

MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am. All welcome!

6th August 2015

DIARY DATES

Friday 7 August

St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop Feast Day

Primary Zone Athletics

Sat 8/Sun 9 August

Confirmation Lesson

Wednesday 12 August

Year 2 Excursion

Friday 14 August

Confirmation

Monday 17 August

Learn-a-thon Sponsor
Cards Sent Home Today

Wednesday 19 August

VOY Cluster Final

Friday 21 August

Parish Mass - K & Yr 5

Fri 21 – Thurs 27 August

Bookweek

National Literacy &
Numeracy Week

Tuesday 25 August

Netball Gala Day

Diocesan Netball

Friday 28 August

Staff Development Day
PUPIL FREE DAY!

Tuesday 1 September

P & F Meeting, 7.30pm

Thursday 3 September

Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 4 September

Fathers' Day Breakfast &
Prayer Celebration

Learn-a-thon

Saturday 12 September

OLOW Trivia Night

Thursday 17 September

Grandparents' Day
And Book Fair

Friday 18 September

Footy Fever Mufti Day

**Learn-a-thon
RAFFLE DRAW**

Last day of Term 3

Tuesday 6 October

First day of Term 4

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

"Few of us do great things, but all of us can do small things with great love"
(Mother Theresa)

Today as I write I am inspired by the generosity and hard work of our Parents and Friends Association (P&F). As the parent representative group, they represent every parent in our school community. For our children they provide a fine role model of how to be generous with the gifts that they have been given and they demonstrate how to share their gifts within our community for the benefit of our community.

Though a small group of parents led by Kevin Houlihan and Kelly Tabor, they are generous with their time. They are quiet achievers, contributing a significant service to our school community. With our upcoming Trivia night (our major fund-raiser for the year) they have spent hours of their own time preparing - another example of generosity. Our Lady of the Way has been blessed with a fabulous P&F committee. God sends blessings, such as people like you. We really appreciate all that you do.

The P&F are always looking for new members. So, if you would like to become more involved in the school planning process, you are most welcome to come to our next P&F meeting on Tuesday 1st September at 7:30pm, in the school library.

May God bless you with all his love and care.

Mrs. Sue Veling

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR WEEKS 2 & 3



Jackson O'Brien, Carter English, Ella Keigan, Noah Pascoe, Maya Grieve, Emma Jones, Kiah McNulty, Josh Butler, Marcus Elias, Nathan Moore, Riley Tait, Brody Green, Phoebe Kruzic, Emily Sekulic, Clarice Sagun, Ethan



Still, Jill Downie, Lilly Thompson, Alyssa McDonald, Benny Tabor, Harrison Bennett, William Filla, Thomas Vanegas, Avalon Smith, Oliver Herps, Cara Smith, Cooper Hartstonge, Riley Craig, Samuel Bray, Noel Collins.

RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Under the direction of Bishop Anthony and the Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board, all Year 4 and Year 6 students in Primary and Year 8 and Year 10 students in Secondary will participate in the Diocesan assessment of their religious literacy. Students in these grades will complete an online test during Term 3. The students will answer a series of multiple choice questions related to their learning in Religious Education.

In addition, Year 4 students will complete a variety of learning tasks related to the Religious Education unit, **Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing**. Their achievement in completing these tasks will be formally assessed.

A report based on students' completion of these assessments will be forwarded to parents in Term 4.

IN REMEMBRANCE

On Monday as a community, we celebrated the life of Mr Bruce Scott, husband to our friend and Year 6 colleague Mrs Pat Scott. As we listened to the wonderful stories of Bruce's life and prayed together we became connected with the suffering of our human family. As a Catholic community we are comforted by God's promise of resurrection to a new life. We know that God will embrace Bruce and his family in his loving arms.

We would like to sincerely thank on Pat's behalf, Mrs Tracy Procter and Mrs Gina Storr, Year 6 students and parents, the P&F Committee and all those who came to the funeral, sent flowers, cards, or left messages of support through the office or via our school Facebook page.

PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY for TERM 3

Our Term 3 staff development day will be on Friday 28 August. This will be a pupil free day.

**PUPIL-FREE
DAY**

FREE MULCH

We have loads of mulch after we cut down four trees. If you would like any mulch for your garden, feel free to take some. The mulch piles can be found on the back playground. Access is available 24/7.

Father's Day Breakfast



FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST AND PRAYER

Our Father's Day breakfast and prayer is on Friday 4 September. Come join us for cereal, toast and breakfast BBQ. The BBQ opens from 8am and you will be served by the beautiful OLOW staff. Dads & father figures - this is a great time to have breakfast with your children!

GRANDPARENT'S DAY AND BOOK FAIR

Our annual Grandparents' Day Celebration will be held on Thursday 17th September commencing with Mass at 9:15am. This will be followed by morning tea for parents and grandparents, a special performance from our students, followed by open classrooms. At around 1pm there will be a picnic lunch, sausage sizzle and family photo booth.

We will also be having a Book Fair, where we encourage Grandparents to purchase a book and donate it to our library, or purchase a book for their grandchildren. More information will be sent home shortly.

SPORTS NEWS STAGE 2 - SOCCER GALA DAY



On Thursday 23 July, Mrs Grima-Starkey and Miss Vella took 24 students to the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park. The students represented the school with pride playing a total of 7 games each. Both teams achieved fantastic results, with the boys coming first in their pool and the girls second in their pool. We are extremely proud of their sportsmanship on the day. We would like to thank the parents who attended to support their children.

Congratulations to Phoebe Kruzic, Mia Urquhart, Abigail Dixon, Brooke Bentley, Tailyn Tupaea, Sienna Gahagan, Larissa Stewart, Madeline Wade, Zoe Grech, Milli Storek, Talisha North, Chloe Riley, Toby Witjes, Kye Lloyd, Blake Skinner, Benjamin Robinson, Mark Gardner, Jayden Roots, Billy Pearson, Harrison Armour, Bailey Latham, Patrick Urquhart, Tiare Raukawa, Sebastian Hayward



KISS AND DROP

Please be mindful of other families waiting to drop off students and move out of the Kiss and Drop area once your children have been safely dropped off. Children should only exit from the left hand side of the vehicle. Please note that this is not a parking zone. The intention is that drivers do not wait in these zones and that they stay in the vehicle so that drop-off is streamlined and traffic queues are minimised. In reality it only takes one inconsiderate driver to overstay in this zone and the system breaks down leading to frustration and traffic delays.



BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Rebecca Kakoschke and her husband Brett on the birth of their first daughter, Mikayla Kate on Wednesday 22nd July. All three are doing well!



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school in the office OR just send in the stickers to the office.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

MATHEMATICS AT OLOW

What do we teach your children in Mathematics?

We teach what is outlined for each grade according to the new NSW Mathematics Syllabus.

Mental Maths

Mental Maths is made up of two parts:

- 1. Development and use of strategies for calculating mentally*
- 2. Recall of number facts with fluency*

The new syllabus stresses that children who make use of mental strategies are 'working mathematically' and thinking about numbers rather than remembering procedures or answering by rote.

Current Terminology

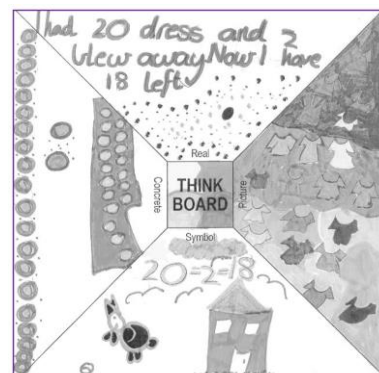
For parents, understanding the current terminology involved in Mathematics can be tricky. Some terms and their meanings are presented below.

Number Busting - Breaking a number down through an operation.

144 might be 72×2 or 3×48 or $288/2$ or $1/3$ of 432 or $68 + 76$

Known Facts – knowledge children have that springs immediately to mind e.g. children automatically know that $7 + \underline{\quad} = 10$, that the missing number is 3 and do not need to write it out or use concrete materials, etc. to work it out.

