

## DIARY DATES

### Tuesday 6 June

9.00am Choir Presentation  
9.15am Celebrations of Learning  
10.15am Reading – Parent Workshop

### MAD HAT DAY

### Wednesday 7 June

Fete and P & F Meeting, 7pm

### Monday 12 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

### Tuesday 13 June

Reports Sent Home

### Wednesday 14 June

Eucharist Rehearsal, Group 1

### Thursday 15 June

Athletics Carnival

### Sunday 18 June

First Eucharist, Group 1

### 19-30 June

Parent Teacher Student Led Conferences

### Wednesday 21 June

Eucharist Rehearsal, Group 2

### Friday 23 June

Feast of Sacred Heart Mass, 9.15am

### Sunday 25 June

First Eucharist, Group 2

### Tuesday 27 June

Pyjama Day

### Friday 30th June

Last day of Term 2

### Monday 17th July

Term 3 Begins

### Mon/Tues 24/25 July

Year 4 CARES Visit

### Wed/Thurs 26/27 July

Confirmation Parent Information Evening, 7.30pm

### Tuesday 8 August

Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass, 9.15am

### Sat/Sun 12/13 August

Confirmation Enrolment Masses

### Thursday 17 August

Swinging Summertime Rehearsal & Performance

### Friday 18 August

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

### Thursday 31 August

Fathers' Day Stall

### Friday 1 September

Fathers' Day Breakfast and Prayer, from 7.00am

### Friday 8 September

P & F Film Night

### Monday 11 September

Confirmation Rehearsal

### Wednesday 13 September

Confirmation Mass, 7pm

### Monday 18 September

Footy Fever Day

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Every morning when we wake up we have 24 hours – brand new hours to live. What a gift! In those 24 hours we have the capacity to live in a way that will bring peace, joy, fulfilment and happiness to others and ourselves...

Jesus frequently greeted his disciples with the greeting 'Peace be with you'. Peace is present - right here and now- in ourselves and in everything we do and see – if only we let it. The question is whether or not we are in touch with it. We don't have to travel far away to enjoy the blue sky, the gentle breeze, the beauty of a sunset, or the companionship of a friend. But all too often we let those opportunities slip by because we are too busy or too worried about tomorrow or next week or next year.

We are very good at preparing to live but not very good at living. We will make sacrifices for our children, work hard to buy a new house or a new car, but we have difficulty remembering that we are alive today – and so we miss out on the joy of the present moment. Perhaps today you and I can take some time to appreciate the beauty of our world and those with whom we come in contact.

Be at Peace,

Mrs Sue Veling

Principal



## OUR LADY OF THE WAY MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Lady of the Way is a Catholic community in which children, teachers and parents nurture a sense of personal worth as they work together in a safe, happy, challenging and faith-centred learning environment.*

## PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Joanne Whiteley, mother to Jessie Yr 6; Madison Yr 8 and Isaac Yr 12, who is in hospital in a serious condition.

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you;  
and keep you safe.

## SIBLING ENROLMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN 2018 - KINDERGARTEN 2018 INTERVIEWS HAVE BEGUN

Over the last few weeks, I have been interviewing many new families for enrolment to Kindergarten in 2018. One of the great things for me is sharing with the parents their hopes for their children as they begin at a new school. It is great to also hear the reasons the parents have chosen Our Lady of the Way as the place to educate their children. OLOW is definitely a place where children receive a quality education in a friendly environment where there is a strong sense of community and compassion.

I would ask all those families seeking enrolment for next year to return their enrolment forms as soon as possible so that an interview can be organised.

Mrs Veling

## **BUILDING UPDATE**

For the time being, the builders, FAL, have finished the major works at OLOW. Before our fete in October, the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) will be built and a new verandah outside Year 1. Hopefully, this should take place in the next school holidays. Thank you for your patience. I think you would agree that the end result is most impressive.

## **PENTECOST: THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY**

Each year the Church celebrates 50 days of Easter, culminating at the feast of Pentecost. Sunday is Pentecost and it marks the occasion of God's sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his resurrection.

Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus, and they had the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was, and what he had accomplished by his dying and rising.

Because Pentecost brought the disciples this clarity of mission, it is regarded as the founding feast of the Christian Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus are tentative and disorganized. After Pentecost, they are a people with a mission, who perceive themselves as spiritually and sacramentally connected to the risen Christ.

