



Our Lady of the Way Primary School

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Parent Communication Term 1 Week 4

PRINCIPAL

ESafety advice for parents - ThinkUKnow program

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) are urging families to be proactive this school year and update the privacy settings on children's devices to help prevent predators from contacting them online.

The AFP-led ThinkUKnow program – Australia's first and only nationally delivered, law enforcement-led online safety program – has produced guides for parents and carers.

Please click on the pink links to gain access:

[Gaming devices and what you need to know](#)

[Parent and carer social media starter kit](#)

Parents and Friends AGM / Meeting

Our first Parents and Friends meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday March 15th at 6.30pm.

The meeting will have two components;

1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) - parents will nominate and be voted in to hold positions on the Our Lady of The Way Parents and friends Association.
2. P & F meeting

The AGM is an opportunity for parents to officially nominate themselves to be executive members of the P&F. These members form a core leadership group for the P&F and lead the greater parent body in supporting the school.

I encourage parents to consider nominating themselves for these roles. The P&F can't exist without parents who want to volunteer their time in an effort to make Our Lady of The Way School a better place. One of the most crucial roles of the P&F is to provide opportunities for the community to gather. COVID did a lot to interrupt community events, but it is time that these once highly valued community events become part of our school culture again.

I want to acknowledge the team of parents who have been working to keep our P&F going; particularly throughout the years affected by COVID. I understand that this has been a challenging time for the P&F. I know this group of people are looking forward to welcoming new and additional members to the group.



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Navigating Online Friendships

In collaboration with the eSafety Commissioner, the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT is offering a free webinar on the topic of 'Navigating Online Friendships'.

This 30 minute webinar will cover:

- how to support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships
- what to do when something happens at school and ends up on social media or private messaging apps
- how to report to social media platforms and eSafety.

The webinar will run at 7:30 pm on Thursday February 23rd and you can register [here](#)

Mr Phillip Kapitanow
Principal



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Support Syria and Turkey through Caritas

I'm sure you have been moved by the devastating scenes caused by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. Caritas is working in these countries and appealing for donations to support those who have been affected.

Our school will work towards supporting Caritas and Project Compassion during the season of Lent, but if you would like to make a family donation now you can go to the following website:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/>

Our Faith in Action Team will keep you posted about upcoming events to support the people of Syria and Turkey.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass will be held on Tuesday February 21st at 9:15am.

You are all very welcome to join us as we celebrate the coming year and welcome our new staff and students and commission our Year 6 Leadership Teams and Student Representative Council (SRC) members.

Following Mass you are invited to join your child(ren) for a picnic morning tea. Please bring along a morning tea picnic to share with your child(ren) and family. You might like to bring fold up chairs and/ or picnic blankets.

Ash Wednesday

On February 22nd, on Ash Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent. Our Years 3 to 6 students will be attending the Parish Mass @ 9:00am and our Kindergarten to Year 2 students will be attending an Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Hall @ 11:30am. You are very welcome to attend either of these celebrations with us.



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It is customary for our school to commence support of Project Compassion throughout Lent. A money box will be sent home with your child(ren) on Ash Wednesday. As we no longer accept cash at our school, children can fill the boxes and leave at the Our Lady of the Way Parish Church at the end of Lent. Alternatively, they can bring the boxes into the school and we will pass them on to our Parish.

World Youth Day 2023 Fundraiser



Thank you so much for helping to support our World Youth Day 2023 Fundraiser. Our school community raised a total of \$694.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,
Carole Day (Religious Education Coordinator)



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YEAR 3 NEWS ARTICLE

NEWS

from Year 3



In Year 3

At the start of the year, we read the book "What we'll build" by Oliver Jeffers. The story is about a man and a girl building their life together. We brainstormed the tools what we would need to build a great Year 3 together this year. We built a wall with bricks to remind us of those tools.

By Theo.



For Sport we are learning about movement.

First, we went out the back and split into different groups. We were learning about throwing. The first rotation was throwing a beanbag overarm to try and knock a ball from a cone. The second rotation was the same, except using underarm throws. The third rotation was throwing beanbags underarm into a bucket and the last rotation was using overarm throws to knock down 5 cups in a row. (I knocked three over which was the most in my group).

