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Dear Parents,

### End of Year Mass - Friday 8 December

We invite all families to join us in celebrating the 2017 school year at the End of Year Mass tomorrow in the Cathedral at 9.30am followed by a thank you morning tea in the staffroom for parent volunteers.

### Gingerbread Night

Over 20 mums, grandmothers, friends and children enjoyed a fun night for the annual Gingerbread House making night last Monday. Special thanks to Christina Crasto who coordinated the evening and her many helpers with set up and pack up.

### 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. 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.

### Swimming Carnival - Friday 2 February

The OLOR Swimming Carnival will be held on the Friday of the first week of Term 1. All parents should have completed a permission form for their child competing on the day.

### Pirates of the Curry Bean Photos

Photos now available on the Class Pages under: MORE/Stage 3 Musical. A reminder that we ask that you do not share these photos on social media as it breaches the privacy laws.

### Staff News

Mr Gregory Egan will be leaving us at the end of 2017 to take up a teaching position at OLCG Forestville. We thank Greg for his commitment to Year 6 over this year and the excellent contribution he has made to the Project Learning work in Terms 3 & 4 with Years 5 and 6.

Miss El-Hage and Mrs Feneley have both joined us in the second half of the year and have become valuable members of staff working closely with the Year 5 and Year 1 students.

We thank Greg, Rachelle and Kerry for sharing their gifts with our OLOR community this year and wish them well in their new endeavours in 2018.

### Kindergarten 2018 & New Families Welcome BBQ

Early next year on Friday 9 February, we will be welcoming our new Kindergarten 2017 families and other new families to OLOR. Traditionally our Year 1, 2018 families host this event. Can you please contact the office if you are able to assist by volunteering to cook the BBQ and serve.

### Assessment Day - Pupil Free Day, Thursday 29 March, 2018 (Holy Thursday).

All students will take part in the formal one-on-one Maths Assessment Interview (MAI) during the first weeks of Term 1. In the second half of the term we will hold an assessment day analysing the data and gains made over the first weeks of Term 1. This will occur on Thursday 29 March, Holy Thursday, just before the Easter break. More information next year.

### Sport Shoes

After some feedback from questions I asked parents at the last P&F meeting, I have decided to adjust our uniform policy to allow coloured sport shoes to be worn on sport days. It seems that it can be difficult to always find the white shoes, especially as children get bigger. So, coloured shoes are permitted but I would ask that we avoid the luminous colours and laces, no flashing lights or bedazzled shoes and preoccupation with big brand names. Ordinary sport shoes are expected not fancy adaptations. Obviously you are still able to wear white shoes if you prefer.

God bless you and your family  
Jacinta Crowe - Principal

**PRAYER FOR ADVENT**  
God of Light,  
you call us to live in your light  
by living as Jesus has shown us.  
On this journey of Advent  
in preparation for Jesus' coming,  
may we faithfully open our hearts  
to the light of your loving grace  
We make our prayer through Jesus who  
lights our way.

## Diary Dates - Term 4 & 2018

- Friday 8 December
  - Whole School End of Year Mass @ 9.30am - Cathedral
  - Thank You Morning Tea for Parent Volunteers - Staffroom
- Monday 11 December
  - Barker Swimming - Kindergarten to Year 4
- Tuesday 12 December
  - School Christmas Concert @ 6.00pm - TLOCC/St Leo's Oval
- 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
  - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY/PUPIL FREE DAY**
- Monday 29 January 2018**
  - First day of Term 1, 2018 - Year 1 to Year 6 only.
- Tuesday 30 January 2018
  - OLOR Swimming Carnival - Hornsby Aquatic Centre
- Friday 2 February 2018
  - First full day of school for Kindergarten 2018



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Mobile phones, the internet and social media have become the way we communicate. Our children are very familiar, sometimes more than their parents, of the many sites that connect us globally. Although there can be benefits of using social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the like, including ease of communication and access to information, there comes with it responsibility. Just as we prepare our children for life in the real world, we should prepare them for life in the online world. We have become aware that there are a number of students, even as young as Year 4, on Instagram and Facebook, as well as other sites. The expected ages for use of this social media is 13 years and over. A reminder to all parents to know what your children are involved in on social media.

## Teachers For 2018

Kindergarten	- Miss Kimberley van Gend (KB) & Miss Sian Owen (KG)
Year 1	- Mrs Sara Clarke (1B) & Mr Daniel Mills (1G)
Year 2	- Mrs Reena Sinclair (2B) & Miss Jenny Bainy (2G)
Year 3	- Mrs Michelle Le Patourel (3B) & Mrs Margaret Baldwin (3G)
Year 4	- Miss Jess O'Brien (4B) & Mrs Lily Khoudair (4G)
Year 5/6	- Mrs Emma Korth - Mrs Carlee Russell - Mrs Margie Raymond

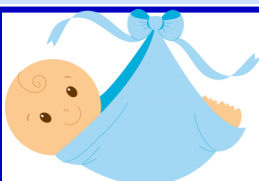
## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Once a term we acknowledge the good efforts of some of those children who consistently try to be responsible, to do the right thing and be the best they can be.

