

## DIARY DATES

<b>Sunday 18 June</b> First Eucharist, Group 1
<b>19-30 June</b> Parent Teacher student Led Conferences
<b>Friday 23 June</b> Feast of Sacred Heart Mass, 9.15am
<b>Sunday 25 June</b> First Eucharist, Group 2
<b>Tuesday 27 June</b> Pyjama Day
<b>Friday 30th June</b> Last day of Term 2
<b>Monday 17th July</b> Term 3 Begins
<b>Mon/Tues 24/25 July</b> Year 4 CARES Visit
<b>Wed/Thurs 26/27 July</b> Confirmation Parent Information Evening, 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 8 August</b> Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass, 9.15am
<b>Sat/Sun 12/13 August</b> Confirmation Enrolment Masses
<b>Thursday 17 August</b> Swinging Summertime Rehearsal & Performance
<b>Friday 18 August</b> <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
<b>Thursday 31 August</b> Fathers' Day Stall
<b>Friday 1 September</b> Fathers' Day Breakfast and Prayer, from 7.00am
<b>Friday 8 September</b> P & F Film Night
<b>Monday 11 September</b> Confirmation Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday 13 September</b> Confirmation Mass, 7pm
<b>Monday 18 September</b> Footy Fever Day
<b>Thursday 21 September</b> Grandparents' Day
<b>Wed-Fri 18-20 October</b> Year 5 Camp to Berry
<b>Sunday 22 October</b> <b>OLOW SCHOOL FETE</b>
<b>13 - 17 November</b> Swimming Lessons for Kinder to Year 4
<b>Monday 27 November</b> Christmas Concert
<b>Thursday 30 November</b> Swimming Carnival
<b>Friday 15 December</b> Last Day of School for Students in 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

*It's never too late to be punctual! There has been an improvement in the attendance of children at school; with less children arriving late each day. Nevertheless to help our families even more, here are some thoughts on being punctual....*



*Does your family start the day with repeated orders and pleading to various members to get up, get dressed, have their breakfast, pack their school bag, brush their teeth, catch the bus?*

*Some children are always late – to school, to classes, with projects – and the chaos of their lives has an effect on their ability to learn. A calm, well-organised start to the day and successful time management help develop the habits that lead to good learning.*

*Effective time management leads to greater contentment. Satisfaction with how we use our time is an important predictor of happiness. Time is the basis on which we operate our lives and if we're happy with the way we manage time, we're happy with our lives. Being late is a way of life for many people. But good timekeeping can be learnt.*

*For some, lateness is the only way they can get anything done. They have convinced themselves that racing to the deadline is the way they work best, and leave everything to the last minute to get that adrenaline rush that charges them up to get the job done. They usually never count the cost of the worry, feelings of panic and lying awake at night as the deadline looms and they haven't yet started.*

*How can you change these habits? Help the unpunctual members of your family take responsibility for their own lateness. It pays to begin when they are young but it's never too late to start. Set their alarms, establish routines like who is first to use the bathroom, have breakfast ready and expect them to be out the door on time.*

*One unpunctual member of the family can raise the stress levels for everyone. Being left behind just once is often all that it takes to change habitual lateness.*

Here are some other ideas to try:

- Try 'To Do' lists and learn to enjoy ticking off each task as it is done.
- Keep a detailed calendar and a checklist for progress.
- Regard lack of punctuality as lack of manners. People who always keep others waiting regard themselves as far more important. They are sending a clear message that your time is not as important as theirs.
- Most lateness 'junkies' have developed ways of distinguishing 'important' appointments from those they think don't matter so much. They feel in their own minds that they are on time for the things that matter to them and selfishly ignore the effect on others who are kept waiting.
- It is nonsense to convince yourself that you work best when you are under pressure. That really is no more than an excuse for time-wasting and refusing to get organised.
- To feel more in control of your time, take note of when you are late and by how much. It's often a standard amount and conforms to a pattern. Often you can be punctual by giving yourself a margin of only ten minutes to get to the school gates, to work and to meet friends.

Best wishes for a punctual week!

