



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

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

29<sup>th</sup> May 2014

## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 29 May**  
Ascension Thursday

**Friday 30 May**  
Years 2, 3, 4 to attend  
Parish Mass, 9.00am

**Sunday 1 June**  
**School Fete**

**Wednesday 4 June**  
Penrith Netball Carnival

**Friday 6 June**  
Kinder & Year 5 to attend  
Parish Mass, 9.00am

**Sunday 8 June**  
Pentecost Sunday

**Monday 9th June**  
Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

**Tuesday 10 June**  
A-E Reporting Meeting for  
Parents - 9.00am and  
repeated at 7.00pm

**Wednesday 11 June**  
Creative Arts Expo Choir  
rehearsal at St Thomas'

**Friday 13 June**  
Years 1 and 6 to attend  
Parish Mass, 9.00am

**Thursday 19 June**  
K-6 Athletics Carnival at  
Parker Street

**Thursday 26 June**  
9:15-10:15am  
Celebration of Learning  
10:15-11:00am  
Parents Maths Workshop

**Friday 27 June**  
9:15am  
Feast of the Sacred Heart  
Whole School Mass

**LAST DAY TERM 2**

**Mon/Tues 8 & 9 Sept**  
Creative Arts Expo

**Thursday 11 September**  
Grandparents' Day

**Friday 12 September**  
7:30pm Confirmation with  
Most Rev. Kevin Manning

Dear Parent, Carers, Students & Friends,

Our Fete Day has almost arrived! Three more sleeps to go! On Sunday we open our school and welcome each other and other families in our local community to the OLOW Fete. We do this with a real sense of hospitality, fun and purpose. Our Fete is a wonderful demonstration of the amazing good will, generosity and service that exemplifies this community.



I wish to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for their dedication and hard work. We have been blessed with a fantastic Fete Committee comprising Matthew & Kylie Newton, Regina Hawkes, Kate Andrews, Kiery Pasco, Jeff Boulous, Kevin Houlihan, Carly Eekman and Catherine & Gareth Budge. They have been working tirelessly since February. A special mention goes to Julie Irvine whose organisational skills, experience and support has been indispensable.

It's worth remembering that amongst all the work, thought and activity generated by the Fete that the children see it as a very special event in their lives and it's occurring in their school! I have been reminded constantly about this over the course of the week as I have been chatting with them.

- "It's all very exciting. I love fetes. I'm looking forward to the rides and throwing the pies at the teachers." Josh-Yr 6.
- "I want to have a go on the chocolate wheel and win some chocolates." Carter-Kinder
- "I've never been to fete before. I can't wait." Oliver-Kinder
- "I want to go on the rides and eat hotdogs and get my hair coloured." Jacob-Kinder
- "I want to win the Wanderers FC signed ball because I love soccer." Mark-Yr 2
- "I've got a ride band and I'm going on lots of rides and I'm getting my hair sprayed, and feathers and nail polish." Chloe-Yr 2
- "I want to go on the pony rides because I love horses and eat lots of fairy floss." Georgia-Yr 2
- "I'm looking forward to dunking the teachers." Jesse-Yr 6

## Our Lady of the Way - Emu Plains



## School Fete



Sunday, 1st June 2014 10am - 4pm

Our Lady of the Way School  
Cnr Troy and Forbes Street, Emu Plains 2750

- Amusement Rides
- Visit from Penrith Panthers
- Chocolate Wheel
- Sausage Sizzle
- Gourmet Burgers
- Cake Stall
- Chocolate Toss
- Face painting
- Coloured Hair & Nails
- Raffles
- Lucky Dips
- Crazy Creations
- Slot cars
- Dunking Booth
- Market Stalls
- Show Bags
- Entertainment
- Coffee
- Pony Rides
- And Much More....

We pray for fine weather and a wonderful Fete – a chance to connect, chat and enjoy each other's company. Thank you again for your hard work and generosity of spirit.

