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Parent Communication Term 1 Week 6

PRINCIPAL

Next week is Catholic Schools Week. This is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution Catholic schools have made to education in Parramatta Diocese. Parramatta has the honour of being the site of the first Catholic school in not only Sydney, but Australia. The school was founded in October 1820 by Irish Catholic Priest Fr John Therry and run by convict and lay person George Marley. The school was believed to be in Hunter Street, Parramatta and taught 31 students.

We have come a long way from these humble beginnings. Parramatta Diocese currently consists of eighty primary and secondary schools, preschools, before and after school care options, diverse needs settings and post school options. It is fitting that in 2023 our families have so many enrolment options.

As a community we can be proud of Our Lady of The Way. A primary school that has educated students in the Emu Plains area since 1979 and is still going strong.

Parents and Friends AGM / Meeting

Our first P & F meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible in attendance as we plan 2023.

Staff Announcements

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mr Jenkins has been appointed as the school's Special Projects Coordinator. Mr Jenkins will be leading Positive Behaviour Support 4 Learning and Well Being initiatives. This is an important role which is crucial to maintaining consistent student management procedures throughout the school. One of Mr Jenkins first tasks will be to conduct surveys of the staff community to assess PBS4L strengths and next steps required to bring about greater consistency and understanding throughout the community.

Mrs Viera has also agreed to continue in her role as LTST at Our Lady of The Way. The LTST is responsible for coordinating the schools use of technology and ensuring staff have the skills necessary to efficiently use technology in ways that enhance teaching and learning.

I congratulate both Mrs Viera and Mr Jenkins on their respective appointments and look forward to the positive impact I'm sure both will have in their roles.

Year 6 Camp

Next Monday and Tuesday year six students, their teachers and I will be travelling to Canberra. This is an opportunity for students to be immersed in the various Australian political institutions as well as other significant venues located at Canberra. We look forward to a great trip where many memories will be formed and ask that you keep the group in your thoughts and prayers as we travel.

Regards

Mr Phillip Kapitanow

Principal



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YEAR 1 NEWS ARTICLE

Year One

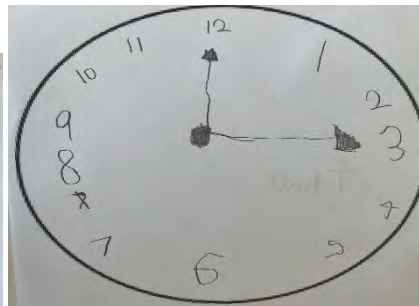
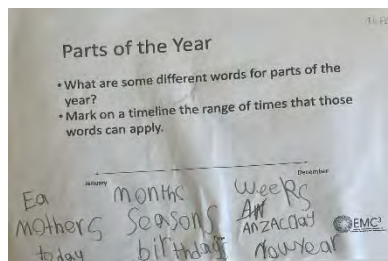


In Year One this term we have hit the ground running with our focus and engagement for learning. We are loving being in our new space where 'every day is paradise in Year One!'

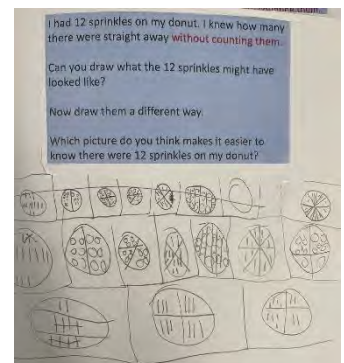


Maths

Already this term, Year One has covered a variety of topics. We have looked at Time, including ordering and sorting parts of the year, and analogue vs. digital clocks. It was tricky having to draw a clock from memory, but after reviewing our work and comparing it to another analogue clock, we got it just about right!



We have also been looking at donuts and how to automatically know that they are decorated with 12 sprinkles without having to count each one individually!





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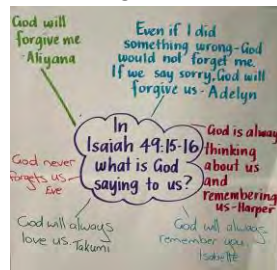


Religious Education:

In Religious Education we have been looking at 'What makes me unique?' and 'How does God show his love for us?' We have explored our special talents and gifts with each other. Year One has some very talented soccer players, friends that know how to be kind, dancers, readers, and mathematicians to name a few! We have enjoyed learning about each other's talents.

We explored the Scripture from Isaiah 49:15-16 and thought about what God was saying to us:

'Can a woman forget her own baby and not love that child? Even if a mother should forget her child, I will never forget you. My people, I can never forget you! I have written your name on the palms of my hands.'



Our Year 6 buddies have also become our 'Scripture buddies'. They became the teachers and helped us to understand even more what God was saying to us through the prophet Isaiah.



Regards

Year 1 Teachers

Mrs Carole Day, Mrs Jessica Prior, Mrs Megan Mann



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NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Library News

To all Our Lady of the Way Families,

Welcome back! The shelves are brimming with Australia's best children's books, as well as favorites from overseas authors.

