



By The Way



Celebrating 40 Years of Catholic Education at Emu Plains

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

15th August 2019

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 14 August

Yrs 1 & 6 Parish Mass
9.15am

Friday 16 August

P & F Disco
Infants 5.30-6.30pm
Primary 7.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 21 August

P & F Meeting
7.00pm

Wednesday 28 August

St Nic's Netball
Gala Day

Yrs 2, 3, 4 Parish
Mass, 9.15am

Thursday 29 August

Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 30 August

Fathers' Day Breakfast
and Liturgy

Tuesday 3 September

Year 3 Excursion to
MacKillop Place

Friday 6 September
Yr 2 Muru Mitigar
Incursion

Wednesday 11 Sept

K & Yr 5 Parish Mass
9.15am

Yr 2 Excursion to
Lewers Gallery

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

Tuesday 15 October
Term 4 Begins

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,

What a busy and exciting time we have had at OLOW this past fortnight. We have had many opportunities to come together as a vibrant learning community. Last Tuesday we enjoyed the NED Mindset show where we were challenged to have a growth mindset in all we do; last Wednesday we gathered together to celebrate the Feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, prepared beautifully by Year 5; on Friday a team of students proudly represented our school at the Zone Athletics carnival showing not only great talents on the field but great sportsmanship also. Our staff have been engaging in professional learning opportunities also this past fortnight: On Monday 9 staff attended the Annual Ann D Clark Lecture and listened to Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO speak on 'The universal mission of Catholic Schools' and our teachers are continuing to deepen their knowledge of effective assessment strategies to improve student efficacy and learning outcomes.



On Wednesday 1st, Mrs Cremen, our four school captains and Mrs Storr, were fortunate enough to attend the 2019 Education Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. Bishop Vincent celebrated this special mass with representatives from each of the schools in our diocese. It is always such a special occasion to attend mass in our diocesan cathedral and also to hear the words of our Bishop. We were challenged through the readings and his words to know God's love and to share God's love with those in our family, in our community and those that we meet in our lives. The most simple yet most powerful thing that we can each do.

As we continue to learn and grow together this term we will remember to **Live Respectfully, Act Responsibly and Learn Together.**

In partnership,

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.

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"

Now
Enrolling!



Kindergarten enrolments for 2020

Offers of enrolment for Kindergarten 2020 have been sent out and we are in the process of finalising numbers. Ensure your child's place at Our Lady of the Way by completing and returning your

enrolment forms as soon as possible. Once complete, please submit your application to the School Office. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website at <http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au>.

There are limited places available in other grades. If you are aware of families wishing to enrol their children, please ask them to contact the school office on 4777 7200.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parish Mass:

Last week Fr. Paul provided us with dates for Parish Mass. You are invited to join the students on the following dates:

Wednesday August 28 - Years 2, 3 and 4 @ 9:15am

Wednesday September 11 - Kindergarten and Year 5 @ 9:15am

Year 1 and Year 6 celebrated Mass together yesterday morning.



Feast of the Assumption:



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption where we honour Mary whose body was assumed body and soul into heaven. It is a holy day of obligation. Parish Mass is tonight at 7:30pm.



Pyjama Day

Tuesday 20th August 2019

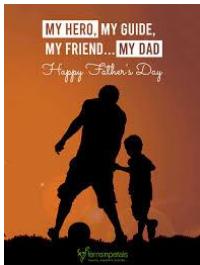
In exchange for wearing pyjamas, students are asked to make a \$2 donation.

All money raised will go to the
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.



This money will help provide families living in poverty with food, money to pay their bills and warm clothes for winter.

Fathers' Day Liturgy:



After our Fathers' Day Breakfast on Friday August 30 the students of Year 2 will lead a very special liturgy to honour our fathers, grandads and father-figures. Please join us at 9:00am for this celebration.

Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING NEWS

What a success the NED show has been for everyone! The message of:

Never Giving Up (the power of yet)

Encouraging Others (to help others grow their courage) and

Do your best (Go brain go...Learn and Grow)

certainly has inspired our school community if the number of yo-yos is any indication. Thank you for supporting the message of NED by purchasing the products to allow our school to pay the show forward.

The following is a link to an overview of NED's Mindset Mission assembly that our school community enjoyed. You may like to watch this with your child on <http://www.mindsetmission.com/>.



