



By The Way



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

25th October 2018

DIARY DATES

Fri 26 October
Year 5 Camp

Wednesday 31 October
Kinder 2019
Orientation & Parent Meeting,
8.45 – 10.45am

Thursday 1 November
All Saints Day

Friday 2 November
All Souls Day

Friday 9 November
Farewell Mass and Refreshments
12 noon

Monday 26 November
Swimming Program Begins

Monday 3 December
Christmas Concert Night

Wed 5 December
Primary Swimming Carnival

Wed 12 December
Year 6 Graduation Mass

Thursday 13 December
Thank You Afternoon Tea

Friday 14 December
9am Awards Ceremony

7pm Year 6 Social

Monday 17 December
End of Year Mass

Wed 19 December
Last day for students

Thursday 31 January
First day of school for Years 1-6

Kinder begin
9.30am to 12.30pm

Friday 1 February
Kinder attend
8.45am to 12.30pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

Welcome back to all our families. I can tell from the children that they enjoyed the break and the opportunity to spend time with their families. A very special welcome to Mrs Brooke McDonald who has joined the OLOW community this term in Year 3 - we know that you will find our school inviting and inclusive

Well the end of my time at Our Lady of the Way School is near and this is my final Newsletter as I move to a new school on Monday 5th November. This decision has been bittersweet - sad to be leaving and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. St Michael's is a large community with a student population of 720.

While I am very apprehensive, I know that I am leaving Our Lady of the Way in the capable and professional hands of Miss Mizzi and the staff; and in 2019 with Mrs Mcfadzean at the helm. I know you will welcome Mrs Mcfadzean just the way you welcomed me five years ago.

Serving as Principal of OLOW has been a great honour and a defining part of my life. When I was appointed Principal in 2014, I had so many ideas and dreams for our students and school. I am happy to say that I have seen many of them come true.

The students at OLOW are very blessed. The majority of them have stable lives and live in good homes with families who love, care about them and are doing all they can to help them succeed. They are good kids who are compassionate, strive to be respectful to others and treat them with kindness.

I want to thank all of you for your support and confidence in me throughout the past five. I will certainly miss working with the school and parish community and the opportunity to interact with the students.

I wish to thank each and every one of you. To our P&F and all the fabulous parents who have supported the school during my time as Principal. The community building, fund raising and support of the school has been outstanding.

To my leadership team - for their tireless support, professionalism, commitment, hard work and dedication to our school. Their support has enabled me to do my job well.

To the wonderful office staff, who helped to make me look good with all the work they do in the office and to our support staff who do a great job working with the teachers to ensure that learning is our number one priority.

To the amazing teachers at this school who have been fabulous to work with and I thank them for their dedication, hard work and commitment to helping each student to reach their potential. I am so proud of you.

I would specially like to acknowledge and thank Fr Mick and Fr Regie for their spiritual leadership of the Parish. I have found both Fr Mick and Fr Regie to be men of principle, devoted to their work and a tremendous support to me.

And finally, to all the students at our school.....It has been a pleasure to know you and I have many, many wonderful memories of the time spent with you over the years.

It has been my privilege to be the leader of such a vibrant, high quality and hardworking community. I have loved working at Our Lady of the Way – the rewards have been great – I feel very blessed to have been a part of your journey.

It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

May God Bless You,
Mrs Sue Veling
Principal



Newsletter of Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School, Emu Plains

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"To act justly, To love tenderly and To walk humbly with our God"

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 3 WEEK 10 & TERM 4 WEEK 1



Aisling Cremen, Max Calleja, Avery Hall, Xavier Clark, Zac Welton, Tyler Gahagan, Jetta Grady, Lucia Rose, all of Year 2; Kallum Jackson-Logan; Jake Thompson, Amity Houlihan, Cooper Hegarty, Taylah Cowley, Lucienne Heffernan, Isaac Steele, Charlie Thomas, Maison Still, Hamish McLennan, Rose Zeidan, Isaac Ahern, Cody Mortimer, Oliver McClenahan, Chase Bryan, Tanner Clarke, Tyra Footman, Mackenzie Degnan, Marcus Elias, Jack Casey, Mia Eekman, Aidan Callaghan, Cassidy Southall, Jade Elford, Riley Brown, Emily Sekulic, Marshall Pereira, Riley Burton, Henry Starr.

ATTENDANCE - EVERY LEARNER - EVERY DAY

At *Our Lady of the Way*, we continue to promote positive student attendance. Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day. Regular school attendance plays a **critical role** in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities. When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Our Lady of The Way Primary Emu Plains	87.7%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	96.3%
01	87.9%
02	89.7%
03	83.2%
04	92.1%
05	71.7%
06	92.3%

Our school average this week is **87.7%**, which is **below** the CEDP target of 90%. **Congratulations to Kindergarten, Year 4 and Year 6 who continue to display excellent attendance.** We love seeing all our students at school!

