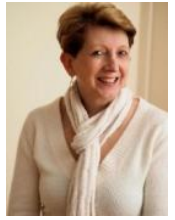


DIARY DATES

Friday 29 July Pyjama Day
Saturday 30 July OLOW P & F Trivia Night
Wednesday 3 August Yr 5 & 6 to Myth Busters Day at McCarthy College Year 6 Soccer Gala Day
Friday 5 August Kinder Pizza Day
Monday 8 August Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass, 9.15am
Wed/Thurs 10/11 August Confirmation Parent Information Session, 7.30pm (attend one only)
Thursday 11 August Athletics Zone Carnival
Sat/Sun 13/14 August Confirmation Enrolment at Masses
Monday 15 August Year 4 Excursion to Glenbrook Lagoon
Wednesday 17 August P & F Meeting, 7.00pm
Thursday 18 August Year 3 Excursion to Featherdale
Friday 19 August PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 23 August Netball Gala Day
Friday 26 August Book Character Parade
Thursday 1 September Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 2 September Fathers' Day - Breakfast 7.30am, - Prayer 9.00am
Mon/Tue 12/13 September Confirmation Rehearsal 7.30-8.30pm
Thursday 15 September Confirmation, 7.30pm
Monday 19 September Way of Mercy visit Cross and Relic
Thursday 22 September Grandparents' Day

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

I had the pleasure of meeting the fourth Bishop for Parramatta, Vincent Long Van Nguyen at the end of last term. Bishop Vincent is a Vietnamese born Catholic. He and his family came to Australia as refugees in 1981. Bishop Vincent is no stranger to the diocese as he was Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville (1998-2002). It was great to hear the Bishop speak of his guiding episcopal motto, 'go further into the deep'. (Lk 5:4) He relates this to his own struggle as a refugee.



"I have taken many leaps of faith before, including the one that launched me literally into the Pacific Ocean," said Bishop Vincent.

With the fall of Saigon in 1975 and the takeover by the communists, Bishop Vincent and a few family members boarded a 15m-long boat with 146 other refugees. They were saved when their boat drifted near an oilrig. The refugees were housed in a camp off the Malaysian coast and after a year, were moved to Australia. Bishop Vincent faced language difficulties, cultural shock and even incidents of bullying.

Bishop Vincent stressed his commitment to being 'a builder of bridges'. "We must foster pathways across the political and religious divide to build not only a rich and strong Australia, but also an inclusive and humane society and a responsible world citizen," he said.

I hope you will be able to meet our new Bishop soon. He is truly inspirational!

Parents and teachers are both vital and critical to the wellbeing and development of our children and we must always work together to make the most of children's learning and to nurture their talents. This is especially refreshing given that the workload of a teacher is often criticised by the media and perceptions of a '9 to 3' day are still present.

In comparison, our teachers spend the '9 to 3' part of the day with the children, facilitating their learning. Countless hours aside from this time are then spent each day assessing the student's work, planning lessons, preparing resources, meeting with support teachers to discuss children's needs, professional development to continually improve the quality of their teaching, regular meetings with parents to discuss children's progress, staff meetings, staff briefing meetings, presenting parents evening, Parent/Teacher/Student conferences, organising excursion opportunities, carnivals and much, much more while, at the same time, juggling their own family lives and finding time for reflection and self renewal.

My appreciation and thanks go to you, as parents, for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child and to the teachers, a dedicated team of professionals who give so generously of their self, skills and time. Improving the learning outcomes for all children at Our Lady of the Way is our core business. The children are our first priority. This is a great Catholic school and over the past 37 years, has helped produce not just well educated young adults, but compassionate people who, because of their faith, confidently embrace a future with hope and joy. I hope that you are as proud to be a part of this community as I am.

God Bless you,
Mrs. Sue Veling
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 2 WEEK 10 & TERM 3 WEEK 1



Blade Funnel, Jye Walsh, Emma Lohan, Cruz Vilar, Finbar Cullen, Emily Sekulic, Madeline Renny, Boyd Boormakin, Mia McGrath, Amelia Renny, Holly Rech, Ayden Pusko, Erin Downie, Sophie Procter, Sam Reidy, Eden Chapman, Gabrielle Boyd, Phoebe Kruzic, Nikayla Pusko, Jake Thompson, Aidan Callaghan, Benny Tabor, Harry Lewandowski, Charlize Risse, Conor Rudge, Olivia Lee, Remi Fischer, Abigail Andrews, Ella Keigan, Jason Andrews, Brianna Mangan, Olivia Craig, Carter English, Lily Callaghan.

