

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School

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Dear Parents,

Week 10, Term 2, 2017

Holidays are always times for slowing down a little, sleeping a little more and a great opportunity to be energised by some non-academic pursuits. Even on these winter days a game of soccer, basketball or tennis with a picnic is fun family time. It's great to play a favourite board game (mine is Monopoly), read a favourite old-time book together (I loved Heidi and Anne of Green Gables) or do baking or knitting (the new Yoga) - making special memories. Recharge the batteries and hug your precious children.

29 June 2017

Thank you so much for your support over the past few weeks with the funding issues. This legislation was rushed through and very complex with many sectors of education, Catholic and public, concerned about it. My thanks to David Millar, our P&F President and Executive for gathering and helping to make sense of the facts. I know many of you communicated with, wrote letters and emails to politicians and made good representation at the various forums, providing supper and morning tea. Those further amendments, to the original amendment, came about because of the pressure of the people. Peter Hamill outlined the importance of them in his letter to parents this week and politicians heard these concerns very strongly from people at all levels.

As I reflect over the past few weeks it highlights the importance for each of us to be aware and involved in the decisions of government through making our views heard about the matters important to us. We want our parliamentarians to be listeners and for there to be discussion, analysis and deliberation. We don't want them taking the party line just because it is the party line. They are our elected representatives in parliament and with this privilege comes great responsibility to know the facts, be discerning and be aware of what their constituents think. Every politician I spoke to acknowledged the inconsistencies of the SES as a measure of scholastic need. Let's keep aware of the work of the Advisory Board, when it is appointed, so that it addresses the real complications of these issues.

Tier 2 Review

During Term 2 our school has gone through the formal Tier 2 process of review around processes, policy and procedures in the areas of Attendance, WHS, Finance, Child Protection, Discipline and Welfare, Governance and Teacher Accreditation. My thanks to Mrs Gill Austin and the Leadership Team who have organised the requirements for these reviews. We have received high commendation across all areas.

Next term in Week 3 we will have people from CSO and fellow Principals visiting OLOR on Monday 31 July and Tuesday 1 August to review Catholic Life and Mission, Teaching and Learning and Pastoral Care. There will be an opportunity for parents to be part of a parent discussion on the afternoon of Monday 31 July about 2.00pm. More details at the beginning of next term.

Bingo Night

We had over 200 attend our P&F Pizza and Bingo Night last Saturday evening and a fun time was had by all. Many thanks to Christina and Curtis Crasto who organised and co-ordinated the evening and to their helpers listed under P&F News.

Rhythmic Gymnastics for Girls

At Monday's assembly the children watched a display of skill and grace by Miss Katya Matiashevska who will be conducting after school sessions in TLOCC. Her details are on page 7 of the newsletter.

Wishing all of our families a relaxing and safe holiday break.

God bless you and your family

Jacinta Crowe - Principal

Principal's Award

Students nominated for the Principal's Award will be notified in the first week of Term 3 with the morning tea scheduled in the first weeks of term.



Friday 30 June Monday 17 July Friday 21 July londay 24 July uesday 25 July uesday 1 August Thursday 3 August Friday 4 August Friday 18 August

Diary Dates - Term 2 & 3

- Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

- FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 Year 6 Mercy Leadership Day Musica Viva—Year 3 to 6 Kindergarten Grade Assembly @ 2.00pm in TLOCC ICAS English @ 7.50am in 4Gold Second Gala Day (selected grades)

- Soccer Gala Day (selected grades) Year 6 Mini Vinnies Winter Sleep-out North Shore Athletics Carnival @ Narrabeen



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27th June 2007

Mrs Jacinta Crowe The Principal Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara NSW 2077

Dear Mrs Crowe,

I wish to express our sincere thanks once again to the OLOR community for supporting the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter for the third year since it has been open. The items that were supplied by the parents and children were exactly what was needed to continue meeting the needs of the women and for the smooth running of the shelter.

