



By The Way



Celebrating 40 Years of Catholic Education at Emu Plains

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

1st August 2019

DIARY DATES

Thursday 8 August
Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Friday 9 August
Nepean Zone Athletics

Kinder Open Classroom for families

Friday 16 August
P & F Disco
Infants 5.30-6.30pm
Primary 7-8.30pm

Wednesday 28 August
St Nic's Netball Gala Day

Thursday 29 August
Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 30 August
Fathers' Day Breakfast and Liturgy

Monday 3 September
Year 3 Excursion to MacKillop Place

Friday 13 September
Touch Football Stage 2 Gala Day

Thursday 19 September
Confirmation Mass, 7pm

Friday 20 September
Footy Fever Day

Wednesday 25 September
Grandparents' Day

Friday 27 September
Touch Football Stage 3 Gala Day

Last day of Term 3

Monday 14 October
PUPIL FREE DAY

Wed 23 – Fri 25 October
Year 5 Camp at Berry

Wednesday 30 October
Basketball Gala Day Stages 2 & 3

Dear Our Lady of the Way Community,

Welcome back to a new term of learning! At our morning assembly last Monday, we launched into the new school term with the slogan of **jumping into our learning** and that we certainly have. There has been a wonderful buzz throughout the school as students and staff dived into new learning opportunities and units of work. Kindergarten have been to the farm and have new life hatching each day as they learn about living things. Our Music room has returned to its original home next to Year 3 and the children have loved having Mrs McGregor back from leave, sharing her love of the arts with the children. Already we have sent teams to the Stage 2 Soccer Gala day, celebrated Edward Lennon's success at the PSSA Cross Country carnival and students across the school have been enjoying learning the skills of playing baseball during sport lessons.

Throughout Week One our school celebrated NAIDOC Week, taking time to learn more about our Indigenous community and culture. To learn more about the learning experiences for each grade read the article later in the newsletter.

As you are aware, Kindergarten has undergone a refurbishment over the summer holidays and into this year. The children were thrilled today as they took their first steps into their new outdoor learning environment and sensory garden. With just a few small additions still to come, the space is now open for our Kinder students to learn and play. There will also be opportunities for our whole school to utilise this wonderful new addition to our school. There will be an open classroom for Kindergarten parents to come and explore the full learning space with their children before assembly on Friday 9th August from 2-2:30pm. The wider community will be welcome to visit during our celebrations of learning following our Father's Day liturgy.

As we continue to learn and grow together this term we will remember to **Live Respectfully, Act Responsibly and Learn Together.**

In partnership,

Emma Mizzi
Acting 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"

Now
Enrolling!



Kindergarten enrolments for 2020

Offers of enrolment for Kindergarten 2020 have been sent out and we are in the process of finalising numbers. Ensure your child's place at Our Lady of the Way by completing and returning your

enrolment forms as soon as possible. Once complete, please submit your application to the School Office. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website at

<http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au>.

There are limited places available in other grades. If you are aware of families wishing to enrol their children, please ask them to contact the school office on 4777 7200.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

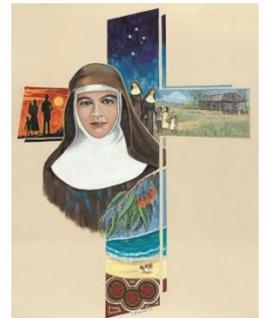
Collection for Penrith Community Kitchen:



Thank you so much for your generosity in contributing to our Penrith Community Kitchen Appeal. Ten very full baskets of items were delivered during the holidays. All you do to support our social justice initiatives is very much appreciated.

Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass:

Our school community will be celebrating the Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop next Wednesday August 7 at the 9:15am Parish Mass. The Year 5 teachers and students will be leading our Mass. You are very welcome to join us as we celebrate our great Australian Saint.



Pyjama Day

Tuesday 20th August 2019

In exchange for wearing pyjamas, students are asked to make a \$2 donation.

