



## Our Lady of the Way Primary School

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*Parent Communication Term 2 Week 1 April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome to Term 2!

I hope all our families enjoyed the Easter break. Easter was a time for Catholics to demonstrate their gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice. Jesus gave his life for us so we will experience the ultimate gift of eternal life in heaven. Jesus demonstrated his unconditional love for us. This is a message we can all work to emulate in our own lives.

On Monday the staff participated in;

- mandatory CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis training. The training is compulsory for all staff to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.
- professional learning which refined staff understanding of student personalised learning. Teachers are required to differentiate learning to meet the needs of all students in their care. This is a complex task that requires teachers to know their students and apply proven strategies to extend student learning.

The day provided staff with the time required to reflect on individual student needs in preparation for the new term.

### Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)

This term we are relaunching many aspects of our PBS4L student management system. This relaunch captures our refined thinking which is based on previous years data, staff reflective processes, discussions with students and an opportunity for parent input.

I encourage all parents to read and familiarise themselves with the attached PBS4L information booklet. The staff have spent considerable time today with students to help them understand our new processes.

2023 PBS4L Relaunch April 2023 [link](#)

### Asthma and Anaphylaxis Update to School Procedures

We are making changes to how asthma puffers and EpiPens are stored at school. These changes are in line with current first aid training and will ensure medication is readily available should the need arise.



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Moving forward –

Students with asthma will be required to store their medication:

- in their school bag for asthma puffers (a bag, with their name, will be provided for their puffers/spacer and action plan)

Students with anaphylaxis will be required to store their medication:

- in a school provided bag which will have their name on it. Students will be required to wear this bag at all times when they leave their classroom.

Students with asthma should have their puffer with them when participating in physical activity whilst students with anaphylaxis should always have their EpiPen on their person. Our new process will support this thinking.

Parents of students who have a current medical action plan will receive an email detailing these changes and the need to discuss them with their child. Student puffers and EpiPens currently stored in the school office will be distributed to students.

The school will continue to keep emergency asthma puffers and EpiPens at school.

## Sport

This term we have made changes to how sport is taught at Our Lady of The Way. In the business of the end of term this was not adequately communicated to families and for that I apologise.

Students are required to spend one and a half hours a week meeting the outcomes of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus. The syllabus is comprised of six components of which half contain physical activity. This means that the time engaged in physical activity per week at school is one hour. Whilst I accept that some parents will not be happy with this, this is the amount of time set by NESA - not the school. Any additional time would impact our ability to meet required hours dedicated to other learning areas such as English and Mathematics. As a school we are audited and therefore must ensure we meet the required teaching time for all learning areas.

We have also reviewed the number of external providers being used to teach sport. These have been at the expense of families and whilst essential for some sporting activities, such as gymnastics and dance, they should not occur every term and should not take up additional teaching hours.

We have made the decision to focus on obtaining government grants available to schools to provide specialised coaches throughout the year to support teachers as they meet the PDHPE syllabus outcomes. This will not occur every term for every student.

From this term students will participate in sport *once* a week as per the parent communication term 1 week 11 newsletter.

Kindergarten to Year 2 – Monday

Year 3 to Year 6 – Thursday



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### Diocesan Synod – Letter from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta

Please see attached a letter to you from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, inviting everyone in our local communities to learn more about the Diocesan Synod that will take place in October 2023.

Announced by Bishop Long on 5 March, the Diocesan Synod will gather 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.

To prepare members of the faithful across the Diocese to share their stories, the Synod Committee will be hosting two information sessions via Zoom on Thursday 27 April from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and again on Friday 28 April from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Click [here](#) to register.

More information is available at the dedicated Diocesan Synod website [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023), in this [Catholic Outlook article](#), and in the following short videos:

- [Bishop Vincent's Invitation \(Video\)](#)
- [What does 'Synod' mean? \(Video\)](#)

I warmly invite you to participate in this inaugural Diocesan Synod.

Letter from Bishop Vincent Long [link](#)

**Regards**  
**Mr Phillip Kapitanow**  
**Principal**



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## GENERAL NEWS

### Term 2 – Motiv8sports – Our Lady of the Way – Monday afternoons

We are excited to announce Motiv8sports will be back in Term 2 for our 8 week After School Sports Clinic

**When: Monday afternoons - 8 weeks starting Monday 1st May - Monday 19th June**

**Time: 3.00pm - 4.30pm (pickup)**

**Where: Held on school grounds**

**Cost: \$110 for 8 weeks or \$10 if you use your ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER**

### USE YOUR ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

For more event information and to book please see the link below.  
Spots are limited to 60

BOOK HERE! [link](#)

### NSW Government School Student Travel – May 2023

The links below have been forwarded from NSW Government providing information for School Student Travel – May 2023.

Parent Information Newsletter - May 2023 [link](#)

School Fact Sheet & FAQs 2023 – [link](#)

### Winners of our Easter Raffle

There was a lot of excitement as we drew our Easter Raffle. We had approximately 130 prizes given out. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and congratulations to all our winners. Below is a list of our major prize winners.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Charlotte R, Year 4.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Noah S Year 5

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Oliver M Year 3

4<sup>th</sup> Prize Annabelle D Year 2

5<sup>th</sup> Prize Wilbert H Kinder

6<sup>th</sup> Prize Ava J Year 6





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### OUR LADY OF THE WAY CALENDAR

TERM 2				
Date	Day	Time	Event	
Apr 28	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome
May 5	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	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	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome
May 12	Fri	10:15am	Mother's Day Liturgy	
May 13	Sat	06:00-07:00pm	Eucharist Blessing	Our Lady of the Way Church
May 14	Sun	08:00-09:00am & 09:30-10:30am	Eucharist Blessing	Our Lady of the Way Church
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	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome
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 26	Fri	All Day	OLOW Athletics Carnival	
May 28	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome
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	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome
Jun 2	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year Kindergarten and Year 5 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church
Jun 7	Wed		Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day	
Jun 7	Wed	07:00-08:00pm	Eucharist Preparation Session 4	
Jun 9	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome
Jun 9	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year 3 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church
Jun 14	Wed	07:00-08:00pm	Eucharist Rehearsal	
Jun 16	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome
Jun 16	Fri	09:00-09:30am	Year 1 and Year 6 Parish Mass	Our Lady of the Way Church
Jun 23	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome
Jun 30	Fri	08:50-09:10am	School Assembly	Cola – All Welcome