

**DIARY DATES**

- Sunday 12 May**  
Mothers' Day
- Tues 14 – Fri 24 May**  
NAPLAN
- Wednesday 15 May**  
Adopt A Farmer Mufti
- Friday 17 May**  
Year 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill  
  
Walk Safely to School Day
- Saturday 18 May**  
P & F Fabba Night  
Art Show & Concert
- Sat 18 / Sun 19 May**  
Blessing Weekend for Eucharist Preparation
- Wednesday 22 May**  
OLOW Feast Day  
Mass  
  
Year 6 GRIP Leadership Day  
  
Civic Reception for School Leaders, Penrith Council 6.00pm
- Friday 24 May**  
Feast of Mary Help of Christians
- Monday 27 May**  
Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday 29 May**  
Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
- Thursday 30 May**  
Kindergarten Billy Cart Incursion
- Thursday 6 June**  
40th Anniversary  
Whole School Photo Day
- Monday 10 June**  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Dear OLOW community



## Focus On Learning

Dear Our Lady of the Way Community

At Our Lady of the Way we are learners. Studies show that going to school every day is the single most important part of children's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

We encourage every student to attend school every day, on time, and stay for the whole day, to ensure that they receive an optimum education.

## 100% attendance

Special recognition to the following students who had a perfect attendance record up to today - they were **at school every day, on time, and stayed at school for the whole day.**

Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dylan Thompson Heidi Walsh	Logan Bishop Patrick Burke Madison Fitzsimmons Henry Hurst Caitlin Moran Orlando Pontello	Zoe Robertson Lucia Rose Hugo So	Amara Frank Emily McDonald Ruby Murphy Daniel Partlett	Natalie Burke	Alexander Boyd Ava Grech Hunter Grima Hamish Rose	Harrison Phillips Isabelle Roots Riley Tait

Yours in Christ  
Donna McFadzean  
Principal

**New Afternoon Dismissal Procedure and Gate Opening Times**  
**New Assembly Time**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning at assembly Mrs McFadzean informed the community of a change to our afternoon dismissal procedures. At Our Lady of the Way we aim to be SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNERS and the changes to our procedures are to maximise the learning time in our afternoon session and to ensure that our dismissal is done in a calm and safe manner.

**New Afternoon Dismissal Procedure and Gate Opening Times**

The procedures were explained again this afternoon to those parents/carers who picked up children and the process was very smooth and successful. We thank all for their cooperation and understanding. For those who were not at school today, the process is outlined below:

School gates will be opened at 2:50pm. Students will be brought out by their classroom teachers at or just before the bell and will line up in designated spaces (see table below). Parents are asked to wait on the astro turf or on the concrete by the Remembrance Wall and garden (wherever is closest to your child's class). Once the bell rings at 2:55pm, students will be dismissed in the following order:

1. Students catching a bus
2. Students attending After School Care
3. Students walking or riding home
4. From this point, students will be looking for the parents/carers. Once they see them, the student is to inform the class teacher who will ensure they can see the person collecting the student before sending them off. Teachers have a duty of care to ensure that all students leave the school safely.

CLASS	LINING UP AREA	PARENT/CARER WAITING AREA
Kindergarten	Under the COLA	On the concrete by the remembrance wall and garden
Year 1	Year 1 Astroturf near the staffroom	On the concrete by the office
Year 2	Under the verandah outside Year 2/Library	On the concrete by the remembrance wall and garden
Year 3	Under the Shade cloth	On the Astroturf
Year 4	Under the Shade cloth	On the Astroturf
Year 5	By the Year 5 Stairs	On the concrete by the remembrance wall and garden
Year 6	Under the verandah outside the Library	On the concrete by the remembrance wall and garden

In alignment with our desire to maximise learning time and ensure the safety of our students, the school gates will be closed and locked in the morning as the classes proceed into class. The morning session is the most valuable learning and teaching time for our students and teachers and we aim to maximise this time. If you need to discuss anything about your child with their teacher, please contact the office to organise a meeting time (either in person or on the phone), write a note and send it in with your child or email the school email account, subject class teachers. This way we can ensure that the communication line is open and that teachers can focus on the learning and wellbeing of all their students.

### **New Assembly Time**

Starting this Friday, there will be a change to the Monday morning whole school assembly. We know that optimum learning time is in the first two hours of the day. Monday morning is also the time where routines and learning for the week is established. With this in mind, Whole school assembly will now be held on a Friday afternoon. At this time we can celebrate the week of learning that we have just completed, and look ahead to the week to come.

