

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

29th October 2015

DIARY DATES

Friday 30 October

World Teachers' Day
World Youth Day
Mufti Fundraiser

Tuesday 17 November

P & F AGM and General
Meeting, 7pm

Friday 27 November

P & F Gingerbread House
Building Night

Mon 30 Nov – Fri 4 Dec

Swimming, K-Yr 4

Thursday 3 December

Advent/Christmas
Celebration, 7pm

Monday 7 December

OLOW Celebrations of
Learning Awards
Ceremony
9am

Tuesday 8 December

Year 6 Farewell Mass
7pm

Wednesday 9 December

Swimming Carnival

Friday 11 December

Year 6 Social Night

Monday 14 December

End of Year Thanksgiving
Mass and Thank You
Morning Tea

Wednesday 16

December

Last Day for Students

Thurs/Fri 17/18

December

Staff Development Days

Wed 27 & Thurs 28

January

Staff Development Days
Mathematics Assessment
Interviews for all Students
from Years 1-6

Wed 27 to Fri 29 January

Staff Development Days
Literacy and Numeracy for
Kindergarten

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Tomorrow Our Lady of the Way will celebrate World Teachers' Day.

This is a special opportunity for us to stop and thank our teachers for all that they do for the students and families in their care. Too often in the media we hear about the problems that may or may not exist in the profession, and amongst pockets of the population we may also hear what an 'easy job' teaching is!

For teachers in our Catholic school, not only must they know curriculum, student management, child protection, sporting skills and special event organisation, they most importantly guide our students as they grow in faith.

To teach in a Catholic school is never 'just a job' or 'a service' but rather a mission of the Church as we continue to bring Jesus to the students and families. The Catholic school, and its teachers, exist to support parents and the Church in continuing to develop each child in their faith. This mission is a joy—not a job!

And so, we give thanks for the mission of teaching, and for all those in our school who have accepted this as their role in our church and in our world. I invite all students and parents to take the opportunity to spoil our teachers with some surprises on Friday - perhaps a special card or letter, a drawing, or other special treat.

God Bless,
Mrs. Sue Veling
Principal



God of Love

*Thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift.
Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides.
Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more.
Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.*

God of Mercy

*Sustain teachers who give everything they have and feel abandoned when society expects too much.
Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control.
Help exhausted teachers rest.*

God of Strength

*Encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish.
Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning fun for children.*

God of Justice

*Help our nation find a way to steward our vast wealth to support teachers in their special calling,
wherever they teach and whatever the race or religion or gender or wealth of the children.
We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ.*

Amen

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 4 WEEKS 2 & 3



Isabel Gribble, Mario Della Scala, Mikayla Merceica, Paige Hawkes, Bailey Houlihan, Cadence Biggar, Jett Cleary, Blair Stewart, Jackson O'Brien, Miah Hirsh, Mia Kuster, Luke Durham, Zac Phillips, Charlize Risse, Tully Brown, Ciaran Rudge, Hayley Burton, Aiden Callaghan, Marcus Skinner, Ellabeth Fischer, Harry Lewandowski, Riley Craig, Tailyn Tupaea, Tristan Isaia, Tahlia



Robinson, Shanice Matapo, Jacinta Roser, Oliver Herps, Lucienne Heffernan, Tiare Raukawa, Lachlan Stewart, Jayden Roots, Matthew Barnes, Bridie Witjes.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

We understand that family circumstances alter and that children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending *Our Lady of the Way* in 2016 please advise Mrs Veling and complete a notification of leaving form that is available from the school office.

We have healthy enrolments for most classes in 2016, with some children on waiting lists, so in fairness to these families we ask you to let us know if you are changing schools.

If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child at OLOW from 2016, in any grade, please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING (EMU) GRADUATES



Congratulations to Cruz Vilar, Holly Hartstonge and Erin Budge from Year 1 who successfully graduated from the EMU intervention program led by their wonderful teacher Mrs Flanagan.

Mrs Flanagan has worked with these children each day to build their confidence as learners of Mathematics in partnership with their parents, and with grade teachers.

We thank the Catholic Education Office for providing the funding so this valuable intervention can take place.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Yesterday we met our 55 future Kindergarten students (and their parents) who will begin 'big school' next year. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning of this event, as lots of organisation goes on behind the scenes.

