

OLOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9

28th March, 2014

The Fourth Sunday of Lent.

This Sunday's Gospel reading is from John.



'The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.'

Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave to the man born blind sight and insight, a future full of hope.

Help us to know our blindness and grant us healing and forgiveness, so that we may proclaim you as Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen. (Reference: Daily Prayer 2014)



The Events of Holy Week

In Week 11, the students from year 6 will visit each classroom to present the events of Holy Week to the children. Year 6 has been placed into groups and each group assigned to a class. The students will present the following events to their assigned class over four days with the Resurrection presented next term.

Jesus institutes the Eucharist
Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane
Jesus is condemned to death
Jesus is crucified and dies
Jesus is risen

Each presentation will include an image, a bible reading, a display of significant words, a prayer, symbols and a re-enactment or mime. The students are working extremely well on their presentations and are excited to be visiting the classes throughout Week 11.

Parents are invited to come along to a presentation of the events on Wednesday, 9th April. This will be held in the library at 2.00pm.

Principal/Citizenship Awards

At the end of each term we hold an assembly to present the Principal and Citizenship Awards.

Each class teacher selects one student from their class to receive a Principal's Certificate and one student to receive a Citizenship Certificate. The criteria for selection is below:

Criteria for Principal's Award

Students may have shown one or more of the following:

- Achieved high standard results this term
- Continually produced work of a high standard
- Put a tremendous effort into their school work
- Participated most enthusiastically in all class activities
- Made great improvement/progress in their school work

Criteria for Citizenship Award

Students may have shown one or more of the following:

- Treated others with care and respect
- Helped other students
- Considered the feelings of others
- Demonstrated the values taught in RE lessons
- Cared for the environment
- Displayed skills taught in our Social Skills Program

Kindergarten 2015

Enrolments

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2015. Please download the enrolment form from the school website www.ololbhills.catholic.edu.au, complete the form and return it to the school office with all the required documentation.

All families will be interviewed on Saturday, May 3rd by a member of the leadership team.

If your child has any special physical or learning needs please make an appointment to see Mr Haskins for a more extensive interview.

New families may have a tour of our school on:

- * 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.



Assembly

Parents are invited to the next Principal and Citizenship Award Assembly which will take place on Tuesday, April 8th at 2.30pm in the church. Swimming and Cross Country medals for age champions and runners up will be presented. Fun Run awards and Certificates of Participation for those students who took part in the Director of Education's Reading Challenge during the summer holidays will also be presented.

School Fees

As mentioned in previous newsletters, some families have not yet finalized their Term 1 school fees.

Our school secretaries will be contacting these families shortly. This is a very time consuming and lengthy process.

Please assist the office staff in this matter by finalizing your outstanding fees immediately.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on Monday, 7th April and Tuesday, 8th April and Monday, 5th May from 8.45am till 9.15am.

Money to School for Activities

All money for school activities should be sent to the classroom teacher as it is recorded before being sent to the office. Please ensure each envelope has your child's name and class clearly marked.

Mother's Day Stall

We are looking for raffle prize donations for this year's annual Mother's Day Stall fundraising raffle. If you would like to make a donation, please bring it into the school office. The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 8th May. Phone Alison Urquhart on 0407 317 231 if you have any queries.



Easter Raffle

This year, as part of our fundraising efforts, we are holding an Easter Raffle.

Last week the eldest child from each family was sent home with a booklet of 10 raffle tickets.

Tickets are \$2.00 each

1st Prize – Family Pass to the Sydney Royal Easter Show 2014, which includes ride coupons (total value \$220)

2nd Prize – A Family Movie Pass to Events Cinema

3rd Prize – An Easter Hamper

We would appreciate if all tickets sold or unsold are returned with monies to the school no later than Friday 4th April.

We thank-you for your ongoing support,
The Social & Fundraising Committee

AFL Gala Day

On Wednesday 26th March, 21 boys from years 5 and 6 represented OLOL at the Paul Kelly Cup at Kellyville Park. The boys played with great effort and enthusiasm and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout their games. Congratulations to the boys for winning most of their games. A huge thank you to Mr Antivilo for his tireless efforts in preparing and coaching the teams in the lead up to game day as well as on the day.



