

DIARY DATES

Friday 5 April
School Photos (Full Summer Uniform)
Student Work Sample (English) sent home
Monday 8 April
7km walk for Project Compassion
Wednesday 10 April
CARES Excursion Year 4 Gold
Thursday 11 April
CARES Excursion Year 4 Green
Hot Cross Buns Collection Day
Easter Egg Raffle Draw
Friday 12 April
Holy Week Liturgy 9.00am
Last day of Term 1
Friday 19 April
Good Friday
Sunday 21 April
Easter Sunday
Monday 29 April
ANZAC Day Prayer
Tuesday 30 April
Year 4 Excursion Big Dig
P & F Meeting, 7pm
Monday 29 April
Term 2 Begins
Wednesday 1 May
Growing Great Leaders Day
Year 5/6 Personal Development Night (Parents and Children)
Friday 3 May
Kinder Incursion Drama Toolbox
Tuesday 7 May
Diocesan Cross Country
Year 3 Jarrara Excursion

Dear OLOW community

We are almost at the end of our first term, we are also coming to the end of Lent and are preparing ourselves for Easter. It was fitting that during the season of Lent, we gathered with our parish to witness the children and their parents, taking part in their First Reconciliation. This sacrament highlights that none of us have a clean slate before God. We can find many ways to hide our sins from those we encounter everyday, however, God knows us all, he knows us better than we know ourselves.

As a community of safe, respectful learners, I am proud of both our students and staff. We have had a term of rich learning experiences. I also take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers in our community who work in partnership with us. When parents are engaged, and support the same values at home and at school in the way of positive attitudes towards learning and education, this transfers to your children, building their motivation and confidence as learners, and fostering their enjoyment of learning. Relational trust is also important. When we work together, we can make a difference.

I hope that your Easter is filled with smiles, gratitude and bliss. Enjoy your Easter!

