



OLOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 10

12th December, 2014

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent – Year B
The Gospel reading is from John 1:6-8. 19-28.



There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, ‘I am not the Christ.’ ‘Well then,’ they asked, ‘are you Elijah?’ ‘I am not,’ he said. ‘Are you the Prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ So they said to him, ‘Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?’ So John said, ‘I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

*a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.’*

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, ‘Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?’ John replied, ‘I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.’ This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

*Lord God,
give us the humble heart of John the Baptist, so that we may prepare the way for the coming of Christ with words of truth and deeds of love, knowing that all good things flow from you.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Adapted from Liturgyhelp.com and Daily Prayer 2014)

Thank You

This is the last formal newsletter for 2014.

Thank you Fr Mick, Fr Giovanni and the parish, your ongoing support and co-operation - especially with our masses, sacraments and celebrations - it is very much appreciated.

I thank all the members of the school executive team for their significant contribution to curriculum development and organization of the school.

The teachers and aides have shown tremendous commitment and professionalism to ensure every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.



2015 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM	COMMENCES	CONCLUDES
Term 1	Thursday 29 January 2015	Thursday 2 April 2015
Term 2	Monday 20 April 2015	Friday 26 June 2015
Term 3	Monday 13 July 2015	Friday 18 September 2015
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October 2015	Friday 18 December 2015

I also thank the wonderful teachers for their hard work and support in what has been an extremely busy year. Thank you also to the teachers who will be leaving us this year, Mrs Birch and Mrs Nasser. Their contribution and dedication to our school community has been greatly appreciated.

I thank the office staff for the endless tasks they carry out to ensure our school runs smoothly. Your work is so important to our school.

The members of our P&F executive, the coordinators, committee members and parents, have worked tirelessly to assist our school. The endless support and time they give is one of the reasons we have such a great school community at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our school captains, SRC and sport leaders are to be commended on the way they have served the school and led by example.

I congratulate our students for the hard work and effort they have put into their academic studies and all the extra activities they have participated in so enthusiastically to ensure we have such wonderful school spirit.

To the Year 6 students who are leaving us, we thank them for the contribution they have made to our school over the past 7 years and we wish them all the best for high school.

May all our students enjoy a time of rest and relaxation in the coming holidays and on behalf of the staff we wish all our families a peaceful, joyful and safe Christmas.

Christmas Concert – Monday 15th December

Next Monday, 15th December, (weather permitting), we will gather to celebrate Christmas at OLOL. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to join in the



celebration which will begin with a performance by our school band at 6pm in the piazza. **Adults are asked to bring fold-up chairs.**

All students must be at school by 5.45pm to meet their teacher at their allocated area in the piazza. Students are asked to bring a small towel on which to sit during the concert.

Please dress your child in Christmas colours – white, red, green, gold – unless otherwise informed by your child's teacher.

CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR TINSEL OR GLITTER.

At the conclusion of the concert, please collect your child from his/her teacher.

Jasmine Howard

Congratulations to Jasmine Howard, Year 6, who recently competed in the Metropolitan Swimming Championships. In the 100m Butterfly, she came 1st and achieved her National time for 13 years and Under. Jasmine also came 4th in the 13 years and under, and achieved her National time for 13 years and Under.

Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students who graduated on Tuesday evening. Thank you to the year 6 teachers Mrs Peters, Mrs McAllister and Mrs Daines and all who assisted with preparing a lovely mass and graduation ceremony.



Thank you to all the Year 5 parents for your donations of food for the Year 6 graduation. Special thanks to Mrs Van Eyk for coordinating the supper and all the Year 5 parents who did a great job assisting on the night. Your support is very much appreciated.

Awards

Congratulations to those students who received the Father Kelly Award at the Year 6 Graduation. Mia Liu and Ashley Heuston-Richardson.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Alessia Habereck who was the joint winner of the Rosary Colouring Competition conducted by the National Rosary for Australia.

P & F

Thank you to all our 2014 P&F committee and sub committee who worked so hard this year.

Your work and support of the school is very much appreciated.

We particularly thank Meagan Compton, Michelle Otter and Joanne McGirr who are stepping down from positions for next year.

