

OLOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 6

13th November 2015

RE NEWS

This Sunday is the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is from Mark 13:24-32.

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the
Son of Man.*

Alleluia!

(Ref: Liturgyhelp.com)

Year 3 Family/Parish Mass

Our next Family/Parish Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, 15th November, at 9.30am. All families, especially Year 3, are welcome. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Parish House.

Remembrance Day, 11th November

On Wednesday, we gathered as a school community to remember all the men and women who have fought, suffered, and lost their lives in war. During our ceremony the students laid flowers and wreaths at the base of our flag pole.



Year Six Graduation Mass

All parents, relatives and friends are invited to the Year 6 Graduation Mass on Tuesday 1st December commencing at 7pm. This will be followed by a light supper in the lower playground. The Year 6 are to wear their summer uniform and meet outside the church at 6.45pm.

Christmas Concert

On Monday, 7th December, we will gather to celebrate Christmas at Our Lady of Lourdes. 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.** Please inform your child's teacher in writing, as soon as possible, if your child is unable to attend the school concert on Monday 7th December. At the conclusion of the concert, please collect your child from his/her teacher.

End of Year Mass

Our final School Mass for the year will be celebrated on Thursday 26th November at 9.15am. The 2016 school leaders will be commissioned and the Principal and Citizenship awards will be distributed. All are invited to attend.



Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Morning

Parents are reminded that the next orientation morning will take place on Tuesday, 24th November from 9.30am till 11.00am.

Commencement Date Term 1, 2016

In continuing with our focus on Maths and the EMU Program (Extending Mathematical Understanding). Staff members have been trained and the core material has been implemented K-6. The role of assessment in learning and teaching mathematics is vital. Next year, we will undertake extensive testing on each of our students via a Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI).

Early in term 1, the teachers will be required to undertake testing and commence analyzing the material to determine the growth points/profile children's mathematical knowledge. Therefore, the first 2 days of term 1, 2016 have been allocated as Staff Development Days.

This means that school commences on

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

Students Returning Late Term 1, 2016

Children in Years K-6 commence school on Friday, 29th January, 2016.

If you are aware that your child will be returning to school on a different date, please ensure a letter or email has been forwarded to the office before the end of this school year.

Families Leaving OLOL in 2015

In order to plan for next year, would you please notify the school and complete a leaving form if your child does not require a place for 2016. New families coming into the area are currently seeking to enrol at OLOL.

Classes 2016

We will soon be organising classes for 2015. We ask that parents DO NOT request specific teachers for their child.

SRC 2016

Congratulations to the students who were elected to our SRC for 2016.

Girls Jessica Lee (Captain)
 Amelia Polley
 Alana El-Khoury

Boys Benjamin Waring (Captain)
 Domenic Nesci
 Kyan Smith

These students will be presented with their badges at our End of Year Mass.

WALK FOR THE PARISH -

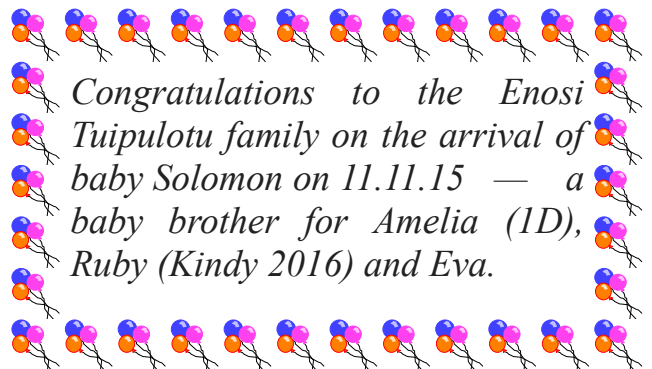
Saturday 21 November

OLOL needs volunteers to help with a letterbox drop in time for Advent. If you can spare an hour your help would be greatly appreciated. Start at 8am at the parish centre. Meet new friends, get some exercise and help spread the word about our parish. Walk, jog, drive, cycle - the more the merrier. Register your interest with Stefan Boffa (0417 671 265) or to find out more details.

Please spread the word among friends and family:

**8am OLOL Parish Centre, Sat 21 November,
1 hour—letterbox drop.**

Congratulations!



SCHOOL EVENTS

Sun 15th	Year 3 Parish Family Mass 9.30am
Mon 16th	Kinder 2016 screening commences
Tues 17/11	5P Reconciliation Kinder 2016 screening P&F AGM Meeting 7.00pm
Wed 18/11	Kinder 2016 screening
Thurs 19/11	9.15am Mass Kinder & Yr. 1 Priest Class visit Yr. 4
Sat 21/11	Presentation of the Virgin Mary First Communion 6pm
Sun 22/11	Christ the King First Communion 9.30am & 2.00pm
Tues 24/11	Kinder 2016 Orientation 9am— 11am 6P Reconciliation
Thur 26/11	K—6 Mass Principal & Citizenship Awards 9.15am
Sun 29/11	First Sunday of Advent
Mon 30/11	Swimming Program K—4 (Week 1)
Tues 1/12	Year 6 Graduation Mass 7pm



The Our Lady of Lourdes Parent Group meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 17 November at 7pm.

