

OUR LADY OF THE WAY CALENDAR

TERM 2

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Date	Day	Time	Event	
Jun 21	Wed	06:30pm	Term 2 Parents & Friends Meeting	Staffroom OLOW
Jun 23	Fri		St Vincent DePaul Mufti Day	**Mufti with Beanie and or Scarf Donation via QKR
** If your child has been selected to go to the art gallery, they are required to wear their full sports uniform with a beanie and/or scarf, if they choose to be involved in St Vincent de Paul Mufti Day **				
June 26-29			Listening Conferences	
Jun 27	Tue	All Day	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala	
June 20-30			No Sales of School Items	
Jun 30			Last Day of Term 2	

TERM 3

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY/AUG

Date	Day	Time	Event	
July 2-July 10		All Week	NAIDOC Week	
July 17	Mon		Staff Development Day	
July 18	Tues		First day of Term 3 for Students	
July 24	Mon	All Day	Celebrating 100 Days of Kindergarten	Dress Up – Refer Item in Newsletter
July 26	Wed	All Day	Year 2 Excursion Sydney Zoo	Year 2
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 18	Fri	All Day	Pupil Free Day	Staff involved in Faith Formation Day
Aug 23	Wed		School Photos	

TERM 4

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY/AUG

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
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

Last Sunday I was present at church to witness some of our students make their First Holy Communion. Sitting with my son he commented on how smart and presentable the children looked, a true reflection of their parents' pride and joy. It's always a great sight to see our children take the next step in developing their Catholic faith by receiving a sacrament. Looking around the church parents, family and friends were so proud to see the children continue their faith journey. The church was filled with a positive buzz that was reflective of the occasion.

I congratulate all the children who made their First Holy Communion and thank their parents and families for their continued support and value placed on building individual faith.

REPORTS AND PARENT INTERVIEWS

Staff have been working hard to write Semester One Student Progress Reports. This is a long process that began many weeks ago. Staff have used their knowledge of student learning to determine grades, effort scores and select appropriate comments that capture current learning and reflect next steps.

The process involved many rounds of cross checking between staff to ensure reports are consistent with what we know about each student and that the comments and traits align with grades. The important element of a report and interview is to what is expected of students in the second half of the year.

Reports are the teacher's opportunity to honestly communicate learning progress to parents. Generally, parents are very receptive of this news, be it positive or challenging. The challenging news can be difficult to hear. As parents, we can be defensive or even dismissive when news doesn't go the way we expect. My hope is that no news is new news! I have asked the staff to communicate with parents to minimise the risk of surprising parents at report time.

Parent interviews are scheduled for next week and it is affirming to see so many parents book in time slots to speak with staff. This is a time for staff and parents to work together to improve student learning. Staff will be open and transparent about individual student's progress. Again, this communication can be positive or challenging. When the challenge arises, it is important to understand that this is coming from a good place. Teachers are not trying to hurt you or your child's feelings. Rather they are doing what is expected and that is to give an honest account of each student's progress.

I know the vast majority of parents will be respectful throughout this process. Teachers have a right to be respected, as do parents. Mutual respect is vital especially when difficult conversations need to occur. Our expectation regarding behaviour is simple, if respect breaks down, the interview will cease.

Regards
Mr Phillip Kapitanow
Principal

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports will be available to all parents through the COMPASS portal this Friday afternoon. The reports capture the effort and learning achievements of your child for Semester 1.

Learning Achievement for students in Kindergarten will be reported using the following scale:

Learning Achievement		
Working Beyond	Working At	Working Towards

Learning Achievement for students in Years 1 - 6 will be reported using the following scale:

Learning Achievement				
Working Deeply	Working Beyond	Working At	Working Towards	Working with Assistance

You will be provided with comments for Religious Education, English and Mathematics that identifies knowledge, skills and understanding that your child has demonstrated. There will also be some **next steps** provided for English and Mathematics, whereby teachers have provided some learning focus points for your child in moving forward within their learning.

As we know **effort** teaches us that we can do more than we thought we could. We learn new skills, knowledge, and abilities when we take time to put in consistent effort. It is effort that keeps us focussed on success. The effort your child exhibits in their learning is reported using the following scale:

Effort			
Outstanding	Very Good	Satisfactory	Improvement Needed

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In the reports you will also find information pertaining to ***Personal Learning Traits*** that your child exhibits. These traits play an important role in learning and socialisation at school. As educators we look at educating the whole child. We take into account the different facets of learning and how students manage the skills required for learning.

