

# **Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School**

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#### LINK TO: CLASS PAGES





Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy week with our Blokes and Buddies BBQ for Kindergarten and Year 5 on Saturday followed by our first Parish/School Mass for the year. Many thanks to our Year 5 parents who extended the hand of hospitality to our Kinder families. My thanks especially to Veronica Avecedo and Christine Crasto for coordinating this event, Marisi Ridgeway, Terrence Fernandes, Leigh Jurd, Marina Domtchenko and her husband Sergeo, Aileen Brooke, Allen Luan and Sacha Simone for their help on the day.

It was wonderful to see our Kinders introduce the Mass on Saturday night with their song 'Saying Yes to Jesus.' Thank you to all those families who came to Mass that evening and for those students who led various aspects. Thanks too to Mrs Raymond for her organisation.



#### Open Day

We welcomed many visitors to the school on Tuesday for our Open Day. As always the Band and Choir were magnificent and our school captains. Ashley and Lachlan, articulate and informative. Our Kinders also provided a repeat performance of their song from Saturday Mass and were so grown up with the big crowd watching them. My thanks to the parents who supplied food, the Cuppa Crew who served morning tea and the parents and students who were tour guides taking our visitors around the school. Enrolments for 2019 are now open and families can book appointments at the office.

#### Men in the Morning

The weather can make it challenging for Men in the Morning so thank you for everyone's flexibility this morning with the constraints of wet areas. As always we are most appreciative of Genesis Co-Elliott's coordination of this fun activity.

#### Language Lessons

Miss Balestra who has joined us this year at OLOR is going to offer Italian lessons to students as a lunchtime activity. The focus will be on starting to learn basic conversational Italian. We are also considering the possibility of a company offering Mandarin Chinese lessons one afternoon after school. We will ask for expressions of interest next week.

#### Cross Country - Thursday 12 April

Please see information on page 3 of the newsletter with a link to complete the permission form.

#### Parent Helpers in English Groups

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the form as a helper in English groups. We will be sending information home next week for a start in Term 2. There is still time to register via https://goo.gl/ forms/Rgu9iKgjgYuzxBoW2

God bless you and your family. Jacinta Crowe - Principal.

#### Friday 23 March

Monday 26 March Wednesday 28 March Thursday 29 March Friday 30 March Monday 2 April Nednesday 4 April Friday 6 April

Tuesday 10 April

Thursday 12 April Friday 13 April Monday 30 April

### Diary Dates - Term 1

Men in the Morning @ 8.00am in TLOCC Palm Sunday Liturgy @ 2.30pm in the Cathedral Feast of the Annunciation Prayer Assembly @ 2.00pm in TLOCC Holy Week Liturgy @ 2.00pm in the Cathedral Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day Good Friday Easter Monday Second-hand Uniform Shop @ 8.15am Kindergarten Open Classrooms @ 8.15am School Disco P&F Meeting @ 7.00pm in the school library P&F Parent Talk "Mindset: The New Psychology of Success" @ 7.30pm (see the flyer on page 7. Register online) Cross Country Carnival Last day of Term 1. First day of Term 2.



CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Speaking and Acting with Kindness
Kindergarten Blue	Kai J	Kai G
Kindergarten Gold	David G	Amelia D
1Blue	William T	Emily B
1Gold	Ava C	Sarah D-V
2Blue	Kaden K	Alexandra K
2Gold	Cameron M	Amanda A
3Blue	Lucy L	Max C
3Gold	Oliver S	Gabriel O
4Blue	Lily O	Ayisha K
4Gold	Ashton S	Nicholas G
5/6Blue	Liam P	Alejandra S A
5/6Gold	Antony H	Juliet L
5/6White	Jacob S	Isha B

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

- 26 March 27 March 28 March
- Alfonso B (3Blue) - Sam H (4Gold) - Claudia C (KBlue)
- 31 March

**ROSTER:** 

Friday 6 April

Monday 26 March

- Tiana J (1Gold) - Emily B (5/6Blue)
- Zachary R (3Gold)