Yours in Christ

Donna McFadzean
Principal

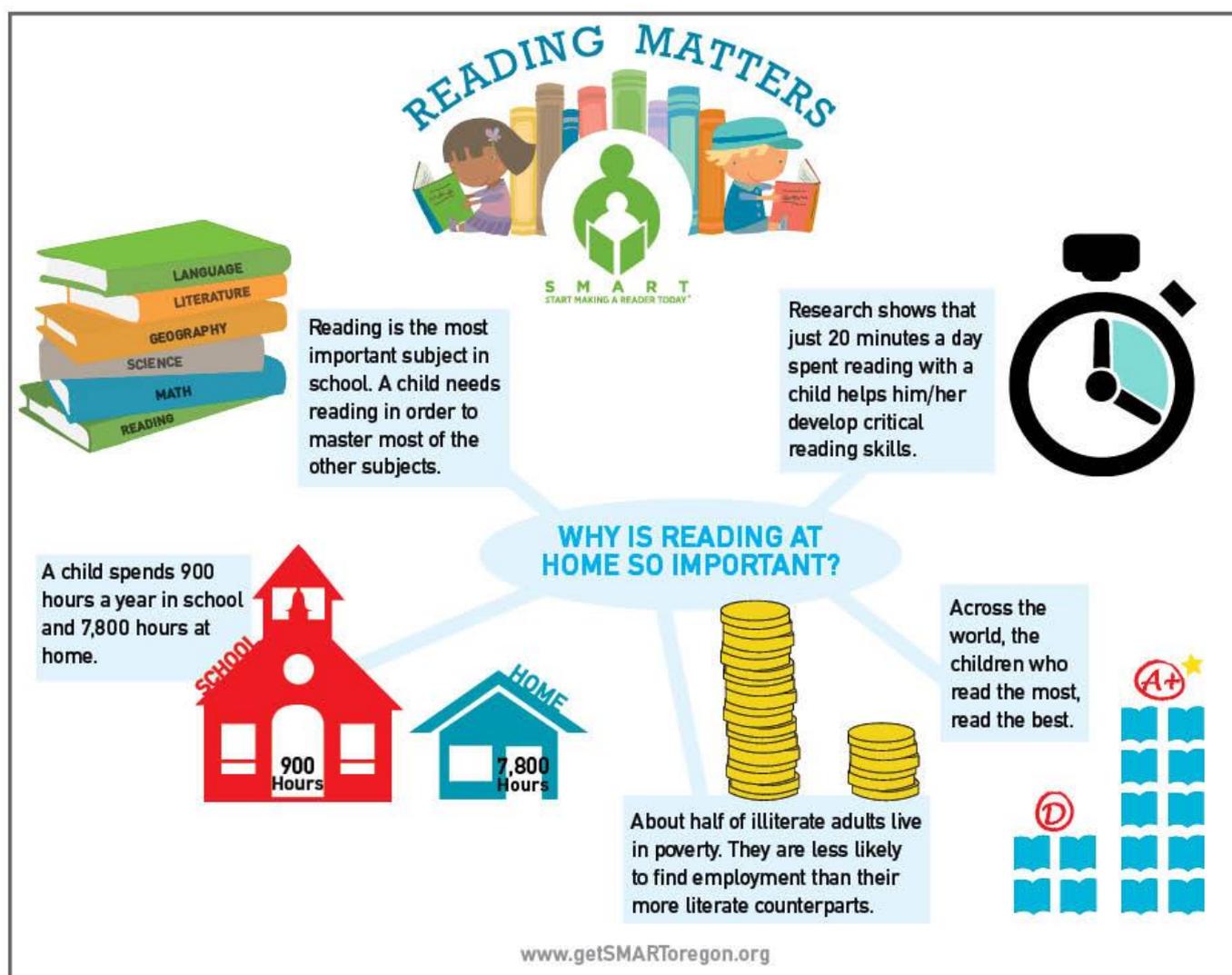


FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As we come towards the end of Term 1, it is good to reflect upon the wonderful learning and opportunities we've had so far this year. Already the students and their teachers have set individual goals and are working together to reach their targets and beyond. Our youngest students have settled in beautifully to their school, classroom and the routines of the day. Our older students have slipped confidently into their new roles as leaders and so many students throughout the school are striving to do and be their best.

School holidays are a great opportunity to slow down and take a break from the everyday school environment and to re energise for the next 10 weeks of learning to come. Although a break is needed, for students and their teachers, children are advised to keep up their reading. Just as we all do when on a break, the holidays are a good time to delve into books of interest and continue to develop a love of reading.

Reading is like just about everything else in life, the more you do it the better you get. When children stop reading for extended periods of time they often take a few steps backwards in their reading improvement. For this reason, it is important to encourage children to keep reading during the holidays despite the distraction of friends and relatives and holiday events. Reading in the holidays should be fun and can be integrated into family activities such as reading the ingredients in a recipe. It can also be a great time to share reading with people that children don't often get to read to such as family or friends who visit.



Emma Mizzi
Assistant Principal

'Assist a Student' fundraiser:



Thank you to our families for your generosity in supporting St. Vincent de Paul and their 'Assist a Student' program. A total of \$495 was raised. Well done!

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Congratulations to the children who made their first Reconciliation on Wednesday night.

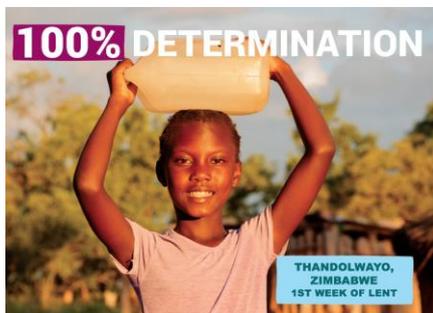
Jewel Bahlmann, Mikayla Blazek, Abigail Byrne, Jake Callaghan, Abby Calleja, Grace Carey, Kye Chapman, Makenzie Clarke, Tanner Clarke, Maggie-Rose Cremen, Ronan Cullen, Eva Curry, Mackenzie Degnan, Eli Downey, Lara Dwyer, Aiden Dyrka, Sienna Fitzsimmons,



Abby Hurst, Mya Kelty, Luka Kuster, Aidan Latty, Edward Lennon, Jett Levy, Oliver MacLennan, Dylan McDonald, Emily McDonald, Mia McGrath, Nina McKeown, Ruby Murphy, Hamish Rose, Lucia Rose, Olivia Scott, Bailey Stonehouse, Thomas Tabor, Lola Troitsin, Olivia Walker and Jye Walsh.



'Walk for Water' Fundraiser:



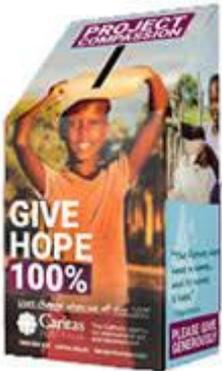
Last Tuesday you should have received a letter from your child/children letting you know about a fundraising initiative our school will be taking part in on Monday April 8.

The children will be 'Walking for Water' and thinking of Thandolwayo - a twelve year old girl from Zimbabwe who used to walk 7 kilometres every day to collect water until Caritas installed a solar powered piped water system for her village.

Each grade will together be walking for 1 kilometre with some water to experience what it would have been like for Thandolwayo to walk for water for her family. Together as a school we will be walking 7 kilometres.

