

DIARY DATES

1 – 5 July
Student-led, Parent & Teacher Conferences
Friday 3 July
Years 1 & 6 attending Parish Mass
Friday 5 July
Last day of term
Monday 22 July
Term 3 begins
Thursday 25 July
Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Tuesday 30 July
Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Thursday 8 August
Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Friday 9 August
Nepean Zone Athletics
Friday 16 August
P & F Disco Infants 5.30-6.30pm Primary 7-8.30pm
Wednesday 28 August
St Nic's Netball Gala Day
Thursday 29 August
Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 30 August
Fathers' Day Breakfast and Liturgy
Friday 13 September
Touch Football Stage 2 Gala Day
Thursday 19 September
Confirmation Mass, 7pm
Friday 20 September
Footy Fever Day
Wednesday 25 September
Grandparents' Day
Friday 27 September
Touch Football Stage 3 Gala Day
Last day of Term 3
Monday 14 October
PUPIL FREE DAY
Wed 23 – Fri 25 October
Year 5 Camp at Berry
Wednesday 30 October
Basketball Gala Day Stages 2 & 3

Dear Our Lady of the Way Community,

As a parent myself, I always find great joy in listening to my own children talk to me about their learnings and goals for the future. I am sure that you have shared this same joy over the last two weeks as you attended and celebrated the many achievements of your children at their student-led conferences. It is also timely to reflect on what else in our lives gives us peace and happiness. Slowing down, being generous and fighting for peace are part of Pope Francis' secret recipe for happiness. In an interview published in part in the Argentine weekly "Viva", the Pope listed his Top 10 tips for bringing greater joy to one's life:

From Pope Francis: 10 tips for peace and happiness

1. **"Live and let live"**. Everyone should be guided by this principle, he said, which has a similar expression in Rome with the saying, "Move forward and let others do the same."
2. **"Be giving of yourself to others"**. People need to be open and generous toward others, he said, because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."



3. **"Proceed calmly in life"**. The Pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist -- gaucho Don Segundo Sombra -- looks back on how he lived his life. "He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool" of water, the Pope said. He said he likes this latter image of a pool of water -- to have "the ability to move with kindness and humility, a calmness in life."

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.

4. **“A healthy sense of leisure”**. The pleasures of art, literature and playing together with children have been lost, he said. "Consumerism has brought us anxiety and stress, causing people to lose a healthy culture of leisure." Their time is "swallowed up" so people can't share it with anyone. Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children; work schedules make it "complicated, but you must do it," he said. Families must also turn off the TV when they sit down to eat because, even though television is useful for keeping up with the news, having it on during mealtime "doesn't let you communicate" with each other, the Pope said.

5. **“Sundays should be holidays”**. Workers should have Sundays off because "Sunday is for family," he said.

6. **“Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people”**. "We need to be creative with young people. If they have no opportunities they will get into drugs" and be more vulnerable to suicide, he said. "It's not enough to give them food," he said. "Dignity is given to you when you can bring food home" from one's own labor.

7. **“Respect and take care of nature”**. Environmental degradation "is one of the biggest challenges we have," he said. "I think a question that we're not asking ourselves is: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?'"

8. **“Stop being negative”**. "Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means, 'I feel so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down,'" the Pope said. "Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy."

9. **“Don't proselytize; respect others' beliefs”**. "We can inspire others through witness so that one grows together in communicating. But the worst thing of all is religious proselytism, which paralyzes: 'I am talking with you in order to persuade you,' No. Each person dialogues, starting with his and her own identity. The church grows by attraction, not proselytizing," the Pope said.

10. **“Work for peace”**. "We are living in a time of many wars," he said, and "the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive" and dynamic.

(Read more at: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/from-pope-francis-10-tips-for-peace-and-happiness/71539>)

Yours in Christ

Donna McFadzean



Enhancing student learning - Students moving from **SURFACE** to **DEEP** to **TRANSFER**

For a number of years now, teachers at OLOW (particularly in Years 3-6) have been using a model of learning that is inquiry based, commonly known as Project Based Learning (PBL). In recent years, our staff have been involved in extensive professional learning with teachers across our system of schools to develop and challenge our practice to provide learning opportunities for students to develop a sense of wonder and inquiry in their learning; independence and problem-solving skills; collaboration and technology skills. Last week, Miss Coutinho, Mrs Scott and myself had the pleasure of working with and learning from Michael McDowell, an educator and leader from America, who has taught, led and researched about PBL and how to use effective teaching and learning strategies to deepen student learning and take students to a level where they can transfer their learning. Over the 5 days, we were inspired by his work and look forward to bringing these new insights back to our community. Some key take-aways include:

- **How to create a culture of clarity** - so that students are clear about what the teacher expects of them in their learning. An example of how we do this already is the use of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria and through the use of rubrics.
- **How to develop a language of learning** - for students to be able to talk about their learning, know where they are headed, where they are at and what their next steps are.
- **Moving student thinking and learning from SURFACE (I know) to DEEP (I can relate) to TRANSFER (I can apply)**

I look forward to sharing more in the coming term and providing some student examples.

