



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

4th May 2017

DIARY DATES ........... Thurs 4 May **Eucharist Parent Information** Evening, 7.30pm (repeated) Tues-Thurs 9-11 May NAPI AN <u>Thursday</u> 11 May Mothers' Day Stall Friday 12 May Mothers' Day Mass and Devonshire Tea Sat/Sun 13/14 May Eucharist Enrolment at Mass Monday 15 May School Photos Thursday 16 May Year 3 Incursion Wednesday 17 May Fete Meeting, 7.30pm Wednesday 24 May Feast of Mary Help of Christians Prayer Saturday 27 May Parish Trivia Night, 7.00pm Thursday 1 June Cookie Dough Delivered uesday 6 June Celebrations of Learning 9.15am Wednesday 7 June Fete and P & F Meeting, 7pm Monday 12 June Queen's Birthday **Tuesday 13 June** Reports Sent Home Wednesday 14 June Eucharist Rehearsal, Group 1 Sunday 18 June First Eucharist, Group 1 Wednesday 21 June Eucharist Rehearsal, Group 2 Friday 23 June Feast of Sacred Heart Mass. 9 15am Sunday 25 June First Eucharist, Group 2 Tuesday 27 June Pyjama Dav Mon/Tues 24<u>/25 July</u> Year 4 CARES Visit Wed/Thurs 26/27 July Confirmation Parent Information Evening, 7.30pm Sat/Sun 12/13 August Eucharist Enrolment Masses Friday 18 August PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 1 September Fathers' Day Breakfast and

Prayer, from 7.00am

Thursday 21 September

Grandparents' Day Sunday 22 October

**OLOW SCHOOL FETE** 

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had a holy and relaxing time with family and friends during the Easter and term break.

We have started this term with a significant event - the ANZAC commemoration. Gallipoli has a sense of the sacred and the gravity of the lives and the many stories untold can hit you deep at your core. The many young men who died for a cause did not know its true and eternal impact that would be bestowed upon us for over 100 years.

However, ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Our ANZAC Remembrance Wall is a constant reminder of these men and women. I wish to thank Mrs. Day, the Year 6 leadership team and SRC for the beautiful ceremony held last week and for the parents and friends who could join us. It truly was a community gathering.

Term 2 is always a very busy time. Teachers will be preparing half yearly reports to be sent out later this term. Parent/Teacher/Student-run conferences will also take place towards the end of term. Student work samples will be sent home in Weeks 3, 6 & 9; Celebrations of Learning in Week 7 as well as our K-6 Athletics Carnival. Kindergarten 2018 interviews begin in May. One group of students will receive their First Holy Communion; whilst the whole school will begin rehearsals for the musical presentation 'Swinging Summertime' in Term 3. There are lots of excursions planned, skipping lessons each Monday, Diocesan Cross Country Championships, Mothers' Day stall and Devonshire Tea, NAPLAN testing, Year 6 leader's civic reception with the mayor, our Feast Day celebrations, not to mention all the other things that happen at school on a day-to-day basis.

May the following weeks be good to you!

Miss Emma Mizzi Acting Principal

Mrs Veling is at present in Austin Texas with CEDP colleagues, touring US schools and viewing Project Based Learning in action. She will return to school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **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.

#### WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

By Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May all children will be wearing winter uniform. The correct uniform should be worn at all times in order to maintain high expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to the child's teacher. The school hat is an essential item of school uniform. The wearing of the school hat is compulsory throughout the year. For a full list of school uniform requirements, please refer to our School Website.

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

17 Troy Street, Emu Plains 2750 Phone: 4777 7200, Email: <u>OLOW@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>, Web: www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au/ "To act justly, To love tenderly and To walk humbly with our God"

### SIBLING ENROLMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN 2018

Enrolment packs are available to those families who intend to enrol any sibling/s of students already at Our Lady of the Way for Kindergarten in 2018. Please collect these packs from the office and return as soon as possible as this information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. We already have a large group of new families wishing to enrol in 2017.

Interviews for Kindergarten 2018 will commence in mid-May

### ATTENDANCE

At Our Lady of the Way, we continue to promote student attendance – EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY.

