**Lourdes News**

**NEWSLETTER NO. 35**

**WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 2013**

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**From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

Today was our school interhouse swimming carnival, and what a fantastic morning of swimming it was! All swimmers should be very proud of their efforts! Thank you to staff who organised the day, together with parents who assisted. Sadly Gold were the victors today, by only 26 points! There’s always next year Blue!

This week I commenced enrolment interviews for 2014. It is a very exciting time for families as in some instances, their first child is commencing school next year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to Our Lady of Lourdes. I am sure you will join with me in making them feel welcome and wishing them all the best for their time at our wonderful school.

We have healthy enrolments numbers for next year, but do still have vacancies in all grades, so if you have any family and friends who may be considering Lourdes as an option for their child’s education, then please urge them to contact the school for more information, a tour or a time to meet with me.

With only five weeks remaining in the term there is a great deal still to happen. Currently staff are working on booklists and class lists for 2014 and on report cards for this semester. We will have book lists out to families shortly and class lists and teachers will be announced as soon as these are finalised. I realise that families are very keen to know what the arrangements will be for next year and I would ask for your patience in this matter.

As we near the end of the year, I would ask that you keep in your prayers our current Year 5 and 6 students and teachers as they prepare for the role of leading our school in 2014. The students are working towards their leadership speeches and coming to understand and appreciate the responsibilities they will assume in the new year. It is a demanding time for them and we wish them all the very best.

Have a great week.

Timothy Ham.

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**From the APRE**

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank the NET Team for everything they have done for our children and our school during 2013: from the beautiful music, to their smiling faces and happy personalities, to the spreading of Jesus’ message with enthusiasm and passion. Dana, Fred, Lach, Jess and Ursula, we will all miss you, and wish you all the very best for the future.

Next Monday, 11 November is Remembrance Day. It marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. This year is not only the 95th anniversary of the armistice on 11 November which ended the First World War, but also the 20th anniversary of the re-interment of the Unknown Australian Soldier in the Australian War Memorial’s Hall of Memory. Please take some time to think about the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf by our soldiers, and pray for them and their families.

Please join us for our School Mass this Friday at 9am at St. Patrick’s Church. Everyone is welcome!

Have an enjoyable week.

Paula Martin
### Congratulations to Monday’s Award Winners ...

#### Achievement Awards

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<td>Prep MH</td>
<td><strong>Thomas Shaw</strong></td>
<td>for working so hard to write a wonderful story. Well done, Thomas!</td>
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<td>Prep AG</td>
<td><strong>Breanna Patane</strong></td>
<td>for using reading strategies so effectively and checking for the meaning as she reads. Awesome work Breanna!</td>
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<td>1DM</td>
<td><strong>Codey Masters</strong></td>
<td>for his outstanding application in reading and comprehension tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2PC</td>
<td><strong>Lily Gofton</strong></td>
<td>for working well to understand new mathematical concepts.</td>
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<td>2KG</td>
<td><strong>Jacob Minato</strong></td>
<td>for engineering a well thought out dog kennel design. Fantastic effort Jacob!</td>
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<td>3CA</td>
<td><strong>Caytlan Stephensen</strong></td>
<td>for showing great improvement in her writing skills and her understanding of mathematical patterns.</td>
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<td>3/4ED</td>
<td><strong>Paul Edmonds</strong></td>
<td>working hard to improve his spelling and writing skills.</td>
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<td>4CT</td>
<td><strong>Bianca Marano</strong></td>
<td>for working extremely hard during Maths to improve your understanding of improper fraction and mixed numbers. Keep up the great work!!</td>
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<td>6GC</td>
<td><strong>Carly Isokangas</strong></td>
<td>for her fantastic effort in creating and writing her Tanka Poem.</td>
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<td>7MM</td>
<td><strong>Chris Vanek</strong></td>
<td>for creating an excellent snake safety brochure.</td>
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<td>7MQ</td>
<td><strong>Cody Cavallaro</strong></td>
<td>for reading beautifully for our Assembly about the Year 7 camp to the Whitsundays.</td>
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#### School Spirit Awards ...

