



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

10<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## DIARY DATES

**Sat/Sun 12/13 August**

Confirmation Enrolment  
Masses

**Thursday 17 August**

Swinging Summertime  
Rehearsal &  
Performance

**Friday 18 August**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Monday 19-26 Aug**

Book Week

**Thursday 31 August**

Fathers' Day Stall

**Friday 1 September**

Fathers' Day Breakfast  
and Prayer, from 7.30am

**Friday 8 September**

6pm P & F Movie Night

**Monday 11 September**

Confirmation Rehearsal

**Wed 13 September**

Confirmation Mass, 7pm

**Monday 18 September**

Footy Fever Day

**Thursday 21 September**

Grandparents' Day

**Friday 22 September**

Last Day of Term 3

**Monday 9 October**

Term 4 Begins

**Wednesday 18 October**

Kinder Orientation  
Morning

**Wed-Fri 18-20 October**

Year 5 Camp to Berry

**Sunday 22 October**

**OLOW SCHOOL FETE**

**13 - 17 November**

Swimming Lessons for  
Kinder to Year 4

**Monday 27 November**

Christmas Concert

**Thursday 30 November**

Swimming Carnival

**Wed 6 December**

Year 6 Graduation Mass

**Thursday 7 December**

Thank You Afternoon Tea

**Friday 8 December**

Awards Ceremony

Year 6 Social

**Monday 11 December**

Thanksgiving Mass,  
9.15am

**Friday 15 December**

Last Day of School

**Wed 31 January 2018**

First day of Term 1 for  
Years 1-6

**Thurs 1 February 2018**

Kinder begin  
8.45am-12.00pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Our musical performance of 'A Swinging Summertime' is next week. This has been a year in the making. Events like this don't just happen. There is so much work that goes into putting on a performance like this. I am so proud and thankful to the staff of OLOW for their dedication and professionalism.



This creative performance is a great experience for all our students – those in major roles, those in minor roles and those in group roles. All students have been developing their skills in acting, clear and effective communication, thinking creatively, collaboration, developing initiative and a growth mindset. These are all contemporary skills that students need to have and are imperative to success in school, in the workplace, in relationships and in life.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, The Joan Sutherland has limited seating. We are trying as best we can to fill all ticketing requests. However, you can understand that we can only allocate tickets for available seats. A few of our parents have not been sympathetic to the situation or understanding. Just like we treat our students with compassion and understanding I hope this is always the case with our community.

Luckily for those that miss out on this performance, the students will be performing the musical again on Grandparents' Day (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September) in a modified version.

Next Thursday will be a very busy and exhausting day for everybody. Rehearsals at The Joan Sutherland will take place during the day with all students returning to school by at least 2:30pm. Students may be picked up from school at 2:30pm so they can have a rest before the performance. Please make sure you read all information notes being sent home so you are aware of the drop off and pick up areas and times on the evening. We want all students to feel safe, secure and happy.

*Mrs Sue Velling*

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.***

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



May Fischer, Ruby Johnson, Tristan Bryant, Jessica Still, Taylor Latham, Erin Downie, Layla Starr, Ethan Hughes, Tanner Clarke, Emma Lohan, Breha Pearson, Lucas Woods, Liam Darke, Kaliyah Kessell, Remi Fischer, Cooper Hegarty, Luke Durham, Dieter Erdmann, Ronan Cullen, Rory Muller, Dylan Anderson, Krystal Trigg, Macy Crook, Michael Gardiner, Dominic Vella, Sebastian Hayward, Declan Cremen, Remy Cross, Aidan Latty, Lorcan Cullen, Jade Elford, Phoebe Kruzic, Cooper Jones, Nina McKeown, Abigail Andrews, Noah Downey, Mark Gardner, Cody Luczak, Kennedy Storr.

