P & F MEETING—TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY AT 7.00PM

What's Happening At School

We look forward to a big turnout at our first meeting for 2015. Come and meet our 2015 P & F Executive, hear about our plans for 2015 and hear from the School Leadership Team about the school’s School Improvement Plans (SIP) in the areas of Learning and Teaching, Catholic Life and Mission and Pastoral Care.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - TOMMORROW

We are looking forward to a great day tomorrow at Macquarie University Swimming Pool, rain, hail or shine. A reminder that children competing in the 100m and individual medley are to be at the pool 8.30am. All children should bring a swim cap, goggles (optional) and blockout. Parking is available at the swim centre.

Please check this link: Macquarie University Parking Maps.

A running order for the events is available on the website at OOLOR Swimming Carnival Running Sheet

With Lent commencing next week, we will gather for Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.30am with Years 3-6 attending. Our Kindy-Year 2 children will have an Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 2.30pm in the Cathedral that afternoon.

3 Ideas for Lent 2015

1. As mentioned in the previous school newsletter, parents are invited to a very simple prayer session each Thursday at 2.40pm during Lent, starting next week on Thursday 19 February at 2.15pm in the school library (Toddlers are, of course, welcome)

2. Caritas Australia has just launched its “Project Compassion” initiative for 2015. The theme this year is “Food For Life”. At school during Lent, classes will be exposed to 6 Caritas initiatives; these initiatives simply explore the lives of 6 families in the ‘developing world’. I encourage parents to have a look at the video link below, and perhaps watch one of the very short 5 minute videos each week with their children (NB there are 6 short videos in total). I note that students will be exposed to these videos at school too. http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/videos

Finally, all classes will have a ‘Project Compassion Box’ in their classroom during Lent; students (and parents) are invited to voluntarily contribute money to this important cause.

3. Shrove Tuesday Celebration: (Next week - Tuesday 17 February 11.30am)

Parents are invited to come along and join in our little Shrove Tuesday celebration next week.

What is Shrove Tuesday? The word shrove is a form of the English word shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one’s sins by way of confession and doing penance. Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be ‘shriven’ before the start of Lent. At 11.30am next Tuesday, all students will process around the school from the undercroft in one mighty line all the way back to class. As we process, we will all sing an Alleluia song in unison.

The reason we are doing this is to remember that we won’t be singing any Alleluia songs or verses during Lent. Essentially, we ‘put the Alleluia to sleep’ during Lent … but, we ‘resurrect’ the Alleluia on Easter Sunday!

Philip Leddlin - Religious Education Coordinator

We have received complaints from the administration of The Grange Retirement Village in McAuley Place about people driving recklessly through their grounds, making illegal u-turns to then line up for the drive-thru line in Yardley Avenue. We have been given number plates of several cars who have broken the road rules in the last two weeks. The speed limit in that area is 10km/hour and there is a Stop sign that people are ignoring. Please be warned that The Grange is so concerned about safety to their residents, that they are considering ringing the police to attend the scene at this time. As we mention often, the traffic is very congested from 2.50 to 3.10. At 3.15pm it is much easier to navigate the site. Please consider arriving a little later for drive-thru pick up.

Please also be aware that Hornsby Council have advised that parents who sit in their car in the bus zone outside the school, will be issued with an infringement notice. If there is no space on Yardley Avenue, please drive around the block or come later for pick up. The children are supervised until 3.20pm and then taken down to the school office.

Multicultural Day - Friday 13 March

We are looking forward to planning another wonderful Multicultural Day at our school celebrating the rich diversity of our community. The children are encouraged to dress in the traditional costumes of their heritage. Dress can be as simple as wearing the colours of their flag or as intricate as an authentic traditional costume. In the afternoon, the children can entertain and inform us about their culture through dance, song or a short presentation. If children have an item that they would like to share, please send an email to the school with their name, class and item description.

Diary Dates - Term 1

- OOLOR Swimming Carnival at Macquarie University
- P & F Meeting at 7.00pm
- Men in the Morning @ 8.00am
- Catholic Schools Week
- Open Day for Enrolments 2016
- Multicultural Day
On behalf of the P&F Executive we hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the 2015 school year and in particular we welcome the new families to the school. We enjoyed a fantastic welcome BBQ last Friday evening and it was encouraging to see so many smiling faces meeting new people in the school community for the first time.

Our P&F Committee is looking forward to working with you and for you in 2015 to provide a inclusive and supportive community within the school. We meet twice a term, with our first meeting to be held next Tuesday 17 February at 7.00pm and all parents and friends of OLOR are welcome to attend, ask questions and contribute. You can also speak to any of us in the playground or at social events to find out what is happening. It’s also a Spring Fair year so we’ll be looking for plenty of help and assistance to make this a great event.

If you wanted to be involved right now, we have three areas that are in need of volunteers, the Support Pantry and the Class Parent Network. Details about both of these groups are below. Please return the form to the office if you are able to help.

Looking forward to a big 2015!

David Millar
President - OLOR P&F

‘SUPPORT PANTRY’

For many years the OLOR school community has established a ‘Support Pantry’. This concept was established to assist school families when required during times of need e.g. serious illness, birth of a child, other unexpected family events. You are invited to be part of this great initiative. Consider having your name / email placed on a ‘Pantry Register’ which will then rotate as the need arises. If you are contacted we ask that you simply prepare a meal as required. Your name will be kept confidential, as will the name of the recipient.

☐  I would like to put my name down to be on the register

Name: _____________________________________________  Phone: _________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________________ Class: __________________________

CLASS PARENT NETWORK FOR 2015

The team of Class Parents act as an integral and personal link between teachers and parents of the various year groups. They are a particularly vital role in OLOR as they encourage hospitality and help build relationships across the grade. The class parent will help enlist support as required for various school activities. Class Parent(s) get to know all parents and families in their grade, using various communication links available.

We still need class parents for the following classes: KB, KG, 1B, 1G, 2B, 4B, 4G, 5B, 5G, 6B.

Please indicate if you would like to be a Class Parent for your child’s class. This is not limited to one parent per class. In many grades we have 3 or 4 parents working as a team to coordinate events e.g. park plays, nights out and assisting the Parent Coordinator.

☐  I would like to be a class parent: Name: _____________________________________________  Phone: _________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________________ Class: __________________________

The Dish

On Tuesday 24 February at 6.00pm, OLOR School is co-ordinating “The Dish” in Hornsby Pool Park (opposite the Hornsby Police Station). “The Dish” is an outreach initiative that OLOR School has keenly supported over the past few years. Essentially, school community groups are on a roster to provide meals and friendship for the needy in our local community each Tuesday evening.

Our school “Dish Co-ordinator” at OLOR is Sue-Ellen Rixon and she has very generously offered to co-ordinate our school’s commitment in 2015.

Following are all the dates OLOR is rostered on in 2015:

Tuesday 24 February 6pm
Tuesday 26 May 6pm
Tuesday 11 August 6pm
Tuesday 8 December 6pm

If you would like to be involved in the preparation and/or distribution of meals, please contact Sue-Elle via email at serixon1@hotmail.com to get on a team for one or more of the dates above.

School Fees 2015

All families should have received a statement via email at the end of January. Please check your emails and contact the school office if you need another copy.