



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, TARRO

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To live God's call through the Mercy Tradition



RENEWAL FOR GROWTH

Wednesday 29th
March 2023



Next P&F Meeting 9th May 2023 ALL WELCOME

The Joy of children

Occasionally, stopping in the busyness of a day and just watching our children reminds us of the joy of a child and the light they bring to our lives.

This week we have had some exciting playground additions and it has been a pleasure spending time watching the children interact. I certainly wish we could spend all day in the sun! The rain has slightly got in the way a couple of times but we know the gardens are loving the water!

This weekend, I encourage you to just stop, even just for 10 minutes and see the world from your child's eyes. It is a beautiful place to be!

Have a great week,
Petrina Massey





Tea Party



Coits



Chalk Fun



Obstacle Course



Duplo



Gone Fishin'



Dress Ups



Water Painting



Bean Bag Toss



Dinosaur Pits



Fairy Gardens

Term 1 2023

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------|--|---------|----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 10 | 27/3 Harmony Day Wear Orange | 28/3 | 29/3 | 30/3 Cross Country POSTPONED | 31/3 |
| 11 | 3/4 | 4/4 | 5/4 Cross Country | 6/4 Holy Thursday Liturgy Easter Raffle Drawn | 7/4 GOOD FRIDAY |

Term 2 2023

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----------|--|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1 | 24/4 Pupil Free Safeguarding Child Protection Training | 25/4 ANZAC DAY | 26/4 Resurrection/ ANZAC Liturgy Cross Country Back up Date | 27/4 SPORT Gymnastics commences Yrs 3-6 | 28/4 SPORT Gymnastics commences K-2 |
| 2 | 1/5 | 2/5 | 3/5 Stage 1 Mass | 4/5 | 5/5 OLOL Athletics |
| 3 | 8/5 | 9/5 | 10/5 Mother's Day Stall Dio Cross Country | 11/5 | 12/5 Mother's Day Breakfast 9am Liturgy ***Sat 13 th *** Sustainability Day 10am - 2pm Kinder 2024 Enrolments Close |
| 4 | 15/5 | 16/5 | 17/5 | 18/5 | 19/5 |
| 5 | 22/5 | 23/5 | 24/5 Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 9.30am Morning Tea Open Classrooms | 25/5 | 26/5 |
| 6 | 29/5 | 30/5 | 1/6 | 2/6 | 3/6 |

Successful Foundations

Kindergarten have been busy this term being part of the Successful Foundations project. Each morning the children learn through a variety of play-based areas called provocations. Some of the highlights have been dam building, the home corner, digging for dinosaur bones, the vet, creating buildings with blocks and making diggers and cars out of boxes. Today we asked the Kindergarten children what they like best about “play” (Successful Foundations). Here are some of their responses.

I love to play because... I get to play outside in the sun with my friends. Aspen

I love to play because... I make new creations. Edward

I love to play because... I make new friends and play with the boxes. Sage

I love to play because... I like making things with my friends and use my imagination. Harry

I love to play because... I play in the sandpit and make food. Marlow

I love to play because... I like to make new friends and play with them. Kelsie

I love to play because... I create things with the cardboard. Stanley

I love to play because... I play in the vets being the customer. I sit in the chair and wait for 'next'. Claudia



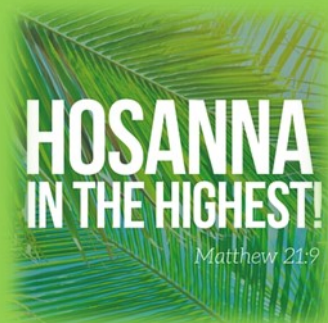


Palm Sunday Celebration
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Beresfield
SATURDAY 1st APRIL 2023 @ 6pm

All students are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday Celebration this year at OLOL Parish Beresfield this year. Please consider your child's participation on Saturday evening 1st April. Irena Dickson from the Parish team will meet the children at the Church entrance at 5:45pm. Please email your children's names to Mrs Massey by Friday if you wish to attend.

petrina.massey@mn.catholic.edu.au.

The parishioners will be looking forward to seeing you.



Friday is the day the girls say goodbye to their long locks!

World's Greatest Shave

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/TeamPage.aspx?teamId=142496>



All your OLOL friends are very proud of you girls!