Volunteers Afternoon Tea

It was pleasing to see that so many of our volunteers were able to attend our afternoon tea. We thank all our volunteers for their time they give in supporting our school. It is very much appreciated.

School Holidays

A reminder to parents that our students' last day at school is Tuesday, 16th December. The staff will be undertaking professional development from Wednesday, 17th till Friday, 19th December.

Staff 2015

Mrs Neylan will not be on class next year as she will be taking on the important role of Reading Recovery teacher and Leader of Learning in the Infants. She will be working very closely with all the infant classes throughout 2015. We congratulate Mrs Neylan on this leadership position.

Congratulations also to Mrs Drummond who will be our Sports Coordinator in 2015. We thank Miss Petrocco for the wonderful work she did in this role in 2014.

Ms DeLean will be taking long service leave for term 1, 2015. We hope she enjoys a well deserved rest.

Executive for 2015

Principal: Mr Haskins
Assistant Principal: Mr Battikha
Religious Education Coordinator:
Mrs Peters
Coordinators: Mrs Bryant
Mrs Neylan
Mrs Drummond

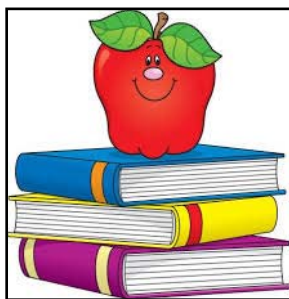
KS: Miss Scott
KZ: Mrs Zarb
1D: Mrs De Celis
1H: Mrs Harris
2H: Mrs Hogan
2W: Miss Winters
3GB: Miss Good/Mr Battikha
3S: Ms Sant
4A: Mrs Anisse
4D: Mrs Drummond
5C: Mrs Conn
5P: Miss Petrocco
6M: Mrs McAllister
6P: Mrs Peters, Mrs Daines

Library: Mrs Bryant
Co-ordinator Release: Mrs Pollard
Leader of Learning
For Infants: Mrs Neylan
Learning Support: Ms De Lean/Mrs Daines
Teacher's Aides: Mrs Banks
Mrs Ryall
PE: Miss Boulos (Term 1)
Music: Mrs Pollard
Mrs Pearson

Secretaries: Mrs Attard
Mrs Quinn
Ms Borg

Maintenance: Mr David Robinson

Cleaning: 2G Cleaning



Commencement Date Term 1, 2015

The role of assessment in learning and teaching mathematics is vital. Next year, we will continue undertaking extensive testing on each of our students via a Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI).

Consequently, the first 2 days of term 1, 2015 have been allocated as Staff Development Days.

This means that school commences on

Thursday, 29th January
For ALL STUDENTS (K-6)

Canteen

Thank you to all the parents who have assisted in the canteen this year.

Please note the canteen will re-open in Week 2, Monday, 3rd February.

Children's Mass: Christmas Eve

As Christmas is the most family-focused time of the year, parishes are encouraged to invite families who have had a child baptised during the Year of Grace to return to their parish church to receive a special blessing for their children on Christmas Eve.

Parish News

2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Communal)

St Michaels - 7.30pm, Monday, 15th December

OLOL - 7.30pm, Thursday, 18th December

St Bernadette's - 7.30pm, Tuesday, 23rd December

1st Rite of Reconciliation (Individual)

St Michaels - 9.30am till 10.30am

Saturday, 13th December

Saturday, 20th December

OLOL - 5.00pm till 6.00pm

Saturday, 13th December

Saturday, 20th December

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 24th December

6.00pm Family Vigil Mass
(Mass of the Nativity with children acting out the Gospel story of the Nativity)

8.00pm Vigil Mass

10.00pm Korean Community

Christmas Day 25th December

7.30am

9.30am Korean Community



Students Returning Late Term 1, 2015

Children in Years K-6 commence school on Thursday, 29th January, 2015.

If you are aware that your child will be returning to school on a different date, please ensure a leave form has been completed and forwarded to the office before the end of the school year.

Jelly and Ice Cream Day – 16th December, 2014

To celebrate the end of term and year, we are holding a 'Jelly and Ice Cream Day'.



This event is a treat for the children to have something different and participation is optional. It will happen after the children's normal lunch eating time on **Tuesday, 16th December, 2014.**

As always to make these events a success we are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can help, please contact Carina Morales on 0414 412 422 or Christine Coorey on 0421 611 030.

