



Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville

Term 4, Week 6

15 November, 2017

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Week 6

Monday 13 November

- * Library—Kindy, 4G and Year 6 (odd weeks)
- * Whole School assembly 11:20

Tuesday 14 November

- * PE: Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 1
- * Library—Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 15 November

- * PE: Year 3, 4
- * Chess Club @ recess
- * Parish Mass 9.15am Year 1
- * Library—Year 3
- * Uniform Shop 8.30am—1.30pm

Thursday 16 November

- * PE: Year 6, Year 5
- * Library—4W & 4B and Year 5
- * Parish Mass 9.15am Yr 3

Friday 17 November

- * Band and Individual Music
- * Parish Mass 9.15am Yr 6

Week 7

Monday 20 November

- * Library—Kindy, 4G and Year 6 (odd weeks)

Tuesday 21 November

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

Wednesday 22 November

- * Parish Mass 9.15am Year 2
- * PE: Year 3, 4
- * Library—Year 3
- * Uniform Shop 8.30am—1.30pm

Thursday 23 November

- * Parish Mass 9.15am Yr 4
- * PE: Year 6, Year 5
- * Library—4W & 4B and Year 5
- * Gymnastics Gala Day

Friday 24 November

- * Band and Individual Music
- * Parish Mass 9.15am Yr 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week it had been 99 years since armistice and like many countries throughout the world, we take time out on this day to reflect and pray for those who have died in war. On Monday our school celebrated Remembrance day with a reverent and solemn liturgy lead by Year 3. I thank the Year 3 teachers for their hard work and preparation for this respectful service.

We congratulate Mr Mark Devlin on his secondment to CEDP to work with the Child Protection Team and wish him every success. He will return to OLOR in Week 8 for the final 3 weeks of school where students and the community will be able to wish him well.

We also bid farewell to Mr Stephen Bamford who has taken up a teaching position at St Bernadette's Castle Hill. Wishing him success in his new role.

Teachers over the next week or so are completing end of year assessments with their classes in order to write reports over the coming few weeks. If any students have projects or assignments due they are asked to complete them on time so that they can be graded and assessed in time for reports to be finalised. Student reports will be distributed on Friday 8th December.

Last week the Year 2 children made their First Reconciliation. The children had been preparing for this most significant event in their spiritual life for a while, and they received God's unconditional love and forgiveness through this Sacrament of Penance last week.

Thank you to those parents and students that have made the effort to get to school on time. There are still numerous students whom are consistently late. School commences at 8.45am sharp. Children are required to be here before this bell. I would appreciate your continued co-operation on this matter.

If your child/children (from Kindergarten through to Year 5) are not returning to OLOR in 2018 could you please inform the school in writing ASAP as class groupings for 2018 are being organised.

On a final note, there are many missing hats and children with the wrong hats. Could all parents please take the time to check inside their child's hats to ensure they have the correct one and if not, return the incorrect ones to school.

Hope you enjoy the week.

Annelise Stockey
Principal

MARK IN YOUR DIARY



Sunday 26 November

- Year 3 Parish Mass 11am

Friday 1 December

- OLOR Creative Arts Open Day 2017
Schedule will be:-
Advent Liturgy 9 - 9:30am
Tour of visual art works 9:30 - 10:20am
Band Performances 10:20—10:45am
Shared morning tea with parents/friends till 11:15am
Dance performances 11:30 - 12:00pm

Tuesday 5 December

- Year 5 & 6 Surf School Dee Why

Saturday 2 December

6pm Mass 7pm Carols by Candlelight

Friday 8 December

- Kindy Christmas Concert

Saturday 9 December

Christmas At The Shrine

Tuesday 12 December 6.30pm

- Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 13 December

- Year 6 Motivate Day

Friday 15 December 9.15am

- Awards Assembly 9.30-11:00
- End of Year Mass 12:30-1:15
- Farewell Year 6 1:30-1:55pm
- Last day of school

REMAINING TERM DATES FOR 2017

Friday 15th December is the LAST DAY OF TERM

Parents, please keep in mind every effort is made to have firm dates and publish these as early as possible. Changes beyond our control sometimes need to be made. Please be assured as much notice as possible is given if that occurs.

