



By The Way



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

16th November 2017

DIARY DATES

17 November
Last Day of 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
Thursday 1 February 2018
Kinder begin 8.45am-12.00pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

As we come towards the end of the school year, teachers are very busy finalising student reports and preparing the children for the Advent Season and our school Christmas concert. I am very grateful for the time and care that each of the teachers have put into preparing these reports as a summation of the semester's learning. A great deal of time and effort goes into assessing students and writing their reports. They are one useful tool used to inform parents and carers about their child's learning successes for the semester and propose some goals for their continued learning.

At this time of the year, we are both looking back at the great year we have had and look forward to what is coming in 2018. Yesterday, I was privileged to join Year 5 in their Leadership Development Day. The focus of the day was to explore what good leadership looks, sounds and feels like and to deepen student understanding and skills to help them become the leaders of OLOW in 2018. Fr Mic joined us in the first session to talk about leadership and his role as leader of our parish. He spoke of how impressive the students were in their discussion about leadership and their personal aspirations. Students looked at the character strengths of leaders and different situations where they would need to call upon these strengths and looked at famous people and how they built resilience to overcome hurdles. In groups, they participated in cooperative games which highlighted leadership qualities and the importance of teamwork.

In preparing for the selection of our 2018 school captains and nomination for leadership teams, representatives from our current leadership teams spoke with Year 5, sharing their insights into the different roles and importance of student leadership at OLOW. The teachers were so very proud of them as we witnessed how they have each grown into wonderful leaders and young adults.

Over the coming week, the process for electing our 2018 Captains and Student Representative Council and the nomination for our leadership teams will take place. We have no doubt that each of the students from Year 5 will be great leaders in whichever position they take.

In partnership,
Miss Emma Mizzi
Acting Principal



OUR LADY OF THE WAY MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Way is a Catholic community in which children, teachers and parents nurture a sense of personal worth as they work together in a safe, happy, challenging and faith-centred learning environment.

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



Jayden Ryan, Cody Thompson, Hamish Gauke, Zoe Chang, Lola Troitsin, Mason Benitez, Sienna Fitzsimmons, Tyra Footman, Carter Benitez, Jackson O'Brien, Marlie Robertson, Jai Noronha, Declan Casey, Jacob Bennett, Mario Della Scala, Mia Eekman, Ella Reid, Emilie Brett, Sophie Jones, Lucie McIntosh, Milaya, Cleary, Justin Bailie, Chloe Riley, Cadence Biggar, Jorja Tabor, Abby Hurst, Eva Curry, Wayde Race, Amara Frank, Billy Trad, James Byrne, Caleb Venegas, Miah Hirsch, Jarrod Partlett, Oliver Herps, Pierce Lucas, Cara Smith, Lewis Edwards, Samuel Bray, Emilia Di Prinzio


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.

On the 16th November, *Our Lady of the Way* Attendance Level was **85.5%**

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	 85.5%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	 87.8%
01	 93.0%
02	 88.1%
03	 87.5%
04	 77.4%
05	 85.7%
06	 75.7%

Congratulations to Year 1 who have reached the Diocesan target of 90%. We look forward to a healthier Term 4, so our attendance level can return to above 90% for all grades.

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.

BUILDING PROGRAM

The OLOW building works are in their last weeks. The final piece to the puzzle is the roofing for the new covered walkway outside Year 1. The builders have advised the school that, weather permitting, this will be installed on the 25th November. The school will continue to update you regarding its progress. We will be very grateful when it is all complete.

BOOKCLUB NEWS

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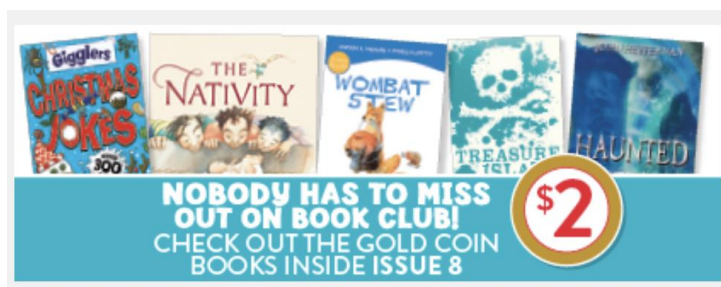
This week we will be sending home the final *Scholastic Book Club* brochures for 2017. We'd like to thank you for supporting the book club. To date this year we have earned around \$1500 in rewards points that have been directed to resources for the library and the class rooms.

If you would like to order books as Christmas gifts, please use the online LOOP ordering system and select the icon below which will ensure your books are kept aside for collection from the office, rather than going home with the children.



If you miss out on a brochure we keep spares at the office or you can view the latest catalogue online at

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/assets/pdfs/bc817.pdf>



GENERAL NEWS

CANTEEN CLOSED ON THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Attention Kinder and Year 1 parents. Please note that on the day of the swimming carnival, Thursday 30th November, the canteen will be closed. Kindly ensure that you provide lunch and a snack for your child on that day.

LOWES VOUCHERS

We have some vouchers to use at Lowes. The first is a 15% off school wear (in store and online) voucher. If you would like to take advantage of this online, go to www.lowesschoolwear.com.au and enter the code 15SCHODS at the checkout to receive your discount.