Project Compassion Donation Boxes

All families have received their project compassion box and we have these in our classrooms also. Please continue giving what you can. These boxes are to be returned by **Thursday 6th April** with students who bring their box in having a special part in our Holy Week Liturgy that day.



Kindergarten 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments are open for Kindergarten 2024! If you have a child wishing to start Kindergarten in 2024 please collect an enrolment form from the office at your earliest convenience.

If you know of a family member, friend or someone in the community who would like to enrol their child into Kindergarten at OLOL for 2024 please let them know **ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN** and to contact the school office by phoning 49 66 1302 or they are welcome to pop in.



Arriving at School

Students are not to arrive BEFORE 8.30am

Teachers are not on duty before this time and supervision is not provided.

Access to the school before 8.30am is strictly for
STAFF ONLY.

Apologies for any inconvenience, but this is an important
Child Protection matter.

In addition to Cheryl's usual message above:

There are a large number of cars waiting outside for the gate to open. Please note there is before school care available locally across the road in Northern Avenue. In fact many children are starting to wait outside our gate from 8:20 this is not OK.

There are a significant number of our smaller children being dropped off very early (8:30-8:40) and they are struggling to come in the gate or manage the early morning at school. Coming early adds a significant amount of time to an already long day for our little people.

The majority of students arrive between 8:50 and 9am. This means there are more children here and so your child's friends are more likely to be at school—making starting the day a much happier experience.

Please consider dropping your child off a little closer to the start of the school day if possible. Teachers are always happy to assist our students however, the before school period is a busy preparation time for lessons also.

Many thanks all the teachers.

SCHOOL SAFETY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



Roads around schools are VERY busy places around drop off and pick up times. I urge our community to please prioritise the safety of our students and exercise extra caution when dropping off and picking up children. Roads, cars, buses, pedestrians can all be a recipe for danger if we are not vigilant.

Sadly, I have been contacted by a concerned citizen. A vehicle at drop off time has pulled out in front of a bus, nearly missed a pedestrian and took the corner with a lack of caution all while the driver was on their mobile phone. I am sure this concerns you as much as me. The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility.

Some tips for being safe around school:

Always slow down to 40km/h and be aware of crossings.

Always park legally around school. (There is a disabled park in Northern Ave)

It is safest for children to get in and out of the car from the footpath-side door.

Manoeuvres such as U-turns and 3 point turns are dangerous at busy times.

Model safe and conscious behaviour to your children– they will learn from you.

NEVER double park this puts children at risk.

Never park in no stopping or Bus Zones.

Please park legally even if it means walking further to the gate.

Thank you for taking our children's safety seriously.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service Memorial Drive Beresfield Tuesday 25th April 2023

An OLOL tradition is to attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Beresfield. Students are invited to join the march as a school behind our banner. A school leader will be reading the prayer this year and our school will also lay a wreath.

If your child/children would like to join us in the march this year—meeting at 5:30am and stepping off at 5:45am please email Mrs Massey by Thursday 6th April.

petrina.massey@mn.catholic.edu.au



Harmony Day Assembly



Thankyou to Mrs Higgins and all the students who participated in our assembly on Monday. Also to all the parents and friends who were able to join us.



Harmony Day Assembly



Mini Vinnies and Stage 3 Bake Stall



Thank you to everyone in stage 3 who cooked yummy treats for our bake stall. Also thank you to all the children for their support of our stall. It was a huge success and we raised an amazing \$412 for Project Compassion!

Thank you OLOL from the Year 5 Mini Vinnies team and our teachers.



Mini Vinnies and Stage 3 Bake Stall

Thank you!



OLOL P and F Important News

A sincere thank you to the outgoing executive for their efforts and support of our school during 2022. Especially, Lucy McColm our outgoing President—thank you for your time and dedication to you role Lucy!

The work of the P and F directly benefits our school and students—for this we are most grateful. Donations made to the school from the P and F in 2022 totalled \$16 800!!!

\$8000 towards smartboards
\$2700 for Primary students to attend ASPIRE
\$1500 new freezer for the canteen
\$1800 Infants excursion to the movies
\$1300 Year 6 farewell Bibles
\$1500 new sporting equipment



Last Tuesday our P and F met for their AGM and first meeting of 2023.

