



# Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville

Term 1, Week 8

21 March 2018

8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville NSW 2155  
Email—[olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Phone 8664 7800  
Website—<http://www.olorkellyville.catholic.edu.au>

## Week 8

### Monday 19 March

- \* Library: Year 5 and Year 4
- \* \* Touch Footy Trials

### Tuesday 20 March

- \* PE: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2
- \* Chess Club (Recess)
- \* Library: Year 1 and Year 2

### Wednesday 21 March

- \* Gardening Club 7.30am
- \* NSWPCSS Swimming
- \* Dance Fever make-up lesson for Friday 30/3
- \* PE: Years 3 and 4
- \* Library: Year 6
- \* Uniform Shop 8.30am—1.30pm
- \* Parish Mass—Year 2 @ 9.15

### Thursday 22 March

- \* PE: Year 5 and Year 6
- \* Library: Year 3 and Kindergarten
- \* Parish Mass Year 4 @ 9.15am
- \* School Banking

### Friday 23 March

- \* Dance Fever
- \* Treat Day
- \* Teaching Services Music
- \* Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.15am

## Week 9

### Monday 26 March

- \* Library: Year 5 and Year 4

### Tuesday 27 March

- \* PE: Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2
- \* Chess Club (Recess)
- \* Library: Year 1 and Year 2

### Wednesday 28 March

- \* PE: Year 3 and 4
- \* Uniform Shop 8.30am—1.30pm
- \* School Cross Country Carnival

### Thursday 29 March

- \* PE: Years 5 and 6

### Friday 30 March

- \* Good Friday
- \* NO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our teachers are currently organising the Learning Discussions, which were the old "Parent Teacher Interviews", and you will receive a booking procedure letter today. Learning discussions will involve a 3 way discussion between the student, parent/carers and teacher on the students effort and progress in Term 1 as well as the setting of goals for Term 2 in their key learning areas. Could you please follow the instruction to book your discussion time-slot.

Again OLOR has excelled in sports at the events in the last 2 weeks. Congratulations to all the participants and place-getters on their efforts and team spirit and representing our school in such a commendable way. I am also always proud to hear the positive feedback about our students.

There are many activities organised for the Easter period over the next week which we look forward to seeing many of the parents at. Again I would like to re-iterate that due to the many allergies within our school, please refrain from sending chocolate easter eggs loose for the children to hand out. If your children would like to give a small easter gift, could it please be in a little sealed bag for the other children to take home from Tuesday 3 April. We are encouraging the children to reflect on Jesus during Holy Week and not on the treats.

Could all parents and caregivers please take extreme caution with their vehicles when entering and leaving our school. Many vehicles are driving way above the speed limits around a school zone. Please ensure that you adhere to the rules and keep within the speed limit and out of the no stopping areas.

During this time of Lent, let us continue to reach out to others and make a difference in their lives. I would like to leave you with this reflection for Holy Week.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross. *"from Reflections from My Catholic Life"*

Have a safe week.  
Annelise Stockey  
Principal

**MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 28th March**

- School Cross Country Carnival

**EASTER DATES**

- Good Friday—Friday 30th March
- Easter Sunday—Sunday 1st April
- Easter Monday—Monday 2nd April

(Please note that these are all public holidays)

**Wednesday 4th April**

- DanceFever Interschool Challenge—Homebush

**Friday 13th April**

- Last day of Term 1

**Monday 30th April**

- PUPIL FREE DAY—STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**Tuesday 1 May**

- FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL TERM 2 FOR STUDENTS
- Diocesan Cross Country



## **2018 SCHOOL FEES**

Please be advised that School Fees for Term 1, 2018 are due today.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties, please call me for a confidential chat. It is better for you to come in to speak to me so that we can develop a support plan rather than allowing a debt to accumulate. We are here to support you.

Mrs Tracey DiGiuseppe

Financial Secretary

[tdigiuseppe@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tdigiuseppe@parra.catholic.edu.au) or call 8664 7800

## **SENDING CASH TO SCHOOL**

There is a new procedure in place when sending any cash to school which from time to time is required (ie. Fundraising, uniform orders). Parents are asked to place any money directly into the locked box located on the wall in the school office foyer. Please ensure that if your child is bringing notes in that contain money to school that they drop them into the post box first thing in the morning. No cash is to be sent to your child's classroom. All cash received will be receipted directly from the box.