It was lovely to see our Year 4 students being introduced to their future Kinder buddies, and our existing Kinder students who sang a hymn of praise.

A special thank you also goes out to our Kindergarten parents who were able to provide, prepare and serve the morning tea, as well as run the parent discussion groups.

Congratulations to our wonderful fashion models who strutted their 'stuff' yesterday displaying our school uniforms – Emma Lohan, Layla Pascoe, Billy Trad, William Elford and Marlie Robertson.



MAMA LANA'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - HUGE THANK YOU

To all the staff, children and families of Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains
We shout out a huge thank you for your recent toiletries drive for our personal care packs. The continued support you have shown us over the past 2 years has been nothing short of amazing. We appreciate all you do. **Lana**☐



RENOWNED EDUCATIONAL THEORIST MICHAEL FULLAN VISITS AUSTRALIA

Michael Fullan will be speaking at a conference on 2nd November. Michael has been a key advisor to the Diocese and is returning to continue discussing strategies to improve student learning and developing effective leadership. The *Our Lady of the Way* Leadership Team including Mr Mifsud, Mrs Day, Mrs Curry, Mrs Flanagan and Ms Reynolds will be attending this conference.

2016 MATHEMATICS TESTING JANUARY

As was introduced in January this year, all students will be assessed using the **Maths Assessment Interview** on **Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January 2016**. Our Lady of the Way staff will be taking two Staff Development Days to assess students in Years 1-6. This is a one-on-one interview style assessment led by a teacher. Each assessment takes a minimum of 30 minutes. More details and an interview on-line booking schedule will be organised for later this term. **School will resume for students in Years 1-6 on Friday 29th January 2016.**

Kindergarten students will have a separate testing schedule for literacy and numeracy and this will take place from Wednesday 27th January to Friday 29th January 2016. **Kindergarten will begin school on Monday 1st February (8:45-1:25); then full days from Monday 8th February (8:45-2:55).**

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is fundraising for World Youth Day 2016. **Raffle tickets** were sent home last week. There are great prizes on offer including a car. Raffle tickets are \$2 per ticket or \$20 per book. All monies raised from selling these raffle tickets will go directly to sending our Year 6 teacher, Ms Reynolds as a pilgrim to World Youth Day (Krakow, Poland) via the Philippines.

In partnership with the Bishop and the Diocese of Tagbilaranto, seven parishes devastated by an earthquake in 2013 will be targeted for a mission encounter by the Parramatta pilgrims. All pilgrims will work on projects such as: helping out in the early childhood centres, primary and secondary schools, women's refuges, orphanages, general maintenance, tending vegetable gardens, painting and food preparation for children. The Diocese of Parramatta is providing all the equipment with a little help from all schools across the diocese. OLOW will have a **Mufti Day** tomorrow to raise funds for this great cause. All monies raised from this mufti day will go directly to the devastated parishes.

VERY IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 30th October	World Teacher's Day World Youth Day Mufti Fund Raiser (\$2 gold coin)
Tuesday 17th November	7pm P&F AGM (election of positions) and P&F general meeting @ Leonay Golf Club
Friday 27th November	P&F Gingerbread House Building night
Monday 30th – Friday 4th December	Swimming Kindergarten, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 4
Thursday 3rd December	7pm Advent/Christmas Celebration
Monday 7th December	9am OLOW Celebrations of Learning Award Ceremony
Tuesday 8th December	7pm Year 6 Farewell Mass
Wednesday 9th December	OLOW Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pool
Friday 11th December	Year 6 Social Night
Monday 14th December	9.15am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass & Thank you Morning Tea
Wednesday 16th December	Last day for students
Thursday/Friday 17th /18th December	Staff Development Days
2016	
Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th January 2016	Staff Development Days – Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) for all students from Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th January 2015	Kindergarten students Literacy & Numeracy Assessments

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Support of Mama Lana's Community Foundation

Thank you all so much for your generosity in supporting the Mama Lana's collection of items for care packages. We filled seven baskets of items. Lana has collected them all and she was amazed by the amount of items that were sent in.

World Youth Day Mufti Day:

Tomorrow the children are invited to wear mufti and bring in a \$2 donation to help support World Youth Day pilgrims.