*Mrs Sue Veling*

Principal

**punctuality**  
it's about time

## 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.***

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 2 WEEKS 6 & 7



Rohan Sykes, Liam Wilding, William Pearson, Zachary Levy, Ellabeth Fischer, Maya Grieve, Riley Bahlmann, Max Thompson, Olivia Walker, Jessica Crambrook, Chloe Luczak, Jack Brown, Jude Godfrey, Jack Sykes, Sophia Lusk, Dieter Erdmann, Summer Stansfield, Tyra Footman, Carter Pereira, Alex Boyd, Heath Murray, Milaya Cleary, Emilia Di Prinzio, Benji Smith, Emily McDonald, Natalie Bourke, Holly Hartstonge, Blade Funnell, Nicholas Curry, Brooke Bentley, Lucie McIntosh, Toby Witjes.

### PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Joanne Whiteley, mother to Jessie Yr 6; Madison Yr 8 and Isaac Yr 12, who is very sick.

**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.**



### THE CHURCH'S LITURGICAL SEASONS

Just as we mark our lives by anniversaries, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Christ's life in a pattern. Within the cycle of a year the Church remembers and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the birth, life, suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. The Church's liturgical cycle recalls the Paschal Mystery over a yearly cycle. At mass, we also remember the Paschal Mystery and are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus and the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The seasons are Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Apart from these seasons, there are 33 or 34 weeks of the year that do not celebrate a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ but are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period of the Church calendar is called Ordinary Time, which is the period we are now in. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is **green**.

The children in Year 4 who are preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June, can point out the items in the Church that are coloured to reflect the season of the church. The students can also explain why the priest's chasuble is a different colour.

## MID YEAR (SEMESTER 1) REPORTS

Reports for the first semester of the year were distributed on Tuesday. The report format meets the Federal Government and Parramatta Diocesan requirements. All children in Years 1-6 are graded using a five grade scale - A,B,C,D,E, the scale summarising the standard (or quality) of achievement. This scale was developed to give parents insight into how well their child has achieved at the subjects studies by describing the depth of knowledge and understand as well as the range of skills. Teachers decide which grade best matches the standard your child has achieved based on many pieces of work, assessments, and observations.

Year 1-6 received a report as described below:

Years 1-6	E	D	C	B	A
<b>Formal Terms</b>	Limited achievement	Basic achievement	Sound achievement	High achievement	Outstanding achievement
<b>OLOW Descriptions</b>	<b>Experiencing difficulty</b>	<b>Did OK</b>	<b>Celebrate this work</b>	<b>Beyond expectations</b>	<b>Amazing achievement</b>
<b>Looking at this like a driving licence.</b>	A person on their <b>L plates</b> must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	A person on their <b>P plates</b> drives independently but is still learning and developing their skills.	A person who has their full <b>driver's licence</b> is independent to drive on their own without restrictions.	An <b>advanced driver</b> can navigate through many obstacles and has extra skills.	A <b>Formula One driver</b> strives for excellence - conquering one challenge and then moving on to the next and even bigger challenge.

Children in Kindergarten are not graded using an A-E scale, but rather by their own level of development over the first year at school. Students in Kindergarten received a report where the level of achievement is reported using the following scale:

<b>Working Beyond</b>	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills in most situations.
<b>Achieved</b>	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
<b>Working Towards</b>	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
<b>Experiencing Difficulty</b>	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

At Our Lady of the Way we have developed high expectations for our students' learning. While looking at your child's report, remember to refer to the statements of achievement that describe your child's level of success in each Key Learning Area. Also remember to pay attention to your child's work habits.

Should you have any questions or concerns about your child's report, please discuss this with your child's class teachers.

## PARENT TEACHER STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Parent, Teacher & Student Conferences will be held between 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June. On-line bookings through the School Interviews Online site <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> (Code: xutbc) close on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Please call the office to make a booking after this date. All parents and their children are invited to meet with their teachers - 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 sayings 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.

## TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

Over the past week our staff have been engaged in many hours of professional learning including a 2-hour Writing Twilight with the staff of St Finbar's and St Nicholas of Myra. They have also participated in a 2-hour Multiplicative Thinking course. The professional conversation and learning that took place was amazing! Our staff are certainly committed to learning.

