



By The Way



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

16th August 2018

DIARY DATES

Tues/Wed 21/22 August

Captivate
Performance

Thursday 23 August

Diocesan Athletics
Carnival, Blacktown

Friday 24 August

9.00am Book Week
Character Parade

Tuesday 28 August

Netball Gala Day

Thursday 30 August

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

Thursday 20 September

Rite of Confirmation
Mass, 7.30pm

Thursday 27 September

Grandparents' Day

Year 6 BBQ

Last day of Term

Friday 28 September

PUPIL FREE DAY

Wed-Fri 24-26 October

Year 5 Camp

Saturday 27 October

Trivia Night

Wednesday 31 October

Kinder 2019

Orientation & Parent
Meeting

Thursday 1 November

All Saints Day

Friday 2 November

All Souls Day

Monday 26 November

Swimming Program
Begins

Monday 3 December

Christmas Carol Night

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

At Our Lady of the Way, we believe that a close relationship with Jesus can change children's lives. Learning to understand the Scriptures can help them unlock the Word of God and make connections on a Spiritual and personal level. This is our focus in Religious Education. You may have even heard reference to this language at our Monday Assemblies when students are asked to make connections between the Old Testament, New Testament, the Catholic Faith and their own Spiritual life.

When exploring Scripture, the students begin with the Literal Sense. They begin with looking at the actual event, person, things described in the text and the 1st Century context. They would then revisit the same Scripture but possibly in a different form.

They now enter the Spiritual Sense. In this sense, they connect to the Catholic Practices and Traditions and ask where is God/Jesus/Holy Spirit in the passage and what is revealed about them. They will explore the Scripture to make connections to the Sacraments and how the message of the sacraments guide them to live a just life and points them to going to heaven.

Lastly, they enter the Application Sense. By applying the Literal and Spiritual senses children can consider, 'What can I change in my thoughts, words and actions?' They can also contemplate how prayer can deepen their connections with God and identify ways they can lead a Christian life in their home, school and community. By exploring Scripture in this way students develop a deeper understanding of God's word. They feel God is speaking directly to them and will help them apply what they discover in their everyday lives.

Parent Representative Council Meeting

The keynote speaker at the next PRC meeting is **Dr Justin Coulson**, family psychologist, parenting expert and international speaker. He will speak about how to 'Raise Your Children in Positive Ways!' This seminar is being held at Corpus Christi School, 90 Andromeda Dr, Cranebrook on Monday 27th August at 6:30pm. I encourage all parents and carers to hear this inspirational speaker.

Long Service Leave

In September, I will be on leave for four weeks. During this time, the following appointments have been approved by CEDP: Miss Mizzi - Acting Principal; Mrs Day - Acting Assistant Principal and Miss Reynolds - Acting REC. I wish to congratulate Miss Mizzi, Mrs Day and Miss Reynolds on their promotions.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

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.

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

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"To act justly, To love tenderly and To walk humbly with our God"

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 3 WEEKS 2 & 3



Maison Still, Charlotte McDonald, Martha Della Scala, Isaac Ahern, Ava Dyrka, Hayley Edwards, Roman Belcastro, Dylan Andersen, Fraser Tait, Savannah O'Brien, Mia McGrath, Abby Calleja, Will Elford, Patrick Reeks, Ava Grech, Alex Boyd, Lachlan Stonehouse, Milayna Brace, Ava Eekman, Georgia Cashel, Marshall Pereira, Tracy So, Sebastian Hayward, Bryson Miles, Logan Noronha, Andrew Kennedy, Summer Clark, Ben Thomas, Kelsey Ellis, Kosta Bouletos, Remy Cross, Eli Hernandez-Milsom, Jett Levy, Ruby Johnson, Olivia Walker, Holly Penny, Lorcan Cullen, Hamish Rose, Hannah Selby, Holly Clark, Ella Keigan, Harrison Armour, Katelyn King, Jason Andrews, Cadence Biggar.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 - Our Very Own Pilgrim - Miss Therese Coutinho

As part of the WYD 2019 initiative the Diocese holds a number of Fundraising events to support the pilgrims. The main one is the Diocesan Raffle. Thank you to the parents who have returned their sold tickets. All tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to the school by 20th September, 2018. If you wish to purchase tickets they are available for sale at the office. We would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful we are for the support of this community in helping Miss Coutinho attend World Youth Day in 2019.