Congratulations and thankyou to the new 2023 P and F Executive:

President: Jackie Brennan

Vice President/Publicity Officer: Susan Cliff

Secretary: Michelle McDonald

Treasurer: Bridget Wollinski

Other roles:

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator: Tenielle Vennerberg

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Jackie Brennan

Federation Delegates: Tenielle Vennerberg & Bridget Wollinski

The P and F have many exciting ideas to support our school this year. Starting with our Easter Raffle being drawn next week.

If you would like to be a part of our P and F be sure to come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 9th May!



OLOL P and F

Easter Raffle

2023

When: Drawn after the holy Week Liturgy on the 6th April.

What you need to do:

- Prizes are created from donations provided by the generous families of our school. Please send to the office donations of anything “Easter” - eggs, baskets, bags, toys, anything “Easter” which you think could be turned into a raffle prize. All donations need to be at the office by **Friday 31st March please.**
- You have to be in it to win it! Sell and buy your tickets! You can use the traditional method of buying the book of 10 tickets sent home (more available from the office if needed) or via Flexischools. IF USING TRADITIONAL TICKETS PLEASE WRITE THE NAME OF YOUR CHILD ON THE TICKET ALSO SO WE KNOW WHO SOLD THIS.
If you order via Flexischools we can fill in the tickets for you.
- **Ticket sales close Tuesday 4th April. Return all tickets by this date!!**



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**Our Lady of
Lourdes**

Sustainability

Cultural Field Day

Saturday 13th May—10am-3pm

Parents volunteers are needed for a variety of roles to make the day a success. Please contact Karen

Tucker if you are able to assist:

karen.tucker@mn.catholic.edu.au



This Week's Update

Last Friday our Junior Landcare students began designing frog habitats to go on display at the Sustainability Cultural Field Day.

Stall Holder Announcement:

School Master Group/Landcare Ash Island will be joining us. They will demonstrate how to make your own Native beehive for your own backyard. Come along and learn all about stingless native bees and how to make your own hive. ECO FRIENDLY!



REGIONAL

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST
KIDS MASS

SUNDAY 2nd April - 6pm
St Joseph's East Maitland

HOSANNA



EVERYONE WELCOME!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

The procession of the palms features a real donkey

FOR MORE INFO: - BEC PIEFKE -0431 056 632

Hop on down to the Hunter Wetlands for some school holiday fun!

Hop on down to the Hunter Wetlands Centre this April School Holidays! Get your family egg-cited to meet the Easter Bunny on Saturday 8th April 9:30am – 1:30pm and enjoy our Easter Fun Day. There will be crafts, reptile display, bunny trail, jumping castle, sausage sizzle and lots more. Tickets must be pre-purchased online wetlands.org.au

What noise does a frog make? Did you know there is a laughing frog? And a screaming frog? On Wednesday 12th April follow the Leapfrog Trail and discover all about some of our Australian frogs and why they are important to our environment. Take the frog quiz and go in the draw to win a frog. No, not a real one – a soft toy! Drop in between 10am and 12pm for Froggie craft and a reptile encounter at 11am.

And as always, discover more at your Hunter Wetlands Centre like bird feeding 10:30am daily, playgrounds, walking trails, egret tower, bush tucker garden, dip-netting and visiting the animal house. Bring a picnic or eat at the Café. There is something for everyone! More information www.wetlands.org.au



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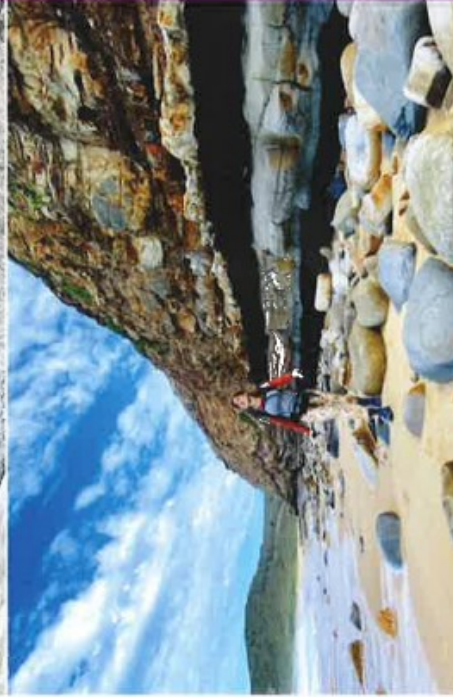


You are invited to be a pilgrim on the aMeN caMiNo!

The purpose of pilgrimage is the journey.

