



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School

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Week 2, Term 1, 2017

9 February 2017



Dear Parents,

Opening School Mass

We welcome everyone to our Opening School Mass tomorrow at 9.30am in the Cathedral as we ask God's blessing on our year and the people in our community. Our Year 6 Leadership Team will be commissioned and receive their badges and all our Year 6 students will receive their leader badges as they take on special roles this year. All welcome.

Kindergarten

We have had a wonderful start with our Kindergarten little ones settling beautifully into school life. This week there was great excitement as the Year 5 buddies met their special friends for a start of a relationship that will develop over the next two years at OLOR.

Our Kindergarten students will be formally presented to our OLOR school community at our assembly on Monday 20 February at 2.00pm in TLOCC. All welcome to attend.

Looking forward to a big crowd at our Kindergarten and new families Welcome BBQ tomorrow from 5pm-7pm on the oval near TLOCC. We are expecting heatwave conditions so we have the sprinkler in readiness on the oval (so children might like to wear clothes that can get wet!). Many thanks to the tremendous support from Year 1 families who will be hosting this event. Thank you for your generosity. We have a wonderful sense of community here at OLOR. Fr Robert sends his apologies as he is currently on LSL in America with his family.

Swimming Carnival

Everything worked in our favour last week for our annual swimming carnival at Hornsby Aquatic Centre. The weather was much cooler and we had good cover to keep the intermittent rain from us. The students were well behaved and had a marvellous day practising those life skills of having a go, trying their hardest, finishing a race, being a good sport, congratulating others and barracking for the team. It was terrific having the electronic timing and this meant that we didn't need as many parent helpers. Thanks to all the teachers and parent helpers on the day and a big thanks to Miss Tonnet who organised the carnival and co-ordinated with officials. Age Champions will be announced once details are submitted and medals presented at assembly in a couple of weeks. Our North Shore Cluster Carnival will be on Tuesday 7 March at Hornsby and participants will be informed in the week of 20 February.

Birthday Celebrations

Having a birthday is exciting and an extra special day. We have decided that when it is your birthday you can wear mufti (casual clothes) for that day. If your birthday is on the weekend you can either wear mufti on the Friday before or the Monday after. If it is in the holidays you can wear mufti on the first or second day of the new term or the last day of term, before your big day. That way everyone will know it is your special day and will wish you a happy birthday all day! For all those children whose birthdays were in the Christmas holidays or these first couple of weeks you can wear mufti next Monday 13 February if you would like. Of course it is completely optional – we want it to be fun not stressful.



INFORMATION ON THE Qkr APP FOR CANTEN PURCHASES AND SCHOOL FEES WILL BE SENT TO PARENTS BY EMAIL NEXT WEEK.

Uniforms for Mass tomorrow.

Students with a special part in our Mass tomorrow and all Year 6 students are asked to wear their full summer uniform tomorrow. If other students have sport tomorrow, sports uniform is still fine.

School Fees

All families would have received the school fee statement by now. Please check your emails and if there is a problem please contact the school office.

STAFF
DEVELOPMENT DAY
PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Diary Dates - Term 1

Friday 10 February

Friday 17 February
Week 4 & Week 5

Monday 20 February
Tuesday 21 February
Friday 24 February

- Opening School Mass @ 9.30am in the Cathedral
- Kindergarten & New Families Welcome BBQ @ 5.00pm on St Leo's Oval/TLOCC
- **Pupil Free Day / Staff Development Day**
- **Parent/Teacher Sessions**
- Kindergarten 2017 presented with Welcome Certificates @ 2.00pm in TLOCC
- P&F Meeting @ 7.00pm - staffroom
- Men in the Morning @ 8.00am



Parent/Teacher Interviews

This week classes from Years 1-6 took home a 'Getting to Know Your Child' information sheet. We ask that you complete this and return it to school as soon as possible so it can form part of your discussion as you meet your child's teacher in the first formal parent/teacher interviews for the year. These 15 minute interviews will occur across Weeks 4 and 5. Feedback to parents on the MAI will form part of the information for parents at the P/T meetings. Meeting times can be booked through the online system School Interviews. A link will be sent to parents tomorrow.

Michael Grose National Tour

There is an attachment with this newsletter advertising a parent workshop on Wednesday 8 March from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in TLOCC. This is part of a National Tour as Michael Grose, a bestselling author and parenting expert, discusses his new book 'Spoonfed Generation.' We all want our children to be resilient, confident and independent but today's world can make that more difficult than when we were young. While we are hosting this event within our venue and providing supper it is a community event so all parents would benefit from his discussion. Your friends might be interested as well.

Our P&F Association will be supporting OLOR parents' attendance at this evening so we will send a separate email out tomorrow outlining the process for OLOR families. This parent evening links very well into our focus on Wellbeing and supporting children's social and emotional development. Please see the flyer on page 6 of the newsletter.

