

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 13 September

Confirmation Rehearsal
7.30-8.30pm

Thursday 15 September

Confirmation, 7.30pm
Footy Fever Mufti Day

Friday 16 September

Stage 2 Touch Football

Monday 19 September

Way of Mercy Visit with
Cross and Relic

Thursday 22 September

Grandparents' Day
Mass, 9.15am
Celebration of Learning
10.00am

Friday 23 September

Stage 3 Touch Football
Last day of Term 3

Monday 10 October

School resumes

Wed/Thurs 12/13 Oct

First Reconciliation Parent
Info Session, 7.30pm

Sat/Sun 15/16 October

First Reconciliation
Enrolment Mass

Thursday 20 October

123 Magic Parent Session 1

Friday 21 October

Blue & White Mufti Day for
Cancer

Thursday 27 October

Parent Information and
Kinder Orientation
Program, 8.45-10.45am
123 Magic Parent Session 2

Monday 31 October

PUPIL FREE DAY

Thursday 3 November

123 Magic Parent Session 3

Wednesday 9 November

First Reconciliation
Liturgy, 7.30pm

Friday 2 December

Gingerbread House Night

Monday 5 December

Christmas Carols Evening

Monday 12 December

End of Year Thanksgiving
Mass

Friday 16 December

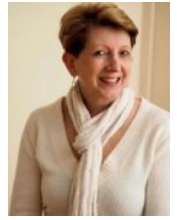
Last Day of School

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

Mother Teresa, the nun who devoted her life to the impoverished and one of the Catholic Church's most iconic figures, was canonised as a saint last Sunday.



Saint Teresa of Kolkata as she is now known, was canonized by Pope Francis in front of 120,000 faithful at the Vatican. The Nobel Peace Prize winner, who died in 1997, and was famed for her work with the poor in India, was praised by Francis as a 'generous dispenser of divine mercy.'



How appropriate in this Year of Mercy! "Her mission to help the poor remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor," the pope said.

Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer.

Last Friday we celebrated a beautiful Fathers' Day liturgy with our dads and enjoyed a delicious BBQ breakfast. Although the weather was inclement, a great spirit of community was present and enjoyed by everyone. I want to particularly thank the OLOW staff who, each year, prepare and serve the breakfast with a smile.

Father's Day gives us an opportunity to recall and affirm the particular gifts that fathers bring to families. This includes our personal fathers, grandfathers, uncles and important father figures in our lives. Whether it is their sense of humour, ability to see the positive side of difficult situations, patience even when they are tired, or their wise words of encouragement and love. We hoped that all the OLOW dads, grand dads and uncles enjoyed a wonderful day last Sunday.

Last week we also acknowledged and celebrated Fr. Mick's 40 years as a priest. This is a huge achievement!

Once in a while, there comes along someone very special like Fr. Mick who not only serves the church and its people faithfully, but who makes their own life, a living testimony of Christ's love.

We thank Fr. Mick for his many years of devoted and caring ministry. The students and staff presented him with an engraved gold pen to mark the occasion. The students also put together a lovely book of their reflections. God Bless Fr. Mick!

God Bless you,
Mrs Sue Veling
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 3 WEEK 6 and WEEK 7



Marcus Inegbedion, Nicholas Heffernan, Kate Budge, Holly Clark, Jude Godfrey, Cadence Biggar, Clare Roser, Alexander Torresan, Jacinta Roser, Hayley Burton, Lucas McClenahan, Keira Blazek, Sarah Budge, Tailyn Tupaea, Tahlia Robar, Travis Shin, Sophie Wade, Hakopa Raukawa, Zoe Grech, Daisy Andersen, Emily McDonald, Marcus Elias, Jayden Miles, Riley Tait, Maya Grieve, Thomas Vanegas, Jack Gale, Nina McKeown, Natalie Burke, Mia Eekman, Sophie Jones, Kieran Smith, Jessie Whiteley, Tristan Isaia, Brodie Miles, Heath Murray, Jason Armstrong, Luke Durham, Harrison Bennett.

READING RECOVERY GRADUANTS

Congratulations to Drew Carland who successfully completed the Reading Recovery Program under the guidance of Ms Glynn. Reading Recovery is an accelerative reading program run by specialist teachers. The program is sponsored by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta Diocese.



VOICE OF YOUTH – YEAR 6



During this term, our Year 6 students have been working on writing their Voice of Youth speeches. Voice of Youth is a Diocesan wide public speaking competition for all Year 6 students. Students are required to prepare and present a 2 - 4 minute speech on a topic of their choice. Three students from OLOW were then selected to compete in the cluster finals.