Thanks also to Emma Korth for coordinating the collection. We know that it does add to the heavy work load of the teachers, and that the parents are also facing extra costs this year and I'm sure you are reluctant to request more from them. It is however very encouraging to see their enthusiastic response.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Babb HKWS.



UPCOMING TEST DATES Tuesday 1 August - English

Students should meet in 4Gold at 7.50am

Seasons for Growth Grief Program Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives.

At Our Lady of the Rosary Primary, we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

A very successful education program called Seasons for Growth, facilitated in small groups of students, is based on research highlighting the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills in being able to cope effectively with change and loss.

The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Our Lady of the Rosary is pleased to be able to offer this important program for students in years 3 to 6, confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those involved.

We hope to commence the groups during Term 3

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

Expressions of interest: please contact the school office and/or if you require further information please contact Sister Katherine 0456 650 935

PO BOX 641 HORNSBY NSW 1630

Year 6 Trip to Canberra

Last week, Year 6 students from our school attended an education tour of the National Capital (Canberra). Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



My favourite place in Canberra is the War Memorial because the it showed interesting paintings, clay models photographs and videos of what it was like in war. The War Memorial also had activities that had us experiencing life in a submarine and the trenches during a war. The movies were entertaining and informative and they made me feel like I really was there with the soldiers. Looking at the Roll of Honour made me think that Australians devoted their lives to their nation and sacrificed



their lives for us and for other people's sake. That is why I enjoyed the Australian War Memorial. By Andrea

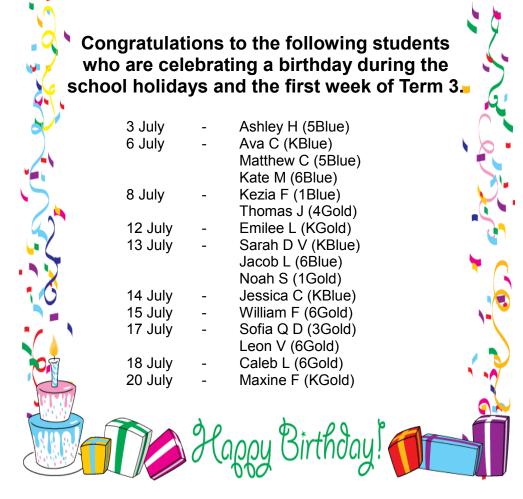


My favourite place that we visited was the Australian War Memorial. I enjoyed this the most because I am interested in the history of war and seeing the outfits that they wore during the wars and looking at the weapons they used during war was really interesting. I also like the War Memorial because it is a place where you pay respect to the soldiers who served for our country. The thing that I liked most the Discovery Zone because it was an interactive place where you got to feel what it was like living the life of the soldiers and what they had and still have to get through. By Jordan



My favourite place in Canberra was Questacon because of how fun and interactive/exhilarating it was with all the different levels, each one more entertaining than the last. My favourite level was the lab/arts and crafts section, with so many things to do and see all while making you think as well. The part I "disliked" was the Free Fall, which is so exciting to wait in line for but then once you got up there your adrenaline slapped you across the face and you became absolutely terrified! Sadly I ended up changing my mind and didn't do the fall after all. By Marvin

CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Taking Turns
Kindergarten Blue	Flora M	Jaxon K
Kindergarten Gold	Emilee L	Felix D
1Blue	Sebastian C M	Lucas C
1Gold	Hannah C	Dominic B
2Blue	Isabella M	Bradley B
2Gold	Cassidy C	Katriel M
3Blue	Wol A Daniel H	Daniel H Sam M
3Gold	Ben E	Grace D
4Blue	Jake C	Zoey R
4Gold	Jonty M J	Bridget McC
Year 5	Amelia E Conner P	Joey T Logan D
6Blue	Jacob J	Caitlin M
6Gold	Grace D	Caleb L



The birthday and PBL certificates will be presented at the first assembly of Term 3 on Monday 17 July at 2.30pm.