#### Honesty & Trustworthiness

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<td><strong>Kayla Craig</strong></td>
<td>... by being such a kind and honest friend to all of her classmates. Well done Kayla!</td>
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<td>Prep AG</td>
<td><strong>Sophee Lepinath</strong></td>
<td>... by leading by example and always being an honest classmate. Well done Sophee!</td>
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<td>1DM</td>
<td><strong>Lucy Tento</strong></td>
<td>... by being an honest and trustworthy class member and for setting a great example with her behaviour and school routine.</td>
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<td>1/2PC</td>
<td><strong>Pearce Mammino</strong></td>
<td>... by being an honest and reliable student and a great helper for the teacher.</td>
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<td>2KG</td>
<td><strong>Kasey Roati</strong></td>
<td>... by being an honest and trustworthy member of our classroom and setting a great example for her peers. Keep up the great work Kasey!</td>
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<td>3CA</td>
<td><strong>Joshua Milan</strong></td>
<td>... by being reliable, understanding and caring towards his fellow students.</td>
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<td>3/4ED</td>
<td><strong>Jack Waldon</strong></td>
<td>... by completing his assignments on time and giving good reasons for his actions.</td>
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<td>4CT</td>
<td><strong>Piper Gosney</strong></td>
<td>... by setting an excellent example by being an honest and trustworthy member of 4CT all year. Congratulations Piper!</td>
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<td>6GC</td>
<td><strong>Anneika Cottell</strong></td>
<td>... by always showing a caring and honest attitude towards other classmates.</td>
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<td>7MM</td>
<td><strong>James Smallwood</strong></td>
<td>... by setting an excellent example to his peers through his excellent behaviour and attitude.</td>
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<td>7MQ</td>
<td><strong>Lisa Stokes</strong></td>
<td>... by a pleasing application to assessment tasks and solid results in all subject areas.</td>
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### Group Photos Available for Order

Orders are now being taken for Group Photos taken recently by MSP Photography: Grade 7, School Captain, Sports Captains, Media Officers, U11 Rugby League, U12 Rugby League, School Leaders, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Romanello Shield Lourdes Blue Broncos and Lourdes Gold, Italian Speaking Competition, Netball. Photos are $17 each and order forms are available at the office, along with sample photos for viewing.

**Orders close 9.00AM, FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER.**
Sports News

Tennis
Well done to all the children who participated in the Orford Cup last Friday. Lourdes entered three teams into the competition. Two teams ended up in the A Division which saw one team make the finals and unfortunately lose in a tie-breaker. The third team ended up in C Division and won this division. All the children played extremely well and displayed great sportsmanship on the day. Well done!

Swimming
Our annual inter-house swimming carnival was held today at the Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre. Many children competed and all swimmers should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Lourdes Gold who won the carnival by a narrow margin of 26 points! From this carnival, a group of children will be chosen to represent Lourdes at the Town vs Country Carnival on Thursday, 28 November. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped in any way today. A big thank you also to Mr David Irvin and Mrs Dale Lancini for officiating, and the HR Swimming Club who allowed us to borrow the necessary equipment to run a successful carnival. Thanks everyone!
Crazy Sock Day

Yesterday our school raised $285 for the Missions during our Crazy Sock Day! Children wore crazy socks and casual clothes, and brought along a gold coin donation. They also enjoyed a lunchtime “Rock Your Socks Off” disco in the Menegon Centre!

ICT News

So many wonderful things are happening in classrooms this Term with ICT!

Prep classes are busy working with a number of numeracy and literacy apps, in particular “Story Buddy” and “Story Creator”. They use these apps to create stories and practice sight words.

Year 1 and 2 are using QCODES and QR Readers to research information and also to log on to various websites. Most excitingly, they have been using “KID BLOG” to support their unit on “Getting the message out there.” Children have been commenting and answering questions on blogs from their teachers and will soon begin writing their own blogs.

Year 3 and 4 are learning about Christmas around the world and are using their class website to find out interesting information and facts. They are also using “book creator” to publish their narrative stories.

It is Poetry Central in Year 5 and 6. The children are using a class website with helpful information about all kids of poetry. They are also creating presentations using the app “Prezi” and another technology tool for graphing called “infogr.am”

Finally, Year 7 students recently completed some learning with the app “iMovie”. They created some fabulous and entertaining movies and are now working on a surprise for the end of the year.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the apps we are using, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours in ICT,
Mrs Inunciaga.
Music: Count Us In

On Thursday, 31 October, Lourdes participated in Music: Count Us In, Australia’s biggest school initiative. With support from The Australian Government, it has run since 2007 and is all about celebrating the value of music education to students’ development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involves more than 600,000 students, teachers - and often parents – from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time. Well done Lourdes! You sounded great (despite our Grade 5s and 6s being away at camp!)

