

DIARY DATES

Friday 26 June Last day of Term 2
Monday 13 July First day of Term 3
Sat 18/Sun 19 July Confirmation Lesson
Tuesday 21 July School Photo Day (winter uniform)
Sat 25/Sun 26 July Confirmation Lesson
Monday 27 July Year 4 visit CARES
Tuesday 28 July Year 4 visit CARES
Friday 31 July Camp Quality Cancer Puppet Show
Sat 1/Sun 2 August Confirmation Lesson
Friday 7 August St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day Celebration
Sat 8/Sun 9 August Confirmation Lesson
Friday 14 August Confirmation
Friday 21 August Primary Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Fri 21 – Fri 28 August Bookweek National Literacy & Numeracy week
Tuesday 25 August St Nicholas Netball Gala Day
Friday 28 August Staff Development Day PUPIL FREE DAY!
Friday 4 September Fathers' Day Breakfast & Prayer Celebration
Saturday 12 September Trivia Night
Friday 18 September Last day of Term 3
Tuesday 6 October First day of Term 4

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Sportsmanship, courage and community building were in earnest at our annual Athletics Carnival. The weather was even smiling down on us as the children performed their best on and off the track. I wish to congratulate our Sports Captains Aimee Wagner, Jack Palombo, Blair Stewart, Georgia Ristevski, Nicholas James, Bridie Witjes, Tahlia Rando and Madison Whiteley for their excellent leadership on the day, working with their teams building team and school spirit. This was one of the many highlights of the day. Their co-operation made it easy for the teachers to co-ordinate the events. I also wish to make mention of the small group of parents who gave of their time so generously to run the BBQ and support the many field and track events. Without your continued support these days could not go ahead.



On several occasions I have praised the work of the staff at Our Lady of the Way for the dedication they give to the children and the school. Our Athletics Carnival was another example of a great team working together in a very supportive environment. I wish to thank them for making the day a fun and exciting day for the children. I extend this thanks to Miss Reynolds and Mrs Kakoschke for coordinating the event. Running an event like this is not easy. In fact it is exhausting work. However, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Kakoschke always bounce back with a smile. Congratulations Our Lady of the Way - We are the best!!!!

Thank you for yet another wonderful term of learning, fun and partnership together. Have a very safe and happy holiday – we have all worked very hard to earn some rest and relaxation!

God Bless

Mrs. Sue Veling
Principal



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Congratulations to our Year 3 students who made their First Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of our religion. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established this sacrament, so that we all can obtain forgiveness for our wrong doings and reconcile with God and the Church. It was a beautiful ceremony and the parents and teachers were so proud of the children.

Congratulations to: Lucie McIntosh, Rory Muller, Marshall Pereira, Zachary Phillips, Tiare Raukawa, Chloe Riley, Kate Roser, Emily Sekulic, Isaac Steele, Larissa Stewart, Millina Storek, Charlie Thomas, Madeline Wade, Toby Witjes, Lucas Woods, Sienna Gahagan, Benjamin Garrahy, Jude Godfrey, Alex Godwin, Zoe Grech, Maya Grieve, Alexander Hawkes, Paige Hawkes, Sebastian Hayward, Bailey Houlihan, Ethan Houlihan, Katelyn King, Oscar King, Phoebe Kruzic, Harry Lewandowski, Connor Lohan, Cody Luczak, Daisy Andersen, Jason Andrews, Harrison Armour, Jason Armstrong, Justin Bailie, Harrison Bennett, Cohen Borg, Sarah Budge, Georgia Cashel, Kieran Smith, Milaya Cleary, Tyler Clifford, Jessica Craig, Nicholas Curry, Erin Downie, Sandra Elias, Brodie English, Dieter Erdmann and Abby Flanagan.

Congratulations also to Sophia Lusk, Tailyn Tupaea and Cadence Biggar who received their First Holy Communion at St Nicholas of Myra parish last week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR WEEKS 8 & 9



Remi Fischer, Ava Palombo, Aimee Woods, Curtis Smith, Toby Witjes, Jayden Roots, Montana Clifford, Carter Pereira, Abby Godwin, Lucienne Heffernan, Jessie Craig, Brodie English, Emilia Di Prinzie, Tahlia Robar, Year 6, Benjamin Hall, Ella Reid, Shanyah Kubik, Cody Luczak, Lily Callaghan, Thomas Vanegas, Sophia Lusk, Emma Fowler, Dominic Sagun, Jake Thompson, Erin Budge, Riley Tait, Harrison Phillips, Alex Godwin, Brooke Bentley, Alysha Hoy, James Brown.



CAPTIVATE - WHAT A SPECTACULAR!

Last week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening, a number of our students from Years 3 and 5 participated in the CAPTIVATE Concert experience. Our children sang as part of a joint choir of over 500 students from other schools in our Diocese.

