



By The Way



Celebrating 40 Years of Catholic Education at Emu Plains

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

12th April 2019

Dear Parents,

Please find below a mini-Newsletter for your information.

Have a wonderful holiday! See you all next term.

Regards,
Donna McFadzean
Principal



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY 2019

All *Our Lady of the Way* students and their parents are invited to join our Year 6 leadership team at the 37th Annual Emu Plains ANZAC Day Service.

Date: Thursday 25th April 2019

Address: Emu Plains Guide Hall (cnr Nepean Street & Great Western Highway)

Time: 7:50am for 8am start – marching across to the cenotaph in Emu Plains Park

Please wear your summer uniform and meet Miss Mizzi as we march together carrying our school banner.

celebrating
Mother's Day

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST AND LITURGY – Wednesday 8th May

Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers are invited to attend our 2019 Mothers' Day Celebrations. This year, we begin with breakfast for our mums, grandmothers, carers and the children from 7.45 – 8.45am followed by a Liturgy at 9.15am. So please join us as we celebrate everything these special ladies give to our lives.

ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Enrolment packs for Kindergarten 2020 enrolments are available from the school office. Please collect these packs and return them by the 31st May to ensure your child's enrolment. We already have a large group of new families wishing to enrol in 2020. Enrolment interviews will commence in Week 1 of Term 2.

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Students return to school on Monday 29th April. There will be a two-week uniform change over. If you feel that the weather is still too warm for children to wear their winter uniform, summer uniform can be worn. By Monday 13th May all children must be wearing winter uniform. The correct uniform should be worn at all times in order to maintain high expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to the child's teacher.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New Learning Framework for Religious Education:

2019 saw the launch of a new Learning Framework for Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta. The Bishop's own motto 'Duc in Altum' (Go out into the deep) has provided the inspiration for this ambitious project. This new Learning Framework will be the basis of a new approach to Religious Education which will replace "Sharing Our Story" the current curriculum that has been in place for over 20 years.

The process of developing a new Learning Framework for Religious Education has been a co-creation with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. At the heart of the process was the commitment that the student wonderings about their faith would be the catalyst and the inspiration of the Learning Framework. The new approach is based on an experiential and inquiry based pedagogy and responds to learning elements of the Review of Religious Education that took place in 2014.

The draft Learning Framework for Religious Education is being trialled in Term 2 and our school has taken up the exciting opportunity to be a part of the trial in Years 3-6. This will replace the current Sharing Our Story Program for Term 2. All our teachers will participate in a Professional Learning Program for the new Learning Framework throughout 2019 and will be well prepared for its implementation. This is an exciting opportunity for our community to further enhance our approach to Religious Education and promises to offer great learning for our staff and students.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you throughout the year and will keep you abreast of the details of the trial as it proceeds.

'Walk for Water' Fundraiser:



A huge thank you is extended to our incredibly generous community. With your support our students were able to raise \$977.95. This money will help Caritas change the lives of so many people.



ANZAC Day Prayer Celebration:

You are invited to attend our ANZAC Day prayer celebration on April 29 - the first day of Term 2. It will be led by our student leaders and will commence at 10:15am in front of our Wall of Remembrance.



Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Each child at *Our Lady of the Way* is expected to wear the uniform as stipulated below. The full school uniform can be purchased from Lowes – Shop 106, Westfield Penrith, 585 High Street, Penrith. Phone: (02) 4721 4340.

All articles of clothing and belongings must be clearly marked with your child's name.

Girls' Winter Uniform	Boys' Winter Uniform	Girls' & Boys' Sports Uniform
Grey/Green Plaid Tunic & White Blouse with Peter Pan Style Collar	Grey pants – long school style (cargo style or corduroy are not permitted) & long-sleeved mint green shirt with school emblem.	Bottle green unisex knee length sports shorts with school emblem and bottle green polo shirt with gold side panels and white trim with school emblem
Bottle green jumper, zip jacket or school sloppy joe with school emblem.	Bottle green jumper, zip jacket or school sloppy joe with school emblem	Bottle green jumper, zip jacket or school sloppy joe with school emblem
Black leather school shoes (no black joggers)	Black leather school shoes (no black joggers)	Sports shoes - predominately white with white laces (Fluoro or multi coloured shoes are not permitted)
Black tights/stocking (no dance pants or leggings etc.)	Grey ankle socks (not sports anklet socks)	Plain white ankle socks with school emblem on cuff
Bottle green school hat with school emblem	Bottle green school hat with school emblem	Bottle green school hat with school emblem
Scarves, gloves or beanies worn in winter must be school green only.		Bottle green track suit with school emblem