Further School Involvement is a new addition to the reports this semester. It is where we are capturing student involvement in extra curricular activities in and around the school.

You have the opportunity to speak about your child's report with your child's teacher at Parent Teacher interviews in Week 10. Please ensure you have made your bookings through the link sent out via COMPASS. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Regards
Ms Catherine Ruff
Assistant Principal



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR COORDINATOR MESSAGE

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on the weekend. Blessings to you and your family.



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St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal



This Friday is our 'Scarf and Beanie Day' - a fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Students can wear mufti and a beanie and / or scarf and make a donation.

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You can donate now via the Qkr! App.

Sunday Parish Mass

This Sunday, June 25 at 9:30am, children from Year 4 and Year 5 will be helping to lead parts of the Mass. You are very welcome to attend.

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

Mrs Carole Day
Religious Education Coordinator

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Diocesan synod

*The very first **Diocesan Synod** for the Diocese of Parramatta will take place in October 2023, gathering clergy, consecrated people, and the laity across our Diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and The Blue Mountains.*

Between now and 31 July, families are encouraged to get involved by making a submission to the Diocesan Synod process through the [Diocesan Synod website](#). Many have already done so. If you have yet to do so, please consider it as you still have plenty of time.

The Diocesan Synod team has created a new resource for you and your family to get involved in sharing your stories for the future of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains from the comfort of your own home.

Download the family and child-friendly resources from the family and child resources section at https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/

An individual contribution to the Synod can be made at https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_submissions/

We encourage you to consider if you and your family could contribute to this Diocesan Synod process.

*Yours sincerely
CSPD*

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WELLBEING COUNSELLOR MESSAGE

Gateway is running two FREE parenting programs in Term 3 and are currently taking registrations.

* Bringing up Great Kids: Parenting Adolescents (Online)

[T3 2023 Flyer - BUGK Parenting Adolescents.pdf](#)

* Circle of Security Parenting (Blaxland)

[T3 2023 Flyer - Circle of Security Parenting \(6\).pdf](#)



Gateway Family Services Term 3, 2023 Parenting Programs Summary

Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
Bringing Up Great Kids: Parenting Adolescents 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 10-19 yrs. olds.	Every Monday 31st July—4th Sept 7:00pm—9:00pm	Online via ZOOM	Ph: 4720 6500 or Email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au
Circle of Security Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents 0 -12 yrs. old.	Every Wednesday 9th Aug—20th Sept 10:00am—12:00pm	Blaxland UniOng Church Hall 72 Old Bathurst Road BLAXLAND	Ph: 4720 6500 or Email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

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.

Regards
Mrs Marita Vecchio
Wellbeing Counsellor

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Celebrating 100 Days of Kindergarten

On Monday 24th July, Term 3 Week 2, 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.

***Kind Regards,
The Kinder Team***

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Year 2 NEWS!

Term 2 has been extremely busy in Year 2!

We started the term with a History incursion, 'The Past in the Present - How do aspects from the past shape our daily lives.' The Year 2 room became a museum for the day. The students thoroughly enjoyed looking at old photos and images of families, schools, places, and buildings from the past. They particularly engaged with the hands-on activity, where they had the opportunity to use a typewriter, host a tea party as well as play with old toys and games. We finished the day with the students helping to make butter and damper.



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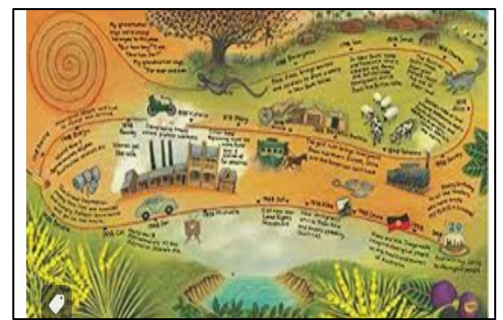
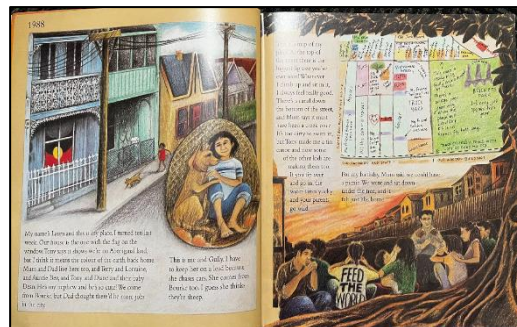
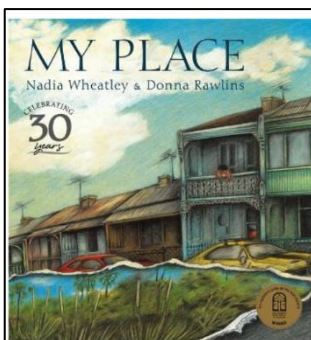