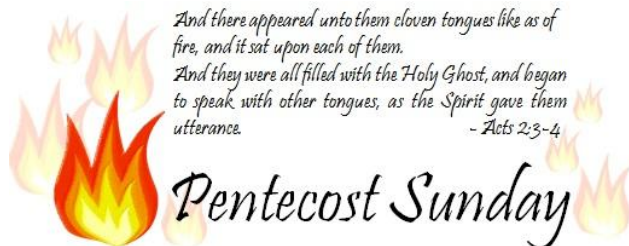
### Pentecost Sunday

On Sunday week we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. This was the birth of our apostolic Church. From this time forward we have been called to share the message of Jesus, through relationship with the Holy Spirit. On the first Pentecost Sunday, we know that the power of the Holy Spirit allowed all the apostles to speak in languages that could be understood by all.

As a nation we have people around us who speak many different languages. Do we take the opportunity to listen to the spirit of Jesus in all those around us? Do we take the time to hear how others celebrate faith? Do we welcome other faiths and cultures?

If we are truly to be Pentecostal people, we should be not only open to sharing the Holy Spirit in word and deed, but also accepting the Holy Spirit in whatever form or language in which it appears.

God Bless  
**Mrs Sue Veling**  
Principal



## Fete News

**You will regret it if you miss it.  
Everyone will be talking about it, so make sure you are part of it.**

The time has finally arrived, and this Sunday our magnificent fete will be on. We would like to thank the wonderful parents who for many, many months have been working so hard to organise this great event. We would also like to acknowledge our supporters who have made some very generous donations.



### **HELP DEPERATELY NEEDED**

**We are still short many volunteers to help man the stalls on Sunday. To make this fete a success we NEED YOUR HELP. As you can see on the roster, there are lots of gaps. Please ring Julie, Sarah or Bernie at the school office if you could just spare even one hour on Sunday.**



### **OLOW Students Become Authors!**

Every student at OLOW has turned author. They are writing a special story/book/article to sell at the fete. Come visit *the WRITER'S CORNER* in the hall. Each piece of writing is for sale to the highest bidder! The grade that raises the most money (on average per child) will be rewarded with a popcorn and movie afternoon!

### **Troy Street Bus Stop/Parking**

Penrith City Council has agreed to remove the Part-Time Bus Zone in Troy Street, providing a number of much needed parking spots. The After School Care bus from Penrith will now use the Forbes Street Bus Stop.

Parents are reminded that care needs to be taken when parking in Troy and Forbes Street. Both streets are extremely busy before and after school and safety and respect for each other should be our highest priorities. Follow the road rules and be vigilant of students and pre-schoolers, as young children don't have the skills to be safe around cars on their own. Until the age of 10 or so, children need active adult supervision to help them navigate cars, roads and car parks safely. Even children who seem to know all the road safety rules won't necessarily remember to follow them.



**Always hold your child's hand when they are near cars.**

### **Sports Socks**

We have a supplier who is able to provide the school with good quality white sports socks with OLOW printed on the cuff. The P&F committee were impressed with the quality and supported the introduction of the socks to the uniform shop. The socks will come in a variety of sizes and sell for no more than \$10 a pair. Watch this space for more details.



### **School Fees**

Term 2 School fees have 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.

### **A-E Reporting Grades Meeting**

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 before they receive their child's report. (*Sorry for the confusion as the incorrect date was marked on the parent calendar.*) I'm happy to chat to any parent who cannot make either meeting. Please call the office for an appointment.