Staff Service Awards Presented

Our CEO Education Consultant, Mr Laurence Hosking, today presented service awards to a number of long-serving staff members: Flavia Menegon (30 years), Mari Quabba, (25 years), Angela Barbagallo (20 years), Robyn Smallwood (10 years). Marie Authurs (10 years) was absent on the day. Lourdes thanks you for your dedicated service to Catholic education, and our children—congratulations!

Farewell NET Team ...

Again we’d like to thank Fred, Dana, Ursula, Jess and Lach for the wonderful way they have contributed to our school’s spiritual journey this year. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed any time they have spent with the team. We wish them all the very best for a bright future ahead. We will miss you!

The Parish will farewell the NET team at the 6:00pm Mass at St. Patrick’s Church on November 9. Following Mass, there will be a supper under the school – please bring a sweet/savoury plate to share. All welcome!
Highlights of Term 4

**Pasta Making**

This term, Year 7MQ have been very busy enjoying a school camp to the Whitsundays, Day for Daniel, making homemade pasta in Italian and enjoying some time with our grandparents on Grandparents Day.

Our focus this term is learning about how many cultures come together with their different beliefs and traditions to unite as one, forming the Australian way of life.

Our school representatives for the Frank Fraser Lecturette Competition were Phoebe Bowden, Danny De Leo and Lara Gusmeroli. Well done folks - you did our school proud!

It is with much pleasure that we announce that one of our class mates, Zeia Artavilla, has been awarded the JCU Year 7 Academic Award for 2013. Congratulations Zeia!
2014 TERM DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April (10 weeks)
Term 2: Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June (10 weeks)
Term 3: Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September (10 weeks)
Term 4: Tuesday 7 October - Friday 6 December (9 weeks)

Pupil Free Days
Monday 7, Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 April
Monday 20 October

Public Holidays
New Year’s Day       Wednesday 1 January
Australia Day        Monday 27 January
Good Friday          Friday 18 April
Easter Monday        Monday 21 April
Anzac Day            Friday 25 April
Queen’s Birthday     Monday 9 June
Ingham Show Day      Friday 4 July
Labour Day           Monday 6 October
Christmas Day         Thursday 25 December

GIVING MASS
FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER AT 9.00AM

At this time of the year, charitable organisations invite the public to contribute to their Christmas appeal. At Our Lady of Lourdes, our last Mass for the school year is a THANKS GIVING Mass ...THANKS for all that has been ... and GIVING something to the poor.

Mass will be held in St. Patrick’s Church. We would like each child to bring a GIFT. Children are asked to bring items as listed, and representatives from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will collect, and distribute them to the needy.

Each year families from Lourdes School have generously supported this appeal and once again, we ask for your co-operation.

Prep: Tinned/packet soup, puddings, cake mix.
Grade 1: Tinned meats including spaghetti, baked beans etc.
Grade 2: Breakfast cereals, grains (e.g rice, spaghetti etc.)
Grade 3: Biscuits (sweet or savoury), fruit cakes.
Grade 4: Lollies, processed cheese, boys’ & girls’ handkerchiefs.
Grade 5: Tinned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, 3 bean mix, beetroot).
Grade 6: Bottles (spaghetti sauce, cordial, jams, vegemite).
Grade 7: Nuts, fruit cakes, Christmas pudding.

Children may bring these items to their class teacher any time before 6 December.
Enrolments for 2014

Next week, we are commencing enrolment interviews for the 2014 school year. We still have vacancies for Prep next year, together will all other grades, so if you have any family or friends who are still deciding if Lourdes is right for their child, please let them know they are welcome to contact our office for a tour and an enrolment pack. Orientations days for Prep will be held on 26, 28 and 29 November.

Health Care Card Concession to School Fees

In an effort to reduce the financial burden on families, a significant discount to Diocesan tuition fees is available for holders of a means tested Australian government health care or pensioner concession card—these families are entitled to a discount on the tuition fees, however no discount applies to the school levies and additional charges. If you are eligible, please see the office to apply for this discount. We will require a copy of your current card to apply, or continue to apply the discount.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS DISCOUNT, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CURRENT FEES NOTICE CAREFULLY. IF THE DISCOUNT HAS BEEN APPLIED, IT WILL BE LISTED AS “HCC DISCOUNT.” IF YOU BELIEVE IT HAS NOT BEEN APPLIED, PLEASE COME IN WITH YOUR CARD. WE ARE UNABLE TO APPLY THIS DISCOUNT IF WE DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT CARD.

