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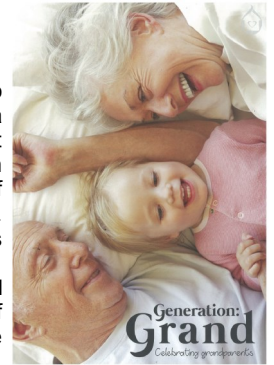
23 November 2017



Dear Parents,

Grandparents' Day Tomorrow

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 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. A copy of the book 'Generation: Grand' will be given to each grandparent families who attend the Mass tomorrow. We have enough copies to provide a maximum of two per school family. If you would like a copy for a grandparent who wasn't able to attend Mass, please contact the school office.



Pirates of the Curry Bean Musical

Congratulations to all involved in our Stage 3 musical, Pirates of the Curry Bean, this week. We were so proud of the commitment of the cast and it was obvious to see their involvement and enthusiasm throughout the performance. My thanks to Mrs Ann Mason and Sr. Katherine for all their work on this production. What a privilege to work with these two creative, talented and generous individuals on such a fun show. Thanks too to teachers and staff involved and to the parents who supplied, made and built props. We were so proud of the students and were so excited by the talent we witnessed. Concert DVDs are available to purchase via Qkr. The cost is \$20.00 per DVD and orders need to be made by 9.00am on Tuesday 5 December. Photos of the concert will be uploaded to the Class Pages. We will let you know when they are available.


Classes for 2018

As we are starting to organise classes for next year, this is a last request to let us know if you won't be here in 2018.

P&F AGM Meeting

A reminder that our P&F AGM is on next Tuesday 28 November at 7.00pm in the library. We will elect office bearers for P&F Executive committee members and look back over a very successful year. We also wish to acknowledge the many parent contributions this year, especially over the Spring Fair time. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Jacinta Crowe - Principal



You are invited to attend the P&F Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held next week.
Notice of Annual General Meeting and Nomination for Positions.
When: Tuesday 28 November 2017
Time: 7.00pm
Where: Staffroom

Monday 29 January 2018 - Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

We have been advised by CatholicCare that they will be having a staff training day on this first day of term and are therefore unable to provide vacation care for OLOR students. Parents will need to make alternative care arrangements for school aged students.

Diary Dates - Term 4 & 2018

<p>Friday 24 November Monday 27 November Thursday 30 November Monday 4 December</p> <p>Tuesday 5 December Thursday 7 December Friday 8 December</p> <p>Monday 11 December Tuesday 12 December Wednesday 13 December Thursday 14 December</p> <p>Friday 15 December</p> <p>Monday 29 January 2018 Tuesday 30 January 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grandparents Day - Mass, Open Classrooms and Morning Tea. - Year 4 prayer assembly @ 2.00pm in the Cathedral (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) - Kindergarten to attend Loreto Normanhurst Pantomime - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4. - Gingerbread Night in undercroft - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4 - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4 - Whole School End of Year Mass @ 9.30am - Cathedral - Thank You Morning Tea for Parent Volunteers - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4 - School Christmas Concert @ 6.00pm - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4 - Year 5 at St Ives Cares Day - Year 6 Graduation Liturgy @ 6.00pm in the Cathedral - Last Day of Term 4, 2017 - Year 6 at Surf Education Day - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY/PUPIL FREE DAY - First day of Term 1, 2018 - Year 1 to Year 6 only.
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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.)

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge 2017

At assembly next Monday 27 November it will be my great pleasure to present the Premier's Reading Challenge certificates to all of the students who completed the Challenge during this year. Platinum Certificates will be presented [to those students who have completed the Challenge for 7 years](#) and Gold certificates will be presented to those students who have completed the Challenge for 4 years.

Platinum Certificates will be awarded to:

William C (6B); Bella K (6G); Martha L (6G); Sophie M (6G); Noah M (6B); Benjamin S (6G) and Tara W (6G).

Gold Certificates will be awarded to:

Isaac A (3B); Anna B (3G); Liam C (3G); Cassandra C (3G); Jerome D (4G); Grace D (3G); Benjamin E (3G); Nicholas G (3B); Julia G (4G); Daniel H (3B); Grace H (3G); Raina J (3B); Oliver J (4B); Nicholas K (3G); Matthew L (3G); Ethan L (6B); Lachlan L (3B); Grace L (3G); Audrey M (3G); Samuel M (3B); Luca R (3G); Paddy S (3B); Alejandra SA (4G) and Joshua S (3B).

