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Dear Parents,

Year 5/6 Musical

All is in readiness for our Year 5/6 musical, *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, as the TLOCC stage is transformed into the docks and sea for pirates and sailors alike. We have had a core group of just over thirty students who have worked tirelessly after school, a couple of Saturdays and often at lunchtime, learning lines and melodies, routines and staging. All our Year 5 and 6 students are involved singing and dancing and are either pirate rascals or marching sailors. It has been wonderful to see their confidence develop and to see how much they enjoy taking over the big stage. I know all our Year 5 and 6 families are looking forward to seeing the final performance. Other families across the school are very welcome to join us as well. All students in Kinder to Year 4 will attend the matinee performance on Tuesday afternoon.

There are two performances, each running for an hour and a half on Tuesday at 1.00pm and then Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. The performance is free but we need to know numbers so there is enough seating organised. Please book via this link [Concert Online Booking](#) enter the code: **yx9hx** indicating the number of seats you will be needing and for which performance.

Activities like this take an enormous effort and we have had a wonderful support from a very generous crew of teachers and parents who have been working hard to finalise all details and make this happen.

Special thanks to our directors Mrs Ann Mason and Sr Katherine Tyrrell who have done such a fantastic job giving the students this opportunity. Our Year 5 and 6 teachers have co-ordinated costumes and Mrs Chris Bhat has overseen props. We are always appreciative of parental support in these ventures and thank those parents involved in buying items and supplying props.

Looking forward to a wonderful theatrical experience next week.

Grandparents' Day - Friday 24 November

Next week we look forward to welcoming grandparents and special people in your children's lives on the morning of Friday 24 November. We will commence with Mass in the Cathedral at 9.20am. We then invite our visitors to classrooms to see what the students have been doing. We will have an early morning tea where grandparents are welcome to sit with students in the Infants Courtyard (chairs will be set up) or in the library. Morning tea for grandparents will then be served in TLOCC from 11.00am where the band and choir will perform, as well as several songs from the Year 5/6 musical. If grandparents can't stay after Mass, they are welcome to come into classrooms for a quick visit before school. If you have a family member attending, can you please supply a plate of food to share. Unfortunately we do not have access to the basketball courts for parking, therefore it is recommended that families leave enough time to park and walk in to the school. Any photos you would like included in the slide show need to be emailed to the office by tomorrow. All are welcome.

Christmas Concert - Tuesday 12 December

On Tuesday 12 December religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Together As One", "Rainbow" and "In the Beginning" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun.

Each class will be involved with Andrew in an item and our chamber choir group will support him. Students are invited to dress in festive colours, wearing red, white or green, a Christmas t-shirt or tinsel in their hair. Bring a rug and some finger food dinner or snacks and if the weather is good we will gather on St Leo's bottom oval and get into the spirit of Christmas. The concert will start at 6.00pm, while it is still daylight and the carols should conclude by 7.15pm. The basketball courts will be open for parking from 5.00pm.

Diary Dates - Term 4 & 2018

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| Friday 17 November | - Men in the Morning @ 8.00am |
| Tuesday 21 November | - Year 5 & 6 Musical @ 1.00pm |
| Wednesday 22 November | - Year 5 & 6 Musical @ 7.30pm |
| Friday 24 November | - Grandparents Day - Mass, Open Classrooms and Morning Tea. |
| Monday 27 November | - Year 4 Prayer assembly @ 2.15pm |
| Thursday 30 November | - Kindergarten to attend Loreto Normanhurst Pantomime |
| Monday 4 December | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4. |
| | - Gingerbread Night in undercroft |
| Tuesday 5 December | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4 |
| Thursday 7 December | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4 |
| Friday 8 December | - Whole School End of Year Mass @ 9.30am - Cathedral |
| | - Thank You Morning Tea for Parent Volunteers |
| Monday 11 December | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4 |
| Tuesday 12 December | - School Christmas Concert @ 6.00pm |
| Wednesday 13 December | - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4 |
| Thursday 14 December | - Year 5 at St Ives Cares Day |
| | - Year 6 Graduation Liturgy @ 6.00pm in the Cathedral |
| Friday 15 December | - Last Day of Term 4, 2017 |
| | - Year 6 at Surf Education Day |
| Monday 29 January 2018 | - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY/PUPIL FREE DAY |
| Tuesday 30 January 2018 | - First day of Term 1, 2018 - Year 1 to Year 6 only. |