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English

This term, we have been exploring the wonderful book, My Place by Nadia Wheatley. It connects with our History Unit, as it depicts the history of one particular piece of land in Sydney from 1788 to 1988 through the stories of the various children who have lived there. It aims to teach the reader about the history of Australia, about families, settlers, multiculturalism, and the traditional owners of the land.

This book has also guided our writing. The students are in the process of creating their own 'My Place' story. They are learning to plan, create, revise, and publish a piece of text reflecting the same layout as a page from the book. The students are looking forward to sharing this with their families.



Mathematics

The students have continued to challenge themselves when problem solving in Maths each day.

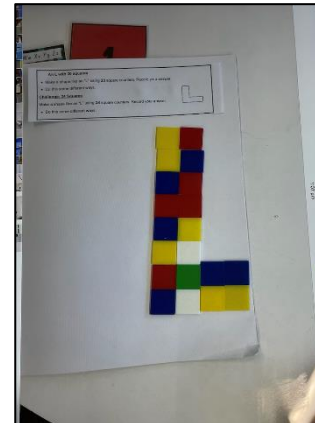
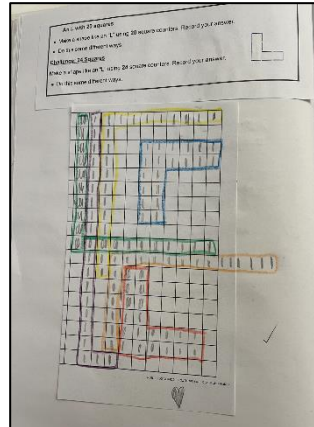
Some of the topics they have investigated this term are: 2D Shapes and Area; Multiplication /Division and 3D Objects and Volume.

The students are given a problem and then take some time to devise a strategy to solve it. They are encouraged to explain their thinking using mathematical language and solve the problem in different ways. The students enjoy sharing their explanations and strategies with each other.

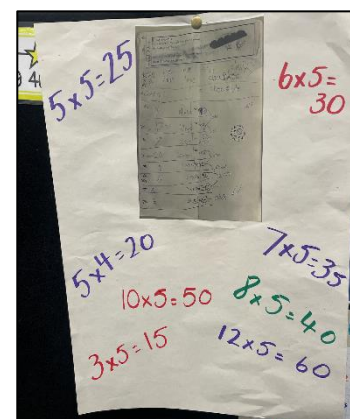
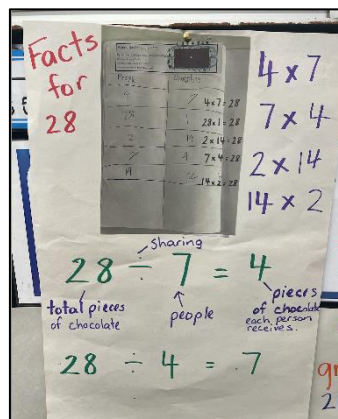
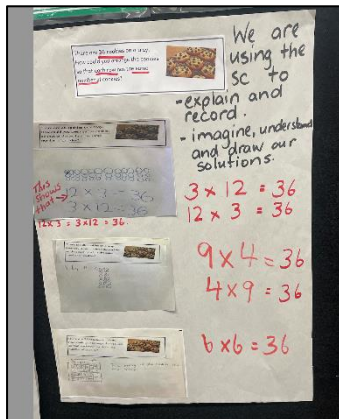


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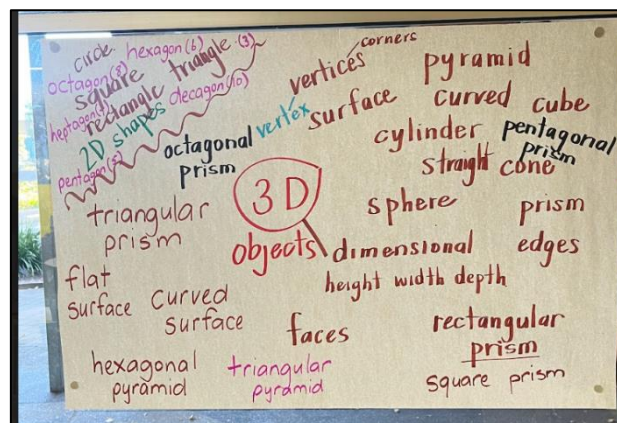
2D Shapes and Area



Multiplication and Division



3D objects and Volume





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Warm up Maths tasks

The students often start a Maths lesson with an activity like the following.