All money raised will go to the
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.



This money will help provide families living in poverty with food, money to pay their bills and warm clothes for winter.

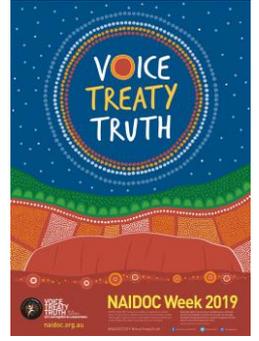
Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator



OLOW Celebrates NAIDOC Week

Our Lady of the Way began our school term with a prayer for NAIDOC Week, celebrated nationally during the holidays. In this prayer and throughout the week, as a school community we celebrated our Australian Indigenous cultures. We reflected upon the 2019 theme VOICE - TREATY - TRUTH and how all Australians can unite together for a shared future.



Year 5 and Kindergarten played some modern version of Indigenous Games.



Kindergarten also learned about dot painting as a traditional artform for some Indigenous groups and created their own artworks on rocks for their new garden.

Year 2 learned also about dot painting as a traditional artform for some Indigenous groups.



Year 1 created artworks, learning about how symbols were used to set a story.



Year 4 reflected on the 2019 NAIDOC Week poster and theme.
Here are some of their reflections:

*We should all share one voice.
Acknowledge Aboriginal land.
Pay our respect to sacred, Aboriginal land.
We all belong, we all have the same rights.*

AWAKEN:
Acknowledge the people of the land, empathising together for a shared future.

VOICE:
To have a say; different languages; the importance of talking & communicating; to be heard and to be listened to; the right to speak and the right to be listened to; everyone help to make our future better and speak up.

TREATY:
Treating others the way you want to be treated; treating everyone equally; agreement amongst two groups; acknowledging the past & looking to the future.

TRUTH:
Saying sorry; being honest; telling the truth; being fair & showing respect; true owners of the land.

Year 6 spent time reading traditional dreaming stories. They also started a new unit in Geography where they began exploring natural landforms in Australia. From there, they wrote their own Dreaming stories describing how famous landforms in Australia were made.

The Emus By Marcus Skinner

A long time ago, in the dreaming, there lived Emus that partied every night all night. One night the Emus of the land partied all night banging and crashing. They were partying so hard, they were pushing the land down. They soon realized their feet were under water, but that didn't stop them. The more they partied the deeper they went under water, but it still didn't stop them. They partied so hard they awoke the sky Gods making them angry, releasing all of it in a storm flooding Lake Eyre. The Emus ran and ran but most of them did not survive, Lake Eyre was flooding taking the Emus with it. That's how Lake Eyre Flooded.

Roo By Shanyah Kubik

Many years ago lived a Kangaroo called Roo. Roo and his tribe loved their lands and they didn't want to change anything and all the lands and animals were happy.

The land wasn't surrounded with a lot of trees and their land was flat. It never occurred to them that they had to change anything or move anywhere else. Every night Roo and his tribe would come together and draw stories in the ground as a reminder that they have lived there for many years and that was their home.

One day Roo and his tribe went to collect some food. When they came back they all came together again and thought about the lands and saw what they could change. Roo was angry at his tribe for what they had said about them changing the land, He quickly said that it wasn't right and that it was their home and that everyone was happy.

But when he said that his tribe didn't listen to him so Roo went off and started jumping up and down in one spot until he thought he should go back to his tribe. A few days went past and Roo was still mad and he went back to where he was jumping and realised something was different... there were hills...?! He quickly went to his tribe and told them. It took a while for Roo to convince them to come but they finally agreed. As soon as they saw the hills everything changed. Everyone was happier with their new land and it was better than before, Roo was right that they shouldn't have thought about changing their land.

This was many years ago and Roo and his tribe are remembered and now the humans have called the hills Mt Kosciuszko.

How the Great Sandy Desert Was Made By Brody Green

One day, in the dreamtime, Wakanda the frog was leaping around with glee in a luscious rainforest.