Today, celebrations of Pentecost still centre on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the power of those gifts to both draw people together, and to send them forth to spread the word.

Of course, one of the remarkable elements of the story of the first Pentecost was the miracle of understanding, in which everyone in the diverse crowd in Jerusalem hears the disciples speaking in the listeners' own language. It's a reminder that although we've heard the story before, we have inherited the mission of those first disciples.

In fact, everyday is Pentecost for us as we engaged with the Spirit. This is our faith – to love one another!

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARENT WORKSHOP ON READING**

### **"WHAT GOOD READERS DO"**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> June 10:15am (after *Celebrations of Learning*) in the Library**

**(A free coffee from the Cafe2U Coffee Van for all parents attending)**

The goal of *READING* at OLOW is for all children to read independently with phrasing, fluency and cohesion. A parent's role in achieving this goal can never be underestimated!

This workshop is a fantastic opportunity for parents to gain an insight into how good readers read and the reading experiences received at school.

We ask that you RSVP by emailing the school/ phoning the office or returning the slip sent home on Tuesday, if you wish to attend. This workshop is particularly beneficial for all parents but, particularly, our Kindergarten and new families.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Mrs Blazek, Miss Coutinho and Mrs Khalifeh*

## **Stop the Gonski 2.0 Funding Changes**

**CATHOLIC KIDS NEED A FAIR DEAL NOT A SPECIAL DEAL**

We need your help to make sure that Catholic school kids get a fair deal in Gonski 2.0.

We are seeking funding arrangements for Catholic schools that are fairer and provide more certainty than those announced.

Join our petition so that we can collectively call on the Federal Government to reconsider their funding model, to keep school fees affordable and to ensure our system of low fee Catholic schools continues to provide quality programs and services to the children that most need our support.

### **ACT NOW**

Please add your name below and share this petition with your family and friends.

We need bipartisan commitment to a fair deal for Catholic school kids.

This [link](#) is a petition where parents and families can sign to show their support of funding arrangements for Catholic schools that are fairer and provide more certainty than those announced.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 2 WEEKS 4 & 5



Mackenzie Smith, Oliver MacLennan, Lorcan Cullen, Alyssa McDonald, Sophie Jones, Jimmy Cremen, Charlotte Gabriel, Declan Cremen, Chloe Gardiner, Will Elford, Jai Noronha, Ella Keigan, Riley Craig, Estella Halligan, Marcus Elias, Alex Hayward, Tracy So, Kye Lloyd, Jessica Crambrook, Aiden Cremen, Hamish Gauke, Bailey Houlihan, Jacinta Roser, Eliza Herps, Lola Troitsin, Charlotte Ahern, Miah Hirsch, Hakopa Raukawa, Thomas Reeks, Sienna Gahagan, Madeline Renny, Tristan Bryant, Elara Layton, Nicholas Heffernan, Connor Lohan, Declan Keigan, Jake Walsh, Cody Luczak, Espri Footman, Maddy Prendergast, Anabel Jones, Thomas Tabor, Drae Funnel, Ashton Bartlett, Amelia Renny, Addy Moffitt-Bourke, James Byrne, Tiare Raukawa, Elijah Bradley-Labra, Patrick Reeks, Avalon Smith.

### REMEMBRANCE WALL PLAQUES

You can be part of our ANZAC Remembrance Wall. Plaques can be purchased and inscribed for \$50. 150 bricks are available in total. Please contact Julie at the office for more information.

### ATTENDANCE

At Our Lady of the Way, we continue to promote student attendance – **EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY**. Student time on task is important to learning. Every day your child is out of school, for whatever reason, their learning achievement suffers.

**(To 30<sup>th</sup> May) OLOW Attendance Level was:**

# 93%

At OLOW, we are focusing closely on regular [daily] and timely [arrival on time] attendance of all students. Our challenge is to meet a minimum target of 90% attendance every day. However, 100% is the ideal. It is great to know that we have so many families who try to ensure their children attend school every day.

