



**MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am. All welcome!**

**2014 - Celebrating 35 years of Catholic Education**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2014

## DIARY DATES

### Friday 16 May

Students bring in chocolates for Fete

### Tuesday 20 May

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

P & F Meeting, 7.30pm

### Wednesday 21 May

CAE Combined Choir Rehearsal at St Thomas

### Thursday 22 May

Year 2 Visit Arms of Australia Museum

### Friday 23 May

Feast of Our Lady Help Of Christians Liturgy, 2.15pm

### Wednesday 28 May

Year 3 Excursion to Blue Mountains

### Thursday 29 May

Ascension Thursday

### Friday 30 May

Years 2, 3,4 to attend Parish Mass, 9.00am

### Sunday 1 June

**School Fete**

### Friday 6 June

Kinder and Year 5 to attend Parish Mass, 9.00am

### Monday 9th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

### Wednesday 11 June

Reports Meeting for Parents, 9.00am and repeated at 7.00pm

### Friday 13 June

Years 1 and 6 to attend Parish Mass, 9.00am

### Thursday 11 September

Grandparents' Day

### Mon/Tues 8 & 9 Sept

Creative Arts Expo

Dear Parent, Carers, Students & Friends,

On the weekend we joined our parish family to welcome our OLOW students who received Christ in the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to all the children and their parents. I hope this is the beginning of a lifelong journey for your children as they get to know Jesus in this way and experience his comforting support in their lives.



Jesus said, "I am the living bread, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Congratulations to: Lachlan Aitchison; Lachlan Armour; Olivia Bennett; Boyd Boormakin; Olivia Boulous; Tully Brown; Isabella Clarke; Jett Cleary; Noah Clifford; Montana Clifford; Noel Collins; Charlie Connell; Emma Craig; Timothy Crumpton; Ethan Dempsey; Jessica Dray; Alyssa Eekman; Emma Fowler; Jack Gale; Thomas Garrahy; Madeleine Godfrey; Bailey Gregory; Alysha Hoy; Ashleigh Hurley; Brandon Kruzic; Tyanna Kubik; Brandon McCann; Emma Patterson; Joshua Phillips; William Plummer; Sam Reidy; Abby Ridding; Clare Roser; Conor Rudge; Matthew Sekulic; Ethan Still; Lara Sullivan; Annika Taber; Molly Walker; Layla Woods.

May all of us in the school community be reminded of and appreciate the gift of the Eucharist – the presence of Jesus among us. It is a challenge to us all to make Eucharist more than going to Mass. How have I shared Eucharist with my family, my friends, my work colleagues, my neighbours, those in the community most in need? How do I take Eucharist into my daily interactions with other?

God Bless,  
**Sue Veling**  
Principal



**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE – SCHOOL FETE!!!**  
Buy your ride tickets now!

## Mother's Day Stall & Prayer

Congratulations to all our Year 2 parents who organised our special Mother's Day gift stall. The gifts were beautiful and the children really enjoyed being able to purchase something special for their mother's/carers. Our Mothers' Day raffle was won by Erin Dargan in Year 6.

Thank you to all parents, carers, grandparents and friends who were able to attend our Mothers' Day prayer. It was fantastic turnout. Thank you also to the Year 2 teachers for facilitating our prayer with the help of a liturgical movement from Year 1.



## Fete Countdown – 17 sleeps to go!



Our school fete is just 3 weeks away - on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June. How are you preparing for this fantastic community event?

Every student at OLOW has turned into an author. They are writing a special book to sell at the fete. Look out for the book launch, signed by each author and for sale to the highest bidder!

The fete is the schools major fund-raiser and we are hoping to raise over \$20,000 to purchase much needed ICT equipment for the classrooms including iPads, laptops, document cameras and a green screen with lights.

I heard on the grape vine that there is going to be a pie throwing competition and dunking machine! I wonder who the victims are going to be?

**Unlimited rides tickets have been discounted if you pre-pay for them. These are available on-line, from the school office and outside the church after masses for \$26. If you buy before this Monday you go into the draw for a mini iPad.**



## National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)



This week our Years 3 & 5 students sat for the National Assessment Program. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards. Results are published in August, but this is yet to be confirmed.

