

## DIARY DATES

### Friday 30 August

7.30am Fathers' Day Breakfast  
9.00am Liturgy followed by Celebration of Learning with Open Classrooms

### Tuesday 3 September

Year 3 Excursion to Mackillop Place

### Friday 6 September

Yr 2 Muru Mitigar Incursion

### Sunday 8 September

Confirmation Big Morning Tea

### Wednesday 11 Sept

K & Yr 5 Parish Mass 9.15am

Yr 2 Excursion to Lewers Gallery

Confirmation Picnic Evening

### Friday 13 September

Touch Football Stage 2 Gala Day

### Thursday 19 September

Confirmation Mass, 7pm

### Friday 20 September

Footy Fever Day

### Wednesday 25 September

Grandparents' Day

### Friday 27 September

Touch Football Stage 3 Gala Day

Last day of Term 3

### Monday 14 October

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

### Tuesday 15 October

Term 4 Begins

### Wed 23 – Fri 25 October

Year 5 Camp at Berry

### Wednesday 30 October

Kinder 2020 Orientation Morning, 9.00- 10.30am

Basketball Gala Day Stages 2 & 3

### Mon 25 – Fri 29 Nov

K-4 Swimming Lessons

Dear Our Lady of the Way Community

## Happy Father's Day

In preparing to write this newsletter I wanted to know what the origin of Father's Day was and I discovered that the present day celebration of Father's Day goes back to the time of the Middle Ages when the celebration of fatherhood was observed on 19th March. This day was celebrated on the same day as the feast day of Saint Joseph. Father's Day was not celebrated in other countries outside the Catholic traditions until the beginning of the 20th century.

Father's Day is celebrated across the world with the objective of honouring the contribution of fathers in our lives. It is a day which celebrates the endless efforts, initiatives and contributions of all fathers.

### A Prayer for Fathers

*St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labour and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labour alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.*

Amen



Yours in Christ

Donna McFadzean

## OUR LADY OF THE WAY MISSION STATEMENT

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*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.*

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### REQUESTING LEAVE DURING SCHOOL TERMS

As you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for every child.

If you intend on taking your child out of school for **five** days or more you must make a formal application in writing to the Principal and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

These regulations are in place to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and we know you will understand the reasoning behind them.



We thank you for supporting our school's agreed practice of all emails from families going through the school email address. We are unable to respond to emails sent directly to staff. If a matter is of a sensitive nature or confidential please include this in the subject heading of the email.

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Now  
Enrolling!



## Kindergarten enrolments for 2020

*Offers of enrolment for Kindergarten 2020 have been sent out and we are in the process of finalising numbers. Ensure your child's place at Our Lady of the Way by completing and returning your*

*enrolment forms as soon as possible. Once complete, please submit your application to the School Office. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website at*

*<http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au>.*

*There are limited places available in other grades. If you are aware of families wishing to enrol their children, please ask them to contact the school office on 4777 7200.*

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## Parish Mass:

You are invited to join the students on the following date:

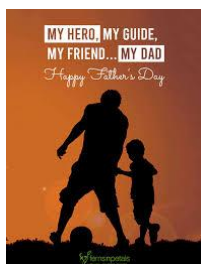
Wednesday September 11 - Kindergarten and Year 5 @ 9:15a



## Pyjama Day:



Thank you so much for your generosity in helping to support our Pyjama Day last Tuesday. You helped to raise **\$498.90** to support the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. We are very grateful.

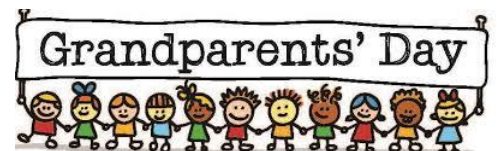


## Fathers' Day Liturgy:

After our Fathers' Day Breakfast tomorrow, August 30 the students of Year 2 will lead a very special liturgy to honour our fathers, grandads and father-figures. Please join us at 9:00am for this celebration under the COLA on the main playground.

## Grandparents' Day Mass:

Wednesday, September 25 is Grandparents' Day. Please join us as we begin our special day by celebrating Mass at 9:15am.



## Carole Day

Religious Education Coordinator

# Go out into the Deep

## Becoming the Community Christ Calls Us to Be



*“Do not be afraid to convey the Gospel in new ways and launch into the deep.”*

That was one of the messages Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, shared at the inaugural Diocesan Forum on Saturday 13 July. The forum called diocesan representatives to respond to the signs of the times as we listen to what the Spirit is saying through our own communities and through the Plenary Council process.

View the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, reports from the forum data and images from the day here: [www.parracatholic.org/forum2019](http://www.parracatholic.org/forum2019).