Happy Birthday! 👘

### Birthday & Merit certificates will be presented at the assembly on Monday 26 March in The Light of Christ Centre (TLOCC)

### SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

Georgina Madueno Monday 26 March Tuesday 27 March Wednesday 28 March Thursday 29 March Friday 30 March Monday 2 April Tuesday 3 April Wednesday 4 April Thursday 5 April Eriday 6 April Jenny Roberts Mendoza Jackie Della Vedova SDD/Pupil free GOOD FRIDAY EASTER MONDAY Madeleine Schappi & Alex Sturrock **Danielle Jones** Tracey Clark Marilou Fields & Cristina Loh



FRIED RICE SPECIAL MEAL CAN NOW BE ORDERED ON QKR FOR FRIDAY 13 APRIL.

### CONGRATULATIONS



Well done to Ruby, Sam and Tom and their cousins Charlotte and Olivia, students at OLOR who have founded Milla & Me — specialising in the tie dying trade.

The students were dreaming of an overseas holiday so decided to start a business selling technicoloured shirts to help get them there.

The little entrepreneurs have shirts, socks and jumpsuits for babies.



Congratulations to Charlize G and Cameron G who competed at the North Shore Cluster Carnival at Hornsby Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 6 March and the Broken Bay Carnival at Mingara on Thursday 8 March. Charlize was named Female Swimmer of the Meet for the North Shore Cluster. Both children achieved places in freestyle, butterfly and backstroke and personal best times in some events.



Their next competition was at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Homebush on Wednesday as part of the Polding team. Both Charlize and Cameron swam very well and will now go on to the PSSA competition on Wednesday 11 April and Thursday 12

April. Well done to both on some great performances. We look forward to hearing about their next event.

### SPORT NEWS

Our OLOR Cross Country is being held on Thursday 12 April (Week 11, Term 1). Due to building works presently occurring at St Leo's College, we will be following the same route as last year using St Leo's bottom oval, the basketball courts and utilising the OLOR school grounds and driveway.

For safety reasons, we will begin after Mass has concluded to allow parish cars to leave the carpark and driveway. The students will be having an early morning tea from 10.10am - 10.40am.

This event is for all students turning 8,9,10,11,12 or 13 this year (2018) Kindergarten - Year 2 students (who are only 7 years old in 2018) will participate in a range of different sport activities run by the Year 6 students after lunch.

STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 (UNDER 8 YEARS) DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THIS PERMISSION FORM.

ORDER OF EVENTS: Please note times are approximate.

11.00am - 8 years (2km) 11.15am - 9 years (2km) 11.30am - 10 years (2km) 11.50am - 11 years (3km) 12.20pm - 12/13 years (3km) 12.50pm - Approximate Finish 1.50pm - 2.50pm - Kindergarten & Year 2 Sports Activities

Please click on the link to complete the permission form: Cross Country Permission Form

All permission forms need to be submitted by MONDAY 9 APRIL

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REFLECTIONS**

#### Parish Mass

Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who attended our Parish Mass held last Saturday in the Cathedral. It was a full house with our wonderful Kindergarten classes presenting some of their learning in Religious Education before Mass and Year 5 participating in the choir and throughout the Mass as part of the Gospel. It was a wonderful celebration of our school and Parish community.

#### Reconciliation

Lent presents us with a number of opportunities to strengthen our relationship with God and reflect on our Catholic values. 'The Light is On' is an initiative where Catholic churches are open for quiet prayer and Reconciliation on certain evenings during Lent. Our students have also taken up this initiative and all students in Year 3-6 have celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation with Father Robert.

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

This week we move into the last week of Lent, marking the day with Palm Sunday festivities and celebrations. What in reality seems like a joyous time in the Gospel is actually bitter-sweet as we all know the story to come. This week's Gospel brings a special message for all of us, Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. Reflections we might ask ourselves; who are the people who love you? What special things do they do for you? Who are people who are in need or in pain around us? How can we show God's love to these people?