## Winter School Uniform

All children should now be wearing their winter uniform. When shopping for uniforms please remember that dance pants/leggings are not school uniform and sports shoes should be predominantly white with white laces. We still have a few students coming to school with highly coloured sports shoes and coloured laces. These sports shoes and laces are not acceptable.

## Diocesan Cross Country

Last week OLOW sent 40 enthusiastic runners to the annual Diocesan Cross Country carnival at Eastern Creek. Over 2,000 children participated on the day. Seven students placed well and have been invited to the next level including Laura Patterson; Blake Skinner; Jett Cleary; Abby Riding; Charlie Connell; Aimee Wagner and Bridie Witjes.

All our students tried hard and most improved on their personal times. They were great ambassadors for our school. Special thanks to Miss Reynolds for organising the event (team manager), Mrs Scott and Mrs Walsh for accompanying the students and to all the parents and friends that were present on the day cheering the team on and helping out with supervision. A great combined effort. Even the weather was perfect for running!



## School Fees

Term 2 School fees have now been issued and are due by 4th June 2014. Payment may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office. If any families are experiencing any financial hardship please contact the office for an appointment with the Principal.

## OLOW Athletics Carnival

This year, all grades will participate in the OLOW Athletics Carnival to be held at **Parker Street Athletics Fields**, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Even though the Infants and Primary events will be separate, parents can move around and visit their children in the same place. We look forward to a wonderful carnival and hopefully, a dry day.

## Semester One Reports

Towards the end of this term, staff will begin to write your child's semester report. At *Our Lady of the Way*, we use the Catholic Education Dioceses of Parramatta (CEDP) report for students from Years 1-6 with the A-E grading. Kindergarten receive a school based report with the achievement indicators.



As Term 2 is a short term of only 9 weeks, reports will be sent home on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, the first week of Term 3 with the opportunity for Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences occurring in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3 starting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9am and again at 7pm a parent session has been organised to discuss - 'What does the A-E reporting grades really mean?' All parents are invited, but Year 1 parents are strongly encouraged to attend so they have a full understanding of the reporting grades.

## Yes, Teachers are Learners Too!

Last Friday the OLOW staff spent a professional learning day analysing writing samples and developing writing profiles using the DEC Literacy Continuum K-10. The continuum identifies the literacy skills and understandings regarded as critical to literacy success. It maps how critical aspects develop through the years of schooling by describing key markers of expected student achievement.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



## **Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal:**

The support of the Diocesan Works Fund was very much appreciated as the children wore mufti and colours of blue, pink and purple. The children were able to raise \$640 which was a wonderful effort and the money will help to support many organisations and projects in the Parramatta Diocese. If your family would still like to contribute via the envelopes that were sent home last week, could you please do so by Friday. Thank you once again for your generosity.

*"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me. Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me."*

- Matthew 25: 35, 40

## **ANZAC Day Prayer Celebration:**

Thank you to Mrs Grima-Starkey, Miss Colyer and the children of Year 3 for sharing a beautiful prayer in remembrance of ANZAC Day. It is important that special days such as these are acknowledged and celebrated. Thank you Year 3 for a fitting tribute.



## **Mothers' Day Prayer Celebration:**

It was wonderful to see so many mothers and grandmothers join us for our Mothers' Day prayer celebration. The sentiments expressed by the Year 2 children when thinking about why they treasure their mothers were lovely. Many thanks to Mrs Johnston and Miss Lamaletie for preparing the prayer; the Year 2 children who led us so beautifully; and to Mrs Blazek and the gorgeous children of Year 1 for sharing the liturgical movement.



### **Around the Classrooms:**

The events of Holy Week provide the most important stories of our Catholic tradition. The children of Kindergarten explored the Scripture of the events of Palm Sunday and the Last Supper through story-telling and enactment. The following stories were shared with them and they became part of the story. They were given the opportunity to know what it felt like to be in the crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem and to be gathered around him as he shared the Last Supper.