I wish to sincerely thank our parents for their continued support. Without you we could not offer the many extra-curricular activities we have at Our Lady of the Way. I also wish to thank Mrs McGregor for coordinating the groups and rehearsing the students each week during her breaks. Congratulations to the choir for their dedication, giving up their break each week and performing beautifully. Thank you also to Mrs Curry for helping with supervision at Nagel College and Miss Vella who assisted with rehearsals.



Congratulations to Lachlan Armour, Lily Callaghan, Isabella Clarke, Tyler Clifford, Noah Clifford, Ethan Dempsey, Brodie English, Emma Fowler, Sienna Gahagan, Jude Godfrey, Madeleine Godfrey, Zoe Grech, Alex Godwin, Ashleigh Hurley, Emma Jones, Phoebe Kruzic, Noah Pascoe, Emily Sekulic, Matthew Sekulic, Talesha Spooner, Larissa Stewart, Isabella Toth, Madeline Wade, Lucas Woods, Layla Woods.

We will formally acknowledge these children when we return next term.

PHOTO DAY

Our school photo day is on Tuesday 21 July. All children will be photographed in their winter uniform. Boys from Kinder to Year 5 will need to be in long sleeve shirts. The Year 6 Graduation photo will take place on Wednesday 29 July.

PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY for TERM 3

Just for your information, our Term 3 staff development day will be on 28 August. This will be a pupil free day.

2015 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our **RED** team – **BENJAMIN**, led by our Year 6 Sports Captains, Aimee Wagner and Jack Palombo on winning the OLOW Athletics Shield for 2015.



DAYS ABSENT IN REPORTS

On your child's report, you may have noticed a section relating to the number of days and partial absences your child had for the first semester. Parents often ask, how many days off is too many?

The evidence is very clear about school attendance - **every day counts**. We know that from time to time illness and unexpected events will prevent students from attending school, but on the whole children need to be at school at every opportunity.

As a guide – multiply the number of days absent on your child's report by 14 (being the number of reports your child will receive throughout their K-6 schooling). This will be the number of days (at this rate) that your child will miss in his or her Primary schooling. There are about 200 days in a school year – so 100 absences is the equivalent of half a year of lost learning – which might answer the question 'how many is too many'?

As part of the government guidelines for attendance of students who have unexplained absences or unexplained part absences, letters will be sent home reminding parents of their obligations. Parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL ZONES

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 2 that **school zones** remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

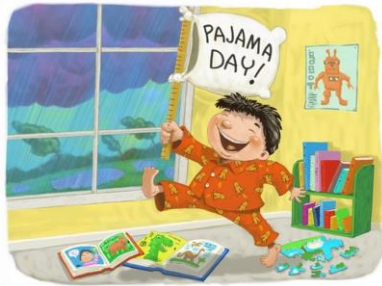
School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

KANGA CUP

Good luck to our students Justin Bailie, Harrison Bennett, and Jacob Bennett who play for Emu Plains Under 9's Football Club. They will be playing in their first major tournament at next month's prestigious Kanga Cup held in Canberra. Held every year in Canberra, the Kanga Cup is the largest international youth football tournament in the southern hemisphere, featuring teams from around Australia and across the world.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Pyjama Day – St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:



A reminder that tomorrow is pyjama day! I'm sure that your children don't need reminding. It's always a fun day in our school year. It would be great to share with the children though, the reason behind this fundraiser.

We think about the many people in our society who live on the streets and dread the winter months. We hope the day will help the children appreciate what they have and think of others.



The work carried out by the St. Vincent de Paul Society is enormous. Last year the Society provided:

- ✓ almost \$20 million worth of financial assistance
- ✓ 692 785 meals through services
- ✓ 274 145 beds through its accommodation services

Our donations of a \$2 coin or warm socks, beanies or scarves will definitely help St. Vincent de Paul in their continuing mission.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Our prayers are with the children and their families, who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Lessons commence on the 18th and 19th of July after the school holidays.

At our Monday morning assembly we offered a blessing to the children and wished them well:

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation we pray that you will be blessed with the gift of Wisdom to help with decision-making...Knowledge to make the right choices... Understanding to reflect on your decisions...Courage to stand up for what is right...Right Judgment to work towards a solution...Reverence to honour God and others and Wonder and Awe in God's Presence so that God may be put first in all that you do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday with your children. To those who are travelling, have a safe and happy time, for those who are staying home, enjoy the time to be together.

Carole Day
Religious Education Coordinator

Assessment for Success

As Educators we assess our students in a variety of ways. The following are ways in which we use formative assessment to know where our students are and where they need to be.

INVOLVE LEARNERS IN THE PROCESS

We:

- ask them to name their learning goal and tell us how they know they have met it;
- help students form habits in documenting their work, and then teach them how to self-assess;
- invite students to plot their own data, investigate the findings, and speculate the ways that will promote further successful learning;
- require students to reflect before, during, and after learning.



