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**SDD/PUPIL
FREE DAY
FRIDAY 30
JUNE 2017**

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the term with our Anzac liturgy yesterday. With rain imminent, we moved our ceremony into the undercroft. We were honoured to have Trooper Jason Brown's parents, Ann and Graham Brown, join us. Jason went to school at OLOR and died on active service in Afghanistan and we have erected a memorial plaque with his name on it next to our Anzac memorial in the bottom garden. It was also wonderful to have Mr Ray Davis, from Hornsby RSL Sub-branch, address the children. Mr Davis is also a former parent who had done a lot of garden work in our grounds in the early days of the school and had been on the Fete committee of the time. I have included Mr Davis' words as an attachment to this newsletter. Thanks to Cai from St Leo's who played the Last Post and The Rouse for us.

Special thanks to Mrs Korth who organised our beautiful liturgy and all who assisted in any way.

Grateful thanks to the McKenna and Mejia families who were up early on Tuesday morning so our school captains, Sophie and Noah, could lay a wreath at the Hornsby Dawn Service on behalf of our school.

Mothers' Day Celebrations

We look forward to welcoming our mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, aunts, mother figures, carers and guardians on Friday 12 May as we celebrate the gift of mothers in our lives. If you are coming to the Mass, can you please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Outline for the morning:

- ✓ Open Classrooms from 8.00am to 8.45am for those who need to leave early.
- ✓ Mothers' Day Mass in the Cathedral - we will have an introductory reflection at 9.15am with Mass at 9.30am.
- ✓ Open Classrooms after Mass until 11.00am
- ✓ Morning tea served in The Light of Christ Centre by some of our dads. This will begin at the conclusion of mass and continue after open classrooms.
- ✓ Visit the classrooms and then come downstairs for coffee, cake, community and chat.

Our Mothers' Day stall will take place on Wednesday May 10. Many thanks to this year's stall co-ordinator, Angela Cherry and AnneMarie Rapa, for their organisation.

If you would like a photo of yourself with your children for our liturgy reflection **please email it to the school by Friday 5 May** by 9.00am at the latest. We cannot accept photos later than this as the powerpoint needs to be organised. Thanks for your attention to this.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Michelle Gibbs and her husband Alex who are expecting a baby in late September. This child will be a little brother or sister for William and Jocelyn.

P&F Event

Our P&F is organising a wonderful parent workshop for Tuesday 16 May. Booking details on Page 4. I commend this course to you. Booking link: <https://goo.gl/forms/BIPF5Sz81dhVVVW02>

Cluster Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who will be representing OLOR at the Cluster Cross Country next Tuesday. These students were listed in the newsletter in Week 10. Well done everyone and we look forward to a great day.

Prayer Liturgies

With Easter in the holidays the students of OLOR will be commemorating the Easter Season with some special prayer liturgies across the next few weeks.

All welcome to prayer with us.

- Friday 30 April - The Resurrection - Cathedral - 2.30pm - Year 3
- Monday 1 May - Journey to Emmaus - TLOCC - 2.15pm - Year 4
- Monday 8 May - The Lord is My Shepherd - TLOCC - 2.20pm - Kindergarten
- Wednesday 24 May - Cathedral - 2.30pm - Our Lady Help of Christians - Year 6
- Monday 29 May - Feast of the Ascension - TLOCC - 2.15pm - Year 1
- Monday 5 June - Feast of Pentecost - TLOCC - 2.15pm - Year 2

- Year 2 and Year 3 Parish/School Mass - Saturday 17 June at 5.00pm
- Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass - Friday 23 June at 9.30am led by Kindergarten and Year 5

God bless you and your family. Jacinta Crowe - Principal.

The Empty Tomb



Diary Dates - Term 2

Friday 28 April	- Assembly in the Cathedral (Year 3 hosting prayer) @ 2.30pm
Monday 1 May	- Assembly in TLOCC (Year 4 hosting prayer) @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 2 May	- Cluster Cross Country
Thursday 4 May	- Year 6 Parents Meeting : End of Year Events Committees @ 7.45am
Saturday 6 May	- Kindergarten 2018 Interviews
Sunday 7 May	- Battle of the Bands, Kenthurst Country Fair @ 10.30am
Monday 8 May	- Assembly in TLOCC (Kindergarten hosting prayer) @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 May	- Naplan Testing: Years 3 & 5
Wednesday 10 May	- Mothers' Day stall in OOSH (students only)
Friday 12 May	- Mothers' Day Mass @ 9.30am in the Cathedral





Skoolbag App On The Way

We are in the final stages of setting up the new Skoolbag App and will be inviting parents to download. This will be an additional way to communicate with parents, submit absence forms and provide up to date notifications of happenings at school. We will let you know when it is up and running.

We change into WINTER uniform this term.
We will have a two week changeover time.
All children are to be in winter uniform by **Monday 8 May 2017**

Second-hand Uniform Shop Open Day: Thursday 11 May @ 8.30am

Some of our parents have commented on the new OLOR umbrellas that some of our staff have had the opportunity to use over the past 'very wet' months. They are available for purchase from the school office for \$20.00. Please feel free to drop in and pick one up. A great Mothers' Day present.



Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018

If you have a little one starting next year or know neighbours or friends looking for placement in 2018, please have them contact the office for enrolment forms.

Anzac Reflection

We were delighted to have Raymond Davis from the Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch join us for our Anzac Day liturgy. Below is a copy of his speech.

"Good afternoon children, honoured guests, Principal and staff.

My name is Raymond Davis and I represent the Hornsby RSL Sub-branch.

Today we commemorate and remember the Anzac's who landed at Gallipoli 102 years ago.

We became a nation in 1901 but our identity was forged on the beaches at Gallipoli when our men answered the call to arms to defend the rights of all mankind.

The First World War or as it was then known "the Great War" was the war to end all wars and that a great peace would leave all mankind to live in freedom.

However this was not to be as just 20 years later another war broke out and Australian men and women answered the call to stand up for the rights and freedoms of all mankind.

War seems to be a recurring event and during the 20th century we were experiencing a conflict about every 20 years or so.

I myself was a soldier and was involved in the Vietnam War during the 1960's and 1970's. I was in Vietnam in 1970/71 for a period of 1 year doing my duty for my country trying to uphold the freedoms and rights of the South Vietnamese people. Some of you here today have relatives, maybe someone's husband, brother, grandfather or uncle or maybe a female relative grandmother, auntie or sister who was a nurse who answered the call to serve their country in a time of need.

Recent years have seen our Defence Force members in Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and other conflicts wherever our services were needed. Indeed a former student of this school, Jason Brown, was a member of our defence force and lost his life in defence of our freedoms.

Whenever and wherever we are needed, Australians seem to stand up to defend the rights and freedoms that are a basic human right of all mankind. I do not stand here today to tell you all to do the same as the people who have gone before you, some of you will choose to do so and some of you will work in other ways for the betterment of mankind through your deeds and actions.

Just remember, the Anzac Spirit and to respect all people and that includes your fellow students, teachers, parents, brothers and sisters. Your example of goodness and kindness will follow you for the rest of your life.

Thank you for allowing me to give this presentation today."



Principal's Morning Tea

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Once a term we acknowledge the good efforts of some of those children who consistently try to be responsible, to do the right thing and be the best they can be.

One child from each class is invited to a special morning tea with the Principal. The theme for our Principal's Morning Tea last term was "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus during the Lenten Season." The class teacher nominates a child from the class that they would like to acknowledge in this award.

Congratulations to the following children who will be invited to the Principal's Morning Tea on Wednesday 3 May 2017.

Kindergarten Blue: Emily B
1Blue: Samuel R
2Blue: Oliver S
3Blue: Isaac A
4Blue: Liam P
5Blue: Ariana GP
6Blue: Jacob C

Kindergarten Gold: Annabelle S
1Gold: Isabel D
2Gold: Cassidy C
3Gold: Grace L
4Gold: Isha B
5Gold: Thomas S
6Gold: Jasmin K

Congratulations to the following students who are celebrating a birthday next week.

