



By The Way



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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 are welcome!

AROUND THE Grounds @ OLOW

Dear Our Lady of the Way Community

Sunday 5th December marked the second Sunday of Advent. Each season of the year has its own special grace and in the Season of Advent we prepare for Christmas awaiting with expectant longing for God to be born again into our lives, our families, our Church and our world. During Advent, we are meant to take stock of our lives, to check our direction and to await with expectation the special grace that God promises to offer us at Christmas. During Advent, we symbolically participate in the waiting of the patriarchs, kings, prophets and priests, as we await Christ's final and glorious return. As we wait in long lines this Advent season, or as we wait for anything really, we can remember the waiting of those expecting the Messiah, and also wait with patience, humility and expectant hope in a state of prayer. This is indeed very difficult, especially considering the year we have had.

Come Lord Jesus may we be prepared for your coming in glory.



SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

Semester Two reports were distributed via Compass last week. We congratulate all students for their engagement and perseverance this year during remote learning and then when they returned to face-to-face learning. The goals and reflections made by each student shows how active they are in their learning and how they are able to adapt to a growth mindset.

We once again thank you for your support during this difficult time. We truly appreciate the great dedication and effort that remote learning required from all stakeholders.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Year 5 have recently been involved in nominating and voting for 2022 School Captains and SRC. We wish to congratulate the following children and thank them for taking on this significant role.

School Captains: Mikayla Blazek, Ruby Murphy, Colby Tran and Luka Kuster.

SRC: Eli Downey, Lara Dwyer, Abby Hurst, Wayde Race, Makenzie Degnan and Iven So.



FAMILIES LEAVING

We wish to acknowledge those families who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Many of these families have contributed so much to our school and we wish them all the best as they move on to other communities in 2022.

From Yr 6 Burton, Deacon-Chilmaid, Drummond, Elford, Funnell, Hall, Heffernan, Hooke, King, Lohan, Munce, Pascoe, Penfold, Pereira, Reeks, Riley, Roach, Roser, Vanegas, Winsor and the Boothroyd, North and Wood Families.

SAD NEWS

We ask that you keep Mrs McGregor in your prayers and thoughts. Mrs McGregor's mother recently passed away.

P & F NEWS

On Wednesday 24 November 2021 the P & F met for the Annual General Meeting where we thanked the outgoing 2021 committee for their support over the year and we welcomed the new 2022 P & F committee. I would like to thank and extend my gratitude to all those who have served on the P & F and for those who have put their hand up for the coming year. I look forward to working together to promote our community.

I wish to especially thank Kiery Pascoe and Sarah Pereira for their work over many years at OLOW. Both these ladies have held positions of the P & F Executive and leave us at the end of this year.

Please join me in welcoming the 2022 P & F Executive Team:

President: Erin Burke

Secretary: Silvia Burke

Treasurer: Deanna Chapman

Fundraising/Social Coordinator: Tamara Miles

Assistant Fundraising Coordinator: Kellie Jackson

Social Media Coordinator: Kristy Joseph

Committee members: Maree Ryan, Kirsty Willoughby, Tara Cremen

LEARNING SPACES FOR 2022

We have already started preparing for the start of school in 2022. Last week the current Year 1 classroom had the carpet replaced. This space will be in the library next year.

The current library will become the Year 2 learning space in 2022. The current Year 2 learning space will become the Year 1 space.

All other spaces will remain the same.

We have ordered additional technology for all spaces as well as creative arts resources which will benefit all students.

Prayer for the end of the school year

At the end of this school year, we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school,
both in and out of the classroom,

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have
been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that
have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord –

Bless our students: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and a
love of learning;

Bless our families: may your spirit keep them safe through the holidays and

Leave them with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to
continue our journey together.



It is my pleasure to share with you the staffing for 2022. The staff have already been conducting handovers to the next year's teaching team. You will have an opportunity to meet the staff early in 2022 providing COVID restrictions are lifted.



