

DIARY DATES

Thursday 31 August

Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 1 September

Fathers' Day Breakfast and Prayer, from 7.30am

Friday 8 September

Yellow Day, Westmead Hospital Cancer Fundraiser

6pm P & F Movie Night

Monday 11 September

Confirmation Rehearsal

Wed 13 September

Confirmation Mass, 7.30pm

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

LOW 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,

Jesus said that people would recognise us as His disciples by the way we love one another:

"And now I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples". John 13: 34,35.

One of the main ways in which love is expressed is in forgiveness and forgiveness is the way in which we demonstrate Christ's presence and the way in which Christians make a real difference to the welfare of the world's people.

Forgiveness is not an event; it is a process. This is an important concept for children to understand. When they have been hurt their feelings are going to take time to process. Their emotions are healthy and they, like us, need to experience the full range of emotions when they have been hurt before they can get clear about what they need to do next

As parents we can show our children that with each hurt, they have the opportunity to turn a grievance into a success. We must show them their emotions are natural, and that they grow the most by being more human (feeling emotions), not by being less human (acting like they don't care).

Forgiveness is an important way in which the hatred between people and nations can be absorbed, neutralised and brought to nothing. More than ever the world needs the message of Christ's "new commandments" to be proclaimed through the lives and influence of Christians – Christ's disciples. Forgiveness can be infectious; the impact of our act of forgiveness towards another person can make them rethink their circumstance and perhaps lead to further forgiveness. Of course, like most things, forgiveness begins "at home"; firstly, within ourselves to clean out the "baggage" we have been carrying around for perhaps years, then to our family, extended family and farther out.

So, too, might it be said that if everyone were to practise forgiveness what a splendid vision the world would offer. So let's dismantle our structures of bitterness, resentment and hatred, bring out our forgiveness and be Christian in deed.

*"Spirit of God, through the witness of our Christian lives,
May we spread the warmth of Your love and the fire of Your forgiveness. Amen."*

NEWS FROM FR MICK

Fr Mick has had a fall while on holiday in New Zealand. He underwent emergency surgery at Hawkes Bay Hospital in Hastings on Tuesday. We heard the surgery went well. The school has sent Fr Mick a fruit basket and gift from the students. Please keep him in your prayers.

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.

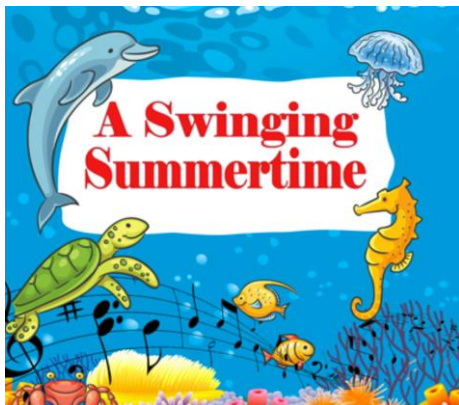
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 3 WEEKS 4 & 5



Oliver Casey, Edward Lennon, Layla Pascoe, Jarrod Partlett, Harrison Phillips, Alexander Hawkes, Brooke Bentley, Jack Sikic, Milli Storek, Harper Watson, Daniel Partlett, Jake Walsh, Darby Weber, Charlie Thomas, Logan Sultana, Olivia Eekman, Sienna Fitzsimmons, Larissa Stewart, Adele Crook, Alexander Torresan, Zak Roach, Alex Boyd, Riley Tait, Abbey Flanagan, Cadence Biggar, Olivia Walker, Ruby Trad, Will Pearson, Carter Jones, Jahkalian Pendreigh, Tyler Clifford, Grace Carey, Lucienne Heffernan, Sandra Elias, Espri Footman, Erin Downie.

KINDERGARTEN 2018 ENROLMENTS

Please inform family and friends, that offers for Kindergarten 2018 are being finalised. 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. Please return enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2018 as soon as possible.



A SWINGING SUMMERTIME

The staff wish to thank everyone for their kind words of appreciation after the performance of "A Swinging Summertime". It was a wonderful experience for our students and they did a fantastic job!

Orders for the DVD @ \$18 and the photos (\$2.50 each or 3 for \$6) will be sent home next week. Photos can be previewed outside the office, outside the library and outside the uniform shop soon.

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 22nd August, *Our Lady of the Way* Attendance Level was 85.2%.

