



By The Way



Term 1 Week 7, 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 are welcome!

Principal's Message

AROUND THE Grounds @ OLOW

Dear Our Lady of the Way Community

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the community members for your support over the last week. It is so exciting to see the children returning to school and to see the sun. I ask that you keep all those in our community who are in isolation due to the flood in your prayers.

Over the last couple of weeks we have had an opportunity to hear from our families at our "Listening Conferences". We will be also hosting a collaborative meeting with families of children who have Personalised Plans before the end of this term.

In addition to this opportunity, we have sent home our first round of work samples. The Key Learning Area that was highlighted in this round was Religious Education. Our intention is that this has been an opportunity for you to talk to your child about their learning. The next work sample that will be sent home is Mathematics.

As a school last week we gathered as a community for Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.



Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolise grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

(Source: <https://www.catholic.org/>)

Our Lady of the Way Primary



Scan QR code to register your interest

OPEN DAY 16 March 9-9.45am

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Enrolling Now for Kindy 2023

Please phone the office on 47777200 to book in. If you know anyone who is interested in coming to OLOW, please let them know.

WONDERFUL NEWS - Congratulations Serafina Bessi

I received an email last week with exciting news and I am proud to share this with you all. **Serafina Bessi**, a student from our school, participated in a community program named Kids Giving Back. Her dedication to helping others during tough times truly illustrates the generous nature of our younger generations, and their desire to be part of changing their community, and the world, for good.

The contribution of Serafina during the latest Covid wave and the December /January school holiday period, has resulted in over **5000** meals, care packs and new backpacks of school supplies for those in need being prepared and distributed. **11** charities were assisted as a result of this work which supports the homeless and vulnerable in the community.

Serafina has undertaken these opportunities in her leisure time and program facilitators have been unanimous in their praise for the enthusiasm and engagement of our young participant.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Opening School Liturgy

Last Friday we had the opportunity to ask God's blessing on our year together during our Opening School Liturgy. The theme of our gathering was 'Beacons of Hope'. After the last two years of 'dark times', we would like to look to the future with hope. Fr Michael spoke these words to all of the students, as their Student Representative Councillors held up a candle, that was presented to each grade:

"May this candle be a symbol of hope for you. May you be hope-filled people bringing life and joy through your words and deeds in your school community."



Ash Wednesday



Pope Francis asked that Ash Wednesday be considered a day of fasting and prayer for the people of Ukraine. At our Ash Wednesday Mass, that Years 3 to 6 attended, we remembered the Ukrainian people:

*For the people of Ukraine, especially family and loved ones...
may God keep them safe and may they feel the love of the
world's people united together.
Lord, hear us.*

Please join us in keeping the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We keep in our prayers those children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday March 9. We wish them and all who have helped to prepare them for this special moment, every blessing.

*Forgiving Father,
We ask you to be with these children as they begin their journey to know and
understand your forgiveness.
Open their ears, minds, and hearts to the teaching of your Son.
Fill them with the Spirit of love, peace, joy, and kindness.
Be with their parents and those who are leading their learning
and bringing them closer to you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*



Silly Sock Day - Project Compassion



Our main fundraiser to support Project Compassion through the season of Lent, will be a Silly Sock Day to be held on Friday March 18. You will be able to make a donation on the QKR! App which you will find under 'Fundraising'. You can make a donation now or wait until Silly Sock Day. Please help to support some of the most vulnerable people in our world.

PBS4L NEWS

On Friday 25th February, the whole school attended our Opening School Liturgy in the Church. Prior to attending the liturgy, each grade discussed what the expected behaviours are when in the Church. Here is an example of what the students in Year 1 and Year 6 came up with:

Expected Behaviours in the Church - Year 1

Agreements	We Live Respectfully	We Act Responsibly	We Learn Together
Expected Behaviour	Sitting and listening to the priest, our teachers other students and God.	Model the expected behaviours for Kindergarten..	Show expected behaviours even if the teacher has to leave us to do another job.
	Sit with our hands together.	Follow instructions.	
	Use voices for singing and praying.	Walk responsibly.	
	Look at the person who is talking.		
	Listen attentively.		

