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Dear Parents,

This week we acknowledge our mothers, who in so many ways, are one of the most precious gifts that God has given each of us. We learn so much from the role modelling and support that our mothers give us. We give thanks to God for their committed care and love in our lives.

To all mothers in our Parish School community, married mothers, foster mothers, single mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers.....we wish you a beautiful day on Sunday as we celebrate and remember the wonderful gifts of our mothers. Thank you for who you are and all you do.

We look forward to welcoming our mothers and other visitors to our school tomorrow. Appreciation and thanks to those who have organised our Mass, Year 4 and Year 2 teachers and classes. The children were very excited to go to the Mothers' Day Stall yesterday. Special thanks to Angela Cherry and Anne Marie Rapa for their co-ordination and to their helpers. **Present Wrappers:** Georgina Andruska (Farrell), Sandra Bartlett, Kim Baynie, Vanessa Byrnes, Jackie Della Vedova, Melissa Dibben, Helena Dorgan, Lisa Eastwood (Shaw), Danielle Jones, Leigh Jurd, Justine McKenna, Sharon Mortier, Eniko Solah, Linda Tysoe and Heidi Vesnaver. **Stall Helpers:** Victoria Cabubas, Marife Fletcher, Thea Mejia, Jay Mendoza and Mary Jane Parente.

If you are joining us for morning tea, please bring a small plate of food to share.

Please note our timetable for tomorrow morning.

- ✓ Open Classrooms from 8.00am to 8.45am.
- ✓ Mothers' Day Mass in the Cathedral at 9.15am with Mass at 9.30am.
- ✓ Open Classrooms after Mass until 11.00am
- ✓ Morning tea served in TLOCC by some of our dads. Morning tea will begin at the conclusion of Mass and continue after open classrooms.

Walking the Way

Tomorrow we will be sending home to each family a prayer book that has been compiled by the CSO Mission Team. This special compilation of prayers, reflections and questions is a beautiful resource and I commend it to you for your consideration. *Walking the Way* is an initiative of the CSO designed to support parents in the sacred task of accompanying their children's journey with God. For more information, please visit the website <http://walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org/>. Additionally there are **e-Bulletins** offering parents weekly tips for sharing faith in the home. From next week we will forward the e-bulletins directly to parents as we do the school newsletter. (Once received parents do have the option to 'unsubscribe' if they wish.).

Our parent reflection morning, next Wednesday, links into this special resource. At the moment we only have 2 parents registered to attend and obviously this is not viable. If you would like to attend but have a problem with child minding, please let us know and we can organise this for you. We will be a final decision as to whether we will run the reflection morning at noon on Monday. Please register via this link if you intend coming. <https://goo.gl/forms/WGXXtCWV/TXJGOyFp2>

Jacinta Crowe - Principal

SKOOLBAG APP IS HERE!

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name **Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara** in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

For Windows users search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store and install the app and then find your school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 or 10 device. More details on our website @ [Skoolbag Information](#)

SCHOOL24 HAS CLOSED - REFUNDS AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP AT SCHOOL OFFICE DURING MAY

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, it is proposed that any parent balance under \$5.00 will be donated to charity unless you advise otherwise. Balances over \$5.00 will be refunded in cash and can now be collected and signed for by a parent during this month (or also donated to charity if you wish). At the end of May any uncollected amounts will be donated to charity.

Diary Dates - Term 2

Friday 12 May	-	Mothers' Day Mass @ 9.30am in the Cathedral
Tuesday 16 May	-	P&F Event: Raising Kids That Cope @ 7.00pm in the library
Wednesday 17 May	-	Walking the Way Parent Reflection @ 9.30am in the OOSH room
Saturday 20 May	-	Kindergarten 2018 Interviews
Tuesday 23 May	-	ICAS Digital Technologies @ 7.50am / 4Gold (if attending cross country, you will set ICAS on 24 May)
	-	Diocesan Cross Country
Wednesday 24 May	-	Year 6 OLHofC Prayer Assembly @ 2.00pm
	-	Second-hand Uniform Shop Open @ 2.30pm
Friday 30 June	-	Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Congratulations

Our congratulations to the Barber family on the safe arrival of a baby girl called Rosie May (4.1kg) on Friday 5 May. A little sister for Charlie in Kindergarten Gold.



Our prayers and condolences to Mrs Daniela Nazor (Year 5 Teacher) who lost her Grandfather, Tony Separovich on Monday. They will be celebrating his life at his funeral tomorrow.

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017. They are: Charlie B (KG); Emily B (KB); Rory R (KG); Annabelle S (KG); Anneka B (1B); Hannah C (1G); Kezia F (1B); Sophia KF (1B); Victor QD (1B); Cassidy C (2G); Mariella D (2G); Ryan M (2B); Isabella M (2B); Lucy S (2B); Isaac A (3B); Cassandra C (3G); Grace H (3G); Audrey M (3G) and Samuel L (4G). What a wonderful effort!

Reading records need to be completed by 25 August, so there is still plenty of time to finish the Challenge. If there is anyone who is still interested in taking up the Challenge for the first time please call into the library and let me know, or email me sandra.todd1@dbb.catholic.edu.au and I will register you. If you have completed the Challenge in previous years and still need a reminder note about your Username and Password please contact me and I will print one out for you.

