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Parent Communication Term 1 Week 10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Sunday Parish Mass

Fr Michael has extended an invitation to our students to lead various aspects of the 9:30am Sunday Parish Mass. This might include reading, taking part in the Offertory Procession or sharing a liturgical movement. We will share the date of the Mass next week, but we just wanted you to have the chance to have a conversation with your child(ren) to see if they might be interested in leading parts of the Mass early next term.

Harmony Day

Thank you so much to all the families who joined us last Friday for our Harmony Day Fun Afternoon. We loved having you visit and we know the children really appreciated having you there.

Easter Hat Parade

We hope the children are getting their hats ready for the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday morning, April 5. The Year 1 students are so excited and spent time yesterday sharing ideas for their fabulous designs! The Easter Hat Parade will begin at 9:00am under the COLA. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Caritas - Project Compassion

In the last week of school we will be presenting Fr Michael with our Project Compassion boxes. The children are invited to send in their Project Compassion boxes next Monday, April 3.

Grades attending Parish Mass

Year 5 will be attending Parish Mass this Friday March 31 @ 9:00am. You are very welcome to attend.

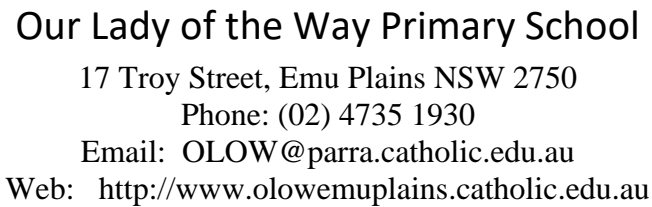
Below are the dates for Grades attending Parish Mass next term.

- Year 4 - Friday May 5 @ 9:00am
- Year 2 - Friday May 19 @ 9:00am
- Kindergarten and Year 5 - Friday June 2 @ 9:00am
- Year 3 - Friday June 9 @ 9:00am
- Year 1 and Year 6 - Friday June 16 @ 9:00am

ANZAC Day Prayer

On Wednesday April 26 (our first day back next term) we will be holding an ANZAC Day Prayer at 8:45am. The prayer will be led by members of our Student Council. You are more than welcome to join us.

Mrs Carole Day
Religious Education Coordinator



NEWS FROM YEAR 5

YEAR 5 TERM 1



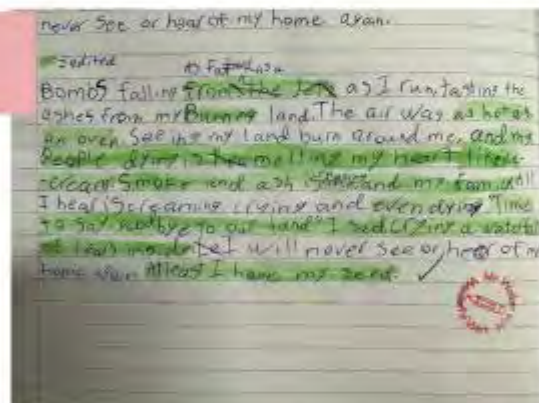
KINDY BUDDIES

Let's start with one of our favourite things this term: 'Kindy Buddies'. We have enjoyed our shared lunches and working on our art together in class.

"This term I learnt how to be a great, smart buddy and to make sure my buddy is safe, happy and friendly."

We have been working hard on our narrative and persuasive texts this term. We have learnt how to structure, proof read and edit our work.

"This term I have enjoyed writing a narrative because it was fun looking at all different types of figurative language, and that there was always another way to edit and make it better."



ART

"This term I have enjoyed doing artworks with Mrs Collins because I learnt how to use my colours and how to create artwork."

"We have been working on different techniques in art and how to use different textures."

"I have learnt to sketch and paint my own unique and textured animal by learning about different textures in art."



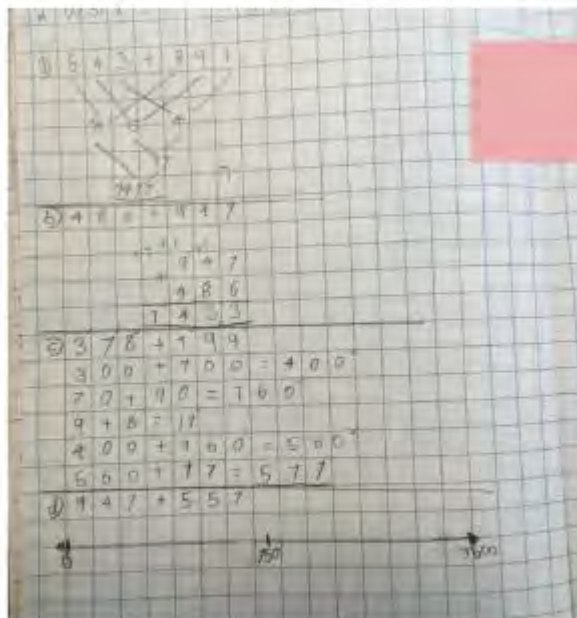
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MATHS

Year 5 have challenged themselves during maths: to represent integers in variety of ways, and to use efficient strategies to solve everyday mathematical problems.