Expected Behaviours in the Church - Year 6

Agreements	We Live Respectfully	We Act Responsibly	We Learn Together
Expected Behaviour	We listen attentively to Father and the readers.	We sit with a still body.	We clearly respond to prayers and responses.
	We watch what is happening, eyes to the front.	We genuflect respectfully- hands joined, eyes to the tabernacle.	We participate fully and actively in the Mass.
	We show reverence when moving around the Church.	We enter the Church quietly, without speaking.	
		We ignore distractions and choose suitable seating areas.	

We would like to extend our congratulations to all students for showing expected behaviours whilst entering and exiting the Church and during the liturgy.



MATHEMATICS

Talking is very important in our Mathematics lessons.

Talk Moves refers to discussion strategies to promote equitable participation in a rigorous classroom learning environment. Teachers and students can both use Talk Moves to encourage participation and engagement with maths content and reasoning.

"Classroom talk is a powerful tool for both teaching and learning. Rich, dialogic talk supports students in making sense of complex ideas and builds classroom communities centred around meaning-making. 'Talk moves' are the tools used by teachers to support rich, meaningful classroom discussion in mathematics." (Source, NSW Department of Education)

SPORTS NEWS

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 24th February, we had 24 children represent OLOW at the Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival. We are very proud of the effort each child displayed and the great sportsmanship they showed. Here are some photos of our swimming team, our relays and our Age Champions.



Congratulations to the following children who will be representing the Nepean Zone at the Diocesan Carnival on March 11th:

Theo Cross, Max Roney, Matilda Renny, Eli Mills, Cohen Dyrka, Zachary Trigg, Ella Dwyer, Maddison McGrath, Aisling Cremen, Audrey Edwards, Remy Cross, Sarah Fenning, Max Thompson, Patrick Moran, Mia McGrath, Aiden Dyrka, Chase Bryan, Lara Dwyer, Ruby Murphy, Lola Troitson, Mikayla Blazek, and Mason Benitez.

Cross Country

Due to the weather our Cross Country has been postponed to the 22nd of March. We are looking forward to a great day of community spirit!

GENERAL NEWS

**NEW
EDITION
AVAILABLE
NOW**

DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now valuable online with updated safety content.

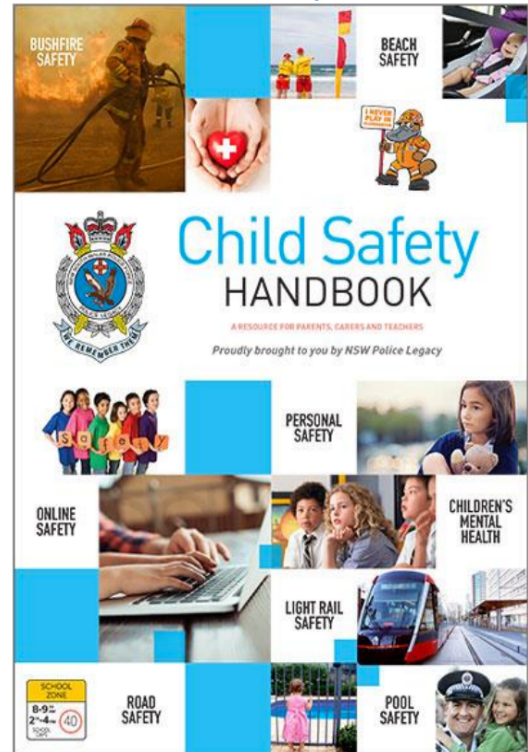
We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

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Consent

If you wish to change consent for the use of students' image and/or works, please notify the school in writing or request a new consent form.

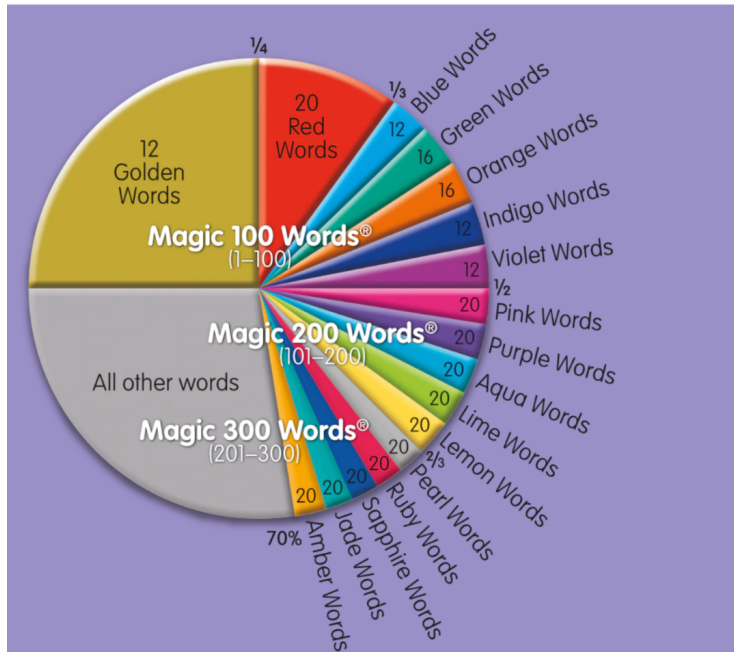
Please note that children who do not have consent for photos will not be in any photos at OLOW, so there will be no photographic record of their time at OLOW.