Please note that onus and responsibility is on the parent to advise our office if they believe they are entitled to the discount, or if the discount has not been applied. It is impossible for staff members to assess each family’s situation, or follow up entitlements to discounts. Thank you.

Tuckshop—Calling Mums and Grandmothers!

We are currently trying to fill a roster for 2014. Your help would be greatly appreciated in the next year. We hope you can assist by volunteering to be on the roster. This would involve working once a month starting at 9.00am and finishing by noon. Please return the completed form to the tuckshop asap.

Grandmothers (and dads/grandfathers, of course!) are welcome too.

| Name __________________________________________ | Phone Number ____________________________ |
| Please tick which suits best:    |    |    |    |
| ☐ Mondays    | ☐ Wednesdays    | ☐ Thursdays    | ☐ Fridays |
| I can/cannot work once a month but I would like to be on call.   | Yes/No |
| Signed ____________________________ |
LOURDES P&F

Bait Drive

Order by Wednesday, 13 November and your frozen bait will be delivered to school in the second last week of Term 4 (week of 25 November 2013)

Pilchards $11 per 2kg bag
Squid $15 per 2.5kg box

Yes, I would like to order:

____ bag/s of PILCHARDS @ $11  $__________
____ box/es of SQUID @ $15  $__________

TOTAL ORDER  $__________

Name: ______________________________________

Mobile Number: ______________________________

We will SMS you once your order is ready for collection from the school.

Orders close Wednesday 13 November
Orientation Day
Tuesday 3rd December 2013

For all Year 7 Students enrolled, or intending to enrol at Gilroy Santa Maria College for Year 8 in 2014 are invited to attend.

Students will be able to:

Meet with students and staff

Prepare themselves for the transition to Year 8

Form exciting, new friendships

Be provided with information packages:

including uniform and stationery lists for 2014

Neat casual clothes, closed in shoes and hat to be worn - Lunch of Sausage Sizzle and drink will be provided - Contact your bus service to utilise buses

get excited for 2014
A Pantomime
by Judith Prior
Jack
and the
Baked Bean
Stalk

Saturday 9th November
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School
2 shows - 10am & 2pm sharp &

Saturday 16th November
Ingham State Primary School
2 shows - 10am & 2pm sharp

ADMISSION: Adults - $10.00
Children (Prep. To Gr. 7) &
Concession - $5.00
Kindy kids & under - Free
(Show ONLY)

For the
young
& young
at heart!

(ALL CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT)

TICKETS – Piotto’s Music Gifts & Casket Agency from 29/10/13
**Lourdes Playgroup**

Each Tuesday (term time)
9.00am to 10.30am
At Lourdes School
in Prep Outside Area

$3.00 per family

BYO Morning Tea

All children under 5 and their parents welcome!!

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**Weekend Mass Times**

**St. Patrick’s, Ingham**
Sat. Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am, 7pm

**St. Peter’s, Halifax**
Sunday, 7am

**St Teresa’s, Abergowrie**
Sunday, 10am

**Canossa Chapel, Trebonne**
Sunday, 9.30am

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**Tuckshop Roster**

**Thursday, 7 November**
J Morelli, N Spina

**Friday, 8 November**
P Bailey, M Hobbs

**Monday, 11 November**
HELP NEEDED!

**Wednesday, 13 November**
S Henney, A Muller

**Thursday, 14 November**
A Pappin

**Friday, 15 November**
E Piotto, G Cockrell

**Monday, 18 November**
C Dametto

**Wednesday, 20 November**
J Copley, J McCullagh

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**Tuckshop Specials ....**

**Thursday, 7/11** ........Nacho Cups  $4.50
**Friday, 8/11** .............Honey Soy Chicken Kebabs 3 for $4.00

Also now available in the tuckshop are

**Slushies ... $2/per cup**
(Apple juice based)

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**Assembly Notices**

**Monday 11 November—Menegon Centre**
- Awards etc.
- Remembrance Day Liturgy

**Friday 15 November—Menegon Centre**
*(changed from Monday 18 November because of “World of Maths” workshops)*
- Year 5 and 6 Leadership Liturgy
- Awards etc.

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**HELP NEEDED AT PANTOMIME!**

This Saturday, the school is selling chips and softdrink during interval at the Ingham Theatre Group’s Pantomime at the Menegon Centre at 10am and 2pm.

Do you plan to attend? Can you help serve at the tuckshop for a little while during interval? If so, please contact the school office.

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