The Dish

Special thanks to our Dish Co-ordinator for 2016 and 2017, Mrs Linda Tysoe. Linda and her husband Chris have done a tremendous job co-ordinating this wonderful initiative organised by our parents and we thank them for her generosity and service to the community. With Alice finishing Year 6 at the end of the year, the Tysoe family will move on to high school in 2018. We need someone to consider volunteering to be our new Dish Co-ordinator.

We are currently looking for a new coordinator to take on the responsibility of organising 'The Dish' on behalf of Our Lady of the Rosary for 2018. The role is a voluntary position and requires the following:

- ✓ Ability to coordinate Tuesday evenings at Hornsby Pool Park only 4 times a year where food is served to the homeless and needy.
- ✓ Organising the food preparation and serving rosters for these events
- ✓ Sending occasional emails to the school community
- ✓ Driving the van to and from the park - the van is a manual - (alternatively, we can find a driver within our community to assist)
- ✓ Mixing with the friends of 'The Dish' who partake in the meals on Tuesday evenings
- ✓ Filling out an attendance form
- ✓ A friendly disposition and light-heartedness

The role is fun and rewarding. The people are generally very warm and appreciative of the effort that is made on the night. Please advise the school office for more details.

Swimming Carnival - 2 February 2018

Our 2018 swimming carnival will be held at Hornsby Aquatic Centre on the first Friday back at school, 2 February 2018. A detailed note will be sent home tomorrow to Years 2,3,4,5 and relevant students in Year 1. With the Aquatic Centre being so close there will be an opportunity to drop students at the pool in the morning.

Barker Swimming - Change of Date

Due to a scheduling conflict with Barker College, we have had to change one of the dates for the swimming lessons in Weeks 9 & 10. Please check the dates in the "Diary Dates" on the front page of the newsletter or in the online calendar.

P&F Association

We very much value the partnership we have with our parents throughout the school and our Parents & Friends Association is a strong group who work hard building community and supporting the school in many ways.

It has been such a privilege to work with this group of dedicated parents in 2017 as your P&F Executive Committee. A number of them will be stepping down from their positions, so I encourage you to become part of this team next year. Nomination forms for positions will be sent out next week in preparation for our P&F AGM on Tuesday 28 November.

Page 4 of the newsletter has reflections from our P&F Executive about their roles on this committee.

Men in the Morning

Tomorrow is our final Men in the Morning for the year. Thank you to Genesis Elliott for coordinating these events throughout the year. We start at 8.00am in TLOCC.

Daniela Nazor

Our best wishes to Mrs Nazor who leaves us tomorrow on maternity leave. We look forward to news of the safe arrival of her first child in the coming weeks. Mrs Jenny Bainy will be taking the Year 5 class for the remainder of the year.

God bless you and your family

Jacinta Crowe - Principal

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

A wonderful tradition at OLOR is the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal which starts next Monday 20 November and will continue to Monday 4 December.

What do you need to do to support this drive?

Simply send in any of the following to your class teacher:

- ◆ Christmas treats such as Christmas cake, bon-bons etc.
- ◆ biscuits and lollies etc.
- ◆ non-perishable foods such as jam, long-life milk, coffee, tea etc.
- ◆ Toiletries
- ◆ recyclable material shopping bags - (very important for storage and transport)

Note: The annual *Giving Tree* where we place wrapped gifts, will begin closer to December.

We are now midway through our *30 Day Happiness Challenge*, hopefully the students have been sharing with you what they have been doing at school.

This weekend see if you can: Hug someone you love in your family and tell them you love them.

Take a funny family photo.