We understand that there are lots of sick students at our school, as is across the diocese. To stop the spread of germs, and if your doctor advises, please keep your child at home if they have a temperature, infection or are coughing up phlegm. All students are being encouraged to keep their hands clean by washing with soap or hand sanitizer and to cough into a tissue, handkerchief or the crook of their elbow. The students are also being asked to blow their nose and throw the tissue straight into the bin. Cold viruses have been shown to survive on surfaces for several days, and their ability to cause an infection can survive as long as 24 hours.

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	 85.2%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	 84.8%
01	 87.3%
02	 84.1%
03	 87.5%
04	 80.0%
05	 85.7%
06	 87.9%

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.

CADMAN FAMILY

I write to you today on behalf of the family of Julian Cadman. As you are aware, early Monday morning, the Australian Government confirmed that 7-year-old Julian, who was a student at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Lalor Park, was killed in the attack in Barcelona last Thursday evening. Julian's mother Jom remains in a Barcelona hospital recovering from her serious injuries.

The Cadman family have expressed their deep thanks to the school communities within the Diocese of Parramatta for their compassion, their prayers and their support during this incredibly challenging time. They are well aware that the healing process will be a very long one but have been comforted by the knowledge that our communities will continue to stand in solidarity with them.

There have been many requests for advice on how people can help in a practical way. A GoFundMe site has been set up by a close family friend to provide long-term financial support to the family. The site can be accessed at <https://www.gofundme.com/the-julian-jom-fund>.

Please keep the Cadman family in your prayers

GREG WHITBY

NAPLAN RESULTS 2017

The school received the Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN test results, held in May. Our students are to be congratulated for their wonderful efforts with this test. There were some excellent results in both grades and as a staff, we were delighted with the results and growth. The staff will be examining the results in detail to help guide our professional learning. Parents are encouraged to read through the report and speak to their child's teacher if they have any questions about the NAPLAN results. Parents of children in Year 5, will need to keep these NAPLAN results in a safe place as they are required when applying for high school.

Our school averages in both Year 3 & Year 5 were above the State average in all areas and also above or the same as the Diocesan average.

Year 3: **OLOW mean 429.5; State mean 423.2; CEDP mean 429.5**

Year 5: **OLOW mean 504.3; State mean 494.6; CEDP mean 499.3**

A special mention of the Year 3 writing results, which were outstanding. We had 37/48 students in the top two bands. Although each year's results are dependent on the cohort of students, the general trend for our school is on the increase.

The purpose of this assessment is to provide information to parents and teachers about the achievements of students in aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. The test provides a measure of the students' performance against established standards and against other students in our state. The Commonwealth Government sets minimum acceptable standards for literacy, numeracy, reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling at each year group assessed. These are referred to as minimum standards. The students' performance in NAPLAN at our school is compared to these standards in the tables below.

Year 5 2017 NAPLAN Results	% of children above minimum standard	% of children above minimum standard
	State	OLOW
Reading	96%	98%
Writing	92%	97%
Grammar	93%	98%
Spelling	92%	95%
Numeracy	95%	97%

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ROAD SAFETY

Safety of our children on the way to and from school is paramount in all our minds. Safe pedestrian, safe driving habits and parent role modelling of safe behaviours will contribute much towards the safety of our children. Please be considerate of our neighbours by not blocking their driveways or parking on their premises.

The local police and rangers patrol Forbes and Troy Streets on a regular basis, therefore you need to be aware of traffic and parking regulations to avoid fines.

- **Do not park in or across driveways. Residents get very angry when this occurs.**
- **Children must always alight from the car from the LEFT hand side.**
- **If using the Kiss & Drop Zone in the morning, the driver must not leave the car.**
- **In the afternoon please hold your child's hand when crossing the road.**
- **Don't jaywalk – This is failing to use a zebra crossing that is within 20 metres of your location.**
- **Please don't park in the staff/parish car park when picking up or dropping off your child.**

WHY EAT FRUIT AND VEGETABLES EVERYDAY!

Fruits and vegetables are high in vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre, as well as being rich in anti-oxidants. Research shows that people who eat adequate amounts of fruits and vegetables everyday can help prevent:

- ✚ coronary heart disease
- ✚ some forms of cancer
- ✚ overweight and obesity
- ✚ constipation
- ✚ high blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels
- ✚ help improve control of diabetes



Our aim should be to eat fruit and vegetables everyday - the greater the variety, the better health benefit.

