



### March

**Thursday 26th**  
Year 6 Physio Visit-  
**Cancelled**

**Friday 27th**  
Fun Run K-6—**Postponed**

### April

**Wednesday 1st**  
4L C.A.R.E.S excursion-  
**Postponed**

**Thursday 2nd**  
Year 3 Science Excursion-  
**Postponed**

4L C.A.R.E.S excursion -  
**Postponed**

10am School Tour  
Kindergarten 2021-  
**Postponed**

**Sunday 4th**  
Palm Sunday

**Tuesday 7th**  
2.30pm Principal &  
Citizenship Awards—  
**Postponed**

**Thursday 9th**  
Holy Thursday  
Last Day of Term

**Friday 10th**  
Good Friday

**Sunday 12th**  
Easter Sunday

**Monday 27th**  
First Day Term 2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Ref: [Liturgyhelp.com](http://Liturgyhelp.com)



Modern day  
Pool of Siloam  
(after excavations of  
the site)

## **REFLECTION**

The encounter of Jesus with the blind man goes through several phases and is surrounded with much observance and conversation. The man, who has been blind since birth, comes to Jesus with the expressed hope and desire to be able to see. The response of Jesus is surprising! He makes a mud paste and places it over the eyes of the blind man. Such an action, bewildering to the onlookers, points to the fact that healing comes from the ordinary stuff of life; mud and clay which is very messy. Even though the blind man's journey from darkness to light seemed to take a long route, his final reply was one of sureness and clarity:

*"I only know that I was blind and now I see."*

In his humility and directness, the blind man gifts us all with clarity as we realise that the right attitude in receiving God's gift is simply one of gracious acceptance.

Ref: CEDP Lenten Reflections

## **Saints of the Week:**

### **17th March: Feast St Patrick**

St Patrick was captured as a teenager and turned to God during this time. At the age of 20 he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland for 40 years, converting many people to Christianity during this time.



### **19th March: Feast of St Joseph (Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

Joseph was Jesus' earthly father and Mary's husband. He was a kind and gentle man who was courageous enough to say yes to whatever God asked him to do.

## **School News**

### **NAPLAN 2020**

We have been informed today by NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) that NAPLAN 2020 will not proceed this year. This decision includes cancellation of:

- NAPLAN Online practice testing
- NAPLAN Online test
- NAPLAN paper tests

### **Winter Uniform**

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase. Please place your orders before next term to ensure you receive them on time. The students will be changing to winter uniform on Monday 11th May.

Orders can be placed via Qkr app by MasterCard. The QKR app is a safe and convenient way to order and ensures your uniforms are delivered to the school. Please download the **Qkr app by MasterCard**, search your school (Our Lady of Lourdes) and follow the prompts. All size samples are at the school office.



**Please note:** Always read the terms and conditions on the app before ordering. Please choose carefully as we do not refund if you simply change your mind or make a wrong selection. However, we gladly exchange within 14 days of the purchase date. Returned merchandise **MUST** be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase otherwise the exchange will not be honoured. Any item that has been worn will not be able to be exchanged. Any questions please email to: [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

### **Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments**

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2021. Please download the enrolment form from the school website [www.ololbhills.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ololbhills.parra.catholic.edu.au) and complete the forms and return them to the school office with all the required documentation including originals. Please note that we cannot accept a Driver's Licence as proof of residence. A utility bill is the preference.

Interviews for *New Families* for 2021 will commence in the coming weeks they will be interviewed by a member of the leadership team.



## UNSW International ICAS Competitions and Assessments 2020

Each year students from Years 3-6 have the opportunity to complete the UNSW International ICAS Assessments. The subjects available are: Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English and Mathematics. These assessments will be completed at school but are optional. A cost of \$15.95 is required per assessment. For further details, please see the attached page.



### Canteen Update

As you are aware supermarkets and food suppliers are very low on stock which is making it very difficult for school canteen operators. Suppliers are running low and there will be no more Woolworths deliveries until further notice. In light of this Mel's Tasty Bites regular menu is no longer available, please see attached temporary menu.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the Hokayem family on the birth of a baby boy. A brother for Makayla (3s) and Marcus (1M)



### School Fees

Effective immediately we will no longer be accepting cash payments for school fees. For payment options please refer to the front page of your school fee statement. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated

### Social Skills

Respect feeling good about yourself and others

- ◆ ◆ Doing your best



## P & F News

### FUN RUN

Due to the constantly evolving nature of COVID-19. We have made the difficult decision to *postpone* the fun run event. We want to be respectful of the constraints this global crisis might be having on families both emotionally and financially. However, at this stage school remains open so we will be providing the children with an ice block at the completion of their PE class on Friday 27th March as a treat from the P&F to continue our school spirit and moral at this time.



