



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School

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Week 6, Term 2, 2017

1 June 2017



Dear Parents,

On Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when Jesus gave the gift of his Holy Spirit to his disciples. We too have received this same spirit through Baptism. How open are we to this spirit of Jesus present in our lives?

When we come face to face with the challenge of self-giving, when we are asked to go the extra mile, to take the risk of reaching out to another, to offer forgiveness to the heart that rejects us...

Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of your love.

On those days when we hurry too much, during those times when our anger flares, because our agendas aren't met, when we stop giving people our understanding and acceptance...

Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of your love.

We remember especially those little ones making their Confirmation this weekend in this next part of their initiation into the Catholic Faith. May God keep them always close in His loving embrace.

Catholic School Funding

I thank the many parents who have spoken to me about the funding challenges before us. Many of our households are still adjusting to the fee increases from last year and I appreciate the efforts families go to, to give their children a catholic education. The proposed changes to the current funding model through amendments to the Education Act are extremely concerning for a school like OLOR.

I am most appreciative of the support of our P&F Executive who have been researching the situation and making sense of the information from politicians, media and CSO. Our P&F President, Mr David Millar, has written to our families today (sent out under separate email) and I encourage you to read his message to our community. It is clear and gives some more detail.

We had an enthusiastic group on Tuesday discussing some of the details of Peter Hamill's letter at our coffee and conversation gathering. We have decided to meet next Monday morning in the staffroom at 9.00am to support each other with letter writing. All welcome. Tea and coffee and biscuits supplied. Bring your own iPad or laptop, if you can.

I encourage you, as Peter Hamill and David Millar have also done, to attend one of the forums being held across the diocese next week. We are very fortunate to be having two held at Waitara. Please avail yourself of this opportunity. We are expecting a crowd so you need to register. An email from Peter Hamill dated 31 May gives you the link. If you have questions you would like answered I invite you to email them into the school office so I can pass them on.

The meeting on Tuesday evening clashes with our P&F Meeting advertised for that night. We will postpone our P&F Meeting and our Spelling presentation. The Spelling presentation will take place, as advertised, on Friday 9 June in the library at 9.00am. In Week 8 I will be accompanying Year 6 and teachers to Canberra and Week 9 and 10 are Parent/Teacher Interviews so we will reschedule the Spelling night presentation and let you know the date next week.

Some funding facts summarised:

The Federal Government is planning to pass a new school funding law -- The Australian Education Amendment Act. Some of you may know this as Gonski or Gonski 2.0. The Catholic sector has major concerns about the new law. The Act is certainly complex. But the outcome in simple terms is that should this legislation go through, fees will need to rise substantially. At OLOR Waitara I am concerned that fees may have to go up between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per student. Fees are currently about \$4,100 per child per year.

Publicly available MySchool data states that OLOR received \$6,441 from the Commonwealth government in 2015 (the latest figures available). The School Funding Estimator tells us the Commonwealth Government will fund our students at \$4,349 (in 2018!) That is certainly not an increase, rather it represents a LOSS of \$2,092 per student per year when compared to the 2015 figure. (And the figure would be even higher if we compared it to the higher funding level our school would have been given in 2016 and 2017).

OLOR's SES score is 118 - scores range from 78 to 132 so our local figure is high. With this higher SES the government expects that parents have greater 'capacity to contribute' but SES scores are flawed mainly because they treat every family in a small statistical area as identical regardless of their actual circumstances e.g. there is no accounting for family size, or for family wealth (i.e. assets) You could be living in the same street, in a rented unit or your own home, therefore with the same SES and you are expected to contribute the same amount.

Broken Bay Diocese is in a more difficult situation with this legislation, than many of our other catholic dioceses, as we have 44 schools in our diocese with over half of these listed as having a high SES. Some other catholic dioceses have most of their schools with low SES, while other dioceses have a large number of schools with only a small number of schools with high SES.