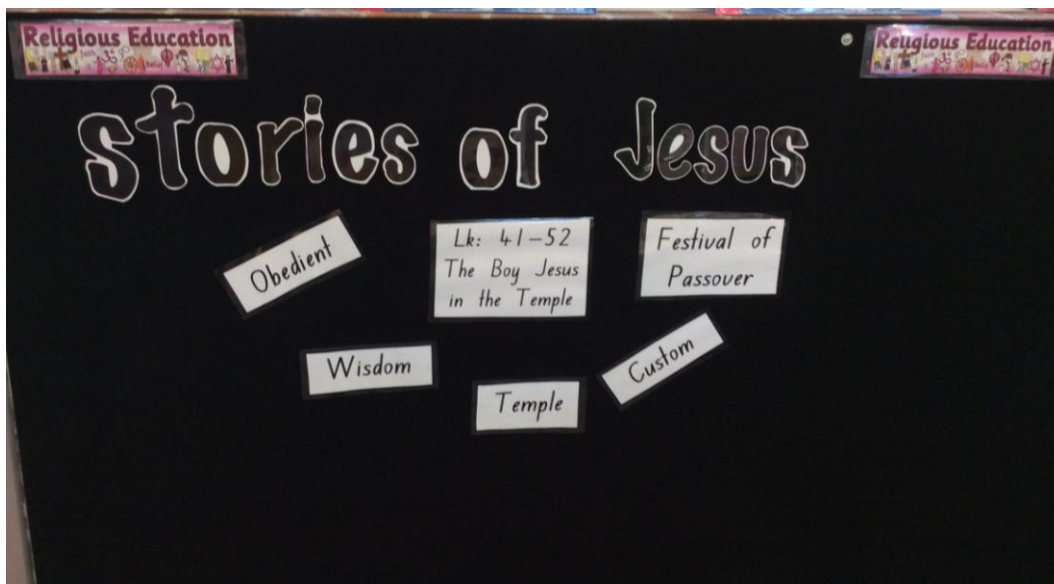
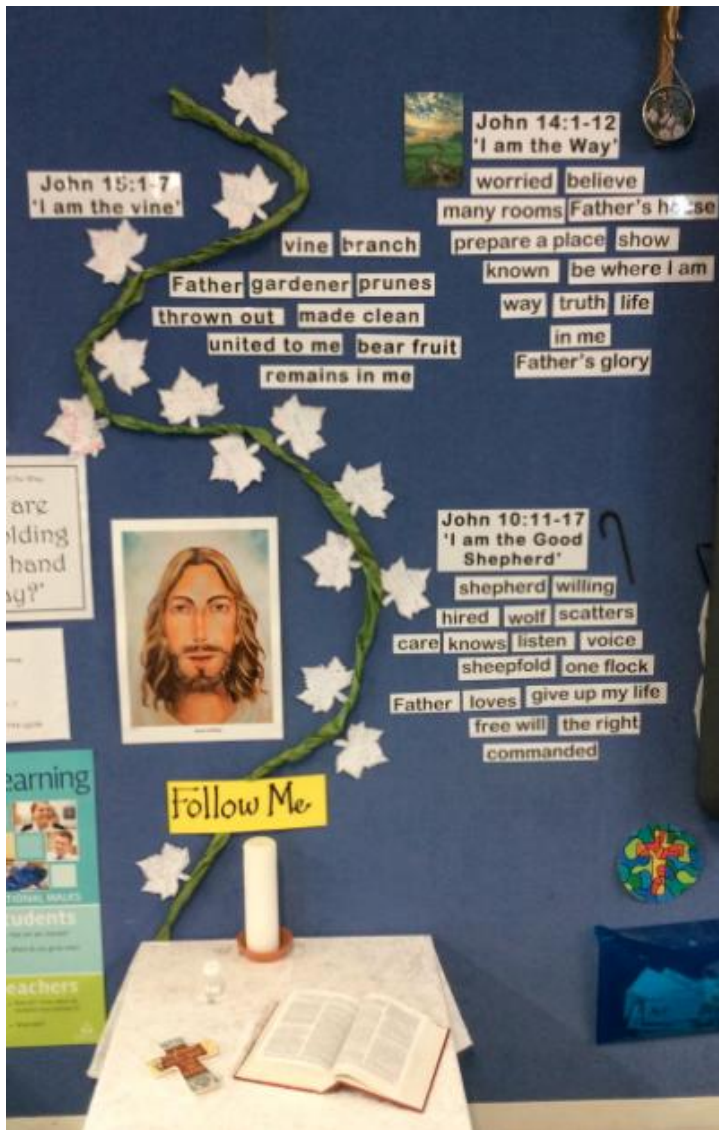
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