

OUR LADY OF THE WAY CALENDAR

TERM 3				
EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY/AUG				
Date	Day	Time	Event	
July 2-July 10		All Week	NAIDOC Week	
July 19/20	Wed/Thus	08:20-08:45	NAIDOC Activity Story Time	Grass area Year 4
July 21	Fri	NAIDOC Activity	Activity & K-2 Performance	Please wear Indigenous print/jewellery/hairclips
July 24	Mon	All Day	Celebrating 100 Days of Kindergarten	Dress Up
July 26	Wed	All Day	Year 2 Excursion Sydney Zoo	Year 2
July 26	Wed		Scholastic Bookclub	Closing date
July 27	Thu	Afternoon	Anti Bullying Positive Behaviour for students	Kinder – Year 6 Hall
July 28	Fri		Stage 3 Boys/Girls Touch Footy	
Aug 2	Wed		Year 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill Estate	
Aug 9	Wed		CSPD Nepean Zone Athletics	
Aug 11	Fri		Kindergarten Incursion Living Things Animal Welfare League	OLOW
Aug 18	Fri	All Day	Pupil Free Day	Staff involved in Faith Formation Day
Aug 23	Wed		School Photos	
Sept 13	Wed		Kindergarten Science Excursion	Calmsley Hill Farm

TERM 4				
EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCT/DEC				
Date	Day	Time	Event	
Oct 9	Mon	Pupil Free	Staff Development Day	
Oct 10	Tues	Pupil Free	Staff Development Day	

REGULAR EVENTS				
Date	Day	Time	Event	
Each Week	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome

MASSES AND SACRAMENTS				
Date	Day	Time	Event	
GRADE MASSES				
July 28	Fri	09.00am	Year 4 Parish Mass	OLOW Church
July 28	Fri		Altar Service Training	See Parent Communication from REC
Aug 2	Wed		2023 Yr6 Sacrament of Confirmation	
Aug 4	Fri	09:00am	Year 2 Parish Mass	OLOW Church
Aug 8	Tues	TBC	Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mass	OLOW Church
Aug 11	Fri	09:00am	Year 3 Parish Mass	OLOW Church
Aug 15	Tues	09:00am	Feast of the Assumption Mass	OLOW Church
Aug 25	Fri	09:00	Kindergarten & Year 5 Parish Mass	OLOW Church
Sept 1	Fri	TBC	Father's Day Liturgy	TBC
Sept 8	Fri	09:00am	Year 1 & Year 6 Parish Mass	OLOW Church
Sept 15	Fri	10:15am	Grandparent's Day Mass	OLOW Church



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3.
Hope all Our Lady of the Way families have had a restful break and
looking forward to a busy Term 3.

Regards
Phillip Kapitanow
Principal

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



NAIDOC WEEK Celebrations at OLOW began on Tuesday morning with a moving and spiritual prayer. As a community we gathered and together we reverently acknowledged country, ritual, and the traditional custodians of our land. It was a gentle and affirming way to begin the term, as we prayed together to our God, who loves us unconditionally and is with us always.

On Tuesday students were fortunate to be able to learn from Nathan, a young Indigenous man who visited the school to share his knowledge and experience of culture, heritage, and his journey of discovering about his own aboriginal heritage. Nathan discussed the significance of dance, storytelling, cultural customs as well as sharing his talents of playing the Didgeridoo. Students danced, painted a collaborative mural, enjoyed having their faces painted and heard about Nathan's journey of learning about his cultural heritage. It was definitely a fun way for the community to begin the term.

Storytelling is taking place before school on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, where older students are reading a variety of books written by Indigenous authors. This is a great opportunity for our students to start the day connecting with one another through stories and the power of the written word.

On Friday parents and carers are invited to join us in the afternoon (from 1:20pm) for a Musical and Language Performance by our students from K, 1 and 2 where they will perform a song in Darug language, **'Together We Are One'**. They have been learning this song and language in their Indigenous Immersion lessons with Mrs Graham throughout the first half of the year and are looking forward to performing to the school community. After the performance parents are invited to join their child/ren in the classrooms to participate in an activity to end our NAIDOC Week Celebrations. Each grade will host an activity that will conclude at 2:40pm. Dismissal will be as per normal at 2:50pm, in the usual manner.