All students wear their sports clothes on Monday & Friday
**** The Our Lady of the Way school hat is compulsory to wear***
("No Hat / Play in the shade" policy is enforced for sun protection)

The following items may be purchased from the school office: *School Hats; School Library Bags; School Backpacks and white school sports socks with OLOW logo*. Second hand uniforms can be purchased through the Clothing Pool. The Clothing Pool is run by volunteer parents Monday morning, Monday afternoon and Friday afternoon. However, if they are unavailable it will not be open, but you can fill out an order form and we will endeavour to see if the items are available.

Hair Styling, Grooming & Jewellery Expectations

Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep hair off their face and out of their eyes. Haircuts are to be in a **sensible and conventional style**. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head, lines or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails of any sort and the use of gel and hairspray to spike hair is not permitted. For girls, long hair below the shoulder should be tied back by a ribbon, 'scrunchy', hair band or clip.

In the interest of safety and security, no jewellery should be worn. A watch, gold or silver bangle or bracelet that cannot be removed, are permitted. A plain gold silver or gold chain with a religious symbol or medal may be worn under the child's shirt out of sight. (However, this is not recommended due to valuable items being lost in the playground and children and parents being greatly upset at the loss).

If a girl's ears are pierced only one pair of sleepers or plain studs are to be worn in the lower ear lobe. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings at school or at any school activities. No other jewellery is permitted and teachers will ask students to remove inappropriate jewellery. Children are not to wear leather necklaces with beads or the like. In extreme cases, jewellery will be confiscated, secured and returned at a later time to the student or parent.

Make-up and nail polish are not part of the school uniform. Students wearing make-up or coloured nail polish will be asked to remove it.

USE OF THE STAFF/PARISH CAR PARK

Thank you to our many parents who follow the staff/parish carpark guidelines. Just a few parents are still using this car park in a dangerous manner. **The staff car park should not be entered unless you have a disabled label clearly visible.** Cars have been seen driving into the driveway, letting children out and then reversing out of the driveway. This is extremely dangerous as other children walk along the footpath and into the school in this area. The carpark spaces marked as Parish Parking are strictly for visitors attending Parish activities or events.

The NRMA reports that: -

- Ⓜ Small children can be impossible to see from inside a car, especially if they are immediately behind it.
- Ⓜ There is a large 'blind space' behind most cars.
- Ⓜ Even if your car has parking sensors or a video camera fitted, you may not notice a small child until it is too late to stop.

The Kiss 'n Drop Zone in the morning is a safe drop off area for all children. All vehicles are expected to drive carefully, especially when they use this area or drive past this area. Please do not do U-turns in front of the Kiss 'n Drop area or try and cross the road adjacent to it.

The NMRA reports that: -

- Ⓜ More than one third of pedestrians aged under six years killed in motor vehicle crashes were killed 'off road' in yards, car parks and driveways.
- Ⓜ Many of the young children who are not killed sustain severe and permanent injuries.
- Ⓜ Even when drivers use mirrors while reversing, visibility behind the car is limited.

You are urged not to put our children at risk.



NAPLAN TESTING 2019

This year NAPLAN testing will be held over two weeks and will be online. As in previous years, the students will complete a Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy test. Year 3 will complete the writing test in pen and paper format and all other tests online. Year 5 will complete all tests online. Due to this change in format, NAPLAN will be conducted from Tuesday 14th May - Friday 24th May 2019 for students in Years 3 & 5. Further information will be communicated to the Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts early next term.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who donated eggs and baskets for the Year 6 Easter Raffle and participated by purchasing raffle tickets. Lots and lots of children won eggs in the raffle. Congratulations to the following major prize winners 1st prize – Olivia Scott, 2nd prize – Rowan Astridge, 3rd prize – Zara.