Our Lady of the Way Primary School 2022 Staffing Semester 1



	Teachers			Learning Support Officers
Kinder	Jessica PRIOR	Carly EKMAN		Rochelle MASON Nicole GHTOUS Jessica COWELL
Year 1	Tara CREMEN	Carole DAY	Jessica Williams	Kayla BREMNER Emily SCOTMAN
Year 2	Jo THOMAS	Patricia SCOTT	Sharon TAYLOR	
Year 3	Melissa VIERA	Jenny HENSEN	Megan VELLA	Anne MATHISON Kelly WALLINGTON Belle BYRNES
Year 4	Belinda BUNTER	Gina STORR	Anne-Maree MCKEON	Denise DAWES Jade NIXON
Year 5	Bernadette CURRY	Kylie RIX		Lisa McCLAFFERTY Cameron COLLYER
Year 6	Lauren HAMILTON	Jordan WINCKLE		Maree RYAN Cameron COLLYER
EMU	Linda FLANAGAN	Lisa POWDERLY	Rebecca BLAZEK	
Reading Recovery	Lisa POWDERLY	Rebecca BLAZEK		
Diversity	Linda FLANAGAN Rebecca BLAZEK	Deanne KUIPERS Mandy MARSHALL	Jenny RICHARDSON Lisa POWDERLY	
Japanese RFF	Kate FILAN-SCHAFFER K - Yr 6			
Creative Arts RFF	Elizabeth McGREGOR K/Yr 1/Yr2/Yr3/Yr4	Sofia COLLINS Yr 5/ Yr 6		
Library	Susan MASTERS			
Office	Julie IRVINE	Deanne HEARNDEN	Janet JOHNSTON	Sarah ZARLENGA
Maintenance	Mathew SHARP			
IT Trainee	Samuel LEWIS	School Counsellor	Marita VECCHIO	

2022 Leadership Team

Principal	Donna McFADZEAN
Assistant Principal	Glenn CRAWFORD
Religious Education Coordinator	Carole DAY
Diversity Leaders	Linda FLANAGAN / Tara CREMEN
Learning Leader	Bernadette CURRY

Farewell and thank you

We say farewell to Ms Arnold, Mr Tran and Miss Cavanagh who have had temporary contracts at OLOW this year. Thank you for all you have done for our community and we wish you all the best for the future.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Lady of the Way Church Christmas Mass Times

2nd Rite of Reconciliation (at St Finbar's, Glenbrook)
Thursday 16th December 2021 at 7.30pm

OLOW Reconciliation Times:
Saturday 18th December 2021 5.00pm to 5.30pm

After weekday masses:

Wednesday 22.12.21 9.30am to 10.00am
Thursday 23.12.21 9.30am to 10.00am
Friday 24.12.21 9.30am to 10.00am

Christmas Masses:

Friday 24th December 2021 6.00pm and 8.00pm
No Midnight Mass.

Saturday 25th December 2021 (Christmas Day) 9.30am
No Saturday Night Vigil Mass

Sunday 26th December 2021 8.00am and 9.30am



Children attending the Vigil Mass (6.00pm) on Christmas Eve are encouraged to 'dress up' for the celebration. Please come as angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary or Joseph.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

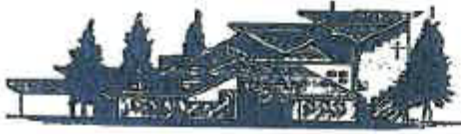
Any children currently finishing Year 3 and above are invited to make their first reconciliation in Term 1, 2022. Please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041 or emuplains@parracatholic.org, if you haven't already done so and we will get more information to you.

Confirmation will be in Term 3 for those who are currently in Year 5 or above (dates to be confirmed early next year).

The letter below shows the dates of the program.