Library Borrowing Days

Every week all children have the opportunity to borrow from our school library with their class teachers. Each child should have a library bag in which to keep their books. In Term 2 Year 2 students borrow on Mondays, Kindergarten students borrow on Tuesdays, Year 1 students borrow on Thursdays (but can return their books on Wednesdays) and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students borrow on Fridays. Books can be returned to the library on any day of the week via the Book Returns chute at the library circulation desk. The library is also open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunchtime and any students are welcome to borrow books during this time.

World Book Online

This year our school has a subscription to the **World Book Online** after trialling this with some classes last year.



World Book is dedicated to providing timely, reliable, and readable educational products that foster a deep desire to learn in students of all ages. World Book Online hosts thousands of articles, as well as hundreds of maps, videos, and other media for an immersive learning experience.

Students and their families are able to access the **World Book Online** via the class pages and library page on the school website. The username and password for this appear next to the link. If any parents would be interested in a get-together in the library to find out more about using the World Book Online please send me an email and I will try to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Parent Helpers



If there are any parents who are able to help with re-shelving books in the library I'd love to hear from you. I am mainly looking for parents who can help on **Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays** before school or at the beginning of the school day up to 9:30 am or at the end of the school day from 2:30pm. If you are available to help (it doesn't have to be every week) please email me at sandra.todd1@dbb.catholic.edu.au. At present I only have one parent who helps to re-shelve books on a Monday at 2:30pm. A few more helpers would be fabulous! If you would like to be involved please email me your details.

Happy reading!

Mrs Sandra Todd - Teacher Librarian



Our wonderful parents who do our school banking on behalf of the Commonwealth Bank are looking for a couple of parents who are free to help with school banking. The commitment is only 30 minutes—1 hour, every two weeks. Our current helpers will be leaving us at the end of the year and we need to train any new parents into the role. If you are interested, contact the school office.



Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018

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

OLOR UMBRELLAS

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.



Congratulations to our senior band who competed at the "Battle of the Bands" competition at Kenthurst last weekend. Despite an amazing performance, we didn't make top 3 but received a "Highly Commendable" and a cash prize of \$250.00. This money will go towards band equipment for the students of OLOR.



CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Speaking & Acting with Kindness
Kindergarten Blue	Emily B	Ava C
Kindergarten Gold	Alexis M	Charlie B
1Blue	Sebastian C M	Sophie M
1Gold	Gabriel N B	Lily P
2Blue	Armando M	Harry D V
2Gold	Julian S	Camila S
3Blue	Paddy S	Ayisha K
3Gold	Anna B	Audrey M
4Blue	Zoey R	Hayden B
4Gold	Lachlan F	Alejandra S A
Year 5	Matthew C Lachlan C	Logan D Antony H
6Blue	William V	Marvin R
6Gold	Nicholas N	Charlotte L

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

17 May - Samuel R (1Blue)
Nicola S (1Blue)
18 May - Joshua A (KBlue)
19 May - Hayden B (4Blue)
20 May - Kaden K (1Blue)
Lily P (1Gold)
21 May - Jack D (KBlue)
Seren D'S (1Gold)
Archie H (4Gold)



Happy Birthday!

The birthday certificates will be presented at the assembly on
Monday 15 May at 2.20pm

CAR PARKING

It is noted that **some people are leaving their cars parked in the Cathedral grounds for most of the working day** or on weekends. Parking is only for liturgies and visits to the Cathedral, for visiting CatholicCare, School and the Parish Office. Please observe the signs for staff/Clergy parking, disabled parking and child drop off and pick up areas. **NO PARKING ON FOOTPATHS AT ANY TIME.** The forecourt of the Cathedral is **NO PARKING AT ANY TIME** and can only be used for drop off and pick up.

Mothers' Day Parking: The St Leo's Courts will be open from 8.30am until our last guest leaves at approximately 12.00pm. After this time, the courts will be locked. There will be NO day parking for families attending Mass and then going on to work. St Leo's will be using the courts in the afternoon and they are not responsible for damage to cars left on the courts.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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>

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

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.



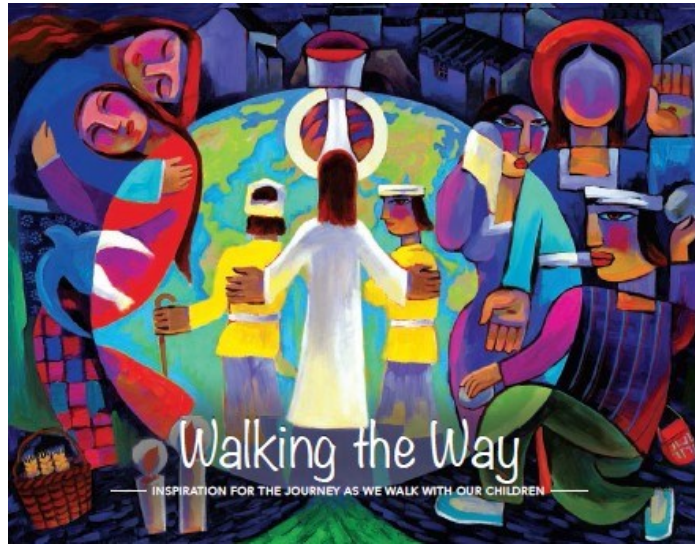
"Combining Strengths to Thrive"

Website: www.theresiliencedoughnut.com.au



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

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)*