P&F Meeting

Our first P&F Meeting for the year will be in Week 4 on Tuesday 21 February at 7.00pm in the library. We will be outlining our educational goals for the year, giving feedback around the MMG Survey that over half of our families completed at the end of last year and our P&F Executive will be outlining events planned for 2017. This will be our only formal meeting for the term as our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 8 March as we support the Michael Grose presentation. All parents are members of the P&F and are welcome.

God bless you and your family.

Jacinta Crowe
Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal of OLOR and say a big thank you to those children and parents who have already introduced themselves and welcomed me to the school. I remarked to the children at last week's assembly how warm and welcoming they had been and how important that welcome is to anyone new at school. The children's welcome has very much affirmed my enthusiasm to now be a part of the team and community here and I look forward to the year ahead.

I come to OLOR with 4 years' experience as an Assistant Principal at St Kevin's in Dee Why. Previous to that I taught in a number of schools on the northern beaches and before that in the UK, where I qualified as a teacher. I have a passion for the education of young people and am constantly seeking ways in which children can develop their full potential. I am currently nearing the end of a period of study for a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership.

I encourage everyone to please come and say hello over the next few weeks and especially at the Welcome BBQ tomorrow – Hope to see you there!
Gill Austin - Assistant Principal



30 JAN 2017
Hornsby Kuringgai **Women's Shelter**
ABN 49 735 037 904 PO BOX 641
HORNSBY NSW 1630

Att: Phil Ledlin
Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
Private Bag 3000
Hornsby, NSW 1630

20th December 2016

Dear Phil,

Please find enclosed our receipt for your school's generous donation of funds totaling Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

On behalf of the Board but more especially the women in crisis accommodated at the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter thank you so much for your ongoing and valuable support.

Our shelter operates without Government funding and it is only due to the support that we receive from the community that we can continue to offer crisis accommodation with full case management, to women escaping domestic violence and homelessness.

Since the shelter opened in February 2015 we have been able to help over 100 women in crisis, which, I am sure you will agree, highlights the need for such a facility in our area.

Once again please accept our sincere thank you for your support.

Merry Christmas and may 2017 be a happy one for yourself and staff & students of Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School.

Lianne Bolton
Treasurer

Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and holiday with your families and friends.

Opening School Mass

Tomorrow, Friday 10th February, we will be celebrating Our Lady of the Rosary's Opening School Mass. This will start at 9:30am in the Cathedral. We invite you all to come along and celebrate together the year ahead and acknowledge our new Year Six leaders, welcome new students, families and staff.

The theme of our Mass on Friday is *We Follow the Path to Jesus*. The path of Jesus is the purest and dependable path to God. Our school motto- Soli Deo or For God Alone, is brought to life when we follow the path to Jesus. This path leads us to the glory of God. The Mercy Sisters, the founding order of our school, shaped the values we strive to live daily, so that we can live for God alone. In the spirit of Soli Deo, let's follow the path to Jesus together in 2017.

Sara Clarke
Religious Education Coordinator

2017 Sacramental Program

Enrolment for the 2017 Sacramental Program (First Penance) closes this Sunday 12 February, after 9.30AM Mass. Enrolment forms and information sheets are available at the back of both churches and also available on the Parish website: <http://www.hornsby.dbb.org.au/> Please contact the Parish Office on 9483 2300 if you have any questions.

Positive Behaviours for Learning

Be in the Right Place at the Right Time

This week our focus falls under the school rule, Respect for Self and Others.
"Do to others as you would have them do to you: for this is the law and the prophets" (Mt 7:12)

The purpose of this rule is to reinforce the need to be in the right place at the right time to ensure our safety and the safety of others.

The students speak at length in their classrooms about;

- ✦ When they are in the right place at the right time, they are being responsible.
- ✦ Out of bounds areas and why an area may be classed as 'out of bounds'.
- ✦ Being at the right place when the bell rings. Where is the right place to be when the bell rings; in the morning, after recess, after lunch, after school?
- ✦ How to speak and act with kindness when reminding others about an out of bounds area.

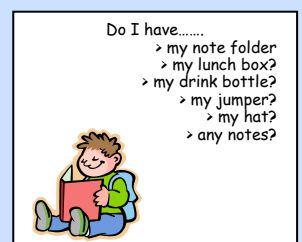
Procedure: When you see the prompt or hear the signal -

- Stop what you are doing
- Remind others
- Move in an orderly manner to the right place,

This attitude can extend to the home by encouraging children to take responsibility to ensure they are ready to leave for school on time. This can be achieved by having all school belongings packed by a set time and then ensuring everyone is ready to leave home at a certain time. Taking responsibility for our belongings and actions can only be positive steps towards being in the right place at the right time. Michael Grose, (Parenting Ideas) suggests that a morning routine displayed in pictures or photographs (maximum of 5 activities), helps kids to sequence activities. Below I have included a checklist that you could use to help with the morning routine – *remember these names may be different for each class*. Scholastic also has a great article to read about "Managing the Morning Mayhem".