Please support this initiative by sponsoring your child from as little as \$1 (or more if you wish). An envelope was also sent home with the letter and the donation can be returned by April 8. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraising initiative.

Project Compassion Money:



If your children have been collecting money in their Project Compassion boxes, could you please make sure it is handed in to the office by next Thursday April 11. Many thanks!

ANZAC Day Prayer Celebration:

You are invited to attend our ANZAC Day prayer celebration on April 29 - the first day of Term 2. It will be led by our student leaders and will commence at 10:15am in front of our Wall of Remembrance.

Carole Day
Religious Education Coordinator



ATTENDANCE

Actual
86.6%

Target
90%

Attendance by Grades

K: 82.8%
1: 86.8%
2: 89.3%
3: 85.0%
4: 87.9%
5: 92.0%
6: 83.0%

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life



SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award recipients for Week 8 and Week 9:

Week 9 Assembly Awards

Kinder: Hudson Ansell, Eli Mills
 Year 1: Kristian Liras, Andrew Kennedy, Aryton Russell, James Lennon
 Year 2: Kaylin Wilcox, Edward Whyllie, Max Thompson, Jordan Scobie
 Year 3: Kaliyah Kessell, Jye Walsh, Mia McGrath
 Year 4: Will Pearson, Thomas Reeks, Natalie Burke, Layla Pascoe
 Year 5: Ava Grech, Michael Gardiner, Hannah Selby
 Year 6: Gabrielle Boyd



Week 8 Assembly Awards

Kinder: Cohen Dyrka, Tyler Callaghan, Matilda Boothroyd, Maddison McGrath
 Year 1: Ben Prendergast, Summer Clarke, Caitlin Moran, Isabel Hallam
 Year 2: Ava Dyrka, Audrey Edwards, Ella Hirsch, Hugo So
 Year 3: Lara Dwyer, Ashley Hughes
 Year 4: Ashton Clark, Jayden Munce, Jack Casey
 Year 5: Miah Hirsch, Noah Downey
 Year 6: Taylah Cowley, Keira Blazek



SPORTS NEWS

GYMNASTICS @ OLOW

This term, our students have loved participating in the Gymnastics program run by Dance Fever. We have watched our students develop and improve their skills throughout the term. We are inviting parents and friends to come and watch our students for their last Gymnastics lesson for the year on Monday of Week 11, 8th April 2019. Please see the following time table so you know what time your child's lesson is.

Time (am)	Grade
9:00 - 9:40	Year 5
9:40 - 10:20	Year 3
10:20 - 11:00	Year 6
First Break	
11:25-12:05	Year 2
12:05-12:45	Kindergarten
12:45-1:25	Year 1
Second Break	
1:55-2:35	Year 4



NSWCPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday the 27th of March, we had 8 students represent the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPS Swimming Carnival at Homebush Aquatic Centre. Well done to all students for their efforts and sportsmanship. It was a great day with an exciting atmosphere.

A special congratulations to Lucienne Heffernan who swam in some individual events as well as the Senior Girls Relay. Lucienne came third in the 50m backstroke and beat her personal best with a time of 37:37. Lucienne will now represent the Mackillop team at the next level. We are so proud of her achievements and wish her the best of luck.

Congratulations to all our swimmers:

Junior Boys Relay - Kye Chapman (Yr 3), Jake Thompson (Yr 4), Archie King (Yr 4), Oliver Herps (Yr 5).

Senior Girls Relay - Eden Chapman (Yr 5), Grace Foster (Yr 6), Lucienne Heffernan (Yr 6), Holly Clark (Yr 6).



NSWPSSA ATHLETICS SELECTION TRIALS

In 2019 the School Sport Australia Track and Field Championships will be held in the Northern Territory. Due to extreme heat conditions in Darwin during November/December when the National Track and Field Championships are traditionally held, this year's SSA event will be held from the 18-23 September 2019. In order to select a NSW representative track and field team for this event, the NSWPSSA will be holding a special selection trial. Participation at these trials will be via a formal application to NSWPSSA and athletes **MUST** complete at this event to achieve selection in the 2019 NSW representative team. An entry fee will be applicable to successful athletes.

All athletes must apply using the form provided and include a verifiable official time, distance or height that meets the minimum qualifying requirements (**Please see Miss Vella for information on qualifying requirements**), for each event he/she is applying for. Completion of this application does not guarantee the right to compete at these trials as there are strict entry limits for all events. The convener will consider all applications and send invitations and further information electronically to successful athletes.

