



By The Way



Term 3 Week 6, 2021

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Our Lady of the Way Parish Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 9:30am.
Weekday Mass times: Tuesday 6.00pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am,
All welcome!

Principal's Message

AROUND THE Grounds @ OLOW

Dear Our Lady of the Way Community

Next Week is CBCA BOOK WEEK

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. Teachers and librarians conduct activities relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading.

Theme: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

Dates: Term 3: August 21-27

Artwork: Shaun Tan

At OLOW we want to celebrate Book Week by dressing up. We will have a virtual book parade. There will be other exciting activities taking place as well.

Information regarding the short-listed books that are in line for an award can be found by clicking on this [link](#).



Week 8: FAMILY WEEK

Theme: We are all in this together

Dates: Term 3: August 30 - September 3

We want to celebrate the great job all families have been doing during remote learning time. We understand the extra workload it has created and we want to thank you for everything you are doing.

Family Week is going to be a week to celebrate our families. The learning will look different this week. There will be a whole school matrix filled with activities that you can do together as a family. It is a wellbeing week where you can take some time to slow down.



Student Validation

On Monday 16 August you would have received an email or SMS (for those parents without email) from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) asking you to review and, where necessary, update the key information they hold about your children currently enrolled in CEDP schools.

The purpose of this review is to ensure that CEDP has the right details to correctly identify and support students, including contacting families in an emergency or to share important updates.

Steps have been taken to ensure this process is as secure as possible to protect your information and your family's privacy. Your information is only accessed by authorised staff when it is necessary and in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).

*The link is **open until Friday 3 September** and I encourage you to complete the review/update as soon as possible to ensure that your family's correct details are on file. This is particularly important as Greater Sydney remains in lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak.*

This [short "how to" video](#) may assist you with completing the process (use the closed caption icon to turn on subtitles). Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Only one person per family needs to complete the survey and it takes about 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions or to seek help, please contact the CEDP Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.



Attendance

Each week a MANDATORY ATTENDANCE google form is sent out to families via Compass, Skoolbag, Facebook and will now be added to the Flexible Learning Hub page under the Attendance tab. We ask that you complete a form per child (please put the student's name in, not the parent's) to inform the school if students will be learning at home or at school. This supports us with our planning around staffing as we are following COVID-19 protocols to minimise staff on-site but want to ensure adequate staff for families who need to send their children to school.

LEARNING NEWS

MATHEMATICS

How to help your mathematician at home.

Building on from our last newsletter where we explored the concept of “feedback” and how it is used for learning, we wish to continue our focus about mathematics where we see every child (and parent) as a mathematician.

This often requires participants to have a growth mindset and to be prepared to make mistakes in order to learn. This also requires persistence and reflection in order to make connections within and between concepts.

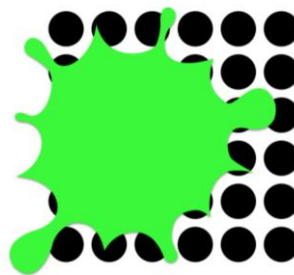
During this time of flexible learning, we are continually using student work samples in our planning to guide the teaching and learning process. We appreciate your contributions and support to your child's learning. We value the mistakes that children might make and request that you encourage your child to share those mistakes with their teachers so that feedback can be given.

With a 'Family Activity Week' on the horizon we are sharing some possible maths tasks and talks that you may wish to engage in with your children.

[DYNAMIC COUNTING](#) (click the link for video)

[ARRAY BUSTING](#) (click the link for video)

HOW MANY? HOW DO YOU KNOW?



Have fun!!

Mrs Flanagan & Mrs Cremen

SPORTS NEWS

Motiv8 Zooms

Due to the Motiv8 Sports after school program being postponed because of Covid-19 restrictions, Coach Brad is running zoom sessions instead. These zoom sessions are open to any students from OLOW, at no cost. These sessions will run on Monday afternoons at 3pm. Please check Facebook, Compass and/or Skoolbag for the link to join each week.

These sessions are an opportunity for students to connect with their peers in a fun social setting. Coach Brad will run different activities that promote conversation, sharing and some physical activity.

We consider OLOW very lucky to be given this opportunity as a community and we hope the children enjoy themselves.

We hope to see you on zoom next Monday at 3pm!

Miss Vella

Book Week

Since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has grown from a small Sydney-based group to a national organisation which exerts a profound influence on children's books. The annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards will be shared with the students via online learning. We have already read/shared most of the books with the students during their library visits in terms 1 and 2.