Click on the link below to listen to a message of welcome from the sacramental coordinator and Fr Michael.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/uyewrvz6dnkq1jx/welcome%20message%20%281%29.mp4?dl=0>



OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH

6th December 2011

Dear Parents and Care-givers,

We hope this letter finds you well and adjusting to post lockdown! We are pleased to share with you the dates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for your child in term 1 2022. If you would like your child to receive this Sacrament, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 or emuplains@parracatholic.org if you haven't already done so.

DATES FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION TERM 1 2022

Information Night: Wednesday 9th February 2022 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm (Parents only)

Blessing Weekend: Sunday 12th/13th February – families to attend one of the weekend Masses – Sat 6pm Vigil, Sunday 8.00am or 9.30am. Father Michael will invite the children to come forward with their application form to receive a blessing.

Session 1: Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 7pm.

Session 2: Wednesday 23rd February at 7 pm

Rehearsal /Recap – TUESDAY 1ST March at 7pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH AT 7PM. To be in the church at 6.45pm to prepare.

Your child is then welcome to receive their First Holy Communion in term 2 of 2022. The dates for preparation will be given to you early next year.

This is a very special time for your family, where your child will experience the love of God in a new way through this Sacrament. The parishioners at Our of the Way will support you through their prayers and in any other way you need. Please don't hesitate to contact the parish office if you have any questions.

We look forward to meeting you and being part of your child's journey.

Blessings,

Fr Michael Gathuku

Parish Priest OLOW

Cate Kensey

Sacramental Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming Carnival

Last week we held our annual Primary Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pool. It looked slightly different with Covid-19 restrictions and unfortunately, we were only able to take our competitive swimmers and some Year 6 helpers. The children who stayed at school had a great day participating in some water activities with their classmates.

We are very proud of the efforts of all of our competitors, with lots of students beating their personal bests. A big thank you needs to go to our parent helpers who volunteered their time on the day. We are very appreciative.

A huge congratulations to all who competed on the day and especially to the following students who will be representing OLOW at the zone carnival in 2022.

Yr 1 - Theo Cross

Yr 2 - Heath Mills, Eli Mills, Zachary Trigg, Max Roney, Cohen Dyrka, Maddison McGrath, Ella Dwyer, Matilda Renny

Yr 3 - Aisling Cremen

Yr 4 - Audrey Edwards, Ella Hirsch, Remy Cross, Sarah Fenning, Patrick Moran, Max Thompson

Yr 5 - Aiden Dyrka, Lara Dwyer, Mikayla Blazek, Chase Bryan, Kye Chapman, Mason Benitez, Mia McGrath, Ruby Murphy, Lola Troitsin

2022 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials Expression of Interest registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2022 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One & Two in 2022. ***Students in Year 4 in 2022 MAY nominate for the sports of Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Football only.***

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that ***MUST demonstrate an ABOVE AVERAGE ability, HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT or in particular sports demonstrate REPRESENTATIVE playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competition outside of school.***

To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in some sports and others are through CSNSW Sport at MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022.

ELIGIBILITY - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOMINATION FORM OPEN 23rd November

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form must be completed. Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** for the 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Access the information using any below:

1. Registration (Expression of Interest) link

[2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form \(Expression of Interest\) - Sport Trials](#)

2. Primary Sport Parramatta WEBSITE link

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

3. FACEBOOK link

[Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by the child's school. For the child to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport **MUST** be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the **2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form** has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Please contact Miss Vella if you have any further questions.



Date	Event
Friday 10th December	Year 6 Farewell Liturgy and Social - Liturgy starts at 5:30pm in the church
Monday 13th December	Year 6 Fun Day at Don Bosco
Wednesday 15th December	Year 6 Clap out 2.30pm (Year 6 parents are welcome to attend)
Wednesday 15th December	Last day of Term for all students
Monday 31st January	Pupil free day - students attend their appointment time for MAI Assessment
Tuesday 1st February	Year 1 to Year 6 return
Wednesday 2nd February	Kinder 2022 students commence 8.45am- 2.55pm



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!