





6th March 2020

Celebrating 40 Years of Catholic Education at Emu Plains

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

## DIARY DATES

Yrs 2, 3, 4 attending Parish Mass 9.15am

> P &F Meeting 7.00pm

#### Wed 18 March Munch & Crunch Kinder Fundraiser

Wed 25 March

Yr 1 & 6 attending Parish Mass 9.15am

Wed 1 April Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.30pm

Friday 3 April School Photo Day

Wed 8 April K & Yr 5 attending Parish Mass 9.15am

Monday 27 April Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)

Tuesday 28 April 1<sup>st</sup> day of Term 2 for students

10.15am ANZAC Day Prayer

Tues 12- Fri 22 May NAPLAN

Wed 27 May Feast of Mary Help of Christians Mass 9.15am

> Wed 10 June Year 4 CARES Excursion

Friday 19 June Feast of the Sacred Heart Liturgy, 9am

Friday 3 July Last day of Term 2

Monday 20 July Term 3 Begins Dear OLOW Community

## **Catholic Schools Week**

Last Sunday we had a very successful open classroom morning after 9:30am mass. On Monday we had over 200 visitors attend our Liturgy of the Word and our "Celebration of Learning - Open Classrooms". On Wednesday, we had a great deal of interest from parents looking to enrol their children in 2021. The feedback we received from these visitors was that they were very impressed with our facilities and the opportunities that we provide for the existing OLOW children. We also held a "Life and Learning at OLOW" parent information session in the evening and many parents took the opportunity to come and see and participate in sessions that resembled the children's learning in action. If you know someone who missed our Sunday and Wednesday open classrooms and tour, but would like to see our facilities with a view to enrolment, please encourage them to contact the school office for an enrolment package and to book in an open tour session.

We wish to thank those families who participated in all that was on offer during the week, especially celebrating Mass together with fellow parishioners. The children who attended also had the opportunity to attend Children's Liturgy. If your child enjoyed this experience, please feel free to attend Mass every first and third Sunday of the month.







Newsletter of Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School, Emu Plains 17 Troy Street, Emu Plains 2750 Phone: 4777 7200, Email: <u>OLOW@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>, Web: www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au/ "To act justly, To love tenderly and To walk humbly with our God"



#### **P** and **F** Meeting

We would like to extend an invitation to the community to attend our upcoming P and F Meeting. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. This meeting is open to all parents/carers, grandparents and parishioners.

We would like to extend our thanks to the P and F for organising the Family Fun Night. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community. The feedback from this evening was that families would love to have further opportunities to gather at a social level.



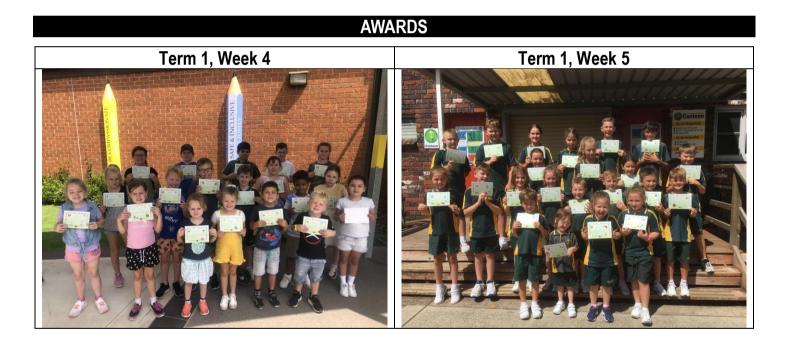
## OUR LADY OF THE WAY MISSION STATEMENT

At Our Lady of the Way we are a Catholic community setting the foundations for lifelong learning. We aim to provide students with a positive learning environment allowing them to develop the knowledge, skills and values to contribute positively to the world beyond school by *living respectfully, acting responsibly and learning together.* 

#### **Communication via Skoolbag and Website**

We would like to remind the community that each week we send out via Skoolbag a "Week at a Glance" notification. This message highlights the events of the upcoming week. In addition to Skoolbag, information around upcoming events can be found in our Newsletter (subscribe to the Newsletter via our website - <u>http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au/Community/Newsletters</u>). The events for the remainder of the year can also be accessed via the "Calendar" in the Skoolbag app as well as on our website.

Kind regards Donna McFadzean Principal Leader



#### **GENERAL NEWS**



We are looking for parents to help with the opening of the school Clothing Pool.

The parent helper would be responsible for opening the shop (on a morning or afternoon of your choice), taking orders and cash payments during that time, and maintaining a tidy environment.

The Clothing Pool is a valued resource in our school community. It provides many of our families with quality secondhand uniforms at affordable prices. Without parent helpers, we struggle to continually provide this service.

Please contact the office on 4777 7200, or email <u>olow@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> if you would like to help.

#### SCHOOL FEES

The First Instalment invoices have been posted out, if you have not received your invoice, please contact me on 4777 7200 to arrange for a copy to be sent home. Fees will be due on or before 18 March 2020.

Families will be offered the Flexible Payment Plan again this year. Please complete the forms attached to your statements and return them to the Catholic Education Office at your earliest convenience. Alternatively, if you wish to put in an arrangement outside of the Flexible Payment Plan, you will need to contact me by phone, or email <u>olow-emupfees@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your school fees account it will be assumed that full payment will be made by the due date.

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

Pascale Vion Senior Finance Officer

**COMMUNITY NEWS** 





## Co-educational Year 7 -12

75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

### Enrolling now for all year groups 2021

### Open Evening Tuesday 10 March 2020 5.00pm to 8.00pm

- Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders 0
- Tours of the College facilities 0
- Enrolment packages available  $\Diamond$
- **Principal Presentations**  $\Diamond$

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# **2021 ENROLMENTS**

................ Come along and see for yourself why girls are so happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College.

Tours of the college: 4:30 - 7:30pm **Principal's information sessions:** 5:30pm & 6:30pm

Further information can be obtained on our website and Facebook pages. www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au 90-98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park Enrolment packages can be obtained by contacting the college on: 4737 5500



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Hawkesbury Herpetological Society's 11th Annual

# PENRITH REPTILE EXPO & Family Fun Day

Photo by Kristian Bell

Children \$5Adults \$10Family \$255-12 years 4 and under - Free13 years and over2 Adults & 2 Children 5 - 12 yearsTickets available at the door or order online through Eventbrite

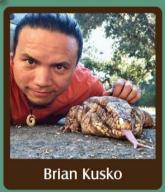
## Sunday 8th March 2020 - 9am - 4pm

Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, 30 Herbert St, Cambridge Park



### International Guests:





Licensed Reptiles For Sale Best In Show Reptiles Live Reptile Shows Reptile Cages & Supplies Thorny Devil on Display Dinosaur Display



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