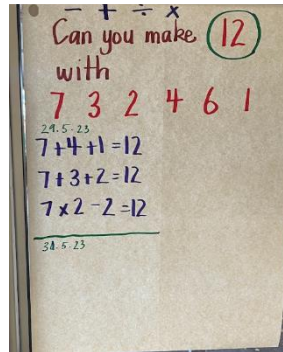
These tasks are great to practise at home.

Array Game - (Instructions are on Google Classroom)

Can you make ___?



Array Game - (Instructions are on Google Classroom)



Drama

This term year 2 has been exploring movement, shape, and expression in drama. Students have been enjoying drama warm up games such as 'lead with' where students are given instruction to lead with a body part e.g., nose. 'Sculpture and the clay' are another popular activity in year two where students explore giving directions for movement.



Quick Write

Each morning, Year 2 engages in 15 minutes of writing which we call our quick writes. There is either a stimulus picture or text that the students can write about. Last week we posed the question, **What is Love?** The students blew us away with their deep and meaningful responses.

Love is a beautiful connection with something you nurture.

Love is if you had a broken arm, your friend would not say you are ugly they would help you. It is not seen, it is felt.

Harry

Love is something you cannot see but you can feel it. You know it can't be broken. Love is special, it's beautiful.

Matthew

Love is when you give someone your heart and make someone feel happy

Last forever

Open to everyone

Very loved

Electric

Abby

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Year 5

POETRY



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We have been very busy this term. From our science incursion, to our athletics day and our visit from the police around cyber safety. We've been busy in the classroom too and would like to share some of our poetry with you.



FOOD

Food is the best
Food makes me happy
Chips are still hip
I've got burgers to flip
So excuse me for licking my lip
There's food to eat
One heck of a treat.

ART

I have my pens, pencils, highlighters and
textas with my paper
My paper pencils are bright and sharp ready
to make a masterpiece
My textas are vibrant colours to draw on a
colourful mural on the wall
My pencil is the window to my imagination
I feel clam, relaxed and joyful when colouring
on my white piece of paper
My white piece of paper is now a piece of
amazing art

TRANSPORT

A blue plane in a murky sky
A unstable boat in wavy water
I gaze up again
To see a cute little helicopter
A train runs on narrow tracks
A car dashed past on the road
Vans and trucks
All carry their hefty load

STICKS AND STONES WILL BREAK MY BONES
THAT'S HOW THE SAYING GOES
HOWEVER WORDS WILL MAKE ME SNAP
WORDS WILL SHATTER MY MIND
WORDS WILL STAY IN MY HEAD
UNTIL WHO I AM GETS LOST
EVERYONE SAY WORDS CAN'T SCRAPE MY KNEES OR MAKE ME BLEED
YET WORDS MAKE ME DROWN IN MY TEARS THAT MEET THE SEA
WORDS ARE LIKE TATTOOS PERMANENTLY ENGRAVED ON MY SKIN
WORDS WILL MAKE ME BELIEVE ONCE I AM FORCED TO START AGREEING



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Year 5

POETRY

POETRY
CORNER

DON'T



Don't do this
Don't do that
Don't was all I heard
Don't give homework
Don't give reminders
Don't do work
Don't do detention
Don't go to school
Don't put hands on
Don't don't don't
Don't take tokens
Don't don't don't

I leapt into the deep, dark woods with
excitement and joy
As I explored near the stream I heard the
leaves pushing against the wind
I found an abandoned cabin and made it my
own
My own cabin it was now and it was peaceful,
quiet and calm
Until one day hairy hands came to take me
away
In a bag I was, moving around as I was on
something bumpy
The hands came back and threw me into a
stable
Scared and frightened I burrowed out

SPORT

Basketball, home to dunks and 3 pointers.
Boom, Shaq dunked on Giaanis.
Stephen Curry 3 pointer
Soccer, Ronaldo he scores siuuuu!
1 nil, Portugal vs Argentina
Cricket, Pat Cummins bowls
Ben Stokes hits a 6 he runs!
Australia wins

HERMIN

Hermin the hermit crab!
He's very very smart!
Hermin the hermit crab!
He could climb a humongous cart!
Hermin the hermit crab!
He really likes fruit!
Hermin the hermit crab!
He's pretty dang cute!
Hermin the hermit crab!
His claws are very sharp!
Hermin the hermit crab!
He could play a tiny harp!



