A Parent's Prayer
Loving God,

You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.
Thank you for the gift of our children.
Help us to set boundaries for them, and yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start.
May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.
May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome
Welcome to 2017! We are delighted to have commenced school in such a productive and enjoyable fashion. Certainly last Wednesday morning, children dived straight in to their classes. I have had the opportunity of visiting every class and that has been truly a pleasure. I would like to officially welcome Miss Kate Burns to our school. Kate is teaching our Year Five Class and I know she is really excited to be starting here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Welcome also to our new students and families, we are glad you are here and hope your time with us is a long, rewarding and life-giving one.

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration
The feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes is Saturday 11th February but as a school we will be celebrating it on Friday 10th February. We will begin the day with a whole school Mass in the Church at 9am all parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Due to the weather forecast of 20 to 40mm of rain that day we will then be organising indoor fun activities in each class. The students will also learn about the significance of this feast day and what it means to our school. The P&F are kindly donating ice creams for each student to enjoy on this day.

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VISION
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School seeks to offer excellence in education, enlivened by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ in a school community where the dignity of each person is valued.
Welcome Back to School Picnic
Our Welcome Back to School Picnic for all families will be on Friday 17th February. The picnic is on the school oval and starts at 5.30pm. It promises to be a great way for our families to get together and start the new school year. So save the date and get your picnic rugs ready for what promises to be a great evening.

Wanted P&F Treasurer
We are still looking for a treasurer for our P&F association. Without someone taking on this position the role the P&F plays in the school will be greatly diminished. Please consider helping out!

Parent Information Evening
On Monday 13th February all classes from PP to Year 6 will be conducting their Parent Information Evening. Each class information session will run for 25/30 mins and will be repeated so as many families as possible can access the information. At the information sessions you will find out about classroom rules and routines, teacher expectations, homework procedures and ways parents can assist in the learning process. Each session starts at 6.00pm and will be repeated at 6.30pm. It would be great to see a fantastic attendance on this evening as it will be a chance to find how things will work for 2017 and clarify anything you are unsure about.

Code of Conduct
This year every Catholic School in WA is mandated to have a Code of Conduct in which all members of the school community are required to abide by. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and well-being of students. The code applies to staff, students, volunteers, parents and guardians and you can access it on our school website. We will present the Code of Conduct at the next P & F Meeting on Tuesday 7th March at 6.30pm. Please save the date, it will be great to see you there!

School Board & P&F Executive Commissioning/ Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Mass On Saturday 11th February at the 6pm Mass our School Board and P&F Executive will be commissioned for the 2017 school year. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a shared meal in the school hall for all in attendance after Mass. If you are planning on coming along please bring a plate to share (no nut products). There is a list in the church foyer to nominate if you are bringing something sweet or savoury. I look forward to seeing you there.

New Basketball/ Netball Court
The students were very excited when they came back to school last week and saw the resurfaced basketball/netball court and new reversible poles. It looks absolutely fantastic. I would like to sincerely thank the P&F in their fundraising efforts and raising enough money to pay for the new poles. The students and staff are very much enjoying the use of this great facility, especially Mr Mammoliti.

Parking
Can everyone please make sure you are not parking in no standing zones. They are clearly marked around the school, failure to do so may lead to you receiving a fine from the ranger. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes,
Mark Ryan
Principal
We wish to cordially invite

Students, Families and Community Members

to our

Friday 17th FEBRURY 2017

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

What to bring:
- Your own family picnic tea
  - A rug to sit on
- Your runners so you can join in the fun matches of soccer, basketball and netball.

P & F Stall: you can purchase sweets, popcorn and drinks.
(NO sausage sizzle or other hot foods will be available)

Families are encouraged to bring along relatives and friends to the evening.
Introduce them to our community and allow them to share in our wonderful spirit.
Message from the P & F President

The P&F’s aim is to provide a forum to assist the school in developing a rewarding education environment for our children. This includes the traditional role of fundraising, however the building of and nurturing of community spirit is at its heart (or our main purpose). We hold meetings and functions throughout the year where parents can interact with each other, socialise, seek information, plan events and provide support for one another.

We hold monthly meetings twice a term. Every parent and friend of the school is encouraged and welcome to attend. Our Principal, Mark Ryan, attends every meeting and provides an update on school activities.

The P&F has a regular spot in the weekly school newsletter so keep an eye out for our articles or join us on Facebook.