P and F Donation - Thank you!

The school would like to thank the P and F for their donation of \$2300 to purchase resources for all students in the school. This donation will assist with our reading and spelling programs. This is an initial donation and the P and F plan to donate the funds to purchase additional sets of these resources

MAGIC WORDS - OVERVIEW

Reading to Writing Bridge



'SHORT READS' BY SCHOLASTIC

400 SHORT, STAND ALONE LEVELLED TEXTS IN A STURDY CARD FORMAT, ALONG WITH CLOSE-READING ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP DEEP COMPREHENSION. The fiction and NON-FICTION COLLECTIONS EACH CONSIST OF 5 LEVELLED BOXES, EVERY BOX HAS 40 CARDS X 6 COPIES AND A TEACHERS GUIDE.

A promotional banner for 'Short Texts Deep Reading'. It features a collage of various short texts, including 'Meet Lily', 'Trees All Year Long', 'African Elephants', 'KITES', and 'Shark Farm'. The banner is set against a blue background with a shark illustration on the right. The text 'SHORT TEXTS DEEP READING' is prominently displayed in large white letters. Below it, the text reads: 'Non-fiction and fiction short levelled texts for all reading abilities, with close reading activities that are FAST, FLEXIBLE and EFFECTIVE.'



Date	Event
Friday 11 March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Friday 14 March	K to 2 teachers working with Numeracy Teacher Educator
Tuesday 22 March	School Cross Country
Wednesday 4 April	Diocesan Cross Country
Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1



SCAN ME

2-DAY SUPER CAMP April 2022

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Hi parents/caregivers,



We would like to invite your son/daughter to attend our upcoming Motiv8sports 2 DAY SUPER CAMPS in the April School Holidays.

Our events are designed to motiv8, encourage, build resilience and inspire children to do their best! Nothing compares to a Motiv8sports event. Held only once each year Super Camp is a sports festival designed just for kids. Super Camp is an energetic mix of sport, music, street culture, art and dance mashed up to create the ultimate atmosphere for kids who love having fun and expressing themselves.

VISIT OUR Motiv8sports PENRITH FACEBOOK PAGE to see our awesome photo galleries from all our events!

VISIT our website using the QR code for more information or call Coach Brad on 0402 200 479

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR 2022 \$100 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Motiv8sports Camps are designed for all abilities and focus on the energy and effort rather than a child's sporting or creative ability. Children who attend Motiv8sports Camps learn about sport, culture, creativity, teamwork & sportsmanship in an environment fuelled by great leadership and constant motivation. Creativity and originality is a vital element of all we do with multiple creative outlets provided throughout each camp.

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3 x EVENTS TO CHOOSE FROM

Nepean Christian School - Mon 11th - Tues 12th April

St Clair High - Wed 13th - Thurs 14th April

Penrith Anglican College - Thurs 21st - Fri 22nd April



+ EVERY NEW member GETS A FREE JERSEY! Valued at \$30

Gateway Family Services

(An activity of Blaxland Uniting Church)



Presents...



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*Exploring your child's
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- How to overcome obstacles to being the parent you would like to be;
- Exploring ways to care for yourself and to find support when you need it.



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

**Come along to our
6 Week Parent Program!**

*For parents and caregivers with children
aged from 0 – 2 years old*

LOCATION: Blaxland Uniting Church (rear Hall)
70 Old Bathurst Road, Blaxland

WHEN: Monday 21st February –
28th March, 2022

TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

COST: Donation

Register at Gateway: 0490 662 498

NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE