

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 24 May
Captivate Choir Rehearsal

Feast of Mary Help of Christians Prayer Celebration
9.15am

Thursday 2 June
Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass, 9.15am

Friday 3 June
Year 4 Excursion "The Big Dig" at The Rocks

Friday 10 June
Dance-athon

Wednesday 29 June
P & F Meeting, 7.00pm

Saturday 30 July
OLOW P & F Trivia Night

Tues/Wed 10/11 August
Confirmation Parent Information Session, 7.30pm (attend one only)

Sat/Sun 13/14 August
Confirmation Enrolment at Masses

Monday 15 August
Confirmation Lessons Begin

Friday 19 August
PUPIL FREE DAY

Thursday 1 September
Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 2 September
Fathers' Day Breakfast 7.30am,
Fathers' Day Prayer 9.00am

Mon/Tue 12/13 Sept
Confirmation Rehearsal 7.30pm

Wed 14 September
Swinging Summertime Rehearsal & Performance at The Joan

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of OLOW,

Last Sunday marked the end of the Easter Liturgical Season. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis in his address to the congregation on Pentecost Sunday reminded us that although sin separates us from God, we haven't been

left as orphans, but that thanks to Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can reconcile with the Lord and continue to live as his children.



"The central purpose of Jesus' mission, which culminated in the gift of the Holy Spirit, was to renew our relationship with the Father, a relationship severed by sin, to take us from our state of being orphaned children and to restore us as his sons and daughters".

"We were made to be God's children, it is in our DNA," he said, explaining "the Spirit is given to us by the Father and leads us back to the Father."

Pentecost is often referred to as the "Birthday". Usually at a birthday we would receive gifts, Pentecost is the same but these gifts come from the Holy Spirit. Each year the celebration of Pentecost gives us a chance to remember that this life-giving gift continues to flow in our lives. We are renewed, refreshed, and revived.



I ask that you continue to pray for Max Selby (Kindergarten) who continues to fight for his life in Westmead Children's hospital. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers so that they stay strong and find strength in Jesus for their beautiful little boy.

'Sometimes, real superheroes live in the hearts of small children fighting big battles'

Take Care
Michael Mifsud
Acting Principal

Prayers for Max:

With permission from Max's family, we would like to ask your prayer support...

Please pray for our gorgeous boy Max Selby as he is fighting for his life in Westmead children's hospital . We love you Max and know you will fight through this difficult time with the love and support of so many people you have touched along the way. Stay strong , fight hard and we will all be by your side with our love and support to help you get back on your way to recovery. You are my world , my universe always and forever. Fight on our gorgeous boy. 💙💙💙💙💙💙💙💙💙💙



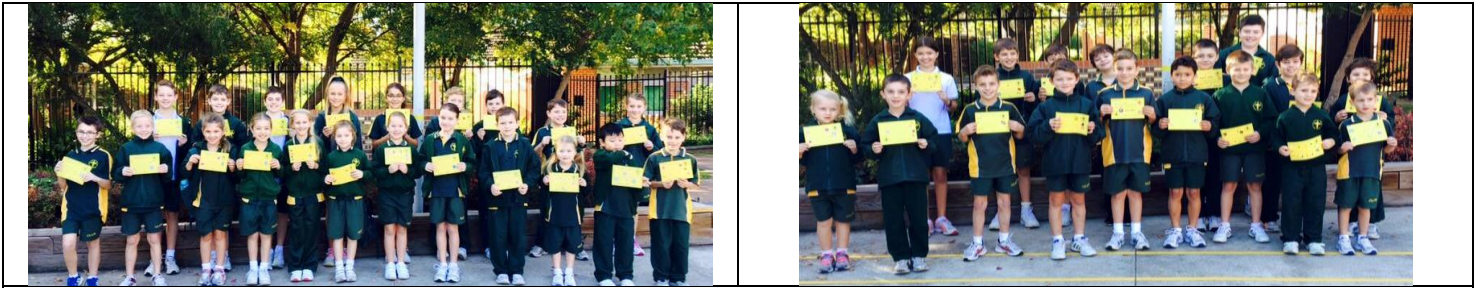
This morning our school community gathered to offer our prayers for Max at our Parish Mass.