VOICE OF YOUTH SPEECHES – YEAR 6

During this term, our Year 6 students have been working on writing their Voice of Youth speeches. Voice of Youth is a Diocesan wide public speaking competition for all Year 6 students. Students are required to prepare and present a 2 - 4 minute speech on a topic of their choice. Three students from OLOW were then selected to compete in the cluster finals.

Well done to Benjamin Robertson for his moving speech about ANZAC Day; Layla Starr for her entertaining speech about cockroaches and to Kennedy Storr for his motivational speech on greatness. Jayden Roots was runner up with his speech about the qualities of Brad Pittler. The three students will represent OLOW at the Penrith Cluster final on Tuesday 29th August at St. Mary MacKillop School, South Penrith. All our Year 6 students are wonderful ambassadors for their age group and promise to be wonderful citizens of tomorrow who can stand up and be heard!



SUMMER UNIFORM SWAP OVER

Change over into our summer uniform will begin in the last two weeks of this term from Monday 11th September. By the first day back in Term 4, Monday 9th October, all OLOW students will be wearing their full summer uniform.

RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

This week our Year 4 students have been working on their Religious Literacy Part B 'Create and Present' Task. The assessment focuses on student's knowledge and understanding of the key concepts taught in Religious Education and their ability to communicate this. The theme for the tasks is based on the unit of Healing and Forgiveness.

It provides, at a diocesan level, a sustained and systemic approach to the documentation and reporting of students' learning in the key learning area of Religious Education (RE), specifically religious literacy. Celebrating and sharing the good news about students' learning in RE is an important component of this initiative and enables the story to be told on a continuing basis.

Year 4 and Year 6 will also completed the online Assessment during Weeks 6 & 7. The questions will look at the areas of God, Jesus, Scripture, Prayer, Church and Christian Life, which the children cover in their Religion Units throughout the year.

OLOW CONFIRMATION

Many of our students and children from the OLOW Parish are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 13th September at 7:30pm. Although we normally receive this sacrament after First Communion, the Church considers it to be the second of the three sacraments of initiation as it completes Baptism. In our Baptism, our parents and godparents make the promises for us, during Confirmation we as Catholics renew our faith for ourselves. The introduction to the Rite of Confirmation states: 'by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptised are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.'

We pray for all the children as they are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their Christian life.

ARE YOU MOVING?

To estimate enrolments for 2018, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving *Our Lady of the Way* at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

You are reminded that CEDP policy is that families need to give the school one full term's notice in writing in these circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

MR GREG WHITBY – CEDP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISITS OLOW

On Wednesday, as promised, Mr Whitby visited Our Lady of the Way. He went into Year 1 and danced the penguin dance with the grade. Here are some observations from the students:

"Mrs Whitby was so tall and funny. My dad's friend is even taller than him." Olivia S

"Mr Whitby is very big and funny." Sienna and Vera

"Mr Whitby is the tallest man in the world." Eli H

"Mr Whitby was very nice and he pretended to be a penguin." Abby C

"I enjoyed Mr Whitby's visit because he was so funny and I had a picture with him." Jye



BOOK WEEK @ OLOW



Tomorrow, Friday 25th 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.

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Is my child old enough for social networking sites like

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Youtube, Tumblr, Twitter, Kik etc?

Most high profile social networking sites ask users set up a profile with photos and information about themselves. 13 is the minimum user age required by Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, Tumblr and Twitter.

Kik recommends that users are 17 years or older.

Social networking describes a variety of services like Facebook, YouTube, World of Warcraft, Moshi Monsters and Twitter. All of these services enable direct interaction between individuals. Users can post information about themselves, display photos, tell people what they've been up to, chat and play games. Social networking forms a part of the social identity of many teens.

While social networking offers many benefits, there are risks. Sometimes children can forget who they are communicating with online and who might see the information they post. It can be easier for children and teens to say and do things online that they might not do offline. It can also be easier to talk to strangers online than it is offline, and they may confide too much in people they don't know well.

It is important that children understand the risks associated with disclosing information about themselves online and know how to manage both their privacy and online 'friends'.

If your child is 13+ you should still consider the following:

- Is your child able to withstand taunts from others?
- Does your child understand what is safe to put online?
- Does your child know how to report abuse and offensive content?
- Are you worried your child will be left out?
- Are you going to supervise or 'friend' your child on social sites?