By Jesse



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In Year 3 at Gymnastics

We are learning about movement. Last week we learnt about jumping and landing. We practiced our pencil stance, Mister T, Tuck jump and motorbike. One of the rotations was practicing our pencil jump on the trampoline.

By Poppy

In Religion, Year 3

We are learning about the Sacraments. We were split into groups and we were given a sign or a symbol like a white dove or fire. We had to explain where you would find that sign or symbol and what it meant. My group had a white bib. We said you would find it on a baby in the Church for their Baptism.

By Charlie N.





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GENERAL NEWS

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enrolment Information Sessions for Kindergarten 2024



Tuesday 7th March
from 9.30 – 10.45am
or
Thursday 9th March
from 3.30 - 4.30pm

for families interested in enrolling their child for kindergarten 2024

Come along; tour the school; visit our learning spaces

We have already had a keen interest regarding enrolments for kindergarten 2024 and encourage all families to place their applications as soon as possible to ensure that they have a spot for their child in 2024. Offers of placement will be sent at the beginning of April. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours. For more information about joining our caring school community or to register for the open morning: please email olow@parra.catholic.edu.au. Enrolment packs are available at the school office or can be downloaded from our website at www.ollowemuplains.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to you visiting Our Lady of the Way School soon.



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ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
2023 OPEN DAY

THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR SON
SUNDAY, 26 FEBRUARY
WELCOMING ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US ON A GUIDED TOUR OF OUR COLLEGE CAMPUS

SESSION 1
Commences at 10.00am
followed by a tour of the College at 10.30am

SESSION 2
Commences at 12.30pm
followed by a tour of the College at 1.00pm

BOOK ONLINE FOR YOUR GUIDED TOUR
www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au or scan the QR Code provided

St Finbar's Glenbrook
NETBALL CLUB

Come & Try Day

Ever wondered what netball is all about?

Our 'Come and Try' clinic will be held in the **AIRCONDITIONED** Parish Hall

Levy Street, Glenbrook

Saturday 18th February from 1pm – 3pm.

Email: secretarysfn@gmail.com Find us on Facebook @ St Finbars
Phone: 0438 672 040 Glenbrook Netball Club

OUR LADY OF THE WAY CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Event	
Feb 16 th	Thur	10:00-10:45am	Caroline Chisholm & St Dominics	Visiting Yr5 and Yr6 (for students only)
Feb 17 th	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	OLOW Cola area
Feb 21 st	Tue	09:15-10:15am	Opening School Mass	All welcome – after Mass invited to a BYO picnic
Feb 21 st	Tue	07:00-08:00pm	Reconciliation Preparation	Session 2
Feb 22 nd	Wed	9:00am 11:30am	Ash Wednesday - Church Ash Wednesday - Hall	Parish Mass Yrs 3-6 – 9:00am Liturgy Kindergarten – Yr2 All welcome
Feb 24 th	Fri	09:30-10:30am	Penola Catholic College	Visiting Yr5 and Yr6 (for students only)
Feb 24 th	Fri	08.50-09.10am	School Assembly	OLOW Cola area
Mar 1 st	Wed	09:45-12:25pm	Yr 2 Incursion	Yr2 Class
Mar 1 st	Wed	07:00-08:00pm	Reconciliation Preparation	Session 3
Mar 3 rd	Fri	08.50-09.10am	School Assembly	OLOW Cola area
Mar 6 th – Mar 12 th	All Week		Catholic School Week	
Mar 6 th – Mar 7 th	Mon & Tues		Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	Canberra
Mar 7 th	Tues	09:30-10:45am	Kinder 2024 Open Morning	Our Lady of the Way Primary School
Mar 8 th	Wed	07:00-08:00pm	Reconciliation Rehearsal	Our Lady of the Way Church
Mar 9 th	Thur	03:30-04:30pm	Kinder 2024 Open Afternoon	Our Lady of the Way Primary School
Mar 10 th	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	OLOW Cola area
Mar 15 th	Wed	06:30pm	Parent & Friends AGM	Our Lady of the Way Primary School