Here is what Brodie, Jarrod and Ashton from Year 5 had to share about the show...

Brodie explained "The message I took was to have a go and never give up. We all have the power of yet!"

Jarrod shared "I think the message is to never give up on what you are doing. Keep trying to get up Mt Everest even if it is two steps forward and one step back."

Ashton said "The message I got was to never give up. When you feel you aren't good at something, say 'I am not good at this yet! I also learnt that my brain is always growing when I learn something new."

Kind regards
Linda Flanagan
Acting Assistant Principal

SPORTS NEWS

On Friday the 9th of August, many children from Years 2-6 represented OLOW at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival. As always, they showed great determination and wonderful sportsmanship, as they cheered one another on. We are very pleased with their efforts and are super impressed with their achievements. We haven't received confirmation of the results yet but we will share the results when we can.

A massive thank you to the teachers and parent helpers who braved the windy weather and assisted on the day!

Congratulations to the following students who participated:

Yr 2 - Oliver Casey, Remy Cross, Hayley Edwards

Yr 3 - Mason Benitez, Mikayla Blazek, Grace Carey, Edward Lennon, Mia McGrath, Max Selby, Lola Troitsin, Jye Walsh

Yr 4 - Hayley Burton, Declan Casey, Jessica Crambrook, Archie King, Will Pearson, Holly Penny, Marlie Robertson, Jacinta Roser

Yr 5 - Jacob Bennett, Noah Downey, Michael Gardiner, Ava Grech, Alyssa McDonald, Annabelle Tran, Darby Weber

Yr 6 - Tanner Crook, Luke Durham, Jade Elford, Sienna Footman, Brody Green, Cooper Hartstonge, Leilahni Isaia, Taylor Latham, Breha Pearson, Harrison Phillips, Isabelle Roots, Cara Smith, Samuel Thompson, Dominic Vella



AWARDS



Term 3, Week 2 Awards

Zahli Johnson, Ashton Tran, Eli Mills, Serafina Bessi, Vanessa Bogaerts, Andrew Kennedy, Logan Noronha, Orlando Pontello, Zachary Durham, Arliyah Casey, Ethan Hughes, Benji Smith, Abby Caleja, Thomas Tabor, Mia McGrath, Mikayla Blazek, Jessica Crambrook, Demi Boormakin, Will Pearson, Chloe Luczak, Abigail Andrews, Darby Weber, Grace Foster, Gabby Ford, Benny Tabor, Isabelle Moran

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	Current Attendance	
90%	83.2%	
		Kinder 82.7%
		Year 1 88.7%
		Year 2 79.9%
		Year 3 85.2%
		Year 4 80.8%
		Year 5 83.6%
		Year 6 75.0%

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

SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

Tomorrow night is our P & F School Disco. Infants can attend from 5.30-6.30pm and Primary can attend from 7.00-8.00pm. Entry is \$5.00. There is a free drinks station. Chips and glow sticks are available for sale.



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.**

School Fees

School fee statements for the third instalment of school fees for 2019 have been mailed out. The due date for payment is on or before Wednesday 28th August 2019. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

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 collection.

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. Please be assured of complete confidentiality with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

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

If you need to discuss any issues regarding the school fees, please contact me by phone on 4777 7200 or by email olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au

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Senior Finance Officer

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Parents Representative Council

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Building Young People to Face Modern Day Challenges

James will speak to the modern day challenges facing our young people as revealed through a number of recent national and local surveys, Diocesan student forums and countless candid conversations with young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. James presentation will explore a culture of belonging, Wellbeing and positive engagement. He will outline what and how his team is able to assist young people to face these modern day challenges.



High school aged students are invited to attend with a caregiver or parent.

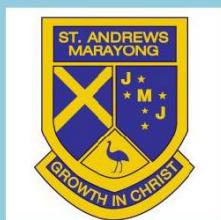


Our guest speaker for the evening is:

JAMES CAMDEN

Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au



Monday, 26th August 2019

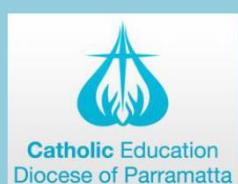
Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
 (PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker
 St Andrews Primary School,
 36 Breakfast Rd, Marayong, NSW 2148

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

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