Keep them safe online.

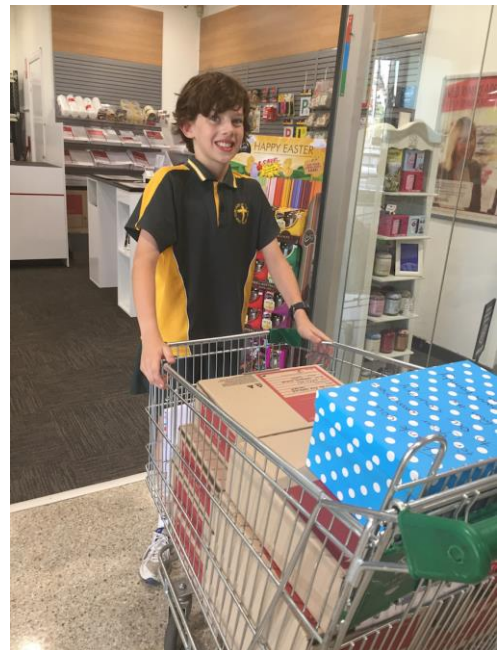
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety. 2. Set a technology curfew. 3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups. 4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well. 5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value. 6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access. 7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. The First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult. 9. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus. 10. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint. 11. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start. |
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- **At OLOW we promote and believe in the need to respect the rights, beliefs and viewpoints of others.**
- **We encourage all members of our community to follow the same standards of behaviour online as you are expected to follow in real life.**

WITH THANKS FROM AFGHANISTAN

This week we received a beautiful thank you banner from Chief Petty Officer Cath Harvey, who is currently in Kabul, Afghanistan. She thanked the OLOW students for the care packages and letters that the troops received earlier this year. Many of our students received wonderful letters from the troops answering their questions. Petty Officer Harvey is hoping to visit our school when she returns to Australia.

We wish to thank Mrs Curry and Mrs Woods for organising this initiative.



LOW SCHOOL FETE – SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 22nd 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
Thursday 24th August at 7pm in the Staffroom
PLEASE JOIN US**

IT IS SPRING SOON SO START THAT CLEAN UP

Dig out all those 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.

PLANT STALL

If you have a **green** finger, why not start potting plants or planting seedlings for our plant stall

- always a winner at every fete –



NEPEAN ZONE CARNIVAL

The Nepean results have been posted and the following students will be heading off to the Diocesan Carnival tomorrow.

Declan Casey – 8 Years - 100 metres

Holly Clark – 10 Years - Discus

Milaya Cleary – 11 Years Long Jump

Emilia Di Prinzio -11 Years Standing Shot SWD

Jade Elford - 10 Years - 800 metres; 100 metres; 200 metres; Shot Put

Sienna Gahagan -10 Years - 100 metres; 200 metres; Long Jump

LOW - Female 4x100m Relay (Jade Elford, Sienna Gahagan, Breha Pearson, Holly Clark)

LOW- Male 4x100m Relay (Joshua Vanegas, Archie Prendergast, Taylor Latham, Harry Phillips);

4x100m Relay (Hayden Jenkins, Ben Robinson, Thomas Vanegas, Tiare Raukawa)

Marshall Pereira - 10 Years - Shot Put

Kyan Roach - 12 Years - Shot Put

Tianna Stansfield - 9 Years - 100 metres

ZONE RECORDS

At the Zone Carnival, Jade Elford broke the NEPEAN record.

EVENT	NAME	SCHOOL
Junior Girls 200m	Jade Elford	LOW, Emu Plains

AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Jade Elford and Sienna Gahagan who became the NEPEAN Age Champion and Runner-up for 2017. The students will receive their trophies at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

Junior Boys Age Champion	Jarred Haydon	St Mary MacKillop, Penrith Sth
Junior Boys Runner-up	Joseph Ezekiel	St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith
Junior Girls Age Champion	Jade Elford	LOW, Emu Plains
Junior Girls Runner-up	Sienna Gahagan	LOW, Emu Plains

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

Please keep the children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.