*Come join Fr. Alejandro, the friars and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish for an Easter Movie night on Thursday, 5 April at 6.30 pm for the new film Peter Rabbit at Castle Tower Event Cinemas. We rent out a whole theatre just for us and profits go to helping with our church renovation. Seats are going fast at \$20 a ticket! Don't miss out on the fun for you and your family; contact the parish office at 9629 2595 and book your tickets today!*

---



*Do you want your child to learn guitar?*

Teaching Services Australia offers guitar lessons in a group setting at the school. Lessons are engaging and taught by a professional teacher. Available for students from years 2 - 6. Email [enrolments@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:enrolments@teachingservices.com.au) or phone 9651 7333 for further information.

## UNIFORM SHOP

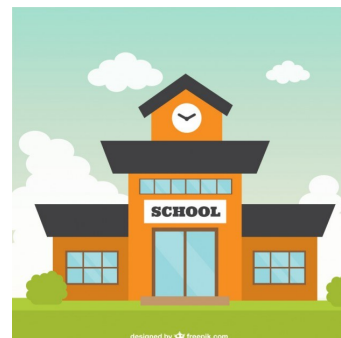
Our Uniform shop is open every WEDNESDAY from 8.30am—1pm.

The Uniform Shop price list order form is available on the OLOR school website and also in hard copy form on the front counter at the Office

## ENROLMENT FOR 2019

If you would like a pack sent home, please contact the office via email on [olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au)

If you could return the completed enrolment in a timely fashion it would be appreciated as interviews will need to be scheduled.



## REMAINING TERM DATES

Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday,	Friday, 30th March Sunday, 1st April Monday, 2nd April	} } }	Public Holidays
Last Day Term 1 Friday 13th April			
<b>Term 2</b>	Tuesday, 1st May	to	Friday, 6th July
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday, 24th July	to	Friday, 28th September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday, 15th October	to	Wednesday 19th December



## NEWS FLASH

Mackillop Swimming Results  
KIERAN OFF TO STATE  
SWIMMING—Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS also to  
Tiarna H—PB—8th in 50m Breaststroke  
Gabi McB—PB— 6th in 50m Breaststroke



## News from Sr. Antoinette

Dear Parents,

Below is a continuation of the article “**Teaching Kids to be Problem Solvers**”

**How can we develop problem solving skills in our children?** If your child is faced with a problem, sort through possibilities together by asking questions.

- Ask “what could you do?” “What would happen if you did this?...”
- Let them try out possibilities on their own first – give them the chance to try out their solutions even if you know they may not work!
- Treat difficulties as though you are both trying to solve it together.
- Discuss situations together by using reflective listening (“it sounds as though you had a tough day today”)
- Let children discover life through trial and error – this is vital to develop resilience!
- Let children make lots of MISTAKES! We don’t want to protect children from difficult emotions as they need to cope with them at some stage of their lives.
- Step back when mistakes are made. (Only step in if you have to!)
- Give children chances to develop independence by allowing them to make small decisions and larger ones as they grow. (*concluded next time*)

### *A THOUGHT*

“ Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.”

**FOCUS: “ SPEAK AND ACT WITH KINDNESS” ( Respect for others and for self ).**

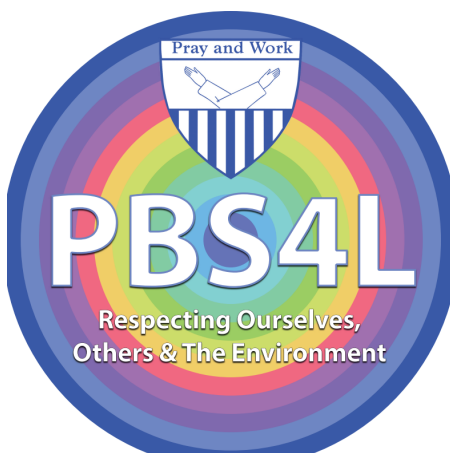
The teachers have been using various scenarios to teach this focus including the following :

- A teacher asks child to stop talking and stay focused on your work
- Showing respect for office staff e.g. asking for an ice pack
- Visiting another classroom to borrow something off the teacher
- A teacher on playground duty asks child to put your hat on
- Arriving late to class

Student interrupting a teacher who is engaged in conversation with another teacher.