The Annual General meeting will incorporate the OLOL Parent Group meeting held each term.

The Annual General meeting will see the election of the OLOL core group;

President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. If you are interested in being nominated or would like a brief description on these roles please contact Rebecca Bigley on 0411 443 733.

The OLOL Parent Group is made up of parents of OLOL whose mission is to help to assist & support the needs of our school community which include staff, parents & parishioners.

Please see attached Nomination Form and Role Descriptions.



CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR 2015

Please note the last opening day for the canteen this term will be **FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER** and NOT Monday 14th December as originally advertised.

Harry Potter Day - Year 6

Yesterday, Year 6 participated in a 'Harry Potter Day'. The day had been planned as part of the Literacy Unit and the novel currently being studied in class, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. The students dressed up as characters from the book and participated in a variety of activities. Some of the activities were potion making, calligraphy, biscuit decorating and artwork. After a busy, fun-filled day at Hogwarts School, the children relaxed while watching the film in the afternoon.



2016 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM	COMMENCES	CONCLUDES
Term 1	Friday 29 January 2015	Friday 8 April 2016
Term 2	Tuesday 26 April 2016	Friday 1 July 2016
Term 3	Monday 18 July 2016	Friday 23 September 2016
Term 4	Monday 10 October 2016	Tuesday 20 December 2016

Extra-Curricular Activities -*Sporting News*

Swimming Lessons – Years Kindergarten to Four

In Week 3 of this term, a note went home to all students in Years Kindergarten to Four regarding the Swim and Survive program that is taking place at Coulter Swimming Centre. This program will take place every day for all grades involved from Monday, 30th November to Friday, 11th December. If you have not received a note regarding this event, spare forms can be collected from the school office.

Another note will be sent out closer to the starting date of the program, reminding children what to wear and bring each day for the swimming program.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact Mrs Drumond at the school.

AFL Years K-6

The AFL is hosting a 4 week after-school AFL program for Our Lady of Lourdes students in Years K-6 on Fridays starting in Week 7. The program is completely optional for children/parents to participate in and is designed to give students a taste of AFL and then provide them with the information necessary to join their local club for further involvement in AFL.

The sessions will run from 3:25 to 4:25pm at either Yattendon oval (if available) or on our school grounds. The sessions involve various skill games and activities deriving from a number of sports and the children will participate in age appropriate groups.

The AFL will provide free 30min sessions for K-2 classes during Week 6 in school time to show students the type of games/activities involved in the program. The students are then given their invitation and instructions regarding how to register online.

For Years 3 to 6, the AFL will briefly talk at an assembly about the program. Invitations (including instructions on how to register) are distributed to students at this time.



Representative Sports – 2016 Year 5 and 6 Students

In Week One of this term, a note went home to all the current Year 4 and 5 students regarding registering an 'expression of interest' for trialling for representative sports in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for children who display above average ability and/or representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.**

Please be aware that registrations for Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis are now **closed**.

All other registrations will still be open until the 5th February, 2016.

Year 4

This term, in Year 4, we learnt about the Rosary and what it really means to us because the entire month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church. We also prayed the Rosary in class and designed an Australian version of Our Holy Mother Mary.

