



By The Way



Term 3 Week 2, 2022

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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

Welcome back to Term 3. During the holidays the school had some capital works completed. The current Kinder and Year 2 and 3 blocks had the roof replaced. This was made possible through the support of Catholic Education Office, Parramatta.

Once again, the weather has not been our friend when we schedule events! We were very fortunate that Penola College allowed us to use their grounds to complete our trials for the zone carnival. In some ways this was a blessing as Motiv8 Sports provided an additional day of novelty events for our students. The decision to not hold the carnival in its original form was not a school decision. The council closed the fields. While there may have been community sports taking place on weekends, we were advised that the school could not use this during the week. We respect that decision as the fields are the property of the community and need to be maintained.

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. The teachers have planned a great term of learning for the children and look forward to connecting with families, immediate and extended, at special events such as Fathers' Day, Fathers' Day Stall (organised by the P and F), Grandparents Day and through celebrations of learning when they bring homework samples. The students will celebrate Parish Masses, Book Week with a book week parade, be part of the CEDP Public Speaking Contest - Voice of Youth, as well as incursions and excursions. We welcome again our CEDP Teacher Educators who will work alongside teachers in Religion, Mathematics and English.

Our staff will be participating in a Staff Faith Formation Day on **Friday 26 August 2022**. This is a **Pupil Free Day**. The staff will be exploring our motto of "acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with our God"



Two other community gathering **dates to put in your diary** are:

- **Friday 2 September** - Fathers' Day Breakfast and Liturgy - gates open at 7.45am and out Liturgy will be celebrated at 9.00am
- **Friday 9 September** - Grandparents Day - Mass in the Church at 9.15 am followed by morning tea in the hall, a concert, book fair and BBQ lunch.

Kind regards

Donna McFadzean

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Fundraiser - Scarf & Beanie Day

On August 12 we will be holding a fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. For making a donation to the Appeal, the students will be able to wear mufti clothing with a scarf and beanie. A link will be created on the Qkr! App in Week 4 for you to make a donation. Our Faith in Action Team will be helping to promote this fundraiser to our community. More information will follow.

Pupil Free Day - Staff Faith Formation Day:

On August 26 the staff will be gathering for a Faith Formation Day. Our focus will be around our school motto: 'To act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God. The staff will be offsite, and this will be a PUPIL FREE DAY.

Term 3 Masses and Liturgies:

During this term we have some significant celebrations which you are invited to attend. They are:

Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass - Tuesday, August 9 @ 9:30am in the Church. All grades will be attending and the Mass will be prepared by Year 2.

Feast of the Assumption Mass - Monday, August 15 @ 9:00am in the Church. This will be a Parish Mass and Years 4, 5 and 6 will be attending. The Mass will be prepared by Year 5.

Fathers' Day Liturgy - Friday, September 2 @ 9:00am under the COLA (and following the Fathers' Day breakfast). All grades will be attending, and the Liturgy will be presented by Year 3.

Grandparents' Day Mass - Friday, September 9 @ 9:15am in the Church.

This term our grades are going to be starting to attend a Parish Mass once again. You are more than welcome to attend these Masses with your children. All the Masses are on a Friday and begin @ 9:00am in the Church.

Year 4 attending Parish Mass - August 5

Year 1 and Year 6 attending Parish Mass - August 12

Year 2 attending Parish Mass - August 19

Year 3 attending Parish Mass - September 16

Kindergarten and Year 5 attending Parish Mass September 23



Parish Sacramental Program - Sacrament of Confirmation:

Information Night: Wednesday August 3 @ 7:30pm in the Parish Hall (parents only)

Blessing Weekend: Sunday August 6 & 7 @ Parish Masses - 6pm Vigil Mass, 8:00am & 9:30am

Session 1: Wednesday August 10 @ 7:00pm

Session 2: Wednesday August 17 @ 7:00pm

Session 3: Wednesday August 24 @ 7:00pm

Session 4: Wednesday August 31 @ 7:00pm

Mini Retreat: Saturday August 27 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Rehearsal/ Recap: Wednesday September 7 @ 7:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday September 11 @ 12:00pm

LEARNING NEWS

Mathematics

During Term 3, teachers from Year 3 to Year 6 will be involved in professional learning opportunities with a Teacher Educator. This learning will focus on an instructional model of teaching Mathematics where teachers will engage in mathematical tasks in order to anticipate what the students will experience.