Mrs Schafer made a beautiful suggestion that, to help our prayers for Max be visual and tangible, we make a connection to the Japanese culture. In Japanese culture a thousand paper cranes is a wish granted. All the children will be invited to make a paper crane for Max and each paper crane made will represent our prayers for him.

We would like to invite all our families to also make paper cranes. Your prayer for Max could be written on the paper, which is then folded. You can find a video with instructions of how to make a paper crane below. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage and click on the video. Cranes can be handed to your child's teacher and they will be displayed.

Our cranes will be hung in the magnolia tree on the Infants playground as a visible sign of the love and prayers we want to send to Max and his family.

<http://www.origamispirt.com/2010/09/found-paper-12-types-to-fold-a-bird-which-is-best/>



Iven So, Olivia Walker, Isabel Gribble, Lorcan Cullen, Chloe Luczak, Amity Houlihan, Thomas Renny, Isabelle Moran, Riley Tait, Ayden Pusko, Tyler Clifford, Isabelle Roots, Sienna Gahagan, Sandra Elias, Jason Armstrong, Riley Burton, Connor Lohan, Charlize Risse, Thomas Garrahy, Lachlan Armour, Ethan Dempsey, Thomas Tabor, Tanner Clarke, Archie King, Addison Riley, Jacob Bennett, Cooper Sulic, Cara Smith, Alex Godwin, Dieter Erdmann, Henry Starr, Maya Grieve, Sebastian Hayward, Oscar King, Jayden Roots, Hayden Jenkins, Hannah Carroll and William Plummer.



Our Lady of the Way **Dance - A - thon**



On Friday 10 June OLOW will be holding a Dance-a-thon. The Dance-a-thon is our major fundraiser for the year and it promises to be a fun experience for everyone involved. The money raised will go towards building a new covered outdoor learning area (COLA).

The students will participate in a variety of Dancing throughout the morning.

The students will be grouped with other children in teams from Kindergarten to Year 6. Lots of prizes will be on offer for grades, families and also individuals.

Every \$10.00 raised will go into a draw to win fantastic prizes.

***Sponsor cards will be sent home on Monday.
Please support our Major Fundraiser for 2016***

**The Students, Staff and P & F at
Our Lady of the Way
thank you for your support.**

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES

– NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that **all volunteers** and contractors **complete an online undertaking form** that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).



You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.



ENROLMENTS FOR OLOW 2017

The enrolment period is now open for Kindergarten 2017. Enrolment packages can be collected from the school office or they can be downloaded from our website.

<http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au>



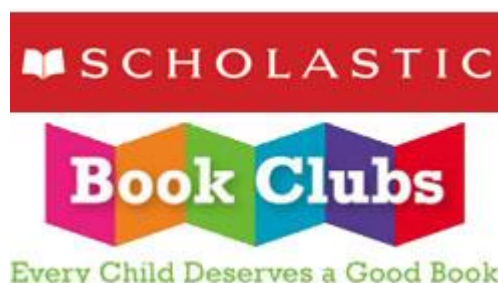
AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Please note that once children are dismissed for the day, they need to choose one of the following options. At no time are children allowed to leave the school grounds on their own accord. Children are not permitted to wait for their parents out on the street.

1. **Bus Line and Forbes Street Walkers** – Children assemble in front of the Staff Space in the Infant's playground. A teacher will accompany children to Forbes Street where they will be put on the relevant bus, or released to walk home.
2. **Troy Street and Mackay Street Walkers** – Children assemble in front of the Year 1 classroom. A teacher will accompany children out of the school grounds to either Troy or Mackay Street
3. **Parent Collection** – If parents wish to collect their children personally, children can meet them at a designated place within the school grounds.
4. **Uncollected Children** – Will be asked to sit on the silver seats outside the office until their parent/carer arrives.