Fathers' Day Stall—Thursday 30 August

Our P&F Association will be holding a Fathers' Day Stall for students to purchase gifts for dad, grandad or a father figure in their life. Gifts are priced from \$1.

Dear Dad, Grandad and Father figures,

Please join me for a special...

FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST, FROM 7.30AM AT SCHOOL

WHAT A GREAT WAY FOR YOU AND I TO START THE DAY!!!

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED
BY OUR FATHERS' DAY
PRAYER AT 8.45AM UNDER
THE COLA



ATTENDANCE - EVERY LEARNER - EVERY DAY

At *Our Lady of the Way*, we continue to promote positive 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.

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	90.1%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	98.1%
01	89.4%
02	89.7%
03	91.5%
04	92.0%
05	78.7%
06	91.1%

Our school average this week is **90.1%** which is **just above** the CDEP target of 90%. *Congratulations to Kindergarten, 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.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES COMMUNICATION

Parents are reminded that teachers are always available to discuss any area of grievance provided an appointment time has been established through the office staff or a note given to the teacher from the student. Please remember the first point of contact should be with the Class Teacher. If there is still a point of issue then please follow the school guidelines which outline the avenues of communication to follow—the Class Teacher, the Coordinator for the grade, the Assistant Principal, the Principal, the Diocesan Office where there is also an order of avenues to follow.

"Use your voice for kindness

Use your ears for compassion.

Use your hands for charity.

Use our mind for truth,

And your heart for love." (Anonymous)

BOOK WEEK BOOK CHARACTER PARADE



In Week 5 we celebrate BOOK WEEK. The theme this year is "Find Your Treasure". Apart from acknowledging the importance of reading during the week it is also a time to celebrate Australian children's literature. Please find attached a list of the shortlisted books for 2018 at the end of the newsletter. On Friday 24 August we will hold our biennial Book Character Parade. The students are asked to dress up as their favourite book character. The parade will begin at 9am under the COLA.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL?

A reminder to 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 term's school fees will be charged for your children. This is a Diocesan Policy.

NAPLAN READINESS ONLINE

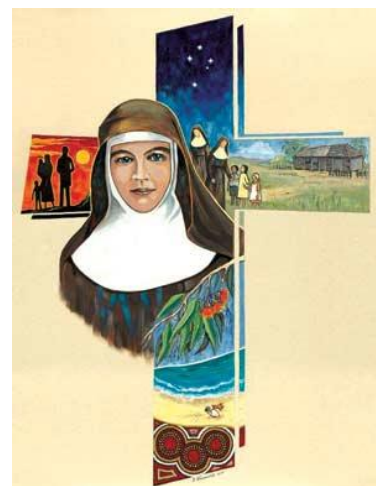
In Term 2, Years 3 and 5 sat for NAPLAN tests (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy). This was a pencil and paper test.

In August 2018, schools in NSW will be participating again in a readiness test of NAPLAN online. This will include Years 3 and 5 students at all diocesan schools. The purpose of this is to ensure that schools and school systems are ready for the digital version of NAPLAN, which will begin in 2019. As this is only a trial, no results will be made available to schools.

FEAST OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Last week on 8th August, we celebrated Mary MacKillop's Feast Day, with a beautiful mass led by Year Five.

Mary MacKillop was devoted to the service of the poor. Her love for poor children knew no bounds. She established a Catholic school system for children who were isolated and in poor circumstances. She had a practical love for those who were poor and destitute setting up orphanages, refuges for the sick and elderly and visited those who were in prison. She welcomed those experiencing difficult situations and provided opportunities for those who were most vulnerable in society.