Think Boards – often the teachers will present the real life situation and the children complete the Concrete Materials, Symbol and Picture sections.



Triads – where the children think about numbers and look at the language – the words to describe that number, what it looks like with concrete materials like counters, and how it is written or recorded.

Here are some common strategies used by children

Addition and subtraction

Strategy	Example
Commutativity	$2 + 9$, $9 + 2$ is easier
Counting on or back	$9 + 2$, 9, 10, 11
Bridging ten	$8 + 5$: $8 + 2 = 10$, $10 + 3 = 13$
Doubles	$6 + 6 = 12$
Near Doubles	$6 + 7 = 12 + 1$
Changing subtraction to addition	$9 - 7$: $7 + ? = 9$

Multiplication and division

Commutativity	3×8 : $8 \times 3 = 24$
Skip counting	4×5 : 5, 10, 15, 20
Repeated addition	4×5 : 5 & 5 is 10 & 5 more is 15 and another 5 is 20
Splitting into parts	7×4 : 5×4 makes 20 and double 4 is 8 so the answer is 28
Convert to Multiplication	$18 \div 3$: 3×6 is 18
Repeated subtraction	$18 \div 3$: 18, 15, 12, 9, 6, 3, 0
Repeated addition	$18 \div 3$: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18
Counting back	$6 \div 3$: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0
Counting on	$6 \div 3$: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

MATHS OLYMPIAD QUESTIONS – Are you up for the challenge?

Question 1:

The letters A, B, C and D represent 2, 3, 5 and 8 (but not necessarily in that order).
If $A + B = C$ and $A + D = B$, what is $B \times C$?

Question 2:

What is the value of the following expression in its simplest form?
 $(10 \times 8 \times 6 \times 4) \div (5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2)$



Year 3 Writing

Year 3 are enjoying using Google Docs to construct different texts. Here is an example of some of the work that the students have shared with their teachers:

Marshall's Antonym Diamanté Poem

Basketball
happy, fun
bouncing, dribbling, passing
whistle, ball, net, goals
striking, passing, tackling
fun, energetic
Soccer



Maddy's Five Senses Poem:

I see small golden crispy chips with sparkling dots of salt.

I smell the salt from the wafting golden chips.

I hear the crunching of the golden chips and them cooking on the pan.

I taste the sweetness of the salt soaked into the chips.

I feel the grease on my chin as the chip disappears.



Kate's Prayer:

You are kind, you know that.

You make that choice.

You are loving, you know that.

You make that choice.

You are smart, you know that.

You make that choice.

*You are caring. You know that your mum,
dad, brother and sister are people you love.*

*So with helping hands and caring hearts not just Year 3, not just Our Lady of the Way and not
just Australia, but everyone together can accomplish anything.*

So follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Amen



WRITE ON COMPETITION IS RIGHT ON AT OLOW

WOW! (Write On Writers!) We are off to a terrific start with our creative writing challenge. Over 80 OLOW students from Years 1 to Year 6 have expressed interest in writing a piece for the OLOW stage of the Write On competition.

All students who have said they would like to participate should have received a letter to parents explaining the competition by now. If not, please have your child ask Mrs Schafer for one.

Students are writing a creative piece using all the habits of good writers that they have been learning about at school and getting their inspiration from the stimulus picture below.

<http://writeon.bos.nsw.edu.au/images/competition-2015-pic-big.jpg>

The entry can be a story, article, poem, script, interview or other piece of creative writing. There is a limit of 500 words but no minimum. Entries are judged for age appropriate skill level and creativity. This is a voluntary activity and while a few break time writing sessions will be offered at school, most of the writing will need to be done at home.

Entries are to be done in hard copy (on paper either printed or handwritten) with student's name and class clearly on it and given to Mrs Schafer by Monday August 17th at the latest. All entries must be the students' own work. Congratulations to Katelyn King in Year 3, the very first entry to be received!!