(Option: email your funny photo to the office by 23/11/17 to be added onto our Happiness Challenge wall.)



On the loss of your

Father

Our condolences to the Tysoe Family on the passing of Linda's father, Perry Shaddock, 86 years. Grandad to Alice (Year 6). May he rest in peace.

Celebrating the achievements of 3 of our kindergarten girls Jemima W and Emily B in KBlue and Annabelle S in KGold. The girls have been practicing hard all year for their Tiny Tutus ballet recital which will be held this Saturday at the Zenith theatre in Chatswood. Beautiful photo girls and have a great time.



CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Use Safe and Caring Hands
Kindergarten Blue	Ruby H	Joshua A
Kindergarten Gold	Niamh D	Louis M
1Blue	Sophia K F	Kaden K
1Gold	Emily W	Cameron M
2Blue	Grace M	Isabella M
2Gold	Luca D N	Aodhan D
3Blue	William McM	Ayisha K
3Gold	Liam C	Grace H
4Blue	Brodie C	Michelle D
4Gold	Benjamin C	Olivia Sz
Year 5	Jessica M Ruby M	Lachlan M Owen M
6Blue	William C	Olivia McD
6Gold	Sophie McD	Mary D

Awards and birthday certificates will be presented at the assembly on Monday 20 November

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

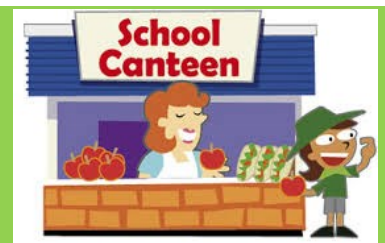
- 22 November - Caitlin M (6Blue)
Finn S (6Gold)
- 23 November - Charlie S (5Blue)
- 24 November - Rebecca J (3Blue)
Ayisha K (3Blue)
- 26 November - Trinity H-S (1Blue)



SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

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| Monday 20 November | - | Parent volunteer needed |
| Tuesday 21 November | - | Parent volunteer needed |
| Wednesday 22 November | - | Parent volunteer needed |
| Thursday 23 November | - | Parent volunteer needed |
| Friday 24 November | - | Cristina Loh & Sandra Bangayan |
| Monday 27 November | - | Parent volunteer needed |
| Tuesday 28 November | - | Suzanne Leverton |
| Wednesday 29 November | - | Parent volunteer needed |
| Thursday 30 November | - | Parent volunteer needed |
| Friday 1 December | - | Parent volunteer needed |



As we are getting towards the end of the school year I will be running stock down. Please note that the Hot Dog Day will now be on Wednesday 13 December. Orders close on 9.00am Thursday 7 December via QKR only
Thank you Carmel Daniels

Parents & Friends Association



We very much value the partnership we have with our parents throughout the school and our Parents & Friends Association is a strong group who work hard building community and supporting the school in many ways. In our newsletter this week we have included reflections from our generous P&F Exec about their roles on this committee.

It's been a privilege to serve as President of the Olor Waitara P&F for the last three years as it has given me the opportunity to work with a great bunch of people and to be actively involved in my children's school community. It has also opened my eyes up to how much is required to provide our kids with the learning resources we want them to have in the environment we want them to be in. As President I have supported and worked closely with the school executive, in particular our Principal Jacinta Crowe, along with our wonderful P&F team and we've seen a number of initiatives come to fruition. Thank you to all those who have contributed in 2017.

David Millar - President

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The role of the 'Vice President' of the P & F is to support the President of the P & F, especially where they are unable to attend a meeting and further, support all the members of the executive team where appropriate. However I would also say that this support facet, is valid for all roles on the executive. We are all there for each other. The Vice President role for me this year has been around attending the meetings, encouraging talks for the Olor community and assisting the team with any areas where the need may arise. One area requiring immediate and urgent attention this year was the issue of School Education Funding and its impact on Olor. This is an ongoing issue and will require further analysis and review by the P&F in the years to come. The needs of the P&F often evolve throughout the year and as such, so does the role and involvement of the Vice-President.