Pause for Reflection: *In what way is God calling me to bring good news to those who are poor?*

Prayer: *God of love your heart reaches out to those who are poor in our world. Open our eyes and ears to hear the cries of your people bound down by the injustices of this world. May we like Mary MacKillop respond in word and action to the struggling people of our world? St Mary of the Cross, serving the neglected ones, pray for us.*

Action: *Today reach out to someone in your neighbourhood who is in need.*

CONGRATULATIONS - DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Well done to all the children that represented our school at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday. It is a wonderful opportunity for young athletes to endeavour to attain their personal best. Well done to the following children who now progress to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Thursday 23rd August at Blacktown:

Justin Bailie (Snr Boys Relay); Jacob Bennett (Jnr Boys Relay); Mikayla Blazek (100m); Declan Casey (Jnr Boys Relay; 100m); Eden Chapman (Jnr Girls Relay); Holly Clark (Snr Girls Relay); Milaya Cleary (Snr Girls Relay; 100m; 200m); Jade Elford (Snr Girls Relay; 800m; 100m; 200m; Long Jump; Shot Put); Dieter Erdmann (Snr Boys Relay); Sienna Gahagan (Snr Girls Relay; 800m; 100m; Long Jump) Brody Green (Discus; Shot Put); Sebastian Hayward (Snr Boys Relay; 100m; 200m); Edward Lennon (100m AMCE; 200m AMCE; Standing Shot Put AMCE; Standing Long Jump AMCE; 800m AMCE; Standing Discus AMCE); Alyssa McDonald (Jnr Girls Relay); William Pearson (Jnr Boys Relay; 100m); Marshall Pereira (Shot Put); Tiare Raukawa (Snr Boys Relay; 800m; Discus); Max Selby (100m AMCE; Standing Shot Put AMCE; Standing Long Jump AMCE); Cara Smith (Jnr Girls Relay); Tianna Stansfield (Jnr Girls Relay; 100m; Long Jump); Dominic Vella (Jnr Boys Relay; Discus); Darby Weber (Shot Put); Toby Witjes (800m).

Congratulations to the following Zone Age Champions:

11 years Girl - Jade Elford (1st)

11 years Girl – Sienna Gahagan (2nd)

The following Zone records were broken:

11 years Girl 100m – Jade Elford (13.6 seconds)

11 years Girl 200m – Jade Elford (28.56 seconds)

READING RECOVERY GRADUANTS



Congratulations to our Year 1 students who graduated from the Reading Recovery Program under the guidance of Ms Glynn: Cody Thompson and Declan Keigan. Reading Recovery is an accelerative reading program run by specialist teachers. The program is sponsored by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta Diocese.

LOW TRIVIA NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE



Dear Parents and Carers,
The P&F would like to invite you and your friends to our 2018 Trivia night
Date – Saturday 27th October
Theme – Movies & TV Shows
Come and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter.

THE RECYCLABLES COLLECTION ZONE AT LOW 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.

WANTED -COLES LITTLE SHOP MINI COLLECTABLES

If you have any extra Coles miniature products that you don't need, we would love to have them at OLOW. They will be great for shopping and using money in maths for our younger students, and then for measuring and ratio for our older students. Please send them in to the office.

