



Dear Parents,

Farewell to Fr Robert

As mentioned last week Father Robert leaves us at the end of next week to move to The Lakes Parish. We have been very blessed with Father Robert as Dean of the Cathedral over the past nearly 7 years. Father Robert has been a very regular, welcome sight around our school, saying our masses, helping to nurture the faith of us all and reminding us of the importance of making time for the Spirit in our lives. Father Robert has been on several Canberra trips with the Year 6 classes of the time and we have very much appreciated him taking us to the Apostolic Nunciature on these visits and meeting the Pope's representation in what is the Papal Embassy in Canberra.

The children will be farewelling Father Robert with a special liturgy at 10.30am next Tuesday 26 June in the Cathedral followed by morning tea for Father Robert with the staff. Parents are certainly welcome to join us for the 10.30am liturgy.

The Parish has several things organised and I include them here for your perusal.

FR ROBERT BORG'S FAREWELL - note from the Parish Office

- ◆ Sunday 1 July - 9.30am Mass followed by morning tea in the Cathedral Courtyard. To assist with the catering please bring a plate of finger food to share.
- ◆ Inserts for Fr Robert's farewell card are available at the back of Cathedral and QOP Church this weekend.
- ◆ If you wish to give Fr Robert a farewell gift, please use plain envelopes provided at the back of the church. Write "Fr Robert Borg" on front of envelope and put the sealed envelope on collection plate. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office on 8379 1700 and use your credit card

Year 6 in Canberra

Year 6 is travelling well in Canberra after an initial mechanical problem with the bus before they had departed Yardley Avenue. They were an hour late leaving but managed to make it to their first stop, The Australian War Memorial, in time to capture the essence of this special place. This three day excursion is a wonderful opportunity for the Year 6 students to gain independence on their journey to high school next year. They are keeping warm but it is typical chilly Canberra weather.

School Reports

Tomorrow students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will receive their report for Semester 1 via email. Students from Years 1-6 will receive a level of achievement in each strand area for English and Mathematics and for the other Key Learning Areas based on a scale ranging from Outstanding, High, Sound, Basic and Limited. It is important to remember that the majority of students will receive 'Sound' which indicates that they are achieving expected outcomes. The reports also contain an indication of your child's effort within the Key Learning Areas.

Much consideration goes into allocating achievement levels for each student. Student work samples, assessment tasks, observations, class contributions and class work build up the picture of a student's profile. Your child's grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage this year. Each year introduces different concepts, content and skills which increase in difficulty from the year before. The Semester 1 report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently Semester 2 report relates to the second half of the year.

Parents/Teacher Interviews

Next week will be busy with parent/teacher interviews across classes. My thanks to all parents who will venture out into the cold to meet with teachers to discuss their child's learning, their successes, challenges and future directions. The partnership between school and home supports your child in developing the strengths and talents that they have. Many thanks to the teachers for making themselves available and their preparations for these important meetings. Online bookings are open until Friday afternoon at 5.00pm.

Diary Dates - Term 2

Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 June
Next Week
Wednesday 27 June
Friday 29 June
Saturday 30 June
Tuesday 3 July
Thursday 5 July
Friday 6 July
Monday 23 July

- Year 6 to Canberra
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- St Vincent de Paul - Beanies & Boots Day
- OLOR Athletics Carnival @ Bannockburn Oval
- P&F Event: Parents Night Out. **Bookings close Monday 25 June @ 5.00pm**
- Year 4 Grade Assembly @ 2.00pm in TLOCC
- Netball & League Tag Gala Days
- SDD/Pupil Free Day: Last day of Term 2.
- First day of Term 3.

Website and Communication Advisory Group

Have you noticed our new OLOR website that was launched on Tuesday? Special thanks to Mrs Ward who has been liaising with CSO ICLT and to Elmer Medalla for the wonderful photos. It is much easier to navigate and showcase our school. We would welcome your feedback.

Many thanks to the Mrs Katherine Co-Elliott and the 6 parents who have volunteered to be part of the Communication Advisory Group. We will meet together shortly to get things underway.

Year 5/6 History Showcase

Year 5/6 have been working on a History Inquiry Unit this term that has investigated the following questions.

Why and how did Australia become a nation?

How did Australian society change throughout the twentieth century?