Your cooperation in complying with the above would be appreciated.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB - A NOTE ABOUT ONLINE ORDERING (LOOP)



Online ordering for Bookclub is open and available for use as soon as students receive the catalogue from school, however the orders are held at Scholastic until the 'due by' date that is stamped on the front of the catalogue, at which point all the orders are released and sent to the school in bulk. This delivery includes all online LOOP orders as well as cash orders sent into the school office. Delivery is usually within a week of the 'due by' date.

Fourth Bishop of Parramatta Appointed



His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta. He has been Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 2011.

On Thursday 16 June 2016, the Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Vincent will take place at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta.

Bishop Vincent was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. He and his family came to Australia as refugees in 1980.

After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Vincent went to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

He was elected superior of the Order of Friars Minor Conventuals in Australia in 2005.

The Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Peter G Williams, warmly welcomed Bishop Vincent's appointment. "Bishop Vincent is no stranger to the Diocese of Parramatta. As a Conventual Franciscan Friar, he was Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville," Fr Peter said.

"We look forward to welcoming him at his formal installation in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, at a date that will be set in the near future.

"I ask you to pray for Bishop Vincent as he concludes his ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and assumes leadership of the Diocese of Parramatta."

About the Diocese of Parramatta

The Diocese of Parramatta is the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

It spans one of the fastest-growing areas of Australia, incorporating the greater Western Sydney area from Parramatta to Blackheath in the Blue Mountains and from Richmond to Warragamba. It is home to 330,000 Catholics in an area of 1,050,000 people.

The Diocese hosts 47 parishes and churches, educates more than 45,000 students in more than 83 schools, employs more than 5,000 staff and cares for thousands of people in need through its social services arm.

The Diocese of Parramatta is the fifth-largest Catholic Diocese in Australia.

School Feast Day:



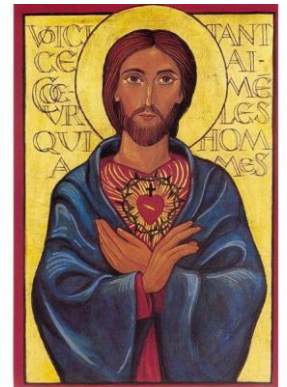
On Tuesday May 24 we celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians. This feast day is important to us as Australian Catholics as it acknowledges Mary as our country's patron. As Mary is the patron of our school community, we felt it fitting to name this day as our school's feast day.

We will begin our feast day celebrations with a liturgy at 9:00am in the church, presented by the students of Year 5. Following our liturgy, the teachers will be helping the students reflect on the person of Mary. The students will then produce a creative response to answer the question 'Who is Mary to me?' At 12 noon we will gather on the Infants playground to pray the Angelus together and to share some of the responses that have been made by the students.

You are very welcome to join us to celebrate our liturgy, to pray the Angelus and see and hear the wonderful work presented by the children.

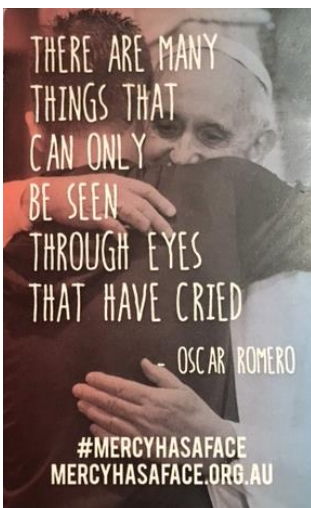
Feast of the Sacred Heart:

On June 2 we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This feast day acknowledges the loving heart of Jesus and we pray for those Jesus loved the most – the poor. Our school will join with the parish to celebrate Mass at 9:00am. The teachers and students of Year 2 will be preparing and leading the Mass for us. You are very welcome to join us.



In conjunction with the feast day we will be having our collection for the Penrith Community Kitchen. During Week 6 families are invited to bring in items such as tinned food, rice and pasta. Further information will be sent home next week to help remind you of our 'food drive'.

Prayer Cards:



Today your children will bring home an envelope containing some prayer cards. These prayer cards have been produced to help us focus on the Year of Mercy. Mercy can mean a variety of different things...it can mean forgiveness, bringing comfort and care, taking away hurt, compassion or love. I once read that: 'mercy is the willingness to enter into another's chaos.' It is about transforming.

Perhaps there are members of your family or friends who are in need of your prayers and mercy. You might like to share a prayer card with them, write them a special message and let them know you are thinking of them. You could even pop one in the mail and give them a beautiful surprise. Please consider sharing them.

Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION.

The Year 6 students recently attended an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

The students visited venues such as the War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the National Electoral Education Centre. This excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.



Canberra

Everyone in Year 6 went to the 2016 Canberra trip which was really good. We went to the War Memorial, Parliament House and Old Parliament House, Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport. We were lucky to hear The Last Post at the War Memorial. I really enjoyed our trip and all of Year 6 did too. A big thank you to the teachers who went with us, Mrs Scott, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Schafer.

By Talesha Spooner

The Australian War Memorial

I particularly enjoyed The Australian War Memorial. It was meaningful, and informative. It showed us the true heroes of the past, and those who sometimes remain unrecognised. As we walked around, examining artefacts from the wars, we felt the sacrifice they made. The detail put into everything was incredible. We felt immersed in pride, as we watched what our ancestors had to endure, and how they suffered through so much, but never gave up. The War Memorial recognises the service young Australians performed for us, so that we could live in a peaceful country. I think the Australian War Memorial is a very special, unique place that everyone on their travels to Canberra should visit.

By Clare Roser

Canberra

Year Six was lucky enough to take a two day trip to Canberra. I had one of the best times ever exploring new and fun things with my peers. We got to go to the AEC (Australian Electoral Centre), Old Parliament House, The War Memorial, The AIS (Australian Institute of Sport), New Parliament House and Questacon. My favourite part of the trip was the AEC because I liked how we got to learn different things about our government. It was really fun how we watched a movie that explained to us about democracy and about how unfair the voting was. We even got to do our own preferential vote with apples, oranges, bananas and peaches. We got to experience how to count all of the votes in the way that the people will actually count them. I loved the whole trip and I will definitely do it all over again.



By Olivia Bennett



Canberra

I really enjoyed the freedom of working outside of the classroom walls and getting to go away with my classmates on a Canberra adventure. It was also a great privilege to get to know my teachers and classmates on a personal and working level. The places that I really enjoyed going to were Questacon, Parliament House, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian War Memorial. I would like to thank my wonderful teachers for this marvellous excursion that we went on.

By Jessica Dray



Canberra is the perfect place to go to for fun. There are so many places you can visit: The War Memorial, Old Parliament House and Parliament House, the AIS and Questacon. You will have lots of fun and learn a lot too, just like Year 6 did!

By Isabella Clarke

Canberra Yr 6 Excursion!

The 2 day trip to Canberra was so cool! We got to go to Old Parliament House, Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, The AEC and Questacon!

Probably the biggest highlight for me was when I got to lay a wreath at the Australian War Memorial. I felt very honoured and special to represent our school and pay our respects to all the ANZACS.

Questacon was so much fun! We got to go around and do hands on science experiments. My favourite was the glow in the dark rooms. They would cover pieces of fabric in glowing paint and we got to put it in wind tubes where it would fly onto the ceiling!

Old and New Parliament House were so educational. We learnt about the Senate and House of Representatives at New Parliament House and at Old Parliament House we learnt about the AEC and how voting works. We also learnt about the history of voting and Suffragettes, like Mary Lee, who campaigned for women to be able to vote.

By Olivia Boulous



SPORTS NEWS

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY - EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Zone Cross Country on Tuesday, 3rd May for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. We recognise their patience and performances on the day with most children achieving their personal best.

Well done and congratulations to Jade Elford (Year 3) - 1st; Milaya Cleary (Year 4) - 6th; Sienna Gahagan (Year 4) - 5th; Blake Skinner (Year 5) - 5th and Charlie Connell (Year 6) - 1st who have qualified for the Diocesan Cross Country in June.

Thank you to all parents who were able to stay and encourage the runners and to those who assisted with transport.



Thank you

Mr De Celis and Mrs Scott

GENERAL NEWS

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 school fees have now been issued. If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment or your invoice doesn't appear to be correct, please contact Bernadette Alexander in the school office.