2 May - Leonard L (3Blue)
4 May - Anna B (3Gold)
7 May - Elijah L (3Gold)
Meeghan P (6Gold)
Zoey R (4Blue)
Thomas S (5Gold)



The birthday certificates will be presented at the assembly on
Monday 1 May at 2.20pm



MOTHERS' DAY ORDERS NOW OPEN

The ever-popular Mothers' Day stall will be running again this year. Each student will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of gifts for their mother, grandmother or much-loved female in their life.

Gifts will be \$5.00 each.

Payment will be required in advance using Qkr.

Please note that orders will close on Friday 5 May at 3.00pm.

Angela Cherry & AnneMarie Rapa
Mothers' Day Stall Coordinators.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted for all Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students in Broken Bay Diocesan Catholic Schools from **Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 May.**

We ask that there be no interruptions to Year 3 & Year 5 on these days. If your child has an appointment scheduled for these days, can you please reschedule.



Commonwealth Bank School Banking. Starts Week 2, Term 2.

Parents & Friends Association



RAISING KIDS THAT COPE

PREPARING YOUR YOUNG PERSON TO NEGOTIATE THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE

This evening seminar will be helpful to parents and carers of all young people.

**Tuesday 16 May, 7pm
in the OLOR School Library**

Free for OLOR School Parents & Carers

Please click on this link to RSVP for this event:

<https://goo.gl/forms/8KtRd6tj19K1gu8B2>

About the presenter ...

Ruth Fordyce works at The Resilience Centre in Sydney. She works closely with Clinical Psychologist Lyn Worsley, who developed the Resilience Doughnut model. Ruth has facilitated workshops around Australia in the area of resilience.

Find out more about Ruth at our website below.



"Combining Strengths to Thrive"

Website: www.theresiliencedoughnut.com.au



Resilience is the ability to bounce back and keep going in the face of adversity.

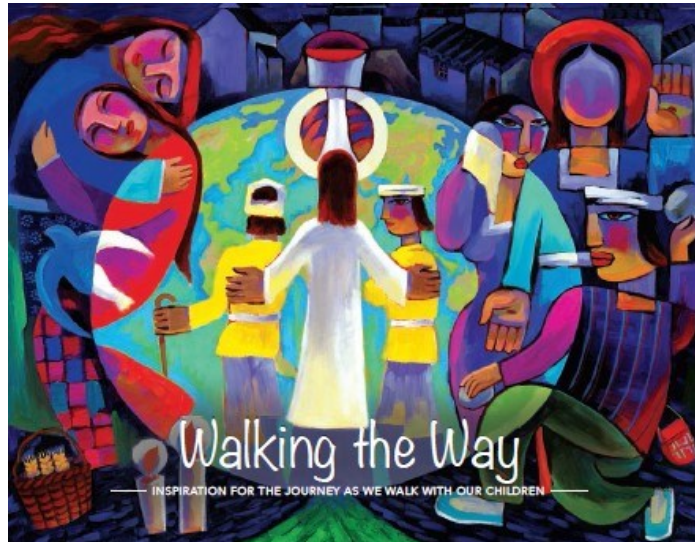
This can only be learned by facing difficult experiences!

Resilient young people:

- are resourceful
- persist when faced with challenges
- are optimistic
- do better at school

This seminar will:

- explain some of the resources and coping skills that help young people to deal with difficulties
- equip you with some simple tools for recognising and encouraging the strengths and supports in your young person's life that can assist them through times of transition and difficulty



Invitation to
Walking the Way
Inspiration for the Journey
as we walk with our children

Mrs Jacinta Crowe invites you to our parent reflection morning.
An opportunity to stop and reflect on what it means to accompany our children
in their journey of life, love and faith.

DETAILS

When: Wednesday, 17 May 2017

Time: 9:30am—11:30am

Where: Our Lady of The Rosary School

RSVP: olorw@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Gentle meditation, interactive discussion, engaging resources,
and some beautiful supper to refresh and revive your Spirit.

*“Do we seek to understand ‘where’ our children really are in their journey?
Where is their soul, do we really know? And above all, do we want to know?”*

(Pope Francis)

