Dear Parents,

'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'

Each year, tens of thousands of people and hundreds of organisations celebrate National Families Week - Australia's annual celebration of families.

The aim of National Families Week 2015 is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. The 2015 theme is 'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'.

This year’s theme highlights the important role families play as the central building block of our communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing. The central message of National Families Week is 'to take time to celebrate with your family, make contact with your extended family and friends and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.

With the busyness of our world in 2015, there are often extra pressures on families. Through our families, we teach and model to our children the values that we hold dear. We teach our children how to respect others, how to live and work together, what is important, how to share, how to support each other, how to be responsible and share the load as we help out with family chores, how to deal with difficulties and disagreements in families.

Are our households ones where men and women model love, care and respect, with productive conversation and discussion around issues? Do we respect the differences in our family? Do we all do our fair share of jobs around the house? Do we sit together for the family meal and discuss the day, what is happening in the world and what is important to us and our family?

We hear stories every day of families in crisis. Sometimes the members of families don’t treat each other with respect or equality. What is the message that this is sending to our children? It is significant that in 2015, the Australian of the Year is Rosie Beatty, someone whose life was lived amidst the backdrop of domestic violence. The campaign against family violence is gathering momentum each day. Over the last 12 months our school has supported the recently opened Women’s Shelter in Hornsby which offers advice, support and practical assistance to women who have experienced domestic violence.

It is not acceptable that some members of families live in fear and shame and it is up to each one of us to remind each other if things are not as they should be. Our children deserve that and have a right to it. We want them to be the best adults that they can be, having grown up witnessing others treated with love, care, respect, dignity, equality and themselves also enveloped in this care. In 2015, as a society, we need to take a strong stand against family violence and insist that those who don’t treat others properly seek help and are called to account.

Let us be mindful in this National Families Week that our families are precious and deserve us all to be the very best that we can be.

This weekend on Saturday, May 16th, our P&F is organising a family community BBQ and get-together at 3.30pm. It is a great opportunity to come together with your family and take time out from our busy lives to celebrate and be together as a family. Looking forward to a wonderful afternoon on Saturday. Our Parish/Family mass for Term 2 will follow at 5.00pm.

God bless you and your family

Jacinta Crowe
Principal

Congratulations to Mrs Dawn McDougall, our PE Teacher, who is expecting a baby during Term 4 this year. Our best wishes to Dawn, husband Luke and children Lachlan and Ellie.

No 14  Week 4, Term 2  14 May 2015

Click on this link
OLOR Parent Term Calendar

National Families Week
15-21 MAY 2015

Diary Dates - Term 2

Saturday 16 May - P&F BBQ @ 3.00pm followed by Year 1/Year 6 Mass @ 5.00pm
Tuesday 19 May - ICAS Digital Technologies @ 7.50am
- Diocesan Cross Country—Fagan Park
Friday 22 May - Liturgy Assembly—Pentecost (Year 2) @ 2.00pm
Monday 25 May - Liturgy—Our Lady Help of Christians (Year 3) @ 11.30am/undercroft
Friday 29 May - School Disco - details on page 6, flyer from P&F next week
Friday 5 June - Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day

SDD/Pupil Free Day
Friday 5 June
HSFOL is an online Interactive Mathematics Quiz conducted by the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA) and is endorsed by the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT). It is a maths quiz of NAPLAN-type problems for year-level teams of four students. HSFOL is designed to foster mathematical problem solving for students in Years 3-10 across Australia. The competition consists of three rounds of 10 questions, where student teams have one hour to complete each round of questions. This term OLOR entered four teams into the competition; 2 x Year 5 teams competing against 44 other school and 2 x year 6 teams competing against 95 other schools.

We are very proud to announce that each of our 4 teams did extremely well. Particular congratulations to the “Mathemagicians” who received 2nd overall placing; only 0.2 of a point behind first place! Well done!

Congratulations to all the students who competed in this competition.