This year’s P&F Executive consists of:

1. President – Joanna Wood
2. Vice President – Ruza Foster
3. Treasurer – Vacant (This could be you)
4. Secretary - Sarah Hardy
5. Board Representative – Vicky Paolo
6. Class Representatives

The P&F operates within a constitution adopted from the Federation of Parents and Friends Association of Catholic Schools in WA.

May we take this opportunity to invite you to take an active part in the school through the Parents and Friends Association – whether by attending meetings and providing your ideas or asking questions, or in a committee capacity in due course, or in one of the many vital voluntary roles that make life fun and fruitful at this great school.

Could you be a Class Rep?

The role of class representative may include but is not limited to:

- Welcoming new parents to the school.
- Introducing parents to the roles and activities of the P&F association.
- Inviting parents to support and attend school functions and activities. This may include the arrangement of class tables / rosters for any particular event or function.
- Arranging the distribution of raffle / entry tickets.
- Attend P&F meetings whenever possible.
- Communicate regularly with the P&F executive.
- Organise class communication list eg. email addresses and telephone numbers.
WANTED TREASURER FOR THE P & F COMMITTEE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

Medical Action Plan

If you child requires a Medical Action Plan please complete a Medical Action Plan form, which can be collected from the front office.
Thank you.

Before and After School Care Program at OLOL

The Before and After School Program is now open from 7am-8.30am and 3pm-6pm Monday to Friday.
The service provides Breakfast and Afternoon tea as well as Art and Craft, Sports, Cooking, Drama, Science along with Theme days and a variety of toys and games.
The service is flexible to your individual family needs, you can find more information at-
www.oshclub.com.au

Please come in and see me to ask any questions you may have about OSHClub or just to have a look around.

I hope to see you soon,
Jackie (Service Co-ordinator).
MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
6.00pm-6.55pm
Pre Primary through to Year Six
(not Kindy)

6.00—6.25pm
Parent/Teacher Information Session Pre Primary to Year 6.

6.30-6.55pm
Repeat of 6.00pm session.

Sessions will take place in your child’s classroom.

Kindy 2019 Enrolments

Interviews for Kindy 2019 will be conducted this year. If you have a child born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015, please ensure that you have completed an enrolment form.

You can download the enrolment documents by visiting www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au or see Mrs Harris in the front office.

Thank you.

Health Care Card

Please let the office know before Friday, 10th February if you have a new Health Care Card or if your circumstances have changed and you no longer hold one. Thank you.

Parking

We would appreciate families with older children to utilise the Kiss and Drive, freeing up parking spaces for the Kindy and Pre Primary Families.

Thank you!

The Munch Box

Lunches can be ordered for students every Wednesday and Friday. All lunch orders are to be written on a paper bag with the name and grade of the child clearly labeled. Please secure money in the bag and **NO FOREIGN COINS** are to be included.

Instead of a brown paper bag you can purchase a re-usable lunch order bag either in red, blue or green from the canteen or front office for $8.

Parents please note that OLOL is an **ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL!**
This means no nuts, peanut butter, nutella or bars/cakes containing nuts.

Canteen Menu is now on the website.

Parent helpers are required on Wednesday and Friday. If you are able to help even for just an hour, it would be greatly appreciated.
Please contact Mrs Samuels or leave your name at the front office, as soon as possible.
Our Community

Welcome to our new 3YO Kindy and 4YO Kindy Class, Caleb Harts (PP), Chimika Mwale (PP), Hazel Messenger (Yr2), Zach Mistal (Yr3), Bianca Jalloh (Yr3), Mrunali Paradkar (Yr3), Valentina Becerra Gutier (Yr4) and Daniel Galisteo Ruiz (Yr4).

We welcome you and your families all into our school community and hope you enjoy your time with us.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs Russo on the passing of her Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.

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Happy Birthday Happy Birthday!
LATE BOOK
If any child is late for school they must fill in the LATE BOOK at the front office.

SIGNING IN & SIGNING OUT
If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment or for any other reason during school hours, please fill in the appropriate book at the front office.

ENTRY TO SCHOOL
Any visitor or parent entering the school during school time must complete the sign in and out booklet located at the front desk.

CHILD ABSENTEE
If your child is away from school please notify the school by 9.00am on 9349 1233 and leave a message on the Absentee line. All absences must be followed up with either:
1. an online note lodged via the school website http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/absentee.html or
2. a hand written note.
Parents who have failed to contact the school will be notified of their child’s absence via SMS. Please contact the school once SMS received. This is a government requirement.