DRAGON

As I wandered into your cave in 2030
And the cave was sky brown like the ground
That was when I met you
Your scales were shining like a freshener as
the sun rose

You my dragon, rare claws digging into the ground
The ground is as strong as a bodybuilder
The fire you berth is a death note
You my dragon courageous as a champion knight
Your fangs are sharp blades born to kill



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YEAR 5

POETRY



ECHO

Life is an echo
What you say comes back
What you give you get
Don't judge if you don't want to be judged yourself
What you see in other people they see in you
Life is an echo
Echoes will run but always come back
Echoes will rebound off any wall millions of times
But you will not hear it
Echoes will jump in the sky into the ground
And then jump into the sky
But always come back
You yell or whisper billions of times
But it will come back
No matter how loud or quiet
It will come back
Echo.

NIGHT

The rain is pouring heavy and steady
It's dripping down my window
Tap.Tap.Tap
It's making me feel calm
It's almost night and I must go to bed
I walk over to my bed then my cat bites my toe
My tears well in my eyes
I hop into my comfy bed
I close my eyes and land in a deep sleep
I dream about the blissful rain
I hope tomorrow it will rain again
The fog comes on the midnight mark
It lays upon the city over the buildings, and silently rises up

SUSHI

My favourite dish is sushi with fish
But with some chicken
I will be flicking that chicken away for some schnitzel
And I ate it up (ate it up)
And I'm done (done)
When that was happening the sushi made my mouth water
The little balls that looked like crumbs
Where crumby and crunchy
Ohhhh yeah!



SNACK

I spy a bird peering through my window
We glare at each other
He looks at me like I am a snack
I drilled under the wet smooth sand
I zoomed as fast as I could over rocks
My tip taps alerted my nemesis
My curse chased me like a guided missile
Because I am a snack
My four legs dash
I hid in my protective shield
My villain blasted into the sky like a rocket
Because I am not a snack

FAST FOOD

We head through the doors to my favourite store
KFC
There's so much to choose from
Popcorn Chicken? Burger?
I can't make up my mind
We stand there until my dad says
You're taking too long
We will go to another store.
We head through the doors to my favourite store
Mac Donald's
There's so much to choose from
Big Mac? Quarter Pounder?
I can't make up my mind
We stand there until my dad says
You're taking too long
We will go to another store.
We head through the doors to my favourite store
Hungry Jacks
There's so much to choose from
Whopper? Fried Chicken?
I can't make up my mind
We stand there until my dad says
You're taking too long
We will have to go home.



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PBS4L AWARD FOR WEEK 8 - CONGRATULATIONS

 PBS4L Award Week 8 We are active participants.	
Kindergarten	Isaac B
Year 1	Arabella L
Year 2	Eva K
Year 3	Jesse S
Year 4	James S
Year 5	Lucas E
Year 6	Oliver C & Cody T



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GENERAL INFORMATION

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARENTS & FRIENDS TERM 2 MEETING

Wednesday June 21st at 6:30pm
Hope to see you there!



DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES

The Parliament of NSW has put together a week of free online educational events these school holidays.

Our FREE Family Fun activities will run from 3 July - 7 July 2023 and are perfect for children up to 12 years old, with storytelling, sessions on Aboriginal culture and virtual guided tours through the chambers.

When: Monday 3 July – Friday 7 July 2023

Time: Various sessions

Where: Online via Zoom

Family Fun Week [Link](#)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES HATS, BAGS, SOCKS, LIBRARY BAGS AND CLOTHING POOL WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH - FRIDAY JUNE 30TH

We are closing sales of all school supplies; hats; bags, socks; library bags and any items from the clothing pool due to stocktaking of supplies.

Sales will recommence Tuesday July 18th, when school resumes



Our Lady of the Way School Photos
Wednesday August 23rd