Please talk to your child about this focus.

The children receive a PBS4L Token for responsible behaviour and each token earns a point for their colour house. Progress chart is in the display cabinet outside the Library. The first team to reach 500 points will receive a reward.





## Easter Hat Parade – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

This year all students in **Kindergarten to Year 6** are warmly invited to participate in our **Easter Hat Parade** on the **Friary/Oval** at **9:15am** so as to raise funds for **Caritas and Project Compassion**. **Students are to please bring in a gold coin donation to wear an Easter Hat on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.** Please note that the location and time may change depending on the weather. An update will be provided on Facebook. Please support Caritas Australia to help end poverty and promote justice. *This donation can make a real difference.* We look forward to seeing all the wonderful Easter hat creations.



**EASTER HAT PARADE**

**WHEN: TUESDAY, 3RD OF APRIL AT 9:15 AM**

**WHO: K-6 ARE INVITED TO ALL WEAR EASTER HATS**

**WHERE: AT THE FRIARY**

**WHY: TO FUNDRAISER FOR PROJECT COMPASSION AND CARITAS**

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!**

**BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION TO HELP FUND RAISE!**

**BE CREATIVE!**

BY: ANGELINA AND FELICITY, RE LEADERS

PIC-COLLAGE



## Easter Eggs – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

In 2018, Easter occurs during the school term and it is appropriate to celebrate Easter after the Easter long weekend. We kindly request that **no Easter eggs** are brought to school please during **Week 9 Holy Week** due to the religious symbolism. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and Easter eggs are a symbol of Jesus' new life. **If your child would like to bring in a small Easter gift, please do so on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.** We also request that the Easter eggs are brought to school in a **small plastic gift bag** to be taken home at the end of the day as we cannot have loose chocolate eggs due to a number of our children with allergies and anaphylaxis. We thank you in advance for supporting the health and safety of all our children.

## Easter Reflection



In Week 10 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have the opportunity to revisit the Shrine of the Holy Innocents at Kellyville to reflect and thank God for the gift of His risen Son. We will thank God for giving us the gift of new life this Easter and strive to grow closer to God through prayer.

You may like to view *A Very Special Easter* with your family on Easter Sunday.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zY2NH8Wpooq&t=2s>

A SPECIAL DAY FOR PARENTS  
ACROSS PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS

LAUGH  
PRAY  
REFLECT

TAKE TIME  
OUT FOR  
YOURSELF

**BOOK NOW!  
LIMITED SPACES  
AVAILABLE**

Enquire and register  
by 12 April with Tania  
Melki via email:  
[tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
Ph: 0429375226

FREE

DAY SPA  
FOR THE  
SOUL

Bring a friend!

**Thursday 3rd May  
9:30am-2 pm**

MORNING TEA AND  
LUNCH INCLUDED

The Franciscan Shrine of  
The Holy Innocents  
8 Greyfriar Place Kellyville

SPONSORED BY THE  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE PARRAMATTA (CEDP)



16 March 2018  
*Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

Dear Students,

In May we celebrate International Family Day in every country in the world.

Here in our community we have families of every kind. Some families have a mum and dad and children living in the same house; some families have a mum or dad living with children. Some families have grandparents in Sydney while some grandparents live in another part of Australia or overseas. My mum lives in Melbourne. We all belong to a family somewhere.

Sometimes families need a bit of help. Grown-ups, teenagers and primary school children like you need someone to talk to, to help them when things get tough. Maybe the mum or dad has died or someone in the family is very sick, parents have broken up, or refugee families need help to settle in. In our community we have a group called CatholicCare who offer help to families.

Every year as part of our celebration of International Family Day, every school will have a fund-raiser and the money will be sent to CatholicCare to help them help our families.

If you want to know more about CatholicCare, you can log onto our website:  
<http://www.ccss.org.au/>.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL**  
Bishop of Parramatta

Level 2, 12 Victoria Rd, Parramatta NSW 2150 | PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW 1750  
T: 02 8838 3400 F: 02 9630 4813 E: [bishop@parracatholic.org](mailto:bishop@parracatholic.org) W: [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)





**JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER**  
**at the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary**  
**(8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville)**

**DEANERY COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION:**  
**MONDAY, 26 MARCH**

7pm at St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills

**TUESDAY, 27 MARCH**

7pm at OLOR, Kellyville followed by a special  
8pm Mass of Thanksgiving.

**EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Sacred Triduum**

Holy Thursday, 29 March,

7pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** in Parish Church  
Adoration in the old hall until 10pm

Good Friday, 30 March,

10am **Stations of the Cross** by Youth Group at the  
Shrine (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville)

3pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** in Parish Church

Holy Saturday, 31 March,

**No Confessions**

**Easter Vigil Mass, 31 March at 8pm**

**Easter Sunday, 1 April**

Masses at 7am, 9am, 11am

**Please Note: There will be NO 6PM MASS**  
**ON EASTER SUNDAY**

## A GREAT ARTICLE



From the publication: [ideapod.com](http://ideapod.com)

20 the February 2018

### **Research reveals how reading rewires your brain for more intelligence and empathy**

By Lachlan Brown

<https://ideapod.com/research-reveals-reading-rewires-brain-intelligence-empathy/>

## SMART Reading Tips for the Holidays

Winter break is right around the corner, and holidays can get pretty hectic! Routines can fly out the window with celebrations, travel and out-of-town guests. As your family prepares for the holidays, use these tips for keeping kids engaged in learning and reading over winter break.

1. Read for fun! Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories or the newest installment from a favorite series, winter break provides the perfect opportunity to set aside school books and read for fun. Make time for bedtime stories to create the routine and enjoy books on a daily basis.
2. Stock up on books at the local library. Help your child pick out books they're interested in reading over the winter break. Libraries may also have fun, free holiday activities throughout the break.
3. Make the most of travel time. Turn travel time to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice reading. You can look for license plates from different states, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see. Read street signs and billboards you see along the way.
4. Create a new tradition. A little predictability is comforting for kids. Starting a special Winter Break Story Time can be a new tradition that links reading with happy memories. Hot cocoa and your favorite stories will have the whole family feeling comfy and cozy, while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention.

## SPORTS SPECTACULAR BY MRS HARVEY AND THE SPORTS TEAM

### Paul Kelly Cup

On Thursday 8th March OLOR made AFL history. We attended our very first AFL gala day with a girls and boys team from years 5 and 6, and one player from year 4.

In the run up to the event the players attended training every Tuesday after school with Mr Thomas. Through their commitment the children quickly developed their hand passing, kicking, catching and goal scoring skills.

On the day they displayed outstanding team work and sportsmanship. They congratulated each other when a player 'took a mark', scored a point or made a tackle.

The girls played all their games with great determination and enthusiasm despite facing strong opposition and were only just beaten by William Clarke College in their very first game.

The boys certainly left their mark on the Paul Kelly Cup - winning all their games and only be narrowly defeated in the Grand Final by West Pennant Hills. The boys played incredibly well, with exceptional individual skills and were consistent in backing each other up.

A big thank you to Mr Thomas for coaching both the teams during the training sessions and running the boys team at the gala. And thanks also to Mr Hicks for being the chief photographer at the gala.

We cannot wait to do it all again next year with some new AFL recruits from the current year 4.

Mrs Prince



Congrats Team:

Kieran T, Cedric O, Harrison V,  
Ryan C, Luka D, Oliver F, Sam S,  
Julian R, Rhys T, Sam H, Marco  
Z, Kyan G, Mac O, Ryan M,  
Joshua B, Flynn P, Angie C,  
Taneesha G, Isobel P, Sarah H,  
Gabby B, Natasha O, Eliya P,  
Shania A, Emerson S, Amelia B ,  
Eliana F.





## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

### WE NEED HELPERS PLEASE

Dear Parents,

At present, we have only three helpers who have volunteered to assist with recording/supervision on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March...primary school cross country day.

As the course is run outside the school, we really need parents to help to ensure safety on the course - so if you are available for any length of time on Wednesday morning, could you please contact me....it would be greatly appreciated.

### **INFANTS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

On Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> the children from years K, 1 & 2 will be participating in a short cross country course. Parents are very welcome to attend and times are as follows:

Year 2 - 9:15 am

Year 1 - 11:30 am

Kindergarten - 2:15 pm

Times are staggered due to the children's sport times.

Parents are asked to assemble in the Kiss and Drop area and a teacher will open the gates just before the race. Parents are welcome to bring a fold up chair. The event will not take any longer than 20 minutes.