*Congratulations to every grade for reaching above the CEDP minimum target of 90%.*

*Year 6 – 94.3%*

*Year 5 – 92.2%*

*Year 4 – 91.1%*

*Year 3 – 91.7%*

*Year 2 – 93.4%*

***Year 1 – 94.6% - Well done for getting the highest attendance level for the last two weeks***

*Kinder – 94.3%*

**Absence Explanation Note:** If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days of returning to school. If no note is received the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'. Parents can use the Skoolbag app to email an absence note to school.

### SCHOOL CANTEN LICENCE FOR OLOW

Tenders are called for the School Canteen Licence commencing 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017, for a term of one year (option to renew for a further one year). The school is a K-6 co-educational primary school of 360 students and 30 staff. A copy of the Tender Information Package is available from the school office. A Tender visit is planned for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 2pm. Please contact the office on 4777 7200 to reserve a position. The Tender closing date is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.



### **STAGE 3 SOCCER GALA DAY**

Last week, 14 girls went to Jamison Park, Penrith to represent the school in the Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day. The girls displayed excellent sportsmanship, great skill and excellent team work. Mrs Scott was extremely impressed with the girls and their positive attitude throughout the day. What great ambassadors of our school. Well-done girls on your efforts. Thank you to the mums and dads who were able to assist through the day and watch their children play soccer.



### **PARENT TEACHER STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

At the end of this term (19-30 June) we will be inviting all parents and their children to meet with their teachers for our STUDENT LED CONFERENCES. This is a significant event!

We regularly talk with the children about the need to work and learn as much as they can each day and never settling for anything less than their best. A great saying is to 'Raise the Bar' – in other words, once we achieve something we need to set a new goal that raises the bar just a little – improving each time we attempt something, challenge ourselves to do better and not to become complacent.

Do you challenge your children from time to time to extend themselves? Do you make your children feel a little uncomfortable because the demands on them are more than they are used to? Every child needs to be challenged if they are to learn the extent of their abilities.

As parents we are protectors, supporters and teachers for our kids...but we also need to be challengers so they can see for themselves their real capabilities.

This term let us all take on the challenge to raise the bar of our children's learning so that the successes shared at the student led conferences will be a celebration of some great achievements.

## **Cyberbullying**

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group with the intent to hurt them socially, psychologically or even physically.

### ***What does cyberbullying look like?***

Cyberbullying can occur in many ways, including:

- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- humiliating others online
- nasty online gossip and chat.

### ***I am being cyberbullied—how do I stop it?***

- talk to someone you trust straight away—like a parent, sibling, uncle/aunt, teacher or friend, or contact [Kids Helpline](#)
- don't retaliate or respond—they might use it against you
- block the bully and change your privacy settings
- report the abuse to the service and get others to as well
- collect the evidence—keep mobile phone messages, take screen shots and print emails or social networking conversations
- do something you enjoy—catch-up with friends, listen to good music, watch a good show or chat online to people you can trust
- remember you didn't ask for this—nobody deserves to be bullied and you will get through this.

# A LETTER FROM A SERVICEMAN TO OUR STUDENTS

Hello Ma'am.

I recently received some letters from a care package that was sent to us in the Middle East Region (MER). It was really great to read the letters and I appreciate the effort the students /teachers have gone to. I can tell you the goodies inside of the care package was distributed amongst us and they didn't last long. So thank you, the teachers and the children very much.

Unfortunately it did not make it to us for Anzac Day, but it did get here. We had our service on base which was moving as it is my first one deployed and it brings it home just what we are actually doing in this place and all those that have gone before just a little bit more.

One letter I received was from Hayden Jenkins.

He has stated that he wrote the letter because his class is having a discussion about the Army. I am actually in the Royal Australian Air Force and have been for 22 years, however I have an avid interest in the first and second world wars and have read many books on the subject. I have even been fortunate enough to have visited the First World War battlefields in France and Belgium both in and out of uniform. I hope the discussion was listened to with interest as even I think those Diggers were exceptionally brave.

Could you please let him know that the gifts and items were shared out evenly amongst my team and everyone thought it was Christmas all over again. We appreciate the thanks, it means a lot however I am just doing my duty. I hope Hayden had a good school break and an even better time in Canberra on the school camp as there is plenty to see and do while there. The war memorial is something pretty special and I have been there many times while I was stationed at Wagga.

The other letter I received was from Sophie Lusk.

Could you please let her know that it does mean a lot to us/me that the people of Australia are behind us and support what we are doing over here.

