



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

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We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation'.



Reminders

- Friday 11th December
School Photos

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful world we live in when the phrase 'Double Donuts' has such a significant meaning to all Melburnians!! This week also marks that we are more than halfway through Term Four- so we are rapidly approaching the end of the school year. We have been so impressed with the attitude of the students on their return to classroom learning! We have noticed, however, that the expectations of the school daily routine is starting to affect the students in terms of their tiredness. As I am sure you are noticing, the students are devoting all their energy to making it through the school day, and then they can 'drop their bundle' at the end of the day when they get home. Please be reassured that the staff are understanding of this situation and supportive of families during this time. If you have any concerns regarding how your child is coping with the school day, please feel free to contact their classroom teacher.

STAFFING NEWS

After 32 years of service to the community of Our Lady of Lourdes in Bayswater, Mrs Chris Dawson will be retiring at the end of the 2020 school year. Chris has given tremendous service and has had a strong influence on the Wellbeing and welfare programs that underpin all programs at OLOL. She was also part of the team that wrote the initial Child Safety Policy for our school and has been a valuable partner on panels for the employment of new staff. Having had a taste of the camping lifestyle during Long Service Leave this year, Chris (and partner John) plan to spend more time exploring our great part of the world!

In another change of staffing, Mrs Michelle Brearley (currently on Maternity Leave) has resigned from her teaching position at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, effective at the end of the 2020 school year. Since 2017 Michelle has given tremendous service to the students at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, as a classroom teacher and as Religious Education Leader. Michelle and Greg (along with Bella!) have purchased a home in Wagga and will be relocating when COVID restrictions allow.

We look forward to celebrating, and farewelling, our wonderful staff members towards the end of the term.

BRINGING TOYS TO SCHOOL

This term we have noticed that many students, particularly those in the P-2 classes, have been bringing in toys, teddy bears, etc. into the classroom. Over the last two weeks, some of these toys and teddy bears seem to be increasing in size and shape, to the point where they require their own chairs!! We have also seen some remote control vehicles brought into school for use at break times. While such items can help students feel more comfortable in the school environment, we are concerned at the possibility of such 'special toys' being accidentally misplaced, broken or damaged while at school. We ask for your support in ensuring that students keep such items at home for their own personal use and enjoyment.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This morning, just before 11:00am our students gathered in the open-air quadrangle space near our flagpole to recall the significance of Remembrance Day. Members of our Year Six group conducted the Remembrance Ceremony which included a specially made wreath and the playing of the Last Post. Thank you to all the staff (and our Year Six Leaders) who assisted in organising this event.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

As we have had limited time this year to complete a full preparation for each of the Sacraments (Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation) we have made a strong commitment to completing preparations for the Year Three students to undertake the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 25th November at school. Due to restrictions in place at the time of planning this event, it will be held during school time with the full support of our Parish Priest, Fr Sebastian. We have committed to completing preparations for First Eucharist and Confirmation early in 2021 and will confirm details in Term One next year.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

While we have been very happy to return to classroom learning in term four, the decisions by the State Government to gradually lift restrictions on group movements and gatherings has created some confusion. While we would like to participate in traditional end of year activities such as Carols Night, End of Year Mass, Graduation, etc. the planning that is required to undertake such events needs to start many months in advance. We will be celebrating graduation and welcoming our newest Preps in a new, special way as the year concludes.

Ross Williams
Principal

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BOOK WEEK ART

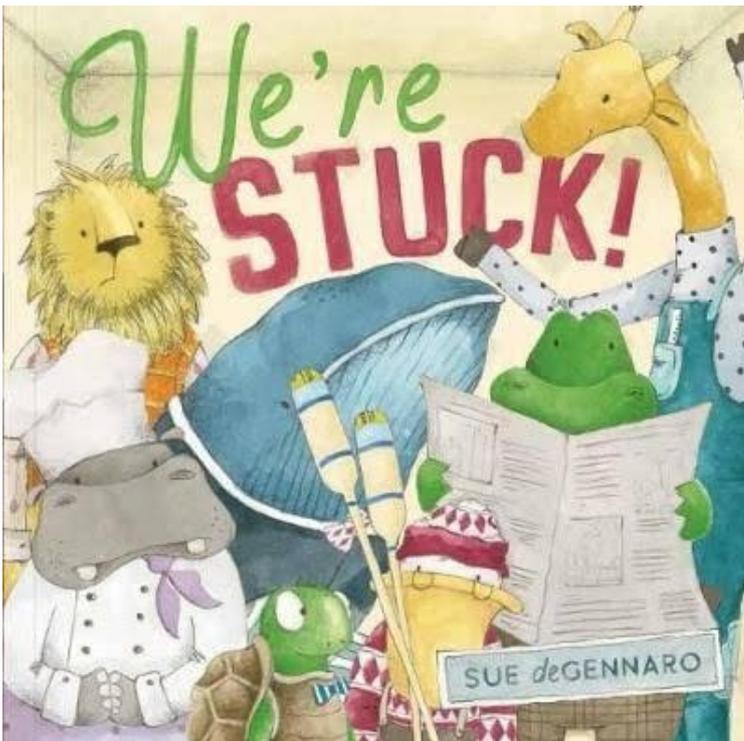
Book Week saw the whole school busy reading literature and appreciating the link to all the art work involved, understanding that illustrations are as much a part of the story as the words.

To build that connection between the written word and pictures, we created our own art pieces.

Middle & Senior School

“We’re Stuck”, by Sue deGennaro

Creating “The Kindness Keeper” was a reminder to ourselves of our own COVID lockdown, and how being KIND to ourselves and to others was very important.



Kindness Keepers ~ Middle & Senior School Art (Book Week)



Junior School

The juniors based their art work on the book

“My Friend Fred” by Frances Watts.

The story about Fred the dog is written from a cat's point of view, but we don't know this till the end of the story

My friend Fred eats dog food for breakfast, I think dog food is disgusting .

My friend Fred howls at the moon.

I don't know why he does a lot of funny things .

But even though we are different, Fred is my best friend!



SMILEY FACES



We have been very busy since coming back to school and we are so happy to be back to some kind of normal.

We understand that we can sometimes have mixed emotions about being back at school and leaving what has been so familiar to us for the last few months .

But most of the time we are HAPPY to see our friends and teachers again at OLOL.

So we made these smiley faces to share with you.

