

By The Way



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

5th July 2018

DIARY DATES

Thursday 5 July
Last day for students

Friday 6 July

Monday 23 July Term 2 begins

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 1 August Thursday 2 August

Confirmation Parent Information Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 2 August Pyjama Day

Tuesday 7 August
Mary MacKillop Mass

Friday 10 August

Nepean Athletics Carnival

Saturday 11 August Sunday 12 August

Confirmation Enrolment Mass

Thursday 23 August

Diocesan Athletics Carnival, Blacktown

Thursday 30 August Fathers' Day Stall

Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 31 August

7.30 Fathers' Day

Breakfast 8.45am Fathers' Day Prayer

Sunday 2 September Fathers' Day

Monday 17 September 7.30pm Confirmation Rehearsal

Wed 19 September

Rite of Confirmation Mass, 7.30pm

Thursday 20 September Footy Fever Mufti

Thursday 27 September

Grandparents' Day

Year 6 BBQ Last day of Term

Friday 28 September

Wednesday 31 October

Kinder 2019 Orientation & Parent Meeting

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Over the last two Sundays, children from our school received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time - their First Holy Communion. We thank Fr Mick for bestowing this beautiful sacrament on our children.

It is always wonderful to see all the children and their families, including their extended family, attending this ceremony. For many children this will be a day they will never forget. I know many Catholic adults remember their First Holy Communion. I certainly do.

Like these children I was just 8 years old and unlike today our lessons were solely held within the school day with very little parent involvement regarding extra catechesis. Looking back, I feel I was so lucky that my mother and father regularly embedded faith into our daily lives.

I witnessed my parents receive communion every week, regularly received the sacrament of Reconciliation and enjoyed the gathering of family and friends outside the church. Faith that is only experienced at the school level cannot possibly have the same impact as that which is lived and spoken about daily at home.

The Catholic school plays a very important part in faith development. However, for faith to be sustainable and enduring it is best nurtured in the home first.

It is this key principle, which recommends that children's learning about the sacraments is best achieved through a Parish Based, Family Centred approach. I know that all parents want their children to one day grow up to be kind, forgiving, generous, compassionate adults who will behave as good citizens in service of community. They want their children to be happy and have a love of God and one day, God willing, to have their own beautiful families.

Children are learning to become these adults, now, from you, their parents and family. If we wish them to receive the Eucharist we need to be demonstrating that now by taking them to Mass and by showing them what it looks like to be an adult Catholic who is active in their faith. We pray that over time we will see them actively choosing this life, while we watch with great satisfaction of a job well done.

Please keep in your prayers all the children who made their First Holy Communion this year and pray that their families will continue to gift them with a faith that is true and active. May God continue to bless you in your role as parents and grant you wisdom, patience and hope in this, our next generation.

As we come to the end of Term 2, may I extend my thanks to our dedicated staff for their work this term, to the students who have worked hard and achieved great successes in their learning and to you, the parents for your ongoing support and trust you have in us as experienced educators.

Enjoy the holidays, keep safe and keep smiling!

Mrs Sue Veling

Principal



Newsletter of Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School, Emu Plains

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 WEEKS 8 & 9





Aisling Cremen, Isabel Hallam; Annalise Henderson, Adam Penny, Zoe Chang, Makaela Jarrett, Rohan Sykes, Jordan Scobie, Benji Smith, Oliver McClenahan, Tyra Footman, Abby Hurst, Mikayla Blazek, Aiden Dyrka, Jake Walsh, Billy Trad, Jack Casey, Jayden Miles, Alex Boyd, Lachlan Stonehouse, Shanyah Kubik, Cody Luczak, Riley Burton, Justin Ballie, Zac Phillips, Hamish MacLennan, Georgia Kenyon, Madison Fitzsimmons, Logan Bishop, Cody Mortimer, Joey El-Sissa, Kristian Kohler, Adele Crook, Beau Edmonds, Ella Hirsch, Wade Race, Amara Frank, Jayden Munce, Akeda Deacon-Chilmaid, Brodie Miles, Ashton Pogoriutschnig, Lewis Edwards, Tanner Crook, Sienna Gahagan, Milaya Cleary, Erin Downie, Bailey Grima.