#### Caritas – Project Compassion

The social justice leaders have been travelling around to each of the classes this week collecting for our 'staff baby photo – guessing competition'. Many of the students have been eagerly bringing in their 20c donation to participate. The students will be collecting till the end of Holy Week. Please keep bringing in your donations to this very worthy cause. http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

#### Holy Week Events

The students have been busy practising their singing and parts for our upcoming Holy Week celebrations. This Friday we will begin with a Palm Sunday Liturgy organised by Kindergarten and Year 2 students. *All Welcome at 2.30pm in the Cathedral.* 

Next week our Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 and 6 students will be organising a recount of the Passion Narrative on *Wednesday in the Cathedral at 2pm*. Please join us for what will be a very special Liturgy to celebrate this event.

After Easter we will come together to celebrate the Resurrection through Liturgy in the Cathedral on Wednesday at 2.30pm.

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mrs Margie Raymond REC Coordinator



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence OLOR SAYS 'NO TO BULLYING'

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was last Friday, March 16 and kicked off the beginning of a four week focus around Bullying at OLOR. To mark the day each student at OLOR made a colourful flag with a

'No bullying message.' These flags were hung around the railings of the school to send a powerful and positive message to students in the school.

Over the next weeks of Term 1, students will learn about the many facets of preventing bullying behaviour and simple strategies such as using the Five Finger Rule and how to be supportive. Such strategies enable our students to be empowered knowing that they have tools that can diffuse a situation if they or someone else is being bullied. This focus will specifically be taught in PDH.







## CONGRATULATIONS: ST LEO'S COLLEGE

Thanks to St Leo's Catholic College Year 12 student and Prefect Josh McLeod, who led the charge, the St Leo's team raised almost \$9,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation, as part of the now famous "World's Greatest Shave" event.

Thirteen students participated from Years 8-12. If the students' raised \$5,000 then the Principal Tony Gleeson promised that he would put his head on the block, as would Mr Daniel Petrie and Mr Adrian Gomez and if they reached \$7,000 it was off with their beards as well!

"It was such a fun and inspiring community event," said Tony Gleeson. Local hairdresser and parent Tyson Manketelow, kindly offered his services and clippers to make the event happen. First on the block were our two female students Ella Stewart and Veronica Smith from Year 11. "After seeing these amazing young people, there was no turning back for the rest of us. They were so inspiring" said the Principal.

We are still fundraising so if anyone would like to support this worthy cause the link to donate is: <u>http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/slw</u>





St Leo's Catholic College is delighted to present



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm and 7pm

In The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Avenue, Waitara

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 children, \$50 family of four.

Available now via the following link: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/366705</u>

Refreshments will be available for purchase with all proceeds being donated to Kiribati.



# Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara 2017 Highlights & Achievements

#### CURRICULUM

- NAPLAN Above State average results in both Year 3 & 5 in all areas. 79% students in Year 3 - top 2 bands (Spelling)
  77% students in Year 3 - top 2 bands (Reading)
  77% students in Year 3 - top 2 bands (Grammar & Punctuation)

  - 74% students in Year 5 top 2 bands in (Reading)
- Problem-Based Learning Units in Year 5 & Year 6
- Coding for Years 3 to 6
- 1:1 Chromebooks in Years 5 & 6
- 1:1 Laptops in Years 3 & 4
- Gateways Art, Robotics, STEM, Thinking Creatively
- Maths Olympiad
- . Have Sum Fun Online Maths Competitions
- . Parent Helpers in classroom during English groups
- Parent Maths Sessions
- Maths sessions before school with St Leo's students
- ICAS Competitions: Excellent results with 13 High Distinctions, 29 Distinctions, 84 Credits and 32 Merits
- Cultures of Thinking Routines
- De Vinci Decathlon-Year 5 & 6
- Parent Spelling Workshop
- 147 students completed the Premiers Reading Challenge
- . Musica Viva - Years 3-6