If families have already started collecting money, please hold onto it as we WILL hold this event when we are able to confidently set a new date for FUN RUN 2020. If your family has already sent sponsorship money, we will contact you directly. We can either hold onto these funds or refund directly to the families. Once again, we apologise for the confusion this all has been and are sorry it had to come to this decision, but the health and safety of our community is paramount.

**NB:** The Men's social gathering hosted by Ross Nolan next Wednesday 25th March has been **cancelled**, hopefully the next can take place in May, but will keep you posted !!  
Have a beautiful and safe weekend

P&F Team



# Parish News

All masses at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael's Churches, set down for this weekend, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March have been **cancelled**.

Weekday Masses including Saturday morning will continue until further notice.

Both churches will remain open during the day for those who wish to spend some time in private prayer. For further details, please see letter attached from Fr Wim Hoekstra

## **Arrupe Foodbank– Week 4**

A reminder the foodbank is currently in desperate need of non-perishable items. Each week during Lent we are asking for a donation of a different food to donate to JRS Foodbank.

Week 1: Basmati Rice

Week 4: Tinned Tomatoes

Week 2: Tuna in Oil

**Week 5: Long Life Milk**

Week 3: Cooking Oil

Week 6: Pasta or Spaghetti

There will be a box at the back of the church and the goods collected will be donated to the Jesuit Refugee Service Parramatta. For more information on this Social Justice Service see the website: [www.jrs.org.au](http://www.jrs.org.au)

The church will open Monday to Friday

## **Youth Group**

For youth in the Parish of Baulkham Hills:

Due to the uncertainty of the current health crisis, youth group will be suspended until further notice.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Youth Minister Paul Fam, on 0407 773 174, or send an email through to [youth@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:youth@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)



## **Gilroy Catholic College Enrolments for Year 7 2021**

Applications close Friday 27 March 2020. First Round Offers will be sent out Monday 6 April 2020

Families who wish to enrol for Year 7 2021 and currently have a student attending Gilroy will need to complete an application form.

Application Packages are available from the College office or you can download the forms from the College website: [gilroy.catholic.edu.au](http://gilroy.catholic.edu.au) - click on How to Enrol

For all enquiries contact the College office on 8853 8200 or the Registrar Mary McBain [mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu.au)



## ~ Year 2 Science Incursion ~

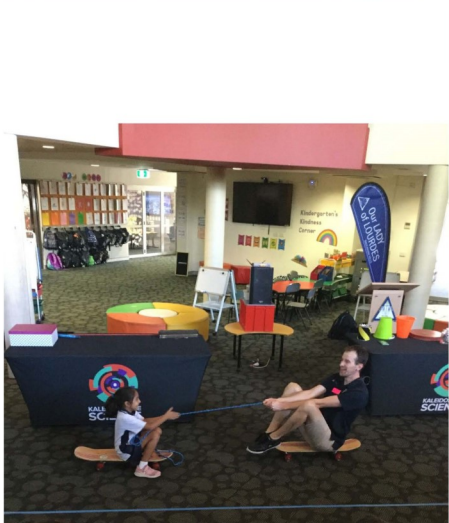
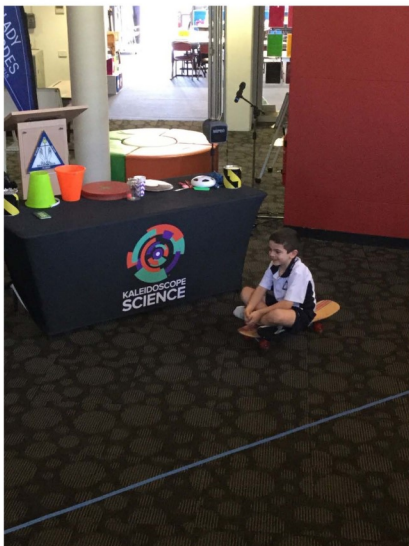
Year 2 had the opportunity to have 'Kaleidoscope' perform and teach us all about forces. The students learnt that there were many forces, not just a push and pull force. Some objects require more than one force to make it work, for example, the frisbee. This needs a push and spin force. There were many tricks shown which showed us how things work. One of the most intriguing experiments was the bucket and water trick. The question most children asked after the show was how did the water stay in the bucket when tipped upside down? It was a practical experience for students to see the various real world examples of forces.