(To 28 April) OLOW Attendance Level was: 91.3%

#### CONGRATULATIONS

At OLOW, we are focusing closely on regular [daily] and timely [arrival on time] attendance of all students. Our challenge is to meet a minimum target of 90% attendance every day. **However, 100% is the ideal.** It is great to know that we have so many families who try to ensure their children attend school every day.

Congratulations to Year 6 – who have achieved 97.1% attendance and to Kindergarten 94.3%,

Year 1 92.7%, Year 2 91.3% and Year 3 91.9% who also achieved above the 90% attendance target! We know all grades can achieve this target and everyone's learning improves when there is regular and timely attendance.

<u>Absence Explanation Note</u>: 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.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 1 WK 10, WK 11 & TERM 2 WK 1



Zachary Durham, Abigail Byrne, Jacinta Roser, Ella Reid, Lewis Edwards, Paige Hawkes, Jorja Tabor, Makaela Jarrett, Eli Downey, Ashton Clark, Jacob Thompson, Cara Smith, Mark Gardner, Bailey Lathan, Darby Weber, Madison Stansfield, Scarlett Storr, Sebastian Hayward, Zac Phillips, Hugo So, Mackenzie Degan, Luke Wilding, Zac Roach, Lucas McClenahan, Harrison Bennett, Daisy Andersen, Ben Robinson, Edward Whylie, Eli Hernandez-Milsom, Archie King, Holly Rech, Emily Sekulic, Sandra Elias, Mia Urquhart, Patrick Moran, Audrey Edwards, Ella Grech, Lara Dwyer, Aidan Dyrka, Savannah O'Brien, Jake Thompson, Jackson O'Brien, Hannah Selby, Evan Hotz, Leilani Isaia, Isabelle Roots, Madeline Wade, Marshall Pereira, Jessica Craig, Lachlan Stewart, Clarice Sagun, Logan Sultana and Year 6.

#### REMEMBRANCE WALL PLAQUES

You can be part of our ANZAC Remembrance Wall. Plaques can be purchased and inscribed for \$50. 150 bricks are available in total. Please contact Julie at the office for more information.



#### **NAPLAN 2017**

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will be conducted at *Our Lady of the Way* from 9-11 May 2017 for all students in Years 3 & 5. Tests will commence at the start of each day.

	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 3	* Language Conventions	* Reading	* Numeracy
	(40 minutes)	(45 minutes)	(45 minutes)
	* Writing		
	(40 minutes)		
Year 5	* Language Conventions	* Reading	* Numeracy
	(40 minutes)	(50 minutes)	(50 minutes)
	* Writing		
	(40 minutes)		

If you have any concerns about your child sitting the NAPLAN testing, please talk to Miss Mizzi.

#### OLOW NEW PHONE NUMBER

Our new phone number is 4777 7200. The old number will continue to be diverted to the school for a few months.

#### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May all students will have individual and grade photos taken. Pre-paid envelopes were sent home on Monday with a letter explaining the procedure for purchasing photos. Please ensure that the correct money is enclosed in the prepaid envelope, as no change will be given. Alternatively, you can pre-pay online. Family photos are also available, and these envelopes will be available from the office. This year students will wear their **SPORTS UNIFORM** for the photos. Children are asked to wear their **sports shorts** for the photo. If it is cold, they are welcome to wear shorts under their tracksuit pants

and change for the photo.

Year 6 students will have a graduation photo in their summer uniform and a grade photo in their new white polo shirts (please refer to the Year 6 photo note that went home on Monday for further details).

#### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

It is very important that we have parents' up-to-date contact numbers/address. If you have changed your mobile number; changed jobs; or moved to a new house—please let us have your new details.

#### MOTHERS' DAY-FRIDAY 12 MAY

Mums (and dads) and other significant women in our lives are asked to save this date for our Mothers' Day Celebration. This year we begin with a prayer liturgy at 10am in the Church followed by Devonshire Tea in the hall at 10:30am served by students from McCarthy College. Please note that if you are intending to come to the Devonshire Tea, to assist with catering you must RSVP.