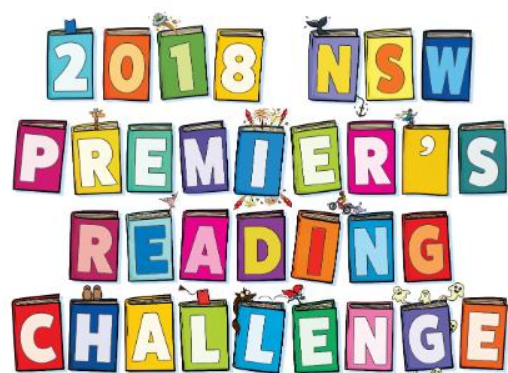


Year	PRC NO	TITLE
Kinder		Fluke
Kinder	4787	Sloth who came to stay
Kinder	5355	Go Go's New Shoes
Kinder	4650	Boy
Kinder	3847	Mopoke
1	96002	Art N Max
1	4787	Sloth that came to stay
1	3847	Mopoke
1	4650	Boy
1	868	Billy the Punk
1	31131	Duck
2	5355	Go Go's Silver Shoes
2	5984	The Last Peach
2	835	Lucas and Jack
2	7610	My Dead Bunny
2	3847	Mopoke
2	7192	Sad the Dog
3	4787	Sloth that came to Stay
3	22671	Missing Marvin
3		Just you Wait
3	5984	The Last Peach
3	7610	My Dead Bunny
3		Dancing of Deliverance Bears
3		Fuzzy Doodle
4	22671	Missing Marvin
4	5984	The Last Peach
4		Clark the Shark
4		Baillie
4	4787	Sloth that came to stay
5		Grandma Z
5	22671	Missing Marvin
5		Clark the Shark
5	568097	Chalk Boy
5	13524	Swan Lake
6	13524	Swan Lake
6	568097	Chalk Boy
6	22671	Missing Marvin
6		Grandma Z
6	5984	The Last Peach
6	3184	Feathers

Congratulations to the following children who have completed the challenge:

James Lennon, Hamish MacLennan, Ayrton Russell, Eliza Herps, Makaela Jarrett, Mikayla Blazek, Makenzie Clarke, Ruby Johnson, Oliver MacLennan, Fraser Tait, Natalie Burke, Owen Tait, Oliver Herps, Taylah Cowley and Harrison Armour. Well done!!

There is still time to complete the challenge. You have until **31 August**. Please add these titles to your child's Premiers Reading Challenge Log. These books have been 'read aloud' to the children when visiting the Library.



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

GENERAL NEWS

SCHOOL FEES

School fee statements for the third instalment of school fees for 2018 have been mailed out. The due date for payment is on or before Wednesday 29th August 2018. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

Catholic Education Diocese, Parramatta, is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, you are encouraged to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with the Principal to discuss payment options. Your situation will be treated with care and confidentiality and an appropriate payment arrangement will be made for you. Please note that as part of this process you may be required to complete an Application for School Fees Assistance Form so that the school is aware of your current financial situation. Please be assured of complete confidentiality with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your account it will be assumed that full payment will be made on or before the due date. 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". Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to Catholic Education Diocese, Parramatta, for actioning.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding the school fees, please contact me by phone on 4777 7200 or by email olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au

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

Pascale Vion
Senior Finance Officer

SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS

Are our children old enough to be using Social Media?

It has come to our attention that there are a large number of students accessing social media to communicate with their classmates when they are not at school. Some of the more popular social media sites include Instagram, Snapchat, Whatsapp, Facebook, Youtube and Twitter. While we realise that social media is a growing form of communication in our society, it is important to be aware of the effects that it can have on our children.

We, as well as our children, need to realise that when we access social media, or any internet based program, our personal data is being collected. Social media, in particular, has access to very private information that may be shared with not just our friends, but anyone who has access to the internet, if our privacy settings are not applied correctly. Through social media we also become more accessible, and while this may be a positive effect in terms of staying connected with family and friends, it also has a negative aspect to it. In the past social issues such as bullying were restricted to a particular environment and by removing ourselves from this environment, we could protect ourselves. Unfortunately, through the use of social media, even our homes are no longer a safe haven. Cyberbullying has meant that issues happening at school can now be brought home and continued so that there is no escape for our children, and worse still, they are continued in what children feel is a private environment with no witnesses to hold them accountable. While negative social interactions, whether in the physical world or in cyberspace, are an inevitable part of our lives, we need to ensure that we are not exposing our children to them before we have prepared them to deal with the consequences.