Some quotes from the day:-

*"Wow, didn't the water fall out of the bucket when it was spinning?"*

*"If I spin the bucket slower would the water fall out?"*

*"Why isn't the balloon popping when we are pushing on it?"*

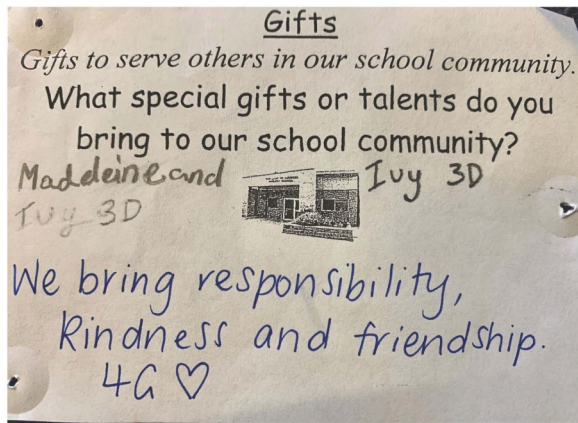




# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN YEAR 3

## Term 1 Week 9

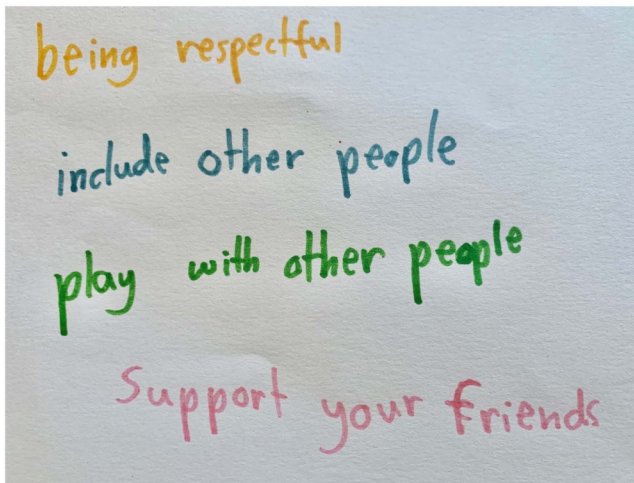
Year 3 commenced the year with the unit, Jesus Shares His Gifts. Students explored how other people use their gifts in service of others, as well as, learning how Jesus used his gifts in ministering to others. The children in Year 3 also enjoyed interviewing the staff of Our Lady of Lourdes as it made them aware of the many gifts that are shared within our school community.



Year 3 began this year's Lenten Season by learning about the significance of Ash Wednesday. Students received their ashes and returned to the classroom to reflect upon this first day of Lent:



- The celebration of Lent provides us with opportunities to grow closer in our relationship with God.
- This season challenges us to reach out to others in need.
- Three ways we can reach out to others are through fasting, praying and almsgiving.



## REACHING OUT TO OTHERS





# UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2020 YEARS 3, 4, 5, 6

This year all UNSW Competitions will be completed online, with the exception of the Year 3 and Year 4 Writing, which will be completed on paper.

ICAS have launched an online direct payment facility for parents. **This year payment for these assessments will be done online only. Please do not send any cash to school with your children.**

## Access details for parents

Your school access code is: **XMN153**

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

After the Parent Payment closing date, ICAS will send the school the names of the students who have registered for each assessment.

