



# By The Way



Term 4 Week 6 2020

Our Lady of the Way Parish Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 9:30am.  
Weekday Mass times: Wednesday 9:15am, Thursday 8:15am, Friday 7:15am  
All welcome!

## Principal's Message

Shortly you will receive your child's Semester Two report. With this in mind, it is timely to share some information regarding how students at Our Lady of the way are assessed.

### ASSESSMENT FOR SUCCESS

As educators, we assess our students in a variety of ways. The following are ways in which we use formative assessment to know where our students are and where they need to be.

### INVOLVE LEARNERS IN THE PROCESS

We:

- ✓ ask them to name their learning goal and tell us how they know they have met it.
- ✓ help students form habits in documenting their work, and then teach them how to self-assess.
- ✓ invite students to plot their own data, investigate the findings, and speculate the ways that will promote further successful learning.
- ✓ require students to reflect before, during, and after learning.

### BY BECOMING VISIBLE LEARNERS

We:

- ✓ define the learning intentions.
- ✓ determine where learners will attend to the target (success criteria) most explicitly during the learning experience.
- ✓ consider how students might make the learning relevant to this target visible and invite them to do so.
- ✓ document this learning using print, audio, and visual recordings.
- ✓ study the data gathered, looking for patterns for future success.
- ✓ use the ideas that emerge to inform our feedback, our own learning, and theirs as well.



When we are able to assess without disrupting learning and when the learners themselves are part of every phase of the assessment process, the results can be truly amazing.

*Yours in Christ*  
Donna McFadzean  
Principal



*Families are invited to a morning tea to farewell Fr Paul on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 – 11.30am in the school grounds. To ensure we are COVID safe we need everyone to book in so we are aware of numbers. Please email Julie Irvine at [jirvine@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jirvine@parra.catholic.edu.au) by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. We look forward to seeing you there.*

### ***Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge***

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark imagination and creativity too.

These summer holidays, the Executive Director is again launching his Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel.

Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website.

Entries open on 23 November 2020 and close at 5:00pm on 1 February 2021. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

### ***School Fees***

We are aware and understand the financial strain that COVID-19 is having on some families and its impact on their capacity to pay school fees.

If you require assistance with your school fees please contact Pascale Vion at Our Lady of the Way Primary on [olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au) or 4777 7200. Catholic Education Parramatta, is committed to supporting families who have been experiencing financial difficulty or hardship.

Unless alternative arrangements have been made with the school, all fees are due Friday 18 December 2020. If you wish to pay your fees at the school office, please do so by Friday 11th December. We thank those families who have finalised their school fees for 2020.

Please note that OLOW is moving towards being a cashless school from 2021. More information will be provided as we move closer to this transition.

### ***Ice block days***

As part of Year 6 Fundraising for 2020, we will be introducing an Ice Block Punch Card system starting on Wednesday 18 November.

Zooper Doopers will be available at 2nd Break on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ice Block punch cards can be purchased for \$5. A group of Year 6 students will be running the ice block days.



If you would like to purchase a \$5 card, please complete the form that was sent home last week with your child's name, class and payment details and return it to the school office.

This card will entitle your child to 10 ice blocks in Term 4. The card will be kept within the school so that it is not accidentally left at home on ice block day. Each time your child buys an ice block we will punch a hole in their card.

Please note:

- No child will be allowed to purchase more than 2 ice blocks per day, however, if you would like to limit your child to 1 ice block please indicate that on the form below and we will mark it on their punch card.
- The ice block sales are a cashless system. Students will need a punch card to make their purchase and will not be able to pay with cash on the day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school on 4777 7200.

### ***2021 School Travel Applications Are Now Open***

Applications for student travel in 2021 are now open.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply. Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 .

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

## **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.ollowemuplains.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.*

## LEAVING OLOW AT THE END OF 2020?

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 or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received, a pro-rata credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the principal, the term's school fees will be charged for your children. This is a Diocesan Policy.