My war experience is completely different to the ones that she will see in Canberra and I have the utmost respect for what our armed forces have achieved over the years. Listening to some of the old diggers, airman and naval exploits from the people who were actually there are hard to imagine, even for me. Parliament house is an interesting place to visit and maybe she might find her way into politics in the future? A budding politician?

I thank her for best wishes and I am just doing my duty.

Sophie asked if I follow any sporting teams as she follows the Penrith Panthers. The answer is yes. I am a Newcastle Knights supporter in NRL, Liverpool fan in soccer and Adelaide Strikers fan in cricket.

She also asked what is it like to be away from my family? I miss my wife and two daughters (who are grown up but are still going to University) and my dog. I try and keep busy, so the time I am not at work I do not miss them too much. I have an opportunity to talk to them over Skype and Facebook, which definitely helps. You miss the little things you can do with family but can't do here, it helps to know that we are here for a reason and we need to finish it.

Last question was what type of training do you do? When I initially joined up I commenced Initial Recruit Training which lasted for 10 weeks and taught us military life, drill, weapons, theory on military history and law. I then went to Wagga Wagga for Technical Training where I learnt my trade as an Aircraft Structural Technician (easier to say an Aircraft Sheet Metal Worker) which lasted for a year. From there I got posted to a unit that worked on F-111's which was 501Wing, Amberley in QLD for 4.5 years, more training as an Aircraft Welder at Wagga Wagga for 16 weeks, then to F/A-18 Hornets in Williamtown as a welder for 2 years, next was F/A-18's in Tindal NT for 5 years, back to Wagga as an instructor for 4 years, then to 92Wing to work on AP3-C Orion's for 4 years and now if I was back home I would be working on PC-9's in Adelaide. Each aircraft type has specific training and courses that you have to do. So the training never ends for us. For this deployment I had two weeks training back in QLD and when I got here, I had two more days training before learning on the job for the next week. I am currently not working on aircraft but in an administration role. This is a very big change for me and I am learning all the time.

Could you please pass on my thanks and let the children know their efforts are fully appreciated.

Kind regards.

**Ashley Ranford**  
SGT (E-6)  
SNCOIC BCP  
EAOU-1

## ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE TV SHOWS, MOVIES AND WEBSITES

Having regular conversations with your children is the best way to know what they are watching on Netflix, Stan, Foxtel as well as the sites that they are accessing on their devices. Appropriate content includes sites, TV shows and movies that have a rating of 'G' (General). More information about classifications can be found here <http://www.classification.gov.au/>

### TENNIS CHAMPION

Congratulations to Mia Kuster in Year 4 who won the Girls 10 & Under, Central West Head, JDS Series in Forbes. She played 6 games and won each making her the overall champion. A huge achievement!



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Soon you will receive your child's Semester One report. The teachers have spent countless hours assessing and preparing these reports to best reflect the growth made by your child so far this year and to set goals for the coming semester. These reports alongside Parent/Teacher Student led conferences in Weeks 9 and 10 are invaluable opportunities for teachers and parents to be informed and to work together to support the students at Our Lady of the Way as they continue to grow and learn.

We know that all students are on a learning journey and it is important to focus on individual goals and personal growth, not at comparing to others. All growth should be congratulated and areas for development supported.

In Kindergarten, we use four descriptors to track the development of our students in their first year of learning:

Working Beyond  
Achieved  
Working Towards and  
Experiencing Difficulty

In Years 1 - 6, as regulated by the Federal Government, we use five descriptors. Below are the OLOW descriptors:

A: Amazing Achievement  
B: Beyond Expectations  
C: Celebrate this Work  
D: Did Okay  
E: Experiencing Difficulties



I'm sure you will join us in celebrating the learning already undertaken this year as we work together for continued growth.

In partnership,  
**Miss Emma Mizzi**  
Assistant Principal

## MAD HAT DAY- TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> June

Donate cans of drink, poppers or bottles of water for the school Fete and you get to wear any hat you like to school!!!



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Term 2 Reconciliations and Masses:

Each term your child attends a Parish Mass with a buddy grade or grades: Kindergarten with Year 5, Year 1 with Year 6 and Years 2, 3 and 4 attend together. From this Term on, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be attending a Reconciliation liturgy each term. We believe it is an important opportunity for us to be connected to our Parish.

You are very welcome to attend any of these celebrations with your children. Two parents attended Year 3's Reconciliation liturgy yesterday and were invited to receive the Sacrament as well.

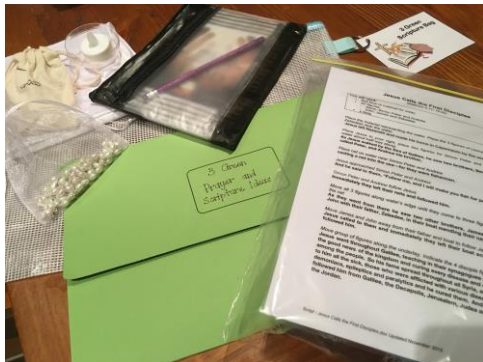
Below are the dates and times of our Masses and Reconciliations for the rest of the term. Once again, please know that you are welcome to attend any of these celebrations with your children.

Week 7	Year 1 and Year 6 Parish Mass	Friday June 9	9:00am
Week 8	Year 2, 3 and Year 4 Parish Mass	Friday June 16	9:00am
Week 9	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass	Friday June 23	9:15am
Week 10	Year 5 Reconciliation	Wednesday June 28	10:00am
	Year 4 Reconciliation	Friday June 30	10:00am

## Feast of Mary Help of Christians:

Thank you to the children of Year 3 who did such a beautiful job helping us to celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians and our school's feast day. We had a beautiful day for our feast day. Teachers shared the contents of our new Scripture Bags that were blessed at our Mass and every child received a treat. Thanks Mrs Veling!

## Scripture Bags:



Scripture Bags have been sent home to families this week. We hope that those families have found the experience worthwhile. The children have all been placed on a roster with a bag for each class going home at least twice a week.

## Feast of the Sacred Heart:

In Week 9, on Friday June 23 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This Mass traditionally has a social justice theme. We pray for the poor, those people who Jesus loved the most, with his sacred heart. Please keep this date in mind to celebrate with us. Mass will be at 9:15am.

We also have our food drive for Penrith Community Kitchen at this time. More details of how you can contribute will follow in a separate note for families.

## **Carole Day**

Religious Education Coordinator

## CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

As part of our Celebrations of Learning next Tuesday, The Infants and Primary choirs will perform to the school at 9am. Many of our mothers and grandmothers witnessed their first performance for the year at our Mother's Day Devonshire Tea. This is an opportunity for our wider community to view the performance. They will perform at 9am on the playground.

## YEAR 2 EXPLORE THE PAST

The Year 2 students recently presented speeches about an object from the past. They all did a wonderful job, sharing how these objects were used and what replaces them today.

### Billy: The Lawn Mower

My topic today is lawn mowers. Before lawn mowers, they had animals grazing on the lawns or they would use a scythe to cut the grass at an even height.

The first lawn mower was invented in England in 1830. He got his idea from a tool used to cut carpet. The next type of lawn mower had side wheels and it was lighter and cheaper to make.

In 1890 lawn mowers with a motor were invented. They had petrol or steam to power them. Today power mowers come in 4 types:

1. A tractor
2. A ride on lawn mower
3. A power reel mower
4. A rotary mower



Did you know-

- that rotary mowers are the most common mowers in backyards?
- Mr Richardson invented the Victa lawn mower? He made it in his backyard using scrap metal, billy cart wheels and a peach tin as a fuel tank. After 4 years he had sold 60 000 Victa lawn mowers, had his own company and became a millionaire!
- The Victa lawn mower is one of Australia's top 10 invention?
- The Victa lawn mower's blade spins 3000 times per minute?
- In the future a robotic lawn mower will be used to cut grass? It is battery powered and quiet enough to work at night. It could be controlled by an app on your phone.

These are my thoughts and opinions:

- Before powered lawn mowers, cutting grass was very hard
- Lawn mowers come in lots of sizes
- It is fun to use a push lawn mower like the one at the Australian Arms Inn Museum.

I hope one day I can invent something like Mr Richardson.

### Layla: The Cassette Tape

Good morning Year 2, today I will be talking about an object from the past. The object I have chosen is a cassette tape.

Audio Cassette tapes were first used in the 60's and are very rare today, but can still be brought and used.

