



## DIARY DATES

**Friday 24 May**  
Feast of Mary Help of Christians

**Monday 27 May**  
Athletics Carnival

**Wednesday 29 May**  
Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

**Thursday 30 May**  
Kindergarten Billy Cart Incursion

**Sunday 2 June**  
Big Morning tea & Communal First Eucharist Preparation Session

**Thursday 6 June**  
40th Anniversary Whole School Photo Day

Year 6 Leadership Group Photo

**Monday 10 June**  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Wednesday 19 June**  
Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

6.30pm First Eucharist Rehearsal, Group A

**Sunday 23 June**  
First Eucharist Mass Group A

**Wednesday 26 June**  
Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

6.30pm First Eucharist Rehearsal, Group B

**Friday 28 June**  
Feast of Sacred Heart

**Sunday 30 June**  
First Eucharist Mass Group B

**Friday 5 July**  
Last day of term

**Monday 22 July**  
Term 3 begins

Dear OLOW Community



On Friday 31 May 2019 our staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day, there will be no school for students on this day. During this day our staff will be working on Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L). This is a whole school framework that actively promotes positive behaviour. It enables students to develop a clear understanding of required expectations, become responsible for their own behaviour and work together to create a positive, productive and harmonious learning community.

Research tells us that the most frequent problem behaviours encountered by teachers are low-level disruptive and disengaged behaviours. These include:

- avoiding doing schoolwork;
- disrupting the flow of the lesson;
- disengaging from classroom activities;
- talking out of turn;
- being late for class; and
- using a mobile phone inappropriately.

(Sullivan et al., 2014)

It also tells us that punishing problem behaviours (without a proactive support system) is associated with increases in anti-social behaviour:

- aggression
- vandalism,
- truancy,
- dropping-out.

(Samia Michail, 2011; Skiba & Peterson, 1999; Mayer, 1995; Mayer & Sulzar-Azaroff, 1991)

So *what works best?* When wellbeing and quality teaching are mutually reinforced and if students are provided with high levels of wellbeing, then they are more likely to be engaged productively with learning, it is also true that improving intellectual engagement can improve wellbeing.

Want to know more? Please click on the following link [PBS4L](#)

## 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.***



On Friday 24 May we will celebrate our feast day - Our Lady Help of Christians with a Liturgy of the Word at 9.15am in the Church. You are welcome to join us for this celebration. Our Lady is the pure example of love, care and help for all.

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian,  
how sweet it is to come to your feet  
imploing your perpetual help.  
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children,  
how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?  
Grant then to me, I implore you,  
your perpetual help in all my necessities,  
in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.  
I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.  
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.  
Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.  
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,  
that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

By St. John Bosco

Yours in Christ  
Donna McFadzean  
Principal

#### **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.**

### **LEARNING NEWS**

#### **NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION.**

Our Year 6 students recently attended an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is being paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. The students visited venues such as the War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the National Electoral Education Centre. This excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

## 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.**

## AWARDS

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS - TERM 2 WEEK 1

Kinder: Matai Tuaepepe Dwyer, Noah Scott, Dylan Thompson, Bridget Whyllie

Year 1: Hamish MacLennan, Kristian Liras, Bryson Miles, Logan Noronha

Year 2: Beau Edmonds, George Bouletos, Rowan Astridge, Chloe Gardiner

Year 3: Ruby Murphy, Abigail Byrne, Eva Curry

Year 4: Drae Funnell, Tristan Bryant

Year 5: Madison Stansfield, Mia Eekman

Year 6: Brody Green



### ASSEMBLY AWARDS - TERM 2 WEEK 2

Kinder: Maddison Kenyon, Heidi Walsh, Cassandra Hawkins, Levi Jackson-Logan

Year 1: Liam Byrne, Miley Sibbald-Kelly, Rose Zeidan

Year 2: Ella Grech, Tyler Gahagan, Cody Thompson, Kristian Kohler

Year 3: Daniel Partlett, Mikayla Blazek, Abby Hurst, Lauren Ryan, Lara Dwyer

Year 4: Declan Casey, Harrison Fisher, Ben Hall, Carter Pereira

Year 5: Cooper Sulic, Carter Jones, Eden Chapman

Year 6: EXCURSION

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS - TERM 2 WEEK 3

Kinder: Zachary Trigg, Zahli Johnson, Josie Mazurkiewicz, Ethan Lowe

Year 1: EXCURSION

Year 2: Cody Mortimer, Rohan Sykes, Gemma Lewandowski, Benji Smith

Year 3: Tiana James, Grace Carey

Year 4: Jake Walsh, Lorcan Cullen

Year 5: Aidan Callaghan, Jarrod Partlett, Alyssa McDonald

Year 6: Cooper Hartstonge, Heath Murray, Leilahni Isaia, Luke Durham



## 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.

Target <b>90%</b>	Current Attendance <b>86.0%</b>	Kinder 82.8% Year 1 86.8% Year 2 87.5% Year 3 86.9% Year 4 81.6% Year 5 94.0% Year 6 83.0%
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**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



### **Tell Them From Me**

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains*.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

The second instalment of school fees have been posted home. If you have not received your statement please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home. The due date for fees is on, or before 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](mailto: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.

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

**Pascale Vion**  
Senior Finance Officer

## TEMPORARY BOOK CLUB VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE

We are looking for a temporary volunteer for Book Club for the rest of this term and Term 3. If you are able to help, please contact the office.



## CHATTERBOX LIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

*Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.*

*Held at St Andrews College in Marayong on 13<sup>th</sup> June, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.*

*Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/>*

*Free ticket registration for this event will be available from Monday, May 20th at 9am by visiting [chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au).*

*If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via [landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au) or on 9840 5790.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2020 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.



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## HOW TO RAISE HAPPY AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

Join the PRC to hear one of Australia's leading Psychologists talk about the journey from childhood through to young adulthood, as it seems to have become so much harder to navigate.



Hear about the latest news from the science of positive psychology how its applied to bringing up children and teenagers.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

# Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Adolescent and Child Psychologist

Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)



### Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Doors open: 6:15 pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)  
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)

John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

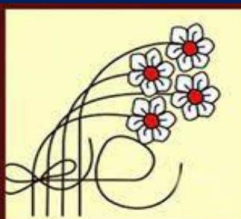
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