### ***Palm Sunday...***

Lots of people crowded around to greet Jesus their king.

They waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna. Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord."

The people continued to sing praise. They waved palm branches. They made a pathway for Jesus to travel on. They put their cloaks and palm branches on the ground.

Jesus rode through the crowd towards Jerusalem.



### ***The Last Supper...***

Jesus wanted to gather his disciples together for a special meal to celebrate the Passover feast.

He knew this was going to be his last supper with his friends.

He asked his disciples to go and prepare a room and a table for the meal.

When the time came, Jesus sat at the table with his disciples. As they were eating Jesus took some bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body."

He then took a cup of wine and gave it to them and told them to drink from it. He said, "This is my blood."

### **Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians:**

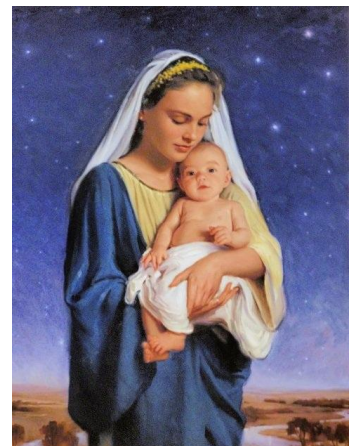
On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at 2:15pm, our school community will share a Liturgy of the Word to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the patroness of our country (feast day May 24).

In the early years of the colony Catholics had no priests and were not allowed to celebrate Mass. The reciting of the rosary helped to keep their faith alive. Mary's connection to the early Australian Catholic community was important. In 1844 our country was dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady Help of Christians.

You are very welcome to join us as we for Mary's continuing protection and guidance.

### ***Carole Day***

Religious Education Coordinator



# LEARNING NEWS

## Year 1 Happenings...

Below are some samples of Year 1's responses to the Easter story. The children were asked to imagine that they were one of the women finding the empty tomb where Jesus was buried. They wrote a diary entry to explain what they saw and how they felt.

Dear Diary,

One day I went to the tomb, I did not see Jesus laying down, instead of Jesus it was an Angel. The Angel had a message, Jesus is going to Galilee. I ran to a disciple but it was Jesus, he said "Greetings". We took hold of his feet, he said, "don't be scared "Then I stood up, he said, "tell my disciples that I am going to Galilee, I have risen".

**By Riley Brown, 1T**

Dear Diary,

Today I went to the tomb with Mary and I saw an Angel and then I saw the stone was moved, I was scared. I went inside, "Jesus is risen" said the Angel. Then he said " go and tell my disciples. Then I went To Galilee to see the disciples, on the way I saw Jesus he said "greetings". We held his feet.

**By Holly Clark, 1T**



Later today, the other Mary and I went to the tomb, but just then an angel appeared! It was like thunder, I was shocked. The angel said "go to Jesus' disciples, tell them 'Jesus has risen'". They listened, so they did, but on the way, they saw Jesus. They were shocked!

**By Mikayla Mercieca, 1B**

Today I went to the tomb because I wanted to see Jesus, and when I went in the tomb, Jesus wasn't there! Suddenly an angel came and said to me, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, but he is not here. He has risen from the dead. Go and tell his disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead. Suddenly Jesus came to me and Mary and said "Do not be afraid, can you go and tell my disciples that I am coming". They blessed his feet and ran back to the disciples.

**By Olivia Pintos, 1B**

## Types of Texts



Teachers teach children to write texts. Texts can be classified as belonging to one of three types: imaginative, informative or persuasive, although it is acknowledged that these distinctions are neither static nor watertight and particular texts can belong to more than one category.

**Imaginative texts** – texts whose primary purpose is to entertain through their imaginative use of literary elements. They are recognised for their form, style and artistic or aesthetic value. These texts include novels, traditional tales, poetry, stories, plays, fiction for young adults and children including picture books and multimodal texts such as film.

**Informative texts** – texts whose primary purpose is to provide information. They include texts which are culturally important in society and are valued for their informative content, as a store of knowledge and for their value as part of everyday life. These texts include explanations and descriptions of natural phenomena, recounts of events, instructions and directions, rules and laws and news bulletins.