The cassette was used to record music and talking so you could listen to it whenever you would like and over and over again.

Today we listen to music on cd's but it is more popular to download music onto your phone, ipod, or computer. Then you can listen to it whenever you like or wherever you are.

My Dad told me that cassettes had 2 sides. A side A and side B, each side has different songs on it. He use to use a pencil to rewind the tape.

My mum when she was little used to record songs from the radio onto a tape, so she could listen to the songs without buying them at the shops, then she would listen to them on her cassette player.

I think that the tape cassette was a good invention, but iPods, iPads, computers and phones are better because it's easier to download music and listen to music wherever you are.





### **Ashton: The Lawn Mower**

I would like to tell you about the history of the lawn mower. It was first made to cut grass on sports grounds and large gardens as it took too long to cut big areas by hand.

The first lawn mower had a blade reel, wheels and a handle. It had to be pushed from behind to make the blades cut the grass.

Mowers today still need to be pushed. They are also easier to use as they are powered by petrol, making the blades spin and the mower easier to push.

The first petrol mower made in Australia in 1952 by man known as Victor, was made from scrap in his garage.

I found the old mower at the museum very heavy and hard to push. It was very old but still worked. It is very different to the one at my house because it didn't need petrol and you didn't have to pull the cord to make it start.



### **Emma: Nintendo Game**

The object I have chosen from the past is the first Nintendo Game Boy. It was one of the first handheld gaming consoles.



The Game Boy was used in the 1980s and 1990s. My dad had one when he was 14 years old.

The Game Boy worked by putting a game cartridge in the back and turning it on. You needed 4 batteries to make it work. It had a really small screen and only a couple of buttons. It only made a few sounds.

There were only a few games that could be played on the Game Boy. They were Tetris, Bowling, Baseball and Tennis. My dad's favourite game was Super Mario Land.

There are new models of Game Boys around now. They have coloured screens, camera and some of them are 3D. Children now also have iPads and iPhones to play with.

I think the first Nin-ten-do Game Boy would be hard to play. It was pretty heavy and it has a really small screen that is green and black.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **STAGE 3 GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY 2017**

On Thursday, 25th May the Stage Three Girls Soccer Gala Day was held at Jamison Park. We had four wins, two draws and one loss. Everyone played great games of soccer. I was so proud of our teamwork and good sportsmanship. It was lots of fun. Thank you to Mrs Scott and the parents that came to support us.

#### **Sienna Gahagan**

At the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day we were beaten once, drew twice and won four games. The day was full of action and fun. The team would like to thank all the volunteers and especially Mrs Scott for coaching and encouraging us all the way so...

Thank you!

#### **Lily Callaghan**



# GENERAL NEWS

## **SCHOOL FEES**

The school fee statements for Term 2, 2017 have been mailed out. The due date for payment is on or before Monday 12 June 2017. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

Catholic Education Diocese, Parramatta, is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, you are encouraged to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with the Principal. Your situation will be treated with care and confidentiality and an appropriate payment arrangement will be made for you. Please note that as part of this process you may be required to complete a Statement of Financial Position so that the school is aware of your current financial situation. Please be assured of **complete confidentiality** with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your account it will be assumed that full payment will be made on or before the due date. Fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued". Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to Catholic Education Diocese, Parramatta, for actioning.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding the school fees, please contact me by phone on 4777 7200 or email [pvion@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pvion@parra.catholic.edu.au)

School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, cash, Direct Debit, EFTPOS, credit card or cheque.

### ***Ms Pascale Vion***

Senior Finance Officer

## **COMMUNION DRESS**

The Parish Office has a Size 8 Communion Dress available. If you would like further information, please call Chrissie on 4735 1041 (Monday, Wednesday or Friday).



## **LOST BASKETBALL**

Could you please check any basketballs at your house. Emilia DiPrinzio from Year 6 has lost hers. It is either a Spalding or Nike brand and has her name on it. If found, could you please hand it in to the office. Thank you.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS**

A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2018 at St Columba's Catholic College are now due. For further information contact the Enrolment Secretary on 4754 8900.

## **SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how the Legal system works. Questions addressed on the night include: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates/Wills.

**This seminar will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave). **Presenter:** Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor) **Time:** 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)