Come on OLOW Writers, we are looking forward to many more wonderfully creative writing pieces to come.

Just a note... 25 Kinder students also put their names down for the writing challenge and while there is no BOSTES level of the competition for Kinder, we have decided we will run an at school break time OLOW Write On challenge for these students. We are very keen to encourage such great enthusiasm for writing. Well done Kinder! Details coming shortly...

Mrs Filan- Schafer.

OLOW Learn-a-thon

On 4 September OLOW holding a Learn-a-thon. The Learn-a-thon is our major fundraiser for the year and it promises to be a rich, fun and engaging learning experience for everyone involved. The students will be grouped with other students 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 the draw for lots of great prizes.

The students will participate in a variety of learning activities throughout the day. These activities will relate to our Key Learning Areas as well as other games and activities. The children will rotate through the teacher and parent led activities throughout the day. They will have a passport stamped at the conclusion of each activity. The Passport will be proof that they have completed the Learn-a-thon activities so that the money promised can be collected from their sponsors.

The money raised from the Learn-a-thon will go towards purchasing extra WAPS (**wireless access point** - a device that allows wireless devices to connect to a wired network using Wi-Fi) for our school. Our diocese is currently undergoing a major ICT infrastructure overhaul. This includes changes in terms of much needed faster internet speeds. All monies raised will supplement the costs for the extra WAPS needed to service our school and its many electronic devices.

Our Learn-a-thon sponsor card will be sent home on Monday 17 August. So please get behind our school as we aim to raise at least \$20 000.

Thanking you for your co-operation

Learn-a-thon Team



SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL NEWS

The Diocesan Netball Carnival will be held on Tuesday August 25th and the 6 teams from OLOW are training hard in preparation for the day. If you or anyone you know is able to umpire for one of our teams please let Mrs McKeon know ASAP.

Team	Training Day(s)
Year 3 Team 1	Friday
Year 3 Team 1	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6 Team 1	Friday
Year 6 Team 2	Friday



GENERAL NEWS

MUFTI DAY THANKS

Thank you to all of our wonderful children and families for supporting our mufti day today. The children looked fantastic in their pink and yellow clothing. We raised \$540 for the Cancer Council.



QUICK AND EASY BREAKFAST IDEAS:

Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example

- wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie
- boiled eggs and toast
- slices of fruit with yoghurt
- raisin toast with sliced banana
- muesli, chopped fruit and yoghurt
- wholemeal crumpets with sliced banana
- grilled cheese and tomato on toast
- tinned baked beans and toast
- porridge, sultanas with reduced-fat milk
- tinned fruit and yoghurt
- rice or noodles with lean meat or vegetables

COMMUNITY NEWS

Seminar: Understanding Family Law

CCSS Solo Parent Services is holding the 2nd session of our Seminar on Understanding Family Law with an overview of the Family Law Act in relation to Separation/Divorce. The focus for this session is on Property Settlements and Spousal maintenance. **Date:** Wednesday 12th August **Time:** 7.30pm-9.30pm **Venue:** Diocesan Assembly Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown **Cost:** \$7.00 – **Registration Essential:** Eileen or Rita Ph: 9933 0205 or **email:** soloparentservices@ccsss.org.au

TRIVIA NIGHT



Saturday, 12th September

Parish Hall, 7pm

ADULTS ONLY

**JEFF BOULOUS
QUIZ
MASTER**

This year's theme will be **SPORT!!!**

So come as your favourite sporting team, sporting hero or any type of sport & let your imagination run wild!

The best-dressed table will win a prize!



**BOOK
EARLY**

Tables will be pre-sold from now until the 12th August.

The cost is \$100 for a table of 10. Get in quick as numbers are limited!

There will be lots of great prizes & if you would like to donate a prize for the Trivia Night please get in touch with **Kelly Tabor** on **0434 532 936**

**GREAT
PRIZES**

So get a group together for a fun night & support the P&F

***All funds raised go to the children of OLOW**



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If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233
 Web: www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding
 Email: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au
 Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**