FAREWELL FATHER MICK & WELCOME FR REGIE

It is with much sadness that we farewell Fr Mick as he heads off to retirement. We have been very privileged to have Fr Mick lead the parish and school over the last three years. He has been an inspiration and a tribute to his vocation. He will be sadly missed by the community and in particular the staff and students at OLOW. The children presented Fr Mick with a coffee machine and personalised messages at a special assembly last week.





Fr Regie has an interesting Facebook Page called 'Our Daily Bread' where he reflects on the Gospel readings each week and relates it to our own lives. A thought provoking site.



READING RECOVERY GRADUANTS

Congratulations to Summer Stansfield, Max Tuisovivi and George Bouletos from Year 1 who recently graduated from the Reading Recovery Program. We would also like to acknowledge the wonderful Reading Recovery specialist teachers, Ms Glynn and Miss Lamaletie for all the wonderful work they do each day with our students. We are very blessed!

ATTENDANCE - EVERY LEARNER - EVERY DAY

| School Name | School Attendance Level % | | |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains | 91.5% | | |
| Scholastic Year | Sch Yr Attendance Level % | | |
| K | 98.1% | | |
| 01 | 96.1% | | |
| 02 | 93.1% | | |
| 03 | 91.6% | | |
| 04 | 98.0% | | |
| 05 | 78.9% | | |
| 06 | 94.7 % | | |

At *Our Lady of the Way*, we continue to promote student attendance. Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each 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.

Our school average this week is 91.5%, which is above the CEDP target of 90%. Congratulations to Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 who

continue to display excellent attendance. We love seeing all our students at school!

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.

Partial Absences (PA) are recorded for each child every time they are late to school or leave early from school. Partial Absence from school does add up to time away from learning, settling into routines of the day or saying goodbye at the end of the day. It is important that all children are at school by 8:45am when our school day starts. A Partial Absence is recorded from this time and an explanation is required by parents or a carer to be signed in through the Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; He who comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst."





We congratulate and continue to pray for all those children who received Jesus for the first time at their Holy Communion over the past two weekends.

Cooper Bahlmann, Erin Budge, Kate Budge, Aidan Callaghan, Samuel Cashel, Eden Chapman, Mario Della Scala; Mia Eekman, Christopher Elias, Marcus Elias, Abby Godwin, Hunter Grima, Holly Hartstonge, Alexander Hayward, Miah Hirsch, Lucia Hooke, Amity Houlihan, Lucas Latty, Lucas McClenahan, Ella Reid, Cara Smith, Cooper Sulic, Sophie Wade, Abigail Andrews, Jacob Bennett, Tanner Crook, Noah Downey, Michael Gardiner, Ava Grech, Oliver Herps, Zachary Levy, Pierce Lucas, Chloe Luczak, Alyssa McDonald, Ellie Gillett Moore, Nathan Gillett Moore, Hakopa Raukawa, Holly Rech, Jessica Still, Cruz Vilar, Darby Weber.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

On Tuesday, Mrs Anne Mathison, a staff member at school, celebrated the life of her father who passed away peacefully on 26th June. The funeral was held at OLOW church and staff members attended. Please keep Anne and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they come to terms with the loss of their father, grandfather and husband.

Recently, Daniel Yalden in Kindergarten also lost his grandfather, Reginald James Blattman (Mum's Dad). Please keep the Yalden family in your thoughts and prayers.



"A good heart has stopped beating, a good soul ascended to heaven"

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

As Christians, we are encouraged to 'let our light shine before others.' (Matthew 5:6). For parents and teachers to truly be partners in education, effective communication is key. Our Student led Conferences are just one way parents, teachers and students come together to listen, celebrate and support each other.