On a Monday morning, on our class lines, we will sing our anthem and say a prayer as a community. On a Friday, at 2:35pm, the school will gather under the COLA for an assembly that will include a prayer with the scripture for coming Sunday, celebrate birthdays, celebrate great learning with awards and look ahead to the events of the coming week.

We thank our parent and wider community for understanding and cooperating with our new procedures for the good of all students at Our Lady of the Way.

### **NAPLAN**

Next week Year 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing along with students across Australia. For the first time, all NAPLAN testing will be completed online with the exception of the Year 3 Writing which will be pencil and paper. Students will complete four tests: Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy (in this order). The testing period is from **Tuesday 14th May - Friday 24th May**. To assist the teachers with the organisation and administration of the tests, we ask that if a child is unwell and not attending school on a testing day, that the office be called prior to 8:45am. Teachers can then make the necessary adjustments to the timetable. Grades can not move onto the next test until all students have completed the set test for the day.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

### **Mother's Day**

On Wednesday morning we celebrated our amazing mums and special women in our lives and gave thanks to God for them. We began with a beautiful breakfast where our mums and nans could share a cuppa and pastry with their children and other OLOW mums. Year 3 then led us beautifully in prayer and song.

***We thank you, O Lord, for the gift of Motherhood.  
May those blessed with children be granted the gifts of courage,  
perseverance and good health.***

***May they face each new day with faith and hope in  
your abiding love.***

***May all families find in the strength of your love***

***The priceless gift of peace***

***And so bear witness to your glory.***

***Amen***

Yours in partnership,

**Emma Mizzi**

Assistant Principal



## WINTER UNIFORMS

Please note that from next Monday, 13th May, all children will be required to wear their winter uniform to school each day.

Please make sure that all articles of clothing and belongings are clearly marked with your child's name.

<b>Girls' Winter Uniform</b>
Grey/Green Plaid Tunic & White Blouse with Peter Pan Style Collar
Bottle green jumper, zip jacket or school sloppy joe with school emblem.
Black leather school shoes (no black joggers)
Black tights/stocking (no dance pants or leggings etc.) <i>(No option to wear short white socks from 2015)</i>
Bottle green school hat with school emblem
Scarves, gloves or beanies worn in winter must be school green only.
<b>Boys' Winter Uniform</b>
Grey pants – long school style (cargo style or corduroy are not permitted) & long-sleeved mint green shirt with school emblem. <i>(No option to wear short-sleeved shirt and shorts from 2015)</i>
Bottle green jumper, zip jacket or school sloppy joe with school emblem
Black leather school shoes (no black joggers)
Grey ankle socks (not sports anklet socks)
Bottle green school hat 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 / No Play" policy is enforced for sun protection for all children.)***

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Mothers' Day Liturgy:



Thank you to the Year 3 teachers and students who prepared such a beautiful celebration to honour our mothers, grandmothers and carers.

### Sacrament of the Eucharist:

\*Wednesday - May 8 - 7:30pm -Parent's theme presentation night

\*Saturday/ Sunday - May 18 & 19 - Blessing weekend - any Mass

\*Sunday - June 2 - morning tea and communal preparation

\*Wednesday - June 19 - 6:30pm- 8:00pm (Group A First Eucharist on Sunday June 23)

\*Wednesday - June 26 - 6:30pm- 8:00pm (Group B First Eucharist on Sunday June 30)

\*First Eucharist will be celebrated on a choice of;

Sunday June 23 (8am Parish Mass or extra Mass at 11.30am)

Sunday June 30 (9.30am Parish Mass or extra Mass at 11.30am)



## New Learning Framework for Religious Education:

2018 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 Stage 2 and Stage 3. 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.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## *Carole Day*

Religious Education Coordinator

### AWARDS



#### Term 1 Week 11 Awards

Kinder: Kate Fenning, Heath Mills, Leah Durham, Serafina Bessi  
Year 1: Casey Crambrook, Patrick Burke, Indiana Shatford, Orlando Pontello  
Year 2: Arliyah Casey, Dylan Anderson, Ava Jones, Kosta Bouletos  
Year 3: Jake Callaghan  
Year 4: Nicholas Heffernan, Marlie Robertson  
Year 5: Chloe Luczak, Jacob Thompson, Cassidy Southall  
Year 6: Lucienne Heffernan, Mason Eekman

