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Dear Parents,

The week after the Spring Fair and there is much to celebrate. What a wonderful OLOR community and what a marvellous day we all experienced. We were lucky with the weather but also so lucky with the number of people who helped with the multitude of tasks before the day and on Sunday. The Battle of the Bands brought lots of people into OLOR and they seemed keen to spend their money with us. Our choir was magnificent and the other acts, that involved many of our students, were very entertaining as well.



Our sincere thanks to all the wonderful stallholders who spent many hours 'preparing' their stalls, be it planning, storing things, buying, cooking, making or organising and their generous band of volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout all of Sunday. To our sponsors who donated for the event, to the teachers who worked on the information booth and braved the Dunk Tank and to our behind the scene workers who were flat out all day, we say thank you. I know Brendan Element, Adam Ryan and Kim Earle, as our finance team, were busy behind the scenes all day and unfortunately missed out on much of the activities of the fair. The final total is yet to be confirmed but we will let you know in a future newsletter. Grateful thanks to David Gale, Robyn Ward and Sue Hanrahan for all their help before, during and after the event. It was wonderful to have the support of Barker College with the car wash in their playground, St Leo's College moving the HSC out of TLOCC and giving us access to their top oval for the Gumboot Throw and St Patrick's Asquith for lending us various fete items. We couldn't have done it without all of you. Finally, thanks to Lucia Bichara from Teaching Services for organising the other schools to join us for Battle of the Bands.

Thank you too to our local parliamentary representatives, Mr Alister Henskens, Mr Matt Kean and Mayor of Hornsby, Mr Philip Ruddock, for joining us on the day.

At OLOR we have such a strong sense of community and this has been evident with all the preparation for the Fair especially last Friday and Saturday as the set up began. Pack up and clean up took place in record time this year and that was thanks to the efforts of so many.

In particular I want to thank Neal McCarry for bringing it all together and his organisation and co-ordination. He generously stepped forward at the end of 2016 when we desperately needed someone to take it on. Thanks too to Audrey, his wife, for all of her support. We can imagine what it was like 'living and breathing the 2017 Spring Fair' for much of 2017. A link to access photos from the fair will be sent to families tomorrow.

Thank you again for the contribution that each one of you at OLOR has made to make our 2017 Spring Fair such a wonderful success. Congratulations on a job well done.

Stage 3 Musical - Year 5 & 6

In just under three weeks our students in Year 5 and 6 will transform TLOCC into a magical place of singing, dancing and acting as they bring the musical *Pirates of the Curry Bean* to life over two days. It is a wonderful opportunity for the student leaders of the school to showcase their musical talents. There has been extraordinary commitment from our leads out of school at rehearsal and learning lines. We bring this all together with a full day rehearsal for the lead group on Saturday 11 November where they will don costumes, practise with microphones and become familiar with the layout of the large stage in TLOCC.

We will have two performances and are hoping for a large audience with all families invited across the school to see the show. Admission is free and no tickets will be issued, but for seating purposes, we ask that you book via this link <u>Concert Online Booking</u> enter the code: **yx9hx** indicating the number of seats you will be needing and for which performance.

On Tuesday 21 November at 1.00pm - our school students Kinder to Year 4 will be attending this performance and then on Wednesday 22 November at 7.30pm where we will have the full effects of lighting and staging.



Friday 10 November Friday 17 November Tuesday 21 November Wednesday 22 November Friday 24 November

Diary Dates - Term 4

- Kindergarten 2018 Orientation All students
- Men in the Morning @ 8.00am
- Year 5 & 6 Musical @ 1.00pm
- Year 5 & 6 Musical @ 7.30pm
- Grandparents Day Mass, Open Classrooms and Morning Tea.

Final Kindergarten 2018 Orientation

We have also had Kinder Orientations for our 50 students over the last few weeks. Our final orientation will be on Friday 10 November when the Year 4 students will meet the new Kinders as they will be their buddies in 2018. At this time I always feel a little sad as I notice how much the present Kinders have grown throughout the year.

Feast of All Souls

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Souls where we remember and pray for those who have died. November is the month that we remember those who have died. Parents, friends and students are warmly invited to contribute to the special OLOR "Remembrance Book" on display in the Mary MacKillop prayer space. You are invited to write the names of anyone who has died that you wish to be remembered in prayer. (Alternatively, you can simply send a note to school requesting names to be entered in the Remembrance Book).

Remembrance Day Liturgy – Monday 13 November – 2.00pm

As Remembrance Day is on a Saturday this year, we will marking that day with a prayer assembly on Monday 13 November at 2.00pm in the Cathedral followed by assembly. Parents and friends are invited to attend. Year 5 will be co-ordinating this liturgy.

Grandparents' Day – Friday 24 November

We will be celebrating Grandparents' Day on Friday 24 November, starting with a Mass at 9.30am. If you would like a photo of your children with grandparents please email to the office by Thursday 16 November. This year we have scheduled Grandparents' Day later in the year to have it closer to our Stage 3 Musical and Parish First Communion celebrations as grandparents not living in Sydney often make the trip to be at these other events.



Thank you to our school captains Lucy and Noah who attended the NSW Parliament as guests of Mr Alister Henskens for the Primary School Captain's morning tea today.