*Parents at OLOR already pay for their child's education through their taxes and now they would be expected to essentially pay twice with little help from the Government. There is a long history of catholic families supporting state and federal governments through the fees they pay. **Please take action to stop this legislation. You can make a difference!***

God bless you and your family. Jacinta Crowe - Principal

Diary Dates - Term 2

- Monday 5 June - Year 2 Prayer Assembly @ 2.15pm in TLOCC
- Tuesday 6 June - Year 1 Grade Assembly @ 2.00pm in TLOCC
- Parent Forum on Catholic School Funding (OLOR site venue to be confirmed) @ 7.30pm
- Wednesday 7 June - Parent Forum on Catholic School Funding Briefing from Peter Hamill in TLOCC @ 9.15am
- Friday 9 June - ICAS Writing Test @ 7.50am in 4Gold
- Spelling Workshop for parents @ 9.00am
- Friday 30 June - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Caring for our Belongings
Kindergarten Blue	Steve M	Lucas N
Kindergarten Gold	William T	Niamh D
1Blue	Karl Z	Michael M
1Gold	Seren D'S	Marissa S
2Blue	Christopher M	Valentina P
2Gold	Max C	Mariella D
3Blue	Lily O	Sophia C
3Gold	Cassandra C	Elijah L
4Blue	Brodie C	Dominic D'S
4Gold	Julia G	Ethan L
Year 5	Ruby M Jake S	Jacob S Lachlan McC
6Blue	Lynsey F	Angelo S
6Gold	Luke S	Tom E

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

- 5 June - Lucas K (KG)
 6 June - Hayley F (6Gold)
 8 June - Lynsey F (6Blue)
 9 June - Benjamin C (4Gold)
 - Sienna D (3Gold)



The birthday certificates will be presented at the assembly on
Monday 5 June from 2.15pm

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

Monday 5 June
 Tuesday 6 June
 Wednesday 7 June
 Thursday 8 June
 Friday 9 June
 Monday 12 June
 Tuesday 13 June
 Wednesday 14 June
 Thursday 15 June
 Friday 16 June

Parent Volunteer Needed
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 Christina Crasto
 Dawn Stephens
 Patricia Mateer
 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Cindy Papazoglu
 Audrey McCarry, Chloe Cullen & Helen Dorgan
 Rima Elsom & Danielle Jones
 Alison Costello



Don't forget that there are only snacks available at the sports carnival on the 19 June. I will have some muffins & slices for sale.

Thank you Carmel Daniels

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017 over the past fortnight.

They are: Joshua A (KB); Julieanne A (KG); Lucy C (KB); Niamh D (KG); Riley L (KG); Dominic B (1G); Sebastian CM (1B); Seren D (1G); Max J (1G); Michael M (1B); Witney C (2G); William D (2G); Damien H (2B); Mia Z (2B); Daniel H (3B); Sofia QD (3G); Luca R (3G); Peter B (4B); Jerome D (4G); Michelle D (4G); Eleanor I (4G); Ariana GP (5B) and Meeghan P (6G). What a wonderful effort!

So far that makes 55 OLOR students who have finished the PRC for 2017.

Reading records need to be completed by 25 August, so there is still plenty of time to finish the Challenge. We have an amazing collection of books in our library which are on the PRC list but students can also include books read which they have at home or have borrowed from other libraries. 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.

Books from other libraries

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of children who have been worried that they have returned books from Hornsby Library to our school library by mistake. Please be assured that if this occurs I firstly try to track down who it was that returned the book in error and failing that I return the book to Hornsby Library myself and ask them to contact the borrower to let them know that the book has been returned. For privacy reasons Hornsby Library cannot give me the name of the borrower. Similarly, if one of our books is returned in error to Hornsby Library, they arrange for the book to be posted to our school.

To avoid mix-ups I encourage each child to have their library bag as a "home" for their books from OLOR. If they keep their books in the bag between readings it helps to prevent library books being "lost" in the bookshelf at home (or under the bed, or in the car...) and makes it easier to have books ready to return on library borrowing days. Perhaps there can be a special place for the library bag in each child's bedroom or in another place in the home. It's great if each child can practise being responsible for the books they borrow. I know that most families are very busy and it helps if each child can do their part – no more "My mum/dad forgot my library books"!



