



By The Way



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

7th June 2018

DIARY DATES

Friday 8 June 9.15am Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass
Monday 11 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 13 June Kinder & Yr 5 to Parish Mass Parent Meeting ICT in the Classroom 6.00pm P & F Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 20th June Reports sent home Eucharist Rehearsal, Group 1
Sunday 24 June First Holy Communion Mass, Group 1
Mon 25 June to Thurs 5 July Parent/Teacher/Student Led Conferences
Wednesday 27 June Eucharist Rehearsal Group 2, 7.30pm
Sunday 1 July First Holy Communion Mass, Group 2 Last Mass for Fr Mick
Monday 2 July Athletics Carnival
Thursday 5 July Last day for students
Friday 6 July PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 23 July Term 2 begins
Wednesday 1 August Confirmation Parent Information Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 2 August Confirmation Parent Information Meeting 7.30pm (repeat)

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

I am sure that you have heard the belief that, "A positive attitude attracts positive energy", just as I am sure that like many, you believe that in most circumstances there are two ways to look at life, positively or negatively. Our attitude towards life determines life's attitude towards us. A positive attitude is the outward expression of a mind that dwells on positive matters: "As a person thinks in his heart, so he is". Proverbs 23:7



If we have a mind that conjures up images of difficulties and failures, we need to do something about it. We need to elevate our thought processes and install mental pictures of success and achievement. In this way we can look down on our problems instead of looking up to them.

St Paul encouraged the people of Ephesus to... "Put off the old self to be made new in the attitude of your mind". Eph 4:22

By changing the inner attitude of our mind, we can change the outer expression of our life. Attitude is contagious. Positive attitude gives energy to you and to those around you. So what type of attitude training do we give our children? Do we offer them encouraging thoughts? Do we lead them to read and view positive material that will inspire? Do we encourage them to be outward in their thinking? – There is much more to think about in life than themselves. Do we provide for them the 'triple goodies' of good nutrition, good sleep, good exercise? Do we encourage them to focus on the 'good things' they have in life and to be content?

Samuel Johnston reminds us that, "Our attitude is the expression of our values, our beliefs and our expectations." How is our attitude perceived by our children? It is important for our children to realise that no matter how hard they try to develop positive attitudes, they don't live in a vacuum. They will surely come across people who have an unenlightened view on life. However, it doesn't matter what kind of attitude other people present to them, what matters is how they deal with it and how they perceive its worth.

Hopefully, they will have us to look up to for their models for positive living.

God Bless,
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.

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

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"To act justly, To love tenderly and To walk humbly with our God"

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you to our parents for your support in ensuring that the students wore their Winter Uniform for our school photos. We look forward to receiving them.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 2 WEEKS 4 & 5



Noah Sykes, Liam Byrne, Jackson Gabriel, Lorcan Byrne, Junior North, Ben Thomas, Zac Welton, Trinity Callaghan, Ethan Hughes, Hamish Gauke, Luka Kuster, Olivia Scott, Hannah Fullan, Liam Wilding, Lorcan Cullen, Demi Boormakin, Ivy Hooke, Christopher Elias, Abby Godwin, Holly Hartstonge, Emilie Brett, Jack Brown, Hakopa Raukawa, Talisha North, Connor Lohan, Oscar King, Marshall Pereira, Maharlya, Lucas Edwards, Avery Hall, Marcus Belcastro, Zachary Durham, Flynn Weber, Ruby Trad, Zoe Robertson, Max Thompson, Isabella Rampono, Iven So, Thomas Tabor, Makenzie Clarke, Tanner Clarke, Noah Thompson, Owen Tait, Billy Trad, Sam Cashel, Noah Downey, Marcus Skinner, Sienna Footman, Kees Muller, Tiare Raukawa, Jack Sykes, Dieter Erdmann, Riley Craig.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SKOOLBAG APP

Skoolbag is a free app that can be downloaded to your phone, iPad and computer as a form of communication with the school. **Skoolbag IS NOT a social media app.** It is available from iTunes and Google Play. Just search for OLOW Emu Plains and you will see our school crest. All school notes and newsletters are updated onto this site and you will receive an alert when something is uploaded or there is an important or urgent announcement.

