

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School

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Dear Parents.

Week 8, Term 1, 2017

We have had a busy few days at OLOR but much to celebrate in that busy time.

Last Saturday, even though the rain thundered down, we had a terrific Blokes and Buddies BBQ in the undercroft. Special thanks to the Year 5 families who co-ordinated and

cooked the BBQ - definitely sausage sizzle weather. Following the BBQ we had a wonderful representation from Kindergarten and Year 5 at our first Parish/School Mass of the year. Kinders rendition of 'Say Yes to Jesus' was expertly executed and the Year 5's enactment of the long reading of 'The Woman at the Well' was simply powerful.

Harmony/Multicultural Day

Our multicultural day is one of my favourite days of each year. There is such a spirit of unity, acceptance, enjoyment and care of each other. Our Mercy values of respect, hospitality and integrity are closely linked to our special diverse community. I congratulate you as parents for leading by example in developing your children to be caring, respectful individuals who display acceptance, tolerance and appreciation of all those they encounter. There was a special reverence as the flags of nationalities within our school were brought forward in our liturgy and then at our concert in the afternoon the students were so enthusiastic and keen as they watched others share special things from their family heritage. Congratulations to Mrs Muscat and her team of teachers who organised the day and a big thank you to those parents who helped with concert items. Special thanks to Mrs Marielena Delgado for her reflections on Venezuela. Over 50 nations are represented at our school.

23 March 2017



Teacher Roles

Congratulations to Mrs Michelle Le Patourel and Mrs Emma Korth who will be taking on coordinator 1 positions across the roles of RE/Social Justice and Pastoral Care Wellbeing for the rest of the year. Aspects of these roles will support the religious education throughout the school.





Polding Success

Yesterday I was fortunate to be working at the Polding Swimming Carnival at Homebush when two of our students had great success. Congratulation to Charlize (2nd in 50m butterfly) and Cameron (3rd in 50m freestyle) who both received medals and move onto the State Championships in April at Homebush. I was very thrilled to be able to present their medals to



Enrolments now open for Kindergarten 2018. First round of interviews are next Friday 31 March. If you know anyone who is looking for a place in kindergarten next year, please





them.

Parent Maths Night

My thanks to Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Austin and Mrs Khoudair who attended and presented at our maths evening last night. This was a repeat of our session from last year and while only a few people came the smaller numbers allowed us to talk more about the Maths processes our students work through.

God bless you and your family

Jacinta Crowe - Principal

Friday 24 March Friday 31 March

Tuesday 6 June

Wednesday 29 March

have them contact the school office.

Diary Dates - Term 1 & 2

- Men in the Morning @ 8.00am in TLOCC & Undercroft
- Kindergarten Open Classrooms @ 8.30am
- Parent Lenten Prayer @ 2.15pm
- Second-hand Uniform Shop Open @ 2.30pm
- School Cross Country Carnival Year 2-Year 6
- Kindergarten Open Classrooms @ 8.30am
- Palm Sunday Liturgy @ 2.15pm in the Cathedral
- Last day of Term 1.
- OLOR P&F School Disco (See details and link for booking on Page 5)
- Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day
- Anzac Day Public Holiday
- First day of Term 2.
- P&F Meeting followed by Spelling Workshop for Parents SAVE THE DATE





ROCK & WATER PROGRAM - YEAR 4

In Year 4, as part of class PE, we are implementing the Rock and Water Program. The basics of the program include grounding and centring exercises and standing strong in physical and verbal communication. These skills help to build self confidence, resilience and encourage self awareness and reflection, one of the areas of the Social and Emotional Learning continuum. We look at relationships, body language, breathing exercises, boundary awareness activities and effective anti-bullying techniques. After eight weeks of the program we have noticed that students are demonstrating a more positive attitude and are experiencing success in a non competitive environment.



Positive Behaviours for Learning

"Say No To Bullying" 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 focus is to emphasis the fact that both student wellbeing and resilience are linked closely to student learning. It focuses on the roles and responsibilities in developing and maintaining positive relationships. Positive relationships with a range of people enhance a person's wellbeing. This can be supported at home by encouraging your child/ren to talk about what has been discussed during the week around the subject remembering that lessons will not always labelled as a 'Say No To Bullying' lesson!