SCHOOL FEE NOTICE

The Broken Bay Diocese recently announced significant increases to their school fees in some schools, which was widely broadcast in the media recently. Please note that these increases **do not affect our Diocese or school**. We expect that any school fee increases for Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese next year will be moderate and in line with previous years. If you have any concerns about the payment of school fees at any time please contact Mrs Alexander in the office or Mrs Veling who will confidentially assist you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Can you spot Miss Reynolds?????



Miss Reynolds and the other World Youth Day pilgrims have completed their valuable mission immersion in the Philippines and have been warmly welcomed. Last Friday they flew out to Warsaw to participate in World Youth Day celebrations. Please keep Miss Reynolds and all the pilgrims including students, young people, teachers, staff and clergy in your prayers.

READING RECOVERY GRADUANTS

Congratulations to Maddison Prendergast and Amelia Renny who successfully completed the Reading Recovery Program under the guidance of Mrs Hensen and Ms Glynn. Reading Recovery is an accelerative reading program run by specialist teachers. The program is sponsored by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta Diocese.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The school community wishes to express their deepest sympathy to the Gale family - Jack Gale (Yr 6) at the passing of his aunty and also to the Gregory family, Bailey Gregory (Yr 6) at the passing of his grandfather. May the Lord bring you and your family the much-needed peace during this sad time. May the souls of Mrs Anne Tucker and Mr Kevin Schneider be at peace.

CHILD CAR SEATS - Make the safest choice

All children must be safely fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size. A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be injured or killed in a car crash than one who is not.

The [Child Car Seats website](#) lets you quickly find and compare more than 200 types of forward facing, rear facing and booster seats.



National child restraint laws

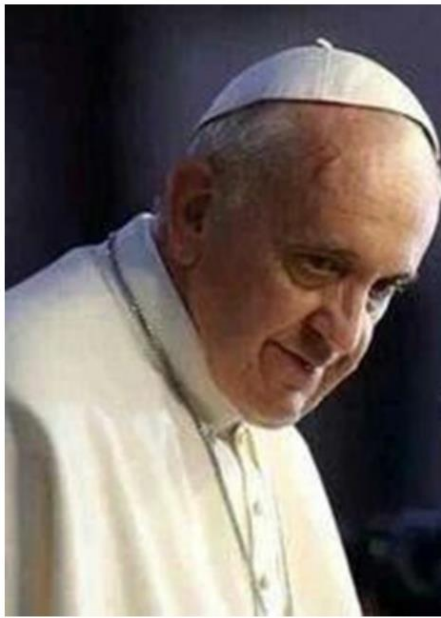
- Children up to the age of six months must be secured in an approved rearward facing restraint
- Children aged from six months old but under four years old must be secured in either a rear or forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness
- Children under four years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows
- Children aged from four years old but under seven years old must be secured in a forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat
- Children aged from four years old but under seven years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in an approved child restraint or booster seat
- Children aged from seven years old but under 16 years old who are too small to be restrained by a seatbelt properly adjusted and fastened are strongly recommended to use an approved booster seat
- Children in booster seats must be restrained by a suitable lap and sash type approved seatbelt that is properly adjusted and fastened, or by a suitable approved child safety harness that is properly adjusted and fastened.

If your child is too small for the child restraint specified for their age, they should be kept in their current child restraint until it is safe for them to move to the next level.

If your child is too large for the child restraint specified for their age, they may move to the next level of child restraint.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY - Drop-off and pick-up by car

- Make sure your children are in appropriate child car seats that are fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Look out for buses pulling out – watch for **wig-wag** lights.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and **avoid dangerous manoeuvres** like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always **give way to pedestrians**, especially when entering and leaving driveways.
- Drop the kids off and pick them up on the **school side of the road** in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the **kerb side of the road** to be away from passing traffic.



“All families need God. Every single one. We need His help, His strength, His blessing, His mercy and His forgiveness. It takes simplicity. To pray as a family, simplicity is needed....

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As a family, you can pray the 'Our Father' around the dinner table. That's not difficult to do, it's easy. Praying the rosary together, as a family is very beautiful and it gives strength. Also praying for one another: A husband for his wife and a wife for her husband. Parents praying for their children and children for their parents and grandparents. Praying for one another.”