SCHOOL OPAL TAP CAMPAIGN TERM 2

This term, bus inspectors will be checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school buses. Students that do not present a valid Opal card will be asked to pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name. All students need to produce a •School Opal card •Child/Youth Opal card •Or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 KINDERGARTEN

Enrolment packs are available to those families who intend to enrol any siblings of students already at Our Lady of the Way for Kindergarten in 2019. Please collect these packs from the office and return as soon as possible as this information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. **We already have 50 students that have been offered places for 2019.**

*I will not bully others.
I will not stand by while others are bullied.
I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it...
...because I have
the POWER of ONE*

On May 17th, all grades participated in an anti-bullying performance entitled THE POWER OF ONE. This performance was a series of skits presented by actors who used boxes, colours, and masks to vividly portray what bullying is, what can be done about it, and how every child has the power of one, the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it.

The Power of One:

- Explained the roles in bullying: Bully, Target, and Bystander Showed vivid examples of different types of bullying: Physical, Verbal, Exclusion, and Cyber bullying
- Alerted children that Targets need help and intervention
- Encouraged students not to be bystanders but rather be upstanders
- Emphasised the need for individual action to make the community a safer, better place
- Referred children to parents, adults, and teachers for further assistance and instruction

The performance defined bullying as any situation where, because of a power imbalance, systematic behaviour occurs that is HURTFUL, PURPOSEFUL, and REPEATED where one person picks on another with the intent to cause harm and isolation.

To end the performance, the actors brought out THE POWER OF ONE pledge poster board that has the THE POWER OF ONE Anti-Bullying Oath printed on it. The poster was presented to your school and together the actors and the students took the oath.

Our Lady of the Way School is committed to ensuring that in all we do and say, we are respectful and compassionate to each other. We continue to support and educate our students in how to build strong and positive relationships.



GAMES-A-THON 2018








Thank you to each and every family that participated in the Games-a-thon. A total of \$15,000 was raised. This money will go towards purchasing outdoor equipment for the students and the resurfacing of the area under the COLA.

ATTENDANCE - EVERY LEARNER - EVERY DAY

At *Our Lady of the Way*, we continue to promote student attendance. Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each 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.

Our school average this week is **90.2%**, which is **above** the CEDP target of 90%. *Congratulations to Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 who display excellent attendance.* We love seeing all our students at school!

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	 90.2%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	 94.3%
01	 86.0%
02	 91.4%
03	 91.6%
04	 98.0%
05	 76.9%
06	 93.2%



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.*

Attendance

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

Partial Absences (PA) are recorded for each child every time they are late to school or leave early from school. **Partial Absence** from school does add up to time away from learning, settling into routines of the day or saying goodbye at the end of the day. It is important that all children are at school by 8:45am when our school day starts. A **Partial Absence** is recorded from this time and an explanation is required by parents or a carer to be signed in through the Office.

THE RECYCLABLES COLLECTION ZONE AT OLOW IS OPEN.



Our Lady of the Way School has joined forces with the Return & Earn Container Collection at Blacktown and has been asked to participate in the 'Scrap for Schools' Program.

This means the school is a drop off and pick up point for recyclables. The school has an account with the Blacktown collection point and all funds generated from recyclables collected from our school or dropped off by families at their facilities, will be paid into our account.

If the bottle/carton has 10c refund written on the label, please deposit it in our white bags.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS and PARENT & TEACHER STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

The teaching staff at Our Lady of the Way, have been working together to write your child's Semester One reports. As indicated in previous communication, we will be using a new format. The reports will be sent home on Wednesday 20th June. This will be followed by our Student Led Conferences in Weeks 9&10 (25 June-6 July). This conference gives your child an opportunity to share with you their achievements during the semester, provide evidence of success and set goals for Semester 2. All students and their parent/carers are expected to attend. The on-line booking system will be available soon.

If you have concerns about your child's learning or well-being, please speak with your child's teachers AT ANY TIME by making an appointment to meet confidentially.

A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE

Due to the mounting complaints from residents in Forbes, Troy and surrounding Streets, the NSW Police have sent our school the following email.

ARE YOU SCHOOL SAFE? Illegal parking around schools endangers children's lives. If you've heard the expression "it's only a matter of time until someone gets hurt" then you'll understand why it is important for EVERYONE to obey the road rules.

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate. Schools provide information in school newsletters and emails to promote safe behaviour and this includes parking legally during drop off and pick up times.

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days. Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.