On their journey to Krakow, Poland pilgrims will be stopping at the island of Bohol, Philippines to help many communities who were devastated by an earthquake in 2013.



To purchase the resources needed to help these communities, schools across the Parramatta Diocese have been asked to raise money. We hope that you will help to support this initiative.

Bandana Day:

Jack Gale and his friends will be helping to sell bandanas tomorrow before school and at 1st and 2nd Breaks. They are \$4 and children will be able to wear them as part of our mufti day. Please help to support Jack and Canteen.



Reconciliation and Masses:

The following celebrations are taking place:

Week 5 - Wednesday November 4 - Year 4 Reconciliation (10:00am)

Week 7 - Friday November 20 - Kindergarten and Year 5 Mass (9:00am)

You are very welcome to attend.

Month of the Rosary:

This month the Rosary, has been a focus across our school. On October 13 at 10:30am, the school stopped with other schools across our country to pray a decade of the rosary to acknowledge National Rosary Day.

Whilst on my pilgrimage earlier in the year, I visited many places that connect to the Mysteries of the Rosary. I thought I would share them with you to help acknowledge the devotion we have to Our Lady during this month.

Luminous Mysteries

Baptism in the River Jordan

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending like a dove on Him, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved: with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1: 10-11



Bethany Beyond the Jordan



Wedding Feast at Cana

Jesus changed water into wine, the first of His signs, and revealed his glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

John 2: 11



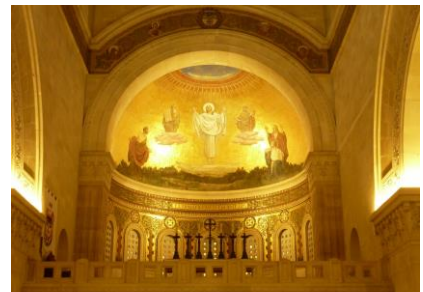
Cana -
Galilee

Christ's Transfiguration

And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white.

Matthew 17: 2

Mt. Tabor - Galilee



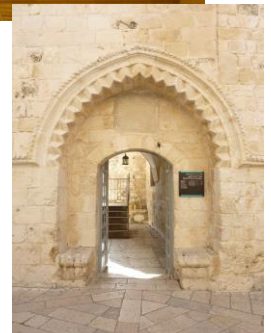
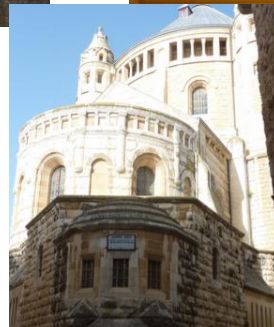
Christ's

Institution of the Eucharist

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Luke 22: 19

Mt. Zion - Jerusalem

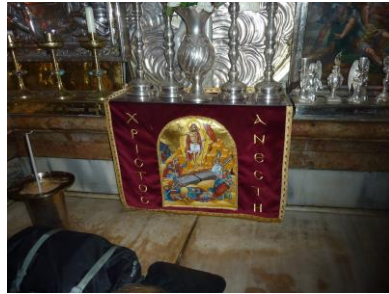


Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

And He said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here. Behold the place where they laid him."

Mark 16: 6

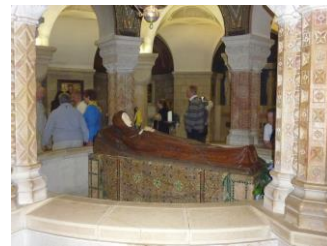


Church of the Holy Sepulcher - Jerusalem

The Assumption

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Apocalypse 12: 1



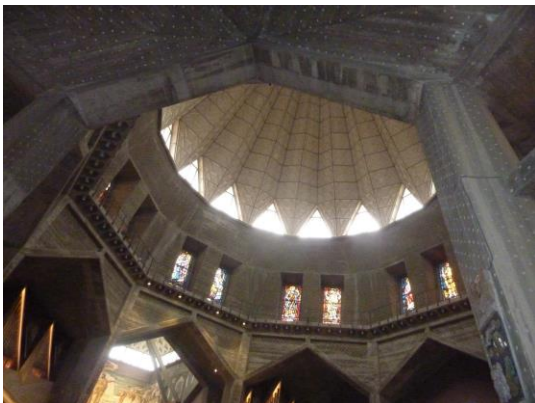
Church of the Assumption - Jerusalem

Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation

And when the angel had come to her he said, "Hail O favoured one, the Lord is with you."

