Our Lady’s Voice
Our Lady of Victories Primary School

9 February 2017
Term 1 Week 3

Red Captains: Lolo Kuku
Blue Captains: Dylan North
Gray Captains: Hayden Christiansen
William Bourke

We look forward to seeing these children and all our Year 5 children growing into good leaders of our community.

Lunch Time Dancing: We are fortunate again to have Miss Cheryl available to teach our children modern dance. Some of the children had a little taste of the class with a free lesson yesterday. Each Wednesday Cheryl will take interested children for dancing lessons in the hall. The children learn a variety of dances and look towards performing these at different functions at school. We are aiming to have them ready for a performance at the Wallsend Winter Carnival in August.

The cost per term is $30 and will need to be paid in advance. We need 20 dancers to cover the minimum cost. If you would like your child to participate in the weekly dance lessons, please send permission slips and payment to the office by Wednesday next week.

School Buses: Parents are reminded that if they wish their children to travel on the buses to and from school, then they will need a valid OPAL pass. These need to be applied for online at https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/ all the relevant details for the application are available from this site.

Homework Club: Our Homework Club in the afternoons is taking off slowly. Sr Anna is available to supervise the children each afternoon for any parents who have commitments after school time. Sr Anna is available each afternoon from Tuesdays – Fridays from 3-6pm. Parents may make a permanent booking or if something comes up, you can ring the school and book your children in for a casual afternoon. The cost is a $10 donation for each child each afternoon and they will have to supply their own snack if they want one.

Captains Induction: We celebrated a beautiful Mass yesterday to welcome the school year and induct our school captains.

School Captains for 2017 are:
Captains: Gemma Ciarcocchi Bailey Walsh
Vice Captains: Julie Williams Jai Ciarcocchi

P & F meets 4th Monday every month.

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Parent Info Sessions: These have been organised for your child’s class teacher to meet the new parents in their classes and give you a basic overview of the expectation of the children. Please come along if you can. The times are as follows:

- Yr 1/2: 13 Feb – 3:15pm
- Yr 3: 16 Feb – 3:15pm
- Yr 4: 13 Feb – 3:15pm
- Yr 5: 13 Feb – 3:15pm
- Yr 6: 15 Feb – 3:15pm

Library News
Library borrowing began yesterday. Students need to have an appropriate library borrowing bag. Library bags are available from the office at a cost of $10.00. Library books are to be returned each Wednesday in the library bag. It would be ideal if library books were returned to the library bag each night/morning after reading. This will protect books from being lost or damaged. Lost and damaged books will need to be paid for. Happy reading.

Book Club
Book club order forms have gone home this week. Please return order form and money in an envelope.

Save the date...
The Special Needs Working Party in conjunction with the CSO Teaching and Learning Unit is pleased to again be presenting an opportunity for parents and carers who have children enrolled in our schools with additional needs an opportunity to hear about the support available to them and their child in our Catholic schools.

These days are to be held as follows:

- **ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSWELLBROOK**
  - Tuesday, 14 March 11.00am – 1.00pm

- **ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL TAREE**
  - Tuesday, 21 March 11.00am – 1.00pm

- **ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL KOTARA SOUTH**
  - Tuesday, 28 March 11.00am – 1.00pm

Please RSVP to....
Cath Garrett-Jones
P. 4979 1303
E. cath.garrett-jojnes@mn.catholic.edu.au

Canteen: A temporary roster has been created for the canteen.
At this stage it will be open on Mondays only. If you are able to help out once a month (or more often if you like) please return the purple note or see Nicole in the office as soon as possible. We would like to get a more permanent roster together quickly. Do you know any relatives or friends who might be interested?

Class News:
What’s happening in your child’s class?

**Kinder**
Wow! What a big first week it has been in Kinder! We have had LOTS of fun learning the school routine including our bell times, prayer time, where to play and what the school rules are. In English we have worked really hard on our sight words “I am...” and we have even learnt the first three letters of the alphabet a, b, and c. In Maths we have been having fun counting to 10! I wonder what next week will bring....

**Year 1/2**
In Religion we have been working on a profile of Jesus. We have discovered through reading the Gospels that Jesus worked as a ‘teacher’ and he travelled from place to place to share his understanding of the messages of God. Year 1/2 have discussed writing a prayer to Jesus asking Him to help us or teach us something we would like to know. In Literacy our speaking and listening activities have centred around the family artefacts that have been brought into school for sharing. We have found them to be very interesting and we are continuing to gather special mementos to include in a “Grandma’s Chest” display for our room. Linked to our study, we have shared the book ‘Grandmother’ by Jeannie Baker this week and we wrote about the special things we enjoy doing with our own grandparents. This week in Maths we have been looking at different patterns. Year One have been learning about number patterns that increase, counting by twos, fives and tens, skip counting and creating patterns on hundred charts as well as number lines. Year Two have been describing number patterns, finding the missing numbers in patterns, writing the rules for patterns and creating patterns themselves. Year 1/2 have enjoyed skill development in Sport on Wednesdays. We have been doing some circuit rotations of different movements and skills to help us partake in games. As we get closer to the Athletics Carnival we will be doing some activities to help us get ready for the day!