While Wakanda was jumping around with his friends, they decided to play a game. The game was tip.

As they were playing, Wakanda was in and he was leaping at max speed, completely unaware of the log that was in front of him. A few seconds later, he tripped over it and landed on poor Jimmy the frog's big toe, which was now broken. After he stood up, Jimmy gathered all of his other frog friends except for Wakanda to decide what his punishment should be. One friend said he should go in time out, but they didn't agree. Someone else yelled out that they should break Wakanda's big toe, but they wanted a more severe punishment. Finally, Jimmy came up with the perfect idea, they shall hang him over the campfire and burn him. Everyone agreed.

Later that night, Jimmy invited Wakanda to sit at the campfire with him, but as he entered the camp site, he noticed there was a stand with a rope attached. He asked why it was there, Jimmy just shrugged his shoulders. Wakanda wasn't feeling right the whole night, he noticed it was a bit suspicious. Two cold hands suddenly grabbed Wakanda's shoulders unexpectedly. It was two of Jimmy's friends. They hung him up on the rope and before he even knew it, he had exploded into a massive pile of sand that covered the whole entire rainforest.

And that's how the Great Sandy desert we have today was created.

Year 3 ~ After learning all about Aboriginal Dreaming stories last term, Year 3 enjoyed sharing their stories with their peers.



KINDER EXCURSIONS TO CALMSLEY HILL FARM

Last Thursday, Kindergarten embarked on an adventure to Calmsley Hill Farm. The excitement level was high as we boarded the buses and adventures throughout the day did not disappoint!

We learnt many interesting facts and thoroughly enjoyed patting animals, riding on the tractor, milking a cow and watching the whip cracking, sheep dog and shearing shows.

We would like to thank our parent volunteers who were a great help throughout the day!

Some interesting facts we learnt are...

A male donkey is called a Jack and a female donkey is called a Jenny.

Baby rabbits are called kittens.

Ducks and geese have webbed feet to help them paddle through the water.

Milk is used to make cream, butter, yoghurt, cheese and lots of other yummy things.

We can drink milk that comes from cows, goats and camels.

The big pools of water on farms are called dams.

Sheep dogs are very clever and very funny too!



NED'S MINDSET MISSION

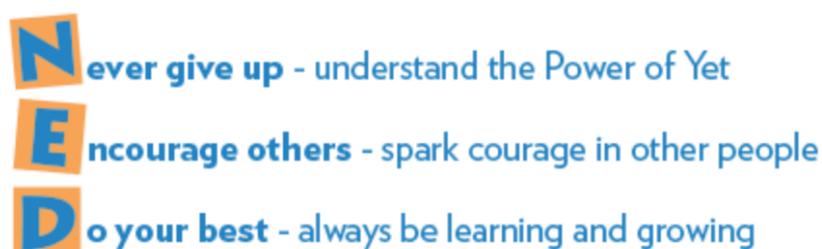
On the 6th of August, Our Lady of the Way Primary School is invited to experience **NED's Mindset Mission** - an in-school performance that helps children discover the benefits of having a positive mindset!

The performance uses storytelling, puppetry, illusions and yo-yo tricks to take our students on an entertaining journey with NED where he follows clues, meets memorable characters and learns valuable lessons.

Firstly, NED meets a yeti who teaches him to overcome Mt. Everest's toughest obstacles and *Never Give Up*. With Captain Kindly, NED discovers inner treasures on a Caribbean island and how to *Encourage Others*. Finally, while repairing a sputtering spaceship, NED grows his brain while learning the message *Do Your Best*.



Through this performance, our students will learn about:



To support the performance, a selection of NED messaged items – primarily yo-yo's like the ones used in the assembly will be available for sale between the 6th to the 10th August. We will be establishing a NED ZONE (Yo-Yo Practice area) for students to use their yo-yos safely at school.