## MATHEMATICS IN TODAY'S CLASSROOM

In today's classroom, a quiet maths lesson is a cause for concern. Talk is an important part of children's learning, as it gives them the opportunity to communicate their thinking and talk through the problem-solving process.

Children who come from homes where reading and talking about reading is common place, are more likely to be successful in literacy throughout their lives. The same is true for maths, *"the more maths and numbers there are around a child, the more likely they're going to like maths and enjoy maths and develop as mathematicians"* (Geist, 2009).

As your child grows, so can the maths talks that you have with them. Maths talk is simply talking to your child about the maths that they experience, either in the classroom or in other aspects of their lives.

Parents can include maths talks to their child's everyday experiences. For example, if we add four more children to your birthday party list, how many children will there be? How many sweets should we put in each bag to make sure they are equal? Allow your child to have think time, discuss the problem with you or their sibling and then work out an answer. The main purpose is to participate in friendly discussion over interesting mathematical ideas and concepts. The correct answer is not as important as the process of getting there. Give your child the opportunity to talk through the maths and show you their reasoning.

Being quiet, respectful and listening to your child is sometimes more helpful than offering endless assistance.

Reference Geist, E. (2009). *Children are Born Mathematicians*. Merill eText: e-text ISBN-100132081679, ISBN- 139780132081672

## 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**

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> June) OLOW Attendance Level was:



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 5 – 92.2%	Year 4 – 91.1%	Year 3 – 91.8%	Year 2 – 93.4%	Year 1 – 92.8%
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**Well done to Kindergarten and Year 6 for getting the highest attendance level for the last two – 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.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Feast of the Sacred Heart and Penrith Community Kitchen Food Drive:



Next Friday, June 23 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Year 5 will be leading our Eucharistic celebration as we pray for those whom Jesus loved the most – the poor and the lonely.

As our social justice initiative to help the poor and lonely of our community, we will be holding a food drive to aid Penrith Community Kitchen throughout next week (Week 9). If your family is able to help by bringing in any of the items on the note that was sent home through the week, it would be very much appreciated.

## Pyjama Day – St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:

On Tuesday, June 27 we will be holding our annual Pyjama Day to raise money for the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The children will be invited to wear their pyjamas and bring in a \$2 gold coin donation. A reminder note is to follow.

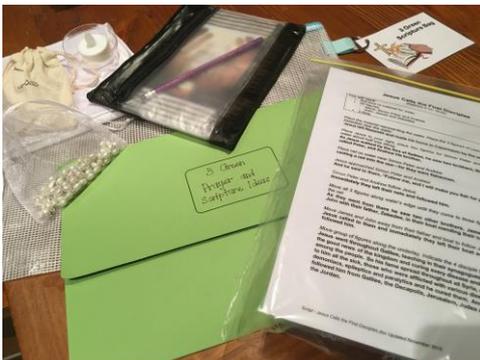


## Term 2 Reconciliations and Masses:

You are warmly invited to attend the Parish Mass or Grade Reconciliation for your children on the following dates:

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

## Scripture Bags:



I hope that those of you who have had Scripture Bags at home have had a worthwhile experience. I am going to be speaking with the children to ask them about their experience with the Scripture Bags, but I would love to hear what parents have to say as well.

If you would like to share your thoughts with me, would you mind sharing an email with me – my address is [cday3@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cday3@parra.catholic.edu.au). Looking forward to hearing your thoughts.

## Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

# SPORTS NEWS

## SKIPPING - MONDAY WEEK 10 – 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

An invitation to our parents and carers to come along on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June and look at all the new skipping skills we have learnt and maybe you can even join in! The timetable is as follows. We hope to see you there.

### Skipping Timetable

Term Two  
Monday

9.00 - 9.40	Year Two
9.40 - 10.20	Year Three
10.20 - 11.00	Year Four
First Break	
11.25- 12.05	Year Five
12.05 - 12.45	Kindy
12.45 - 1.25	Year Six
Second Break	
1.55 - 2.35	Year One



# GENERAL NEWS

## SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for Term 2. These fees were due on Monday 12 June 2017.

*School*  
FEES

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or myself, 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."

