8%

Congratulations to **Year 1** who reached the Diocesan target of 90%. **Year 6** at 78.8% is *well below* the Diocesan target.

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.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

We understand that family circumstances alter and that children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending *Our Lady of the Way* in 2018 please advise Mrs Veling and complete a notification of leaving form that is available from the school office. You are reminded that concerns regarding financial difficulties is not a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and *Our Lady of the Way* can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise. We have healthy enrolments for all classes in 2018, with some children on waiting lists, so in fairness to these families we ask you to let us know if you are changing schools.

If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child at OLOW from 2018, in any grade, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

TEACHERS FOR 2018

Our grade teachers and diversity support staff for 2018 include:

Kindergarten – Mrs Blazek, Mrs Thomas

Year 1 – Mrs Kuipers; Mrs Hensen

Year 2 – Mrs Curry; Mrs Walsh and Mrs Taylor

Year 3 – Mrs Johnston; Mrs McKeon and Mrs Rix (Terms 1 & 2) Mrs Kakoschke (Terms 3 & 4)

Year 4 – Mrs Day; Mrs Scott and Miss Mizzi

Year 5 – Miss Coutinho; Miss Vella

Year 6 – Miss Reynolds; Mr Chapman

Japanese Specialist– Mrs Filan

Music Specialist – Mrs McGregor

Diversity Support Team: Miss Mizzi, Mrs Flanagan, Mrs Khalifeh, Ms Glynn and Miss Lamaletie

Please keep Mrs Johnston in your prayers as she is very sick in hospital.

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Our end of year AWARDS will be distributed on Friday 8th December at 9am. The awards consist of the following categories:

- Love of Learning Award
- St. Mary MacKillop of the Cross Award
- Most Improved Award
- Positive Attitude Towards Learning Award
- Music Award
- Japanese Award
- Good Sport Award

All parents and friends are warmly invited to attend this ceremony



LOW CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We had an amazing Christmas Concert on Monday night and what a beautiful evening! Thank you to the staff and students for their efforts in making the presentation of the "Children of the World" a success! In particular, I want to mention Miss Mizzi and Mrs Flanagan who were instrumental in all the planning and preparation. Thank you to our choir, string ensemble and band led by Mrs McGregor for showcasing their

talents with their musical contributions to the evening. Thank you to the great audience of parents, grandparents and friends - another great example of our strong LOW community. Merry Christmas!

SEMESTER 2 SCHOOL REPORTS

Semester two reports will be sent home on Wednesday 6th December. In the envelope there is a letter explaining the A-E grading system used in Years 1-6. Please take the time to read through the report with your child, discussing their successes and goals for 2017.

Year 5 parents – You will need to keep your child's report handy, as they are required for high school enrolments in 2019.

Years 4 & 6 parents – Included in the envelope is your child's Religious Literacy Assessment completed last term.

Teacher Interviews – Interviews are available for any parent who has concerns or questions about any aspect of their child's report. Please make an appointment via the office to see your child's class teacher.

SICKNESS AT LOW

Just be aware that students at LOW have been diagnosed with **Scarlet Fever** and **Slap Cheek**.

Scarlet Fever is an illness that can happen in children who also have strep throat or strep skin infections. The strep bacteria make a toxin that causes a bright red, bumpy rash. The rash spreads over most of the body. It often looks like a bad sunburn with fine bumps that may feel rough like sandpaper, and it can itch. If your child has a rash like this, it's important to visit your doctor.

Slap Cheek is a bright red rash that appears on the cheeks from three to seven days after getting the virus. The cheeks look like they have been slapped. The virus looks like a pink lace pattern on the skin. The rash can come and go for several weeks, especially if the skin is exposed to sunlight or after exercise.

LOW THANKSGIVING MASS INVITATION

An invitation is extended to all of the *Our Lady of the Way* community to attend our Thanksgiving Mass on Monday 11th December at 9am in the Church.

Prayer for the end of the school year

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

*For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school,
both in and out of the classroom,*

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are,

and we ask you Lord –

Bless our students: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and a love of learning;

Bless our families: may your spirit keep them safe through the holidays and

Leave them with memories to cherish.

*Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed
to continue our journey together.*

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

END OF PIANO LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The school has received advice from the Catholic Education Office that under the guidelines for use of school premises we cannot provide space for Piano Lessons after school in 2018. This is both an insurance and WHS issue. We thank Mrs Higuchi for providing this service to many of our students over the past few years. I'm sure Rita will make other arrangements so this service can continue at another venue in 2018.



THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

You are cordially invited

to attend a special

THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

to be held in the school library

at 2pm

on Thursday 7th December.

Please RSVP Julie in the office.

YEAR 6 2018 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Last week, the students voted in our school leaders for 2018. Congratulations to our School Captains: **Kate, Charlie, Katelyn, Henry**. We also acknowledge our Student Representative Council Leaders: **Larissa, Jimmy, Lucie, Connor, Abbey, Jude**.



I look forward to working with the leadership team next year. During our Thanksgiving Mass on Monday 11th December, Ben, Layla, Daniel and Jorja will formally handover the 'keys' to our new captains with a blessing from Fr. Mick.

Thank you to Miss Mizzi, Mrs Scott and Miss Vella for overseeing the leadership development and voting in Year 5.

QUALITIES OF SCHOOL LEADERS

In looking at these very important roles, I would like to share with you five very important qualities that I believe are critical for any student leader to have.

1. A Leader says, 'Yes, I Can!' It's called the power of Positive Attitude. A Leader understands there will be many people throughout their life who will tell them why they cannot do or be something. A leader stays focused on maintaining a positive attitude no matter what the people around them say or do. A leader stands up to peer pressure everyday to make choices for themselves.
2. A Leader says, 'It's not a problem, it's a Challenge!' It's called Overcoming Adversity. Everyday life is filled with challenges. However, many people call them 'problems' and therefore they are overcome by their magnitude. The first step to being a leader is to always say 'Yes, I Can.' There is always another solution. You just need to ask a different or better question to find more solutions. Each challenge in life is an opportunity to learn a new lesson.
3. A Leader says, "Never give up, never give up, never give up!" It's called Perseverance. The easiest answer or path whenever something gets hard in life is to stop or give up. A Leader knows that the easiest path is not always the best path. A simple well-known quote expresses the power of perseverance very well: 'Perseverance prevails when all else fails.' Quitting is easy. It's a habit that begins at a young age. Children need to learn at a very young age the power of building positive habits in life.
4. A Leader says, "I may fail or make mistakes BUT I always learn and move ahead!" It's called Commitment. Mistakes and failure are an integral part of life. We tend to learn the most in life from our mistakes or failures. Leaders learn to do their best and are not beaten down by their mistakes. Leaders learn to ask themselves a powerful question each time they make a mistake or fail: "What can I learn from this experience?"
5. A Leader says, "I will always do my best!" It's called Excellence. Excellence or doing your very best, is a daily decision. It's easy to be average. It takes a focused effort every day to do your best. It really is an attitude. Leaders choose to do their best in everything they do. It's not about being better than other people; it's just about challenging yourself to be your best.

JANUARY 2018 MATHEMATICS TESTING: YEARS 1-6

As in previous years, all students in Years 1-6 will be assessed using the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) on Monday 29th January and Tuesday 30th January. Our Lady of the Way staff will be taking two Staff Development Days to assess the students. This is a one-on-one interview style assessment directed by a teacher. Each assessment takes a minimum of 30 minutes.

Our COSHC will be providing full day-care on 30th January. Arrangements can be made for children attending COSHC to be tested during the day.

School will resume for students in Years 1-6 on Wednesday 31st January

2018 LITERACY & MATHEMATICS TESTING JANUARY: KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students will have a separate testing schedule for literacy and numeracy and this will take place from Monday 29th - Wednesday 31st January.

Kindergarten will begin school on Thursday 1st February (8:45- 12:00); then full days from Monday 5th February (8:45-2:55).

THE ON-LINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERVIEWS (YEARS 1-6) WILL SENT HOME ON MONDAY

OLOW PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Primary Swimming Carnival was held today at Glenbrook Pool. It was a wonderful day! Thank you to all our parents for helping out; to Miss Reynolds for her fantastic organisational skills; to the staff for their commitment; and to the students for being great participants. The results will be announced at our final Monday morning assembly for 2017.

GYMNASTIC COMPETITION



On Thursday 23rd November, five students represented OLOW at the Diocesan Gymnastics Gala Day and what a great day they had! A huge thank you to Mrs Pereira who was team manager on the day and made sure the day ran smoothly.



Congratulations to: Akeda Deacon Childmaid, Marshall Pereira, Carter Pereira, Isabelle Roots and Alyssa McDonald. All students did their personal best and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the parents who attended and supported on the day.