Over the last two-weeks, hundreds of parents have visited our school along with their children to participate in our Student led Conferences. Students shared their goals for Literacy, Numeracy and Learning Behaviours that were developed in Semester 1 and presented how they had achieved or are working towards achieving these goals.

The conferences were highly successful – thank you for your participation and ongoing support. <u>At any time</u> you can request additional meetings with your child's teacher to discuss or provide relevant information to assist with meeting their learning needs. Just call the office to make an appointment.

THE RECYCLABLES COLLECTION ZONE AT OLOW IS OPEN.



Our Lady of the Way School has joined forces with the Return & Earn Container Collection at Blacktown and has been asked to participate in the 'Scrap for Schools' Program.

This means the school is a drop off and pick up point for recyclables. The school has an account with the Blacktown collection point and all funds generated from recyclables collected from our school or dropped off by families at their facilities, will be paid into our account.

If the bottle/carton has 10c refund written on the label, please deposit it in our white bags. So far (in one term) we have filled to the brim 4 large white bags. Only 6 bags to go before we can exchange them for money!

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SKOOLBAG APP

Skoolbag is a free app that can be downloaded to your phone, iPad and computer as a form of communication with the school. Skoolbag IS NOT a social media app. It is available from iTunes and Google. Just search for OLOW Emu Plains and you will see our school crest. All school notes, notices and newsletters are updated onto this site and you will receive an alert when something is uploaded or there is an important or urgent announcement.

HOW READING 20 MINUTES A DAY IMPACTS YOUR CHILD

Starting in kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by Year 6 and on standardised tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers.

This is compelling data on the benefits of encouraging your child to read.

Helps in language development

From the time your child is born, reading out loud is a positive influence. As your child grows, daily reading will help the brain make connections between the written and spoken word, widening vocabulary in the process.

Adding to that benefit, vocabulary knowledge equates to masterful spelling. In fact, reading, spelling and vocabulary are critically important to a child's lifelong achievement.

Promotes brain development

Educators have long said reading makes people smarter, and there's research backing them up. A recent study conducted by the American Academy of Paediatrics found reading to children of any age wakens a number of regions in the left part of the brain. The areas in the brain that become active involve understanding the meaning of words and concepts tied to memory.

Aids in understanding of a world outside our own

Reading is more than just translating written words into verbal form; it is about understanding those words were once ideas in the minds of great thinkers. It is about realising those ideas can be connected to personal experiences.

Through daily reading, children are exposed to a world outside their own reality. It expands their know-how, opens their minds and creates the potential for a continuation of ideas and an endless number of possibilities.

Strengthens family relationships

There is nothing quite like reading together as a family. Whether you're flipping through picture books with your little ones or sitting in the same room with older kids while, each immersed in a piece of literature, these are times you remember.

For a moment, you are all able to escape worries and experience art in written form. It is something that can be recreated in different forms with every new book and family read-a-thon.

Provides endless possibilities

Whether it's a picture book, a novel or even <u>help resources</u>, there are many options.

With technology such as the *Kindle for Kids Bundle*, your children can access books anytime, anywhere. The *Kindle for Kids Bundle* can hold thousands of books and also allows your children to search for new titles and, based on their interests, easily find recommended books.

There is no better time then right NOW to encourage your child to dive into a great new book and get the whole family reading each day too.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Pyjama Day:

Another reminder of a date for your diaries...Pyjama Day to support the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be held on Thursday August 2 (Week 2 of Term 3). Please bring in a \$2 coin donation.