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Parents & Friends News

OLOR Trivia and Games Night

Saturday 13 June 2015
The Light of Christ Centre
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
Cost: $20 per person
Theme: Around the World

This year’s trivia and games night honours the multicultural community that is OLOR. In celebration come dressed up, bring an international dish to share, or decorate your table to represent your country of origin, or any other country. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed and the best table decorations.

Parents, friends, and teachers are all welcome! Organise your own table of 10 or book a seat before the night. We will help you find a table if you don’t know many people. Drinks and nibbles are BYO and tea and coffee will be available.

Book your sitter in now! As this is an evening for the adults please leave the kids at home and come and have a great night out. We’d love to see as many parents (and your friends) and join in the fun.

To book a seat, or a table of 10, please contact Julianne Millar on dmamdjules@bigpond.com or 0400 421 476.

Parent Helper Literacy Workshops

With our focus on literacy in the morning block, parents are a wonderful addition assisting the literacy group sessions in classes. In 2014 we conducted workshops for parents to assist with reading in classrooms. We are looking for your assistance again. Your help would be required for about half an hour from either 9.30am or 10.30am. If you are able to make a commitment to be a parent helper in literacy please fill out the details below.

We will be conducting some parent literacy workshops over the next few weeks. You will only need to attend one 45 minute workshop. Please complete the form below if you are interested in helping and/or attending a workshop and return to the school office.

Parents Name: _____________________________ Mobile No: ___________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________________

Eldest Child’s Name: ___________________________ Eldest Child’s Class: ________________

☐ I have completed the workshop in 2014 and am available to assist with reading.
☐ I haven’t completed a workshop. I am available to assist in classes on the below days

[ ] Days I am available
[ ] Monday  [ ] Tuesday  [ ] Wednesday  [ ] Thursday  [ ] Friday

[ ] Circle Morning/Afternoon
[ ] AM / PM

☐ I am available to attend a workshop on the below days.

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

TUESDAY 19 MAY - DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Please take note that these competitions take place at 8.00am so as not to disrupt the normal school day. Children need to be at school by 7.50am.

Reminder!
Positive Behaviours for Learning

Make Good Choices

Respect Learning

“Our various gifts and talents are not merely for personal use and satisfaction, but for the glory of God and the service of others.” (1Cor 12:4-6)

Learning to make good choices and decisions helps children become more independent and responsible. A good decision is one that, on balance, is most likely to lead to a positive outcome for everyone. Learning to consider the situation carefully, weigh up and look at all options before coming to a conclusion or decision helps children make better decisions. This also helps them to take into account other’s point of view.

In the classroom it can mean:

◊ choosing to listen to the teacher and listening to the instructions given.
◊ choosing a good working partner or even a good working position – where and with whom will I work my best?
◊ choosing to complete my work and even choosing to complete my work to the best of my ability. Is this my best handwriting? Am I proud of this presentation? Could I add more detail or could I not be bothered?

In the playground it can mean:

◊ choosing to play to the rules of the game.
◊ choosing to help a friend in need, or a fellow school mate.
◊ choosing to keep the school environment clean.
◊ choosing to follow the school rules.

At home it can mean:

◊ choosing to help mum or dad around the home.
◊ choosing to complete my homework without being asked.
◊ choosing to keep my bedroom tidy and putting away my toys and belongings.
◊ choosing to be dressed and ready for school on time.
◊ making the right choices when it comes to doing what mum and dad want me to do.

How adults can help:

• allow children to practise making choices
• talk about their everyday decisions
• ask questions that promotes thoughtful decisions e.g. how would that work?

When they may make a poor decision:

• check your expectations. Are they age/ability appropriate? Were the options clear?
• everyone makes mistakes sometimes. Allow them to experience the consequences of their decision to provide useful lessons in responsibility.
• talk through both good and poor decisions. They will learn best when they are calmly helped to think through their outcomes of their decisions and supported in making better decisions next time.

Respect Learning - Respect Self and Others - Respect the Environment

Learning at OLOR

Have you checked your child’s class webpage lately?