Of course, mishaps happen and if library books are lost please let me know. No child is prevented from borrowing due to lost books.

Happy reading!

Mrs Sandra Todd
(Teacher-Librarian)

Parish News

Inviting all OLOR families to meet up before 9:30am Sunday Mass to support and encourage each of us, our children and families in our faith journey. The kids would love to see familiar faces and likewise our parents.

Join this friendly invitation to meet 10 minutes before Mass, outside the Nulty room. We can then walk into Church and sit with a friend or a familiar face from OLOR. Let's inspire each other through the celebration of Sunday Mass and friendship.

Christina & Curtis; 0408 610 411 for information.

Condolences to the Domingo Family (Rosie & Mary—Year 6) and on the passing of their beloved Grandma Victoria who passed away on Thursday 25 May. Mrs Domingo was a regular visitor to our school for assembly's, Harmony Day and school performances. A service will be held in the Cathedral this Friday at 9.20am.



Congratulations



OLOR at Fagan Park for Diocesan Cross Country

Well done to all the students who attended the Diocesan Cross Country at Fagan Park. Congratulations to the Charlize G and Lachlan L who will represent the Diocese at the Polding Cross Country on Friday 16 June at Eastern Creek.



Congratulations to the Crasto girls with great results in their recent AMEB piano exams.

Cassandra in 3Gold, achieved a High Distinction (A+) in her Grade 2 piano exam and Cassidy in 2Gold achieved a High Distinction (A+) in her Grade 1 piano exam.



Six-year-old radio newsreaders at HHH radio: Karl Zaragosa, Michael Medina and Cameron Marsh.

COMMUNITY STATION HANDS OVER MIC TO BUDDING RADIO STARS

Nigel Gladstone

RADIO Tagumpay gives local children as young as six a chance to broadcast their voices and connect to their heritage.

Tagumpay is the Filipino word for success and recently that's been fitting for youngsters looking to learn new skills.

Radio Tagumpay volunteer presenter Jinky Marsh said they

decided to let children on to their Triple H radio show to read Filipino stories.

"I'm a Filipino storyteller with a focus on fables and legends," Ms Marsh, 42, said.

"After a year (here in Sydney) I started making a script and getting kids to read it."

Ms Marsh said there are many stories and proverbs from the Philippines she wants to share

and children could learn a lot from them.

"Early to bed, early to life, and being punctual is better than being industrious, are famous proverbs in our country," she said.

The radio program has been running for about two and a half years but children have only just started getting involved. The show's philosophy is that success

is not just about what you have accomplished but what you inspire others to achieve.

"A radio station is not just a venue for music and advertisements it is also an avenue for youngsters to get involved," Ms Marsh said.

Three Year 1 students from Our Lady of Rosary in Waitara were heard across Hornsby recently and had a great time on air.

"If you have a child who likes to read or who sings, please get in contact with us," Ms Marsh said.

"We encourage community engagement and bring inspiring locals and talents and newsmakers to be part of our program."

The show airs on Triple H 100.1FM on Mondays, from 2pm to 4pm.

Details: triplehfm.com.au

Parents & Friends Association

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BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT



Dear OLOR Families

The P&F are pleased to invite all families, children and friends to our 'BINGO AND PIZZA NIGHT'. It promises to be an evening of fun with numbers, great prizes and scrumptious pizza!!

TIME:	Saturday, 24 June 2017 - 6.00pm-9.00pm
WHERE:	The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Avenue, Waitara.
COST:	Pizza: \$5.00 per adult/child (over the age of 5) Bingo: \$5.00 per book of bingo cards (20 games)
DRINKS:	BYO non-alcoholic drinks (and plastic glasses/cups)

IMPORTANT NOTE

1. If you choose to bring younger children, please ensure you bring sufficient materials to occupy them so they do not disrupt the evening. Thank you for your co-operation.
2. This is a NO-ALCOHOL event.

