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We are having glorious weather in Canberra apart from the freezing mornings!

At Parliament House yesterday I met with Julian Leeser for half an hour and discussed our concerns about the Amendment to the Education Act. This afternoon I went back to Parliament House to meet with Paul Fletcher. I appreciate the opportunity to sit and talk to them both. This is a very complex issue with a number of conflicting points of view.

If you haven't already, please write. Additional information sent out vesterday might be helpful when writing your letters.



Mr Fletcher is holding his own forum on Saturday afternoon. You are invited but need to RSVP. See the information included on page 8 of this newsletter.

Staff News

Mrs Amanda Fileman has secured a position at St Pius Chatswood and will be leaving us at the end of this term. Teaching positions at St Pius don't often come up and Amanda has been keen to move into middle school education for some time.

Amanda has been a valued member of our OLOR staff since 2014 with a passion for education and children. She is hardworking, dedicated and always willing to lend an extra hand. As Amanda is accessing a week of LSL in Week 10, her last day will be Friday 23 June. We wish her well for the next stage of her teaching journey.

School Reports

Tomorrow students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will receive their report for Semester 1 this year. As Year 6 students are in Canberra, their reports will be emailed on Friday. Students from Years 1-6 will receive a level of achievement in each strand area for English and Mathematics and for the other Key Learning Areas based on a scale ranging from Outstanding, High, Sound, Basic and Limited. It is important to remember that the majority of students will receive 'Sound' which indicates that they are achieving expected outcomes. The reports also contain an indication of your child's effort within the Key Learning Areas.

Much consideration goes into allocating achievement levels for each student. Student work samples, assessment tasks, observations, class contributions and class work build up the picture of a student's profile. Your child's grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage this year. Each year introduces different concepts, content and skills which increase in difficulty from the year before. The Semester 1 report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently Semester 2 report relates to the second half of the year.

Parents/Teacher Interviews

Next week will be busy with parent/teacher interviews across classes. My thanks to all parents who will venture out into the cold to meet with teachers to discuss their child's learning, their successes, challenges and future directions. The partnership between school and home supports your child in developing the strengths and talents that they have. Many thanks to the teachers for making themselves available and their preparations for these important meetings.

Online bookings are open until Monday morning at https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au using code is 4mpp2

P&F Bingo Night

Just over a week to our P&F Social event which is a Bingo Night in TLOCC. Last year was a terrific fun night. Please refer to page 4 for more information. Looking forward to a great crowd.



Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 June Saturday 17 June Monday 19 June Monday 19 June to Friday 23 June

Thursday 22 June Friday 23 June

Tuesday 27 June Thursday 29 June

Friday 30 June Monday 17 July

Diary Dates - Term 2 & 3

Year 6 in Canberra
Parish/School Mass @ 5.00pm (Year 2 & 3)
OLOR Athletics Carnival @ Bannockburn Oval
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Year 4 Excursion to The Rocks, Sydney.
Men in the Morning @ 8.00am to 8.45am (early finish due to Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass)
Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass @ 9.30am
Year 3 Grade Assembly @ 2.00pm in TLOCC
Netball & League Tag Gala Days
LAST DAY OF TERM 2.
Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day FIRST DAY OF TERM 3



Naplan Online

Please see the attachment outlining Naplan Online which will be trialed in mid August. It is anticipated that Naplan will be online next year with some small changes.

Athletics Carnival

Looking forward to a sunny day for our Athletics Carnival next Monday at Bannockburn Oval. The weather forecast is for it being cold but clear. Our make up day is not till next term. Many thanks to Miss Tonnet for her organisation of this event. High Jump will be held at school early in Term 4.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to Lachlan L and Charlize G who will be members of the Polding Team at the Cross Country competition this Friday at Eastern Creek. A fantastic achievement for these two athletes getting this far.

Parent Spelling Workshop

Thank you to those parents who attended our Spelling workshop last Friday morning. It was an informative and worthwhile session facilitated by Mrs Austin. We will be running the workshop again in Week 1 of next term on Wednesday 19 July at 7.00pm.

Religious Education News

Our Year 2 and Year 3 students will be leading our Parish/School Mass this Saturday evening at 5.00pm. We look forward to a great representation from these grades as we join with our parish family in celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our Year 3 students will introduce the Mass with a liturgical movement at 4.55pm.

Friday of next week, 23 June, we will be gathering together to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart at the 9.30am Mass. Representatives from St Vincent de Paul and The Women's Shelter will be here with us as we hand over our donations to them. This Mass is a wonderful reminder of the commitment we make at OLOR to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. All welcome.

Sincere Sympathies

We were all so shocked on the weekend to hear of the tragic accident when a young 24 year old rugby player collapsed during his game on Saturday. To learn he was Mrs Ward's beloved nephew, Lachlan, has made it all the more real for us and heartbreaking. Our thoughts and prayers to the Ward family and his friends and teammates at this most difficult time.

God bless you and your family

Jacinta Crowe Principal



UPCOMING TEST DATES

Tuesday 1 August - English

Students should meet in 4Gold at 7.50am

Hornsby Women's Shelter & Vinnies Winter Appeal

OLOR has generously supported the Hornsby Women's Shelter and the Vinnies Winter Appeal for a number of years. This year, we are asking that each family assists by providing specific items that these organisations have indicated would help them in their work in our local community. If all families could also think about donating blankets, sheets, pillow cases, towels, beanies, gloves and scarves it would be most appreciated. Previously we have allocated items to specific grades, this year we ask for donations based on your CHILD'S surname. Please refer to the lists below. Please send any donations to the school by 23rd June or can be brought to the P&F Bingo & Pizza Night..