#### **OUTSIDE FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES**

At OLOW, we encourage fundraising and social justice initiatives through our SRC and value the contributions and support from our families in helping those most vulnerable in our society.

As we start the winter sporting season, necessary fundraising for sporting associations begin. Although important, we ask that this remains an activity outside of school hours. This is to ensure that any money collected remains safe, parents are aware of the food their child is consuming at school and that the management of the fundraising is within the family.

Thank you for support.

#### Emma Mizzi

Assistant Principal

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

#### Parish Sacramental Program:

Below is information for those parents who wish to prepare their children for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Eucharist Program					
Parent Information Evenings	Wednesday	May 3	7:30pm		
	Thursday	May 4	7:30pm		
Enrolment Mass	Saturday	May 13	6:00pm		
	Sunday	May 14	8:00am & 9:30am		
Lessons	Week 1 - Monday Week 2 - Monday Week 3 - Monday	May 22 May 29 June 5			
Rehearsal - Group 1	Wednesday	June 14	7:30pm		
Rehearsal - Group 2	Wednesday	June 21	7:30pm		
First Eucharist Mass	Sunday	June 18	11:30am		
	Sunday	June 25	11:30am		

### Mothers' Day Liturgy:

We look forward to celebrating our Mothers' Day liturgy with those wonderful women we call our 'mum'. We warmly invite our mothers, grandmothers and mother figures to join us on Friday May 12 at 10 o'clock in the Church. Thank you to our Kindergarten team for preparing our liturgy. All the Infants students will be making a contribution to our special celebration.



#### Term 2 Reconciliations and Masses:

Below are dates and times that you might like to add to your calendar. They include grade Reconciliations, Grade Masses with buddy classes and whole school Eucharistic celebrations. You are very welcome to attend these celebrations with your children.

Week 3 Week 4 Week 5	Mothers' Day Liturgy Year 4 Reconciliation	Friday May 12 Friday May 19 Wednesday May 24	10:00am 10:00am 9:15am
WEEK 5	Feast of Mary Help of Christians Mass	Wednesday May 24	9.15811
Week 6	Year 3 Reconciliation	Wednesday May 31	10:00am
	Kindergarten and Year 5 Parish Mass	Thursday June 1	9:00am
	Year 6 Reconciliation	Thursday June 1	10:00am
Week 7	Year 1 and Year 6 Parish Mass	Friday June 9	9:00am
Week 8	Year 5 Reconciliation	Wednesday June 14	10:00am
	Year 2, 3 and Year 4 Parish Mass	Friday June 16	9:00am
Week 9	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass	Friday June 23	9:15am

## Fundraising for Term 2:

Week 9 – items for Penrith Community Kitchen

Week 10 - Pyjama Day for St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - Tuesday June 27

More information will follow in coming weeks.

#### Scripture Bags:

Our Scripture Bags will now be launched in Week 5. In the next newsletter photos of the contents of the bags will be shared. I will be visiting classes over the next two weeks to share the bags with the students and to let them know how they can help to lead prayer in their families. Each student will have the opportunity to take the bags home for two nights.

## Project Compassion:



Thanks you so much for the encouragement you gave to your children as they put away money to help others. Our Outreach Team set us a challenge of raising \$600 – enough money to buy 8 pigs that would help a family in the Philippines. Congratulations to everyone for raising over \$750! An amazing effort everyone! We certainly have shown what a generous community we have.

# LEARNING NEWS

## YEAR 5 'I AM POEMS'

After our ANZAC Day liturgy, Year 5 reflected on the impact of war through 'I Am Poems'. Here are some examples, depicting the lives of the different people affected by war.

I am a father, loving, but still filled with the melancholy feelings that shouldn't be there.

I wonder when the long and sick waiting feeling will go away.

I hear the cries of my son alone out there, sick feelings consuming him. I am a sad father.

I pretend I know when it is going to end.

I feel like there are a billion regretful and sad feelings spreading through me. I hear the cries and tears of millions of people.

I worry that my son has given up his tommorow for other people's today.