Well done to Emma Craig on her motivational speech about Milala Yousafzai; Flynn Starr for his entertaining speech about Leeches and to Hannah Carroll for her thrilling speech about the effects of humans on the earth and its inhabitants. Lachlan Armour was runner up with his speech on R.E.S.P.E.C.T. The three students represented OLOW at the Penrith Cluster final held last

Thursday at Bethany Primary School. They were wonderful ambassadors for their age group and promise to be wonderful citizens of tomorrow who can stand up and be heard!

BUILDING PROJECT

Our building project has begun in earnest this week. The predicted completion date is March 2017, but it is hoped that it will be finished well before that, as long as the weather is fine.

As safety is paramount, please be vigilant around the building site and when moving through the staff parking area, keep to the walkway near the fence. Do not drive into the carpark to drop off children unless you need to utilise the disabled car spot.



OLOW CONFIRMATION

Many of our students and children from the OLOW Parish are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 15 September at 7:30pm. Although we normally receive this sacrament after First Communion, the Church considers it to be the second of the three sacraments of initiation as it completes Baptism. In our Baptism, our parents and godparents make the promises for us, during Confirmation we as adult Catholics renew our faith for ourselves. The introduction to the Rite of Confirmation states: 'by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptised are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.'

We pray for all the children as they are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their Christian life.

ARE YOU MOVING?

To estimate enrolments for 2017, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving *Our Lady of the Way* at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

You are reminded that CEDP policy is that families need to give the school one full term's notice in writing in these circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

CYBERBULLYING PRESENTATION

Senior Constable Tracey Gallen, Penrith Youth Liaison Office, visited Years 5 & 6 on Monday and went through the effects of bullying and cyberbullying. Her presentation was extremely well received by the students with lots of positive feedback.

Charlie

I learnt that once it is out there you can never get it back. How fast anything you post can go viral.

Noah

I learnt not to post anything that you don't want others to see and to think before you share.

Clare

I learnt that you wouldn't share your toothbrush with your friends, so you shouldn't share your password with your friend. We found out the dangers of the Internet when used inappropriately.

Taylor

Inappropriate use of technology can affect the future for YOU. If social media is used incorrectly it can result in devastating consequences.

Dr Richard Woolfson, child psychologist said: 'The internet offers wonderful experiences for growing and inquisitive young minds. Yet, as social media has removed the barriers between a young person's public and private self, children can become vulnerable, and compulsive online sharing can lead to danger.'

Children are gaining access to social media sites at a younger age, which could expose them to content, people or situations that are out of their depth and which they're not emotionally prepared for.

A reminder to parents that most high profile networking sites ask users to set up a profile with photos and information about themselves. 13 years of age is the minimum age required by Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr and Twitter. Kik recommends users are 17 years old or older.

PLEASE PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN.

YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL FOOTPRINT STAYS WITH THEM FOREVER.

**PUPIL-FREE
DAY**

PUPIL FREE DAY – TERM 4 Advance Notice

Our final Staff Development Day for 2016 will be on Monday 31st October. This will be a PUPIL FREE DAY.

NEW SCHOOL ADDRESS

In preparation for our new administration block being built and fronting onto Troy Street, Penrith Council has approved a change to the school street address. The new street and postal address for *Our Lady of the Way School* is **17 Troy Street**. A new mailbox has been installed in Troy Street. If you are writing to the school, or sharing the school address with anyone, please use the new address. Over the next few weeks there will be a gradual replacement of the address on all correspondence.

SUMMER UNIFORM SWAP OVER

Change over into our summer uniform will begin in the last two weeks of this term from Monday 12th September. By the first day back in Term 4, **Monday 10 October**, all OLOW students will be wearing their full summer uniform.

NAPLAN 2016

Two weeks ago, students in Years 3 and 5 took home their NAPLAN reports for their parents. All of our students are to be congratulated for their wonderful efforts with this test. There were some excellent results in both grades and as a staff we were delighted with the results and growth, particularly in Year 5. The staff will be examining the results in detail to help guide staff professional learning. Parents are encouraged to read through the report and speak to their child's teacher if they have any questions about the NAPLAN results.

Parents of children in Year 5, will need to keep these NAPLAN results in a safe place as they are required when applying for high school.

The purpose of this assessment is to provide information to parents and teachers about the achievements of students in aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. The test provides a measure of the students' performance against established standards and against other students in our state. The Commonwealth Government sets minimum acceptable standards for literacy, numeracy, reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling at each year group assessed. These are referred to as minimum standards. The students' performance in NAPLAN at our school is compared to these standards in the tables below. The percentages of students achieving at or above these national minimum standards are higher at OLOW than the state percentage in most assessment areas in both Year 3 and Year 5.