### KINDERGARTEN 2018 ENROLMENTS

Please inform family and friends that the first round interviews and offers for Kindergarten 2018 are completed. Enrolment places in Years 1-6 are also being processed. Enrolment packs are available by contacting the school office on 4777-7200 or by emailing an enquiry to [olow@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow@parra.catholic.edu.au). Please return enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2018 as soon as possible.

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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

To 9<sup>th</sup> August *Our Lady of the Way* Attendance Level was:

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	87.2%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	92.4%
01	90.8%
02	84.3%
03	87.7%
04	78.2%
05	88.9%
06	87.9%

Our challenge is to meet a minimum target of 90% attendance every day. This week again, we have failed to meet the system target.

Congratulations to Kindergarten and Year 1 who have achieved over the 90% attendance rate! We know all grades can achieve this target and everyone's learning improves when there is regular and timely attendance.

**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.

# Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day



## BOOK WEEK @ OLOW: 19-26 AUGUST



To celebrate Book Week 2017, our librarian Mrs Masters has been promoting all the appropriate books that have been short-listed. She has prepared a beautiful display and the grades have been given opportunities to hear some of these stories.

On **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**, all students are asked to bring in their **favourite book** to share with a friend, a **favourite pillow**, and their most **treasured stuffed toy** so we can celebrate the joy of reading together!

## WOOLWORTH'S EARN & LEARN

26th July 2017 – 19th September 2017

Spend \$10 and get a sticker. Have your family and friends collect stickers for you. Send the stickers to school. We then collect fabulous new learning resources.



## A BIG THANK YOU

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following parents/relatives who helped out by creating and sewing costumes for the school musical.

- Catherine Budge (mother of Kate and Erin in Yr 3, Sarah in Yr 5)
- Kellie Jackson (mother of Kallum in Yr 2)
- Patricia Smythe (mother of Edward in Yr 1)
- Jessica Bradley Labra (mother of Isabella in Yr 4 and Elijah in Yr 2)
- Tysha Grady (mother of Jetta in Kinder)
- Erin Hurst (mother of Abby in Yr 1)
- Lindy Johnson (mother of Ruby in Yr 1)
- Elise Kuiters (grandma of Madeline Wade in Yr 5 and Sophie Wade in Yr 3)
- Joshua Reeks (father of Patrick and Thomas in Yr 2)
- Sarah Pereira (mother of Carter in Yr 2 and Marshall in Yr 5)
- Maree Ryan (mother of Remy Cross in Kinder)



**Thank  
You!!!**

### **FREE FAMILY EVENT**

**A program of Spiritual Enrichment for families  
on the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018**

*Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*

**Sunday, 27 August 2017  
1pm -3.15pm**

**Mass available 11am  
BYO Picnic Lunch  
Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall - 230 Fairlight Road,  
Mulgoa NSW 2745  
Register: 8838 3460 or [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au)**

### **2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR**

*Men, Women & the Mystery of Love*

**Dr Edward Sri**

**St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta  
Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
7.30pm sharp**

**Sponsored by Parousia Media and  
Life Marriage & Family Office  
Diocese of Parramatta  
Register: 8838 3460 or [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au)**

## BAPTISM

Congratulations to Maddison and Ben Prendergast who were welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism, while in Ireland.

Heavenly Father,  
At this new beginning, bless Maddison and Benjamin with your grace & love.

Surround them with love and goodness; guide their steps along the way and keep them from harm.

Lord, smile upon Maddison and Benjamin,  
and through your teachings may they find contentment through kind and thoughtful acts.

With the guidance & love of James, Jack and Daniel and all their dear family and friends, we pray that Maddison and Benjamin will lead a life full of happiness, faith and love for all.



## READING RECOVERY

Congratulations to our newest Reading Recovery graduates: Jett Levy, Aidan Latty, Tanner Clarke and Edward Lennon. Ms Glynn and Mrs Hensen are so proud of you and so are all of us at Our Lady of the Way!