I cry tears of sad feelings that my son may never come into my arms again. I am a sad and regretful father.

I understand why my son has chosen this path towards death.

I say that my son is ok. But is that true?

I dream of the day my son comes home.

I try to remember him but also try to know how he helps shape other people's tomorrow.

I hope to know once and for all that my son is risking death to turn others away from that path.

I am a sad, regretful, lonely, but proud father.

# By Charlie Thomas.

I am a soldier in a gruesome battle.	I am a hardworking, scared nurse.
I wonder if I will live to see my home.	I wonder what is happening behind the tent walls.
I hear the roars of tank engines.	I hear the sound of gun shots.
I am a soldier in pain.	I am a hardworking, scared nurse.
I pretend there is no pain. I feel shrapnel digging into my bones. I hear the shrieks of people as they get shot. I worry about my family at home. I cry out as a bullet sinks into my body. I am a soldier that fights for my country.	I pretend my family is with me. I feel the cold rush of blood on my hands. I hear the yells of the soldiers. I worry for those who are risking their lives. I cry for the soldiers that didn't make it. I am a hardworking, scared nurse.
I understand my parent's warnings. I say "Open fire!" I dream of my home and family. I try to get over the trench walls. I hope I will be remembered. I am a person that will die a hero.	I understand my emotions. I say what I am feeling. I dream to live a happy life. I try to save lives. I hope people can be saved. I am a hardworking, scared nurse.

By Taj Le Breton





By Maya Grieve.



I am one of the many afraid soldiers.	I am a hidden child.
I wonder if I will wake up the next day.	I wonder if I will find the safety of my home again.
I hear the many screams of my friends and foes.	I hear the bloodcurdling screams of soldiers over the
I am one of the many afraid soldiers.	deafening rattle of gunfire.
	I am a hidden child.
I pretend that I am strong and brave.	
I feel many emotions and sadness for others.	I pretend I will not let the fears of the war overcome me.
I worry about me and my many friends.	I say I will see the light of a new dawn.
I cry every night over the dead and loved ones.	I dream that it will all come to an end, to a relieving silence.
I am one of the many afraid soldiers.	I cry for the calming warmth of my mother's hug.
	I am a hidden child.
I understand war is not a game.	
I say everything is fine.	I understand that this fight is for our freedom.
I dream I am warm and with family.	I try to feel other's pain.
I try not to cry.	I worry that the country we call home will be invaded.
I hope I can see my family.	I am a hidden child.
I am one of the many afraid soldiers.	
	By Lachlan Stewart.
By Bailey Grima	

# AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION.

Our Year 6 students recently attended an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is being paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

The students visited venues such as the War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the National Electoral Education Centre. This excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

I learnt that a law needs to get past the House of Representatives and the Senate to become a real law. Emilia

I learnt that the Coat Of Arms has an Emu and a Kangaroo symbol on it because these animals can not go backwards and we as Australians are encouraged to walk forwards. By Sophie

I learnt so many things about Australian Government but my favourite thing that I learnt was how laws were made by debates and speeches. My favourite thing about camp was spending time with my friends and going to the War Memorial as that was the best and I wish we stayed longer. By Emma

I learnt so many things about how Australian parliament works, the most interesting thing is that our Parliament can make laws to help Australia move forward. My favourite thing when we went to camp was Questacon it had so many different rooms that had different things in them. I wish we could have stayed longer. By Sophia

When we went to Canberra I learnt a lot about how the Australian Government works. I learnt that there is a House of Representatives and a Senate. I also learnt that if you want be in government you need to have over half the votes. My favourite part about camp was going to Parliament House and finding out how laws are made.

#### By Jorja

On our Year 6 Canberra camp we visited the Old Parliament House and learnt that it's now a museum. In the House of Representatives the government side and the opposition side have disagreements. One argument was about 'Should we take the old speaker's chair to the new parliament house or leave it in old parliament house). The government side had the idea to leave it behind, and the opposition side thought it should be taken. So the speaker agreed to the opposition side because it was a gift from England for the old parliament house.