You are invited to join the aMeN caMiNo journey and let your stories and experiences meet others. Camino, meaning 'road' or 'way', has a long and established Christian history.

A famous pilgrimage is The Camino de Santiago or the Way of St James. The first Christian movement in the 1st century was known as 'The Way'.



An invitation is extended to those who are physically capable of walking long distances over five consecutive days through some challenging terrain and unpredictable weather

Day 1

Pilgrims meet at St John's Chapel Maitland, which was built in 1866, to begin this unique Camino experience. From Maitland, the pilgrimage travels to Baiame Cave in Broke, then on to Mount View to Paxton – 9km

Day 2 and 3

Take a beautiful walk through subtropical rainforest and open sclerophyll forest, navigating some steep ups and downs, often with breathtaking views as you traverse state and national parks. Here you will notice God's creation in all its splendor but also witness the impact of man upon our earth. The end of the third day will welcome pilgrims into St Patrick's and St Bridget's chapel: the only place in the Hunter that Mary Mackillop visited. Typically each day is 20km.

Day 4

Walk along the edge of the foreshore of Lake Macquarie. The water laps at your feet and the view extends right down the centre of the lake to Belmont. Toronto to Belmont – 25km

Day 5

The expanse of the ocean and all its moods will embrace you as beach, sky and sand become your world. Redhead Beach to Sacred Heart Cathedral – 20km

The aMeN CaMiNo is a response to a desire to be in communion with each other and our sacred earth. It is an opportunity to pause from routine, immerse yourself in reflection and contemplation, and to provide a moment of space for each person to be conscious of God's gift of grace.

The aMeN caMiNo is an expression of Kinaesthetic Spirituality which focuses on the rhythm of the body, mind and spirit. Pilgrims move to a space where they experience self-emptying, allowing room for self-discovery and transformation. Through this encounter, our spirit is awakened to the wonder and awe of our environment.

There is time to listen, contemplate, and be silent. Thomas Merton wrote if we are to live spiritually, we "must be alive, body, soul, mind, heart and spirit." The gift of beauty is a grace given in abundance through nature, recognising it as a gift, is to meet God in prayer.

Amen is the word Christians use to say 'yes, we are on our way to God.' By joining us on the aMeN CaMiNo, you are saying yes to something in your heart which is calling you.



aMeN caMiNo



What is involved?

Cost: \$500 (Single rooms \$200 extra)

What's included with your registration:

- 1. Transport from Sacred Heart Cathedral and during pilgrimage
- 2. Support vehicle to carry luggage
- 3. Four nights accommodation
- 4. Guided hike with experienced, trained leaders

What is not included:

- 1. Food
- 2. Ensuites in some accommodation
- 3. Day pack – personal first aid

Prior to the Camino, pilgrims are expected to attend a Walk and Talk session in preparation for the pilgrimage.



**May you travel safely, arrive refreshed,
And live your time away to its fullest;
Return home enriched and free
To balance the gift of days which call you."**

JOHN O'DONOGHUE – FOR THE TRAVELLER



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Merit Awards Term 1 Week 9 2023

| | | S1 Red | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | Deezel Xuereb | |
| | | Hamish Miller | |
| Kindergarten | S1 White | S1 Red | S1 Blue |
| Oscar Stojanovski | Mason Upson | Piper Stanton | Brianna Mitchell |
| Theo Leski | Cassandra Woods | Charli Davies | Saskia Forrest |
| Amari White | | | |

| S2 White | S2 Red | S2 Blue | S3 White | S3 Red | S3 Blue |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Declan Cramp | Mia Cramp | Ariel Gordon | Noah Williams | Koby Tomlinson | Levii Chuter |
| Flynn Whittaker | Zach Thompson | Sam Van Raalte | Ashlee Thompson | Tristan Keats | Macy Wade |

Principal's Awards *Respect*

These awards are recommended by the class teacher.

Principal's Award

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|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Kindergarten | Louis Atkinson |
| Stage 1 White | Pippa Brooke |
| Stage 1 Red | Eliza Davis Allarah Martin |
| Stage 1 Blue | Arielle Dark |
| Stage 2 White | Amelia Johnstone |
| Stage 2 Red | Myla Brasington |
| Stage 2 Blue | Callum Walsh |
| Stage 3 White | Lucy Morrison |
| Stage 3 Red | Lillian Hope |
| Stage 3 Blue | Hannah Johnson |