God bless you and your family

Jacinta Crowe Principal Congretulations to Miss Tonnet (Mrs Russell) who celebreted her wedding over the lest school holidays. Carlee and her husband Dennis spent three weeks honeymooning in Europe.



We all know the power of praise and recognition in the building of self-esteem. Children, parents, teachers - we all flourish when our contributions are acknowledged. A prayer to the many generous people who help to build up and maintain our educating community.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for our children; they are your gift and a constant reminder of your love. We thank you for our partners - the teachers - who, along with us, 'touch eternity'. We thank you for our support staff whose very presence makes school more like a home. And we thank you for each other and for the work each has done in building our community. Bless us as we celebrate our many strengths and plan our continuing work in your service. Amen.

Religious Education News

This November, the students, teachers and parents at OLOR are invited to participate in our 30 Day Happiness Challenge. Throughout the thirty days, a new "challenge" will be posted on the display board which aims to bring happiness into the lives of the participant and those around them. This aligns with our belief that we show our love for God when we are kind to others *Mt 25:40 'And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'* This also links with our KidsMatter program which focuses on our mental wellbeing, self-esteem and the establishment of positive relationships.

Some of the "challenges" will invite people to reflect on their inner strengths and gifts from God, which will helps to show participants how to find happiness from within themselves. Other "challenges" will call on people to do something for others or share a happy moment with someone, enabling participants to find happiness in providing/sharing a positive experiences with others. We invite parents to ask their children what "happiness challenge" they were faced with each day and to continue with the "challenges" over the weekends throughout November.

This weekend's happiness challenges are:

1) Tell someone why they are special to you.

2) Listen to your favourite song today and sing along with someone in your family.

Sport News

Summer Sport Trials

In the coming weeks students will have the opportunity to try out for the Broken Bay sports teams in the sports of **tennis**, **basketball and cricket**.

It is important to note that these trials are for children who display a 'representative level ability' in the chosen sport. While teams are 'open age' it is **strongly recommended** that only outstanding students in Years 4 & 5 be invited to attend. Year 6 will be unable to try out as this is the **2018** school year.

Each school is allowed to send **4 students** maximum for basketball and cricket and **3 students** for tennis. If any student feels that they fit this criteria, please see me and I can give you the form to complete. Each trial costs \$10.00 and is payable via Qkr after entry is authorised by the school.

TENNIS - BOYS/GIRLS	Wednesday 22 November
BASKETBALL - GIRLS	Thursday 30 November
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CRICKET - BOYS	Tuesday 5 December
CRICKET - GIRLS	Tuesday 5 December

Kindergarten to Year 4 Swimming Program @ Barker College

Permission notes for this program will go home tomorrow for students in Kindergarten to Year 4. Students take part in a total of five lessons over five days. Dates are: Monday 4 December to Thursday 7 December and Monday 11 December.

OLOR Swimming Carnival 2018

The date for the OLOR Swimming Carnival is scheduled for the end of the first week of Term 1 on Friday 2 February. This event will be held at Hornsby Aquatic Centre. Further details will be provided later in the term.

Carlee Russell - Sports Coordinator



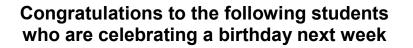
Congratulations to our OLOR Spring Fair Raffle Winners.

- 1st prize Westfield vouchers to the value of \$2500.00 Sophie Glendenning
- 2nd prize Sydney Harbour sailing experience for 4 on board a 38ft yacht, valued at \$1600.00 Amelia Clementson
- 3rd prize 2 Night weekend escape for 2 at Broken View Estate, Hunter Valley valued at \$800.00 Tracy Pearson
- 4th prize Alvarez Acoustic guitar, soft bag & stand valued at \$750.00 Lily Mao
- 5th prize 4 Premium tickets to the hit musical "Mumma Mia" at the Lyric Theatre valued at \$560.00 Jenny Mendoza
- 6th prize Quality hand made guilt valued at \$400.00 Steven Muscat



CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Including Others
Kindergarten Blue	Charlie McM	Jessica C
Kindergarten Gold	Daniel S	Bianca P
1Blue	Samuel R	Anneka B
1Gold	Isabella R	Euan R
2Blue	Mia Z	Oliver S
2Gold	Camila S	Aodhan D
3Blue	Sophie W	Ashton S
3Gold	Ben E	Daniel McC
4Blue	Jake C	Erika C
4Gold	Charlotte M	Benjamin C
Year 5	Lachlan C Aaron P	Alexander T Ella G
6Blue	Ethan L	Madison E
6Gold	Matthew F	David M

Awards and birthday certificates will be presented at the assembly on Monday 6 November



6 November

- 7 November
- Lachlan F (4Gold)
- Jacob C (6Blue)

Happy Birthday! 🎁

- Isabel D (1Gold)
- Louis M (KGold)



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SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

- Monday 6 November Tuesday 7 November Wednesday 8 November Thursday 9 November Friday 10 November Monday 13 November Tuesday 14 November Wednesday 15 November Thursday 16 November Friday 17 November
- Parent volunteer needed
- Parent volunteer needed
- Helen Dorgan
- Rima Elsom & Danielle Jones
- Sandra Bangayan & Alison Costello
- Parent volunteer needed
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- Alex Sturrock
- Dawn Stephens
- Judi Crowe

SPECIAL MENU DAY: Monday 11 December - HOT DOG DAY more information to come.

Carmel Daniels