#### **By Clarice Sagun**

When we went to Canberra for our Year 6 camp. We got to visit lots of places. On the Thursday night we went to the AIS (Australian Institute Of Sport). At first we walked around and looked at all the training areas. There was a gym with a lot of equipment for gymnastics, there was an olympic sized swimming pool, a massive volleyball court and much more. We also got to go into a room where we could run around and try everything. There were rowing machines and pull up bars. It was so much fun.

#### **By Daniel Prendergast**

On our year 6 camp to Canberra we visited many places and I enjoyed it all because in every place we went I got to learn a lot and we also participated in a role play. I really liked how we all got to spend some time with our friends and we all got a chance to work with each other. I didn't have a favorite part about the trip, I loved it all and I am very grateful that my Mum and Dad let me go. **By Madeline** 















# **SPORTS NEWS**

# DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY – EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Zone Cross Country on Tuesday, 2nd May for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. We recognise their great attitudes and performances on the day with most children achieving their personal best.

Well done and congratulations to

4th 8/9 Boys 2000m Harry Phillips 6th 8/9 Boys 2000m Jacob Bennett 1st 10 Girls 2000m Jade Elford 6th 10 Girls 2000m Sienna Gahagan 8th 11 Girls 3000m Zoe Grech 1st 12/13 Boys 3000m Blake Skinner 10th 12/13 Boys 3000m Benjamin Robinson

who have qualified for the Parramatta Cross Country Team and will be competing at the NSWCPS Cross Country on Friday 16th June.

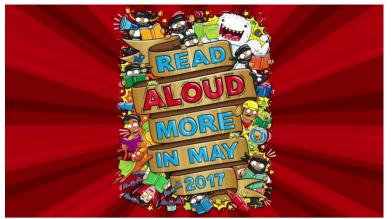
Thank you to all parents who were able to stay to encourage our OLOW runners and who could assist on the day. A big thank you to Mrs Nixon and Mr De Celis who assisted with the team and on the course.

### **Miss Reynolds**

Sports Coordinator



# LIBRARY NEWS



# Welcome back!

The weather is getting cooler and the days are getting shorter. Perfect weather for snuggling up with your child with some leftover Easter chocolate and sharing a good book.

Here are just a few of the amazing books we have shared in the Library.....



• There are many overdue books. Please check at home, at Dad's, Grandma's, the car, bottom of the school bag, on your bookshelf at home or under a bed.

PHIL CUMMINGS

SHANE DEVRIES

- Please send your child to school with a library bag. Recycling a plastic bag is perfect
- A big thank you to all those parents who have assisted with covering of books. It has been such a wonderful help

Happy Reading Susan Masters – Library Assistant

# **GENERAL NEWS**

## EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to ALL our winners in the Easter Raffle. There were over 80 prizes given out on the day. Lots of happy chocolate faced children!!!! The major prize winners were:

1st Oliver Casey in Kindergarten Abigail Andrews in Year 3 Aaron Herps (dad of Oliver in Year 3 and Eliza in Kindergarten)

Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser.





### SCHOOL FEES

The school fee statements for Term 2, 2017 have been mailed out. The due date for payment is on or before Monday 29 May 2017. 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. 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 a Statement of Financial Position 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 email pvion@parra.catholic.edu.au

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

*Ms Pascale Vion* Senior Finance Officer

**LOST PROPERTY** If you have found a Pandora bracelet please contact the school office.



# BILLY G'S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH fundraising never tasted so good!

We are excited to announce that today we have commenced our very own Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business using very special recipes and quality ingredients for that homestyle taste.

There are ten (10) delicious flavours to choose. Each 1kg tub sells for 14-16. It represents extremely good value at only 0.35 - 0.40 per 25g cookie.

You have been issued with a Billy G's Cookie Dough order form that will assist you in collecting orders from family, friends & neighbours. You can either place your order by returning the order form and money back to us or you can place your order online.

# https://cookiedough.com.au/home/?gid=686

# Postcode is 2750 and Group Name is Our Lady of the Way Primary School

Please remember, if you place your order online, you MUST complete and return the order form back to us for processing.