	Exam Sitting Dates	Parent Payment Closing Date
ICAS Science	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020	Monday, 10 August 2020
ICAS Writing*	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020	Monday, 10 August 2020
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020	Monday, 17 August 2020
ICAS English	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020	Monday, 17 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020	Monday, 24 August 2020
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020	Monday, 24 August 2020

\*Offline assessments only available for Years 3 & 4 (AU)

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Neylan.  
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**Dear Parishioners**

**COVID-19 Update for the weekend of 21-22 March**

In the light of directive from the Federal Government that non-essential gatherings of people of more than 100 should not take place, and in view of the advice from Bishop Vincent and the Diocesan Curia, for the Parish of Baulkham Hills the following will be in effect for this weekend (21-22 March):

- Sunday Masses will be cancelled at St Michael's (Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am, 10am and 6pm) and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches (6pm Sat and 9.30am Sun)
- Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 p2 and Canon 1281), i.e. there is no sin attached to missing Mass on Sunday.
- Weekday Masses including Saturday morning will continue until further notice.
- The First Rite of Reconciliation will continue to be offered at St Michael's only- (Sat 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.45pm to 5.15pm)

Both churches will remain open during the day for those who wish to spend some time in private prayer.

In these difficult times, if you hear of anyone in need of assistance from a priest, the Parish Office or Vinnies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Let us pray that all of us would be strengthened for the task ahead and relying on the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Michael and all the Saints we might persevere in carrying the Cross at this time.

Fr Wim Hoekstra  
Parish Priest  
19 March 2020

# TEMPORARY MENU



~ SANDWICH BAR ~		~ SUPER SALAD BAR ~		~ BREAKFAST ~	
Vegemite, Jam or Honey (E)	\$2.50	Greek Salad (E) (GF)	\$5.00	Egg & cheese Roll (E)	\$3.50
Margarine spread		Tomato, cucumber, Spanish onion, pitted olives & feta			
Cheese Tomato (E)	\$3.50	Garden Salad (E)	\$5.00	Toasted Sandwiches (E)	
Cheese & tomato		Lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, carrot, beetroot w/Italian dressing		Cheese 1/2	\$1.00
Cheese (E)	\$2.80			Toasted Lebanese Bread (E)	
Sliced tasty cheese		~ WRAP BAR ~ (E)		Cheese 1/2	\$1.00
Salad (E)	\$3.60	Served in Lebanese Bread	1/4 Full		
Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot		Chicken & Salad	\$3.00	Fruit (E)	
Egg (E)	\$3.80	Salad	\$2.50	Fruit available daily from	\$1.20
Mayo & lettuce		Salad & Cheese	\$3.00		
Curried Egg (E)	\$3.80				
Mayo, curry & lettuce					
~ TURKISH BREADS/FOCACCIAS (E) - \$7.00 ~					
Mediterranean – Chicken, artichokes, roasted capsicum, olives & feta cheese					
Vegetarian – Eggplant, sun-dried tomatoes, roasted capsicum, olives & feta cheese					
Chicken – Chicken, roasted capsicum & tasty cheese					
~ OPEN MELTS ~ (E)					
Served in an open round roll					
Breads (G) White or wholemeal		Cheese	\$3.00	~ COLD DRINKS ~	
Gluten Free Sliced	\$1.50	Cheese & tomato	\$3.20	Spring Water 600ml (E)	\$2.00
White Roll	\$0.80	Garlic & Cheese	\$3.20	Harvey Juice 250ml (E)	\$2.60
				Orange, apple, orange & mango	
~ BURGERS ~					
Chicken Pattie Burger (O) (H)	\$5.00			Oak Lite - 250ml (E)	\$2.60
Fillet Pattie, lettuce & mayo				Chocolate or Strawberry	
Veggie Burger (E)	\$5.00				
Veggie pattie, lettuce, tomato & aioli mayo					
Fish Burger (E)	\$5.00	~ HOT BAR ~			
Lettuce & tartare sauce		Chicken Nuggets x 4 (O) (H)	\$3.00	~ FROZEN TREATS ~	
		Chicken Nuggets x 6 (O) (H)	\$4.20	Mony (E)	\$2.00
		Hot Dog w/Sauce (O) (H)	\$4.00	(Lemon Ice, Red Berry Blast)	
		Hot Cheese Roll (E)	\$3.20		
		Cup Noodles (O)	\$3.50		
		(Beef or Chicken)			
HOME MADE PIZZA – (E) (H)					
Cheese	\$4.50				
Vegetarian	\$4.50				
Bbq Chicken	\$4.50				

## CANTEEN SPECIALS

TUESDAY – Spaghetti Bolognese - (E) (H)	\$4.00 Small / \$6.00 Large
WEDNESDAY – Macaroni Cheese - (E) (H)	\$4.00 Small / \$6.00 Large
THURSDAY – Fish & Salad - - (E) (H)	\$6.00