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Storytelling



Regards
Ms Catherine Ruff
Assistant Principal

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR COORDINATOR MESSAGE

Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation 2023



The preparation program for the sacrament of Confirmation begins Wednesday 2nd August. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament, it is not too late. You can register them through the OLOW parish office on 47351041 or emuplains@parracatholic.org

Friday Parish Mass - Term 3 Dates

Term 3 dates for grades attending Friday Parish Mass are:

Year 4 Parish Mass: Week 2 - Friday July 28 @ 9:00am

Year 2 Parish Mass: Week 3 - Friday August 4 @ 9:00am

Year 3 Parish Mass: Week 4 - Friday August 11 @ 9:00am

Kindergarten and Year 5 Parish Mass: Week 6 - Friday August 25 @ 9:00am

Year 1 and Year 6 Parish Mass: Week 8 - Friday September 8 @ 9:00am

Altar Server Training

If any child who has made their First Communion and is interested in learning what an altar server does, there will be a teaching session in the church on **Wed 28th July at 7pm**. For more information, please contact Cate at the parish office on 4735 1041.

Mrs Carole Day
Religious Education Coordinator

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WELLBEING COUNSELLOR MESSAGE

Our Lady of The Way has a dedicated counsellor, Marita Vecchio, onsite four days a week Monday to Thursday.

Wellbeing counselling services provide support and resources to students, their families, and educators. These services are intended to facilitate the educational, social and emotional wellbeing of students in schools and the community.

All Wellbeing Counsellors in Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD) are either psychologists or social workers with appropriate clinical experience.

There are two main elements of wellbeing that a counsellor supports in their work

1. student wellbeing and
2. a school wide wellbeing culture.

Examples of this include:

- Collaborating with schools and other professionals to promote school wide mental health and wellbeing initiatives.
- Engaging families to support their child and strengthen home-school partnerships.
- Providing individual and group counselling services to students.
- Liaising with external agencies and professionals to enhance student support.
- Supporting leaders and staff to respond effectively to student wellbeing.
- Provide consultation to support Diversity teams in their development of personalised plans for students where a wellbeing concern exists.

An important note about confidentiality - wellbeing counsellors are bound by law to maintain client confidentiality when collecting, recording, storing, disseminating, and disposing of information. Students and parents will be made aware of the limits of confidentiality before counselling begins.

CSPD counselling service does not act as the primary clinician for students with serious mental health issues, requiring provision of specialist clinical counselling, involvement in family law matters, discipline of students, counselling outside of school hours or premises.

Requests to see the wellbeing counsellor can be made by a parent, student, or school staff. Students aged 14 years and under will need parental consent.

The Model of Counselling Intervention

Regards
Mrs Marita Vecchio
Wellbeing Counsellor



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REMINDER TO OUR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

On Monday 24th July, the children in kindergarten will be celebrating 100 days of attending school and becoming 100 days smarter. They have been counting the number of days at school since their first day of kindergarten. To celebrate this day, we will be participating in activities that are based on the themes of 100, getting older and growing smarter. The tasks will be completed during normal school hours.

We invite the students to come dressed up, for the duration of the day, in relation to the themes. Below are some ideas you could consider.



Thank you for all your help and support. Congratulations on surviving the first 100 days of your child being in kindergarten in 2023! We are looking forward to celebrating all the children's achievements with them.

Thanking you
Kinder Team

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PBS4L AWARD FOR TERM 2 WEEK 10 - CONGRATULATIONS



PBS4L Award

Week 10 We use kind words and actions.

Kindergarten	Cassie De
Year 1	Adelyn H
Year 2	Jaxon B
Year 3	Bronte P
Year 4	Gerry B
Year 5	Marcus B
Year 6	Kaylin W

GENERAL INFORMATION



Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 2023

Brochures for the above issue were distributed through class on Tuesday. The closing date for this issue will be Wednesday July 26th.

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