



Term 1 Week 4  
Wednesday 16th February 2022  
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## DIARY DATES

TERM 1	2022
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	P & F Meeting via Zoom 7pm – 8pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Opening School Liturgy
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival Mt Druitt
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ash Wednesday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Morning For new students 9:15 am – 10:45 am

Ash  
Wednesday

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Recently our teaching teams presented to parents, via zoom, their plans, hopes and dreams for the coming school year. My thanks to all who were able to attend and to the staff for their preparation for the meetings.

We all know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. It is for this reason we start our year with this opportunity for parents and teachers to meet each other early in the term. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of teachers. Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best. Together, we can support one another to provide a friendly academic environment and, when appropriate, celebrate our achievements – being the best we can be in 2022.

We hope that throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in our lives. Although he lived about two and a half thousand years ago, the prophet, Jeremiah, has words that are still relevant for us at the beginning of this new school year: *"The Lord says, I know the plans I have for you ..... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11.

Within our school, we can all try to model God's love for each one of us, by being a renewing community where all members are valued, affirmed and empowered; where our commitment to Gospel values is expressed in every facet of our school's endeavours. For this sentiment to continue throughout the year, it will require our collective wisdom and generosity of spirit to be at the forefront of all our communications.

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Education today is a complex engagement because of the intensity and variety of external influences, particularly through various forms of media and electronic communications. Our school has a special role in assisting every parent with the education of their children, so that all children will develop a sense of personal responsibility and learn the correct use of freedom. Throughout the year, our school will provide experiences of liturgy and prayer to assist the spiritual and moral maturity of all our students. May this school year, see staff and parents in partnership in our collective role of secular and faith education.

**“God, our Father, we ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all who make up our school community this year. Help our students to be discerning, so that the outcomes of their choices will be in accord with Christian values. Amen.”**

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden  
Principal



## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Madison A Sienna C
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Nathaniel N Zaidee Y Parker D Riley I Josephine L
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella W
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Clareese M
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Oliver M
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephan O
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Zachary T
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne J

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

### **CHOIR**

I am pleased to announce that Choir is starting up again at St Mary's!

Year 3/4 students are invited to attend choir on Thursday at 1:30pm in the library.

Year 5/6 students are invited to attend on Friday at 1:30pm in the year 4 classroom.

Choir is voluntary and free for St Mary's students. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Mrs Dennis, Music Teacher

## FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

### **CONTACT FROM YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN'S CLASS PARENT**

Each year, in order for each class parent to be able to contact the class/grade, parents are asked to complete a short survey form with their preferred contact email - there is an option to include one or two parents. If you have more than 3 children attending St Mary's simply complete the form a second time (up to 3 children per form can be included). Once the lists have been completed you Class Parent will be in contact. You can find the form [here](#) or by typing this address into a web browser <https://forms.gle/kkbnJ4SBc3CzFBTz7>

### **P & F GENERAL MEETING**

The next P&F General Meeting will be held via Zoom from 7pm next Tuesday 22/2/22. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android via this [link](#) or by typing the following into any browser:

<https://parracatholic.zoom.us/j/66249021421?pwd=RTB3QnNNVy9lWW1OUzUvRm8vK2JvZz09> Password: 661399

### **END OF TERM FAMILY EVENT**

All families welcome to come and catch up with each other or meet new families. Dinner and drinks can be purchased at families own discretion.

The FC Social

Saturday afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> March, end of week 9

Outside on the green from 3.30pm

### **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST**

Last Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February a number of students in year 5 and 6 received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. We would like to extend our deepest congratulations to these children as they received this important Sacrament. This long-awaited day held many treasured memories for our children and their families who helped prepare them throughout last year. Let us, as a school community, continue to keep these children in our prayers – may this day be for them the first of many meetings with Jesus in the Eucharist and may they continue to grow closer to Our Lord. This Saturday and Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February, additional students will also receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.





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This involves 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon between 8:00 – 9:30am & 2:30 – 4:00pm.

### **VACANCIES AVAILABLE:**

- St Luke's Catholic College, Marsden Park
  - Holy Cross Primary, Glenwood
  - Schofields Public School
  - Emerton Public School
  - Rosehill Public School
- St Mary's Primary School, Rydalmere
  - Parramatta West Public School

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For late applications or more information, please contact **Caitlin Ritchie**:

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**Applications close: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



# OLMC OPEN DAY

Sunday, 6 March 2022

10.00am - 2.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2022.

Bookings can be made by visiting the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

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