If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, I encourage you to contact me on 4777 7200 or [pvion@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pvion@parra.catholic.edu.au) to discuss payment options. The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. Please be assured of complete confidentiality when discussing financial issues.

The school fee collection process has commenced on overdue accounts that have not been addressed as above.

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

**Ms Pascale Vion**

Senior Finance Officer

## Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest

### JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

10 – 14 July 2017, 5 – 17 years. Bookings Essential: call 4735 1100. All art materials supplied. Pay by credit card over the phone. Wear old clothes. BRING A SNACK.

For further information please contact: Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Road Emu Plains NSW 2750, Phone 02 4735 1100, [gallery@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gallery@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au), [penrithregionalgallery.org](http://penrithregionalgallery.org)

**Our Lady of the Way  
Presents**

**Amanda Stone Productions**



**A Swinging  
Summertime**

Written by Deborah Martin

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
7pm**

**The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith**

## Springwood & Districts Basketball JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

- When:** July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- Time:** 9.00 – 3.00 pm  
Registration from 8.40 am
- Cost:** \$50 for 2 days (or \$30 for 1 day)
- Ages:** 5+ All abilities
- Bring:** recess, lunch & plenty of water, plus a ball



Springwood Scorchers tel: 02 4739 8999 (Tues, Wed, Fri)  
Email: [scorchers1@bigpond.com](mailto:scorchers1@bigpond.com)  
Website: <http://www.springwoodscorchers.com.au/>  
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# NAIDOC WEEK AT OUR HOUSE

Tuesday July 4, 2017  
10 am - 3 pm  
Parliament of NSW

FREE FUN ACTIVITIES! ALL WELCOME!

A fun day with activities for the whole family including storytelling, Aboriginal art & crafts, playing didgeridoo and learning Aboriginal dances, as well as Dharawal Language workshops.

Sausage sizzle on the day! (\$3 per sausage sandwich)

Phone: (02) 9230 2047  
Email: [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au)



## Penrith City Children's Choir

is about to start its second project for 2017

### 'Fabulous Forty!'

directed by

**Lucy McAlary**

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years) are invited to join us for this project:  
Workshops Sundays 25 June (Part I) and 6 and 20 August (Part II)  
Public performance Sunday 27 August

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

No auditions!

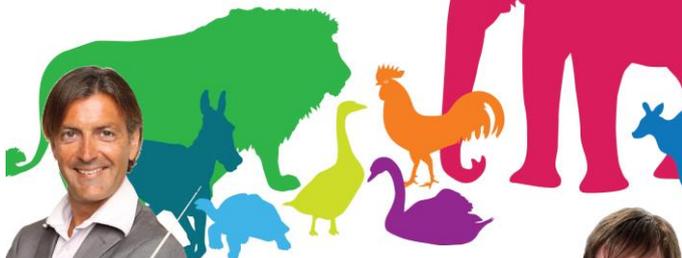
For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:  
0418 202 849 or [pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au](mailto:pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au)

## PENRITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# CARNIVAL of the ANIMALS

Sunday 18 June 11.00am  
Q Theatre Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

Dress up as your  
favorite animal  
and come join  
the Carnival!



Saint-Saëns Carnival of the Animals  
Vaughan Williams The Lark Ascending  
Ravel Mother Goose Suite

GEORGE ELLIS conductor  
MURRAY COOK narrator



**TICKETS**  
Child (under 16) \$24  
Infant (under 2) Free  
Adult \$30  
Family (2+2) \$88  
**Bookings** [www.thejoan.com.au](http://www.thejoan.com.au) or 02 4723 7600

Visit us at [www.pso.org.au](http://www.pso.org.au)



## Warragamba Family Fun Day!

Warragamba Civic Park  
Tuesday July 4th, 2017  
10am - 2pm

**Free!**

Entertainment/Face painting  
Educational workshops  
Indigenous activities  
Information stalls  
BBQ and refreshments  
Giveaways and more!

*Children of all ages welcome.*



Contact Corinne, Helena or Lee for more information on  
02 4774 1273 or [community@wsnc.org.au](mailto:community@wsnc.org.au)  
[familysupport@wsnc.org.au](mailto:familysupport@wsnc.org.au)