Further opportunities will invite us all to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives coming out of the forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## Play as a form of inquiry

*Over the years we have shared much information about how we use Project Based Learning in our Primary grades as an inquiry pedagogy. This practice is used to enable learners to develop critical contemporary learning skills such as problem solving, collaboration and critical thinking and it promotes deep and transferable learning. If you're a parent of a child in Kindergarten, you would remember us sharing with you about how we are using play in the younger years to achieve the same purpose. On Tuesday, a number of staff from our Kindergarten, Year 1 and leadership teams attended a conference about learning through play and its importance in a child's formative years from birth to the age of 8. The conference particularly focused on the Walker Learning Model for learning through play. It highlights that the use of play is inquiry for our younger students and provides experiences and opportunities for the children to develop life skills including:*



*“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.”*

O. Fred Donaldson

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- Resilience
- Problem solving
- Creativity
- Thinking skills
- Development of self concept
- Intrinsic motivation
- Communication skills

*Learning through play will be an inquiry pedagogy that we will continue to explore at Our Lady of the Way and look forward to sharing more with you in the future.*

*In partnership,*

**Emma Mizzi**

*Assistant Principal*

## SPORTS NEWS

Over the past few weeks we have had some very busy athletes from OLOW competing in the Zone and Diocesan carnivals. Well done to all students involved, we hope it was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for you all!

Here are the results for our Zone competitors from the carnival on the 9th of August:

**Darby Weber** - 4th in Jnr 800m, 2nd in Jnr Shot Put

**Jacob Bennett** - 3rd in 11yrs 800m

**Edward Lennon** - 1st in AMCE Jnr 100m, 1st in AMCE Jnr 200m, 1st in AMCE Jnr Shot Put, 1st in AMCE Jnr Long Jump, 1st in AMCE Jnr Discus

**Max Selby** - 2nd in AMCE Snr 100m, 2nd in AMCE Jnr Shot Put, 2nd in AMCE Jnr Long Jump, 2nd in AMCE Jnr Discus

**Remy Cross** - 2nd in 8yrs 100m, 2nd in Jnr Relay

**Declan Casey** - 1st in 10yrs 100m, 4th in 10yrs 200m, 2nd in Jnr Relay

**Will Pearson** - 3rd in 10yrs 100m, 3rd in 10yrs 200m, 4th in 10yrs Discus, 2nd in Jnr Relay

**Cara Smith** - 4th in 11yrs 100m

**Archie King** - 3rd in Jnr Long Jump

**Brody Green** - 1st in 11yrs Shot Put, 4th in 11yrs Discus

**Jade Elford** - 2nd in Snr Discus, 1st in Snr Shot Put

**Samuel Thompson** - 2nd in Snr Discus, 2nd in Snr Shot Put, Runners Up Snr Age Champion

**Michael Gardiner** - 3rd in 11yrs Discus

**Mia McGrath** - 4th in Jnr Discus

**Noah Downey** - 2nd in Jnr Relay

**Ava Grech** - 4th in Jnr Relay

**Holly Penny** - 4th in Jnr Relay

**Jessica Crambrook** - 4th in Jnr Relay

**Mikayla Blazek** - 4th in Jnr Relay

These amazing athletes then went on to compete at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on the 23rd of August, representing the Nepean Zone.

Here are the results from the Diocesan Carnival:

**Edward Lennon** - 1st in AMCE Jnr 100m, 1st in AMCE Jnr 200m, 1st in AMCE Jnr Shot Put, 1st in AMCE Jnr Long Jump, 1st in AMCE Jnr Discus

**Remy Cross** - 4th in 8yrs 100m

**Will Pearson** - 4th in 10yrs 100m, 3rd in 10yrs 200m

**Jade Elford** - 4th in Snr Shot Put

**Samuel Thompson** - 1st in Snr Discus

These 5 students will represent the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Team at the NSWCPSS MacKillop Track & Field Championships on the 16th of September. We wish them the best of luck and congratulate them on their incredible achievements!





## NETBALL NEWS 2019

The St Nicholas' Netball Gala Day was held on Wednesday August 28th at Penrith. The teachers received many compliments from family members regarding the great sportsmanship and positive attitude displayed by our netballers. Each player showed pride in their school and in their team. Whether they won, drew or lost, the players continuously celebrated being part of a wonderful team. Congratulations to all players. Your families and teachers were very proud of you.

Many thanks to Mrs McGrath, Mrs Carey, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Riley, Mrs Hooke, Mrs Penny, Mrs Wade and Mrs Storr for your assistance. To all OLOW family members and teachers who supported our teams, thank you!



We also thank the six ex-students who umpired for us today- Sophie, Milaya, Rory, Zoe, Charlize and Millicent.

Congratulations to the 12 Years Blue team who were undefeated champions in their division for the second year in a row!!

