



By The Way



Term 4 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

ENROLMENTS 2022



Our Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Program is well underway and we look forward to these children joining Our Lady of the Way Community next year. We are also accepting enrolments for grades 1 – 6. If you know of any family wishing to enrol their child for 2022, please ask them to contact the school office on 4777 7200.

LEAVING OLOW AT THE END OF 2021? 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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following students completing the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge...well done!

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| Henry Cairns | Bella Chapman |
| Hunter Chapman | Bodhi Gallagher |
| Archer Littlebury | Matilda Boothroyd |
| Zachary Trigg | Bridget Whyllie |
| James Lennon | Aryton Russell |
| Tasmyn Wood | Eliza Herps |
| Edward Whyllie | Riley Wood |
| Fraser Tait | Krystal Trigg |
| Owen Tait | |



2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

HOME DELIVERY AVAILABLE



**SPECIAL HOME EDITION
DIGITAL CATALOGUE**



Welcome to Term 4 and a special Home Edition of Book Club!

The school only accepts **LOOP**
orders on-line

 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP
for Parents

GENERAL NEWS

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



Keeping Safe Online



eSafety is an independent statutory office supported by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

It can be very hard to know what is happening for our young people online. After a long period of learning from home, do we really know what our children are accessing online? More importantly, do we really know who is accessing them online?

The eSafety Commissioner has an easy to navigate website with many links, posters, videos, books, audio files and webinars for educators, parents and young people.

The website explores gaming, cyberbullying, harassment and image abuse, parental controls, family technology agreements and much more.

We would strongly encourage you to access this website to be informed of what the risks and benefits are for our children online.

There is also an [eSafety Guide](#) for information and tips about well-known apps and games.

The eSafety Guide

Learn about the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect your information and report inappropriate content. More coming soon!

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What is [gaming](#), [live streaming](#)



Among Us

Among Us is a cartoon-like action strategy game that can be downloaded for free on PCs or through app stores.


App/Game >



Zoom

Zoom is a remote conferencing service that allows you to communicate with other people through video and audio calling, chat, online learning and webinars.


App/Website >



TikTok (formerly Musical.ly)


TikTok is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos.

App >




Roblox

Roblox is a game-creation



Minecraft



Facebook

Facebook is a social media service, which lets you create

School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their 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 that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

Important Dates

Date	Event
17 November	Year 3 – Virtual Geography Excursion
26 November	Stage 3 Surf Awareness Day
28 November	First Sunday of Advent
1 December	Primary Swimming Carnival
3 December	Year 5 to Don Bosco
7 December	Thanksgiving Mass, Years 4-6
10 December	Year 6 Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass, 11.30am Year 6 Social, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
13 December	Year 6 to Don Bosco
15 December	Last day of school for students

3 DAY EVENT
18TH - 20TH NOVEMBER

ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

20% OFF*
SCHOOLWEAR
& EVERYTHING ELSE!

DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS

*T&C'S APPLY, SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES. INSTORE & ONLINE

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!