Parish Sacramental Program:

Congratulations to all of the children who celebrated their first Holy Communion over the last two Sundays. Thank you to all concerned, parents and the parish team, who helped prepare the children so beautifully to receive Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

| Confirmation Sacramental Program | | | | | |
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| Parent Information Evenings | Wednesday Thursday | August 1 August 2 | 7:30pm 7:30pm | | |
| Enrolment Mass | Saturday Sunday | August 11 August 12 | 6:00pm 8:00am & 9:30am | | |
| Lessons | Week 1 - Monday Week 2 - Monday Week 3 - Monday | August 20 August 27 September 3 | | | |
| Rehearsal | Monday | September 17 | 7:30pm | | |
| Rite of Confirmation Mass | Wednesday | September 19 | 7:30pm | | |

Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING NEWS

YEAR 3 POETRY

Year 3 have been studying significant celebrations in our local area. Recently they wrote poems about ANZAC Day, using the five senses to create powerful and moving images.

ANZAC DAY by Hayley

ANZAC DAY smells like freshly baked Anzac biscuits.

ANZAC DAY looks like the shadow of the sun rising in the distance.

ANZAC DAY sounds like a cadet speaking.

ANZAC DAY feels like the wet grass spilling all over me as I stand with respect.

ANZAC DAY tastes like the sizzling bacon from a delicious ANZAC breakfast

ANZAC DAY by Thomas

ANZAC Day smells like the sweet rosemary pulled from the garden

ANZAC Day looks like the poppies blooming from war

ANZAC Day sounds like people forgiving each other

ANZAC Day feels like a hug of forgiveness

ANZAC Day tastes like yummy ANZAC cookies.



ANZAC DAY by Jessica

ANZAC day smells like the sweet perfume of the rosemary sprigs.

ANZAC day looks like the poppies blowing in the breeze.

ANZAC day sounds like the soldiers marching in the parade.

ANZAC day feels like the wind and dust coming from the parade.

ANZAC day tastes like the delicious ANZAC day cookies.

ANZAC Day by Jack

ANZAC Day smells like the poppies out of the beautiful garden.

ANZAC Day looks like the brave people who saved us.

ANZAC Day tastes like the freshly baked pie in the oven.

ANZAC Day sounds like the lovely trumpet playing slowly and softly.

ANZAC Day feels like you're safe with your lovely family.

ANZAC Day by Layla

ANZAC Day smells like the delicious aroma of freshly baked ANZAC cookies.

ANZAC Day looks like the Australian and Aboriginal flag flapping in the wind high.

ANZAC Day feels like the tears running down my cheek.

ANZAC Day tastes like the delicious bacon sandwiches after the ceremony.

ANZAC Day sounds like the bugler playing The Last Post loud and clear.

THE DAY WE REMEMBER ANZAC DAY by Archie

ANZAC Day looks like ANZACS marching

ANZAC Day smells like fresh ANZAC cookies

ANZAC Day sounds like someone playing the bugle

ANZAC Day feels like soft warm hugs

ANZAC Day tastes like the song of a bird.

LIBRARY NEWS

It's that time of year! The holidays are a perfect time to start looking for those missing Library books and Class Readers. Check under the bed, in the car, maybe at Grandmas or on your bookshelf or they could still be in you school bag.

ALL books need to be returned to school ASAP please.





SPORTS NEWS

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to Noah Downey, Oliver Herps, Cooper Bahlmann, Jacob Bennett, Carter Jones, Alex Hayward, Eli Smith, Hunter Grima, Jayden Miles, Brodie Miles, Michael Gardiner, Samuel Cashel, Pierce Lucas, Jack Casey, Aiden Cremen, Jake Thompson, Caleb Vanegas, Lorcan Cullen, Ashton Clark, Alyssa McDonald, Miah Hirsch, Chloe Luczak, Holly Hartstonge, Natalie Burke, Layla Pascoe, Drae Funnell, Elijah Bradley-Labra, Thomas Reeks, Billy Trad, Jake Walsh, Zak Roach, Chase Hirsch, Ella Reid, Abby Godwin, Sophie Wade and Holly Rech, who represented the school at the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday the 26th of June. The students showed excellent sportsmanship, skill and enthusiasm as they played many games throughout the day. The last game for the two Mixed Teams was particularly exciting!