School Banking

Week 6

Tuesday 14th November

Thursday 16th November



End of Year Library Procedures

Dear Parents

Week 7 is the last week for borrowing so ALL books need to be returned by week 8 so please send back all library books, guided levelled readers & readers circle books. Teachers will be monitoring the guided readers in the Infants but these books must be returned by the end of week 9.

If library books are lost, please contact the library at jwalter@parra.catholic.edu.au.

If a parent has endeavoured to find lost library books, we are happy to send them to “missing”. This procedure does not apply to guided readers, home readers or readers circle books. Lost Readers Circle & Guided Levelled Readers must be paid for as they are part of a set.

We are fortunate to have so many public libraries in our area so please join up and ensure your children are still reading over the summer break.

We are still waiting on the PRC certificates so when I receive the notification, I can print the certificates.

Thank you

Julie Walter (Teacher Librarian)

2017 SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Could all outstanding school fees be settled as soon as possible. 2017 fees were due on 30 August 2017 and are now well overdue. Please make payment within the next 7 days or contact the office.

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

Mrs Tracey DiGiuseppe

Financial Secretary

tdigiuseppe@parra.catholic.edu.au or call 8664 7800

David's Place and St Vincent de Paul – Christmas Appeal



David's Place provides an inner-city space where Sydney's poor and homeless can gather to pray, receive spiritual support, attend Mass and experience acceptance, fellowship and solidarity with the wider community. "David's Place not only offers a chance for prayer and reflection but it helps give those on the margins a sense of belonging as well as giving them much needed companionship which in turn helps develop a sense of self-worth," says Sue Buckingham of David's Place.

Each year, OLOR students and families are invited to generously bring in **PARTY FOOD** items in support of David's Place to allow the poor and homeless to celebrate Christmas at their Christmas Day celebration. OLOR also support the St Vincent de Paul Society by donating food for their Christmas hampers. Below is a list of what the children in each grade are invited to bring in to support our friends at David's Place and St Vincent de Paul.

Kindergarten Lollies and Christmas Decorations

- Year 1 Chips and Crackers
- Year 2 Biscuits (Sweet and Savoury)
- Year 3 Tea, Coffee or Sugar
- Year 4 Tins of Ham or fruit
- Year 5 Christmas Puddings or Cakes
- Year 6 Soft Drink and Fruit Juice bottles



Other food items you may like to donate include rice, jam, honey, vegemite, tins of vegetables (peas, potatoes, carrots and corn), gravy, pasta and Long life milk or custard.

Please ensure all food items are in date and do not expire before Christmas Day. All food items are to be packaged in sealed packets, tins, bottles or bags. We ask that each family please brings their children's food items in a Woolworths or Coles Eco-friendly **green bag** if possible. **Please bring in all party food items before Friday 8th December.** Thank you in advance for your generosity and for sharing the love of God with those most in need.

Remembrance Day Liturgy

On Monday 13th November, we remembered the sacrifice men and women have made for us during war at our Remembrance Day Liturgy. Remembrance Day is on the 11th November. At 11am on the 11th November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of war. In November, the Germans called for an armistice, a ceasefire and they accepted the allied terms for surrender. The eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, became a day of remembrance for those who died. We pray for the fallen and that peace may be a reality throughout the world.



Celebration of First Reconciliation



Last Wednesday our Year 2 students celebrated their First Reconciliation with Fr Alejandro, Fr Gerard, priests of the Parramatta Diocese, teachers, family and friends at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates God's merciful love, reconciliation with self, God and the community of the Church and deeper conversion. Conversion is a life-long, on-going process where we need to celebrate God's healing and reconciling love in our lives. We need to express sorrow for those times when we do not live as Jesus did and taught, and be assured that he will forgive us.

