



OLOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3

14th February, 2014

Last Sunday, Father Mick welcomed new families into our parish community. It was wonderful to see so many of our Kindergarten, new families and current families attend this Mass and come together for a special morning tea.

As the school is part of our parish it is so important that we all work together in partnership in the education and faith development of our children.

St Valentine's Day

Today is a popular day for those who are romantically minded. In our secular society, many people are unaware that St Valentine's Day is based on a legendary saint who was believed to have been a priest living during the third century in Rome under Emperor Claudius II. It is said that St Valentine was martyred for performing secret weddings against the decree of the Emperor. It was his compassion for young couples in love that earned him the title of patron of lovers.



We celebrate today, not only the love shared by those couples among us, but also the love of Jesus. Christ, invites us to join him in an everlasting covenant, an eternal love union that is reflected in the love of each and every dedicated married couple.

(Adapted from the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life)

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you."

Alleluia!

P&F Donation

Last year the P&F made a generous donation of \$18,000 to the school. We have spent that money by purchasing ACER Windows tablets, iPads and new maths resources. We thank the P&F for their continued support.

School Assembly

Our first whole school assembly will be held on Tuesday, 18th February at 2.20pm in the church. At this assembly, we will officially welcome our new students and teachers to our school community. All are welcome to attend.

Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday, 12th February, the school swimming carnival was held and was a great success. Well done to all the students who participated in events. Thank you to all the parent helpers who assisted on the day which made the carnival run so smoothly. Congratulations to the Blue House Colour on winning the carnival. The Hills Zone Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 25th February at Hawkesbury Oasis Pool in Windsor. Information for students representing OLOL at this carnival will be distributed next week.

Child Protection

The link to the 'Child Protection' module is now available on our school website under 'Student Support', 'Child Protection'. Also the 'Volunteer/Student Declaration' Form has also been uploaded for your convenience.

Car Damage

A parent had their car damaged in Forest Road on Monday afternoon. If anyone saw this accident please contact the school so that we can pass this information on to the owner of the damaged car.

Mathletics

Recently, notes calling for expressions of interest to participate in Mathletics for 2014 have been distributed to your children. It is important to point out that at this time, Mathletics is not available to use on iPads due to issues around Flash Player not being available on these devices. Please consider this when looking at purchasing a Mathletics subscription for this year.

Lockdown/Lockout/Evacuation

We have now taken part in the Lockdown, Lockout and Evacuation drill. Thank you to all students for their cooperation.

Marriage

Congratulations to Miss Bartolillo who was married in the school holidays. We wish Gemma and her husband, Jake all the best for a happy future together. Miss Bartolillo is now known as Mrs Zarb.



Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Heuston-Richardson family on the death of Vic Heuston, Mrs Heuston-Richardson's grandfather, great grandfather to Ashleigh (6P) and Charli (1D).



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday, 19th February from 2.45pm till 3.30pm, Friday, 28th February and Monday, 3rd March from 8.45am till 9.15am.

Photos

Photographs are taken regularly of the children at Masses, assemblies, carnivals etc. These are often submitted to local papers and various Catholic publications. If you do not want your child's photo featured please contact the office ASAP.

Fundraising and Social Committee

Are you interested in creating fun events for our children (and parents too)? Are you interested in assisting to raise money to help fund extra equipment our children need to enhance their educational experience? The Fundraising and Social Committee raises money for many of the things school fees don't cover, and additionally organises lots of fun social functions for the children and parents throughout the year.

One of the best parts of being part of this committee and working on various events, is the opportunity to meet new people. We work hard putting these events together but we also have a lot of fun!

The Committee is always looking for new ideas and new members. We are having our first meeting for the year: **Date:** Wednesday 19th February 2014

Time: 7:30pm **Place:** OLOL Learning Centre

If you are interested in coming along, getting involved or have any questions please call Carina Morales on 0414 412 422.

2014 Fun Run Fundraiser – 14th March

In conjunction with the School Cross Country we are having a Fun Run as one of our fundraiser events for 2014. It will be held on Friday, 14th March. Sponsorship forms will be sent home next week. Please assist your child/ren in finding sponsors for this event. The completed sponsorship form and all monies collected should be returned to school no later than Monday, 10th March. This is a Kinder to Year 6 (inclusive) event and all children will receive a participation gift.

