Dear Parents,

Last week I was privileged to join our Year 6 students on their Canberra excursion. We had a wonderful time as we took in the sights of Canberra and learnt much about our Nation’s capital and the history of our country. The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate from the Federal Government allowed us to have three very full days of activity. It was terrific to see the students talking to each other, playing cards and reading, with not a phone or iPad in sight!

Special thanks to Mrs Fileman and Mr Ledlin for their organisation and to Miss Tonnet, Mrs Ayres and Fr. Robert who accompanied us. Father Robert organised a very special experience for us all, a visit to the Apostolic Nunciature, which is the headquarters of the Pope’s representative in Australia. Fr Robert also celebrated Mass for us in the chapel at the Nunciature.

Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day—Monday 13 July
The first day of Term 3 (Monday 13 July) will be a Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) where all OLOR staff will gather in the Light of Christ Centre with a number of other Broken Bay Diocesan Schools for a special forum about ‘Evangelii Gaudium’ - ‘The Joy of the Gospel’. This is Pope Francis’ 2013 apostolic exhortation on the church’s primary mission of evangelisation in the modern world. It is important to note that ‘The Joy of the Gospel’ is an important focus within our 2015 OLOR School Improvement Plan.

The forum will consist of an overview of the man, Pope Francis and his exhortation, followed by a presentation from the keynote speaker, Professor Dan Fleming. There will also be a variety of workshops that staff will attend in relation to the message and its impact on Catholic schools. The day will end with an opportunity for school groups to examine how ‘The Joy of the Gospel’ can be translated back into our respective school environments.

Sacred Heart Mass last Friday
The Sacred Heart Mass last Friday was a wonderful Eucharistic celebration where we remembered those in need at The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women’s Shelter. Thank you to all our OLOR families who so generously supported the ‘food and necessities’ drive to provide urgent supplies for The Shelter. Mrs Dorothy Babb (one of The Shelter co-ordinators) was overwhelmed by the wonderful array of donations that couldn’t fit in her big wagon. Thank you to our parents, Mrs Lisa Manton and Mrs Jackie Harris, who spontaneously assisted by packing their cars with the food/necessities and then drove them directly to The Shelter with Dorothy.

Thank you to Fr Ansalem for leading the beautiful liturgy that was primarily co-ordinated by our Year 2/3 students and teachers. After the Mass, I was approached by one of the Mercy Sisters from The Grange Retirement Home and she commented, “Thank you for that absolutely inspiring Mass that has left me in awe of the lovely students who participated so reverently.”

Any parents keen to assist as a volunteer at The Shelter might like to see Mr Philip Ledlin for a conversation. Assistance is presently needed with lawn mowing once or twice each year for teams of 3 or 4 adults.

Lowes Menswear
Lowes Menswear, the supplier of our school uniform, is offering a 20% discount on all store items next week from Monday 22 June to Sunday 28 June.

Lowes also now has an online shop for ordering the uniform at Lowes Online

Jacinta Crowe, Principal.

Congratulations to Students Celebrating Birthdays This Week
20 June - Xavier D (KB)
21 June - Millie H (4B) & Tamryn R (5B)
23 June - Ella G (3B) & Oriana McH (4B)
24 June - Zachary H (1G)

Diary Dates - Term 2
Week 9 & Week 10
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ICAS Writing & Spelling Test @ 7.50am - 3G Classroom (for students sick on Mon/Tue)
- Year 6 Cupcake Day - Fundraiser in support of The Cancer Council
- Principal’s Morning Tea
- Last day of Term 2

Monday 13 July
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- First day of Term 3
- Grandparents’ Day

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**National Gallery of Australia**

By Lucy, Bianca and Ryan

The National Gallery of Australia was truly remarkable. We enjoyed walking through the Art Gallery witnessing different genres of art. We saw pop art, sculptures, canvas art, water features and pieces of art from different times of history. It was interesting learning about the story behind the painting. The tour guide told us about hidden features of art pieces that helped us figure out the meaning. In total the Art Gallery was an incredible place and we would like to visit again.

**Australian Institute of Sport**

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) was an extremely enjoyable experience. The AIS guide took us on a tour and taught us about sports and simulated activities of different sports, including cross country skiing, baseball, sprinting and soccer. We started off in Sportex which is the interactive part of the AIS where we tried different activities giving us the idea of how these sports felt. After this we went on a tour showing us where the athletes trained, played and warmed up. Some of the athletes train up to 30 hours in a week! We had a thrilling time at the AIS and would love to go back again.

By Laura, Emma, Isobel, Yasmin and Sophie

**Questacon - Day 3**

Wouldn’t you rather go to the National Science and Technology Centre? Tricked you! They’re the same place! Questacon is thrilling, mind-blowing, enjoyable and educational all at the same time. It’s a super fun way to learn about science and technology through all the mini activities there are. We went to different rooms where we investigated the many activities set up for us to learn about how science works. Some of the best stations were making your arms float, seeing an optical illusion on someone’s face, the caged lightning, and the earthquake lab. The real star of the show was the Excitement Room. In the Excitement Room we watched super fast wind blow scarves through the air and best of all, the Free Fall. It felt like we were falling through space! Overall, we had a fantastic time at Questacon.

By Kiera, Erin, Tav and Jack

**The Australian War Memorial**

By Joel, Vito, Levi and Luke

The War Memorial is an amazing building which commemorates the sacrifice of the Australians who have been to war. We especially liked the Discovery Zone where all the main buildings are. Initially we watched a video about Canberra and our guide explained why different places weren’t considered. There was also a fascinating model of Canberra where there was a projector/video/spotlighting on the model that showed us where we were & where all the main buildings are.