The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers have been teaching with this model for some time now and will have the opportunity to showcase their own professional development.

We will also begin looking at the new K-2 Mathematics Syllabus and trial some learning experiences.

PBS4L

At Our Lady of the Way we Live Respectfully, Act Responsibly and Learn Together. To do this successfully, we have procedures for all areas of our school.

[Please view our PBS4L Procedures by clicking the link.](#)

SPORTS NEWS

OLW staff would like to thank our parent community for their understanding and patience regarding our recent and somewhat unorthodox Athletics Carnival. Our sister school Penola Catholic College was so welcoming and accommodating, letting us run our races on their field last week. We are very grateful to them. We do know though, that it must have been disappointing for parents who wanted to watch their child participate and couldn't. Hopefully next year we will have better luck. The house colour winner from the carnival, including points from our fun days spent with Motiv8 was (to be announced on Friday at Assembly).

We have registered 37 participants into the Zone Athletics Carnival, which will be held at Blair Oval in week 6. The notes for this went out last week.

Some of our Stage 3 students recently enjoyed a fabulous Gala Day playing Touch Football down at the Kingsway. The students represented our school well, they displayed great sportsmanship and shared a lovely sense of community on the day. It was great to see.


The Stage 2 Gala Day Touch Football will be held also at the Kingsway in St Marys, on the Friday of week 9, this term. The notes for this will be sent home soon.

LIBRARY NEWS

There is still time for your child to complete their Premier's Reading Challenge. Entries close Friday 19 August.

Here is a list of books we have shared with your child during their Library visits. These may be added to your child's reading log.

www.premeirsreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Grade	Title	PRC Number	Grade	Title	PRC Number
Kinder	Beware the Deep Dark Forest	6069	Year 4	Cranky Chicken	Free Choice
	Snake Awake	Free Choice		What If?	Free Choice
	Emergency Emergency!	Free Choice		Subbie and his Mate	Free Choice
	The Little Book of Hopes	Free Choice		The owl who got left behind	Free Choice
	Something Wonderful	6342		The Little Stowaway	5766
	Smallest Bilby and the Easter Games	5487		Radio Rescue	10144
	Omar the Strongman	1269		The Poppy	Free Choice
	Fluffy Bunny said to the Growly Bear	5764		Seree's Story	Free Choice
	Go Home Cat	Free Choice		Widows Broom	18701
			My Dead Bunny	Free Choice	
Year 1	Where the Heart Is	815330	Year 5	Where the Heart Is	815330
	Beware the Deep Dark Forest	6069		Salih	804795
	Something Wonderful	6342		Subbie and his mate	Free Choice
	Queen with the Wobbly Bottom	Free Choice		Happiness Box	568907
	The Ballard of Henry Hoplingsea	Free Choice		Seree's Story	Free Choice
	Smallest Bilby and the Easter Games	5487		The Widows Broom	18701
	Funny Faces	4463		Cat Called Trim	596826
	Rusty the Rainbow Fish	Free Choice		The Boy who tried to shrink his name	Free Choice
	Keeping up with the Dachshunds	Free Choice		Keeping up with the Dashshunds	Free Choice
Year 2	Where the Heart Is	815330	Year 6	Widow's Broom	18701
	Beware the Deep Dark Forest	6069		Cranky Chicken	Free Choice
	Little Book of Hopes	Free Choice		Where the Heart is	815330
	Queen with the Wobbly Bottom	Free Choice		Subbie and his Mate	Free Choice
	The Ballard of Henry Hoplingsea	Free Choice		Little book of Hopes	Free Choice
	Smallest Bilby and the Easter Games	5487		Salih	804795
	Funny Faces	4463		Vampyre	17416
	Keeping up with the Dachshunds	Free Choice		Sorry Days	29801
	Sharing	Free Choice		The Coat	6502
		Piggybook	9459		
		The Wonders of Never giving up	Free Choice		
Year 3	Cranky Chicken	Free Choice		What If?	Free Choice
	Subbie and his Mate	Free Choice		The owl who got left behind	Free Choice
	The Little Stowaway	5766		The Little Stowaway	5766
	Radio Rescue	10144		Radio Rescue	10144
	The Poppy	Free Choice		The Poppy	Free Choice
	Where the Heart Is	815330		Where the Heart Is	815330
	Crums	Free Choice		Crums	Free Choice
	Keeping up with the Dachshunds	Free Choice		Keeping up with the Dachshunds	Free Choice
	Reggie and the Aga Panthers	Free Choice		Reggie and the Aga Panthers	Free Choice
	One step at a Time	5744		One step at a Time	5744
	Wonders of never giving up	Free Choice		Wonders of never giving up	Free Choice