God loves us and shows this love through the people who love and care for us. Our relationship with God is intimately intertwined with our relationship with others. In our everyday experiences, we are faced with the reality of misunderstanding and conflict. The difficulties we experience in forgiving those who hurt us and in asking forgiveness of those we have offended bring home to us our human frailty.

Our students need support in choosing the good and in maintaining life-giving relationships. Students of this age have reached the 'age of reason' and are aware of right and wrong. They need to be assisted to develop a better understanding of the consequences of their actions. During the season of Advent, Grades 2 to 6 will attend Reconciliation at OLOR.

News from Sr. Antoinette



Dear Parents,

The term is moving very quickly and the children are enjoying learning and all the activities that happen at this time of the year.

PBS4L – Term 4

We are still continuing our PBS4L focus based on "respect for ourselves and respect for others" and the skill related to this "Being in the right place at the right time." Our Year 6 PBS4L leaders are working with the teachers to encourage the children to be in the right place at the right time.

Our team has also worked with the children to compile a Friary Agreement for fair and just play on the Friary playground and I we like to share this agreement with you.

- respect my team members and opponents
- play fairly
- use safe and caring hands
- speak and act with kindness
- take it to the teacher
- be a GOOD SPORT

Good practices happen when teachers and parents work co-operatively together, so could I invite you to have a chat with your children about our focus.

Lost Property

Lost property is still a problem here at OLOR. We have many beautiful jackets among other items with no owners. As we move into the warmer time of the year, could you please check that your child/children have not lost a jacket or any other item of lost property. It is also essential that ALL the children's belongings are clearly marked.

A THOUGHT

"The three grand essentials of happiness are: something to do,
something to love and something to hope for."

Thomas Chalmers

SPORTS SPECTACULAR BY MRS HARVEY AND THE SPORTS TEAM

TROPHIES

Just a reminder for all those with sports trophies collecting dust. Could you please return them asap for engraving.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018...Friday 2nd February 2018

Summer is nearly here, and so is our carnival.

I would like to take the opportunity to encourage everyone to get active in the water.

We need parents for the Parent/Teacher/Captains race and we would love to see more students having the confidence and ability to swim 50m.

Over the past few years we have seen a decline in our students swimming strength, which often correlates to their opportunity to regularly swim and do so over a longer distance.

If possible, it would be great if you could get your child down to Waves, or any other pool, and get some practice in.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of everyone being a strong swimmer.

GARDEN CLUB

We have a new project!

Recently, we have been donated some wooden pallets which we are turning into our succulent garden, along the back wall of the school.

So, if anyone has some succulents that we could have a cutting of, we would really appreciate it.

Thank you again for all your support of our garden club raffles...a highlight of the week...for me anyway!

There are plenty of herbs available for the taking if you wish to do so.

Congratulations to those who have won, I just hope the veggies have survived the trips home....they looked great when we picked them!



**** NEWS FLASH. CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRISON V FOR BEING SELECTED INTO THE PARRA DIOCESAN BASKETBALL TEAM ****



OLOR Creative Arts Open Day 2017

On **Friday, 1st December 2017**, we welcome all family and friends of OLOR Kellyville to join us in celebrating the creativity and artistic prowess of all of our students.

We delight in sharing the **visual artworks** of each Grade displayed around our school environment, showcasing the **musical talents** of our band and guitar members and dazzling your senses with the energetic routines of our **dance groups**.

Our talented **Art Club members** have created 3 impressive artworks – one per Stage group, which will be available to bid on at a silent auction. Bids can be emailed to our school email address prior to the event, or submitted on the day.