I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday period. This time is a wonderful opportunity to connect with loved ones and enjoy the calmer morning routines.

In partnership,

Emma Mizzi

Assistant Principal

LEARNING NEWS

This term, Stage 3 have been exploring the question 'What is fair?' in Religion. We have looked closely at the Creation Story and built our understanding of our role as stewards of God's creation in ensuring fairness for our world. Here are some prayers that Year 5 students wrote that focus on God's creation and our responsibility as part of this world.

Dear loving God,
We thank you for everything that you give and do for us every day. We give praise for you for helping us to be better and more thoughtful people. Please guide others to love and respect the earth just as you intend us to do. With your help, we will change to be more kind, loving and respectful of the earth and its surroundings.

We thank you lord,
Amen.

Alyssa McDonald





Dear loving God,

With your help, I promise to keep our Earth safe and happy. Please show me how to be a loving, kind person like you. Thank you for trusting me with our earth and environment. I praise you God for you are a trusting, loving person and I want to be just like you.

Amen,

Jessica Still

Dear God,

I give praise to you, O God, for you protect and nurture me constantly. I also praise you for your work unto me and many others in our world who require your guidance and everlasting love. I give thanks for blessing me with the equality, respect, a sense of belonging and uniqueness that so many residents of our beautiful home are deprived of, human or other. I ask that you help, guide and watch over me as I do my personal best to show that everyone in our home belongs in your tender and loving arms and bring equality to all species in our home. I will do this especially for the living things in our world that are not considered as equals. With your help I promise that I will take a stand and help fight for the rights and equality of those who live on our beautiful home, for which I am so grateful that you created.



Please help me to take on your role of protecting and caring for every living thing on our Earth, regardless of their religion, race or species. I promise to live out your word and help others to do the same.

Amen.

Miah Hirsch

THANK
YOU
GOD!

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us all of our basic needs and the earth for us to keep. We give praise to you because you are our God and you give us everything. Please help us as we go through our times of need because that is when we need you most. With your help we will try to be the best people we can be and keep earth at peace. Thank you for creating this peaceful place called earth.

Amen.

Oliver Herps

Dear everlasting God,

We thank you for giving us wonderful lives, air to breathe, food to eat and water to drink. We praise you, almighty God, for making the balance of life easier to control. Please show us how to maintain the balance of life, O gracious God. With your help, we promise to not be so wasteful and greedy.

Amen.



Cassidy Southall

AWARDS

Week 8 Awards



Matilda Boothroyd, Reece Frank, Sofia Ebeid, Jack Palejs, Kristian Liras, Max Calleja, Xavier Clark, Bryson Miles, Lucia Rose, Ella Hirsch, Adele Crook, Mya Kelty, Fraser Tait, Jack Sikic, Vera Sen, Akeda Deacon-Chilmaid, Jai Noroma, Billy Trad, Jacob Bennett, Maya Deacon-Chilmaid

Week 9 Awards



Jack Layt, Bridie Clarke, Elijah Hughes, Henry Hurst, Ruby Neeves, James Lennon, Annalise Henderson, Ruby Trad, Thomas Sheen, Edward Whyllie, Audrey Edwards, Olivia Walker, Jewel Bahlman, Savannah O'Brien, Bailey Stonehouse, Jake Thompson, Carter Benitez, Nathan Holmick, Jessica Still, Joey Holmick, Pierce Lucas, Ellie Gillett-Moore, Emilie Brett, Riley Brown, Taylor Latham

ATTENDANCE

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.



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.*

GENERAL NEWS

EARN & LEARN STICKERS

Thank you to everyone who collected Earn and Learn stickers. We will be able to get many new resources for our school thanks to your efforts. Special thanks must go to Kelly Tabor (Samuel, Kinder and Thomas, Yr 3, Benny, Yr 6) and Mrs Flanagan's family for their help with putting stickers on the redemption sheets. We collected 45,000 stickers! Well done!



TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES...

Please see the list of important dates at the end of this Newsletter.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR UNIFORMS

During the school holidays, please take the time to check that the hats and jumpers that your child has brought home are actually theirs. If you find that you have someone else's hat or jacket, could you please return them to the office when school resumes. If you haven't already, please ensure that your child's name is on all uniform items, lunch boxes and drink bottles etc.