Luke 1: 28



The Visitation

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out with a loud voice, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1: 41-42



Church of the Visitation

The Nativity

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2: 7



Church of the Nativity - Bethlehem

Sorrowful Mysteries

Agony on the Garden

And His sweat became as drops of blood falling down upon the ground. Rising from prayer He came to the disciples and found them sleeping.

Luke 22: 44-45

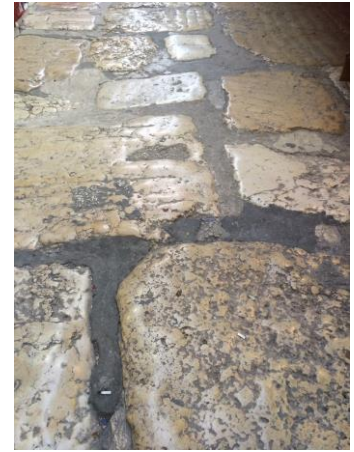
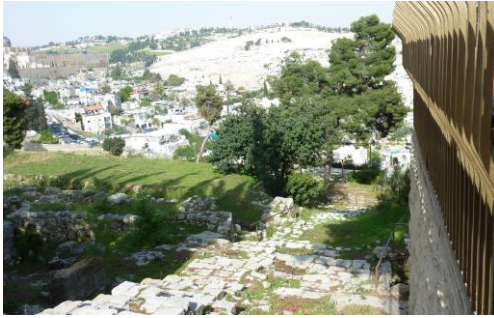


Garden of Gethsemane - Jerusalem

Carrying of the Cross

So they took Jesus, and bearing the cross by Himself, he went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

John 19: 17



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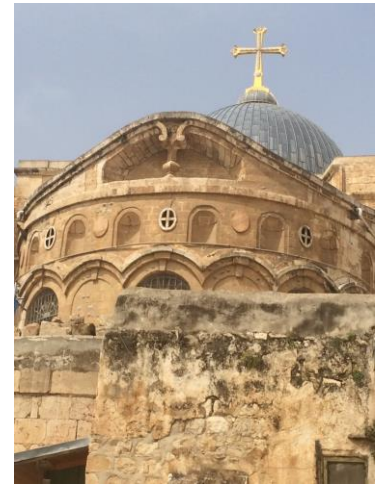
The Crucifixion

And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And having said this, He expired.

Luke 23: 46



Church of the Holy
Sepulcher



Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING NEWS

YEAR 4 SCIENCE INCURSION BY SIENNA AND ESPRI

On Friday the 23rd October, Year 4 had a Science incursion with Kaleidoscope Science. It was extraordinary learning about Science with Jason the teacher. He told us many amazing facts about Science and how force and motion works. Force is one of the many areas you can explore in Science.

Some of the facts that stood out to us were:

- Everything that makes up our human body is called 'mass'.
- When we change things in an experiment it's called variables.
- If you have more weight than somebody else you have more friction than that other person.

When you hear the word friction, what do you think of? Do you think that friction helps to move things, well it actually doesn't. Friction makes things harder to move.

Do you ever wonder what the motion of wobbling is called? The motion is called **precess**.

We had an excellent time and would recommend this show for other years.

By Espri Footman and Sienna Rose.



YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP CAMP

At the beginning of this term, Year 5 students had the opportunity to go on a three day leadership camp to Berry Sport and Recreational Camp. The activities were designed to provide many opportunities for the students to face their fears, challenge themselves and work together as a team. It was a wonderful experience and a great time was had by all, including the teachers. Mrs Day, Ms Glynn with Mr Mifsud and Mrs Veling were very proud of the courage, initiative and resilience shown by our future Year 6 leaders for 2016.