## STAGE 3 SOCCER GALA DAY TEAM RUNNER'S-UP

Congratulations to the Stage 3 Soccer Team on being Runners up at the Soccer Gala Day recently.



## OLW SCHOOL FETE – SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER

Planning for our school fete is well underway. Tara Cremen, Kiery Pascoe and Julie Irvine have been doing lots of 'behind the scene' work.

It is going to be a great community event!

**Our next Fete meeting will be on  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm  
PLEASE JOIN US**

## IT MAY NOT BE SPRING BUT YOU CAN STILL HAVE A CLEAN UP

We ask you to dig out all your pre-loved (in good condition) **BOOKS**, **DVD's**, **CD's** and **TOYS** that you would like to donate to the fete. These can be brought to the school office at any time. Please ask your relatives and friends – I'm sure they will be able to help out as well.

## Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Years 3 and 4 who represented OLOW at the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day last Wednesday. Each team had at least one win, a few draws and a few losses, but more importantly the children were good sports and had great fun with their friends.

Thank you to our parent helpers who coached and managed our teams on the day - without your help and support our children would not be able to enjoy days such as these.

"This was my first gala day and I had lots of fun. I really enjoyed the competition." *Grace Foster Year 4*

"I really enjoyed representing OLOW, especially in soccer as it is my favourite sport. We didn't win all our games but we kept on trying and never gave up." *Luke Durham Year 4.*



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Parish Sacramental Program - Confirmation:

Confirmation Program			
Parent Information Evenings	Wednesday Thursday	July 26 July 27	7:30pm 7:30pm
Enrolment Mass	Saturday Sunday	August 12 August 13	6:00pm 8:00am & 9:30am
Lessons	Week 1 - Monday Week 2 - Monday Week 3 - Monday	August 14 August 21 August 28	
Rehearsal	Monday	September 11	7:30pm
Confirmation Mass	Wednesday	September 13	7:30pm

## Term 3 Mass and Reconciliation:

Please join with the students in celebrating the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation at a grade and whole school level. You are more than welcome to attend with your children. The dates for Term 3 are:

### Week 4:

Friday August 11 - Year 2, 3 & 4 Parish Mass - 9:00am

### Week 5:

Tuesday August 15 - Feast of the Assumption Mass- 9:00am

Wednesday August 16 - Year 5 Reconciliation - 10:00am

### Week 7:

Friday September 1 - Fathers' Day Liturgy - 9:00am

### Week 9:

Wednesday September 13 - Year 1 and Year 6 Parish Mass - 9:00am

Thursday September 14 - Kindergarten and Year 5 Parish Mass - 9:00am

### Week 10:

Wednesday September 20 - Year 3 Reconciliation - 10:00am

Thursday September 21 - Grandparents' Day Mass (whole school Mass) - 9:15am

Friday September 22 - Year 4 Reconciliation - 10:00am



## Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop:

Congratulations to Mrs Curry, Mr DeCelis and the students of Year 4 who prepared a beautiful Mass for us to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It was a wonderful way for us to acknowledge the life and legacy of our great Australian saint.

## Scripture Bags:



If you would like to share your family's experiences, would you mind sharing an email with me – my address is [cday3@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cday3@parra.catholic.edu.au). Looking forward to hearing your thoughts.

## Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

## GENERAL NEWS

### SCHOOL FEES

The school fee statements for Term 3, 2017 have been mailed out. The due date for payment is on or before Tuesday 5 September 2017. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home. Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for 2017.

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.

Just a reminder to all 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 terms school fees will be charged for your child/children.