Anaphylaxis – Action Plans

If your child has a peanut OR ANY OTHER ALLERGY and you have not advised the school, the office needs to be notified as a matter of urgency.

Peanut Allergy

Our school endeavours to be a peanut-free school as we still have students who display varying degrees of allergic reactions. We would ask that children **DO NOT** bring peanut butter, Nutella or products containing nuts to school.

Food Allergies

A number of students have allergies and so when birthday cakes are brought to class they cannot join in the celebrations.

If your child has a food allergy and you would like her/him to participate in the celebration, please provide a supply of suitable food which can be kept in the sick bay fridge/freezer if necessary.

School Tours

Dates for new families wishing to enrol in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School 2014 are as follows:

- * Thursday, March 6th, 2014 at 10.00am
- * Thursday, March 20th, 2014 at 10.00am
- * Thursday, April 3rd, 2014 at 7.00pm
- * Thursday, May 1st, 2014 at 10.00am

Please email the school

ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au to inform us if you wish to attend any one of these sessions.

Canteen News

The prices for Sushi Rolls have risen. The new price is **\$3.40**. Thank you for your cooperation.

OLOL 2014 Extra Curricular Activities

Sunday Family/Parish Masses

Young Leaders Day

Social Justice/Outreach programs

Peer Support Groups

Wakakirri (Creative Arts)

School Band (Years 3-6)

Media Group (Year 6)

Maths Olympiad (Years 5 and 6)

Social Justice Team (Year 6)

Learn to Swim program (Years K-4)

Diocesan Representative Team Sports (Girls and Boys, Years 5 and 6)

Swimming Carnival (Zone, Diocesan)

Athletics Carnival (Zone, Diocesan)

Cross Country (Diocesan) / Fun Run

Soccer (Girls and Boys, Years 5 and 6)

Touch Football (Girls and Boys, Years 5 and 6)

Cricket (Mark Taylor Shield, Years 5 and 6)

Basketball (Girls and Boys, Years 5 and 6)

Gymnastics (Girls and Boys, Years 5 and 6)

Netball / Rugby League

Money to School for Activities

All money for school activities should be sent to the classroom teacher as it is to be recorded before being sent to the office.

Sports Shoes

Please read the Uniform Policy on our website. It states that sports shoes are to be devoid of overly bright colours. Your attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Swimming

Congratulations to Jasmine Howard in Year 6 who participated in the State Swimming Championships in the recent holidays. Jasmine received a gold medal for the 100m butterfly and a silver medal for the 200m butterfly.

Our Lady of Lourdes Netball Club

Final Registration Reminder

Our Lady of Lourdes Netball Club is a small and friendly social netball club, established for over 30 years. All new players are welcome! Special call out for players for Under 10's and 11's. Saturday games are held at Kellyville Netball Courts, Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville. Season commences April concluding in September 2014. We have availability for players in all age groups from Under 6's to Seniors.

Registration Fees for 2014 are: Fun-Net (6yrs) - \$60.00, \$195.00* Juniors (7-18yrs), \$200 Seniors

*A discount of \$20 applies per additional family member (excluding Fun-Net registrations).

For more information and registration visit our website www.ololnetball.com or phone Margaret Daines on 9639 8016 or email cambo11@tpg.com.au

Baulkham Hills Brumbies Registration Day

Registrations for the 2014 rugby league season will take place on **Friday, 21st February at OLOL bottom playground 3.00pm to 4.30pm**. For players registering for the first time, please supply *original* copies of your child's birth and baptismal certificates. For returning players, you will again be able to register and pay online. An email will be sent to you shortly.

Registration fees for the 2014 season are \$120 for one child and \$180 for a family. This is great value for money and includes a playing jersey, shorts, socks and training gear. Please note that we can only accept cash or cheque for registration.

Baulkham Hills Brumbies Junior Rugby League Club includes students from St Michaels, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette's from Under 6's to Under 11's. The Brumbies play in the Parramatta Catholic Schools Convents Association and games are played on Sundays.

If you have any questions about our club or the game itself please contact Simone Ingersoll – 0412 266 903.

State Oztag

Two students from Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrison Esh and Declan Doyle are members of the winning State Oztag team. They will now go on to represent NSW at the National Championships in Canberra in May. Congratulations to Harrison and Declan.