Cross country is a component of the PD/H/PE Syllabus and it is compulsory for every child to participate.

The children in Year 2 are very welcome to back up the following day and compete in the School Cross Country (2 kms). Children turning 8 years of age can qualify for the Zone Cross Country if they finish in the top 6 of the school race. This is not compulsory however and is only if you have super keen runners who can go the distance!

### **PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

9.00am 8/9 years Boys

9.15am 8/8 years Girls

9.30am 10years Boys

9.45am 10years Girls

10.00am 11years Boys

10.20am 11years Girls

10.40am 12years Girls and Boys

### **RECESS WILL BE AFTER THIS EVENT**

Dear Parents,

The programme above is a rough guideline for our cross country.....there may be some variation but we will endeavour to keep to the timetable.

Just a few reminders for the morning:

Please ensure that your son/daughter has a good breakfast that morning and is well hydrated.

If your child is an **asthmatic** could you please ensure they have had their medication and that they have it with them on the course.

**ALL** Students in years 3-6 compete, (their results are included in our assessments for their half yearly report) and any students in year 2 who are keen and enthusiastic .....(those turning 8years and older will be considered for zone representation)

If your child is sick/injured could you please send a note.



All parents are welcome to come and support their sons/daughters...viewing and cheering will be from the goat paddock.

Students are welcome to wear a t-shirt etc to support their colour house. Could you please send their correct PE uniform to change into after their race.

#### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE RE: **PARKING**

Due to our need to keep our students as safe as possible, the **KISS AND DROP** carpark **GATES** will **close** from **8.45am** and will **reopen** only at **12.15pm**.

Please park behind the church on our basketball court if you are staying to watch.

\*\*\*\*\* **IMPORTANT...Change of date for DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY...it will now be held on TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY.....** the first day that students return in Term 2

#### **PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES....the success continues!**

Congratulations to the following students who have obtained selection in Parramatta representative teams over the past few weeks.

**Mac O** yr. 5 and **Samuel S** yr6.**PARRAMATTA RUGBY LEAGUE**

**Sarah H** yr4, **Ryan C** yr6 and **Kieran T** yr6...**PARRAMATTA AFL**

**Ryan C** yr6...**PARRAMATTA TOUCH**



#### **MACKILLOP SWIMMING**

Good luck this Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> to our swimmers competing at Homebush in the Mackillop Swimming Trials....Gabi Mc B yr5 - Breaststroke, Tiarna H yr6 – Breaststroke and Kieran T yr6 – Freestyle.

#### **GARDEN CLUB...**

Due to Cross Country on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> there will be NO GARDEN CLUB on that day....I apologize for any inconvenience.

The last raffles for this term finished today and I would like to thank everyone for your support.

With good luck, green thumbs and lots of love, we hope to have lots of produce for later in the year.



## OLOR IS NUT FREE

We have an increasing number of children in our school who suffer from an anaphylaxis reaction to certain foods etc. but in particular, nuts.

To assist in our duty of care for these children, direct nut products or products that list nuts as an actual ingredient, eg. peanut butter and nutella, are not permitted at Our Lady of the Rosary School. Please also keep this vigilance when sending in birthday cakes, cupcakes and other confectionary for whatever purpose. Additionally, we will continue to ask that children not to share their food.



---

## EVERY DAY MATTERS

### CHANGES TO STUDENT LEAVE APPLICATIONS: COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) has procedures and guidelines in place to achieve high standards of student attendance in collaboration with parents. Parents are required by law to ensure that children aged between 6 and 17 years attend school. Schools are required to monitor and keep a register of student attendance and explained absences.

#### Requirements for Extended Leave from attendance for student absence and travel

- 1-4 days absence: Parents **must** notify the school principal by mail or email (written) at least 2 weeks before leave date.
- 5 or more days absence: Parents must complete and submit the [\*Application for Extended Leave\*](#) form at least 2 weeks prior to commencing leave (Copies of travel documents must accompany this application). If approved the Principal issues a [\*Certificate of Extended Leave\*](#). If the Principal declines this application (i.e it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.

**\*\*NEW FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE AND THE OFFICE\*\***



# Supervision from 8.15am

**PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR  
CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF SUPERVISED HOURS**



## Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents / Carers

Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Discussions will be held over a two week period between Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, depending on the availability of the classroom teacher/s.