Illegal parking around schools puts lives at risk. That's why Council and the Police take a 'zero tolerance' approach. Council Rangers, Parking Officers and Police regularly patrol schools across the Penrith LGA.

Parking in a No Parking area - means you can stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a MAXIMUM of 2 MINUTES. You must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle.

Parking in a No Stopping area - means you CANNOT stop in this area for ANY reason.

Parking in a Bus Zone area - means you CANNOT stop or park unless you are driving a bus.

OLOW ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2018

We have been notified that there is a change to the date of our Athletics Carnival due to ground availability. It is now on **Monday 2nd July** (Week 10) at Parker Street Reserve, King Street Penrith – entrance via Coreen Avenue.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Topic: How is Technology used in the classroom at OLOW?

When: Wednesday 13th June

Time: 6pm

Where: OLOW Staffroom (entrance via the school office)



You are invited to attend our next Parent & Friends Meeting on Wednesday 13th June at 7pm in the school Staffroom.

BE INVOLVED! BE PRESENT! BE ENGAGED!

*The P&F represents the interests of the whole parent body. It helps parents engage with the school and the education of their children.
It is there to support the school.*

YEAR 1 VISITS ROUSE HILL HOUSE & FARM

As part of their Term 2 History unit called 'Past and Present Family Life', Year One went to Rouse Hill House and Farm to learn about life at school and home for children in 1889. They had a great time learning about the roles of children 200 years ago. Year One then wrote recounts about their day:



On Tuesday, 22 May, Year One went to Rouse Hill House Farm because we were learning about the roles of children in 1889.

First, we went and had something to eat. It was a long time on the bus because it is a long way from our school.

Next, we went to the milking shed. They had to get the milk out of the cow and then carry the milk back to the house on a yolk.

After that, we went to the washing line. When we got there we hung the washing out using dolly pegs. Then we went to the chicken's cage and we fed the chickens. Next, we went to the water pump and we all had a go at pumping the water.

Following that, we went to school dressed in the uniforms that the children wore in 1889. We learnt how to sew and we learnt about caterpillars. We wrote with slate on slate boards.

After that we went to the maypole and danced around it. We also got some weights and we did some exercises. When they went to school in 1889 the teachers were very strict.

Finally, we got our bags and got on the bus. We were very tired.

By Ella Hirsh, Year One

On Tuesday Year 1 went to Rouse Hill House and Farm because we were learning about the olden days.

First, we went on a bus and it was a long way. When we got there we had our Crunch and Sip. We got into three groups. I was in Mrs Kuipers' group.

After that, we got to pump the water and everybody got to have a go. In the olden days the children had to carry the bucket all the way to the house.

After lunch, we dressed up. We walked to the school and Mrs Turnbull was strict in the classroom.

Then we all got our bags. Last of all, we went on the bus. It was fun learning about how the people lived in the olden days.



Audrey Edwards, Year One

THE CURIOUS CHILD: How Curiosity Helps With Learning

Every teacher loves it when children ask questions and then start exploring the answers. Their minds are awake, they sit up in attention and their curiosity is piqued. The lights are on. When children are curious, they are far more likely to stay alert and engaged.

So why is curiosity so important, and why does it make the brain so stimulated?

According to a study from the University of California, when we become curious our brain chemistry changes, which helps us to learn and retain information. The brain is a fascinating organ. Every day we are faced with mountains of information, but even those with excellent memories will remember just a fraction of what they were exposed to.

So why is it that we remember some things and forget others?

Researchers discovered that when an individual's curiosity was aroused, the parts of the brain that regulate pleasure and reward fired up. There is also increased activity in the hippocampus, which is where memories are created. When we are stimulated, this part of our brain lights up and dopamine releases, which gives us a type of high. Dopamine is a chemical that is released when we are exposed to a variety of pleasurable or dangerous activities such as receiving rewards, money, gambling, taking certain drugs or sugary foods. Thankfully, it is also released when we are curious. When this happens, it improves the connections in the brain required for learning (the limbic system), making it easier for us to learn.

How does this help with getting children to learn?

Stimulate children and pique their curiosity, and you will enable them to learn more easily and to retain the information. What's more, the study confirmed that curiosity helps with remembering the more boring information, too. For example if a child is in a class which they find stimulating and they are inspired, and then move straight into a less interesting class, their brains will continue to be more receptive to understanding and recalling the information in the second class.