To fit in with the theme Old Worlds, New Worlds, OTHER WORLDS, lockdown is a perfect time to bring back the old favourite past-time of storytelling. At the end of the day, cuddle up with your kids and tell them stories. These could be any stories - stories of you as a child, stories about their grandparents, it's priceless for children to hear these stories because it connects them to Old Worlds, New Worlds, OTHER WORLDS. The best part of storytelling is that you can be as silly as you like and exaggerate to your heart's content because that just makes the story better and brings it to life. Some days you might like to ask the children to tell you a story.



Book Club

Parents can order books and organise delivery to their home. Access the Loop parent portal to order as an Our Lady of the Way student. A pop-up bar will appear to arrange delivery to a home address. There will be a \$7.50 freight fee for home delivery.

As always, there is no pressure to buy books from Scholastic but every book you purchase does help the school earn reward points which are then used towards resources for our school.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON
Google play

Download on the
App Store

Missing Library Books

Now is the perfect time to be searching for those missing books and readers whilst you are at home. Maybe you could turn it into a game 'Treasure Book Hunt'?



Important Dates



****Please note that these dates are subject to change depending on Covid Restrictions at the time****

Date	Event
16 - 20 August	National Science Week
21 - 27 August	Book Week
30 August - 3 Sept	Family Week - limited technology / Catch up week
5 th Sept	Fathers' Day
6 Sept - 10 Sept	National Child Protection Week
17 Sept	Last day of Term 3
4 October	First day of Term 4
11 October	Remembrance Day
10th December	Year 6 Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass, 11.30am Year 6 Social, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
15th December	Last day of school for 2021

SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

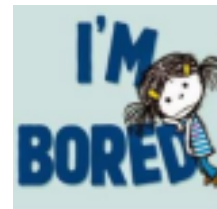
- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

**INSTALLATION
INSTRUCTIONS**

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Last year an amazing resource was developed by Charlotte Watt, Jessica Austin (CEDP Wellbeing Counsellors) and Shannon Herps (Visual Arts Teacher CEDP) for current social isolation limitations. We have selected a few ideas to share to counter the words...



PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE

It's time to grab some paper, scissors, pencils and get folding and decorating!

Measure out an area in the backyard or in the house (hallway, lounge room etc.) and challenge family members to see whose paper plane design is the fastest and can fly the farthest!



Make sure you decorate your paper plane because it's all about flying with style!

LET'S DO SOME DIRECTED ART

Gather some paper, pencils, textas and pens and get creative with some Directed Drawing!

Check out [Art Hub for Kids](#) for some great tutorials, ideas of how to draw, and fun things to draw.



LET'S MAKE A TIME CAPSULE!

This is one of the most unusual periods in our history, so why not capture this in a time capsule?!

You could interview family members using skype, facetime or zoom to see how they have been affected.

Think about the impact on your own family:

- Have you had toilet paper?
- Have your regular meals been affected by shortages of groceries?
- Here's a [journal prompt](#) page for you to use

For more ideas have a look at [this website](#) or for printables, check out [this one](#) for some fun ideas.



HOME CINEMA

Turn your lounge room into a cinema!

Close the blinds or curtains to darken the room.

Cook some popcorn, or whatever your favourite movie snack is, and choose a movie everyone will enjoy.

Take turns choosing the movies throughout the week!

Parents might like to introduce kids to their favourite movie from their own childhood. Look out for the lack of technology and special effects used in the movies from your childhood!



A NEW ANIMAL HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

You have recently discovered a new animal in the neighbourhood!

Now you need to communicate the discovery to your friends and family in an information pack about your newly discovered animal.

Things you need you to include:

- A picture of the animal
- Where does it live? Water, land, trees etc.
- How does it get around? Swims, crawls, slithers, walks etc.
- What is its personality like?
- What does the animal eat?
- What does the animal's home look like?



DESIGN YOUR CITY!

Use things in your home like matchbox cars, paper & pencils/textas, or even a program like Minecraft, and design your own personal city!

Where would you live?
What kind of shops would you have in your city?
Would you have parks?
Where would the police station be?

Take a picture and share with your friends!



STEPTEMBER

Move together for cerebral palsy

WHAT IS STEPTEMBER?

STEPtember is a fun and inclusive virtual event that challenges us to swim, ride, wheel or spin our way to 10 000 steps per day between the 1st and 30th of September. The purpose is to raise awareness and improve the lives of children who live with cerebral palsy.

Every 20 hours, an Australian child is diagnosed with cerebral palsy and it is the most common physical disability in childhood.

For information, please visit steptember.org.au.