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 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

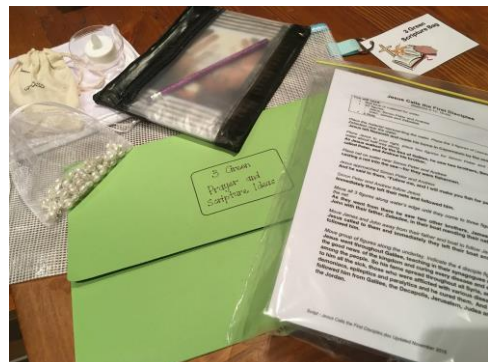
Week 10:

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

Scripture Bags:



Once again an appeal is being made to parents to share your experiences of the Scripture Bags. We would love to hear your feedback. Please forward any comments to: cday3@parra.catholic.edu.au. Looking forward to hearing your thoughts.

Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING NEWS

Year 2 News

Recently Ashton's mother and grandmother, Mrs Clark and Mrs Burke, bought two red wobble chairs for the Year 2 classroom. The students have enjoyed sharing the chairs and recently wrote letters to say thank you.

Dear Mrs Clark and Mrs Burke,

We would like to thank you for buying us the two red wobble stools. You are probably wondering why we like to use them in our classroom. Well, it's because they help to get our silliness out, help us to concentrate, relax and to have fun. They also turn and wobble to help us get a new idea.

We are so grateful and happy.

From Jacinta



Dear Mrs Clark and Mrs Burke,

I am writing to say thank you for the chair buddies.

We love these chairs because we can have a spin on them and while we spin, they help us to think.

Thank you very much for the two chairs that you bought for Year 2.

From Holly

BOOKCLUB NEWS

Due to some delays with the most recent delivery of Issue 5 from Scholastic, plus the fact that we have a busy few weeks coming up we will not be sending home the brochure for Bookclub Issue 6 (which is available now).

If you would like to order anything from Issue 6 you may view the catalogue online using the link below and can order online using the LOOP system. No cash orders to the school for this issue please.

Orders close 7th September.



Thanks
Bookclub Co-ordinators



Brochure

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/.../bookcl.../assets/pdfs/bc617.pdf>



Online Payments

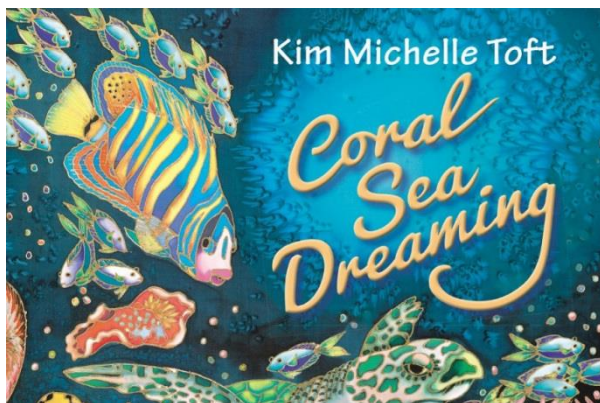
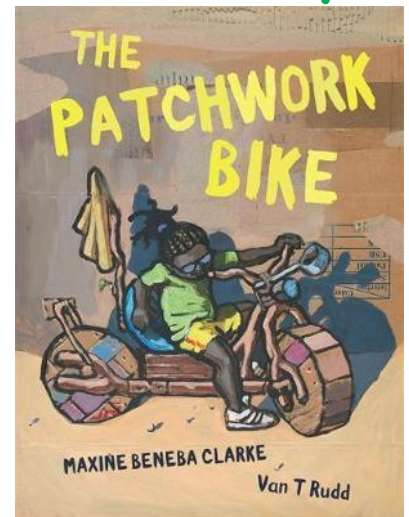
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Look what we have read aloud in the Library!

What's the best fun in the whole village? Riding the patchwork bike we made!
A joyous picture book for children by award-winning author Maxine Beneba Clarke.

When you live in a village at the edge of the No-Go Desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items like an old milk pot (maybe mum is still using it, maybe not) and a used flour sack. You can even make a numberplate from bark, if you want. The end result is a spectacular bike, perfect for going bumpity-bump over sandhills, past your fed-up mum and right through your mud-for-walls home.