Join us for



Sunday BRUNCH



On Sunday 29th May from 9am.

All families are invited to join the Parish to celebrate our Feast Day.

A BBQ Brunch will be on sale from 9am.

Hope to see you there.

School Zone Safety

Unsafe behaviour while driving and parking in a school zone can put children's lives at risk. Increased fines and loss of demerit points apply when certain offences are committed in an operating school zone.



No Stopping
You must not stop your vehicle on a length of road or in an area in which a NO STOPPING Sign applies.
No Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

Penalty \$319 + 2 Demerit Points



No Parking
You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick passengers, or goods.
Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 meters from the vehicle.

Penalty \$177 + 2 Demerit Points



Bus Zone
You must not stop or park your vehicle in a bus zone for any reason.
This includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

Penalty \$319 + 2 Demerit Points



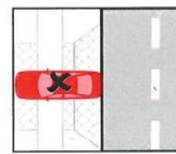
Pedestrian Crossing
You must not stop or park your vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing to drop off or pick up.

Penalty \$425 + 2 Demerit Points



Double Parking
You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop off or pick up.

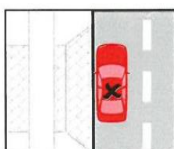
Penalty \$319 + 2 Demerit Points



Parking on a footpath

You must not park on or across a footpath to drop off or pick up

Penalty \$177 + 2 Demerit Points

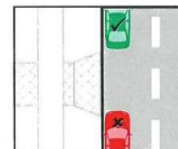


Parking near driveways

You must not park across driveways.

When parking near a driveway, ensure your vehicle is not blocking access for residents entering or exiting their properties.

Penalty \$177 + 2 points



PARENTS, please do the right thing, children are watching

Penalties from 1 July 2015

COMMUNITY NEWS

McCarthy Catholic College
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

Trade Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2017:

Date: Wednesday 8 June 2016

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Start your trade and complete your HSC –
with **no** external examinations

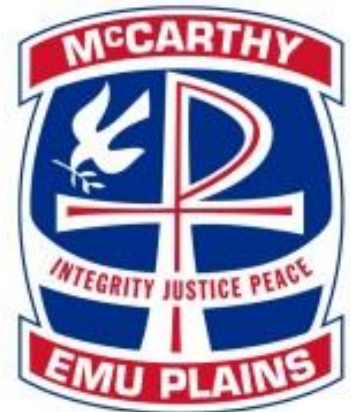
Trades offered:

Automotive Bricklaying
Electrical Hairdressing
Childcare/Hospitality
Carpentry Metal Fabrication
Plumbing

Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Katrina Gill – 02 4728 8129

www.mccarthyctc.catholic.edu.au



A reminder that enrolment applications for St Columba's College Year 7, 2017 are now due. For all enquiries call the Enrolment Secretary, Sandra O'Brien, on 4754 8907.

PENRITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FAMILY CONCERT - THE CONDUCTOR AND THE CLOWN

Sunday 19th June 2016 – 11.00am and 1.00pm at the Q Theatre

Conductor George Ellis and multi-talented jazz musician and entertainer George Washingmachine join forces with Penrith Symphony Orchestra to present a highly entertaining orchestral concert for children.

A serious concert presenting works by Mozart, Beethoven, Grieg and Khachaturian is disrupted by an accidental visitor to the stage. Is the clown inadvertently disturbing the sanctity of the concert platform or is he being wilfully mischievous? Will he and the conductor remain enemies or find a way to reconcile their musical differences?

This hugely popular show, which has played to sold-out audiences at the Sydney Opera House and around Australia, is guaranteed to have you and your children laughing out loud! Bookings: www.thejoan.com.au or phone 4723 7600.

Seminar - Dealing With The Legal System

Each year CCSS Solo Parent Services 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 Tuesday 7th June from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at CCSS, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.)

Cost: \$7. **Registration Essential:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Next Gathering for Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is on Tuesday 17th May. **Please note change of Venue:** Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown.

Time: 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Scan with your
smartphone or
tablet to go to the
OLOW website.