Is It Bullying? When someone unintentionally says or does something hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**

When someone intentionally says or does something hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**

When someone intentionally says or does something hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're <u>upset</u>

That's **BULLYING**

Parent Helper in English Groups

With English in the morning block, parents are a wonderful addition supporting the teacher in the small group sessions in classes. We are looking for your assistance again. Your help would be required for about half an hour to an hour from 9.20am. If you are able to make a commitment to be a parent helper in English Groups, please complete the Google form that will be emailed out to parents tomorrow. We would like to commence parent helpers in the first few weeks of Term 2.

We are conducting workshops over the next couple of weeks for parents who wish to assist with these reading groups in classrooms. If you have already completed one of these workshops previously you don't need to attend again.

Parent/Teacher Catch up

Last year some parents indicated that they would like more opportunities to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress. Earlier this year parents had the opportunity to met with the class teachers in Weeks 4 & 5. There is a formal individual child report (formatted by the Catholic Schools Office) sent to parents in Week 8 of Term 2 and this is followed by parent/teacher interviews in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 2. A second formal individual report is sent at the end of Term 4.

English workbooks will be sent home this week for parents to discuss learning with their children.

The teachers are always available to meet with parents at any time throughout the year. Rather than try to talk to the teacher when he/she might be on duty or in charge of the class, we suggest that parents email or ring the school office to organise an appointment. I know there are a number of parents who arrange to meet regularly with teachers as they support each other in the educative process

In response to the suggestion made, in Week 10 (our last week of this term) we will offer an additional catch up time for parents who might like to meet with their child's class teacher before our formal reporting time next term. Meetings will run for ten minutes. I ask you to send back expressions of interest by Wednesday 29 March. Once numbers are known we will organise the class timetable. This meeting is optional and for those who would find it valuable. Please reply by return email to the office, with your child's name and class, if you would like the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. olorw@dbb.catho

CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Say No To Bullying
Kindergarten Blue	Jessica C	Steve M
Kindergarten Gold	Bianca P	Dominic D
1Blue	Olivia R	Callum B
1Gold	Alexandra K	Oliver S
2Blue	Mia Z	Christopher M
2Gold	Alfonso B	Amelia E
3Blue	Daniel H	Julia D
3Gold	Nicholas K	Grace H
4Blue	Dominic D'S	Eleanor I
4Gold	Jerome D	Jonty M-J
Year 5	Amelia E Jack P	Marcus S Matthew C
6Blue	Jodie D	Jacob C
6Gold	Bella K	Amy C



Parents & Friends Association

If you wish to sync the School Calendar to your Personal Calendar, please visit the P&F Weebly page for further details. <u>http://olorpandf.weebly.com/events.html</u> Password: The password is listed on the front of the email with the newsletter link.

At the very bottom of the events page click the button "Sync School Calendar to Personal Calendar" for the instruction.

ICAS REGISTRATION

ICAS University of NSW Tests: If you would like your child/children to participate in any or all of these competitions, please order via the Okr payment system. ORDERS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL AT 9.00AM as they need to be lodged before the school holidays. No late registrations can be accepted.

Informatiom on Qkr can be found at Qkr Information

Congratulations



Congratulations to Jodie D who qualified for the Girls Polding Trials for Football in Bathurst in late April. Well done Jodie and we look forward to hearing how you go.

Around 60 rep level players across the Northern districts and Central Coast tried out for an 8 person senior girls team. Meeghan, Bella, Charlotte and Martha were fabulous representatives for the school and all played a high level of netball. Martha and Charlotte made it to the Possible and Probables level of 18 players and narrowly missed out on making the final team. We are very proud of you all.





Parish News

Parish News - 2017 Sacramental Program update: Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open. Information sheets and enrolment forms are available at the back of both churches and on the Parish website: http://www.hornsby.dbb.org.au/. Enrolment for Confirmation closes Sunday 2 April after 9.30AM Mass, or prior at the Parish Office. Please contact the Parish Office on 9483 2300 if you have any questions. (Children who are currently enrolled in the 2017 Sacrament of Reconciliation with the parish are already enrolled for Confirmation. There is no need to submit a 2nd enrolment form.)

