



# Our Lady of the Way Primary School

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Parent Communication Term 1 Week 8

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our Lady of The Way Emu Plains					
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Practice Day</b> Monday 13th March	<b>Practice Day</b> Tuesday 14th March	<b>Testing Day 1</b> Wednesday 15th March	<b>Testing Day 2</b> Thursday 16th March	<b>Testing Day 3</b> Friday 17th March
<b>Morning Session</b>	Yr 5	Yr 3	Yr 3 Writing - Paper Yr 5 Writing - Online	Yr 3 Reading Yr 5 Reading	Yr 5 Numeracy
<b>Middle Session</b>	Yr 3	Yr 5		Yr 3 Conventions of Language Yr 5 Conventions of Language	Yr 3 Numeracy
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Testing Day 4</b> Monday 20th March	<b>Testing Day 5</b> Tuesday 21st March	<b>Testing Day 6</b> Wednesday 22nd March	<b>Testing Day 7</b> Thursday 23rd March	
<b>Morning Session</b>	Reading Conventions of Language Numeracy Catch up tests		Reading Conventions of Language Numeracy Catch up tests	Reading Conventions of Language Numeracy Catch up tests	
<b>Middle Session</b>	Yr 3 Writing tests must be completed by this day			<b>FINAL DAY OF TESTING</b>	

Every year the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Australia. This year the testing week is the earliest it has been in its history.

This week our students in Years 3 and 5 will complete assessments across Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy domains. Staff have been preparing students in class with a range of tasks that will enable them to confidently respond to the assessments throughout this week. As Year 3 students will be sitting NAPLAN for the first time it has been important for them to become familiar with the format, language, response types and time constraints of each of the tests. In addition to this, they have also been learning about the importance of not communicating with peers during these testing periods and how they must complete the tests without teacher assistance.

You may have had children sit NAPLAN assessments previously, however, from 2023 the way NAPLAN results are reported to parents and carers has changed. Parents and carers will receive earlier and simpler information about their child's NAPLAN achievement based in the following 4 levels of achievement:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support

The descriptors for each category will make it clear to parents what their child's literacy and numeracy skills are at the time of NAPLAN testing, and we will continue to work with you to meet your child's needs. NAPLAN will remain one of the many useful ways that we assess your child's learning at OLOW.



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We acknowledge that NAPLAN testing may create some anxiety for some students. Teachers are aware of this and please be assured we will support all students in Years 3 and 5 as they do their best. This assessment will give just a snapshot of their learning capabilities. We know your children are also great artists, athletes, dancers, thinkers, friends and so much more.

***Ms Catherine Ruff***  
***Assistant Principal***



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

### Project Compassion Boxes

Thank you to all the students who have made a donation to Caritas and have brought in their Project Compassion boxes.

Please feel free to keep the Project Compassion boxes at home until the last week of this term, even if the collection of money has been completed. We are planning to present Fr Michael with the Project Compassion boxes in the last days of this term.

### Harmony Day

On Friday, March 24 our OLOW community will be celebrating Harmony Day.

On this day you are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child(ren) and then take part in a Fun Afternoon. Teachers will be hosting various activities that you can enjoy with your child(ren). There will be time for three x fifteen-minute rotations. There will be more details about the activities next week.

The children can wear mufti that might include something orange, which is the official colour of Harmony Day.

We would love to see you there!

### Grades attending Parish Mass

The following grades will be attending Mass over the next few weeks. You are very welcome to attend.

Year 2 - Friday March 17 @ 9:00am

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

Year 5 - Friday March 31 @ 9:00am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday night many of our students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We would like to wish them every blessing for this special moment in their Catholic Faith Journey.

**Mrs Carole Day**  
**Religious Education Coordinator**



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## INDIGENOUS CULTURE NEWS

# Welcome to Indigenous Immersion at OLOW!

Warami Mittagarr  
(Hello Friend)

The younger students across the school have been discovering more about the original custodians of our land in Indigenous Immersion classes.

Kindergarten have been listening to many Australian animal stories and are beginning to use clap sticks like our traditional Dharug custodians to share stories and sing songs together as a community.





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Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning about the **Australian animal names** in the Dharug language and **counting to 10**.

1	2	3	4
wagul	bula	bula wagul	bula bula



We also love retelling the story **Wombat Stew** by **Marcia Vaughan** using the Dharug animal names and objects from **Dharug country**. The **dingu** (dingo) was tricked by the animals to put in ingredients that were not very good to eat, saving their friend **wambady** (wombat) from being eaten for dinner.



**Mrs Tanya Graham**  
**Indigenous Culture Studies**



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### GENERAL NEWS

#### **Easter Raffle**

*It has become tradition at Our Lady of the Way School that, throughout the year, our Year 6 children fundraise in order to present a farewell gift to our school community.*

*Our **Easter Egg Raffle** is always a wonderful event with over 50 prizes allocated each year. To support this fundraising effort, we are requesting Easter Egg donations. The donated Easter Eggs needs to be given to your child's class teacher **before Monday 27th March**. Also, if you have any spare baskets could you please send them into the school office.*



*As this is a Year 6 fundraiser, we need a few Year 6 parents to assist with making up the Easter baskets on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 8.45am if you are available to assist, please email Mrs Irvine at [olow@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow@parra.catholic.edu.au).*

*Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased via the QKR app.  
**All tickets need to be purchased by Friday 31st March.***



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# SUPER CAMP

## SPORTS FESTIVAL

EXPERIENCE A MULTI-SPORTS CAMP  
WHERE EVERY CHILD FEELS LIKE A ROCKSTAR  
USING SPORT AS A TOOL TO MOTIV8, INSPIRE &  
ENTERTAIN CHILDREN IN A SAFE SPORTS DREAMLAND

Dear Parent/s  
WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE YOUR CHILD TO BE PART OF  
AUSTRALIA'S NO. 1 MULTI-SPORTS CAMP THESE HOLIDAYS.