By Riley, Dom, Adam, Jack, Ben and Charlie

**Parliament House**

On our first day in Canberra we visited Parliament House where Eric, the guide, gave us a tour of the building. Firstly we went to a room set up as the House of Representatives and did a play where we all took on different roles.

After the play we went into the House of Representatives and then the Senate. Parliament wasn’t sitting so we were able to sit closer to where the parliamentarians sit.

By Joel, Vito, Levi and Luke

**The Royal Australian Mint**

By Nisha, Kaitlyn & Mikaela

We went to the Royal Australian Mint on our second day in Canberra and our tour guide, Stephen, showed us the process of how coins were made. He explained to us that three robots work in the Mint - the mighty Titan, the beautiful Penny & Robot Robbie. Robbie sucks up coins and drops them into a box, Penny delivers crates to Robbie and Titan lifts heavy barrels full of coins. Did you know that the Mint makes over 2,000,000 coins a day? That’s a lot! We definitely had fun at the Mint!

By Emma P, Jess, Fallon and Nat

**The Apostolic Nunciature**

In Canberra His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana kindly invited us to Papal Embassy, The Apostolic Nunciatura. In the Embassy we had some time to talk to him, we discussed his journeys to other countries and places he has been to. Afterwards Sister Katrina led us to the stunning chapel where Fr. Robert celebrated Mass with us. After Mass, Sister, we shared a lovely lunch of sandwiches, apples and delicious ice creams! We had an excellent time!

By Emma P, Jess, Fallon and Nat

**The National Exhibition Centre**

By Kat, Bec, Emma, and Amelia.

At The National Exhibition Centre we learnt how Canberra came to be the national capital and how the location was chosen. Initially we watched a video about Canberra and our guide explained why different places weren’t considered. There was also a fascinating model of Canberra where there was a projector/video/spotlighting on the model that showed us where we were & where all the main buildings are.

By Riley, Dom, Adam, Jack, Ben and Charlie

**AEC Report**

When we were in Canberra we visited the AEC (Australian Electoral Commission). They showed us how to vote! First you must be 18 years of age and you must be an Australian Citizen.

Our grade watched a video on the history of voting which had awesome holograms and 3D faces (Projected pictures that are projected with light to look real!). We did special activities about voting and what they do at polling stations. Near the end we had an actual election of favourite fruits and Orange won! They had real voting boxes and a portable ballot box which had a special rope code that was checked every time it was opened.

By Riley, Dom, Adam, Jack, Ben and Charlie
Cupcake Day

Next Tuesday 23 June, Year 6 students are co-ordinating a Cupcake Day to support The Cancer Council. Please join us in supporting this important fundraiser by purchasing cupcakes. These will be sold at recess in the undercroft. Prices will range in value - (50c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00). Thank you - from Year 6.

Library News

Overdue Notices
Early next week overdue reminder notices will be given to those students who have outstanding books. If your child receives a notice and you feel that the books have already been returned, please write this on the notice and return it to the library. We will then check the classroom and library shelves to see if the books have gone astray at school. It would be wonderful if all overdue library books could be returned before the holidays.

Borrowing for the Holidays
Many children are interested in borrowing books to read over the holidays, especially those who are working towards completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This opportunity to borrow books for the holidays is offered to any child who has returned all outstanding books, or who has renewed any books that they are in the process of reading. It is recommended that children keep their library books in a library bag at home (when they are not reading them) so that they don’t become mixed up with other books they may have at home.

The holidays are also a great time to visit our local libraries such as Hornsby, Pennant Hills, Berowra, Turramurra and Gordon depending on the local council area in which you live.

Happy holidays and happy reading!

Mrs Sandra Todd
Teacher Librarian

OLOR SCHOOL SCARVES

STUDENT NAME: _________________________________________

STUDENT CLASS: ________________________________________

NUMBER OF SCARVES @ $12.00 EACH: _________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED: __________________________________

Please enclose either a cheque payable to OLOR Waitara or cash to the correct amount. No change will be given. An iron on name tag will be attached to each scarf. Scarves will be sent to the child’s classroom.

TSA Band Camp 2015!

Yes, it’s that time of year again! Pull out your best swimmers for the waterslide, your grooviest PJ’s for the pyjama disco and get into training for the staff v’s students beach volleyball match!! (Oh, and you should probably practice your band music too!)

Whilst most kids come to camp for the excitement of new friends, fun activities and a weekend away, the real benefit is in the valuable experience (both musical and social) gained from such intensive time spent in such a highly musical environment. With over 8 hours of face-to-face tuition over the weekend, there is over a term and a half worth of 30 minute lessons to be had! Camp is also a valuable experience for students that may be losing interest in music and need a boost of enthusiasm and practice to get them to a level where they can enjoy their music and performance.

Notes for camp should have already been received by band parents via email outlining details including cost, venue, times and dates. If you did not receive this email or you need another copy, please visit www.teachingservices.com.au and download the note from the ‘Band Notes’ section of the website. Permission notes, along with deposit, need to be returned ASAP to avoid missing out as the camp participation needs to be finalised at the beginning of Term 3.

Magic Monkeys 2015

Congratulations Anna, Chelsea, Chloie, Ella, Juliet, Katie, Phoebe and Ruby for making the 2015 Basketball Grand finals next week. Good Luck!

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has finished for Term 2. Banking will start again in Week 2 of Term 3.