Year 3 2016 NAPLAN Results	% of children at or above minimum standard		% of children in the top three bands	
	OLOW	State	OLOW	State
Reading	96.6	95	65.5	71.9
Writing	98.3	95	86.2	70.8
Grammar	98.3	97	70.7	80.8
Spelling	98.3	95	75.8	76.1
Numeracy	94.8	95	67.3	61

Year 5 2016 NAPLAN Results	% of children at or above minimum standard		% of children in the top three bands	
	OLOW	State	OLOW	State
Reading	100	93	54.3	62.3
Writing	91.4	93	45.7	50
Grammar	100	95	54.3	64.2
Spelling	94.3	93	37.1	63.6
Numeracy	97.2	94	52.8	57.1

RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Over the last two weeks, Year 4 and Year 6 have completed the online component of the Religious Literacy Assessment. The assessment is based on the concepts taught in the Diocese of Parramatta Religious Education curriculum 'Sharing Our Story'. These concepts/strands are God, Jesus, Prayer, Sacrament, Church, Scripture and Christian Life. Thirty-five random questions are completed and parents will receive feedback in a NAPLAN style report towards the end of the year.

In addition, Year 4 students completed a variety of reflective learning tasks related to a unit on Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing. Their achievement in completing these tasks is formally assessed.

WAY OF THE CROSS - MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

On Monday 19th September, the Way of Mercy Cross & Relics will be coming to Our Lady of the Way School as part of its diocesan journey in the Year of Mercy.

This celebration will be held between 9-11am. We invite and encourage all families, parishioners and friends to come along and witness this special event.

The Mercy Cross is a 4 metre high cross that was donated to the Richmond Parish in 1990 as part of a Redemptorist mission. The Richmond Parish is delighted to share this precious symbol of faith with the Diocese. The Mercy Cross will be accompanied by a relic from Blessed Mother Teresa and a relic from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this great celebration.

BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE





ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 12 September 2016.

For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website

www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on **(02) 8838 3470**. Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line **1300 661 015** is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on **131 444**.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of Confirmation:



Please keep in your prayers the children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation next Thursday evening, September 15. We wish them and their families every blessing. You are very welcome to attend the celebration that begins at 7:30pm.

Way of Mercy:

On September 19 at 10:00am our school community will be taking part in a 'Way of Mercy' celebration as we welcome the Mercy Cross and relics of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St. Teresa of Kolkata. Throughout the liturgy we will reflect on the concept of mercy...what it means to be merciful, how others show mercy and how our school community members have been people of mercy. The celebration will be led by our student leaders, with Miss Reynolds speaking about her experiences of mercy whilst on her World Youth Day pilgrimage. Please join with us as we continue to celebrate the Year of Mercy in this special way.



Leukaemia Foundation Fundraiser:



On Friday October 21 Jessica Dray, one of our Year 6 students, will be holding a Blue and White multi-day the Leukaemia Foundation. This is a cause very close to Jessica's heart as she lost an uncle to leukaemia. Since then her family have taken many opportunities to support the foundation.

The students are invited to wear blue and white – the colours of the Leukaemia Foundation – and bring in a gold coin donation. On the day the children will be able to purchase blue and white cupcakes and Leukaemia Foundation fundraising merchandise.

Grandparents' Day Mass:

Please join us to celebrate the gift of our grandparents - "Shining their light and love on us". All grades will be helping to lead this very special Mass on September 22 at 9:15am in the church.



Liturgical Celebrations for Term 3:

- Wednesday September 14 - **Year 4 Reconciliation** - 10:00am – Church
- Thursday September 15 – **Confirmation Mass** - 7:30pm – Church
- Monday September 19 – **Way of Mercy Celebration** – 10:00am - Church
- Thursday September 22 - **Grandparents' Day Mass** - 9:15am - Church

Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING NEWS

YEAR 3 GEOGRAPHY

The Year Three students have been studying the climate zones of Australia in Geography. Their psalms of praise for the beauty of the rainforests were beautifully written. We hope your families enjoyed reading the psalms that were sent home last week. Well done, Year 3.

Oh Lord I give thanks for the amazing waterfalls running down the rocks.

Oh Lord I give thanks for the birds that make beautiful songs.

Oh Lord I give thanks for the sunlight shining upon the plants.



Oh Lord I give thanks for the water flowing in the streams

Oh Lord I give thanks for the leaves so we can breathe.