GENERAL NEWS

Bus Travel

CDC NSW Blue Mountains always transport your students safely to and from school. In order to provide the safest travel experience for our students and the bus operators, please remind your children that while travelling on the school bus to/from school that the following requirements need to be met:

- Students require an Opal Card and must Tap On and Tap Off, this is required by the bus company, so they know who has travelled on their services
- Face Masks are Mandatory, while travelling on School Bus Services for all Secondary School Students only.
- Primary School Students are strongly recommended to wear a face mask.



Date	Event
4 August	Year 1 Excursion
9 August	Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass at 9.30am in the Church
12 August	St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Fundraiser - Scarf & Beanie Day
15 August	Feast of the Assumption Mass at 9am in the Church
20 - 26 August	Book Week (further information will be given closer to the events)
26th August	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY
2 September	Fathers' Day Breakfast and Liturgy, from 7.45am
9 September	Grandparents Day Celebration commencing with Mass at 9.15am in the Church

COMMUNITY NEWS



PARISH PLAYGROUP

Parish Playgroup is a wonderful way for your young children to get to know each other before going to 'Big School'. Playgroup is held in the Church Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no fees charged this term.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Gateway Family Services

Term 3, 2022

Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
<p>Tuning In To Kids</p> <p><i>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour. Suitable for parents of 2-8 years old.</i></p>	<p>Every Monday 1st Aug - 29th Aug 9:30am - 11:30am</p> <p><i>* NO Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Blaxland Uniting Church (Meeting Room) 70-76 Old Bathurst Road, BLAXLAND</p>	<p>Ph: 0490 662 498 OR Email groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au</p>
<p>Circle of Security</p> <p><i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.</i></p>	<p>Every Wednesday 3rd Aug - 14th Sept 10:00am - 12noon</p> <p><i>* NO Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Gateway Family Services - Penrith Office Cnr Station & Henry Sts, PENRITH</p>	<p>Ph: 0490 662 498 OR Email groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au</p>
<p>1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching</p> <p><i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.</i></p>	<p>Every Friday 2nd Sept - 16th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am</p> <p><i>* NO Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Belong Blue Mtns Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre 9 New St, LAWSON</p>	<p>Ph: 0490 662 498 OR Email groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au</p>
<p>Bringing Up Great Kids: PARENTING ADOLESCENTS</p> <p><i>Learn about brain development in adolescents and what influences their thoughts, feelings & behaviour whilst identifying important messages and how to convey to your adolescent. Suitable for parents of 10-19 yr olds.</i></p>	<p>Every Monday 1st Aug - 5th Sept 7:00pm - 9:00pm</p> <p><i>* NO Childcare available</i></p>	<p>Via ZOOM</p>	<p>Ph: 0490 662 498 OR Email groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au</p>

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCJ.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.