Last week, the students were asked to create a response to their experiences – factual recount, review, pamphlet to promote the camp, poetry, drama or artwork. A selection of these have been shared with you below:

Berry, berry fun

Everyone has to go there

Really nice staff

Really good accommodation

You can't not go

So many activities

Plenty of delicious food to eat

Occasional twists and turns

Recommended by everyone

Tiring activities



Accommodation is awesome

No sweets allowed

Doing the activities is really fun

Really adventurous bush walk

Every activity is fun

Cool instructors

Right place to be

Everyone has a go

All people are welcome

Time will not be wasted

I would recommend it

Open for people to have a blast

Nice and cosy to stay

A time to relax

Lots of memorable moments



Cool things to do like canoeing, rock climbing, campfire, vertical challenges and more

A time to cooperate

Mates can come

People think it's the best

BY SAM REIDY AND LACHLAN ARMOUR

Climbing is about challenging yourself and being proud of what you have just achieved. Climbing is really fun as you have to work as a team to see how other people work and it's also about trusting each other and being able to choose the right people that will be responsible and not let you fall. When you're climbing you have a belay team down below you to help pull you up and they need to be paying attention or otherwise you will fall and could hurt yourself. **by Montana Clifford**



Berry Sport and Recreation Camp



Berry Sport and Recreation Camp is a exciting place to go because there are lots of activities to do such as giant swing, archery, biscuits, rock climbing and much more to out fear your fears. There are at least two weeks worth of activities to do at Berry Sport and Recreation Camp.

Sport

In free time you get to do some sport such as tennis, basketball, soccer, football and volleyball.



Accommodation

The accommodation at Berry Sport and Recreation Camp is very simple. Some of the rooms had 4-6 beds the rooms had bunk beds to sleep on. In the common rooms there are some relaxing chairs to sit on there is also a fridge to freeze things in. There is also a table to play cards on.



by Matthew Sekulic and
Boyd Boormakin



by Olivia Boulous

The Biscuit is an inflatable raft. Six to seven people are allowed on the rafts with paddles, 6 people paddling and 1 steering (if there are 8 people one sits in the middle.) You are in a river on the biscuits facing challenges, like trying to stand up for 30 seconds without falling in the water, which group can spin around most times, standing up while paddling and being towed by the dingy. I fell in plenty of times. It was so much fun and probably the highlight of the camp for me.

If you love swimming and having a go, while being with your friends facing fun challenges then this is definitely for you! I would recommend this to all my friends!

Berry Sport and Recreation Camp by Flynn Starr

On Wednesday Year 5 went on a school excursion to Berry Sport and Recreation Camp. The reason we went to Berry Sport and Recreation Camp was to get to know everyone better, to conquer our fears, teamwork and trusting other people. My most favourite activity had to be the bush walk because once we got up to the 'awful' tower we all got to see an awesome view of the beach and towns in the distance.



Dear Mr Mifsud, Mrs Day, Ms Glynn and Mrs Veling,

Thank you for leaving your families to take us to camp. It was a great experience that we will never forget. It was fun rock climbing and doing the biscuit.

I also learnt that there's more to teamwork than just working together. We need to understand each other and value the other members of the team just as much as ourselves. I learnt the difference between a boss and a leader: a leader recommends an idea while a boss tells you to do things. I will truly value these life lessons that going to camp has taught me. The best thing is I learnt while having fun. Thanks for a great time at camp.

From Joshua Phillips

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Prevent kids and teens from inadvertently or intentionally accessing inappropriate content

There are a number of ways to protect children online. Using a combination of techniques is often the most effective way. These can include:

- *Use internet content filters, which are available from your ISP, because they can:*
 - *recognise offensive web content and restrict access to it*
 - *be individually set for different members of your family*
 - *set time limits for online use*
 - *help you monitor the online activities of your family members.*
- *Discuss the kinds of sites that are okay to explore, and those that aren't.*
- *Let your kids and teens know that not all websites are suitable for them.*
- *Explore the internet together and bookmark websites for them that you have approved.*
- *Talk to your kids about the risks. Encourage them to come to you if they see anything inappropriate online and let them know that their internet privileges will not be taken away if they do.*
- *Encourage the use of computers and mobile devices in a common area, like the family room or the kitchen to make it easier to monitor use of the internet.*
- *Install the [Cybersafety Help Button](#) on all personal computers and devices.*

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner provides resources and practical advice for parents, guardians, teachers and children to help them safely navigate the online world.