## ATTENDANCE

Target  
**90%**

Current Attendance  
**85.0%**

Kinder	82.8%
Year 1	88.7%
Year 2	85.8%
Year 3	86.9%
Year 4	79.5%
Year 5	89.9%
Year 6	81.1%

## SPORTS NEWS

### DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following children who competed in the Diocesan Cross Country carnival on Tuesday 7th of May at Eastern Creek:

Oliver MacLennan, Fraser Tait, Chase Bryan, Eli Downey. Oliver Casey, Kye Chapman, Edward Lennon, Mikayla Blazek, Emma-Lee Haines, Tyra Footman, Ella Hirsch, Grace Carey, Marlie Robertson, Noah Downey, Jack Casey, Darby Weber, Jayden Miles, Will Elford, Jake Thompson, Ava Grech, Jessica Crambrook, Abby Godwin, Sophie Wade, Akeda Deacon-Chilmaid, Madison Stansfield, Jacob Bennett, Harrison Phillips, Jaxon Kenyon, Cooper Bahlmann, Cooper Hegarty, Hamish Rose, Dominic Vella, Isabelle Roots, Annabelle Tran, Alyssa McDonald, Eden Chapman, Lucienne Heffernan, Luke Durham, Cooper Hartstonge, Kees Muller, Benny Tabor, Lincoln Mayer, Samuel Thompson, Sienna Footman, Milly Brace, Leilahni Isaia, Gabrielle Boyd, Holly Clark, Breha Pearson, Jade Elford.

All students showed great determination and gave it their best efforts.

A special congratulations to the following children who placed in their event and will continue on to the next carnival on Friday the 14th of June:

Mikayla Blazek (4th Place)  
Eddy Lennon (1st Place)  
Jack Casey (4th Place)  
Jacob Bennett (8th Place)

We are very appreciative to our parent helpers who volunteered as track officials and to those who walked the track with the children. Thank you for your time and effort.

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Please mark the date of the whole school **Athletics Carnival** in your calendar - **Monday 27th of May (Week 5)**. We will be needing as many parent volunteers as possible in order for the day to run smoothly. We appreciate any time you can give to help us on the day.

Parramatta Representative Teams:

### PARRAMATTA DIOCESE AT MACKILLOP TRIALS

We wish the following students the best of luck as they represent the Parramatta Diocese at Mackillop Trials in Canberra on Friday the 10th of May.

Sophie Jones from Year 6 - a member of the Parramatta Hockey Team  
Jade Elford from Year 6 - a member of the Parramatta Rugby League Team  
Dominic Vella from Year 6 - a member of the Parramatta Rugby League Team  
Jacob Bennett from Year 5 – a member of the Parramatta Rugby League Team

It is already a huge achievement to have been selected for the Parramatta Representative team and we are very proud of their efforts so far. We are sure they will do OLOW proud at their trials on Friday.

**Megan Vella**  
Sports Coordinator



## Tell Them From Me

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

## SCHOOL FEES

The second instalment of school fees have been posted home. If you have not received your statement please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home. The due date for fees is on, or before 5 June 2019. Thank you to those families who have paid their first instalment, or who have set up arrangements and are paying accordingly.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or me, fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued."

If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, I encourage you to contact me on 4777 7200 or [olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au) to discuss payment options. The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. Please be assured of complete confidentiality when discussing financial issues.

**Please note: There is no 50/50 split of school fees. Enrolment signatories are joint and severally responsible for payment of fees.**

**Pascale Vion**

Senior Finance Officer

## CHATTERBOX LIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

*Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.*

*Held at St Andrews College in Marayong on 13<sup>th</sup> June, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.*

*Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/>*

*Free ticket registration for this event will be available from Monday, May 20th at 9am by visiting [chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au).*

*If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via [landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au) or on 9840 5790.*

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Our Lady of the Way  
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## Join our FREE Penrith YMCA Go4Fun program this term – places are filling fast!

*Each 2-hour session covers topics such as:*

Learning about healthy habits | Lunch box ideas  
Fun group activities | Exercise | Building confidence  
Managing digital screen time | Guided supermarket tour | Sports and games

*Go4Fun is for families with children aged 7 – 13 years who are above a healthy weight*

**Where: Penrith YMCA, 1 Pattys Place, Jamisontown**

**When: Tuesdays, 4-6pm (from Tuesday 7 May, 2019)**

**How to register: Call 1800 780 900 or visit [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)**