If you have any questions please call either Carina or Christine on the above numbers to discuss.


Once again thank you for your continuing support.

The Social and Fundraising Raising Committee.

SCHOOL EVENTS

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<u>December</u>	
Sun 14th	Third Sunday of Advent
Mon 15th	6.00pm School Christmas Concert
Tues 16th	Jelly and Ice Cream Day School year finishes for students
Wed 17th	Staff Development Day
Thurs 18th	Staff Development Day
Fri 19th	Staff Development Day Last day Term 4
Sun 21st	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Thurs 25th	Christmas Day
<u>January</u>	
Thurs 29th	Term 1 commences



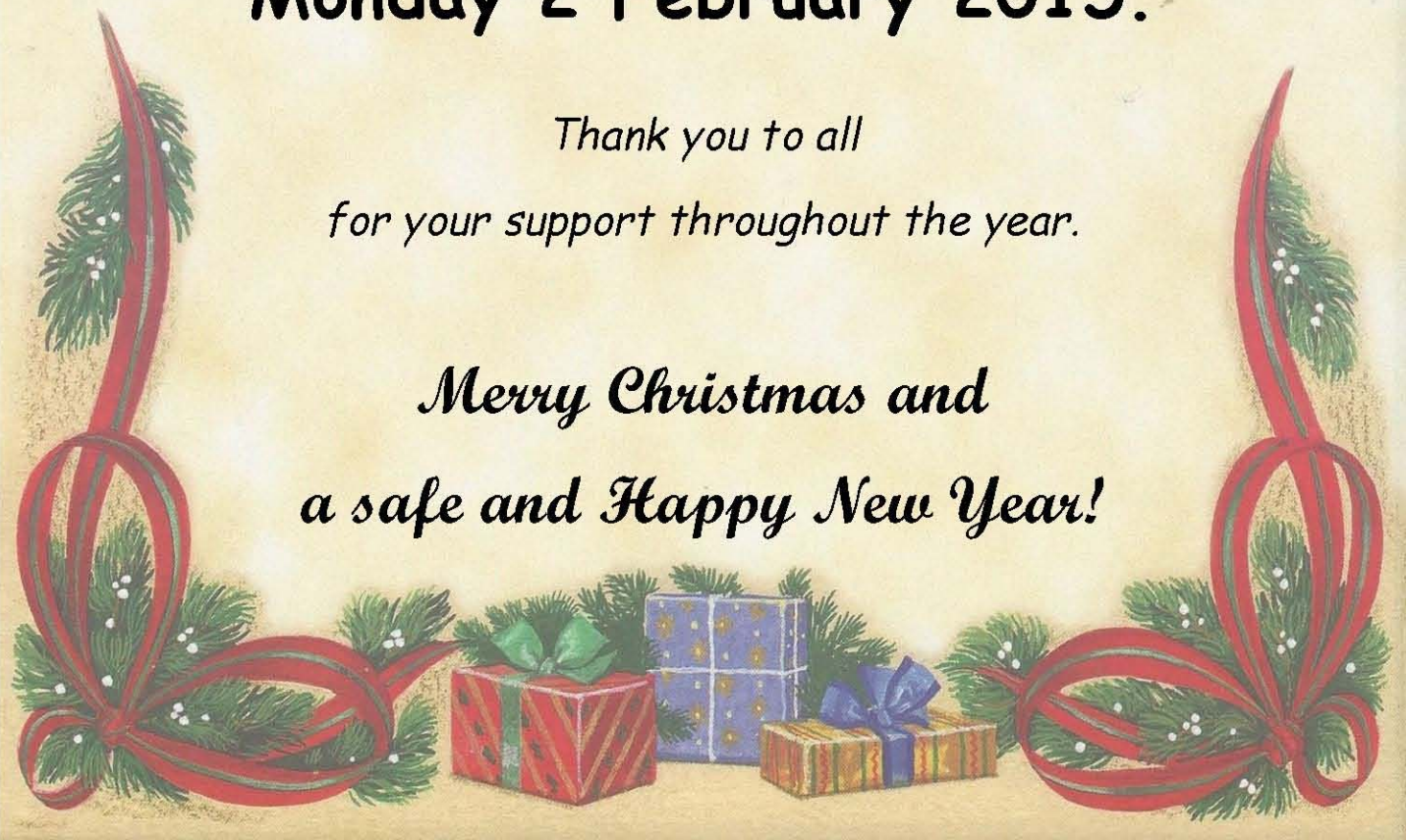


Our Lady of Lourdes
School Canteen

Last day of Canteen will be
Monday 15 December 2014
and reopen on
Monday 2 February 2015.