Information taken from



Australian Government
Department of Communications and the Arts

Please contact me at mmifsud@parra.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions relating to the ***OLOWCURRICULUMSPOT***.

Michael



Stage 2 & Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day

From parents:

"...Thank you for your organisation. You have made today run so smoothly with all the changes and we really appreciate all the teachers' time and organisation to make today possible..."

"...Today I had the pleasure of coaching the Year 5 girls team. I would like to pass on my appreciation to the teachers for arranging the team and to Mel Brown for her invaluable assistance as Team Manager and Official Scorer. She was fantastic, and far more experienced at the whole basketball caper than I was.

The players and their parents and supporters displayed an excellent attitude. Their behaviour of our team was a credit to their parents and teachers, especially under difficult conditions given the hot weather.

You won't be at all surprised to know our most popular visitor on the day was Mr Mifsud. All the OLOW students near me called out to him, and went down to see him when he arrived.

I'll happily volunteer to coach the team again next year if circumstances permit."

On Tuesday 20th October, eight teams represented *Our Lady of the Way* at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, Cambridge Park.

We had a wonderful day competing against other local schools in the Parramatta Diocese. Our students displayed amazing sportsmanship with great team and school spirit as we cheered our team and when possible, other teams along.

We must thank all the parents who volunteered to be our team coaches and team managers, as these days cannot be run without parents giving up their valuable time to help. Your words of encouragement and guidance led all our teams to have success during the day.

A special thanks to Claudette Sagun, Melissa Brown, Sinead Roser, Leanne Bennett, Jeff Boulous, Linda Flanagan, Stephen Godwin, Terryanne Dixon and Michael Urquhart who helped out with coaching on the day and who helped train the teams during break times. Your support and expertise was invaluable.

Thank you also to Mrs Grima Starkey, Mrs Blazek, Mrs Kuipers, Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Khalifeh for helping to train the teams during break times and helping to organise the day.

A big thank you to Miss Reynolds who helps behind the scenes to coordinate these special events, along with organising our new basketball singlets for our Year 3 teams. They looked brilliant!

Stage 3 Teams

Year 6 Girls Team: Lara Roser, Jill Downie, Aimee Wagner, Mikayla Flanagan, Jessica Daley, Olivia Downie, Bridie Witjes, Tahlia Rando, Madison Whitely

Coach: Sinead Roser **Manager:** Jacqui Daley





Year 6 Boys Team: Dominic Sagun, Kyal Risse, Bailey Sultana, Blair Stewart, Nicholas James, Jack Palombo, James Borland, Joseph Curry, James Browne
Coach: Claudette Sagun
Managers: Tamara James and Alison Borland



Year 5 Girls Team: Clare Roser, Jessica Dray, Tahlia Robinson, Emma Craig, Olivia Boulous, Olivia Bennett, Olivia Craig, Tully Brown, Taylor Carroll
Coach: Jeff Boulous **Manager:** Melissa Brown



Year 5 Boys Team: Keegan Smith, Jack Gale, Jett Cleary, Ethan Dempsey, Mathew Sekulic, Tristan Isaia, Noah Clifford, Sam Reidy, Bailey Gregory
Coach: Mrs Khalifeh **Manager:** Leanne Bennett

Stage 2 teams

Year 4 Boys Team: Patrick Urquhart, Benjamin Robinson, Riley Bahlmann, Kye Lloyd, Kennedy Storr, Jack Prendergast, Billy Pearson, Hayden Jenkins, Bailey Latham, Logan Sultana
Coach: Michael Urquhart



Year 4 Girls Team: Charlize Risse, Sienna Rose, Clarice Sagun, Abigail Dixon, Mia Urquhart, Brooke Bentley, Brianna Mangan, Emma Jones, Emilia Di Prinzio, Taily Tupaea
Coach: Terryanne Dixon

Year 3 Boys Team: Toby Witjes, Zachary Phillips, Connor Lohan, Charlie Thomas, Harrison Bennett, Joshua Robinson, Tyler Clifford, Alex Godwin, Isaac Steele, Lachlan Stewart
Coach: Stephen Godwin



Year 3 Girls Team: Rory Muller, Abbey Flanagan, Talisha North, Chloe Riley, Larissa Stewart, Sandra Elias, Madeline Wade, Sienna Gahagan, Milaya Cleary, Kate Roser
Coach: Linda Flanagan

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jade Elford, Sienna Gahagan and Emilia Di Prinzio who participated in the NSWCPs MacKillop Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre on Thursday 15th October.