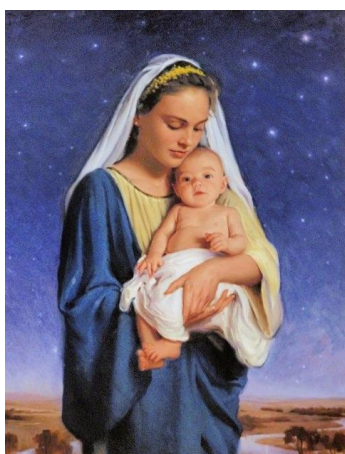
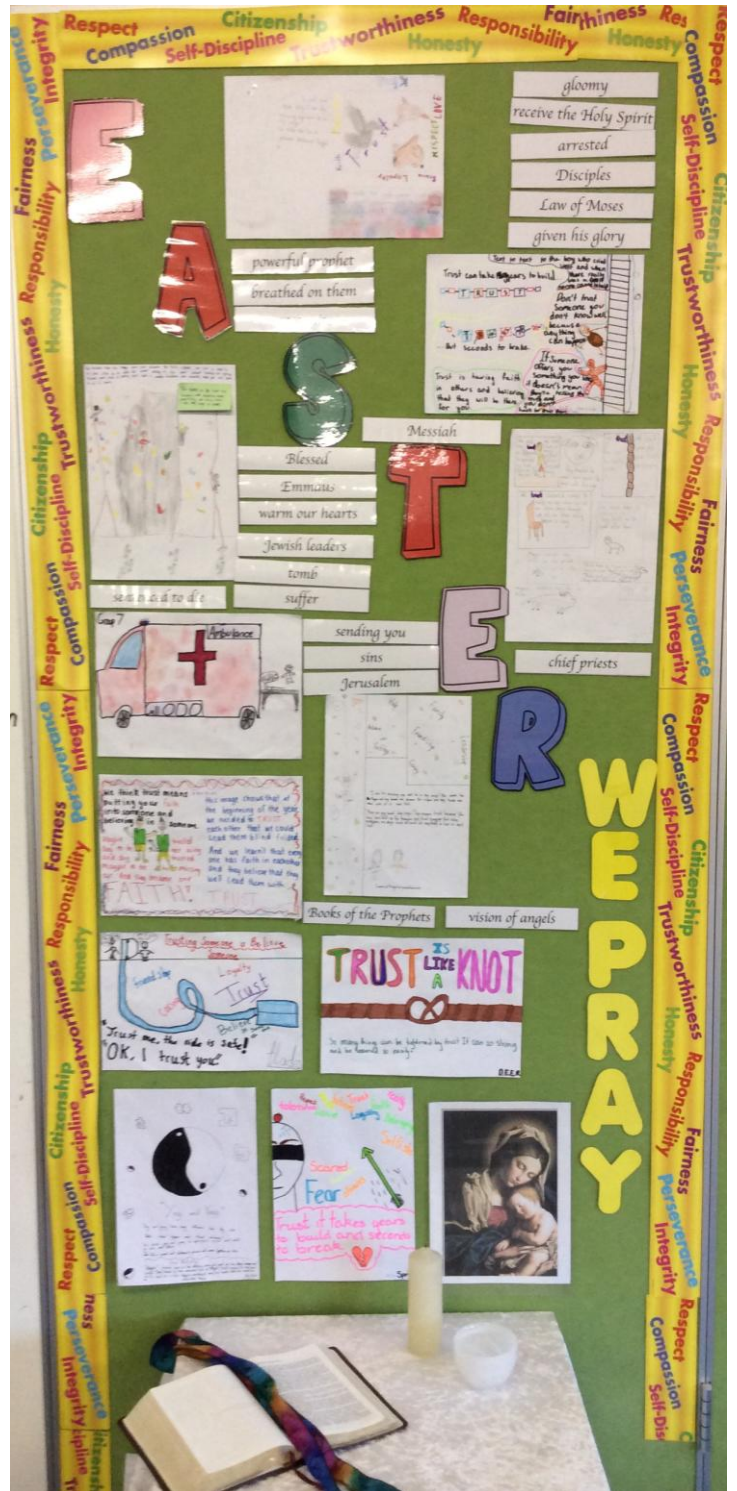