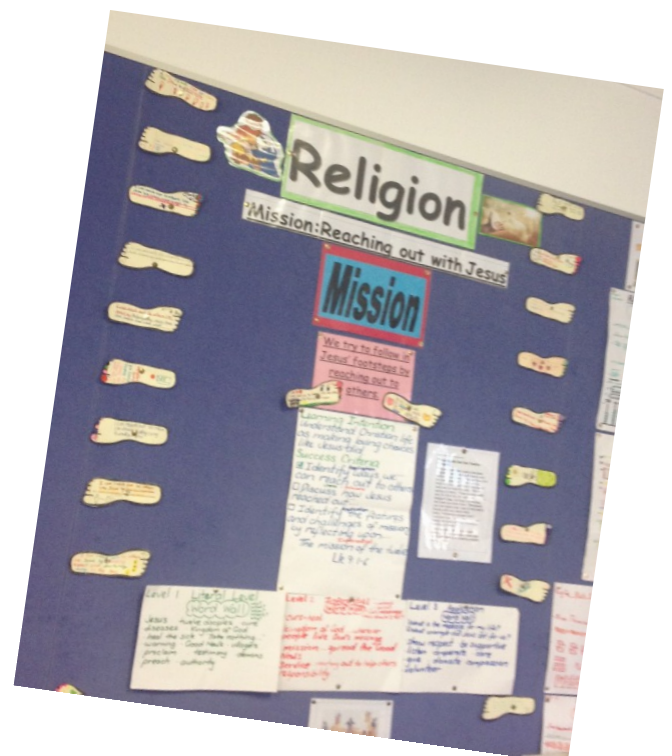
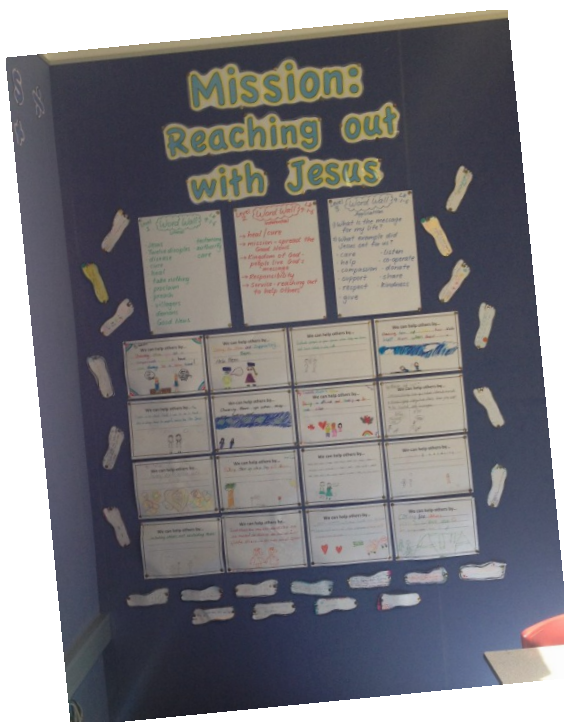




Year 3

Mission: Reaching out with Jesus

This term Year 3 have been learning about the ways in which Jesus reached out to others. Students were then able to reflect on, and share ways that they can reach out to others and continue in Jesus' footsteps.



OLOL PARENT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17TH November, 2015

7 PM

The Annual General Meeting of the OLOL Parent Group will be held on Tuesday, 17th November, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Whilst the AGM will also incorporate this term's Parent Meeting, the main agenda item for the AGM is the election of the Core group of the Parent Body. All four core positions will be declared vacant and an election will take place to determine the new nominations. Attached is a brief description of the duties of the Office Bearers.

You are invited to cast your nomination for any of the Core positions. Your nomination will need to be seconded by one other person and your nominee will need to be present at the AGM to accept the nomination. If this is not possible, your nominee will be required to accept his/her position in writing PRIOR to the meeting.

Please complete the form below and enclose it in an envelope marked 'Confidential' to the attention of 'The Principal, Nominations for the Core Group'.

NOMINATION FORM

I,, hereby put forward the following person/persons for a position on the Core Group as follows:

President

Seconded by:

Vice President:

Seconded by:

Treasurer:

Seconded by:

Secretary:

Seconded by:

DUTIES OF CORE GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

President:

- Presides as Chairperson at all meetings
- Ensures the smooth running of all meetings
- Ensures the meetings run on time
- Prepares the agenda for General Meetings/Annual General Meetings in collaboration with the other members of the Core Group
- Liaises with the Principal and Parish Priest to prepare the agenda for the Core Group Meetings
- Liaises with the Principal and Parish Priest at all times

Vice-President:

- Assists the President in his/her duties as required
- Presides as Chairperson at meetings in the absence of the President

Secretary:

- Takes minutes of all meetings
- Ensures minutes are signed by the Chairperson at the next meeting
- Receives and deals with correspondence
- Maintains copies of correspondence, bulletins and minute books
- Gives notice of the agenda to all members

All students are gifted and talented....identifying personalised pathways to success

Term 4 PRC General Meeting – Mon 16 Nov 2015, 7pm

All catholic school parents and educators welcome!

Free presentation to all who attend the Term 4 General Meeting.

Presenters: Tim Hardy, Team Leader - Numeracy, Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta

and

Anthony McElhone, Principal, St Oliver's Primary School, Harris Park



Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre(IFM), Grd Flr, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian St, Blacktown

Doors open 6.30pm for coffee & tea.

Further enquiries: Please email prcparranresident@gmail.com

Please Note: Note-taking is the responsibility of each attendee for the benefit of themselves and the school community that they represent. Formal handouts from presentations is unlikely.