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](mailto: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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### FLIP OUT PENRITH 62-72 BATT STREET PENRITH

COME FLIP OUT FOR MAMA LANA'S . MENTION MAMA LANA'S AT PAYMENT POINT AND 50% OF ENTRY REVENUE IS DONATED BACK TO MAMA LANA'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

ENQUIRIES [Kiley.mamalanas@gmail.com](mailto:Kiley.mamalanas@gmail.com)

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# Corpus Christi Primary School Market Day



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - 10AM to 2PM

## Stalls include:

Licensed kids' clothes

Candles

Children's Craft

Fresh produce

Small gifts

Beauty Products

Jewellery

Plants

Sock monkeys

## Family Fun:

Face Painting    Magician

Plaster painting

Spray tattoos

Jumping castle

Corpus Christi Primary School,  
90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

RAIN, HAIL OR  
SHINE



For information on stall availability  
please email  
[corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
with subject 'Spring Market'

Food vendors: sausage sizzle    doughnuts    Gozleme  
ice-cream    cakes/slices    tea/coffee    scones

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with these common speeding and parking offences in School Zones.



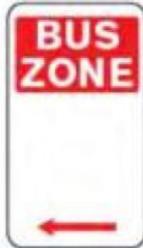
### No Parking

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 meters of your vehicle.



### No Stopping

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.



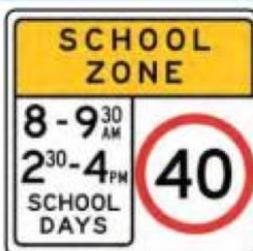
### Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.



### Mobile Phone Use

Drive using a hand held mobile phone in a School Zone.



### Speeding Offences

There has been an increase to the monetary fine and number of demerit points applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones.



**Stop on path or nature strip**

**\$180 + 2 demerit points**

**Stop across driveway**

**\$180 + 2 demerit points**

Fines current as of December 2016

Fines and demerit point are subject to change

View the current demerit point and offences list at

[http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/downloads/demeritlist\\_dl1.html](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/downloads/demeritlist_dl1.html)



27 July 2017

*Thursday of the 16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time*

Dear Friends,

A recurring theme in our Gospel Message is the need for all of us to open our hearts and minds to the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves. To this end, I invite representatives from our each of our parishes, our schools, our agencies and our religious congregations to attend the launch of a year-long Diocesan Journey:

**“Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection”**

The aim of the Journey is to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

**The launch will take place during Migrant and Refugee Week  
Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall  
7 Grantham St Seven Hills**

**Our special guest speaker will be Father Tom Smolich SJ, the newly appointed  
International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services.**

I will be inviting all Catholics living in the Parramatta Diocese to think seriously and to pray earnestly about the challenges that face us all as we walk with this year long journey.

Firstly, it is time for us to deal decently and compassionately with people seeking protection - while still preventing people smuggling, saving lives at sea and maintaining the integrity of Australia's borders.

Secondly, it is time for us as a responsible world citizen, a wealthy and resourceful nation to develop the policies that enshrine the best of our traditions rather than the worst of our natures.

Most importantly, as Christians, we cannot remain content with the status quo, especially when that status quo is less than what God wants for us as individuals and as a community. Pope Francis recently said on the Feast of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph that “As we fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth as they were forced to become refugees, let us think of the tragedy of those migrants

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Bishop of Parramatta

and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation, who are victims of human trafficking and of slave labor." *Angelus address 29 December 2013.*

In the months following the launch of our Journey the Diocesan Social Justice Office will be initiating a series of community conversations across every parish and every school within the Diocese. These conversations, held in collaboration with several partner agencies already working in the field, will be our key to engaging the hearts and minds of all Catholics in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – leading to a better understanding of the issues affecting those trying to seek a better life in our beautiful country. I encourage widespread participation.

Following the Launch those attending are invited to stay for a light afternoon tea. To assist with catering, we ask that you kindly indicate if you will be attending the launch, by telephoning the Social Justice Office 8838 3461 or letting us know online at: <https://register.eventarc.com/38860/invitaiton-to-migrant-and-refugee-sunday-launch-27-th-august>

**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in."**

*(Matthew 25:35)*

Yours sincerely in Christ,



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL  
Bishop of Parramatta**