Please RSVP **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017** to assist with catering.
Any questions, please contact Christina Crasto on 0408 610 411 or christina.crasto@live.com.au

Payment via the Qkr App.
No cash payments or orders will be accepted.

Additionally, we are looking for donations for our bingo prizes. If you have new items, including: household items, hand/body stuff, wine, perfume, chocolates, toys, stationery, school items etc., we would appreciate if you could drop it in to Robyn at the office anytime.

What's Happening @ School



Live Life Well @ School

A Healthy \$1000 Grant SUCCESS!

Our school has received a \$1000 Live Life Well @ School grant from Northern Sydney Local Health District, Health Promotion. The grant will be used to assist with our healthy eating & physical activity initiatives.

The Live Life Well @ School program, that our school is part of, is a joint initiative between the Department of Education and Ministry of Health. The program helps schools adopt a range of health promoting strategies that can have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of students and the school community.

Our school will use the grant to buy a variety of balls, a playground target game, a balance beam, stopwatches, skipping ropes and hoops for use in the playground and during Physical Education lessons.

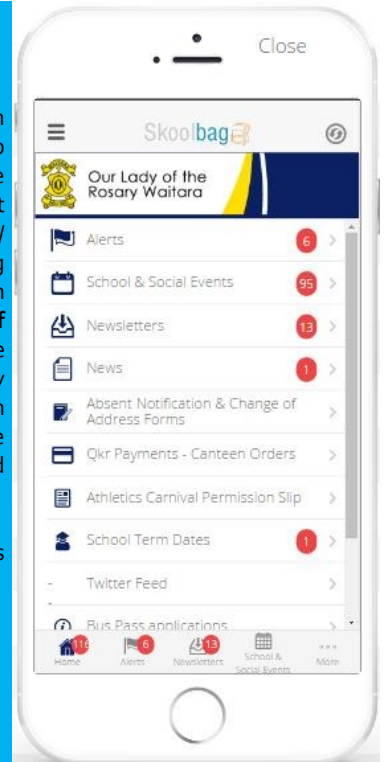


Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

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](#)



ICAS
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

UPCOMING TEST DATES

Friday 9 June Writing
Tuesday 13 June Spelling

Students should meet in 4Gold at 7.50am



OLOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival will take place at Bannockburn Oval, Pymble on Monday 19 June. All students will need to have completed a permission form to attend. At this stage only 128 forms have been lodged. Please click on this link to complete a Google form on behalf of your child/ren. <https://goo.gl/forms/dlm79AVVqtcYoYWV2> After you submit your form, you will receive an email confirming events entered. Click on the link to make any changes.



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.

OLOR UMBRELLAS

Available for purchase from the school office for \$20.00.
Please feel free to drop in and pick one up.



Community News



Parent Engagement An Evening with Prof Debbie Pushor

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents invites you and your school community to share in this unique opportunity

Thursday 15 June 6.30pm

Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office, Pennant Hills

Proudly hosted by Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) and Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (CCSP)

Debbie is a Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada and has spent many years in education, as a teacher, school consultant, and principal but found the experience of school very different the first day she took her eldest child Coen to kindergarten. That was more than two decades ago and since then she has gone on to develop her understanding of parent engagement, undertake extensive research in this area and has published two books on the subject which are now recognised as leading reading in the emerging field of parent engagement.

Debbie, along with the Parent Engagement Collaborative, published a book entitled, Portals of Promise: Transforming Beliefs and Practices through a Curriculum of Parents (Sense Publishers, 2013).

A second book, Living as Mapmakers: Charting a Course with Children Guided by Parent Knowledge (Sense Publishers, 2015) was co-written with Parent Engagement Collaborative II

At this evening, Dr Pushor will explore some current practices in schools and the ways that positive relationships with parents and families can be nurtured.

Educators and parents will have an opportunity to hear Dr Pushor speak about her 'curriculum of parents' and the benefits that flow from building reciprocal relationships and engaging parents in their child's education. Dr Pushor's research indicates the parent role in education as a rich resource of knowledge and strengths that schools have a unique opportunity to draw on.