Congratulations to the following student for their special achievements:

Static

Marshall Pereira 6th

Carter Pereira 5th

Akeda Deacon Childmaid 2nd

Vault

Marshall Pereira 2nd

Carter Pereira 3rd



*A community is like an orchestra:
each instrument is beautiful when it plays alone,
but when they all play together,
each given its own weight in turn,
the result is even more beautiful.*

Jean Vanier

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE FOR 2018

Thank you to the parents that were able to join us last week for our final Parent & Friends Meeting for 2017. On your behalf, I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Kiery Pascoe for her support and leadership in the role of President and to Mrs Tara Cremen as Fete Coordinator.

I wish to acknowledge the great fundraising efforts of the P&F over the last two years with the acceptance of a cheque for \$50,000 presented to the school on Monday evening. This donation goes towards the cost of the building works and also to help with the purchase of 40 Chromebook computers.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the parents of OLOW for the wonderful support you give to this community, the staff and myself. We are blessed to have so many parents who are involved in so many aspects of our school, not just leaving it up to others. Never underestimate the vital role each one of you plays whether through word or action in contributing towards the benefit of all the children in our care and in building our special community. OLOW has an excellent reputation for the outstanding education it provides throughout the diocese. You should be justifiably proud of the catholic school you as parents have helped create. Together you are working in partnership with the school to make a difference for all the children, not just yours or theirs, but every child presently in the school and those of the future. It is very much a family looking after all its members.

Whether your contribution is big or small it is greatly appreciated and valued. As a result of your efforts, our Christ Centred community continues to grow and our children continue to have nothing short of the best. So, on behalf of all the children and those to join us in years ahead, THANK YOU to you, our parents who really are making a difference.

Mrs Veling

At the AGM the following P&F committee was voted in for 2018. Congratulations to:

President: Kiery Pascoe (Noah Yr 4 & Layla Yr 2)

Vice President: Tara Cremen (Declan Cremen Yr 6, Jimmy Cremen Yr 5, Aiden Cremen Yr 2 & Margaret Cremen Yr 1)

Secretary: Jane Cashel (Georgia Yr 5 & Samuel Yr 3)

Treasurer: Kate Andrews (Jason Yr 5 & Abigail Yr 3)

Fundraising Coordinator: Vanessa Keller-Garrahay (Ben Yr 5)

Social Media: Sarah Pereira (Marshall Yr 5 & Carter Yr 2)

P&F Committee Members: Regina Hawkes (Alex & Paige Yr 5), Kevin Houlihan (Bailey & Ethan Yr 5 & Amity Yr 3), Melissa McGrath (Mia Yr 1), Maree Ryan (Remy Yr K), Julie Woods (Lucas Yr 5, Aimee Yr 3)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th December Semester 2 REPORTS sent home

Wednesday 6th December - 7pm Year 6 Graduation Mass

Thursday 7th December – 2pm THANKYOU Afternoon Tea

Friday 8th December - 9am OLOW Awards Ceremony

Friday 8th December - 7pm Year 6 Social Night

Monday 11th December – 9:15am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday 12th December - 11:30-12:30pm Meet your teacher

Friday 15th December - last day for students

Monday 18th December – last day for staff

LOW CURRICULUM SPOT

Assessment for Success

As educators, we assess our students in a variety of ways. The following are ways in which we use formative assessment to know where our students are and where they need to be.

INVOLVE LEARNERS IN THE PROCESS

We:

- ask them to name their learning goal and tell us how they know they have met it;
- help students form habits in documenting their work, and then teach them how to self-assess;
- invite students to plot their own data, investigate the findings, and speculate the ways that will promote further successful learning;
- require students to reflect before, during, and after learning.

BY BECOMING VISIBLE LEARNERS

We:

- define the learning intentions;
- determine where learners will attend to the target (success criteria) most explicitly during the learning experience;
- consider how students might make the learning relevant to this target visible, and invite them to do so;
- document this learning using print, audio, and visual recordings;
- study the data gathered, looking for patterns for future success;
- use the ideas that emerge to inform our feedback, our own learning, and theirs' as well.