Teachers have been busy updating their class sites to share with you their learning across the curriculum. We endeavour to update these pages regularly, so remember to keep on checking. The link can be found on the main page of the school website or by following the link www.learningatolor.com

If you can’t remember the password, contact the school office.
Sport News

On Tuesday 60 students represented OLOR at the Cluster Cross Country at Rolfe Park. The students behaved beautifully and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to Miss Coddington and Mrs Fileman for their assistance on the day. Congratulations to all students that were selected for cluster.

We have several students who were selected to go through to the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Tuesday 19 May at Fagan's Park.

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We wish these children well at Fagan Park next Tuesday.

Netball Gala Day
The Netball Gala Day is in Week 10 of this term. There will be 7-8 teams representing OLOR on the day. Each team requires a parent team manager on the day. If you are able to assist please let Robyn know in the office and she will pass it on to me. Thank you in advance.

Erin Bosley
Sports Coordinator

Well Done

We wanted to commend the team effort and good sportsmanship displayed by the year 2 boys u/8 basketball team 'OLOR Hawks'. This is the first season the team have played together and while they have been learning the rules of the game, they have also been developing a positive attitude towards team work. All this hard work paid off Monday night when they defeated their opponents in a very close game. All players should be as proud of their efforts, as their parents are.

Louis, Lance, Hayden, Flynn, Oliver, Zach, Brodie

Book Club Orders

A reminder that the closing date for this month’s book club orders is Friday 22 May. Orders can now be complete and paid for online via the Scholastic LOOP payment system, however parents can still fill in the form and pay by cheque to the office. These will be collected on Friday 22nd May.

Book Club Coordinators.

Medications At School

To keep in line with Diocesan WH&S procedures staff at OLOR will ONLY BE ABLE TO administer medications to students when accompanied by written instructions from a medical practitioner. This includes PRESCRIBED medications and all NON-PRESCRIBED medications such as Panadol and Nurofen. This policy relates to every student and is applicable when a student is at school or at any school related activity such as excursions, camps or sporting events. All requests for medication need to be accompanied by a authorisation form available on our website at: OLOR Permission Forms
What’s Happening @ School

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following students who are celebrating birthdays this week

19 May - Hayden B (2G)  
Amy McG (5B)

21 May - Archie H (2G)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The second-hand uniform shop is located in the OOSH room down in the undercroft.
If you wish to drop off any old uniforms, please drop them into the school office.
Open days for the uniform shop are listed on the school calendar.

Next Open Day for Term 2 - Friday 22 May @ 2.30pm

CANTEEN

Monday 18 May - Volunteer needed please
Tuesday 19 May - Volunteer needed please
Wednesday 20 May - Alex Sturrock
Thursday 21 May - Cristina Loh & Annette Cullen
Friday 22 May - Paula Wanden & Judi Crowe
Monday 25 May - Volunteer needed please
Tuesday 26 May - Jennifer Bartlett & Melissa Collins
Wednesday 27 May - Volunteer needed please
Thursday 28 May - Sandra Bartlett
Friday 29 May - Diana Yu & Alison Costelloe

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Nacho Day - Monday 1st June
Sausage Sizzle - Friday 26th June

If anyone needs to change their shift for next term or you would like me to put you on the roster please send me an email @ kbcadan@bigpond.net.au

Thank you Carmel Daniels

Link for online canteen ordering: Canteen Information

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016
Interviews have been taking place for Kindergarten 2016 as offers of placements will go out this term. If you have a little one starting next year or know neighbours or friends looking for placement in 2016, please have them contact the office for enrolment forms.

SCHOOL DISCO - FREE EVENT

FRIDAY 29 MAY
4.45PM TO 45.45PM - KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 3
6.00PM TO 7.30PM - YEAR 4 TO YEAR 6

FLYER OUT NEXT WEEK WITH DETAILS FOR ONLINE BOOKING
You may have heard there is an exciting event on November 1....the OLOR Country Fair and we need your help!