St Columbas Castle Hill

Soccer Club

The club is seeking players for all ages from Under 6 -U13. Please contact Alan Spaul, Junior Development Co-ordinator, St Columbas Soccer Club for more information 0404242001.

Bereavement Support for those who are Widowed

CCCSS Solo Parent Ministry is commencing 2 Bereavement Support Programs within the next few weeks. Seasons for Growth is a 5 week program that commences on 19th February at Glenbrook, between 10.30am and 12.30pm. If we do not have a required number for this program it will be postponed. The other program is an 8 Session Bereavement Support Program that runs every fortnight at Blacktown between 10.00am and 12.00pm and commences on 4th March. Both of these programs provide education and personal support within a small group setting, assisting those who grieve the death of their spouse to better understand the process of grief and to be supported in moving forward gently but assuredly in the midst of deep pain and loss. See Flyers on Notice Board. For further details and registration for both of these Programs contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

Respect and Integrity - showing good manners and communication skills

- ◆ Good morning and good afternoon
- ◆ Using people's names
- ◆ Eye contact
- ◆ Smile



SCHOOL EVENTS

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February	
Tues 18th	9.15am Mass Year 5 2.20pm Assembly K-6, Year 6
Thurs 20th	Parent Information Night Year 1, 6.00pm Year 5, 6.30pm
Fri 21st	6.30pm P&F BBQ, New Families
Tues 25th	9.15am Mass Year 1 Year 5 Environment in-school visit Hills Zone Swimming Carnival



2014 Dates

The PRC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the representatives for our Catholic school for being part of our council and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Term	Event	Guest Speakers	Location
Term 1 Monday 31 st Mar 2014 7pm	Annual General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Ms Monique Dalli, Leader of e-Learning, Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill Presenting iPad Awareness. (Attendees to bring iPad)	DAC
Term 1 Wednesday 26 th Mar 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes The Resilience Donut Presenting The Transition to High School: Helping your child to build resilience and navigate change	TBC – Parramatta/Holroyd Cluster Venue
Term 2 Sunday 18 th May 2014 9am to 3pm	PRC Reflection Day	PRC Welcomes Fr. Richard Leonard, Director, Australian Catholic Film and Broadcasting	"Winbourne" Edmund Rice retreat & Conference Centre 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
Term 2 Monday 2 nd June 2014 7pm	General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Fisher	DAC
Term 2 Tuesday 17 th Jun 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes Remy Lowe, Academic Counsellor, Western Sydney Presenting Senior subjects and UAC selection guidance for year 10 to year 12 students. Parents and student to attend.	TBC – Penrith/Blue Mountains Cluster Venue
Term 3 Monday 18 th Aug 2014 7pm	General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Mrs Sue Walsh, Catholic Education Office Parramatta (Leader of Systems Learning) and/or Mrs Mary Creenaune, Catholic Education Office Parramatta (Team Leader of Student Services Presenting Learning Difficulties - How do I know if my child has a learning difficulty? What do I do? What Support is available in our catholic schools?	DAC
Term 3 Monday 1 st Sept 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes Dr Andrew Martin Presenting Anxiety & Children	TBC – Hills/Hawkesbury Cluster Venue
Term 4 Monday 10 th Nov 2014 7pm	General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Michelle Nolan, Coordinator Healthy Weight Promotion Team (Healthy Children's Initiative) Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District and/or Jenny Plaskett, Live Life Well @ School Coordinator, Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District Presenting Childhood Obesity/Healthy Eating	DAC
Term 4 Wednesday 29 th October 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes Danielle Mantakoul Presenting Smart Start School Readiness	TBC – Greater Blacktown Cluster Venue



Baulkham Hills Family Day Care

522 Windsor Road Baulkham Hills

Phone: 9639 1346 or 9639 1494

- * Trained and Accredited Educators
- * Care is available for children 0 – 12 years
- * Small Group Setting
- * Early Years Learning Framework
- * Childcare Benefit and 50% Child Care Rebate

Before and After School Care available.

Our Educators currently have vacancies available in all of the Hills Area.

For further information please contact us on **9639 1346**

OLMC
OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Open Day

Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter at the OLMC Parramatta Open Day on

Sunday March 2, 2014 10am – 2pm

Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm
Visit the College website to reserve your place

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