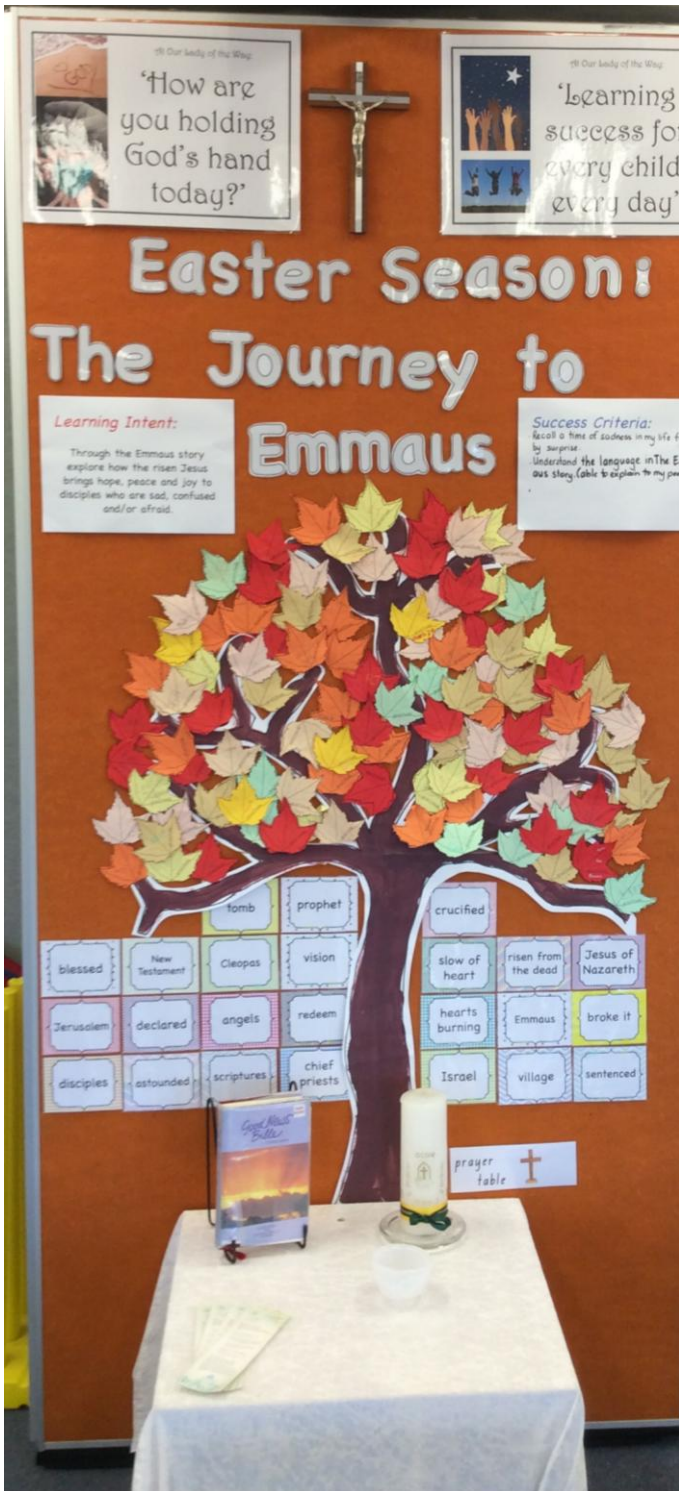
# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Scripture in the Classrooms:

One of the ways in which teachers are helping to bring the meaning of Scripture to the children is through the use of 'word walls'. Teachers spend a lot of time reflecting on significant words and phrases which will be discussed prior to the sharing of a piece of Scripture. These word walls are placed in prominent areas within the learning space and are referred to often, to help enhance the understanding of a piece of Scripture. Some examples of these word walls are below.







### Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians:

Last Friday representatives from all grades led us in a beautiful Liturgy of the Word to help us celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. The children helped us reflect through words, actions and ritual. Thank you to all the children who led us and to the teachers (and parents) for helping to prepare them. Congratulations to all the children for the prayerful and reverent way you entered into the prayer experience. Your singing was outstanding as well.

**Carole Day**  
 Religious Education Coordinator

# LEARNING NEWS



Each week when your child visits the Library we share a PRC book. Please add the following books to your child's reading log.

Grade	Title	Author	PRC No
K-2	Peeking Ducks	Bell & Rippin	34219
	Fierce Little Woman and the Wicket Pirate	Joy Cowley	15013
	Unexpected Crocodile	Kim Kane	22609
	The Dreadful Fluff	Aaron Blabey	4625
	Zou and a Box of Tissues	Michel Gay	8476
	Noah Dreary	Aaron Blabey	73251
	Anzac Biscuits	Phil Cummings	59878
3-4	Fierce Little Woman and the Wicket Pirate	Joy Cowley	15013
	The Staring Owl	Luke Edwards	2341
	Queenie	Corinne Fenton	113915
	Noah Dreary	Aaron Blabey	73251
	Yobos do Yoga	Phillip Joyner	1568
5-6	The Staring Owl	Luke Edwards	2341
	The Treasure Box	Margaret Wild	1290

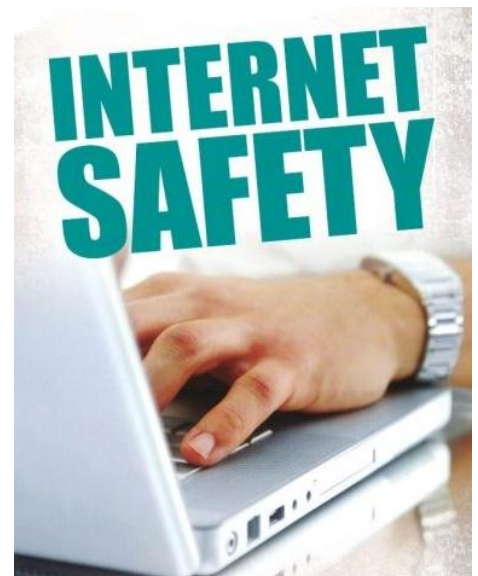
A BIG Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have covered 100's of books over the past few weeks. The children and teachers are so excited to see all of these beautiful new books.

## Cyber Safety

Last term Year 6 explored the ways that we can be safe online. Ellie took her learning beyond the classroom, emailing her teachers with a comprehensive list of cyber safety tips.

### *How we can be safe online:*

- Do not give out your personal details to anyone you don't know.
- You never know who you are talking to online so be careful.
- Don't say anything that will hurt someone's feelings.
- Make sure if you are feeling uncomfortable tell a trusted adult
- Make sure you are under parental guidance
- DO NOT share your passwords with anyone
- Think before you post
- DO NOT post anything that you wouldn't like said about you
- Use appropriate usernames and passwords
- THINK: Is this suitable for my age?
- Will it change my life?
- Will it ruin my reputation?
- Will it affect me finding a job?
- Will it have an impact on other people's lives?
- If things happen and you don't know what to do log off or tell a trusted adult
- THINK: Is what I am about to post kind?
- Ask a trusted adult or parent first before creating an account on internet services.
- DON'T do things that will make other people feel uncomfortable.