A very popular stall at the OLOR Fair is the craft stall. This stall sells handmade items including; Christmas decorations and cards, dolls, jewellery, hair clips, library bags, aprons, crayon rolls and much, much more....

DONATIONS requested: old denim jeans, OLOR school uniforms, fabric, buttons, beads, wadding, wool, elastic, paper crafts, card stock, ribbons, embroidery thread, felt and anything crafty!

AND/OR DONATE YOUR TIME/IDEAS:
All levels of expertise welcome on this stall! You don’t need to be crafty or to be able to sew, if you can cut things out or stick things together (we can all do this!) we would appreciate your help.

If you know of any grandparents/teenagers or other friends/relatives willing to lend a hand please let us know.

We will be organising a craft morning soon for crafty and not so crafty people to come together (toddlers welcome) and share ideas, have a chat, learn new skills, cut, stick and maybe even sew.....stay tuned for further details.

In the meantime if you have any questions, ideas for craft items or to let us know you have donations or are willing to help, please contact:
Alida zampdean@gmail.com / 0407 667 285 or
Courtney courtneyhollinger4@gmail.com / 0431 539 056
Decluttering, Downsizing or simply Ditching?

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, Waitara will be holding a country-style fair on 1 November 2015.

We will be working hard this year to offer a variety of pre-owned gems in our hall of ‘vintage’ market stalls.

The second-hand books and toys stalls will remain along with home-made gourmet delights and crafts.

Local Council Clean-Up dates are fast approaching.

With school holidays, and the change in season, now is the perfect time to start getting organised, clear out the clutter and pass on clothing that no longer fits or no longer gets worn as much as it used to.

Please spread the word ... let your friends and family know that we will gladly take good quality items off their hands such as:

- Pre-loved teen’s, men’s and women’s fashion and accessories – clothing, handbags, jewellery and accessories
- Pre-loved children’s clothing, accessories, dance costumes, etc
- Pre-loved homewares, dining and servingware, decorator items and unique pieces of furniture and furnishings (eg. tea sets, jugs, vases, mirrors, framed pictures, empty frames, lamps, chairs, side-tables, etc)
- Pre-owned, good quality toys and games
- Pre-owned children’s and adult’s books

We will also be extremely grateful and willing to take donations for our crafts and gourmet gifts stalls. Items such as:

- fabric, wool, buttons, etc
- clean empty jars with lids (with labels already removed if possible)

**COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR THE VARIOUS STALLS TO BE ADVISED.**

No donations are to be left at school. Please hang on to all of your items at home until we confirm collection and storage arrangements for the various stalls.

If you have any queries, email olsorspringfair2015@gmail.com or call Alex on 0412 709 778
School Community News

Council has prepared a draft strategic plan that will guide the long term planning and provision of community and cultural facilities across Hornsby Shire. Your views are important to us and we’re keen to hear your feedback.


If you would like to make a comment, please make a submission via email to the address below.

Submissions to: hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Exhibition end date: Friday 12 June 2015

If you would like more information, please contact Council’s Coordinator Community and Cultural Facilities: Julia Morton
phone: 9847 6052
email: jmorton@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR?

Is your child between 6 and 12 years old?

You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to:
- attend evening sessions
- fill in questionnaires (anonymously)

This study has been approved by the Ethics Committee at Macquarie University

For more information or to express interest in this study please contact:
Julie Chesterfield (Department of Psychology, Macquarie University)
E-mail: julie.chesterfield@students.mq.edu.au
Phone: 0417 243 113

Wanted:

Families to host 2 Japanese students 27th July - 5th August 2014

Students are aged 15-16 years & speak some English.
What you need to provide: a comfy bed (sharing a room is fine)
3 meals a day
daily transport to/from St Leo’s Catholic College, Wahroonga

Families are paid $45 per student per night for hosting.
Students attend school on weekdays & enjoy family life with you on the weekends.
For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366 http://www.vsoceania.com
Takashi: ushinohama@vsoceania.com mob: 0408 468 538