When we use the word camp we don't mean sleepover.  
Our Motiv8sports events run from 8.30am to 3.30pm and are designed  
for K(Prep) - Grade 6 children.

At Motiv8sports there is a reason why the word motiv8 comes before the word  
sports. The sports we perform are really important but our primary focus is creating  
a sports dreamland where children are not only safe but motiv8ted by our team of energetic  
coaches to get in and have a go. Sportsmanship, building resilience, forming new friendships and learning about  
teamwork is all part of the Motiv8sports experience.

Over the course of our event children will receive a free jersey and be placed in age appropriate groups of 18-22.  
Our events are as much about entertainment as they are about sport and our participants get to play a wide range  
of non-contact hybrid sports only experienced at Motiv8sports. Vortex Gridiron, Ultimate league, 4-Ball, Super Soccer,  
Flagball, Street Hockey, Ruckus AFL, SS Racers, Ballers and Sector-8 are just some of the innovative sports we offer.

We take pride in providing the best school holiday camps on the planet. Please scan the QR code below or call  
the number listed to learn more about our staff, supervision and safety.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ONE OF OUR CAMPS THESE HOLIDAYS.**

**Kingswood High School**  
Tues 11th - Wed 12th APRIL

**Penrith Anglican College**  
( 3 day )  
Mon 17th - Wed 18th APRIL

**St Clair High School**  
Thurs 13th - Fri 14th APRIL

**Penrith Anglican College**  
Thurs 20th - Fri 21st APRIL

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| NSW Department of Education School Sport Unit

# NSW Primary All Schools Boys Netball 12 Years & Under Selection Trial

16 June 2023 - Term 2, Week 8

Registrations for this event close  
5:00pm Friday 26 May 2023.

### Cost

\$10.00 per student.

### Who

This trial is **only for primary school boys 12 years and under**. Boys can be 12, however must not be turning 13 in 2023. Boys enrolled in secondary school are **ineligible** to trial.

### Registration

To apply for the Primary All Schools Selection Trial, complete the relevant online registration form on DASH ([NSW Government schools](#), [NSW Catholic schools](#), [NSW Combined Independent schools](#)) and make payment by the closing date, Friday 26 May 2023.

All boys who trial must be available, if selected, for the School Sport Australia Championships in Perth, Western Australia from 9 to 15 September 2023.

### When and Where

Friday 16 June 2023

[NSW All Schools Primary Boys Netball selection trial](#)

Billbergia Sports Centre

9 Grand Avenue, Camellia 2142

This year the School Sport Unit will support the attendance of a Primary Boys Netball team at the inaugural School Sport Australia 12 years & Under Netball Championships in Perth, Western Australia.

### Contact Information

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Boys and Girls 7 – 13 years are invited to join

# Penrith City Children's Choir

Project II – April / May 2023

## Native American Chants

Penrith Children's Choir will be the special guest at Penrith City Choir's concert 'All American'. The Children's Choir will captivate the audience with the haunting beauty of 'Ancient Mother' and the rhythmic drive of 'The Earth is Our Mother'. Adults and children combine for an exciting finale.

The project includes two workshops in Glenbrook in April and May leading to a public performance on Sunday 21 May at Glenbrook Baptist Church.  
Fees: \$50 per child. Family reductions: \$75 for two children; \$90 for three children.

**If you love to sing, join us. No auditions. Applications close Tuesday 28 March**

For an Information Pack & Application Form contact: PCCC Administrator,  
Rebecca Padgett 0417 433 903; Director, Lucy McAlary 0432 625 986;  
email [pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au](mailto:pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au) or visit  
[www.penrithcitychoir.com.au/penrith-city-childrens-choir](http://www.penrithcitychoir.com.au/penrith-city-childrens-choir)



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### OUR LADY OF THE WAY CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Event	
Mar 15	Wed	06:30pm	Parents & Friends AGM	Our Lady of the Way Primary School
Mar 15	Wed	07:00-08:00pm 06.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Please be there at 6.45pm	Our Lady of the Way Church
Mar 15	Wed		Scholastic Book Club	Orders closes
Mar 16	Thu	Morning Sess	Naplan Test Day #2	Year 3 and Year 5 – Reading
Mar 16	Thu	Middle Sess	Naplan Test Day #2	Year 3 and Year 5 – Convention of Language
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 17	Fri	Morning Sess	Naplan Test Day #3	Year 5 – Numeracy
Mar 17	Fri	Middle Sess	Naplan Test Day #3	Year 3 – Numeracy
Mar 20	Mon	Morning Sess	Naplan Test Day #4	Catch Up Testing Convention of Language and Numeracy
Mar 20	Mon	Middle Sess	Naplan Test Day #4	Final Catch Up Testing Year 3 Writing
Mar 20	Mon	06:30pm	Parents Representative Council	CathWest Innovation College Mt Druitt
Mar 22	Wed	Morning Sess	Naplan Test Day #6	Catch Up Testing Convention of Language and Numeracy
Mar 23	Thu	Morning Sess	Naplan Test Day #7	Final Catch Up Testing Convention of Language and Numeracy
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 27	Mon	All day	Easter Raffle Donation	Final Day for Easter Eggs Donations
Mar 24	Fri	01:30-02:30pm	Family Lunch Harmony Day	Bring a Picnic Lunch – Fun Arvo Activities
Mar 29	Wed	08:45-01:30pm	Yr 3 & Yr 4 Cosmodome Incursion	
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
Apr 3 – Apr 6		Last Week T2	Project Compassion Boxes	Need to be returned to school
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	