If you think and do these things YOU can be safe online.

Well done, Ellie!

**Mrs McKeon**



## Why is Mathematics important for my child?

Mathematics skills are important to a child's success – both at school and in everyday life. Understanding Mathematics also builds confidence and opens the door to a range of career options.

*In our everyday lives, understanding Mathematics enables us to:*

- *manage time and money, and handle everyday situations that involve numbers.*
- *understand patterns in the world around us and make predictions based on patterns.*
- *solve problems and make sound decisions.*
- *explain how we solved a problem and why we made a particular decision.*
- *use technology to help solve problems.*

## Understanding Numbers

*Numbers are used to describe quantities, to count, and to add, subtract, multiply, and divide. Understanding numbers and knowing how to combine them to solve problems helps us in all areas of Mathematics.*

*Count everything!* Count toys, kitchen utensils, and items of clothing as they come out of the dryer. Help your child count by pointing to and moving the objects as you say each number out loud. Count forwards and backwards from different starting places. Use household items to practice adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing.

*Sing counting songs and read counting books.* Every culture has counting songs, such as "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe" and "Ten Little Monkeys", which make learning to count – both forwards and backwards – fun for children. Counting books also capture children's imagination, by using pictures of interesting things to count and to add.

*Discover the many ways in which numbers are used inside and outside your home.* Take your child on a "number hunt" in your home or neighbourhood. Point out how numbers are used on the television set, the microwave, and the telephone. Spot numbers in books and newspapers. Look for numbers on signs in your neighbourhood. Encourage your child to tell you whenever he or she discovers a new way in which numbers are used.

*Ask your child to help you solve everyday number problems.* "We need six tomatoes to make our sauce for dinner, and we have only two. How many more do we need to buy?" "You have two pillows in your room and your sister has two pillows in her room. How many pillowcases do I need to wash?" "Two guests are coming to eat dinner with us. How many plates will we need?"

*Practise "skip counting".* Together, count by 2's and 5's. Ask your child how far he or she can count by 10's. Roll two dice, one to determine a starting number and the other to determine the counting interval. Ask your child to try counting backwards from 10, 20, or even 100.

*Make up games using dice and playing cards.* Try rolling dice and adding or multiplying the numbers that come up. Add up the totals until you reach a target number, like 100. Play the game backwards to practise subtraction.

*Play "Broken Calculator".* Pretend that the number 8 key on the calculator is broken. Without it, how can you make the number 18 appear on the screen? (Sample answers:  $20 - 2$ ,  $15 + 3$ ). Ask other questions using different "broken" keys.

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

Michael

**'Mathematics is the brain's sharpener'.  
Angeliza Ampeloquio**

# GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

## Danger In Our School Zones.

As you would have heard recently there have been a number of serious accidents outside schools. It is vital that ALL parents are diligent at all times about parking and driving around the school. It is not acceptable to be parking or dropping off children in restricted areas. It is just not good enough to use the excuse that it is just for a minute as unfortunately it takes less than that for an accident to occur. It is up to us all to look out for all our children in these very busy areas before and after school. Police are patrolling more school areas and you can be booked if you are in non-parking areas.

## School Uniforms

*'School Uniforms are now available through your local Lowes store or Online by clicking the link below'*

<http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=160>



The graphic is a promotional banner for Lowes School Uniforms. It features a blue background with a white dashed border. At the top, the Lowes logo is displayed in a red rounded rectangle with white text. Below the logo, the words 'SCHOOL UNIFORMS' are written in white, underlined. The main text reads 'Your school uniform is now available online at www.lowes.com.au'. A red banner across the middle contains the text 'FREE SHIPPING FOR ORDERS OVER \$100'. At the bottom, it says 'Register online and receive a DISCOUNT ON YOUR FIRST ORDER'.