Surname starting with A - B: Tuna single serves or Long life milk Surname starting with C - D: Coffee or cans of diced tomatoes

Surname starting with E - H: Oil for cooking or biscuits - savoury or sweet

Surname starting with I - L: Photocopy paper and envelopes

Surname starting with M: Writing pads and decent quality black pens

Surname starting with N - R: AA batteries and AAA batteries

Surname starting with S - Z: Small Edison screw globes, large Edison screw globes or large bayonet globes

Thank you for supporting these very worth community causes.

CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Know the Rules and Play by the Rules
Kindergarten Blue	Makenzi G	Sarah D V
Kindergarten Gold	Dominic D	Bianca P
1Blue	Amanda A	Olivia R
1Gold	Owen A	Joddy C
2Blue	Lucy Stephens	Ryan Mankottil
2Gold	Lucy L	Whitney C
3Blue	Keira B	William McM
3Gold	Nicholas K	Grace L
4Blue	Peter B	Lucy McK
4Gold	Samuel L	Zahlia M
Year 5	Shane T Charlie S	Ashley H Juliet L
6Blue/6Gold	YEAR 6 WILL HAVE A DOUBLE AWARD PRESENTED NEXT WEEK	YEAR 6 WILL HAVE A DOUBLE AWARD PRESENTED NEXT WEEK

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

20 June - Xavier D (2Gold)
21 June - Milly H (6Blue)
22 June - Max J (1Gold)
23 June - Ella G (5Blue
Oriana McH (6Blue)
Victor Q D (1Blue)
24 June - Zachary H (3Gold)

The birthday and PBL certificates will be presented at the assembly on Tuesday 20 June from 2.30pm

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: Jessica C (KB); Lucas K (KG); Kirsten M (2B); Lachlan L (3B); Charlotte M (4G); Matthew C (5B); Ashley H (5B) and Ethan L (6B).

What a fabulous effort! So far that makes 63 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 Chal-

lenge. 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.

Happy reading! Mrs Sandra Todd - (Teacher-Librarian)

Parents & Friends Association

BINGO NIGHT INFO

Bookings close today so please get in and book via Qkr.

We are still accepting donations towards our prizes. Accepting bottles of wine, chocolates, homewares, hand/body stuff, kids toys, games, puzzles etc.

We have some Bingo dabbers from last year which will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis. So don't forget to bring a marker or pen to mark your bingo numbers please.

Lastly and most IMPORTANTLY, we want to start the Bingo on time so we can fit in as many games as we can. The aim is to have everyone seated for a 6.00pm start.

SO PLEASE COME EARLY

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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)
BYO non-alcoholic drinks (and plastic glasses/cups)

IMPORTANT NOTE

- 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.

DRINKS:

Please RSVP NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017 to assist with catering.

Any questions, please contact Christina Crasto on 0408 810 411 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

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

Monday 19 June - Sports carnival
Tuesday 20 June - Volunteer Please
Wednesday 21 June - Volunteer Please
Thursday 22 June - Kim Bayne

Friday 23 June - Eniko Turchanyi & Volunteer Please

Monday 26 June - Nacho day volunteer please

Tuesday 27 June - Suzanne Leverton Wednesday 28 June - Kate Dauzacker

Snacks only available at the sports carnival on the 19 June. I will have some muffins & slices for sale.

Don't forget orders for Nachos Day. Orders close Thursday 22 June 9.00am. Enjoy the holidays

Thank you Carmel Daniels





On Sunday 29 October we are celebrating all things OLOR with our Spring Fair. Our fair coordinator, Neal McCarry has already been working hard on putting things in place and is now asking parents to express their interest by volunteering for one of the many tasks required on the day.

Please find below the link for the volunteers form. You are welcome to volunteer for more than one role or task on the day and if you have any questions, feel free to call Neal on 0420 845 995 or via email at olorspringfair2017@gmail.com

https://goo.gl/forms/zbuL1OJLs7kFmzUB2

Thank you, as always, for your support of our school.

Neal McCarry - Spring Fair Convenor





Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.
- * Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/ naplan-online/naplan-online-publicdemonstration-site

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/ naplan-online

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/onlineassessment.html



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

 Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-ofthe-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.



Dear Mrs Crowe

A number of concerned parents and community members have contacted me in recent days with questions about how the Turnbull Government's new needs-based funding model will affect Catholic systemic schools in Bradfield.

I would therefore like to invite you to a community meeting, at which I will give a presentation on the Turnbull Government's Quality Schools package; our commitment to needs-based funding; and what the package means for Catholic systemic schools in Bradfield. Following the presentations I will be available to hear your comments and feedback and respond to your questions.

The details for the forum are:

When: **Saturday, 17 June**

Where: Magpies Waitara (formerly the Asquith Leagues Club)

11-37 Alexandria Parade, Waitara

Time: 3.30 pm - 5 pm

If you would like to attend, please RSVP <u>here</u> or by telephoning my office on (02) 9465 3950.

I do hope I will have the opportunity to see you at the forum.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely Paul Fletcher

Paul Fletcher MP

Federal Member for Bradfield Minister for Urban Infrastructure

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