You can now book your Learning Discussion at a time that suits **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code> and follow these simple instructions.

School  
event  
code

**nvhg9**

Go

Go to

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code)

Enter THIS school event code.

Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1

Enter your details

2

Choose teachers

3

4:30 4:40 4:50  
☒ ☐ ☐  
☐ ☐ ☒

Choose times



When you click **finish**, your Learning Discussion timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your Discussion - until bookings close.

**BOOKINGS OPEN WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018 SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME**

Learning Discussions are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly via email.

Parents can change their Learning Discussion booking at any time by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

# PLEASE HELP US COMMUNICATE WITH YOU HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE SKOOLBAG APP YET?



## **HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE Skoolbag App YET?**

Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers important information as soon as it happens example: school news, event reminders, cancellations and much more.

To install it, just search for our school name "Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville" in either the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or on Windows.



## **HAVING ISSUES WITH THE Skoolbag app**

**If you find you are not receiving messages or have lost your alert ping**, sometimes it is just a matter of removing and re-installing the app.

System updates sometimes cause these minor issues.



## **USE YOUR Skoolbag app TO NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

1. Open Skoolbag app
2. Click on eForms
3. Select Absentee Form
4. Complete all fields
5. In the last field you need to tap and then you can sign with your finger on your phone screen
6. Press Submit

This will send an instant email to the school to advise your child's absence.

This document is now legally acceptable as an Absentee Notification as the form is signed. You will not need to send in an additional note when your child returns to school.

**This eForm is not to be used for extended Family leave.**

- Applications for leave are available from the School Office.



# PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

New directive from the Diocesan Office 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE A CURRENT NSW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.**

**Please note: Until both the ‘Volunteer Form’ and the ‘Module’ have been completed, parents will not be able to assist in any capacity as a volunteer within the school.** (The school receives notification when you complete each section).

‘Building Child Safe Communities’ is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. **It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form** that confirms expectations in relation to behavior whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centers. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

1

**Volunteers** – please click on ‘[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)’ by accessing the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au), then click on the ‘Volunteers and Contractors-Click here’ image (halfway down page on the right hand side).



This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 1—Volunteer Form and follow the steps

**You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted.**

- Your details will be maintained confidentially in a central database
- **A copy of your confirmation will then be emailed to the School / location where you are volunteering to be kept on file.**

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

2

**A reminder that you once you receive your confirmation email, you will need to complete the Child Protection Module.**



[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au), then click on the ‘Volunteers and Contractors-Click here’ image (halfway down page on the right hand side). This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 2—Complete the Online Training Module

**Once you complete this online module the school will receive notification that it has been completed and you will be cleared to volunteer.**

### Therefore in brief :

1. To complete form go to: [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au) and follow Step 1 above
2. Wait for confirmation email
3. On receipt of the confirmation email follow Step 2 above to complete Child Protection Online Module
4. Wait for confirmation email
5. The School will receive an email confirming that you have completed both steps and are now cleared to volunteer.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support of Catholic Education.



# 2018 GALA OPENING NIGHT

FRI 23 MARCH 7PM - 10.30PM

TICKETS: \$35 ONLINE

[WWW.ARTOAKHILL.COM.AU](http://WWW.ARTOAKHILL.COM.AU)

## EXHIBITION CONTINUES

SAT 24 & SUN 25 MARCH 10AM - 4PM

ENTRY: BY DONATION

OAKHILL COLLEGE - CENTENARY SPORTS CENTRE  
423-513 OLD NORTHERN RD CASTLE HILL

*celebrating art, creating community*

## Coles Sports for Schools Program

Started on Wednesday 7th February and ends on 11th May 2018.



Don't forget—for every \$10.00 spent at Coles, customers will receive 1 Sport for Schools voucher. Families can then bring vouchers to school and place them in the collection bin in the office.

Every voucher received by the school will go towards a tally which will then go towards ordering Sports equipment for the children.

Thank you in anticipation for your support!!

# OLOR NETBALL CLUB

*Your local Kellyville netball club*

**Register online now!**

**Ages 5 years to seniors welcome**

**All information online @  
[www.olornetball.com.au](http://www.olornetball.com.au)**



*Active kids \$100 rebate available during registration*