The second voucher is for \$10 off Bata School Shoe voucher (selected styles only, in store only at selected stores).

Both vouchers are valid until 31st December 2017. If you would like one, please call into the office.



16th November 2017

From the sidelines

Important dates

P&F Meeting –

AGM 22nd November
7pm (School Staff
room)

Christmas Concert –

Monday 27th
November



Hi Parents,

The P&F would like to say a huge thank you for all the support you gave to the Fete. It was a very successful and fun day.

We made a lot of money so we can continue to support our school and children, and assist with providing various resources.

Our last event for the year is the Christmas Concert; this is always a great way to kick off the Christmas season. There will be drinks for sale and a special raffle to be sold and drawn on the night.

We hope to see lots of parents at our AGM – come and meet some new people and find out more about our school community.

A note from the President

What a year. As I reflect on the year and what the P&F has achieved, it made me think about why we are doing this....

- To help create a community
- To support our children in their education
- To provide fundraising and activities

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents of Our Lady of The Way, and especially those who have supported all our events throughout the year. It has been an extremely successful year with lots of new faces helping out, and lots of happy children.

Please let the P&F say thank you by joining us at our AGM, for drinks and pizza. If you haven't already please RSVP to the office.

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: kieryandbrett@gmail.com and I look forward to working with you.

**The next P&F/AGM meeting will be held at 7pm
on Wednesday 22nd of November 2017 in the Staff Room.**

President – Kiery Pascoe, **Vice President** – Kate Andrews, **Secretary** – Rochelle Bahlmann,
Treasurer – Jane Cashel, **Fundraising Co-ordinator** VACANT, **Fundraising Assistant** – Vanessa Garrahy, Sarah Pereira
Social Media – Julie Woods, **Fete Coordinator** – Ben and Tara Cremmin
Committee members – Kevin Houlihan, Regina Hawkes, Melissa McGrath, Tara Cremmin

Please support our Fete sponsors!!



COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of this month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. Next gathering: Tuesday 21st November. Venue: Ann D Clarke Building, [2a Villiers St, Parramatta](#). Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Contact Rita: 8843 2517 on or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

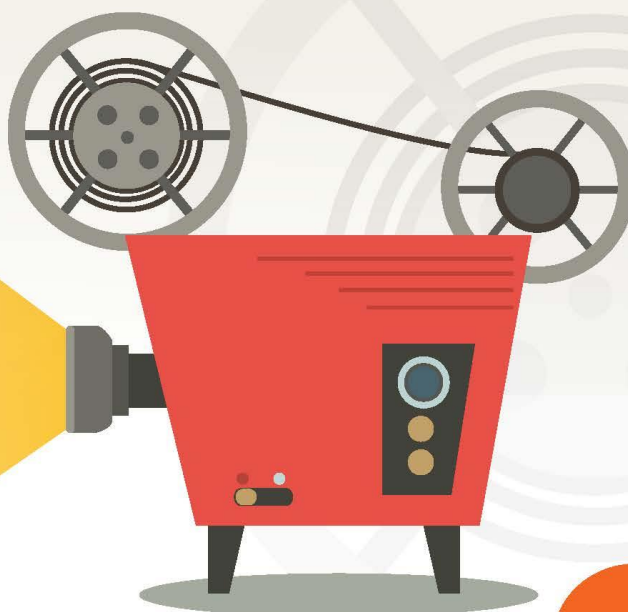
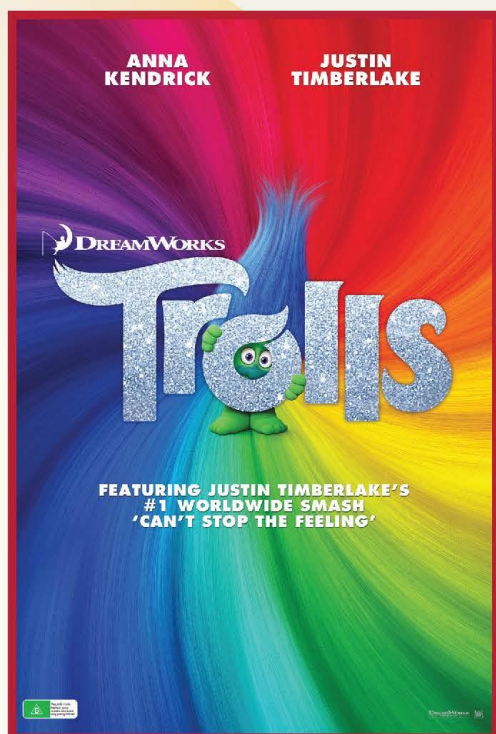
STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Solo Parent Services last "Stepping Beyond" Support Group for this year will be held on Tuesday 28th November. This group supports anyone experiencing separation or divorce. Venue: Ann D. Clarke Building, [2A Villiers St, Parramatta](#). Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Contact Rita: 8843 2517 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

PENRITH

Cinema IN THE Park

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER



FREE
EVENT

TIME: 6pm until late,
feature film commences at dusk.

WHERE: Regatta Park - River Road, Emu
Plains

FEATURE FILM: 'Trolls'

Kids activities & food for sale.

For more information phone 1300 736 836.

penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events

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