#### MISSION

- Year 5 & 6 students at Mercy Action Days
- Women of Peru visit
- Year 6 Cluster Praver Gathering
- . The Dish Community Outreach Program
- Sock it to Poverty
- Mini Vinnies Winter Sleep Out
- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers
- . Knitted scarves for the needy
- Year 5 visits to McQuoin Park Nursing Home (Term 3)
- Grade Prayer Assemblies for important Feast days .
- Parish/School Masses
- Students attend Parish Mass: K-Year 2: Fortnightly Years 3-6: Weekly .
- 'Walk The Way' parent prayer reflection

#### **CREATIVE ARTS**

- Grade Assemblies
- Stage 3 Musical 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'
- Carols Night with Andrew Chin
- Choir Performances .
- Band Nights
- Art Classes
- Year 6 Archibald Portraits
- Specialist Art teacher
- Specialist Music teacher

#### WELLBEING

- PBL across the school .
- KidsMattter School
- Buddy program for Kinder & Year 5, Year 1 & Year 6
- Social Skills Knitting Club
- All students plotted on SEL (Social Emotional Learning) continuum
- Rock & Water Program
- Seasons for Growth
- Parent Workshops: Michael Grose, Resilience Doughnut & Cybersafety
- Men in the Morning 8 sessions
- Mindfullness Sessions for Kindergarten to Year 6
- Taekwondo
- Wellbeing Weeks
- Principal's Morning Tea acknowledgement
- Harmony Day & Multicultural Day Celebrations
- Student discos
- Upgrade of Kindergarten & Year 1 playground
- OLOR Bi-annual Spring Fair
- Chess Club

#### SPORT

- Students representing at Polding for:
  - Athletics - Swimming
    - Cross Country
  - Softball
  - Football
- Netball Gala Day
- Funding for Sporting Schools Program: AFL & Soccer
- Specialist Gymnastics program





### **OLOR P&F NEWS**

Please see the flyer below for the upcoming Parent Education Session on 'Mindset.' Please click on this link to RSVP Mindset & Parent Input Session

There will be a Parent input session at 7.00pm, prior to the meeting in which you are invited to discuss potential topics for further parent education sessions that might help you engage with your child/ assist them best with their education. Topics might be related to Catholic Life and Mission, Learning and Teaching and Pastoral Care.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SCHOOL

Don't forget to bring your gold coins as Year 6 will be selling treats, ice blocks etc. on the night. Date: Friday 6 April 2018 Time: 4.45 – 5.45pm (Kinder-Year2) 6:00 – 7:30pm (Year3-Year6)

**DISCO TIME** 

WITH BOP TILL YOU DROP

Location: TLOCC RSVP: Wednesday 4 April 2018. Please provide your child's name and class on the online booking system:

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER** 

Any questions, please email Christina/Vanessa;ou L

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Theme: Crazy Hair/Socks

www.boptillyoudrop.com.au



# Happy Mother's Day !

The Mother's Day Stall is on again. With an all new and exciting format.

The Stall has been revamped and will be turned into an ordering system. Payments will once again need to be made via QKR over the next two weeks with the closing date of Friday 6 April. Please note, as always any payments after this date cannot be accepted. Once the payments are closed your child will then be given the opportunity to place their order for whichever gift(s) they choose.

On Thursday 10 May the gift(s) will be wrapped with the child's name on it and ready to be taken home.

These are the important things to note

- 1. All payments need to be made through QKR
- 2. The cost of each gift will be \$7.50.
- NO PAYMENTS can be accepted AFTER the close of business Friday 6 April, in order to give the team enough time to purchase and wrap all orders
- 4. A maximum of 2 gifts may be ordered per child
- 5. When making your QKR payment, please ensure you make a SEPARATE PAYMENT for each of your child's profile, otherwise only the child with a payment against their name will be able to select a gift.

Should you have any questions at all regarding the Mother's Day Stall please do not hesitate to contact the coordinator.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