Age Eligibility:

Participants must be in at least their tenth year (turning ten during the year of competition) in order to compete at a School Sport Australia Championship as per School Sport Australia Policy. There are no events at the SSA 12 Years & Under Championships for competitors under ten or turning thirteen.

Important Information:

- **ENTRIES CLOSE 26th June 2019**
- Late applications will not be considered
- Any student competing at the selection trials must be available to attend the School Sport Australia Track and Field Championships in Darwin everyday between Wednesday 18 and Monday 23 September 2019 inclusive.
- Only students invited to the Selection Trial will be considered for the state team and these students must compete at the trial to gain a position.
- No special consideration will be given to athletes who cannot attend due to clashes with other sporting or personal commitments. (**Trial Date 8th August 2019 @ Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre**)
- No medals will be awarded at this event.
- Successful applicants will be notified via email, with all successful students listed. If you do not wish for your child's name to be published on this list please indicate on application form.

Applying:

To be considered for the **Selection Trial for the 2019 NSWPSA Athletics Representative Team** complete the online entry application via links below.

Able Bodied Application: http://bit.ly/Able-bod_application

Multi Class Application: http://bit.ly/MClass_Application

Should you have any questions regarding these trials or have difficulty submitting an application please contact: Jason Wilesmith (jason.wilesmith@det.nsw.edu.au).

OLOW CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Tuesday the 2nd of April, all children from Years 2 - Years 6 walked down to Hunter Fields and participated in our Cross Country Carnival. The 8, 9 and 10 year old children had to run 2km and the 11, 12 and 13 year olds had to run 3km.

All the teachers and parents were so impressed with the effort by all children and the encouraging words that were shared between the children.

Congratulations to the following children who will be representing OLOW at the Diocesan Cross Country next term (Tuesday 7th May):

8/9 Years - Oliver MacLennan, Fraser Tait, Chase Bryan, Eli Downey. Oliver Casey, Kye Chapman, Edward Lennon Mikayla Blazek, Emma-Lee Haines, Tyra Footman, Ella Hirsch, Grace Carey, Marlie Robertson.

10 Years - Noah Downey, Jack Casey, Darby Weber, Jayden Miles, Will Elford, Jake Thompson, Ava Grech, Jessica Crambrook, Abby Godwin, Sophie Wade, Akeda Deacon-Chilmaid, Madison Stansfield.

11 Years - Jacob Bennett, Harrison Phillips, Jaxon Kenyon, Cooper Bahlmann, Cooper Hegarty, Hamish Rose, Dominic Vella Isabelle Roots, Annabelle Tran, Tianna Stansfield, Alyssa McDonald, Eden Chapman, Lucienne Heffernan.

12/13 Years - Luke Durham, Cooper Hartstonge, Kees Muller, Benny Tabor, Lincoln Mayer. Samuel Thompson, Sienna Footman, Milly Brace, Leilahni Isaia, Gabrielle Boyd, Holly Clark, Breha Pearson, Jade Elford.

Also a big thank you to our Parent Helpers! Not only were you assisting with the running of the carnival but you were also cheering our children on and encouraging them as they ran which plays a big part in the success of the day. We are always very appreciative of you giving up your time to help us out.

Thank you,
Miss Vella

GENERAL NEWS

RELAY FOR LIFE

Congratulations to Oliver and Eliza Herps who will be participating in Relay for Life on 4th May at Penrith Paceway. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, there is a box at the front counter in the office.

SCHOOL FEES

The due date for the first instalment of school fees was 29 March 2019. Thank you to those families who have paid their first instalment, or who have set up arrangements and are paying accordingly.

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."

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

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.

Please note: There is no 50/50 split of school fees. Enrolment signatories are joint and severally responsible for payment of fees.

Pascale Vion

Senior Finance Officer

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Annual Seminar - Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services together with the Catholic Tribunal Office hosts an Information Seminar on Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church.

The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Annulment Process. **Date:** Tuesday 7th May. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Venue:** St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta (onsite parking via Victoria Rd).

No charge: Donations welcome. **Registration Essential:** PH: 8843 2575 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Easter Sunrise Service

Elizabeth Lookout, Glenbrook



Date: **Sunday, 21 April 2019**

Time: **6am (sunrise 6.21am)**

Location: Elizabeth Lookout, Glenbrook. Gates open 5.30am – enter via vehicle track that branches off to the right on the Northern end of Barnet St. Keep to the right once you reach fork on dirt track.

Other: Bring chair/rug. Hot cross buns and tea/coffee to be shared.
Easter Egg hunt after service for the kids.

*An initiative of The Glenbrook-Blaxland Inter-church Group.
This is an ecumenical, non-denominational service. All welcome.*

HE IS RISEN