"This term I have enjoyed doing maths, because it has been very challenging which really helps our abilities to learn."

"This term I learnt maths is not just a thing we learn but it's a really important life skill."

GYMNASTICS

Every Monday Year 5 have participated in a gymnastic program that has challenged our body and minds. During sport on Fridays we have been practicing the skills of netball and learning the rules of the game.

"I have enjoyed the Dance Fever gymnastics as they teach different skills each week."



RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES & RECOGNITION

We have been learning about our Rights and Responsibilities as part of our PDH programme. We acknowledge that we have rights, yet have a responsibility to uphold those rights through our own actions. When we do the right things it is also important to be recognised. Zooper Doopers have been very popular this term!



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YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION UPDATE

Visiting the War Memorial

At the War Memorial, I learnt about Sister Ellen Savage who was the only nurse who survived the sinking of the hospital ship in the Japanese war. The ship sank in only 3 minutes. A

Japanese fighter boat shot a missile at the hospital boat at the engine which had gasoline in it which set the boat aflame. All passengers had to flee the

boat by just jumping in the water hoping for a way to land. This story that the tour guide shared with us was sad, but when we saw pictures of the boat, we realised how brave Sister Ellen was and all of the other men and women who fought for our country.

Zoe Robertson



Accommodation

The accommodation was nice and all prepared for us to come. The food was great and we loved having dinner as a grade together. At night, our cabins were a little bit noisy but it was super fun to hang out with our friends!

Koby-Lee Edwards

Old Parliament House

When we were in the Old Parliament House, we got to look at historic artefacts. When we were there we went to the library and a tour guide gave us a tour card and we did a history task about politicians. We also got to see what they wore in the olden days. We got to sit in chairs that real politicians got to sit in during parliament. Super cool!

Hugo So





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Electoral Office - Old Parliament House

We visited Old Parliament House on the first day of camp. When we neared the end of our tour, we were able to attend a mock election for four candidates: Apple, Peach, Orange and Banana. We all voted in separate cardboard polling booths with walls to stop other voters from seeing our votes. Afterwards, we counted our votes for the four fruits and apple won with over 18 votes in the preferential voting roleplay.



Parliament House

I was so lucky when we got to go to the parliament house because I got to sit in the big chair at the front of the house and pretend to be the speaker while we were voting on a bill about playing sports for two hours a day at school. This was exactly like real parliament! We also got to listen in to a meeting in the Senate and in the House of Representatives. The politicians were very persuasive and great public speakers - I hope that I have that confidence one day!

Flynn Weber



When we met our Electorate Representative Melissa McIntosh

We had the surprise of a lifetime with an unlikely chance of seeing our electorate leader from our area which is called Lindsay. We had the opportunity to question the role that she has, and discuss the work she does. Melissa McIntosh shared her plans for changing our area to make it better and also keep it the great area that we all know and love today.

By Patrick Moran





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On the Way Home

Our trip home was a boring and slow trip back. There were some sleeping beauties, like Mr K (inside joke!). But Year 6 was really responsible and respectful. We had a stop at Maccas, which was super tasty, but some of us were still hungry even after eating, it must have been the busy two days we had. When we got to school it was around 6 or 7 o'clock. Mrs B and Mr J looked like they were about to fall asleep. It was a great trip and I hope that next year's Year Sixers have a great time too!

Sarah Fenning



Canberra was fun and a great learning experience for everyone in Year 6. It brought us closer together when we were in cabins with people that we don't hang out with that much. Canberra was so much fun with our teachers, we couldn't do this without them. On the way back from Canberra we got the chance to have McDonalds and share a meal with everyone in the class. When we got back we were so tired and exhausted (especially the teachers!!) but we had so much fun.

Ruby Trad





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GENERAL NEWS

Easter Raffle



A reminder that you need to purchase your Easter Raffle tickets by **this Friday 31st March**. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased via the QKR app.

Enrolments 2024

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Kindergarten 2024

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been conducting our Kindergarten interviews for 2024. It has been lovely meeting all these young children and their families wishing to become members of our community. At the end of next week, we will be sending out our first round of acceptances.

This year there has been a very keen interest in enrolments for Kindergarten 2024 and we encourage family and friends, wishing to enrol their child, to submit their enrolment forms early next term as the next round of interviews will commence at the beginning of May.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.ollowemuplains.catholic.edu.au>; picked up from the school office next week or the start of Term 2 on 26 April. Once you have completed the forms and returned them to the school office, with the required documentation, we will arrange an interview for you and your child.



If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact the school office on 4777 7200.



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Mobile Phone/Smartwatch Agreement

As stated previously in our newsletter and in our Parent handbook students are NOT to have mobile phones or smartwatches at school. We understand that some students require a mobile phone or smartwatch to get in touch with parents after school. If your child needs to bring a phone or smartwatch to school, they will need to leave it at the school office during the day, it is the student's responsibility to collect it at the end of each day. If your child will be bringing a phone or smartwatch to school, please read and complete the attached agreement.