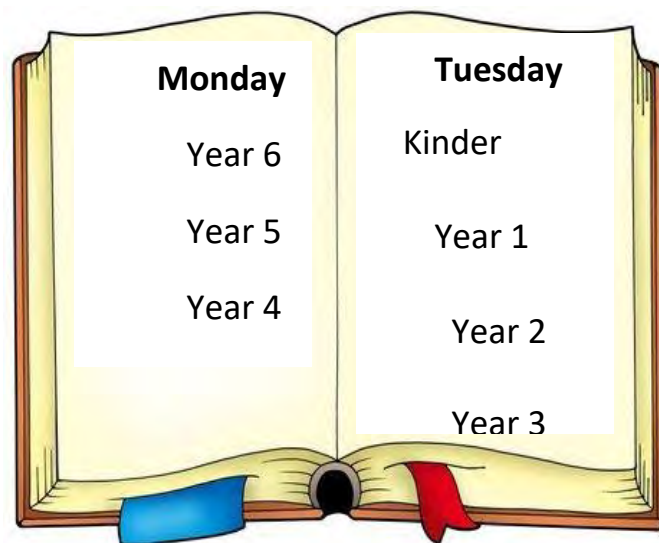
Each week the children visit the library as a class. During this time, a 'Read Aloud' book is shared with the students. Children are introduced to the library, and we help them navigate their way around our library and show them what an information hub it can be.

Our Library is also open each day at first and second break for the children to visit. This is a time when they can play chess, cards, escape from the heat, draw, or just chill out and read a book.

Please support your child by making sure they have a library bag each week. A plastic recycled bag is fine. Gently remind your child to return all library books and readers each week.

"...as parents, we have to find the time and the energy to step in and help our children love reading. We can read to them, talk to them about what they are reading, and make time for this by turning off the television, putting down our devices ourselves. Libraries are a critical tool to help parents do this."

***Happy reading
Susan Masters
Librarian***



With children spending more time online, it is important that we teach them the difference between in person and online friends. This book '**Jack Changes the Game**' has been developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) Thinks You Know program, together with some of Australia's leading experts in education and child protection. This free eBook can be accessed at:

<https://thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers>.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

March 6th - March 10th 2023

Our teachers make the difference'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please join us during Catholic Schools Week for the following events:

Tuesday March 7th

- Kindergarten 2024 Open Morning from 9:30am - 10:45am

Wednesday March 8th

- Catholic Schools Week Prayer @ 8:45am under the COLA
- Open classrooms from 2:00pm - 2:45pm

Thursday March 9th

- Kindergarten 2024 Open Afternoon from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Friday March 10th

- Mufti Day - \$5 donation for Zooper Dooper & packet of popcorn
- Payments made via the Qkr! App
- All proceeds to go to Caritas - Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal



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GENERAL NEWS

Valuables

Valuable toys and equipment should not be brought to school. Children are encouraged to bring small inexpensive items to play with such as a tennis ball, skipping rope, small toy car or the like.

Students are NOT PERMITTED to have mobile phones at school. If your child requires their phone for after school (ie as emergency contact) they will need to drop their phone into the front office when they arrive at school and pick it up at the end of the day. The phone will be the responsibility of the student.

Students are not to wear smartwatches that have photo, video or phone capabilities. These watches are causing a distraction to valuable learning time and breach child protection protocols.

Lost Property

There are lost property bins located outside the clothing pool (next to the Music Room). Please ensure that all your child's property is clearly labelled. The chances of the lost item finding its way back to its owner are significantly increased if items are labelled clearly. Items unclaimed after four weeks will be given to the clothing pool.

Extended Leave Protocol

Parents wishing to take their child out of school for family holidays for 5 or more days need to complete an extended leave application **prior** to your child going on leave. Please give at least 2 weeks' notice. Once the application is received by the office a certificate of approval will be sent home with your child.

<https://docs.google.com/document>

Appointments

During break times it is extremely busy on the playground and often the children find it difficult to hear the announcements. Therefore, we are requesting that if parents need to take their child out of school to attend appointments etc, they avoid collecting them during the break times. The best practise is for the children to be dismissed from their class so teachers are aware they are leaving for the day.

1st break: 10.45am – 11.25am

2nd break: 1.25pm – 1.55pm.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Grades attending Parish Mass

Grades will be attending the Friday Parish Mass starting this week and you are very welcome to attend.

Year 4 - Friday March 3 @ 9:00am

Year 3 - Friday March 10 @ 9:00am

Year 2 - Friday March 17 @ 9:00am

Year 1 and Year 6 - Friday March 24 @ 9:00am

Kindergarten and Year 5 - Friday March 31 @ 9:00am

ZONE SWIMMING UPDATE

The Junior Girls Relay team also made it through to the Zone Swimming Carnival. This was omitted from last week's announcement. Please accept my apologies.