Addy Year 3

Thank you Lord for the beautiful Daintree Rainforest that you let your birds rest in

For the foaming, bubbling waterfalls, I give thanks

For the spider who peacefully makes his amazingly, clear web. I give thanks

For the birds who sing their hearts out and keep us company, I give thanks

For the rapidly flowing rivers that our animals swim in, I give thanks

For the bright green vegetation that our animals walk on, I give thanks

For all these wonderful things, I give thanks.

Holly Year 3

For the very big cassowary who uses its feet, I give thanks

For the birds' beautiful songs, I give thanks

For the waterfall that hydrates the trees, I give thanks

For the spiders' beautiful webs, I give thanks.

For the beautiful mist in the rainforest, I give thanks

Sophie Year 3



Dear Lord thank you for the beautiful rainforests.

For the peaceful flowing waterfalls that cover the mossy rocks, I thank you Lord.

For the spiders and their amazing webs that glisten in sunlight, I thank you Lord.

For the magnificent mist that floats steadily over the forest, I thank you lord.

For the unbelievably colourful birds that sing loud and clear, I thank you Lord.

For all these things I am truly grateful.

Asha Year 3

Oh Lord I thank you for the rainforests....

For the big cassowary who strolls through the forests calmly, I give thanks

For the strangler figs that wraps around tall trees, I give thanks.

For the green moss that lives on these huge trees, I give thanks

For the streams that bubble amongst the forest, I give thanks

For the birds that live peacefully under the canopy, I give thanks

For all these wonderful things, I am truly grateful

Lewis Year 3

Oh Lord I give thanks for the magnificent rainforests,

For the beautiful water that gushes down the waterfall, I give thanks.

For the beautifully coloured birds that chirp wonderful songs, I give thanks.

For the peaceful rain that trickles through the leaves of the trees, I give thanks.

For the foggy mist that floats above the canopy, I give thanks.

For the water that crashes against the rocks in the streams I give thanks.

For the magnificent rainforests, Lord I give thanks.

Cara Year 3



KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Is my child old enough for social networking sites like

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Youtube, Tumblr, Twitter, Kik etc?

Most high profile social networking sites ask users set up a profile with photos and information about themselves. 13 is the minimum user age required by Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, Tumblr and Twitter.

Kik recommends that users are 17 years or older.

Social networking describes a variety of services like Facebook, YouTube, World of Warcraft, Moshi Monsters and Twitter. All of these services enable direct interaction between individuals. Users can post information about themselves, display photos, tell people what they've been up to, chat and play games. Social networking forms a part of the social identity of many teens.

While social networking offers many benefits, there are risks. Sometimes children can forget who they are communicating with online and who might see the information they post. It can be easier for children and teens to say and do things online that they might not do offline. It can also be easier to talk to strangers online than it is offline, and they may confide too much in people they don't know well.

It is important that children understand the risks associated with disclosing information about themselves online and know how to manage both their privacy and online 'friends'.

If your child is 13+ you should still consider the following:

- Is your child able to withstand taunts from others?
- Does your child understand what is safe to put online?
- Does your child know how to report abuse and offensive content?
- Are you worried your child will be left out?
- Are you going to supervise or 'friend' your child on social sites?

Keep them safe online.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.2. Set a technology curfew.3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. The First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.9. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.10. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.11. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start. |
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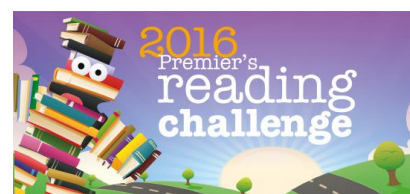
- At OLOW we promote and believe in the need to respect the rights, beliefs and viewpoints of others.
- We encourage all members of our community to follow the same standards of behaviour online as you are expected to follow in real life.

Visit - <https://esafety.gov.au/>

Please contact me at mmifsud@parra.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions relating to the **OLOW**CYBERSAFESPOT.