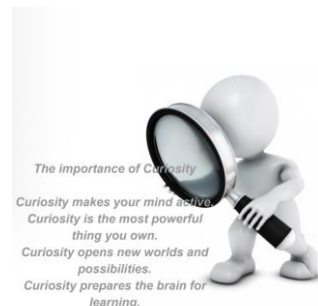
Some teachers use this process by inspiring children with interesting questions that will get them excited before launching into a less stimulating activity. A teacher may ask a string of questions about a favourite subject to get kids thinking and stimulated. Then, when the kids are on their 'learning high' the teacher can introduce a more complex concept that is important to remember – with positive results!

For many teachers, this is something they've been intuitively aware of and have been practising for years. Now though, it's been tested and backed up by science!

How can parents help their children to become more curious?

1. Teach them to be flexible thinkers and doers. Remind your children that there is always more than one perspective to look at an issue and they should consider more than one whenever possible.
2. Ask them to practice suspending judgments about people. Teach them to always remain curious, don't fall prey to stereotypes, and continue learning about other people.
3. Provide an environment that supports their autonomy. Children are more curious and find it easier to persist in the face of obstacles, and are more creative when they are given support to make personal choices. When parents attempt to identify their child's interests and be responsive to what they care about, curiosity has a chance to flourish.
4. Help your child feel competent. Creating opportunities for skill-building and success is an important process. One way to do this is to allow time for play, free of constraints such as the fear of failure and mistakes. It is also important to dole out praise and constructive feedback to your child.
5. Be your child's safe haven. To take risks, act on our curiosity, and experiment with new ways of thinking and acting, we need to feel safe. Be responsive when your child shares past explorations or future plans with you. If they feel uncomfortable, let them know that anxious thoughts and feelings are natural when trying new things and taking on just manageable challenges. When you are accepting of their negative feelings, they will learn to do the same. Not only will you enhance their curiosity and tolerance of pain, you will also strengthen your relationship with them.
6. Schedule regular doses of novelty and challenge. Help them select activities that require them to stretch their skills and knowledge to the limit. By repeatedly being curious, our children become more open to new experiences, more comfortable dealing with tension and anxiety, and more intelligent, wiser, and resilient.

Your children can't feel good all the time but they can almost always be profoundly aware, open-minded, and curious. With this mindset, they are liable to catch happiness, meaning in life, wisdom, and plenty more of what a good life entails on the way...



How do you nourish curiosity in your child?

YEAR 5 AUTHORS

As a reflection of ANZAC Day 2018, Year 5 composed some 'I Am' Poems, taking on the perspective of a range of people who were affected by war and conflict.

*I am an anxious, frightened mother.
I wonder if my son will ever be wrapped in my arms again.
I hear my son's soft voice as I cry.
I am an anxious, frightened mother.*

*I pretend the world is at ease and at peace when I know it isn't.
I feel a cold breeze and tell myself my boy is fine. But is he?
I hear a gunshot outside the door followed shortly by a blood-curdling scream.
I worry my son won't make it.
I cry and plead to God to send him home with nothing more than a battle scar.
I am an anxious, frightened, praying mother.*

*I understand the sacrifice my darling is making, but regret giving him my consent to go.
I say my golden digger is covered by rays of sunshine followed by a rainbow.
I dream he is at home with his father and I whilst the world is at peace.
I try to stay positive but hardly ever succeed.
I hope and beg to see his face again.
I am the world's proudest mother.*

By Taylah Cowley.

*I am a hidden child.
I wonder if I will ever see the light of dawn again.
I hear the soldiers begging for mercy.
I am a terrified, hidden child.*

*I pretend that everything is safe and sound.
I feel sorry for my friends and foes.
I hear the crack of guns echoing in my ears.
I worry if I will ever feel safe in my mother's arms again.
I cry over the hopeless bodies lying at my feet.
I am a lost, terrified hidden child.*

*I understand that the diggers are doing this for their country.
I say, to assure myself, "Everything will be fine."
I dream of a world free of war.
I try to imagine my family comforting and supporting me.
I hope that all those lifeless bodies will be happy up in heaven.
I am a lost, lonely and hopeful, hidden child.*

By Cara Smith.