**Persuasive texts** – whose primary purpose is to put forward a point of view and persuade a reader, viewer or listener. They form a significant part of modern communication in both print and digital environments. They include advertising, debates, arguments, discussions, polemics and influential essays and articles



Choose one of the above types of text and jointly construct it with your son or daughter. It can be a recipe for a delicious cake (Informative text), a poem about a holiday (Imaginative text), or a poster advertising a great book you have read together (Advertisement). Send your Text in to school and we will display it in our breezeway or even put it in the next Newsletter.

Please contact me at [mmifsud@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmifsud@parra.catholic.edu.au) if you have any questions relating to the **OLOWCURRICULUMSPOT**.

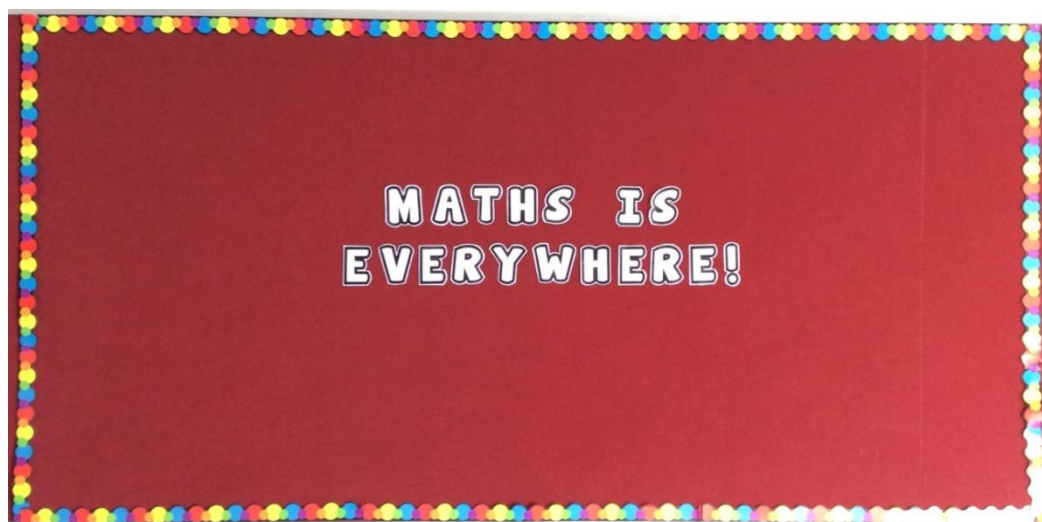
# SCHOOL CHALLENGE - MATHS IS EVERYWHERE!!

On Monday assembly I put out the challenge to all the children to help me fill my noticeboard. The challenge is to find different ways that we use maths everyday. I have added a recipe to the noticeboard that I made on the weekend. While I was baking I had to measure the ingredients and I also used a timer to ensure that I didn't overcook the cheesecakes.

Well done to Lachlan and Harrison Armour and Abbey Flanagan who have already added to the noticeboard with ways that they use maths at home. I'm looking forward to seeing what interesting ideas people bring me.

*Mrs Kakoschke*

Mathematics Coordinator

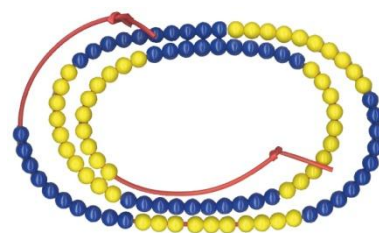


## BEAD STRINGS



*A HUGE thank you to the following people and their families for making bead strings: **Jodie Armour, Natalie Hooke, Gina Storr, Tabitha Robertson and Kylie Newton.***

*Bead strings are a great mathematical manipulative but a very time consuming one to make. Thanks to all the helpers we now have them in every learning space from Kindergarten to Year 6.*