A massive thank you must go to Mr Burke, Mr Bradley-Labra and Mr Herps for offering to coach the teams. Thank you to the parents who transported the students and cheered them on during the day.

A special mention and thank you to Sienna Gahagan, in Year 6, for volunteering to be a referee for the day. Sienna displayed great leadership skills.



Mrs Cremen and Mrs Scott

SOCCER GALA DAY RECOUNTS

On the 26th of June I went to the Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park. Our first game was against Our Lady Of The Rosary. We nearly scored in the first minute but sadly it hit the post. That game ended in a nil-all draw. Anyway the whole day was fun and I ended up scoring 2 goals.

Alex Hayward

On Tuesday, 26th of June I had my Soccer gala Day and I was in the Gold Team but there was also a Green Team. At the end of the Gala Day we played the Green Team and we had a draw. It was a very exciting game. *Holly Hartstonge*

It was a really fun day because we got know other people in our team from Year 3 and Year 4. We had so much fun playing in different positions. Sometimes we ran so fast we fell over but we got back up. *Ella Reid*

When we played soccer the boys were so happy, you should have seen the look on their faces. I played up front and that's my favorite position. My team and I showed good sportsmanship.

Brodie Miles

On Tuesday the 26th of June was the Soccer Gala Day. I was nervous because it was a really cold day but I enjoyed it because I was playing with my best friends. I did not score but I had fun.

Jayden Miles

At the Soccer Gala Day we won 2 games, we lost 2 games and we drew 3. We were a pretty good team. Alex was the person who scored the 2 goals.

Oliver Herps

Last week we had a Soccer Gala Day. We ran so fast with the ball that we scored 2 or 3 goals in one game. **Holly Rech**

When we got there it was freezing cold but we soon warmed up. Thank you to Mr Herps for coaching us and my Mum for being the timekeeper. We has a lot of fun.

Jacob Bennett

The first game was a nil-all draw but we did win 2 games. I loved the day, it was a great day. *Michael Gardiner*

I did not score but I had fun playing with my friends. I also got to know some Year 3 people a bit more. It started as a cold day! I had a great day!

Chloe Luczak

Last week Stage 2 went to the Soccer Gala Day. It was a fun day and I learnt lots of new skills. I was goalie once but I prefer mid-field.

Miah Hirsch

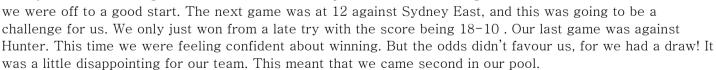
NSW PSSA RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL BY JADE ELFORD

Earlier this term, I was lucky enough to be selected for the Mackillop U11's boys rugby league team (yes I'm a girl!). I was even more fortunate to be the first girl ever to be selected in this team. Making this side was a massive achievement in itself, but knowing that I am the first girl ever makes me feel very proud.

The PSSA carnival was so much fun, it felt like a normal week of rugby league but with a twist, it was state championships! The carnival was held in Kingscliff (which is near the Gold Coast) and it started on Tuesday 18th of June with most teams getting there early on the Monday because they had a training session. On the first day of the competition, all 12 teams had to turn up at 8am for the team photos, which was unfortunate for our team because our first game wasn't until 9:45am.

We were fortunate enough TO win our first match against North West (16-0), a good start to the carnival.our second game was up against Sydney South West. they were going to be a hard team.they played very well in that game and due to that, we lost 16-4.

The next day, our first game was at 9am against Riverina. we were a little more evenly matched in this game and we came out on top with an 18-0 win. Again





The finals day was the day I was looking forward to the most. Mackillop vs Sydney West, the arch rivals, came together for a Grand Final rematch in the preliminary Final. They began the game with a very good try but we were able to keep up with their fast and strong pace. Throughout the game, we matched them try for try, but their strength and determination meant that they came away with 26-18 win.

This was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget and treasure forever.