Library News

BOOK WEEK 2017

Term 3 will be a particularly exciting time in our school as we celebrate Book Week. The date for Book Week 2017 is **Saturday 18 – Friday 25 August and this year the theme is** <u>"Escape to Everywhere"</u>.

This year during Book Week we will have a character parade, where the children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a **book character or a character related to the theme "Escape to Everywhere"**. It's time to get creative and just imagine who you could be! The school holidays are a great time to start planning. Remember – it is not necessary to buy elaborate costumes. Try to use what you already have, what you can borrow from friends and family, or what you can make yourself. It isn't a competition – just an opportunity to be creative and have fun!

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:

Lyra L (KB); Eliana P (KB); Jemima W (KB); Trinity HS (1B); Miranda Z (1B); Gabriel C (2B); Zachary R (2G); Emily W (3G); Verity Z (3B); Isha B (4G); Dominic D (4B); Michael D (4G); Charlize G (4B); Julia G (4G); Erica H (4B); Bridget M (4G) and Olivia S (4G). What a wonderful effort! That's a total of 80 OLOR students who have now completed the Challenge. There's still plenty of time for other participants to finish the Challenge so keep on reading!!!

Happy reading and happy holidays.

Sport News

What a busy term we have had with Sport. Lots of great success at the Cross Country, Athletics and the Netball and League Tag Gala Days.

Next term we will be finishing the field events for the Athletics carnival of High Jump and Shot Put and all parents and students will be notified of these dates next term. When the events are finished we will be able to tally up overall points for Age Champion.

The students who are **8 years and over** are eligible for the North Shore Cluster Carnival. Please note that the students with the fastest time will be representing their age group in the running events. In the field events, the students are in placed in **Junior – combined 8, 9, 10 years**, 11 years, 12/13 years age groups. The students with the top times/distances will be notified and will receive the Cluster information once the field events are finalised.

The North Shore Cluster Carnival will be held on Friday 18 August at Narrabeen.

The Soccer Gala Day will be held next term on August 3 and the students selected from Years 4 and 6 will be notified with a permission note early next term.

Big congratulations to Charlize G and Lachlan L for representing Polding at the Cross Country. Charlize G came 14th in her age group. Lachlan came 4th and is off to PSSA on July 21. We wish Lachlan the best of luck at the next level.

Congratulations to Jackson M (5Gold) on being selected for the boys Polding Softball team competing in Camden in the first week of Term 4. Well done.





Parents & Friends Association

Bingo and Pizza Night

Our second annual Bingo and Pizza Night was a massive success. We had double the numbers from last year with over 220 parents, friends and children. I trust you were entertained by the jokes, the quizzes, bingo prizes, lucky door prizes, spot prize and many more.

I am so grateful to our wonderful parent helpers, Cara Moretti, Angela Hiley, Raquel Pasco, Richard Hay, Sandra Bartlett, Mylene Recio, Katherine and Genesis Co-Elliott, Julie Eccles, AnnMarie Rapa, Adam Ryan, Clarissa Baptista, Naomi and Michael Maslen and many more for giving up their time in assisting with set up, registration, serving and pack up on the night. Many thanks also to all parents who donated goods for prizes.

Sincere thanks also to Robyn Ward and Sue Hanrahan from the office as I was constantly in touch with them in the days and weeks leading up to the event.

We welcome your feedback so please drop me a note at Christina.crasto@live.com.au and feel free to tell us what you thought or would like for next time. Regards, Christina

After the Bingo & Pizza Night, the P&F have some leftover gym passes donated by Fernwood and Fitness First as follows: Fernwood Women's gym - 14 day passes Fitness First - 5 visit passes

These passes have been left in the school office. Feel free to drop into the office on Friday and pick one (or more) up.



www.thecybersafetylady.com.au

RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS A Practical and positive approach to safety on digital technology.

Leonie Smith gets results where others often fail. Parents, teachers, students say they leave her talks feeling empowered, determined to succeed with online safety. They actually make changes!