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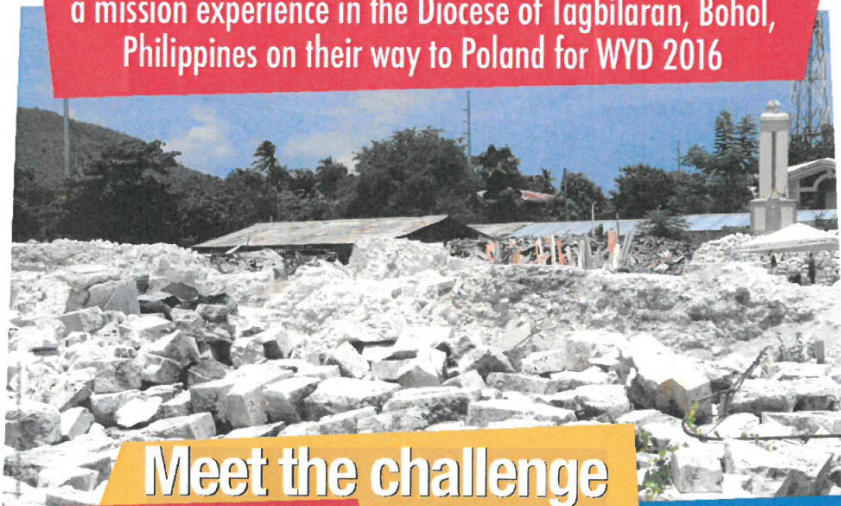
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WYD 2016



Pilgrims from the Diocese of Parramatta will be involved in a mission experience in the Diocese of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines on their way to Poland for WYD 2016



Meet the challenge
of Pope Francis in helping and caring
for those in need.



Blessed
are the merciful,
for they will receive
mercy Mt 5:7



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SUMMER MENU

Term 4, 2015

Sandwiches

Honey	\$2.60
Vegemite	\$2.60
Cheese	\$2.60
Tuna	\$3.00
Ham	\$3.00
Chicken	\$3.00
Egg	\$3.00
Added Extras:	\$0.20 each
e.g. Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Mayonnaise	
Paper bag add	\$0.20

Salad Sandwiches

Tuna Salad Sandwich*	\$3.60
Ham Salad Sandwich*	\$3.60
Chicken Salad Sandwich*	\$3.60
Egg Salad Sandwich*	\$3.60

*Salads include tomato, cucumber, lettuce, carrot, cheese.

Salad Boxes

Served in a container with a fork provided.

GF Tuna Salad Box*	\$3.60
GF Ham Salad Box*	\$3.60
GF Chicken Salad Box*	\$3.60
GF Egg Salad Box*	\$3.60

*Salads include tomato, cucumber, lettuce, carrot, cheese.

Sushi

Chicken Cucumber	\$3.40
Chicken Avocado	\$3.40
Tuna Cucumber	\$3.40
Tuna Avocado	\$3.40

Note: There are NO alterations or variations to any roll.

Lunch orders must be at the canteen by **9.30am** to avoid disappointment.

No sushi orders will be accepted after 9.30am.

Chicken Roll*	\$4.00
Chicken Tender served on a roll with lettuce.	
GF Chicken Box*	\$4.00
3 Chicken Tenders served in a container.	
Hot Dogs*	\$4.00

THEN *Choose your sauce

Tomato or BBQ or Mayonnaise

Fresh Fruit

Only available over the counter at recess.

GF Slinky Apples	\$0.60
GF Slinky Apples	(supplied from home) \$0.20

Snacks

GF Apple Frozen Fruit Cup 110ml	\$0.60
GF Orange Frozen Fruit Cup 110ml	\$0.60
GF Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt 125ml	\$1.00
GF Mango Frozen Yoghurt 125ml	\$1.00
Honey Soy Chicken Chips 28gm	\$1.00
Sea Salt Chips 28gm	\$1.00
Grain Waves 28gm	\$1.00
Sour Cream and Chives	
Barbeque chips 27gm	\$1.00
Salt and Vinegar chips 27gm	\$1.00

Drinks

GF Plain Whole Milk 300ml	
GF with Sipahh Straw (optional)	\$1.80
GF Chocolate Milk 300ml	\$1.80
GF Strawberry Milk 300ml	\$1.80
GF Orange Juice 350ml	\$1.80
GF Tropical Juice 350ml	\$1.80
GF Apple Juice 350ml	\$1.80
GF Apple/Blackcurrant Juice 350ml	\$1.80
GF Pineapple Juice 350 ml	\$1.80

Treats

Please DO NOT add these to lunch orders.

GF Jelly Cups 200ml	\$1.20
GF Quelch Fruit Sticks	\$0.40
Funny Finger	\$1.00
GF Calippo Minis Raspberry/Pine	\$1.00
GF Lemonade Icy Twists	\$1.20
Paddle Pops	\$1.60

Please remember: Fresh Fruit and Treats are not available through lunch orders. Drinks, snacks and treats will be available to purchase over the counter.

If you have any enquiries regarding the canteen, the menu, the roster or unable to attend your rostered day, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Asimus on 0414 580 984.