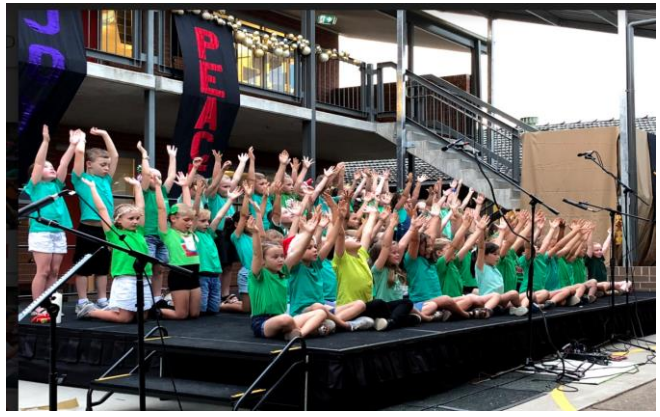
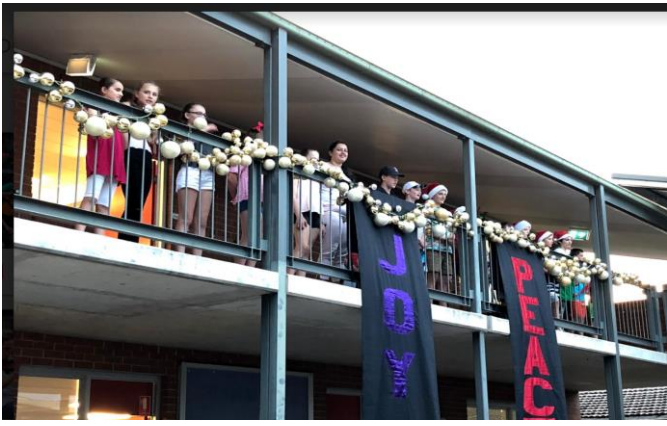
When we are able to assess without disrupting learning and when the learners themselves are part of every phase of the assessment process, the results can be truly amazing.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



We have had many community events this year ranging from school sports carnivals, movie nights, liturgical celebrations to the wonderful fete. On Monday evening, we came together to celebrate in song the true meaning of Christmas. As we begin the Season of Advent this Sunday, a time to prepare, to remember the birth of Jesus who came to bring peace to this world, may we give thanks for the year we have spent together and reflect on the times where we have shared. In the coming weeks, we will have a number of opportunities to reflect and give thanks. On Wednesday evening we will celebrate our Year 6 students at their graduation mass, on Thursday afternoon we will say thank you to our families and friends at our thank you afternoon tea, and we will celebrate the year of learning on Friday at our awards ceremony and on Monday 11th December in prayer at our thanksgiving mass. I hope that you can join us for these events.

Emma Mizzi
Assistant Principal





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As Advent begins this weekend, it is traditional for the family to also put up Christmas decorations and a Christmas tree. Why not make it a special, prayerful experience with your family?

Thanks to Monica Brown's website www.liturgyritualprayer.com, here is a short ritual which you can modify and use with your family:

When the Family Gathers to Dress the Tree at Home ... - A Simple Ritual Prayer

This year, why not begin a new family 'tradition' by dressing the tree together in ritual prayer? A few days before Christmas, the family meets together at an agreed time to assemble and decorate the Christmas Tree. This year, all the family members have been invited to contribute ONE special decoration that holds meaning for them. This could be something they have bought OR something that they have made themselves to hang on the tree. The parent(s) lead the simple ritual that follows. Parents may share leadership between them. Parents need to adapt the text to suit the level of understanding of their children/teens.

We Gather

Introduction

Parent: Tonight (today) is the day we have decided to set up our Christmas Tree. Its ever-green branches remind us of the new life that comes into the world when Jesus is born anew in our hearts this Christmas. To show our joy, we decorate our tree with bright and sparkling shapes and colours. At this time of year, there are Christmas Trees in many shops, in Churches, and in most homes – but our Christmas Tree can be a unique reflection of how our family looks forward to the birth of Jesus and the birth of new Love in the world.

The family now takes the bare tree out of storage (or brings it in from the outside – if it is a real tree) and sets it in place ready to be dressed. The parent continues:

Before we dress the Tree, let us pray together ...

All: Loving God, You sent Jesus into our world to fill us all with peace ... We welcome Jesus and the new life he brings. Bless our tree ... It reminds us of growing things, sturdy and green, flourishing life that never ends – just like your love for us. We pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ And in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We Listen

Parent: Jesus the Saviour comes! Let us rejoice and be glad!

All: Jesus the Saviour comes! Let us rejoice and be glad!

Scripture Focus: Ps 95 (96) Verses 1-4 and 11-13

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;

among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;

let the sea and what fills it resound;

let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;

for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice

and the peoples with his constancy.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

We Respond

Parent: Just like this tree, our hearts shout for joy when we think of God's amazing love. Let's watch quietly as the tree is dressed with this bunting and these lights. As I wind them around the branches, we remember all our family members - living and dead – present here or far away. We know that, even if they cannot be with us this Christmas, they still remain true branches of our family tree and we bind them gently to us in God's loving care.