Yours in partnership,

Linda Flanagan

SPORTS NEWS

EDDY WINS GOLD AT PSSA CROSS COUNTRY!

A huge congratulations to Eddy Lennon (Yr 3) who not only shows great talent on the Cross Country track but who demonstrates amazing determination and perseverance. He competed against 8, 9 and 10 year olds in his category, from all over NSW and came out as the winner!

Eddy's Cross Country journey this year has been so successful and he now has a growing collection of gold medals to show for his efforts.

Keep up the incredible work Eddy - we are all in complete awe of you!!!!

Megan Vella
Sports Coordinator



Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday 30th July, 32 fabulous students from Stage 2 participated in the Soccer Gala Day held at Jamison Park. We had 1 girls and 2 boys teams take part in the competition. Each of them played many games and came up against some tough teams throughout the day, but the children's energy and enthusiasm didn't waver.

All students showed a great amount of sportsmanship throughout the day and were very respectful to all opponents they came across - they certainly did OLOW proud!

Well done to the girls and Year 3 boy's teams who both experienced wins, draws and loses. A special mention needs to go to the Year 4 boy's team who took out their competition and were champions for their pool, coming away with a medal!

Thank you also to our volunteer coaches; Mr Reeks, Mr Lohan and Mr McDonald and managers; Mr Dwyer and Mr MacLennan - without you the day would not have been the success that it was!



AWARDS



Term 2, Week 10 Awards

Heath Mills, Jobe Degnan, Matilda Renny, Chloe Pearson, Memphis Cross, Estelle Fisher, Indiana Shatford, Isabel Hallam, Oliver McClenahan, Ryley Coote, Eliza Herps, Elara Layton, Jett Levy, Dylan McDonald, Eli Downey, Jahkalian Pendreigh, Aiden Cremen, Billy Trad, Marcus Elias, Zachary Levy, Alexander Boyd, Ariella Stroud, Joshua Vanegas, Shanyah Kubik, Breha Pearson, Harrison Phillips.



Term 3, Week 1 Awards

Lexi Bahlmann, Charlotte Robinson, Thomas Svanberg, Samuel Tabor, Patrick Burke, Miley Sibbald, Jackson Gabriel, Thomas Walker, Max Thompson, Hayley Edwards, Hugo So, Jetta Grady, Abigail Byrne, Olivia Scott, Ashley Hughes, Tyra Footman, Maddison Hooper, Jack Casey, Jackson O'Brien, Holly Hartstonge, Alyssa McDonald, Tanner Crook, Archie Prendergast, Ayden Pusko, Sophie Jones.

READING RECOVERY AND EMU AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Reading Recovery and EMU graduates: Summer Clarke, Noah Sykes, Cooper Sulic, Madison Stansfield, Eddy Lennon, Jackson Gabriel and Aisling Cremen.



ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE - EVERY LEARNER - EVERY DAY

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.

Target	Current Attendance	
90%	83.2%	Kinder 84.5% Year 1 84.9% Year 2 80.0% Year 3 88.5% Year 4 85.1% Year 5 83.6% Year 6 75.0%

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.*

GENERAL NEWS

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 Play. Just search for OLOW Emu Plains and you will see our school crest. All school notes 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. **This is a requirement for all families to ensure clear communication from the school to the home.**

School FEES

School fee statements for the third instalment of school fees for 2019 have been mailed out. The due date for payment is on or before Wednesday 28th August 2019. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

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 collection.

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. Please be assured of complete confidentiality with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

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

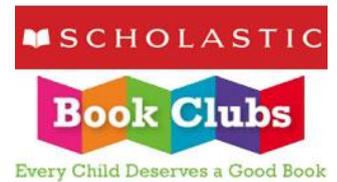
A reminder to families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing MUST be given to the Principal before the removal of a student from the school or a full term's fees will be payable.

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

Pascale Vion
Senior Finance Officer

BOOKCLUB

Please note that all book club orders must be placed online. Instructions are given on the Scholastic brochure. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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