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.*

Partial Absences (PA) are recorded for each child every time they are late to school or leave early from school. **Partial Absence** from school does add up to time away from learning, settling into routines of the day or saying goodbye at the end of the day. It is important that all children are at school by 8:45am when our school day starts. A **Partial Absence** is recorded from this time and an explanation is required by parents or a carer when being signed in through the Office.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

We are planning for the 2019 school year and to help us with this please let the office know if your family will not be continuing at OLOW in 2019. A reminder to families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing MUST be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received, a pro-rata credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the principal, the term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

School Bus Opal Card School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018. Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.



Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition, which is due to, expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Parental controls for iPads and iPhones

Supporting children with their use of devices is a growing area of difficulty for parents in the home. Technology is everywhere, including in our classrooms and there are many positives to technology use. It supports student learning, provides access to the world and keeps us connected. However, more and more research is being done about the effect of screen time, particularly before bedtime, and its negative effect on sleep patterns for both children and adults. As parents and educators of pre-adolescent children, we have the added concern about the access our children have to apps and websites that they are not developmentally ready for.

A technologically savvy parent at OLOW recently shared a way that they are helping their family with managing screen time and access to various apps.

The latest Apple update to Version 12 removes the restrictions setting. It has been replaced with a new setting called *SCREENTIME*.



This setting allows you to set limits to the amount of screentime your child has access



It provides a number of different age limits for accessing apps



Parents can set apps that are available all of the time, for example educational apps and restrict access to other apps



It has stricter levels of security for use

For more information, please go to this website:

<https://www.wired.com/story/how-to-use-screen-time-ios-12/>



KINDERGARTEN 2019 ORIENTATION MORNING

For parents and their children

WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER

8:45-10:45am in the hall

SWIMMING PROGRAM: KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 4

Our 2018 swimming program is booked for Week 7 - Monday 26th November to Friday 30th November. All students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will attend this five-day (60 minutes each day) intensive program at Nepean Aquatic Centre, Lambridge Place, Penrith. This program is funded by your child's annual activity fee paid via school fees. If your school fees are not up-to-date, please pay for this activity at the office.

2019 PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TEAM SPORT TRIALS

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Wednesday 31st October as these trials will be held in November 2018. All OTHER sport registrations will open in November for 2019 trials. Any primary students enrolled in Years 5 and 6 in 2019 are invited to participate in the **Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials** during Term Four in 2018 and Term One & Two in 2019.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2019 be invited to attend.

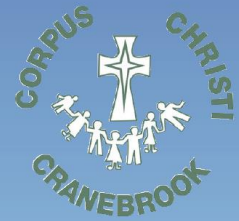
Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), Touch (B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials, an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au.

This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for the 2019 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria; therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed. Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the child's school.

In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. All fields and especially 'Representative Experience' MUST be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date. Detailed information can be found on the website: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au.

Corpus Christi Primary School MARKET DAY



Saturday 27th October 2018 • 10AM to 2PM

Stalls include:

Licensed kids' clothes
Candles
Children's Craft

Small gifts
Fresh flowers
Nutrimetics

Handmade garments
Jewellery
Scrapbook



Family Fun:

Face Painting
Magician
Cricket Australia
AFL Giants
Games

**Corpus Christi Primary School
90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook**

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

Food vendors:

Sausage sizzle
Doughnuts
Gözleme
Ice cream
Cakes/slices/scones
Tea/coffee

Healthy Mouths for Kids at School

Dental information for parents & carers

Did you know?

Not brushing teeth daily and sugary food and drinks, cause tooth decay.

Children with tooth decay can have trouble eating, sleeping, talking and focusing in class.



Clean Well

Brush teeth after breakfast and before bed. Help children brush until they are 8 years old.

Drink Well

Make tap water your family's drink.



Play Well

A well fitted mouthguard can reduce the risk of injury.



Eat Well

Offer healthy snacks like cheese, veggie sticks, fresh fruit & plain yoghurt.

Stay Well

Children should have regular dental checks.



Health
Centre for
Oral Health Strategy

Did you know?

General dental treatment for children under 18 years of age is **free** at all NSW Public Dental Services. Some children may also be eligible for the Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), which are bulk billed in public Dental Services. For more information about CDBS in NSW Public Dental Services visit: www.health.nsw.gov.au/cdbs

Public Dental Health Call Centre	Phone Number
Nepean Blue Mountains	(02) 4734 2387 or 1300 769 221

Nepean Blue Mountains Oral Health Clinics are located at:

- Nepean Hospital
- Hawkesbury Community Health Building
- Katoomba Hospital
- Lithgow Community Health Building