Junior Girls' Relay Team: Ella Dwyer, Ruby Coghlan, Chloe Pearson and Maddison McGrath.

Good Luck on the 14th March girls!

Mrs Bunter
Sports Coordinator



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SCHOOL FEES

School fee statements for the first instalment have now been mailed out. If you have not received your statement, please contact the office to arrange for a copy to be sent home.



The due date for payment is **Wednesday 15 March 2023**

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

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, I would encourage you to contact me either on 02 4777 7200 or email ollowemupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au to discuss payment options. Discussing of fees will be dealt with confidentially and each person is guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity.

***Kindest regards
Mrs Deanne Hearnden
Finance Secretary***



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OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 7 March 2023 4pm - 7pm

PENOLA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

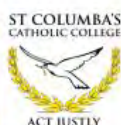


Enrolling now for Year 7 2024

Self-guided & guided
tours available
no bookings required

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Walking in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop

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YEAR 7 2024 OPEN AFTERNOON

Wednesday 8th March 2023



College tours will begin at 4.00pm and 5.00pm **sharp** to enable guests to view all the Campus facilities in small group tours led by Student Leaders. Registration is not required.

You are invited to meet the staff and students at St Columba's and to view our beautiful grounds and learning facilities.

TOUR 1
4.00pm: Welcome address by the College Principal, Mr Phillip Scollard
4.15pm - 5.00pm:
Tour of facilities

TOUR 2
5.00pm: Welcome address by the College Principal, Mr Phillip Scollard
5.15pm - 6.00pm:
Tour of facilities

The College enrolment application will be available on the night. Applications for Year 7, 2024 and 2025 are now being accepted.
Enquiries: Mrs Sandra O'Brien (Enrolment Secretary) 4754 8907

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OUR LADY OF THE WAY CALENDAR

| Date | Day | Time | Event | |
|---------------|--------|---------------|---|--|
| Mar 1 | Wed | 07:00-08:00pm | Reconciliation Preparation | Session 3 |
| Mar 2 | Thur | 10:00-10:45am | St Columba's Catholic College | Visiting Yr5 and Yr6 (students only) |
| Mar 3 | Fri | 08.50-09.10am | School Assembly | OLOW Cola area |
| Mar 3 | | 09:00-09:30am | Year 4 Parish Mass | Our Lady of the Way Church |
| Mar 3 | | 08.50-09.10am | School Assembly | OLOW Cola area |
| Mar 6-Mar 12 | | All week | Catholic School Week | |
| Mar 6-Mar 7 | | Mon & Tues | Yr 6 Canberra Excursion | Canberra |
| Mar 7 | Tues | 09:30-10:45am | Kinder 2024 Open Morning | Our Lady of the Way Primary School |
| Mar 8 | Wed | 08:45am | Catholic Schools Week Prayer | OLOW Cola area |
| Mar 8 | Wed | 02:00-2:45pm | Open Classrooms | All welcome |
| Mar 8 | Wed | 07:00-08:00pm | Reconciliation Rehearsal | Our Lady of the Way Church |
| Mar 9 | Thur | 03:30-04:30pm | Kinder 2024 Open Afternoon | Our Lady of the Way Primary School |
| Mar 10 | Fri | 08:50-09:10am | School Assembly | OLOW Cola area |
| Mar 10 | Fri | 09:00-09:30am | Year 3 Parish Mass | Our Lady of the Way Church |
| Mar 10 | Fri | All day | Mufti Day Caritas Fundraiser Turkey & Syria Earthquake | Zooper Dooper & Popcorn \$5 payable via QKR app |
| Mar 15-Mar 27 | | | Naplan Yr 3 & Yr 5 | |
| Mar 14 | Tue | | Diocesan Swimming Carnival | Blacktown Aquatic Centre |
| Mar 15 | Wed | 06:30pm | Parents & Friends AGM | Our Lady of the Way Primary School |
| Mar 15 | Wed | 07:00-08:00pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation | Our Lady of the Way Church |
| Mar 17 | Fri | 08:50-09:10am | School Assembly | OLOW Cola area |
| Mar 17 | Fri | 09:00-09:30am | Year 2 Parish Mass | Our Lady of the Way Church |
| Mar 20-Mar 26 | | All week | Harmony Week | |
| Mar 24 | Fri | 08:50-09:10am | School Assembly | OLOW Cola area |
| Mar 24 | Fri | 09:00-09:30am | Year 1 & Year 6 Parish Mass | Our Lady of the Way Church |
| Mar 29 | Wed | 08:45-01:30pm | Yr 3 & Yr 4 Cosmodome Incursion | Classroom |
| Mar 31 | Fri | 09:00am | Kindergarten & Year 5 Parish Mass | Our Lady of the Way Church |
| 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 | |