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. **This is a requirement for all families to ensure clear communication from the school to the home.**

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 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 2020. 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. **Interviews have already commenced.***



The second instalment of school fees were due on 5 June 2019. Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or me, 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 olow-emupfees@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.

Please note: There is no 50/50 split of school fees. Enrolment signatories are jointly and severally responsible for payment of fees.

A reminder to families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing MUST be given to the Principal before the removal of a student from the school or a full term's fees will be payable.

Pascale Vion

Senior Finance Officer

Our Lady of the Way Term 3



Please check Skoolbag and the school calendar regularly for any changes.

Further information regarding individual events will be sent home closer to the day.

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Monday 22 July	First day of Term 3	A graphic with the text 'Make Every Day Count' in a green, cursive font on a light beige background.
Thursday 25 July	Kinder Excursion	Calmsley Hill Farm
Tuesday 30 July	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day - Make-up day	Jamison Park start time 8:20am
Wednesday 7 August	Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop	Mass @ 9:15am prepared by Year 5
Friday 9 August	Nepean Zone Athletics	Representatives from OLOW @ Blacktown International Sports Park
Friday 16 August	P & F Disco	Infants: 5.30-6.30pm Primary: 7.00-8.30pm
Wednesday 28 August	St Nic's Netball Gala Day	Stage 2 and 3 @ Jamison Park
Thursday 29 August	Father's Day Stall	Students will be given the opportunity to purchase items from the stall.
Friday 30 August	Father's Day Breakfast, Liturgy @ 9am (Led by Year 2) followed by Celebrations of Learning in the classrooms	All men who hold a special place in your child's life are all invited to join the children for a celebratory breakfast in school grounds.
Friday 13 September	Touch Football	Stage 2 Gala Day
Thursday 19 September	Confirmation Mass	7.00pm in the Church
Friday 20 September	Footy Fever Day	Mufti Day - Gold coin donation for Year 6 Fundraising
Wednesday 25 September	Grandparents' Day	A day to celebrate our Grandparents including Mass, morning tea, a whole school performance celebrating 40 years of education @ OLOW and BBQ picnic lunch.
Friday 27 September	Touch Football Stage 3 Gala Day Last day of Term 3	A colorful graphic with the words 'Happy Holidays' in a playful, multi-colored font, surrounded by small cartoon figures.
Monday 14 October	Pupil Free Day	No students at school today - Professional Learning opportunity for Staff - New Religious Education Curriculum
Tuesday 15 October	First day of Term 4	
Wednesday 23 to Friday 15 October	Year 5 Camp	Berry Sport and Recreation Camp
Wednesday 30 October	Basketball Gala Day - Stages 2& 3	

Gateway Family Services

Term 3, 2019

Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
<p>Circle of Security</p> <p><i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.</i></p>	<p>Every Monday 12th Aug - 23rd Sept 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Katoomba Public School Merriwa Street, KATOOMBA</p>	<p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p>
<p>Tuning In To Kids</p> <p><i>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour.</i></p>	<p>Every Monday 2nd Sept - 23rd Sept 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Heatherbrae, Lawson 1 Benang Street, LAWSON, (located beside carpark behind Lawson Pub</p>	<p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p>
<p>1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching</p> <p><i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds.</i></p>	<p>Every Monday 12th Aug - 26th Aug 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Kingswood Park Public School Caloola Avenue, KINGSWOOD</p>	<p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p>
<p>Bringing Up Great Kids</p> <p><i>Learn about mindfulness & reflection, promoting positive interactions, the meaning behind children's behaviour and ways in which parents can take care of themselves & find support when they need it.</i></p>	<p>Every Tuesday 6th Aug - 10th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Lower Mountains Neighbourhood Centre 33 Hope Street, BLAXIAND</p>	<p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p>
<p>From Floundering to Flourishing</p> <p><i>Helping adults identify how to maximise kids successes giving you tools to enhance and improve kid's resilience.</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 14th August 10:00am - 12noon <i>* Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Tanderra OOSH 14 Raymond Rd, SPRINGWOOD (behind Neighbourhood Centre)</p>	<p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p>
<p>Let's Make Art Together</p> <p><i>A creative & connecting time for you and your little one. Open to Parents, Grandparents and Carers. Babies in arms welcome.</i></p>	<p>Every Monday 29th Jul - 19th Aug 10:00am - 11:30am <i>* Younger Siblings Welcome</i></p>	<p>Gateway Family Services 14 Oak Street, KATOOMBA</p>	<p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p>

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway family services parent group program is funded by DSS and NSW FACS.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.

