



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, TARRO

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To live God's call through the Mercy Tradition



RENEWAL FOR GROWTH

Tuesday 4th April 2023



Next P&F Meeting 9th May 2023 ALL WELCOME

Holy Week

Happy Week 11. Your child might be coming home talking about this week being Holy Week. I thought I might give you some background around Holy Week to help you when you are talking with your children. If not I hope you learn something new or of interest.

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is an important time for Christians throughout the world. The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year for Catholic Christians. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ — his crucifixion, death, and resurrection — through liturgical celebration.

How Do Catholics Celebrate Holy Week?

Four special ceremonies commemorate the events of Christ's Passion from His entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, through His arrest on Holy Thursday and Crucifixion on Good Friday, to Holy Saturday, the day that Christ's body lay in the tomb.



The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

The Sacred Triduum

The word "Triduum" comes from the Latin word meaning "three days," and encompasses the three most sacred days in the Church year. The liturgical celebrations during the Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are rich with symbolism and flow from one to another in a seamless way. While it may appear as if these liturgies are separate and distinct, they are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Thursday

We remember the Last Supper and celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The last meal Jesus shares with his apostles in the Gospel of John is marked by the washing of feet. Jesus gets down in the dirt and washes the feet of his disciples and in this way connects the Holy Eucharist with service to others. Our Holy Thursday liturgy includes a modern-day experience of foot washing. This recalls Jesus washing the feet of his apostles and is a powerful example of how we are called to serve and care for one another. Holy Thursday is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, meaning “a new mandate.” It refers to the mandate put forth by Jesus in John 13:34, “*Love one another as I have loved you.*”

Good Friday

Good Friday is a sombre remembrance of Jesus’s crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all of the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin. Good Friday is not only a commemoration of a historical event; rather, Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross, along with his glorious resurrection, comprise the heart of the Christian faith

Easter Vigil (Easter Saturday)

The Easter Vigil is the restoration of the early Church’s tradition as the great celebration of adult baptism and confirmation. It is the high point in the Church liturgical year. The Vigil begins in darkness (usually outside), and the long procession of candlelight that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ’s death and resurrection. We, as the community of believers, renew our baptismal promises. We recommit ourselves to Christ by once again rejecting sin and accepting the freedom that comes from living as children of God. The Vigil concludes with the reception of the Eucharist. We are ready to celebrate Easter. The tomb is empty. There is Light in the darkness. Alleluia, Christ has risen!

I hope you may have learnt something new today, or been reminded of how privileged we are to live faith filled lives.

Petrina Massey



You are invited to come along to our school's Holy Week Liturgy this Thursday at 9:30 am under the COLA where our children will tell the story of Jesus through Holy Week.



A message from Mrs Massey

I would like to say a sincere thank you to our entire OLOL community for their support over the last few weeks. I know Mrs Henderson has felt your love and prayers from afar, and I have certainly felt your support. I feel incredibly privileged to not only be your Assistant Principal always, but to have had the honour of guiding you these last few weeks. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities I have had to work with and speak with many of you over the past this time. We are all very lucky to be a part of this beautiful community. What has struck me is the care and consideration many of you have for others. Also, the real sense that we are all working together to achieve the very best for your children, our children. We teach... we teach how to read, we teach how to write, we teach maths but we also TEACH—life long values, skills and a way of being which allows our children to become the best versions of themselves. Sometimes, this takes a little longer, or a little more effort but the sense we are in this together is overwhelming here. Thank you!

Also, Thank you to our staff—we are blessed to work here and your children are blessed to have the staff of OLOL. They are kind, compassionate, supportive and most importantly want what is best for your children. They go above and beyond daily to make OLOL the place it is. I have seen, heard and learnt many things they all do that I did not even know about which come together to shape a thriving learning community. Thank you to our staff.

We look forward to welcoming Cheryl back next term. We are grateful for her health and the recovery of her husband which is progressing.

Wishing you a safe, happy and blessed Easter with your families, and I look forward to what Term 2 brings us.

Take care, Petrina

Term 1 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11	3/4	4/4	5/4 Cross Country	6/4 Holy Thursday Liturgy Easter Raffle Drawn	7/4 GOOD FRIDAY

Pupil Free Days Term 2

Monday 24th April

Friday 9th June

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 9:30am in the Chapel	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 followed by our Mother's Day Liturgy—9am ***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

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



Congratulations Callie and Kelsie

For all those playing along at home... they did it!

Callie and Kelsie Brennan have said goodbye to their long locks!



Callie—36cm!



Kelsie—37cm!



The girls have posted their hair to a charity on the Central Coast to be made into wigs for children and have raised over \$3000 for the Leukemia Foundation.

**CONGRATULATIONS
GIRLS!**



You are Invited!

Please join us for our
Holy Week Liturgy

This Thursday 6th April—9:30am under
the COLA. All welcome.

Followed by.....



THE OLOL P and F

Easter Raffle

2023

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



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



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.



Keeping hydrated at school is always important even as we come into the cooler weather. Remember only water in drink bottles please.

Please note the popular PRIME Drinks are not appropriate for school. These bottles are not to be used as refill bottles for water either please.

Take the time in the holidays to purchase a new drink bottle for your child if they need one.

Many thanks.

**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 continued working on their frog-friendly habitats creating a sign to educate us on how to stay safe around and care for the frog ponds!

Stall Holder Announcement:



OZ Tukka will be joining us! Linda Dipper and Ray Kochel are passionate about introducing people and teaching about the abundant array native herbs and spices available to us. Linda and Ray have the focus of introducing native flavours to the health-conscious and home cooks of Australia! Come along and see how you can transform

your cooking into something sensational!



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





A fun, FREE, local program for children above a healthy weight and their families

Hunter New England Local Health District



FREE! Local Program

PASTERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Horizon Avenue, Cameron Park.

Join us **Wednesdays** 4pm-6pm in Term 2. Starts 26/04/ 2023

Play active games, learn about healthy habits and make new friends!

Call 1800 780 900 to register!

Visit [Go4Fun](#)

Merit Awards Term 1 Week 10 2023

Kindergarten	S1 White	S1 Red	S1 Blue
Aspen Guion	Callie Brennan	Lachlan McGirr	Willow Stewart
Valerie Calvert	Kailou Zanardi	Holly Bithrey	Lewis Whittaker
Oliver Kerry			

S2 White	S2 Red	S2 Blue	S3 White	S3 Red	S3 Blue
Amaya Moodley	Bella Wade	Zeike Forrest	Braythe Elbro	Ruby Hall	Anaya Hyde
Thea Bolton	Matilda Rolls	Mason Zanardi	Saxon Hillier	Logan Kay	Liam Johnstone

Principal's Awards *Respect*

These awards are recommended by the class teacher.

Kindergarten	Holden Andrews
Stage 1 White	Evie Hall
Stage 1 Red	Ivy Tapiolas
Stage 1 Blue	Franklin Gage
Stage 2 White	Aidan Bramley
Stage 2 Red	Ella Carter
Stage 2 Blue	Aiden Hilton
Stage 3 White	Emily Gwilliam
Stage 3 Red	Cooper Walsh
Stage 3 Blue	Millie Westbury