<https://forms.gle/uBWq2QVrab1QsVa96>

Clothing Pool

At Our Lady of the Way we have very generous families who donate their old uniforms. Our clothing pool is available to all families by filling out a uniform request form which is located at the front office. You can also send a request through the school email which is olow@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Every Friday our small team of volunteer parents fills these orders. Once they are filled you will receive an email to pay via the QKR app. If you would like to volunteer to help in our uniform shop (which is normally once or twice a term) please email your name to olow@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Clothing Pool Price List

Microfibre Jackets	\$10
Dresses	\$10
Sloppy Joe Jumpers/Jackets	\$5
Shorts – Grey/Sports	\$5
Shirts – Long/Short Sleeved/Sports	\$5
Trousers – Grey	\$5
Trackpants	\$5

Clothing Pool Volunteer Friday March 31st – Mrs Beth Trigg

THANK
YOU!

Term 2 Uniform

With the uncertainty of the weather for the beginning of Term 2 it has been decided that the students can come to school in **FULL** summer uniform or **FULL** winter uniform for the first two weeks. At the beginning of week three (**Monday May 8th**) all students will need to be in FULL winter uniform.



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School Fees

Thank you to the families who have finalised their first instalment of school fees for 2023. The school fee statements for Billing Period 1, 2023 were due on **15 March 2023**.



Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your account it will be assumed that full payment will be made on or before the due date. Fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued". Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese for actioning.

Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are experiencing difficulties with the payment of your school fees, you are encouraged to contact Deanne Hearnden. Discussing of fees will be dealt with confidentially and each person is guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity.

Fees can be paid either by bpay, postbillpay, BPoint, direct debit or by using our EFTPOS facilities.

If you need to discuss any issues in relation to your school fees, please don't hesitate to contact Deanne Hearnden on 02 4777 7200 or email OLOW-EMUPFees@parra.catholic.edu.au.



Year 7 2024 Enrolment Applications
Penola Catholic College and St Columba's Catholic College
are due by Friday March 31st 2024



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OUR LADY OF THE WAY CALENDAR

Mar 31	Fri	All Day	Easter Raffle Payments	QKR Payments close
Mar 31	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year 5 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church
Mar 31	Fri		Year 7 2024 Enrolments Due	Penola and St Columba's
Apr 3	Mon		Project Compassion Boxes	Need to be returned to school
Apr 3	Mon		Holy Week Prayer	Palm Sunday & Last Supper
Apr 4	Tues		Holy Week Prayer	Garden of Gethsemane & Good Friday
Apr 5	Wed	09:00	Easter Hat Parade	Under Cola – All Welcome
Apr 6	Thur	09:00am	School Cross Country	Hunter Field
Apr 6	Thur		Last Day of Term 1	
Apr 7	Friday		Good Friday	
Apr 8	Sat		Easter Saturday	
Apr 9	Sun		Easter Sunday	
Apr 10	Mon		Easter Monday	

TERM 2				
Date	Day	Time	Event	
Apr 24	Mon	All Day	Pupil Free	Staff Development Day
Apr 25	Tues	All Day	Public Holiday	Anzac Day
Apr 26	Wed		Term 2 Commences	Students return for Term 2
Apr 26	Wed	08:45	ANZAC Day Prayer	Cola – All Welcome
May 5	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year 4 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church
May 8	Mon		Full Winter Uniform	
May 10	Wed		Diocesan Cross Country	
May 10	Wed	07:30-08:30pm	Eucharist Information Night	Parents Only – more info to come
May 12	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Mother's Day Liturgy	
May 14	Sun		Mother's Day	
May 15	Mon	06:30-07:30pm	Growing Towards Wholeness Program	Years 5 and 6 Parent Session via Zoom – refer Compass Note 21.03.23
May 17	Wed	07:00-08:00pm	Eucharist Preparation Session 1	More info to come
May 18	Thur	08:45-10:45am	Growing Towards Wholeness Program	Year 5 girls
May 18	Thur	11:25-01:25pm	Growing Towards Wholeness Program	Year 5 boys
May 19	Fri		National Walk to School Day	
May 19	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year 2 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church
May 24	Wed		Feast of Mary Help of Christians	
May 24	Wed	07:00-08:00pm	Eucharist Preparation Session 2	More info to come
May 25	Thu	08:45-10:45am	Growing Towards Wholeness Program	Year 6 girls
May 25	Thu	11:25-01:25pm	Growing Towards Wholeness Program	Year 6 boys
May 30	Tue	11:25am	Ranger James Tours	Year 5 Incursion
May 31	Wed	07:00-08:00pm	Eucharist Preparation Session 3	More info to come
Jun 2	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year Kindergarten and Year 5 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church
Jun 9	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year 3 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church
Jun 16	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year 1 and Year 6 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church