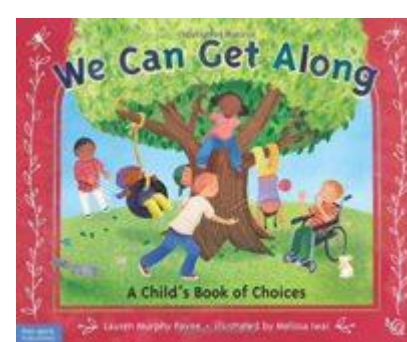
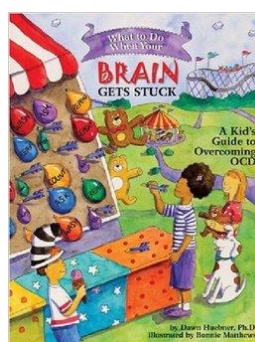
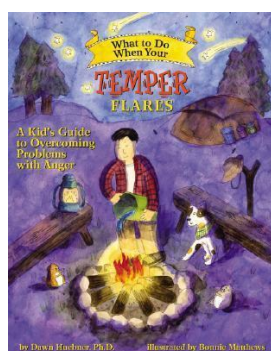
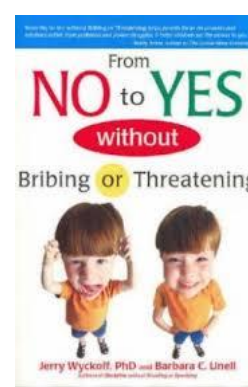
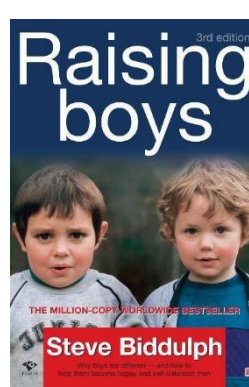
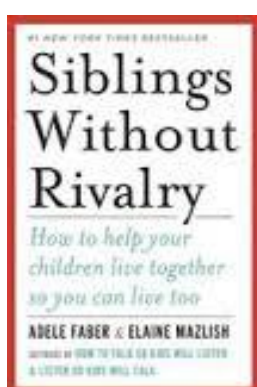
LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to all students at Our Lady of the Way on completing the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge. Books shared with the children in their Classrooms and during their Library visits resulted in this fantastic achievement.



Certificates from PRC for the students will be sent to the school late November (approx). Any books that are read from 1 September 2016 will go towards their 2017 PRC.

Did you know we have a Parent Library at OLOW? Parents are welcome to visit the Library and borrow on Mondays and Tuesdays. Here are just a few samples of what is available to borrow.



Happy Reading

Susan Masters
Library Assistant

GENERAL NEWS

GRANDPARENT'S DAY AND BOOK FAIR



Our annual Grandparents' Day Celebration will be held on Thursday 22nd September commencing with Mass at 9:15am. This will be followed by morning tea for our parents and grandparents. A special performance from our students will be given in the hall, followed by the opportunity to visit your grandchild's classroom and celebrate their learning. At around 1pm there will be a picnic lunch, sausage sizzle and the 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students for their success in the state Cheer and Dance Competitions. Ava Grech - came 2nd and 5th. Amity Houlihan- two 1sts, two seconds, two thirds. Well done girls!!

COMMUNITY NEWS


REGISTER NOW FOR CRICKET

1. This summer get active with cricket!

Cricket is Australia's fastest growing sport. It gives girls and boys of all ages and abilities the chance to get active, develop skills and have fun. This summer why don't you register your child at their local MILO in2CRICKET or MILO T20 Blast Centre. Find out where you can play locally here: www.playcricket.com.au

2. Learn to play like your T20 heroes these school holidays at Camp Thunder, Sydney Thunder's school holiday camp.

Camp Thunder is for girls and boys aged 8-10. Activities and skills sessions tailored for all skill levels. Our professional coaches will ensure your child has a wonderful time playing cricket.



**1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE**

*Learn to manage difficult behavior in children
2-12 years old*

**Venue: Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School, Emu Plains
17 Troy St, Emu Plains Tel: 4735 1930**

The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta together with Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains, are pleased to offer parents and carers in our Diocese, the 1 2 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching course.

The course is 3 sessions and will be run on the following dates:

Session 1	6pm – 8pm	Thursday 20 th October 2016
Session 2	6pm – 8pm	Thursday 27 th October 2016
Session 3	6pm – 8pm	Thursday 3 rd November 2016

Course Facilitators: Veronica Jarrett and Barbara Mulligan

Cost is \$10 per parent/couple/carer(s) to cover the cost of the parent workbook (only one required per family). This workbook will be available for purchase on the night.

Register by calling Our Lady of the Way school office on 4735 1930

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a ParentsShop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au



Corpus Christi Primary School Market Day

Saturday 10th September 2016 - 11AM to 3PM

Stalls include:

Clothes

Candles

Children's Craft

Cake stall

Small gifts

Beauty Products

Family Fun:

Baby animals

Face Painting

Mini golf

Spray tattoos

Free live Entertainment

Games

School Hall @ Corpus Christi Primary School,
Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

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For information on stall availability
please email
corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au
with subject "Spring Market Question"

Food vendors: Pizza Hot dogs Ice-blocks
Cakes/Slices Fairy floss Tea/coffee