What a wonderful effort! Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Mrs Sandra Todd
Teacher Librarian

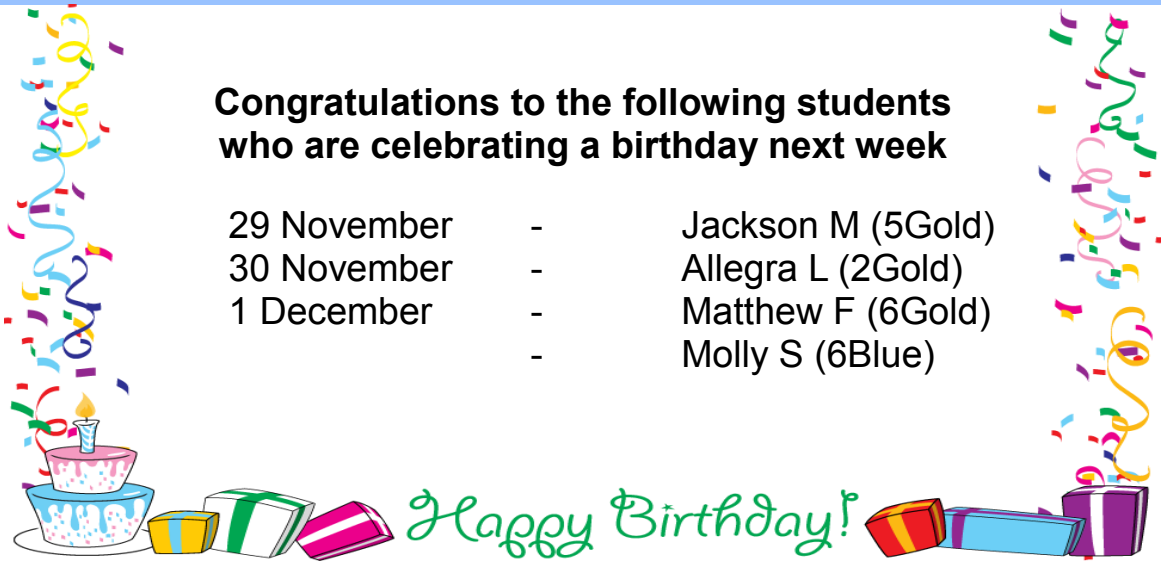


CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Caring For The Place We Are In.
Kindergarten Blue	Sarah D V	Alexander P
Kindergarten Gold	Bianca P	William T
1Blue	Trinity H S	Michael M
1Gold	Kerby L	Alexandra K
2Blue	Christopher S	Nate S
2Gold	Allegra L	Marianne D
3Blue	Joshua S	Sophie W
3Gold	Sofia Q D	Ezekiel R
4Blue	Ava M	Beatrix C
4Gold	Isha B	Alejandra S A
Year 5	Russel Z Juliet L	Ariana G P Caitlyn E
6Blue	Lachlan L	Olivia M
6Gold	Andrea B	Liam C

Awards and birthday certificates will be presented at the assembly on Monday 27 November

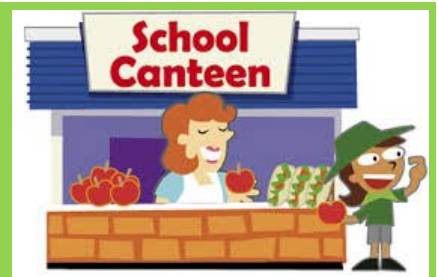
Congratulations to the following students who are celebrating a birthday next week

29 November	-	Jackson M (5Gold)
30 November	-	Allegra L (2Gold)
1 December	-	Matthew F (6Gold)
	-	Molly S (6Blue)



SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

HOTDOG DAY - WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER
Orders close 9 am THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER.
 No late or cash orders excepted .



As we are getting towards the end of the school year I will be running stock down.

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

Attention all Kindergarten Mums:

Ladies Night Out

Friday 1st December, 6:30pm onwards

Kipling's Garage Bar, Turramurra




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WHERE: RUDDOCK PARK, WESTLEIGH
WHEN: 2ND DEC @ 7:30PM



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18th November to 2nd December 2017

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