*I am one of the last soldiers standing.
I wonder how many people are still alive.
I hear people fleeing for their lives.
I am worried that I might not survive.*

*I pretend I am with my friends and family.
I feel scared and anxious.
I hear cries of fallen soldiers.
I worry that it will never end.
I cry over the bodies of my allies.
I am a soldier in the war.*

*I understand why I am here.
I say to my brothers, 'this is for our country'.
I dream of a happy and peaceful world.
I try to help my mates.
I hope this will end soon.
I am a person who served this country.*

By Taylor Latham.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Feast of the Sacred Heart:

We invite you to join us tomorrow, June 8 as our school celebrates the Feast of the Sacred Heart at 9:15am. The children of Year 4 will be helping us to celebrate this important feast day. As part of the Mass, a basket of food items for Penrith Community Kitchen will be offered as part of the Preparation of the Gifts, to symbolise our reaching out to others, just as Jesus did through his Sacred Heart.

If you haven't had the chance to send in food items for our Penrith Community Kitchen food drive, you can send them in tomorrow and next week if you need to.



First Eucharist:

Please keep in your prayers the children of our school and parish community who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time:

Abigail Andrews	Christopher Elias	Lucia Hooke	Hakopa Raukawa	Tanner Crook	Holly Hartstonge
Cooper Bahlmann	Marcus Elias	Amity Houlihan	Holly Rech	Mario Della Scala	Alexander Hayward
Jacob Bennett	Michael Gardiner	Lucas Latty	Ella Reid	Noah Downey	Oliver Herps
Aidan Callaghan	Abby Godwin	Zachary Levy	Cara Smith	Mia Eekman	Miah Hirsch
Samuel Cashel	Ava Grech	Pierce Lucas	Jessica Still	Cruz Vilar	Sophie Wade
Eden Chapman	Hunter Grima	Chloe Luczak	Cooper Sulic	Lucas McClenahan	Alyssa McDonald
Ellie Moore	Nathan Moore	Darby Weber			

Parish Sacramental Program:

Dates for our Eucharist and Confirmation Sacramental Programs are as follows:

Eucharist Sacramental Program			
Parent Information Evenings	Wednesday Thursday	May 9 May 10	7:30pm 7:30pm
Enrolment Mass	Saturday Sunday	May 12 May 13	6:00pm 8:00am & 9:30am
Lessons	Week 1 - Monday Week 2 - Monday Week 3 - Monday	May 21 May 28 June 4	
Rehearsal Group 1	Wednesday	June 20	7:30pm
Mass Group 1	Sunday	June 24	11:30am
Rehearsal Group 2	Wednesday	June 27	7:30pm
Mass Group 2	Sunday	July 1	11:30am



Confirmation Sacramental Program			
Parent Information Evenings	Wednesday Thursday	August 1 August 2	7:30pm 7:30pm
Enrolment Mass	Saturday Sunday	August 11 August 12	6:00pm 8:00am & 9:30am
Lessons	Week 1 - Monday Week 2 - Monday Week 3 - Monday	August 20 August 27 September 3	
Rehearsal	Monday	September 17	7:30pm
Rite of Confirmation Mass	Wednesday	September 19	7:30pm



Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

STAGE 3 BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY

Congratulations to Toby Witjes, Jimmy Cremen, Mark Gardner, Justin Bailie, Sebastian Hayward, Oscar King, Dieter Erdmann, Josh Robinson, Harrison Armour, Zac Phillips, Cody Luczak, Kieran Smith, Seth Fullam, Ethan Houlihan, Marshall Pereira, Jude Godfrey, Lewis Edwards, Luke Durham, Taylor Latham, Lachlan Stonehouse, Harrison Phillips, Finbar Cullen, Cooper Hartstonge, Noah Pascoe, Jack Brown and Hakopa Raukawa, who represented OLOW at the Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday the 5th of June.

They braved the cool and rainy weather, put on their jerseys and boots and played their very best. The boys displayed enthusiasm, sportsmanship and great skill as they played multiple games throughout the day. We are very proud of all of their efforts and hope they enjoyed themselves.

A special mention to Ayden Pusko and Ben Garrahy, who were unable to make it on the day but worked hard during the training sessions in the lead up.

A massive thank you to the parents who stepped up to help on the day as coaches and managers. We are very appreciative - thank you Mrs King, Mrs Gardner, Mrs Brown and Mr Bailie.