Early Years Assessment

“Early Years Assessment” for Kinder and Year 1 students was introduced by the Catholic Education Office.

Over the next few weeks, the teachers in Kinder and Year 1 will individually assess the children’s progress in Literacy.

Assessment for Kindergarten includes:

Letter Identification, Concepts about Print and Running Records.

Assessment for Year 1 includes:

Reading Fluency and Comprehension (Running Records)

Word Reading Test

Writing Vocabulary

Hearing and Recording Sounds in Words

This data is then recorded and sent to the Catholic Education Office.

Parish Parking

Please be aware that parents should NOT park in the Parish car park when collecting and dropping off children at school each morning and afternoon.

This is to ensure our children are kept safe.



Project Compassion

Congratulations to Madeleine Hughes from Year 6 who has been saving 5c coins. Madeleine donated her savings of \$100.65 to Project Compassion.



OLOL Twitter Account

Calling all Tweeters and Followers! Our Lady of Lourdes Baulkham Hills has an official Twitter account. If you have a Twitter account, please feel free to 'Follow' the Our Lady of Lourdes Baulkham Hills Twitter Feed.

The Twitter handle is: @olol8Hills

Bereavement Support Program – Session 3

CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is holding its third fortnightly Bereavement Support Group Session on Tuesday, 1st April, for those whose spouse or long term partner has died.

The topic for this Session is “*Dealing with Intense Emotions*”.

Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from 10.00am till 12.00pm.

This is an opportunity to gain some information about various aspects of the grieving process and to support each other during this most difficult and painful time. You are still able to attend this session if you haven’t attended previous sessions.

Details and Registration:

soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or phone 99330205.

Catechists/Classroom Helpers

The Parish are in urgent need of Catechists. At the present time we have some members going away and others not well and we are currently stretched to the limit. All training is provided.

Do you have one hour to spare just one day per week (Wednesday)?

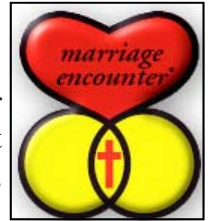
Contact Madeline urgently on 9639 8998 / 0408 413 363.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A marriage enrichment experience for married couples on 13-15th June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: 02 4283 3435

or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit



Respect feeling good about yourself and others

- ◆ Strengths
- ◆ Limitations



SCHOOL EVENTS	
<u>March</u>	
Sun 30th	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mon 31st	SRC Young Leaders Day
<u>April</u>	
Tues 1st	9.15am Mass - Kinder Reconciliation 4D Girls Soccer Day
Wed 2nd	CARES - Year 4
Sun 6th	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Tues 8th	Reconciliation 4AB 2.30pm Principal & Citizenship Awards
Fri 11th	Touch Football Gala Day Term 1 Finishes
Sun 13th	Palm Sunday
Fri 18th	Good Friday
Sun 20th	Easter Sunday
Mon 28th	School Resumes - Term 2 11.00am Anzac Day ceremony

Religion in Year Four

'An Invitation to Believe'

The Lenten unit that Year Four is studying has a strong focus on the Gospel reading from John for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: 'Jesus cures the man born blind from birth'. Students are encouraged to explore the themes of faith and spiritual sensitivity in relation to Baptism and the celebration of the Season of Lent.

The Year Four children focus their thoughts during this Lenten unit on strengthening their faith. Through prayer and penance, they look to explain the importance of being able to have faith in other people.

The Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, John 9: 1- 41, 'Jesus cures the blind man from birth', is an integral part of the learning that takes place in this unit as the children endeavour to reflect upon the meaning for their own lives and strive to be better people.

The Religious Education Sharing Our Story Unit, 'An Invitation to Believe', invites the children in Year Four to identify and undertake activities during Lent that will help develop their faith in Jesus. Lenten Promises that students have willingly participated in are:

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Almsgiving

"During Lent we are reminded of our initiation into and belonging to the community of Christian believers, the Catholic Church"

An Invitation to Believe (Sharing our Story Unit)