BY BECOMING VISIBLE LEARNERS

We:

- define the learning intentions;
- determine where learners will attend to the target (success criteria) most explicitly during the learning experience;
- consider how students might make the learning relevant to this target visible, and invite them to do so;
- document this learning using print, audio, and visual recordings;
- study the data gathered, looking for patterns for future success;
- use the ideas that emerge to inform our feedback, our own learning, and theirs as well.

When we are able to assess without disrupting learning and when the learners themselves are part of every phase of the assessment process, the results can be truly amazing.

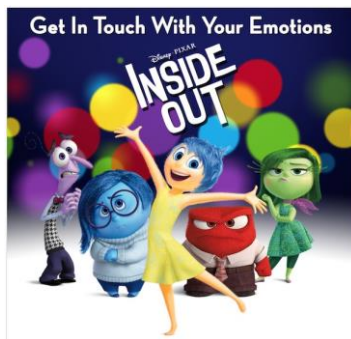
Please contact me at mmifsud@parra.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions relating to the ***OLWCURRICULUMSPOT***.

Michael Mifsud

MIK'S REVIEWS

Mik's Movie Review - Inside Out - PG Rating

Inside Out is a fantastic movie that tells a story about a girl named Riley who has to move with her family to San Francisco because her Dad is starting a new job. The audience gets to see inside Riley's brain and we learn about some really important events that make up her quality world. We also learn about the emotions that live in Headquarters, the control centre inside Riley's mind and how these relate to each memory, eg Joy - scoring her first goal in ice hockey; playing with friends.



Riley finds it really difficult to adjust to her new life in San Francisco and the emotions in her head get all mixed up, she doesn't know what to do to find happiness. Joy, Riley's main and most important emotion tries to keep things positive even when she has disagreements with Sadness, Disgust, Anger and Fear. When this happens, Riley's quality world begins to shut down and she isn't able to think clearly or responsibly.

The movie has an important message about the need to feel, think and express all your emotions - not just joy but, sadness too... so your quality world can survive.

by Mikayla Flanagan

(Join in the review team – write a review about a book or movie. Send it to the office and we will share it with everyone.)

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Chance of a Lifetime – Izzy Folau
Book Review by Lachlan Armour

Wow, this book was absolutely amazing!!!

I liked that in the start of the book there was a letter to the reader which was from Izzy Folau himself! It told the reader of his goals from when he was a kid and that gave me lots of inspiration.

I also liked how the chapters were done. There were two main characters, Jayden and Daniel. Every second chapter was about Jayden and all the other chapters were about Daniel. I think this is a great idea.

My most favourite part of the book was at the very end where they do a character analysis. I really got to know the characters in detail.

I wouldn't hesitate to rate this book with a five star rating!



GENERAL NEWS

BREAKFAST PROVIDES BRAIN FOOD

Eating breakfast each morning improves children's learning, concentration, behaviour, overall nutrient intake, and establishes healthy eating patterns for life. Some quick breakfast options include:

- ✓ wholegrain cereals and reduced-fat milk
- ✓ baked beans on wholegrain toast and a glass of reduced-fat milk
- ✓ fruit smoothie and toast
- ✓ toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- ✓ egg on toast with a glass of reduced-fat milk
- ✓ wholemeal or wholegrain toast or fresh bread, with margarine spread plus a topping, such as tomato, reduced-fat cheese or baked beans
- ✓ reduced-fat yoghurt, fruit and raisin bread
- ✓ fruit salad and yoghurt.



Serve breakfast with a glass of water or milk to get children hydrated.

HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED RECENTLY?

If you have recently changed any of your contact details, please fill in the relevant areas of the form below, then sign and date it and return to the school office. Thank you.

CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM

(Please complete only those details that have changed)

SURNAME:	CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME/S:
<u>New</u> Address Details:	
<u>New</u> Home Phone No:	
<u>New</u> Mother's Mobile No:	
<u>New</u> Mother's Work No:	
<u>New</u> Father's Mobile No:	
<u>New</u> Father's Work No:	

New Emergency Contact Details:

(This is someone that can be called in the event that a parent cannot be contacted)

<u>New</u> Name:	Relationship to Child:
<u>New</u> Home Phone:	<u>New</u> Work Phone:
<u>New</u> Mobile Phone:	
Date:	Signature:

Blue Mountains Creative Arts Centre, Glenbrook - TERM 3 ENROLMENT DAY - Saturday 18th July, 10am TO 2pm
Cnr Hare and Moore Sts Glenbrook. Enrol online at www.bmcac.com. TERM 3, 2015 starts Monday 20th July (8 weeks)



WHEN
10 July 2015 at 6.00pm

WHERE
St Finbar's Church Hall
46 Levy Street, Glenbrook

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QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS TIP

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5 Basic Human Needs
are....**

Survival & Security

**Food – Clothing – Shelter –
Breathing - Personal safety**

Belonging

**Connecting – Love -
Esteem/Value**

Power

**Influence – Significance
– Competence - Efficacy**

Freedom

Autonomy – Choice - Liberty

Learning

Fun – Experiencing - Growing

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