*Thank you to all
for your support throughout the year.*

*Merry Christmas and
a safe and Happy New Year!*





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Dear Parents/Guardians

Our orders have been placed for general materials for classroom use for 2015. Much of the cost of these items is covered by the School Resource Fee. Below are items that we require you to purchase for your child's own use at school. A number of these items would make ideal Christmas gifts. **It is most important that each item has your child's name on it so he/she can identify and care for his/her property.** Parents are asked to replenish stationery items, throughout the year as the need arises.

Kindest Regards

Steve Haskins/PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO
1 painting shirt – clearly labelled with child's name 1 library bag – labelled with name 1 large box of tissues 1 spare set of underwear (to be kept in school bag) 1 spare set of socks 8 Bostik "Glu Stiks" (large 35g clear – labeled with child's name) 2 x baby wipes To have at home for homework: - glue stick - coloured pencils - safety scissors - lead pencils	8 windup large glue sticks (UHU or Bostik) 2 erasers library bag - labelled 1 painting shirt – labelled 1 large tissue box 1 pk wipes/wet ones 1 sharpener with barrel 1x 12 pack coloured pencils 1x 12 pack wind up crayons 1 <u>small</u> pencil case (all items clearly labelled please) To have at home for homework: - lead pencils - eraser - pencil sharpener	8 windup large glue sticks (UHU or Bostik) 2 <u>plain</u> erasers library bag - labelled 1 painting shirt – labelled 1 large tissue box 2 pk wipes/wet ones 1 sharpener with barrel 1 pkt wind up crayons 1 pkt coloured pencils 1 pair safety scissors 1 <u>clear</u> hard plastic (30 cm) ruler 1 <u>small</u> pencil case 10 lead pencils (all items clearly labelled please) To have at home for homework: - glue stick - coloured pencils - safety scissors - lead pencils - eraser - pencil sharpener
YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE
pkt coloured pencils (12 – 24) 10 lead pencils (2B) per term pencil sharpener with barrel eraser Bostik glue sticks – large pkt crayons – wind up ruler, 30 cm (mm also) clear (hard) medium size pair scissors Macquarie Primary Dictionary <u>small</u> pencil case 2 boxes of tissues painting shirt library bag 1 pad of 'post-it' notes (yellow) – 7.5cm x 7.5cm	lead pencils (each term) 1 plastic ruler (30cm) pencil case large glue sticks (each term) 1 pair of scissors coloured pencils crayons/textas sharpener eraser 1 library bag 1 paint shirt 2 boxes of tissues USB/Flash Drive 1 x baby wipes	coloured pencils and textas blue and red pens lead pencils pencil case, sharpener, eraser 30 mm/cm clear plastic ruler - rigid 2 large boxes of tissues scissors, highlighters geometry set – clear protractor, including compass white out <u>tape</u> (no liquid) optional dictionary (recently published for senior students) textas – 1 Artline 90 chisel point black 1 Artline 200 fine 0.4 black 1 Artline 0.6 black USB – Flash Drive 2gb (optional) glue sticks each term old magazines
YEAR SIX		
Blue & red pens – no gel pens Lead pencils – HB No click pens 30 mm/cm clear plastic ruler glue sticks library bag white out <u>tape</u> (no liquid) Post-It notes (2 pads) 4 x baby wipes (for cleaning desks)	eraser sharpener geometry set – clear protractor coloured pencils dictionary (recently published – suitable for senior students) roll-up crayons 2 packets of plastic sheet protectors USB – Flash Drive 2gb	textas - 1 Artline 90 chisel point black - 1 Artline 200 fine 0.4 black - highlighters - coloured textas highlighters scissors, pencil case 2 boxes of tissues A4 display folder x 2 old magazines