- POPE FRANCIS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Pyjama Day:

Our Pyjama Day is being held tomorrow. Children are asked to wear their pyjamas to school and the penalty for this will be a gold coin donation. We are looking forward to everyone supporting our St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This year Vinnies Winter Appeal is supporting the 11,406 women who face homelessness in NSW.



Penrith Community Kitchen Visit

Late last term the Outreach Team visited the Penrith Community Kitchen to deliver the many, many items so generously donated by our school community. It was an enriching experience for the students and here are some of their thoughts:

“On the 23rd of June the OLOW 2016 Outreach Team departed school to see the effects of our school’s kind donations to the Penrith Community Kitchen. OLOW has been collecting for the PCK for many years now. I, Madeleine Godfrey and the rest of the team, visited this amazing place - it’s not only a kitchen, it’s a dining room and a great place for a communal gathering.”

Madeleine Godfrey



“At the Penrith Community Kitchen the volunteers do a great thing for all the people that need help. What I learnt was that the Penrith Community Kitchen has been around for a long time. Cathy that runs the kitchen, has been there almost since it started. The amount of people that come there every day is normally 70 people or sometimes less and they can have more. Cathy sometimes makes food packages for the people to take. Lots of people donate food to Penrith Community Kitchen.”

Jasmine Vanegas

“On Thursday the Outreach Team went to the Penrith Community Kitchen. When we got there we had to use about six trolleys to unpack the food from our school that the students had donated. After we finished unpacking the food, we went inside and a nice lady named Cathy told us all about the Penrith Community Kitchen. One of the things Cathy told us was about Ken. Ken was the founder of the Penrith Community Kitchen and it was first opened in 1993. Another thing that Cathy told us was that Fr. Wim was the president of the Penrith Community Kitchen at one time. At the Penrith Community Kitchen the volunteers serve food to the people who can’t afford to feed themselves. The people who prepare the food at the Penrith Community Kitchen don’t get paid, they do it out of love.”

Layla Woods



“It was truly a life changing experience seeing how hard the volunteers at the kitchen work to feed the less fortunate. It was so amazing to see the eating area being small, yet 50 to 70 people come and eat there every day. It's a shame that you have to be over 18 to volunteer, as I would like to do so now. I realised how much people need and how we take things for granted - like a can of beans sitting at the back of your cupboard is something the less fortunate people see as a lift from their hunger.”

Tahlia Robar

“I enjoyed seeing the Penrith Community Kitchen. We had lots of food for the kitchen which was used for a good cause. Cathy the coordinator said that all the food is used in every meal and makes a big difference. One of the questions we asked was ‘How long has this been here for?’ She said that she has been there for more than 20 years. I heard that the people that help out there are volunteers. So they decide to help people. We asked about how old you have to be to volunteer at the kitchen. She said that you have to be over 18. All the girls and myself had a life changing experience. We learnt a lot while we were there.”

Taleesha Spooner

“I thought that Penrith Community Kitchen was really fun because Cathy, the lady that was there, told us a lot of good information. She also told us that 60-70 people visited every day, if it's really busy. She also said that a lot of children come to eat at Christmas time, which was really amazing.”

Jessica Dray



Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop



On Monday, August 8 we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop by attending Mass at 9:15am. The teachers and students of Year 4 are preparing our Eucharistic celebration. You are very welcome to attend as we celebrate our great Australian saint.

Liturgical Celebrations for Term 3:

Below are the dates for grade and whole school Masses and Reconciliations. You are very welcome to attend any of these celebrations.

- Monday August 8 - Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Whole School Mass (Year 4 to organise) - 9:15am
- Wednesday August 10 - Years 2, 3 and 4 Parish Mass - 9:00am
- Friday August 12 - Years 1 and 6 Parish Mass - 9:00am & Year 6 Reconciliation - 10:00am
- Monday August 15 – Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) – 9:00am Parish Mass
- Wednesday August 24 - Year 5 Reconciliation - 10:00am
- Friday September 2 - Fathers' Day Liturgy - Whole School (Year 3 to organise) - 9:00am on the Infant's Playground
- Wednesday September 14 - Year 4 Reconciliation - 10:00am
- Thursday September 15 - Confirmation - 7:30pm
- Thursday September 22 - Grandparents' Day Mass - Whole School Mass (Carole to organise - all grades to contribute) - 9:15am

**Kindergarten and Year 5 attended the Parish Mass yesterday

Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 11th August at Blacktown International Sports Park, Rooty Hill. We wish all the students the best of luck on the day.