HOLIDAYS
A “Student Extended Leave During Term Time form” must be completed for any long term absences during Term Time. The form can be collected from the front office or on the school website. http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/pdf/forms_extendedleave.pdf

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
The newsletter is emailed fortnightly on a Wednesday and is an extremely important link between school and home. Parents are requested to read the newsletter and to take note of relevant information. http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/newsletters.html

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking is undertaken every Wednesday from 8.20-8.45 am in the Computer Room during school time. For further information regarding School Banking please see the front office staff. A box will be left in the Kindy/Pre Primary classroom for you to place your child’s banking in. The banking will be collected for processing and returned at the end of the day.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8.30 –10.30am and in the afternoon from 2.00 until 4.00pm.
Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. This year promises to be full of exciting new opportunities and possibilities for your child in Catholic Education.

If you are new to our system, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. I am delighted that you have chosen to join the Catholic Education Western Australia system, which provides a faith-based education and inspires a passion for learning and discovery for more than 75,000 students in 163 school communities right across the State.

You are joining Catholic Education at an exciting time of system success, growth and transformation.

In 2016, one of the many encouraging indicators of the success of our system was the WACE achievement of our Year 12s. Approximately 96 percent of CEWA students achieved a WACE, above the total State average, while CEWA students improved their Median ATAR again to 81.95, and were awarded a total of 3,178 VET Certificate 2 or higher.

In the past four years, our system has grown with the opening of seven new schools and colleges. Early Years Learning and Care is a key focus for us moving forward in 2017 as we seek to offer exceptional learning experiences for children in a vital period of their development, while meeting the needs of today’s families.

This year we aim to reimagine collaborative learning at every school across our system by implementing our digital transformation initiative, LEADING Lights. LEADING Lights is a single digital eco-system, designed to equip students with the 21st century technologies and deep learning skills that will best prepare them for the future. Much work is underway in this space to ensure that this initiative supports world-class learning and development experiences for both students and staff.

Catholic schools rely on the contribution of parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child’s learning, the efforts of our dedicated staff and Principals, we will ensure that our Catholic schools help your child reach toward their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Dr Tim McDonald
Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia
Italian is currently one of the most studied Languages in Australian schools and in the general wider community. It is a relatively easy language to learn as a first second language as it is similar to English. About 65% of the English language is based on Latin from which Italian is a derivative.

The ITALO-AUSTRALIAN WELFARE & CULTURAL CENTRE INC is sponsoring the Italian after-hour language and cultural programme at your school. These courses are of ninety minutes duration after school and are conducted on a weekly basis during the scholastic year. There is a charge of $25.00 non-refundable, per Semester payable by cheque or cash to the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc on enrolment at the first lesson. The Italian after-hour lessons will begin on:

18th February at 10:00 am

For students who would like to participate in the Italian lessons, parents/guardians need to ensure that:
1. The students are enrolled during the first lesson;
2. The students bring any exercise-book, folder or scrapbook and all writing materials as specified by the Italian teacher for the lesson;
3. They ensure that some communication is maintained between the parent(s) and the after-hour teacher of Italian.

For additional information, please contact the school in the first instance or the Educational Staff at the ITALO-AUSTRALIAN WELFARE & CULTURAL CENTRE INC during office hours (9.00am-5.00pm) on 9228 2220.
School Banking

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!
All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate. If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking commenced today and will run every Wednesday from 8.15-8.45 am in the Computer Room.

If your child is in Kindy or Pre Primary a box will be left in the classroom for you to place your child's banking in. The banking will be collected for processing and returned at the end of the day.

For further information regarding School Banking please see the front office staff.

If you have a child at Servite College and a child at Our Lady of Lourdes you can apply for a $50 discount per child at Servite.
Please collect the form from Servite and bring into the office for signing.
Thank you.

Community News

Piano Tuition is available at OLOL during school hours by a qualified musician, inspiring and encouraging instruction with 20 years’ experience and a Master of Music Degree. AMEB exam preparation if desired.

For further information please call Lara Mechteriakova on 9440 5951.

Morley Bulldogs Junior Football Club
Registration Day is Sunday 19th February, from 10am to 12pm at RA Cooke Reserve, cnr Gummery & Coode Street, Bedford. For further information, please email registrar@morleybulldogs.com.au

Guitar Lessons
A fun introduction to guitar playing, rhythm awareness, dexterity and musical creativity.
$16.50 per half hour lesson during school hours, 3-6 students per group.
Learn with your friends!

To enrol (places are limited), please send a quick email with your child's name, year level in 2017 and whether they already own a guitar or not, to groupguitar.au@gmail.com
Our Year 1 Class