# CANTEEN NEWS

## Sydney Markets Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Promotion

The canteen will once again be participating in this promotion. Every time children purchase a piece of fruit or something in the vegetable line they receive a sticker. Upon collecting stickers and filling in a card they get a small gift and go into the major draw. The promotion runs from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Crunchy Munchy Café Meal Deals \$ 4.50**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

### ***Meal Deal 1***

Fish Burger served with Lettuce & Mayo, Small Bottle Water, Fruity Ice Shape Ice Block

### ***Meal Deal 2***

Sweet & Sour Chicken served with Fried Rice, Juice Popper. Fruity Ice Shape Ice Block



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Skills for Kids, Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology

Skills for Kids runs a **Playground Skills Camp** in Blaxland every school holidays. The next camp is for 5 half days from 30 June to 4 July. The goal of the camp, which involves lots of fun learning, is to teach Kindergarten to Yr. 6 children *how to make friends and keep friends*.



The cost of the camp is \$450. Rebates may be applicable for some children. For further information please contact Dr Susan Lowe or Bec Gatt on 47390267.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - 13 – 15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

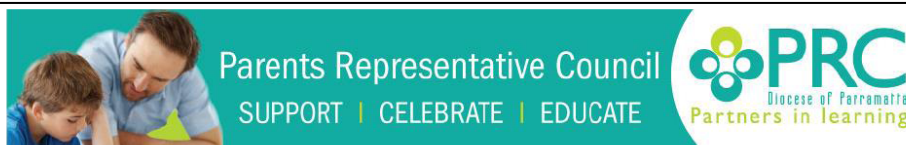
A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset - your Marriage! Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au), [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au), [www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit](http://www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit)

## Stepping Beyond: Support For Those Separated Or Divorced

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as *“How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?”* Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205

## Dealing With The Legal System

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry offers an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at CCSS Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.) Further details and registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205



### 2014 Dates

The PRC would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the returning and new representatives for our Catholic schools and wish everyone a very Happy New Year

Term	Event	Guest Speakers	Location
Term 1 Monday 3 Mar 2014 7pm	Annual General Meeting	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> Ms Monique Dalli, Leader of e-Learning, Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill <b>Presenting</b> iPad Awareness. (Attendees to bring iPad)	Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion Street, Blacktown
Term 1 Wednesday 26 Mar 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> The Resilience Centre <b>Presenting</b> The Transition to High School: Helping your child to build resilience and navigate change	St Paul's Catholic College, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes
Term 2 Sunday 18 May 2014 9am to 3pm	PRC Reflection Day	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> Fr. Richard Leonard, Director, Australian Catholic Film and Broadcasting	"Winbourne" Edmund Rice retreat & Conference Centre 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
Term 2 Monday 2 June 2014 7pm	General Meeting	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Fisher	Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion Street, Blacktown
Term 2 Tuesday 17 Jun 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> Remy Lowe, Academic Counsellor, Western Sydney <b>Presenting</b> Senior subjects and UAC selection guidance for year 10 to year 12 students. Parents and student to attend.	Loyola Senior High School and Trade Training Centre, 91 North Pde, Mt Druitt
Term 3 Monday 18 Aug 2014 7pm	General Meeting	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> 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) <b>Presenting</b> 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?	Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion Street, Blacktown
Term 3 Monday 1 Sept 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> Dr Andrew Martin <b>Presenting</b> Anxiety & Children	St Patrick's Primary School, 51 Allawah St, Blacktown
Term 4 Wednesday 29 October 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> Danielle Mantakoul <b>Presenting</b> Smart Start School Readiness	St Michael's Primary School, 155 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown South
Term 4 Monday 10 Nov 2014 7pm	General Meeting	<b>PRC Welcomes</b> 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 <b>Presenting</b> Childhood Obesity/Healthy Eating	Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion Street, Blacktown