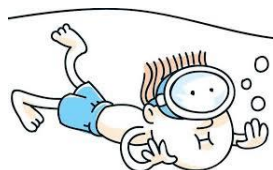
The girls completed in the following events -

8 Years Girls 100m - Jade Elford

8 Years Girls 100m - Sienna Gahagan

Jnr Girls Shot Put Multi-Class - Emilia Di Prinzio

It is an amazing achievement to get this far and all the girls performed well on the day and achieved personal bests. They all should be very proud of themselves as we are all very proud.



Term 4 Swimming Program 2015



Swimming at OLOW will look a little different this year. The compulsory swimming program for Kindergarten, Year One, Year Two, Year Three and Year Four will be conducted at Nepean Aquatic Centre. (Buses will transport students to the venue). The cost of the program is covered in your annual activity fee. As with previous years, there is an enrolment questionnaire and a permission note to be completed by the student's guardian prior to the program commencing. All students will receive a certificate of their accomplishments at the end of the program.

The five-day program will begin on Monday 30th November (Week 9) through to Friday 4th December. Session times are as follows:

Group One	Kindergarten	9:45am – 10:45am
Group Two	Years 1 & 2	10:50am – 11:50am
Group Three	Years 3 & 4	11:55am – 12:55am

Further information/permission notes will be sent home closer to the date. We look forward to hot weather and cooling down in the pool!!

Mrs Bernadette Curry

Scan with your
smartphone or
tablet to go to the
OLOW website.



Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2015 and Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience".**

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 30th October as these trials will be held in November 2015.

All other sport registrations will open on 2nd November for 2016 trials.

Please contact Miss Reynolds for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

GENERAL NEWS

At *Our Lady of the Way* we have a 'No Hat No Play' policy. If your child has forgotten their hat we cannot supply them with a spare one due to health concerns.

All children need to remember to bring their hats to school. Hats should be clearly labelled so they can be returned when misplaced.



PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The Parents Representative Council (PRC) Term 4 General Meeting will take place on Monday 16 November 2015 at 7pm, in the Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian St, Blacktown. The presentation will be: All students are gifted and talented....identifying personalised pathways to success. Presenters will be Tim Hardy (Team Leader – Numeracy, CEDP) and Anthony McElhone (Principal, St Oliver's Primary School, Harris Park).

For further information email: prcparrasecretary@gmail.com

REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the Teacher/s, Assistant Principal and/or Principal, to find a resolution for your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience of our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the school website:

<http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au/> or system website: www.parra.catholic.edu.au.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

At times during the year, *Our Lady of the Way* students have the opportunity to be photographed and videoed. These photos and videos may be used as part of grade assessments, be uploaded to the school Facebook page, Twitter, Skoolbag etc, the school website or placed in school publications such as the Parent Handbook. Photographs may also be used in publications to promote the school in newspapers and other media.

When you enrolled your child, you gave us permission to do this. If you wish to withdraw this authorisation and consent, please notify the school in writing.

KIDS LOVE REWARDS

Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit, drinking water and being active. Use treats like stickers, special games and outings, hugs and praise. Avoid using food as a reward.



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to all students at Our Lady of the Way on completing the Premiers Reading Challenge. Books shared with the children in their Classrooms and during their Library visits resulted in this fantastic achievement.

Certificates from PRC for the students will be sent to the school late November (approx).

Any books that are read from 1 September 2015 will go towards their 2016 PRC.



Library Bags are essential if you would like your child to borrow a book from our Library.

Please arrange for your child to have a bag. Far too many children are turning up to their library lesson without a bag. A plastic shopping bag or one from home is fine.

Thank you



The end of term will be here before we know it. Could you PLEASE start looking at home, your child's bag, grandma's house, under the bed, on your bookshelf for **HOME READERS** and **LIBRARY BOOKS**. Class Readers are in packs of 6 to 8. If a copy is missing it impacts on shared reading groups in class also these books are expensive to replace.