One child from each class is invited to a special morning tea with the Principal. The theme for our Principal's Morning Tea last term was "Consistently Demonstrating Acts of Kindness" The class teacher nominates a child from the class that they would like to acknowledge in this award.

Congratulations to the following children who attended the Principal's Morning Tea yesterday.

<b>KBlue:</b>	Jessica C	<b>KGold:</b>	Niamh D & Bianca P
<b>1Blue:</b>	Samuel R	<b>1Gold:</b>	Seren D'S & Kerby L
<b>2Blue:</b>	Ben G	<b>2Gold:</b>	Aodhan D
<b>3Blue:</b>	Sophie W	<b>3Gold:</b>	John M
<b>4Blue:</b>	Sophie F	<b>4Gold:</b>	Jonty M J & Julia G
<b>5Blue:</b>	Ella G	<b>5Gold:</b>	Matthew C
<b>6Blue:</b>	Jordan S & Ethan L	<b>6Gold:</b>	Charlotte L & Alice T



Congratulations to the Cowley Family on the safe arrival of baby Ben Isaac yesterday. Weighing 3.035kg, a little brother for Jessica in KBlue.

CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Caring For Your Belongings
Kindergarten Blue	Logan S	Bryce P
Kindergarten Gold	Leo J	Daniel S
1Blue	Henry J	Miranda Z
1Gold	Emily W	Thomas R
2Blue	Chris M	Ryan M
2Gold	Xavier D	Max C
3Blue	Daniel H	Sam H
3Gold	Jamie S	Elijah L
4Blue	Dominic D'S	Hayden B
4Gold	Ysabelle P	Bridget McC
Year 5	Amelia E Jacob S	Jessica M Chelsea E
6Blue	Dominic C	Anastasia S
6Gold	Bella K	Caleb L

**Awards certificates will be presented at the last assembly on Monday 11 December**



### Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is in the student foyer. The gifts that are donated under this tree will be given to St Vincent de Paul and distributed in our community. The tags with the ages and gender of children indicated on them are available in the office. Families are invited to select a card and place their gift under the tree. Please remember that this is optional. If you are not at school to collect a gift card, please send in a note giving your child permission to choose a gift card. If donating, please place your gift under the tree by Tuesday 12 December. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.



### **COMMONWEALTH BANK**

This week was the last week for school banking this year. Thank you to our wonderful co-ordinator Mateki Payne who heads up a small group who do the banking every Wednesday. We are still in need of a couple of mums or dads who can help with this banking each week. If you are interested in being involved in 2018, can you please contact the school office. Many thanks.

### ***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.

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

- 11 December - Fleur G (1Blue)  
Nathaniel P (6Blue)  
Luca R (3Gold)
- 13 December - Lachlan C (5Gold)  
Grace D (3Gold)
- 14 December - Lucy S (2Blue)
- 15 December - Russel Z (5Blue)
- 16 December - Luke S (6Gold)

**Congratulations to the following students who are celebrating a birthday during the holidays**

- 18 December - Ysabella P (4Gold)
- 19 December - Lachlan McC (5Blue)
- 24 December - Owen A (1Gold)
- 25 December - Grace M (2Blue)
- 29 December - Conner P (5Gold)
- 30 December - Cameron M (1Gold)
- 1 January - Bella K (6Gold) & Samuel M (3Blue)
- 3 January - Charlotte L (6Gold), Finn L (2Gold) & Michael M (1Blue)
- 4 January - Lucy L (2Gold), Christopher M (2Blue) & Japely S (1Blue)
- 6 January - Katriel M (2Gold), Rory R (KGold) & Emily W (3Gold)
- 7 January - Max C (2Gold) & Flora M (KBlue)
- 8 January - Mitchell C (2Blue) & Cassidy C (2Gold)
- 10 January - Juliet L (5Gold)
- 11 January - Bianca P (KGold)
- 12 January - Bradley B (2Blue) & Luca DN (2Gold)
- 13 January - Nate S (2Blue)
- 14 January - Alexandra K (1Gold)
- 15 January - Liam C (3Gold), Zac K (5Gold) & Lyra L (KGold)
- 16 January - Gabriel N B (1Gold)
- 18 January - Logan D (5Blue)
- 20 January - Benjamin S (6Gold)
- 22 January - Dominic D'S (4Blue)
- 23 January - Nathan C (3Gold & Mia Z (2Blue)
- 24 January - Thomas W (1Gold)
- 29 January - Chelsea E (5Gold) & Ariana G P (5Blue)
- 30 January - Sophie M (1Blue)
- 2 February - Whitney C (2Gold) & Shane T (5Gold)
- 3 February - Joey T (5Blue)



**Birthday certificates will be presented at the last assembly on Monday 11 December**



GRANDPARENTS DAY 2017



CELEBRATING ALL THE WONDERFUL GRANDPARENTS WE HAVE AT OLOR.  
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THE MORNING