*Mrs. McKeon*

Year 3 Blue	Year 3 White	Year 4 Blue	Year 5 Blue	Year 6 Blue	Year 6 Gold
Mikayla	Nina	Demi	Lucia	Kiera	Shani
Grace	Ruby	Addison	Sophie	Leilahni	Addy
Olivia	Ruby	Emma	Miah	Cara	Simrin
Abby	Eva	Holly	Eden	Isabelle	Gabrielle
Mia	Mackenzie	Ivy	Ava	Tianna	Taylah
Maggie-Rose	Abigail	Marlie	Holly	Lucienne	Isabella
Jewel	Tyra	Jessica	Hannah	Breha	Sophie
Lauren	Vera	Macy	Mia	Scarlett	Ava
Ashleigh	Jahkalian	Layla	Maddison		Ellie
Krystal	Emma-Lee	Charlotte			



## AWARDS



### Term 3, Week 3 Awards

Max Roney, Ruby Carey, Lexi Bryan, Zachary Aldridge, Zali Bryant, Casey Crambrook, Daniel Yalden, Iustinian Vasilescu, Ava Jones, Cody Thompson, Kaylin Wilcox, Ava Dyrka, Iven So, Maggie-Rose Cremen, Lola Troitsin, James Byrne, Wil Elford, Marlie Robertson, Mario Della Scala, Myra Davidson



### Term 3, Week 4 Awards

Kate Fenning, Martha Ebeid, Tyler Callaghan, Leah Durham, Jett Edwards, Charley Whalan, Rose Zeidan, Hamish Gauke, Ruby Trad, Chloe Gardiner, Ella Grech, Colby Tran, Macy Crook, Kallum Jackson-Logan, William Drummond, Lucia Hooke, Hamish Rose, Milly Brace, Ellie Gillett-Moore, Addy Moffitt-Burke, Brody Green



### Term 3, Week 5 Awards

Jessica Miles, Isla Clarke, Mason North, Caitlin Moran, Avery Hall, Georgia Kenyon, Kaylin Wilcox, Dylan Anderson, Declan Deigan, Koby Lee Edwards, Dylan McDonald, Lara Dwyer, Bailey Stonehouse, Charlotte Gabriel, Jayden Munch, Owen Tait, Caleb Vanegas, Cooper Sulic, Sophie Wade, Jarrod Partlett, Abby Godwin, Lewis Edwards, Blade Funnell, Lincoln Mayer



Congratulations to  
Tiana James  
on completing the  
Third Wave Reading Intervention Program

## THE SKOOLBAG APP

Skoolbag is a free app that can be downloaded to your phone, iPad and computer as a form of communication with the school. Skoolbag IS NOT a social media app. It is available from iTunes and Google Play. Just search for OLOW Emu Plains and you will see our school crest. All school notes and newsletters are updated onto this site and you will receive an alert when something is uploaded or there is an important or urgent announcement. **This is a requirement for all families to ensure clear communication from the school to the home.**



## LEAVING OLOW AT THE END OF 2018?

A reminder to families that a terms 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 children. This is a Diocesan Policy.

## Parking and Road Safety at OLOW

Please observe all road rules whilst driving and walking to and from OLOW. Some points regarding safety are below:

- There should be no stopping in the 'No Stopping' zone at the children's crossing - *there have been cars parked in this zone and across the crossing.*
- There should also be NO PARKING in the staff and parish car park before or after school. This is a safety concern as people are parking and reversing in the car park near where students and families are walking.
- The 'No Stopping' zone keeps visibility clear for pedestrian safety
- The fine is \$337 and 2 demerit points in a school zone.
- Double parking:
  - Do not ever allow passengers to walk between parked cars – you cannot control the other vehicles.
  - Double parking is risky and illegal. The fine is \$337 and 2 demerit points in a school zone.
- U-turns near the school
  - Crashes are more likely if something unexpected happens, especially in busy traffic conditions.
  - Doing a U-turn while obstructing oncoming traffic is illegal with a fine of \$337 in a school zone.
- For those students who walk home unaccompanied - please talk to your children about crossing with the teacher at the Troy Street crossing. Some children have been crossing at the intersection of Troy and Forbes Street unaccompanied. This is a very busy and dangerous place to cross, even when accompanied by an adult.

**Council's Parking Rangers have been asked to patrol near the school.**

**Please drive and park safely and legally for the safety of your child and their friends.**

**Have you tried:**

**Arriving 10 minutes after the afternoon bell once the traffic has settled. Children can be told that they'll be picked up a few minutes late, and they will wait happily.**

**Parking a block or more from the school and walk to collect children.**

**Walking from home to pick up children is a relaxed and healthy way to finish the school day."**

**We need to work together to keep our community safe.**





School fee statements for the third instalment of school fees for 2019 have been mailed out. The due date for payment was Wednesday 28th August 2019. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

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”. Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta, for collection.

Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta, is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, you are encouraged to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with the Principal. Please be assured of complete confidentiality with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

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

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 from the school or a full term’s fees will be payable.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding the school fees, please contact me by phone on 4777 7200 or by email [olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**Pascale Vion**  
Senior Finance Officer

## CANTEEN NEWS

Your Canteen is now using Flexischools to communicate important updates with you.

To get alerted on canteen updates, simply download the **Flexischools App** and log in or register to create an account.



OLOW's **Brodie Miles** from Year 5 will be in this production.  
Book your tickets now to come along and support him!



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