Due to the number of cars that use the Cathedral car park it is necessary to reserve car parking for the Clergy of the Cathedral. There are two spots in our garage but there are four priests, a deacon and from time to time the bishop. Four spots will be reserved in the car park. When the car parking is not required by the Clergy a magnetic plate will be placed over the sign and the parking spot can be used by others. Fr Robert





School

Roster

Monday 27 March Tuesday 28 March Wednesday 29 March Thursday 30 March Friday 31 March Monday 3 April Tuesday 4 April Wednesday 5 April Thursday 6 April Friday 7 April Dan't forget to order w

Volunteer Needed Suzanne Leverton Kate Dauzacker Petra Barber Suzanne Leverton , Justine McKenna, Dawn Stephens Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Christina Crasto Belinda Whelan Sarah Nam & Cara Moretti

Don't forget to order your fish burger before 9am Tue 28March. Thank you Carmel Daniels



Qkr! is now available as a method for ordering school lunches at OLOR Waitara. For information on how to install the Qkr app on your phone, please click on this link. <u>Instructions on Qkr</u>

Our current canteen system, School24 will be closed down at the end of Term 1. If you have any credit with School24 can you please use that credit before you start using Qkr.

ICAS University of NSW Tests can now be booked and paid for via Qkr. Additional information about Qkr can be found via this link on our website: Link for Qkr online video

CANTEEN NEWS



What's Happening @ School & In The Community





Year 4 Mums' night out.

When: Friday March 31st. Where: Hornsby RSL, Level 1 Lounge. Time: 7pm. Food and Drink available for purchase.

No need to RSVP, just come along for a fun night. Kindy & Year 2 End of Term Family Park Play All siblings welcome!



When: Saturday 1st April, 2pm onwards <u>Where</u>: Ruddock Park, <u>Westleigh</u> Please bring a plate for Afternoon Tea

<u>Year 3 Play in The Park</u>

Join us in the school holidays, if the weather is fine, for a catch up while the kids play. Bring afternoon tea, scooters/bikes, balls etc....

When: Thursday, 13th April at 2:00PM Where: Ruddock Park, Coral Heath Ave, Westleigh

s, balls etc....

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!! LOOK OUT...BUGS ABOUT!

We have had a number of families call to say they have found hair lice in their children's hair. Please take the time over the weekend to check your child's hair and treat accordingly. Information about hair lice can be found at https://www.google.com.au/KidsHealth



What's Happening in the School Holidays

SCHOOL HOLIDAY VENTS



TOONWORLD: DRAWING

Go DRAWING MAD these school holidays. Toonworld invites you to come on a journey filled with creativity and challenges where you will meet fun characters and design your own wonderful heroes while defending the lands against the evil Rubbix and his removing Ordeneon amuit

Workshop 1: Berowra Library, 10:30-12:00pm Ages: 5-8

Workshop 2: Pennant Hills Library, 1:30-3:00pm Ages: 9-12

A fun, interactive and informative activity were children learn interesting facts, dig for their ow fossils and interact with Cera the 2 week old Tricerators and Slash the 1 year old Raptor.

EVENING HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for stories, songs, craft and refreshments. Pennant Hills Library Thursday 20 April, 6:30pm

Cost: \$2 per child for children 18 and over Payment at door.

WORKSHOP

rampaging Stickmen army!

Tuesday 11 April

Cost: \$15 per workshop

MY PET DINOSAUR

Hornsby Library Friday 21 April, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$15

GET WILD AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE

In this extraordinary, educational and hands on encounter the children will have the opportunity to experience Australian wildlife and learn about the importance of conservation. Monday 10 April Pennant Hills Library, 10:30am Berowra Library, 1:30pm Ages: 5-12 Cost: \$10

ROBOT RIOT

A hands-on educational experience where children participate in a variety of games using a range of autonomous robots and learn how they work. A workshop not to be missed! Hornsby Library Friday 21 April, 10:30-12:00pm Ages: 8-12 Cost: \$15

HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Hornsby Library Thursday 13 April, 10am Berowra Library Friday 21 April, 10:30am. Join us for stories, songs, craft and refreshments. All ages. Cost: \$2 per child for children 18 months and over. Paym

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH KIRSTY EAGAR

In this engaging and constructive writing workshop, successful author Kirsty Eagar, will inspire you by sharing her expertise and creative writing approaches. Hornsby Library Friday 21 April

Workshop 1: 10:30-12:00pm Ages: 10-13 Workshop 2: 2:00-3:30pm Ages: 14-18 Cost: \$7 per workshop

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