All watch as the parent winds the bunting and the lights through and around the branches of the tree ... but the lights are not yet switched on. Then s/he continues:

Over the past few weeks, we have been preparing for Christmas. We have been busy choosing gifts for one another. But we have also been choosing a very special decoration to bring to our tree. Let's take it in turn now to hang our special decoration on the tree and tell our family what it means ...

Family members come to the tree, one by one, hang their decoration on their branch of choice, and say why they chose that particular decoration ... It could simply be: "I chose this for joy" or "I like this because it means peace for all the world" or "This one has such a bright colour to cheer our family", etc.

We Go

When all have finished, the parent continues:

Parent: We now ask God for a special blessing for all who are preparing to celebrate Christmas this year. Let us bow our heads ... (pause) ... May God bless all the families who gather this Christmas with generous hearts and joyous spirits.

All: Amen.

Parent: May families who are separated be blessed with peace and forgiveness.

All: Amen.

Parent: May those who have no families find sharing and love at the table of friends.

All: Amen.

Parent: May almighty God bless us in the name of the Father + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

If this is a singing family, all may choose to sing a carol. If not, the parent simply closes the ritual by saying:

Parent: Now that our tree is ready, we turn on the lights to show that Christ is the true Light of the world – the light of love that shines in our hearts.

The lights are switched on ...

Parent: Let us go in the love of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

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SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS JADE

In recognition of her sporting achievements in 2017, Jade was invited to attend the 2017 Parramatta Diocese Catholic Primary School Sports Council Awards evening on 29th November 2017 at Rooty Hill.

There were 27 children from the Parramatta Diocese who received Sports Council medallions for their representation in either two or more MacKillop teams (Southern NSW) or NSWPSA State team.

What an amazing achievement for Jade! We are all very proud of you and all your sporting achievements.



GENERAL NEWS

LOWES VOUCHERS

We have some vouchers to use at Lowes. The first is a 15% off school wear (in store and online) voucher. If you would like to take advantage of this online, go to www.lowesschoolwear.com.au and enter the code 15SCHODS at the checkout to receive your discount.

The second voucher is for \$10 off Bata School Shoe voucher (selected styles only, in store only at selected stores).

Both vouchers are valid until 31st December 2017. If you would like one, please call into the office.

Kids Can Act - Holiday Workshops

Monday 15 th Jan	Tuesday 16 th Jan	Wednesday 17 th Jan	Thursday 18 th Jan	Friday 19 th Jan
SPRINGWOOD	SPRINGWOOD	SOUTH PENRITH	SPRINGWOOD	SOUTH PENRITH
9.00-3.00pm Very Fairy Princess	9.30-2.30 pm No Such Thing As Dragons	9.00-2.00pm Suitcase of Memories	9.30-2.30pm On Trial: - Fairy Tale Characters	9.00-3.00pm The Magic Paintbrush
	2.30-5.30 pm Scenarios & Drama Games	2.00-6.00pm The Rumour		
Monday 22 nd Jan	Tuesday 23 rd Jan	Wednesday 24 th Jan	Thursday 25 th Jan	VENUES
SOUTH PENRITH	SPRINGWOOD	SOUTH PENRITH	SPRINGWOOD	SPRINGWOOD: - 133 Macquarie Rd (next to Domino's Pizza) SOUTH PENRITH: - Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St. (Behind Southlands)
9.30-2.30 pm No Such Thing As Dragons	9.00-3.00pm The Magic Paintbrush	9.00-3.00pm Very Fairy Princess	9.00-2.00pm Suitcase of Memories	
2.30-5.30 pm Scenarios & Drama Games			2.00-6.00pm The Rumour	
All prices and workshop descriptions can be found at www.kidscanact.com.au				
Don't miss the EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!				





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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.



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Tuesday 7th November, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

OLOW Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 30th of January 2018

As families are aware, Tuesday the 30th of January 2018 is a Pupil Free Day at Our Lady Of the Way Catholic Primary School. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at Our Lady Of the Way is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 6:30am to 6:30pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions.

Families that already attend COSHC on Tuesdays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Tuesday the 30th of January 2018

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after 30th of November 2017.

Please note: If your child would normally attend Before &/or After School Care on a Tuesday and do not attend on this Tuesday, they will be marked as absent and normal fee charged.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0417 886 548 or [COSHCOLOWEmuPlains@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:COSHCLOWEmuPlains@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – Tuesday 30th of January 2018

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, Tuesday the 30th of January at COSHC Our Lady Of the Way. I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the pupil-day fee will still apply.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.