Jacob Bennett, Olivia Bennett, Boyd Boormakin, Olivia Boulous, Milayna Brace, Tully Brown, Taylor Carroll, Hannah Carroll, Jett Cleary, Milaya Cleary, Montana Clifford, Charlie Connell, Ethan Dempsey, Emilia Di Prinzie, Jade Elford, Sienna Gahagan, Bailey Gregory, Sebastian Hayward, Brandon Kruzic, Ava Palombo, Harrison Phillips, Zachary Phillips, Sophie Procter, Tiare Raukawa, Thomas Renny, Madeline Renny, Charlize Risse, Kyan Roach, Clare Roser, Clarice Sagun, Blake Skinner, Cara Smith, Keegan Smith, Isaac Steele, Joshua Vanegas, Jessie Whiteley and Toby Witjes.

A reminder that there are some students who need to return their permission note.

Stage 3 Boys Soccer

The Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 3rd August. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



STAGE 2 SOCCER GALA DAY



Congratulations to our Stage 2 GOLD girl's soccer team who came first in their group at the gala day held at the end of Term 2. Thank you to Miss Vella and Mr De Celis as well as all the parents and relatives that helped out on the day.

GENERAL NEWS

USE OF EMAILS

Under no circumstances are parents to directly email letters to the staff of OLOW using their professional email address unless authorised. All emails should go through the school email address olow@parra.catholic.edu.au where your correspondence will be passed on to the appropriate person.

Important Changes for Parent Helpers / Volunteers - MUST BE COMPLETED ASAP

As a school, we are committed to developing protective practices to ensure that children and young people in our care are safe. The Australian Government has policies and procedures relating to child protection. The NSW Department of Education and Training, as an agency responsible for the care and welfare of students in schools, has a charter to protect the young people in its care from all forms of abuse.

All parent helpers and volunteers at OLOW need to fill in an online Volunteers Form (which will determine if you need a Working with Children Check number) **and** you will also need to complete an online Child Protection Training module every two years.

Examples of volunteer workers in a school include:

- * Music Helpers
- * Reading Helpers
- * Maths Helpers
- * Computer Tutors
- * Library Helpers
- * Excursion Helpers
- * Classroom General Helpers
- * Sports Carnival Helpers

To complete the online form and module, please go to:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>



BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES

OVERVIEW EMPLOYMENT VOLUNTEERS CONTRACTORS



Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers.

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for **each location** that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

[VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

[PRIVACY STATEMENT](#)

Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.
- Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

[TRAINING MODULE](#)

[PRIVACY STATEMENT](#)

SEARCH

CONTACT US

For child protection matters contact:
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p 9407 7006

For Risk of Significant Harm issues contact:
Cate Munro
p 9407 7008

For Working With Children Background Checks contact:
Kasia Mulukin
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Confidential fax
f 9840 5681

[Send us an email](#)

Please click on 'Volunteer Form' and fill that in. Once completed, you will need to return to the above page and this time click on the 'Training Module' button. That will take you to a video presentation regarding child protection and there will be a short quiz at the end.

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been completed, and another email once the training module and quiz have been finished. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmations are emailed to OLOW.

If you are unsure whether your training is up to date, please contact the office and the office staff will be able to help you.

Please note: When you come to school to help out in any area of the school, or if you are attending an excursion, you are required to sign in and out at the office. This is a mandatory requirement for all schools.

To ensure the safety and welfare of all children at Our Lady of the Way, a record of volunteers who have complied with this requirement is kept at the office. Before any parent helpers are selected for excursions, it is standard practice to check that both of these requirements have been met.

Grandparents who would like to help in any way are also very welcome to comply with these requirements and be added to our list.

Thank you for your generous support, enthusiasm and willingness to get involved and thank you for working together to ensure our children are kept safe at all times.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 23-25 September at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at nswbookings@wwme.org.au or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

EMU PLAINS CRICKET CLUB INC - JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS – 2016/17 season

Registration days – Saturdays July 30 and 06 August, Sundays 31 July and 07 August; 10am – 12 noon. Emu Sports Club, Leonay Parade, Leonay. Under 8s – 16s.

For more information: www.epcc.com.au

Junior Secretary - Richard Field 0468 951 473 or richard.field@optus.com.au

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