In order to support our Creative Arts programs at OLOR Kellyville, we appreciate a **gold coin donation** from our attending family members and friends on the day. Each gold coin donated = 1 raffle ticket. The more raffle tickets you enter into our 'lucky' barrel the greater chance you have of winning one of our **3 lucky door hamper prizes!**

COME ONE COME ALL IN SUPPORT OF OUR ARTISTIC TALENT AT OLOR KELLYVILLE

Open Day Itinerary

9:00am: We begin with our Advent Liturgy led by Kindergarten

9:30am – 10:20am: Tour of Artworks through the school environment

10:20am – 10:45am: Musical performances in the Hall

10:45am – 11:15am: Shared recess with students, family and friends, including the drawing of the lucky door hamper prizes and results of the silent auctions

11:30am – 12pm: Dance group performances in front of the Hall



NEWS

Eleven very talented, dedicated and "vocal" students from Year 5 and 6 have been part of this year's Inter-Schools Debating Competition. Each Thursday fortnight, during Terms 2 and 3, our debate teams participated in a debate against one of the schools in our cluster. Our cluster included students from Our Lady of the Angels, John XIII, Mary Immaculate and OLOR. Sometimes we hosted the Debate in our school Library, whilst other times we were guests at one of the other schools. This competition has developed our learners with public speaking skills, improved argumentative and referencing techniques, as well as encouraged cooperative learning and team building attributes.

At times our students were challenged to defend a topic they did not support in theory, yet were able to present convincing and irrefutable arguments.

On Thursday 2nd November OLOR hosted a celebration for this year's Debaters where each student was presented with a trophy and given the opportunity to socialise with those whom they had previously debated against. It was a lovely afternoon, however, sadly, the students from John XXIII were unable to attend.

Congratulations to our undefeated Year 6 debaters; Ishrat C, Jacob M, Kaitlin A, Monique T and Taleah T.

Well done to our Year 5 debaters; Eesha C-S, Felicity A, Gemma L, Jesse C, Teneesha G and Tiarna H.

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 TO DOWNLOAD ON THE WEBSITE****



Supervision from 8.15am

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

NO HAT—NO PLAY

A reminder to all students, the weather is now warming up and the policy here at OLOR is **NO HAT NO PLAY**.

Students must remember to put their school hat in their bag every day.

If you have lost or misplaced your hat, you may wear a generic cap from home for ONE WEEK ONLY until you can purchase another one from the Uniform Shop which is open every Wednesday from 8.30am—1.30pm.

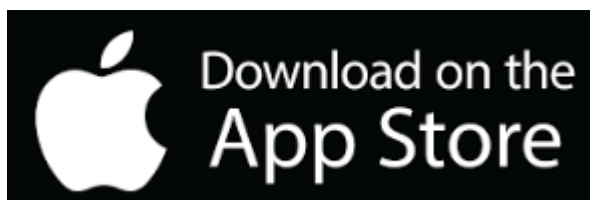
We had a dozen hats as spares in the school office for emergencies which have now all gone missing. If you have one of the office hats at home, please return it ASAP.

If you do not have your hat in future, students will be sent to the library for play times and kept out of the sun. We ask for parental support on this matter.

Could you also please ensure that the hat you are wearing is in fact yours as there are many students missing their hats.



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 25th 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 behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. 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.

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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, 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

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



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 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.

Christmas
at the Shrine

Saturday, 9th December, 2017
10.00am to 1.00pm



A VISIT FROM SANTA **LASER TAG GAME**

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ALONG **BUMPER BALLS GAME**

FREE FACE PAINTING **CHRISTMAS GIFT BOOTH**

The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents
8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville, NSW

Museums Discovery Centre

Open Weekend

SATURDAY 18 AND SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 10.00 AM – 5.00 PM

Bring your family, friends and neighbours for some great fun!

Weave turtles, snakes and jellyfish with Aboriginal elder, Karleen Green

Dabble in making, breaking, fixing and tinkering at our D.I.Y Tinker Zone

Gaze at fierce sabre tooth tigers, hear volunteers share stories and more

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Oakhill
COLLEGE



Christmas@Oakhill
December 1st 5.30-7.00

 RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Join us for a family night with your picnic basket and blanket to enjoy an evening of live music and Christmas festivities!

December 1st 5.30-7.30

All Proceeds of the event go to Ronald McDonald House

Face painting, sausage BBQ
&
of course a visit from Santa!

Free ticketed event
Get your tickets at Trybooking.com
'Christmas@Oakhill'

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY—THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER



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