## Year 5's CSIRO Incursion on the Human Body



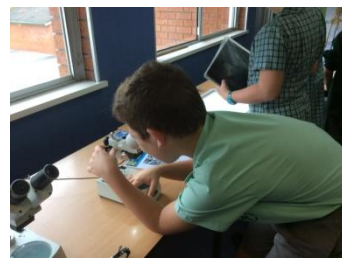
*On Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April we had an awesome incursion with the CSIRO. They came to teach us about the human body. We could do all different experiments. All the experiments were to see how the human body works. My favourite experiment was 'The Blind Spot'.*

**Shae**



*On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April Year 5 had an incursion. We learnt about our human bodies. The lady's name who shared the presentation was Julie-Anne. She did an experiment that showed us what happened to a capsule of medicine when it entered our stomach and intestines. The capsule was placed in acid to represent stomach acid and the capsule dissolved. I love science so I loved it all. My favourite part was 'Tasty Genes'.*

**Tahlia**



*I thought the science experiments were jaw-dropping and breath-taking. I thought looking through the microscopes and looking at the red blood cells and white blood cells was fascinating and inspiring. I didn't like the paper tasting...YUCK! I had a look at some x-rays and saw some pins and plates in a person's knee-cap (top of the tibia). I give the incursion a 10/10.*

**Blair**







On Tuesday Julie-Anne from the CSIRO came to our school to teach us about the systems in the human body. I enjoyed the experiment where we had to measure our lung capacity. I also thought it was really interesting to see how medicine dissolves and is absorbed in our bodies.

**Christopher**



## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

### **Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.**

Interviews have commenced for Kindergarten 2015 and acceptance letters will be sent out in June. If you have a child starting school next year or know someone who does please make sure you have your enrolment forms in by the end of May. Places are filling quickly.

### **OLOW School Website**

Have you had a look at our website recently? You can find copies of most school notes on the site (Parents, School Notes), as well as photos from school events (News and Events, Multimedia Galleries) or our up-to-date School Calendar (News and Events, Event Calendar). Just go to: [www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au). Photos have just been updated!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Fire & Rescue NSW  
**FIRE STATION  
OPEN DAY**



Sat 17 May  
10am - 2pm



HAVE **FUN**, LEARN NEW SKILLS, AND  
**MAKE FRIENDS** PLAYING  
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PS4, Lego voucher or an iPad!



## **ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Staff and CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry present Information Sessions to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. Questions are answered on details such as the length of time it takes, the cost, the role of witnesses, the number of interviews required, the grounds for an Annulment, how to start the process, etc. The evening is open to anyone at all who is interested in gaining more information about the Annulment process in the Catholic Church. Venue: CCSS Centre, 2 A Villiers St. Parramatta. Date: Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 9933 0205. Later in the year we will advertise more details of the same Seminar to be held in Springwood on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

## **CatholicCare Social Services**

CatholicCare Social Services (Parramatta Diocese) is running the following events in the coming months that may be of interest/support to parents from your school community. For more information about any of the below events contact our office on 02 9933 0222, email [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au)

### **Celebrating the early years**

**When: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 11am, Where: St Patricks Cathedral Parramatta**

This Mass will recognise, celebrate and be offered for couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries between 1 and 20 years. Those celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th Wedding anniversary will be given a commemorative certificate after the Mass. Couples and their families are invited to a light lunch in the parish hall after the Mass.

### **From “I do”, to “We do”: a unique approach to making couple decisions.**

**When: Thursday 29th May 2014. 730 – 9pm.**

**Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe & Marion St, Blacktown**

Run by Francine and Bryon Pirola Directors of Smart Loving.

Come and learn a method for making couple decisions. This unique Values Based Decisions Making framework will help you to learn how to connect with your deepest values for love and unity so that your choices become true couple decisions. *Admission is free!*

### **Faith in Marriage – a conference about marriage for couples**

*(speakers include tv personality and psychologist Jo Lambert)*

**When: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 9:30 – 4:30pm Where: Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross Street North Parramatta**



Boys and Girls, 7 – 13 years  
are invited to join

# Penrith City Children's Choir

for its next project

***Welcome to Rustin' Creek***

directed by Lucy McAlary

**starting soon!**

**If you love to sing, please join us.**

No auditions.

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