Being on the P & F certainly helps those involved to understand why decisions are made by the school. During these meetings Jacinta and the executive team discuss school policies, focus points and staffing changes. Many of our open discussions are acted upon, if appropriate to do so. It is not a forum to complain, but it is a place to discuss and chat about concerns, issues and matters that need to be considered.

Anyone could be on the executive. It is not a closed group and everyone is very friendly. Being a P&F member is an enjoyable part of our children's schooling experience. The P&F aims to help all families stay connected and engaged in their children's schooling.

Helen Longney - Vice President

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Being on the P&F is a great way to contribute to the school, find out a little bit about what is happening in the classrooms and meet other parents. The Secretary role is a great way to be involved without being too demanding.... you just need to attend the occasional meetings, take brief minutes and send a couple of emails!

Alex Oswald - Secretary

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We took on the role of Treasurer of the P&F this year as a way supporting the school. We both have multiple children who have been through Olor, (Brendan with 3 and Adam with 4) so we felt it was time to help out, especially in a School Fair year. Our kids have loved the fairs, and the various activities put on by the P&F so it has been good to be a part of it. It has also been good to get a better understanding and have input into how our fundraising efforts and P&F levies are used and get to know some of the other parents.

Being part of the P&F gives you the opportunity to ask questions about how things work and share ideas on how things could be made even better. It is great to see parents who are so committed to their kids getting a great education. We would encourage all parents to get involved with the school in whatever capacity they are able.

Brendan Element and Adam Ryan - Treasurers

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The role of Social Co-ordinator provides an important opportunity to be involved in our school, in building our school community. It provides an important example of service to your children who love seeing you around the school which gives them a sense of pride. It goes without saying that with organising these social events you get to know other families. You work with our Principal, Jacinta Crowe, the office team of Robyn Ward and Sue Hanrahan and the P&F team. You are always surrounded by an incredible team of parent helpers. Planning, preparing and hosting events are busy days but the smiles on our kids' faces and parents alike are extremely rewarding. So we urge you to get involved in our school's P&F events by putting your hand up now. Let's face it, come high school, there are not going to be many opportunities to be so heavily involved. So roll up your sleeves and just do it !!!

Christina Crasto - Social Coordinator

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As Class Parent & Cuppa Crew coordinators we have been lucky enough to take the lead in organising many of the school celebration events like Mother's Day Morning Tea, World Teachers Day lunch and Grandparents Day, all of which have been rewarding and have made us smile! Additionally we support the Class Parents across all grades throughout the year; without our dedicated Class Parents our role would be challenging.

We have both really enjoyed playing an active role in our school, not only does it give us a chance to give something back to the school community but also shows our children about how important it is to be connected to their school. We have loved getting to know the many families who have volunteered their time for the above mentioned and other events throughout the year. So, if playing an active role in your school appeals to you, come to any P&F meeting and you will have the opportunity to get involved.

Angela Cheery & AnneMarie Rapa - Class Parent Coordinator / Cuppa Crew Coordinator

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As Olor's CSP Rep in 2016-17, the role has given me a great insight into interesting and important topics relating to our school, especially the recent discussions around government school funding. In this role, I have also had access to various information sessions organised by the CSP parent body (topics such as wellbeing & parent engagement).

It is a rewarding role, which provides the opportunity to network with other CSP reps in Broken Bay diocesan schools. There is one CSP meeting each term where the North Shore group gathers together over tea/coffee/cake to share ideas with other schools. This meeting also allow us to communicate to Broken Bay CSO about the views of our school's parents.

Angela Hiley CSP 2016-2017 - Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (Formerly the Diocesan Parent Council (DPC))

School Community News



**St Leo's Under the Stars
Community Movie Night**

Friday 17th November
Gates open at 6:15 pm for 7:00 pm

Where: The Light of Christ Centre Oval, Yardley Ave Waitara
 Parking: Available on the College Basketball Courts
 Refreshments: Canteen Fundraiser for Kiribati
 Seating: Rugs & chairs by personal arrangement




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