Who is the workshop for?

Parents, teachers and school leaders interested in exploring how to work together in partnership through parent engagement to improve student learning outcomes.

Visit our website for more information www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

Register: trybooking.com/Z71154 (No Cost)

Venue: Catholic Schools Office Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills



Broken Bay Catholic School Parents
Formerly the Diocesan Parent Council (DPC)



NEW!
Advanced program for Club and Representative players

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Train like a Wallaby with a Wallaby

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- For boys and girls aged 5-14 years old
- All coaches are ARU accredited
- Lunch is provided for 3-day camps



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Date	Location	Duration	Early Bird*	Price
10-12 July	Knorr Grammar School	3-days	\$320	\$360
10-12 July	Eastern Suburbs	3-days	\$320	\$360
10-12 July	The Kings School	3-days	\$320	\$360
10-12 July	Shore School	3-days	\$320	\$360
10-12 July	Newington College	3-days	\$320	\$360
11-12 July	Heater Valley	2-days	\$200	\$220

Register online: www.campwallaby.com.au/upcoming-camps
Contact us: info@campwallaby.com.au • 0407 860 650 • 0407 023 949

*Early Bird ends 20th of May

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Performances

Friday	June 30 th	- 8pm
Saturday	July 1 st	- 2pm & 8pm
Sunday	July 2 nd	- 8pm
Wednesday	July 5 th	- 8pm
Friday	July 7 th	- 8pm
Saturday	July 8 th	- 2pm & 8pm

Tickets

Adult	\$22.00
Child	\$12.00 (under 16 yrs)
Concession	\$17.00
Family	\$60.00 (2 adult + 2 child)

Booking: www.gangshow.com



BRIGHT FUTURES School holiday program at UTS

Bright Futures is for primary and early secondary students who are curious about the world, passionate about learning and starting to think about the paths they will take in the years ahead. The program offers a unique combination of eye-opening experiences based around subjects studied at UTS. All workshops are open to Year 4 - 8 students.

10 - 13 July 2017

Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year groups	Fee	Venue
1 STEM workshop: Exploring the universe	Monday 10 July	Years 5 - 6	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
2 Robotics workshop: Maze Runner	Tuesday 11 July	Years 4 - 8		
3 Creativity workshop: Curious Creatives	Wednesday 12 July			
4 Becoming a true detective: Inside the world of forensics	Thursday 13 July			

3 - 6 October 2017

Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year groups	Fee	Venue
5 ABC for young entrepreneurs	Tuesday 3 October	Years 4 - 8	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
6 Engineering workshop: Beach for the Skies!	Wednesday 4 October			
7 Music workshop: Composition, Percussion, Creativity	Thursday 5 October			
8 Becoming a master in communication	Friday 6 October			

UTS staff have exclusive 5% discount. Please request the promotion code via enq@uts.edu.au

Full program and registration:
www.bit.do/brightfutures17

TUESDAY 4 JULY

DREAMWORKS Trolls

FREE KIDS MOVIE | 11AM

TROLLS

12:30PM

\$8 KIDS MEALS FROM THE KITCHEN

THURSDAY 6 JULY | 11AM

JACK SHARP'S MAGIC SHOW

Jack Sharp combines magic, entertainment and comic humour. He appeals to children and adults alike and will challenge your senses, tickle your mind and leave you wondering if the impossible is really possible.

FREE ENTRY

TUESDAY 11 JULY

MOANA

FREE KIDS MOVIES | 11AM

MOANA

12:30PM

\$8 KIDS MEALS FROM THE KITCHEN

WEDNESDAY 12 JULY | 4PM - 5.30PM

KIDS DISCO WITH DJ DEAL

C'mon kids, let's go crazy at the Kids Disco for kids aged 3-12 years. There will be loads of disco dancing, fun and games with DJ Deal then enjoy a meal with the family from The Kitchen or Lucky Maggie Asian Cuisine.

**MEMBER CHILD \$5
NON MEMBER CHILD \$10**

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