### *Dates for the Term 4*

- Swimming Lessons K-4 16th - 20th November
- Year 6 Canberra Thursday 19th - Friday 20th November
- Surf Safety Day Years 5 & 6 Wednesday 25th November
- K-2 Olympics Day with Motiv8 Thursday 26th November
- 1st session of Confirmation - Thursday 26th November at 7pm OLOW Church
- 3-6 Olympics Day with Motiv8 Friday 27th November
- 2nd session of Confirmation Sunday 29th November at 3pm OLOW Church
- OLOW Primary Swimming Carnival Wednesday 2nd December
- Semester 2 School Reports sent home to families Friday 4th December
- Year 6 Social Evening – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- Year 6 Presentation and Thanksgiving Monday 14th December @ 9:15am
- Year 6 Fun Day Tuesday 15th December
- Final day of 2020 for students Wednesday 16th December
- Final day of 2020 for staff Thursday 17th December

# AROUND THE Grounds @ OLOW

## *NAIDOC Week*

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC week. Each grade came together in prayer to learn about and celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, led by our Year 6 Faith in Action team. In our classes, we also took time throughout the week to learn more about their culture and how we can work together in reconciliation. Kindergarten also enjoyed a drama workshop about Tiddalik the Frog.



## *Remembrance Day*



On Wednesday November 11, the staff and students of Our Lady of the Way held a Remembrance Day prayer to acknowledge those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. An important part of our ceremony each year is to name all those who are remembered by friends and family of OLOW.

Our school leaders did a wonderful job of reverently reading the names and those children who are related to those named respectfully placed a poppy.

We will remember them.

Lest we forget.



Our support of St. Vincent de Paul and their Christmas Appeal will need to look a little different this year as a result of COVID 19. Instead of items for hampers, we are inviting families to support the fundraising in two ways:

1. Donating a Coles or Woolworths gift voucher to the value of \$10 or \$20. Please place the voucher in an envelope and send it to the office. This can be done from next week and through until Friday December 4 (when they will be collected by the St. Vincent de Paul Team).

OR

2. Supporting a Christmas Mufti Day. Children are invited to wear Christmas clothes and bring in a gold coin donation on Friday December 4.

Last year the Emu Plains St. Vincent de Paul Chapter supported over 50 families. We invite you to help support St. Vincent de Paul in supporting them once again.

# Christmas @ OLOW

As with most things in 2020, we have had to think differently about how we will celebrate Christmas as a community this year. We will be doing this in three ways.

1. Battle of the fences: each grade will be creating a fence design for our school and wider community to enjoy in the lead up to Christmas. The fence designs will go up on Monday Week 8, 30th November, and will remain until the final days of school. You will be able to enjoy the displays on the Forbes and Troy Street fences as well as along the laneway. We had such lovely feedback for grandparents day and we hope these displays bring as much joy.
2. Christmas mufti and Vinnies appeal: As mentioned above, students are invited to wear Christmas mufti on Friday 4th December in support of the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.
3. 5 days of Christmas: In Week 9 (7th-11th December), children will partake in five different activities across the week to celebrate Christmas and have fun with the students and teachers. The children will be divided into groups mixed across all the grades and will enjoy such activities as stocking sewing, Christmas craft, cake and biscuit decorating and much, much more. The children are invited to get into the spirit with a 'sprinkle of Christmas' each day through fun Christmas hats, headbands etc.



On Thursday November 26 and Sunday November 29, students from the OLOW Parish will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation. Please keep the following students and their families in your prayers.

Charlotte Ahern  
Archie King  
Addison Riley  
Jake Walsh  
Maggie-Rose Cremen  
Ivy Hooke  
Carter Pereira

Demi Boormakin  
Emma Lohan  
Jacob Thompson  
Jake Thompson  
Maddison Prendergast  
Layla Pascoe  
Jacinta Roser

Declan Casey  
Will Pearson  
Billy Trad  
Aiden Cremen  
Nicholas Heffernan  
Holly Penny