We also need to be aware, and make our children aware of our 'digital footprint'. A digital footprint is a trail of data you create while using the Internet. It includes the websites you visit, emails you send, and information you submit to online services. An "active digital footprint" includes data that you intentionally submit online. The more you post, the larger it grows. Publishing a blog and posting social media updates are another popular ways to expand your digital footprint. Every tweet, post, photo shared contributes to your digital footprint. Everyone who uses the Internet has a digital footprint, so it is not something to be worried about. However, it is wise to consider what trail of data you are leaving behind. While you can often delete content from social media sites, once digital data has been shared online, there is no guarantee you will ever be able to remove it from the Internet.

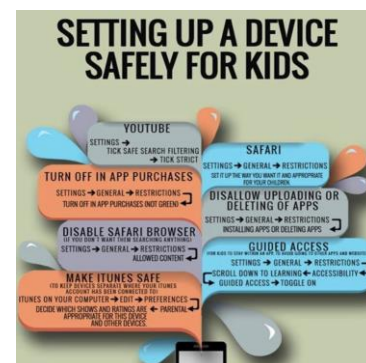
In Australia, the age requirement for accessing social media, in most cases, is **13 years old**. This is set out in Terms of Use set by these social media platforms. This age has been determined by taking into consideration an American law, The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA), which was established to govern the distribution of the private information of a child.

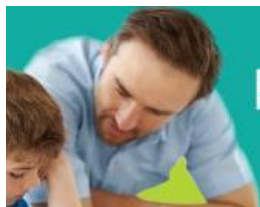
The following website is a great resource that has more information on how to keep your children safe online and how to determine whether or not your child is ready to use social media:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

Thank you for your partnership and we look forward to working together to keep our children safe online.

Miss Mizzi and Miss Coutinho



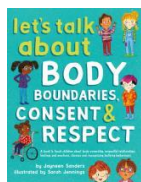
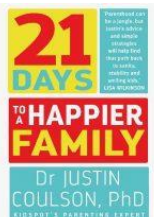


Parents Representative Council

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10 Things Every Parent Needs to Know



Back by popular demand! Raise your children in positive ways!

Simple and effective strategies for the main issues parents confront in everyday family life.

Justin shares his secrets of effective attention, communication and understanding; how to discipline effectively and set limits; and how to manage hot-button issues such as sibling conflict, chores, school and screens - yet still have fun as a family.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dr Justin Coulson

Author, Parenting Expert, International Speaker and Father of six (Yes, 6!) beautiful girls

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 27 August 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

**Term 3 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session
at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary, 90 Andromeda Dr, Cranebrook NSW**

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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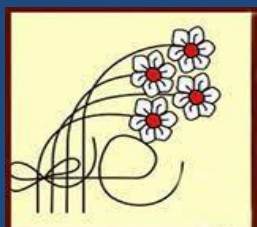


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The Children's Book Council of Australia announces
THE 2018 BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORT LIST

Book of the Year: Older Readers

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers in their secondary years of schooling. Ages 13-18 years (NB: These books are for mature readers).

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Archbold, Charlie	MALLEE BOYS	Wakefield Press	9781743055007
Black, Cally	IN THE DARK SPACES	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781760128647
Crowley, Cath & Howell, Simone & Wood, Fiona	TAKE THREE GIRLS	Pan Macmillan Australia	9781742612744
Harry, Pip	BECAUSE OF YOU	University of Queensland Press	9780702259777
Keil, Melissa	THE SECRET SCIENCE OF MAGIC	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781760127763
Wakefield, Vikki	BALLAD FOR A MAD GIRL	Text Publishing	9781925355291

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers from the middle to upper primary years. Ages 8-12 years.

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Carnavas, Peter	THE ELEPHANT	University of Queensland Press	9780702259616
MacDibble, Bren	HOW TO BEE	Allen & Unwin	9781760294335
Murray, Martine	HENRIETTA AND THE PERFECT NIGHT	Allen & Unwin	9781760290245
Murray, Martine	MARSH AND ME	Text Publishing	9781925498011
Rodda, Emily	THE SHOP AT HOOPERS BEND	HarperCollins Publishers	9781460753668
Shanahan, Lisa	THE GRAND, GENIUS SUMMER OF HENRY HOUBLER	Allen & Unwin	9781760293017