Winner of the Children's Book Council of Australia Crichton Award for Debut Illustrator 2017



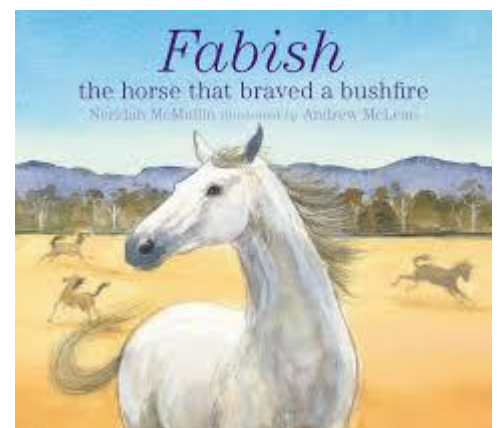
The reef at night comes to life and an array of extraordinary creatures get busy creating a spectacular underwater symphony. Written in classic rhyme and illustrated with Kim Michelle Toft's unique hand painted silk, this book reminds of the urgency to preserve our fragile reef ecosystems.

A powerful and beautifully illustrated picture book based on the true story of a brave horse called Fabish, who saved a group of young horses during the Black Saturday bushfires.

Fabish was a handsome grey racehorse. In his racing days, he wasn't the fastest horse, but he always tried his hardest. And when he retired, Fabish took care of the yearlings in a paddock far away from the training track. Fabish showed the flighty young horses what was expected of a racehorse.

One hot summer day, a wild wind blew up and the yearlings were restless. Then Fabish smelled smoke. Fire was coming, *fast*. The trainer threw open the gate and said, 'Go now!' Fabish neighed to the young ones and they galloped away. All through the night, the fire raged and the trainer battled to save the racehorses in the stables.

But what would become of Fabish and the yearlings? Could he save them from the firestorm?



SHORT-LISTED: CBCA Book of the Year, Eve Pownell Award for Information Books, 2017

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL GALA DAY 2017

On Tuesday August 22nd, 7 teams represented Our Lady of the Way at the St. Nicholas Invitational Netball Carnival. Many thanks to our ex-students who umpired or coached during the day: Alanah, Laura, Jasmine, Bridie, Alyssa, Lara and Clare along with Alyssa and Tara from Caroline Chisholm College.



Thank you to all the parents who assisted and supported our teams. Special thanks must go to the parents who have trained the teams and acted as coaches and managers on the day: Mrs Hirsch, Mrs Hooke, Mrs Budge, Mrs Storr, Mrs Clark, Ms Moffitt, Mrs Riley, Mrs Sekulic, Mrs Procter, Mrs Risse and Mrs Tabor.

A very big thank you to Miss Reynolds, Mrs Hensen, Mrs Flanagan, Miss Mizzi, Mrs Cooke and Miss Byrne for your assistance prior to and on the day.



The highlights of the day included the Year 3 girls playing in their first gala day with beautiful big smiles on their faces; the Year 4 Yellow team who improved significantly as the day progressed; the Year 5 Yellow team who were wonderful ambassadors for our school all day; the Year 6 boys team who had a fabulous day, trying hard to 'mark their player'; the Year 6 girls playing in their final carnival wearing a professional looking uniform; the teamwork displayed by the Years 4 and 5 Blue teams who both finished second in their division.



Congratulations to all players on a wonderful day of netball!

Year 3	Kate ,Mia, Lucia, Alyssa, Madison, Erin, Eden, Ava, Miah and Sophie
Year 4	Breha, Holly, Cara, Lucienne, Keira, Addy, Leilahni, Tianna, Scarlett, Ella, Tayla, Ava, Isabella, Isabelle, Mia, Isabelle, Shani and Sienna
Year 5	Emily, Sarah, Kate, Lucie, Chloe, Zoe, Georgia, Milaya, Erin, Abbey, Sandra, Paige, Milli, Talisha, Daisy, Jessica and Phoebe
Year 6	Charlize, Jorja, Sophie, Emma, Jessie, Sophia, Mia, Brooke, Tailyn, Kennedy, Ben, Logan, Kyan, Hayden, Blake, Thomas, Riley, Jayden and Declan

Anne-Maree McKeon

GENERAL NEWS

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for 2017. These fees were due on Monday 21 August 2017.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or myself, 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."

If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, I encourage you to contact me on 4777 7200 or pvion@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.

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

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

Ms Pascale Vion

Senior Finance Officer

LOWES PENRITH – CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

Please be advised that Lowes Penrith store will be closed for refurbishment from Monday 4th September through to Wednesday 20th September. School uniforms will still be available for purchase online as per normal during this time.



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DATE: Season commences 16 September

TIME: Saturday mornings

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