Go to: <http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=11619>

Respect Learning
Respect Self and Others
Respect the Environment





What's Happening @ School



Congratulations to the following students who are celebrating birthdays this coming week.

10 February	-	Alastair F (KB)
11 February	-	John P (3G)
13 February	-	Miranda Z (1B)
16 February	-	Chanel C (1G)
		Gabriel C (2B)
		Oliver J (4B)
		Anastasia (6B)

Birthday certificates will be presented at the assembly on Monday afternoons from 2.25pm.

Choir 2017.....starts next week
Wednesday, 15th February

in the school library from 8.00am
..... see you there
Can't wait!! Sr Katherine



 **SCHOLASTIC**

BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Bookclub orders are due by Tuesday 14th February. All orders are online only. No cash payments can be accepted in the office. Please click on the link below to order your books.

Parent.payments.scholastic.com.au

Any questions, please contact Erica on 0450 859 948

Good luck to Jodie D (6B) who will be travelling to Newcastle tomorrow, Friday 10 February, for the Tennis Polding Selection Trials. Have a great day Jodie and we look forward to hearing about your results.

parenting * ideas

The Parenting Masterclass

How to raise independent kids

"Never before has a generation of children been so dependent on their parents."
- Michael Grose



Lose the bubble-wrap and step away from the helicopter!

Join bestselling author and parenting expert, Michael Grose for an interactive evening designed to challenge thinking and empower parents to raise independent, resilient and confident children.

Michael will share hands-on and practical strategies to help:

- Encourage independence
- Build strong, caring and cooperative family relationships
- Reduce anxiety
- Foster emotional intelligence

You'll leave feeling empowered to move forward in raising your independent children.

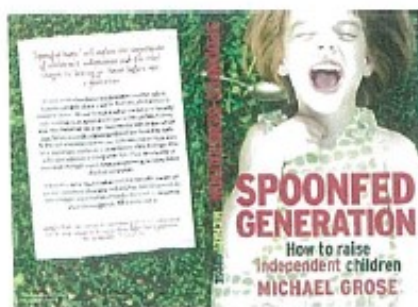
National tour dates | 7-9pm | Tickets \$35*

Adelaide	Evanston South	Thursday 2nd March
Brisbane	Manly West	Tuesday 7th March
Sydney	Waitara	Wednesday 8th March
	Stanhope Gardens	Thursday 9th March
Melbourne	Ashburton	Wednesday 15th March
	Keilor North	Thursday 16th March
	Clyde North	Tuesday 21st March

* 10% of the proceeds will be donated to The Smith Family, helping young Australians in need to transform their lives through education.

About Michael Grose

Michael has been sharing his insights and strategies with parents and teachers for more than 25 years. Michael has been the teacher and he's been the parent. He's written 10 award winning books including *Thriving!* and is currently touring Australia with his newest release *Spoonfed Generation*.



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School Community News

MARIST COLLEGE EASTWOOD OPEN DAY

Sunday 5 March from 12 noon – 3:00pm

Come along and have an enjoyable and informative afternoon.

Enrolments are now being finalised for Year 7 2018 and applications for 2019 and 2020 are being taken.

Please download enrolment form via our website

www.mce.nsw.edu.au

Become part of our family orientated Asquith Magpies now. Register online or attend our Registration Day at the Magpies Club, Alexandria Pde, Wairoa on Saturday February 4th and we can help you		Our next free Come & Try Session is Thursday February 9th from 4:30 – 5:30pm at Storey Park Oval, Asquith	
	As part of the low registration fee every player receives shorts, socks and jerseys to keep U/6 – only \$50 (including a hoodie)	U7 to 12's - \$80	U13's to 17's - \$110
Mini Footy 4-8yrs Modified League 9-12yrs Rugby League 13yrs-Seniors			
A different league – Play Junior League! Registrations now open online at PlayNRL.com		 SINCE 1953	
Email: asquithmagpies1953@gmail.com		www.asquithmagpies.com.au	
<small>Junior Rugby League develops fitness, self-confidence, sportsmanship and teamwork. With accredited coaches and trainers, all of our volunteers operate under the NRL Code of Conduct to ensure players develop skills in a professional, friendly and safe environment. Families can meet our Committee, coaches & managers at our upcoming Registration and Come & Try Days</small>			

THORNLEIGH NETBALL - COME HAVE A GO!

Thornleigh Netball Club is looking for new players for 2017!
We are looking for players of all ages, junior and senior.

This year our fees will be:
Juniors \$198 (6-15)
Seniors \$259 (15+)



For further details on Registration contact Ingrid Nitchell.
Email: thornleighnetball@gmail.com

For further information regarding the 2017 Netball season contact our President, Clare Ashpole.
Email: clare.ashpole19@gmail.com

Register online at www.thornleighsports.org.au/netball