RECORDER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten will commence recorder work in Term 2. Recorders are available for purchase from the school office for \$10.00. These are an instrument of quality.

Elizabeth McGregor
Music Teacher

WEEK 9 AWARDS

Sorry that we missed you last week! Let's celebrate with Lexi Bahlmann and Reece Frank. Congratulations!



WEEK 10 AWARDS



Kinder	Braith Vella, Max Roney, Telia Davys, Chloe Pearson
Year 1	Memphis Cross, Estelle Fisher, Jackson Gabriel, Noah Sykes
Year 2	Jetta Grady, Kelsey Ellis, Declan Keigan, Hamish Gauke
Year 3	Aidan Latty, Ronan Cullen
Year 4	Carter Benitez, Patrick Reeks, Elijah Bradley-Labra
Year 5	Ashton Bartlett, Eli Smith, Abigail Andrews, Nathan Gillett-Moore
Year 6	Ella Keigan, Jack Brown, Sophie Jones, Finbar Cullen



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Term 2

Please check Skoolbag and the school calendar regularly for any changes.

Further information regarding individual events will be sent home closer to the day.

	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
April	Monday 29/4		First Day of Term 2	
		10.15am	ANZAC DAY Prayer	
			Kinder 2020 Enrolment Interviews	Enrolment Interviews for Kindergarten 2020 commence.
	Tuesday 30/4		Year 4 Excursion	"The Big Dig" @ The Rocks
MAY	Friday 3/5		Kinder Incursion	Drama Toolbox.
	Tuesday 7/5		Diocesan Cross Country	Diocesan team to represent OLOW at the Diocesan Carnival
	Wednesday 8/5	7.45am – 8.45am	Mothers' Day Breakfast	Mums, Aunties, Grandmas are all invited to join the children for a special breakfast in the school grounds.
		9.15am	Mothers' Day Liturgy	Please join us for our Mothers' Day Liturgy.
			Mothers' Day Stall	Students will be given the opportunity to purchase items from the Mothers' Day Stall.
		7.30pm	First Eucharist presentation for parents	If your child is preparing to make their First Eucharist there will be a parent presentation in the hall.
	Thursday 9/5 & Friday 10/5		Year 6 Canberra Excursion	Year 6 Students are on their way to Canberra for 2 days.
	Sunday 12/5		Mothers' Day	
	Tues 14/5 - Fri 24/5		Yr 3 & Yr 5	Online NAPLAN
	Friday 17/5		Yr 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill	Rouse Hill House and Farm History Excursion.
	Saturday 18/5		P & F Fundraiser	FABBA concert in the Hall.
	Sat 18/6 & Sun 19/6	6pm, 8am or 9.30am Mass	Blessing Weekend	For children and parents preparing for First Eucharist
	Wednesday 22/5	9.15am	Whole School Feast Day Mass	Mary Help of Christians Feast Day.
	Monday 27/5		Kinder – Year 6	Athletics Carnival at Parker Street Oval.
	Wednesday 29/5		Year 5 – 6 Girls	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day.

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Term 2

JUNE	Saturday 1/6		Trivia Night	P & F Trivia Night Get your thinking caps on. <i>Do you know what movie won the academy award in 1979? Book a table and we will give you the answer.</i>	
	Sunday 2/6	After 9.30am Mass	Big Morning Tea and communal prep session	For children and parents preparing for First Eucharist	
	Thursday 6/6		40 Year Anniversary Photo	A Whole school photo 	
	Monday 10/6		Queen's Birthday	Long Weekend	
	Wednesday 19/6			Year 5 & 6 Boys	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day.
		6.30pm		First Eucharist Rehearsal	Group A
	Sunday 23/6	8am or 11.30am		First Eucharist Mass.	Group A First Eucharist
	Wednesday 26/6			Years 3 & 4 Boys & Girls	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day.
		6.30pm		First Eucharist Rehearsal	Group B
	Friday 28/6				Feast of Sacred Heart.
Sunday 30/6	9.30am or 11.30am		First Eucharist Mass	Group B First Eucharist Mass.	
JULY	Friday 5/7		Last Day of Term		
	Monday 22/7	8.45am	Term 3 commences		