**Year 3**
Year 3 started working on our spelling skills this week as we revised the i-e and a-e rules. We have started to learn how to do entry and exit flicks in our handwriting in readiness for cursive writing and we are doing very well. In maths we are revising and extending our skills using addition and subtraction strategies and discussing when it is best to use each strategy. In history we are learning about the Aborigines and we are developing an understanding of their language. We played a game based on the Aborigines words for parts of the body. In science we developed a code for caring when dealing with living things and considered annotated diagrams of specimens collected in readiness for our own at home exploration task. We started our Bounce back program again and discovered the meaning of the acronym
BOUNCE BACK. We developed art works based on this.

Year 4

In Religion this week, we have read scripture from the Gospel of Matthew, about times that Jesus healed the sick and taught about the Kingdom of God. We reported on these events as if we witnessed them ourselves. It was ‘Breaking News’ of the day! In Maths we have been practicing mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. Some of the strategies we have been using are split strategy, jump strategy and bridging to tens. One of our goals this year is to improve our ability to perform calculations mentally. In English, we are enjoying reading ‘The Tale of Despereaux’. We wrote a detailed description of the main character, Despereaux, and retold part of the story from the perspective of one of the minor characters. We have finished reading Book the First and are keen to start the next part of the book. Despite the hot weather, we enjoyed our game of Soccer T Ball yesterday. There was some great teamwork happening in the field and some good kicking being done.

Year 5

In Religion we worked in pairs to read passages from the New Testament then matched Jesus’ words and actions to the different qualities on which we have been focusing. We continued our work on number patterns and reviewed some spelling rules which help us with pluralising nouns. Our History topic for the first half of the year is ‘The Australian Colonies’; we will investigate the reasons for establishing the colonies, life in the colonies and the struggles between the Aboriginal people and the British, the impact colonization had on the Aboriginal people and on the environment, as well as the difficulties the British encountered when establishing the colonies. In English, we have been focussing on learning new activities to help us learn our spelling words. We have also read more of our novel and are learning more and more each day about our main characters and the harshness of the time in which they lived. Each chapter begins with an image and we are using that image to predict what the chapter may be about. It is interesting to look at it again after we’ve read the chapter. In Maths, we have continued to work with really big numbers – reading them, writing them, expanding them and putting them in ascending and descending order. In Science we have looked at plants and animals in the outback and have been conducting an experiment all week with leaves in bags, observing the changes over time. On Friday we will discuss what we have seen and why this has happened. In PDH, we started our Bounce Back lessons for the term and we read a book with the message that life has its ups and downs, but we can bounce back.

We created positive thoughts that we have put into speech bubbles to be displayed to remind us of the message of the story. It’s been a busy week!

Year 6

We have had a busy week preparing for our first Mass of the year. It was the Opening of the School Year and Induction of Captains Mass and it was held yesterday. Everyone participated enthusiastically and respectfully. Congratulations to all for their participation and a special congratulations to our captains! In English, we are rewriting our own versions of the story, “Dancing the Boom Cha-Cha Boogie” by Narelle Oliver, using our own imaginary characters and settings. We are each working with a partner and we are reaching publishing stage after working on drafts. In Maths, we have on addition and subtraction and we have had some interesting problems to solve as we worked through a variety of tasks. We also enjoyed some games using dice. In History, we have been looking at the influences of the British and American systems of government on Australia’s political system. We had a lot of fun at Sport yesterday playing Soccer T-Ball. We have had a wonderful week helping our Kinder Buddies settle in at OLV. We are very proud of the way they have adjusted to school life!

SPORTS CORNER

Regional Winter Sports Trials

The North Region of schools will be conducting Trials for Rugby League, Soccer (girls and boys), Netball, Touch, Football and Rugby Union. If your child would like to try out for one of these sports, then please send a note to school indicating their interest. We can only send 5 to each sport so get in early. The trials are open for children in Year 5 & 6 only.

Regional Swimming Carnival

A number of children have been selected to represent the school at the regional Swimming Carnival on Thursday 16 February. We wish them well and look forward to hearing of their achievements. Notes for those children selected have been sent home and permission slips and payment need to be in at the office by Monday.

Weekly Award Winners: Well done to our award winners this week. The children have been working well and deserve their recognition.

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**May you be in heaven 5 minutes before the devil knows you’re dead.**

Kind regards, Gerry Vandermaat - Principal.
Canteen Roster – This is a temporary roster until volunteers are confirmed

More volunteers are desperately needed.

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Thank you

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1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help. – Our Lady of Victories Shortland
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
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**Please Note:** Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

**For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:**

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device.
2. Search for "Skoobag" in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoobag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
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**Please Note:** The Skoobag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
LUNCHTIME DANCING

Enrolment

We have been fortunate to secure the services of Cheryl Bailey from Newcastle Contemporary Dance Academy who is offering weekly Dance Lessons during lunchtimes on Wednesdays. Cheryl will conduct lessons over the next 3 terms and prepare a dance concert at the end of the year. We need a minimum of 20 children each term. Interested children must commit to at least one whole term. All children are invited, Kinder to Year 6, boys included. If your child is interested in taking up this offer the details are as follows:

Cost: $30 per term (10 weeks @ $3 pw – payable in full in advance)
When: Every Wednesday lunchtime
Dress: Sport Uniform.

Please indicate on the form below and send payment to school so that your child can be enrolled.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Vandermaat - Principal

My child/ren ______________________________________ would like to participate in the lunchtime dance classes with Cheryl.

Number of Children: ______

I have enclosed $ __________ for my child/ren to be enrolled for Term 1, 2017.

NAME: ___________________________

SIGNED: _________________________