The cookie dough can be stored in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks or in your freezer for up to 12 months from manufacturing date. You can thaw out and re-freeze. Stock up! It's only available through fundraising and not sold in stores!

We also have a fantastic prize program available should you sell or purchase one or more tubs.

We hope you purchase at least one tub or more to help us reach our fundraising goal.

Happy fundraising, and thank you in advance for your support.



# Important Dates

<u>Mother's Day Stall-</u> Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – After 1<sup>st</sup> break

<u>Cookie Dough–</u> Orders to be in by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Delivery Thursday 1st of June

#### <u>Fete Meeting –</u> Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm (School Staff room)

<u>Trivia Night –</u> Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm School Hall

<u>P&F Meeting –</u> Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm (School Staff room)

# From the sidelines .....

Welcome to Term 2 from the 2017 P&F Committee.

We have started the term with our P&F meeting last week, another great turn out, we love seeing and meeting new faces at our meetings.

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day Stall – the kids love buying mum something special. We have a great variety of lovely gifts, which we are sure you will love. Keep an eye on Facebook for a few sneak peaks.

We also have our Cookie Dough fundraiser coming home next week. This was a huge success last year, so please get your orders in and support this great cause. It is easy to order via the order form and this year you will be able to order online if you prefer. So spread the word to your family, neighbours and colleagues.

Remember we are working towards raising funds for our school's new COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) and we really appreciate your continued support throughout the year.

Our Fete Committee is now in full swing for organising our Fete. Please keep an eye out for correspondence and help out where you can. We are looking forward to working with our school families and the wider community to raise funds for our wonderful school and most of all, the chance to bring the Our Lady of the Way school community together. If you would like to assist in any way or would like to contribute ideas or resources, please contact the Committee through the office.

## A note from the President

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and enjoyed the holidays. My family had a quiet holiday as both my husband and I had to continue working. But the kids still had fun, thank goodness for family and friends who are always willing to help out. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing support network.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with the P&F Disco at the end of last term. It was a huge success, Pinky & Kozi were a hit and really got the kids dancing. One of the things that really stood out to me was the overwhelming response for parent helpers, especially when we requested help for the primary Disco. It was so lovely to meet new and existing parents of our school and everyone got in and helped out. (Not sure who had more fun....kids or parents??) Something else that really stood out for me was how lovely and well behaved all the children were. All the kids were respectful and so well mannered.

If you have any questions or would like to assist in any way, please feel free to contact myself or any of the committee members. My email address: <u>kieryandbrett@gmail.com</u> and I look forward to working with you.

The next P&F meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 in the Staff Room.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

McCarthy Catholic College 75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains



# **Trade Training Centre**

# **INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2018:**

**Date:** Wednesday 24 May 2017 **Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Start your trade and complete your HSC with no external examinations

**Trades offered:** 

Automotive Bricklaying Carpentry Childcare Electrotechnology Hairdressing Hospitality Plumbing Metal Fabrication

> Enrolment Enquiries: Mrs Katrina Gill: 02 4728 8129 <u>mccarthycttc@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> www.mccarthycttc.catholic.edu.au

Be Prepared... for new adventure!



Looking for some activity to keep the kids active now that the school holidays are over?

# **TRY SCOUTING !**

# Cub Scouts : 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 | Scouts : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 | Venturers 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 18

Scouting is the biggest youth organisation in the world with over 28 million members in over 216 countries and territories.

We provide varied and exciting programs throughout the school term for Cubs (Tuesday night), Scouts (Friday night) and the older Venturers (Wesdnesday night) - each targeted to their needs and goals. **#YouthLedAdultSupported** 

#### CANOEING | CAMPING | HIKING | GEOCACHING | ABSEILING | CLIMBING | ALPINE | GAMES | COOKING

We offer a free 4 week trial to see if it suits you and your child. Come along to 1st South Penrith Scout Group and give us a go. [Please make contact 1st as we are not always at the hall]. If our section nights don't match you're needs try out some of the other groups in the area at the website http://www.penrithcityscouts.com.au/



Visit us on Facebook FB.com/southpenrith

Or visit our website www.southpenrith.org.au



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