Leonie's presentations and workshops are not just scary stories. As a parent of teens, she gives real practical advice on how to protect you and your family from online predators, cyber bullying, privacy issues, & scams. As well as advising on how to protect your children from stumbling across shocking adult content.

Leonie's heartfelt, sometimes humorous stories, help to illustra is so important for everyone to understand how the digital wor and how to use it safely. She's done the hard yards.

She Covers: Safe & unsafe apps - Social media & kids - Safer messaging - Cyber bullying strategies - Adult content filters - Screen time addiction -Essential privacy settings - Smart phone issues - Scams & traps online - Smart online behaviour - Safe Gaming - Your child's digital world. BIO: An online multi media pioneer Leonie Smith, "The Cyber Safety Lady" has been passionate about digital technology & building internet communities since 1995. Online safety and online privacy is her passion

Leonie has spoken to thousands of parents, students and many teachers and community groups over the last 4 years. She works closely with the Australian Northern Beaches Area Police Command giving talks on Sydney's Northern Beaches. She speaks nationwide & internationally

Leonie is the Author of the very popular "Keeping Kids Safe Online" the parent step-by-step cyber safety manual, "Keeping You Safe Online" the Teen "do it yourself" Cyber Safety manual.

The Cyber Safety Lady Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara Date: Tuesday 8 August Time: 7.00pm Venue: School Library





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¹) recently attended your Cybe Safety seminar at Manly Village Public School. I Just wanted to write to you to say thank you. I found the evening incredibly informative, practical and so valuable in terms of safeguarding and educating my children about staying safe in this fast movin and ever changing cyber world.²

Karen Wooldridge Parent



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

School Community News

LOOKING FOR A NEW SPORT FOR YOUR DAUGHTER?





www.hornsbyrsl.gymnastics.org.au

Year 5 Park Play

Please join us for a park play on Friday 30 June at Ruddock Park Westleigh Feel free to bring a plate to share

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Year 5 Class Parents

P.J & Ríma



SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2017 11AM - 3PM AT HORNSBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL EDGEWORTH DAVID ROAD, HORNSBY

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HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Pennant Hills Library Wednesday 5 July 10am-10.30am

Hornsby Library Thursday 6 July 10am-10.30an

Berowra Community Centre Friday 7 July

10.30am-11am Join us for stories, songs, craft and refreshments.

All ages welcome. Cost: \$2.00 per child for children 18 months and over

No bookings required. Payment at door



JUGGLER AND MIME ARTIST LEO BONNE

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Hornsby Library Thursday 13 July, 10.30am-11.30am

ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALLS ALL NEW RIDES, FACE PAINTING BOOK STALL, INSTAGRAM COMPETITION, TOMBOLA, & GAMES...AND MUCH MORE/

EMAIL: HEHSMCFOGMAIL.COM

Come along and experience an unforgettable circ theatre performance. Leo will entertain you with his extraordinary mime, juggling and magic skills. \$12.00 per child. Ages 3+. Ticketed event.

MAGICIAN AND ILLUSIONIST TOM FOOLERY

Pennant Hills Library Friday 14 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Prepare yourselves to be in fits of giggles with Tom's fascinating and amusing blend of magic, juggling and illusions

\$12.00 per child. Ages 3+ . Ticketed event.

SPLASH INTO... BRINGS THE MARINE WORLD TO YOU

Qualified marine biologist will give the children the opportunity to get up close and personal with some live marine animals and preserved marine specimens. Ticketed event.

Hornsby Library Monday 10 July, 10 15am-10 45am 11.15am-11.45am \$5.00 ner child Ages 3-6 years.

Wednesday 12 July, 2.30pm-3.30pm

\$10.00 per child.

Ages 7-12 years

Berowra Library Monday 10 July, 2.30pm-3.30pm \$10.00 per child. Ages 7-12 years.

Pennant Hills Library Tuesday 11 July,