STAGE 3 GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY

On Tuesday 29th of May, Miss Coutinho had the pleasure of joining the Stage 3 Girls Soccer team at the Gala Day in Penrith. The girls worked hard in the weeks leading up to the Gala Day by training during their break times. Over time, their skills and confidence began to improve and they all brought their growth mindset with them on the day.

They had a great time with some wins, draws and losses. All the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves, showed great sportsmanship and were encouraging their teammates constantly throughout the day.

A big thank you to Mrs Wade and Mr Kuiters for your help as manager and coach on the day. We are very appreciative of your time and efforts!

Congratulations to Ella Keigan, Grace Foster, Isabella Bradley-Labra, Madeline Wade, Milli Storek, Lily Callaghan, Sienna Gahagan, Jade Elford, Tracy So, Talisha North, Daisy Andersen, Phoebe Kruzic and Abbey Flanagan who represented Our Lady of Way at the Soccer Gala Day. Special mention also to Katelyn King who put in a lot of effort during training sessions but was unwell and not able to attend on the day.





SCHOOL FEES

School fees for the second instalment of 2018 were due on Wednesday 6th June 2018. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4777-7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

Catholic Education Diocese, Parramatta, is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, you are encouraged to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with the Principal to discuss payment options. Your situation will be treated with care and confidentiality and an appropriate payment arrangement will be made for you. Please note that as part of this process you may be required to complete a Statement of Financial Position so that the school is aware of your current financial situation. Please be assured of complete confidentiality with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your account it will be assumed that full payment will be made on or before the due date. Fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states “all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued”. Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to Catholic Education Diocese, Parramatta, for actioning.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding the school fees, please contact me by phone on or by email olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au. School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, cash, Direct Debit, EFTPOS, credit card or cheque.

Pascale Vion

Senior Finance Officer

SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool is open on Monday and Friday morning between 8.50am and 9.20am.

If you require items from the clothing pool between these days, please complete a Second Hand Clothing Request form which can be found at reception. These forms are taken to Clothing Pool twice a week, so you may not hear about your items the same day you put in a request.

We have heard parents are experiencing issues with available stock at Lowes. We have been in contact and have been advised their stock is back up to date. However please let the office know if you experience any issues.

GENERAL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Oliver (Year 2) and Hamish (Kinder) MacLennan on the birth of their new baby sister Matilda Grace MacLennan.

The Threatened Species Children's Art Competition

The Threatened Species Children's art competition helps children unleash their artistic creativity while learning about the extinction crisis facing our native plants and animals. It aims to encourage the next generation of environmental leaders.

This is an optional competition for students at OLOW to enter. For further information about the competition and how to enter, please read the flyer to the right. The website had additional information and examples of previous entries.

The school is happy to assist students in sending digital entries. Students are asked to see Miss Mizzi for information and assistance.



NSW & ACT 2018
THREATENED SPECIES
CHILDREN'S
ART
COMPETITION

Children 5-12 years are invited to create their own artworks on a threatened plant or animal in NSW or the ACT and enter online between June 4 and August 3.

50 finalists' works will be announced in August and hung in an exhibition in September 2018.

Turn over for more details.

WIN...
great prizes including,
gift cards, art supplies,
books, family zoo passes
AND MORE...

COMMUNITY NEWS

MILES FAMILY

If you wish to donate to help Ryder Miles, (baby brother of Brodie and Jayden in Year 4 and Bryson in Kinder), please go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/5jww66o>

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2019 at St Columba's Catholic College are now due. For further information contact the Enrolment Secretary, Sandra O'Brien, on 4754 8900 or 4754 8907



Dear Parents and Carers,

OLOW Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day – Friday 6th of July, 2018

As families are aware, Friday the 6th of July 2018 is a Pupil Free Day at Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at Our Lady of the Way is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 6:30am to 6:30pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions.

Families that already attend COSHC on Fridays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Friday the 6th of July, 2018

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after Wednesday 27th June, 2018.

Please note: If your child would normally attend Before &/or After School Care on a Friday and do not attend on this Friday, they will be marked as absent and normal fee charged.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0417 886 548 or

COSHCLOWEmuPlains@parra.catholic.edu.au

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PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – Friday 6th of July 2018

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, Friday the 6th of July at COSHC Our Lady of the Way. I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the pupil-day fee will still apply.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.