GENERAL NEWS

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have finalised their second instalment of school fees for 2018. These fees were due on 6th June 2018.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or me, 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 olow_emupfees@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.

Pascale Vion

Senior Finance Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS



ARE YOU 6-14YRS OLD & MAD ABOUT RUGBY LEAGUE?

COME & JOIN US AT OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTY CLINICS!

DEVELOP YOUR FOOTY SKILLS WITH OUR TOP COACHES AND PLAYERS.

GUARANTEED TO LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES, HAVE TONNES OF FUN

& MEET NEW FRIENDS!

CLINICS ARE BEING HELD IN THE PERRITH AREA 2ND WEEK OF JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Contact Sean for more info & to register your interest email: goldenpointperformance@gmail.com



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July School Holidays Kingswood Multi Sports Day



Get involved in sports from cricket, soccer and rugby to AFL, boccia and tennis



WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM INVOLVE?

- Practice basic skills in a variety of sports
- Play fun games to put new skills into action
- Make some new friends and have some fun



WHEN DOES THIS PROGRAM RUN?

WHEN: Tuesday 17th July TIMES: 9:00am-3pm

NDIS:

LOCATION: Jamison Park (Netball Complex)

York Road, Penrith



RSVP: To Sally at: swinchester@cerebralpalsv.org.au by

Tuesday 10th July to secure your place
Use your NDIS funding to purchase this

service or pay privately

COST: \$60 per participant (9am-12pm) or \$80 (9am-3pm) &

siblings can join for the same fee

NB: Remember to bring your food, drink, hat and sunscreen.

CPA will not be providing carers for the day.

Staff will be on hand to assist however if you require care,

please arrange a carer prior to the day.







Call 1300 888 378
Email ask@cerebralpalsy.org.au
www.cerebralpalsy.org.au

5-25 years

Gateway Family Services Parenting Group Programs Term 3, 2018



| Program | Date & Time | Location | Registration |
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| Circle of Security Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old. | Every Tuesday 7th Aug—18th Sept 10:00am - 12noon * Childcare available | Westend St, KATOOMBA Connect Child & Family Services Door to right of Mikayla Children's Centre | Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) |
| | Every Saturday 4th Aug—15th Sept 10:00am—12noon ** NO Childcare | Heatherbrae, Lawson 1 Benang Street, LAWSON, (located beside carpark behind Lawson Pub) | Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) |
| Tuning In To Kids Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour. | Every Thursday 9th Aug—13th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am * Childcare available | Pinnaroo OOSH Winmalee Public School White Cross Rd, WINMALEE | Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) |
| 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds. | Every Tuesday 7th –21st August 6:30pm - 8:30pm * <i>Childcare available</i> | Gumbirra Children's Centre 97a Cook Parade, ST CLAIR | Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) |
| | Every Tuesday 21st Aug—4th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am * Childcare available | Kingswood Park Public School Caloola Avenue, KINGSWOOD | Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) |
| Let's Talk about Siblings without Rivalry Discussion and practical tools for parents who want to help their children live well together so you can all live. | Every Thursday 9th—30th August 9:30am - 11:30am * NO Childcare | Wentworth Falls Public School Falls Road, WENTWORTH FALLS | Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) |
| From Floundering to Flourishing Helping adults identify how to maximise kids successes giving you tools to enhance and improve kid's resilience. | Monday 17th September 9:30am—11:30pm * Childcare available | Tanderra OOSH 14 Raymond Rd, SPRINGWOOD (behind Neighbourhood Centre) | Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) |
| Bringing Up Great Kids Learn your parenting style, the meaning behind children's behaviour, ways parents can take care of themselves & find support when they need it. | Wednesday 8th Aug—12th Sept 10:30am—12:30pm * Childcare available | Blaxland Uniting Church 72 Old Bathurst Rd, BLAXLAND (Onsite parking available) | Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) |

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway family services parent group program is funded by DSS and NSW FACS.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.