Who were the people who came to Australia? Why did they come?

What contribution have significant individuals and groups made to the development of Australian society?

At the start of the term, 5/6 students were given the challenge of creating a documentary that explored one or more of these inquiry questions. Students have worked in groups learning the skills of collaboration, communication and negotiation. Teachers have acted as facilitators as students researched their topic and learnt to analyse primary and secondary sources in order to draw conclusions about Australia's past. In the past few weeks, students have been eagerly planning, composing, rehearsing and filming segments of their documentaries. They are now looking forward to sharing their final products in their families at the 5/6 Showcase Night on Tuesday July 3rd from 6.30pm - 8pm. Additionally on Wednesday morning, July 4 from 8.30am to 9.30am Year 4 students and their parents will be invited to walk through the 5/6 Showcase experience.

Athletics Carnival

In Week 9 we look forward to fine weather for our Athletics Carnival. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist. The High Jump event will take place at school next Monday with Emily Cherrie, our PE teacher, this term. We have asked students to nominate if they would like to try out and a form was handed out to 8 year olds and Years 3,4 and 5 yesterday and emailed to Year 6 families.

Parent Night Out - June 30

Looking forward to a great evening in on June 30. **Bookings for the Parent Night close Monday 25 June** so don't miss out. Special thanks to Vanessa Marando for all her organisation.

120 Celebrations in Term 3

Looking ahead into Term 3, this week we had our initial meeting to plan the 120 year celebration family picnic scheduled for Sunday 23 September. More details soon but please put the date in your family diary.

During Term 3 we are keen to hear the stories of past families of OLOR and I know we have some past students who are now parents at OLOR. You might have items or photos from those schooldays that you could lend us for a display of our history. *Did you know that Miss Bainy was a teacher up at the old school on the Pacific Highway and has some great stories of the last day of writing on the walls of the classrooms before they were demolished.* We would also love to have some history afternoons where we sit and listen to the stories being shared. If you think you could contribute in any way with this please email the school office.

Additionally we hope to have a special Mass (probably) on Friday 21 September for the present students and invite past staff, priests, ex-students and Mercy Sisters involved in our school over the years. After the Mass we would have a special morning tea and day of activities in school, inviting all to see how school life has changed at OLOR.

Parent Information Night - Tuesday 31 July @ 7.00pm - Speaker: Dr Justin Coulson.

On Page 5 of the newsletter is a profile of Dr Justin Coulson and the course he will be presenting on the evening in TLOCC. More details about booking will be sent home next week. We are most appreciative of our P&F in supporting this initiative

God bless you and your family

Jacinta Crowe
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REFLECTIONS

St. Vincent De Paul – Beanies and Boots Day – Wednesday 27 June – Week 9

Our senior social justice students are organising a fundraising event for the winter appeal. We are asking for students to bring in gloves, scarves, socks and beanies to donate to the appeal. On the 'Beanies and Boots' day we are encouraging the students to wear a beanie and a pair of warm boots with their school uniform and bring a gold coin on the day to donate (Please note: pre-loved items in good condition are suitable for donation).

Bishop's Art Prize

One week to go for the final projects and artworks to be completed at home. If you would like to enter the Bishop's Art Prize please bring in your artworks to the school office. Further information can be found at:

<http://bishopsartprize.weebly.com/>

Margie Raymond - Religious Education Coordinator

Please note that the parish office has changed their contact details. cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au Phone: 8379 1700

CLASS	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD Knowing the rules & playing by the rules
Kindergarten Blue	Claudia C	Charlie N
Kindergarten Gold	Tayla J	Joseph Z
1Blue	Louis M	Lucy C
1Gold	Flora M	Lyra L
2Blue	Alexandra K	Thomas W
2Gold	Aisling M	Gabriel N
3Blue	Angus M	Katriel M
3Gold	Damien H	Sabrina C-E
4Blue	Edelweiss D	John M
4Gold	Nicholas K	Cassandra C
5/6Blue	Beatrix C	Alexander T
5/6Gold	Charlize G	Oliver J
5/6White	Peter B	Ariana G P

Merit certificates will be presented at the assembly on
Monday 25 June @ 2.20pm in TLOCC

**Congratulations to the following student who is celebrating
a birthday next week.**

1 July - Aodhan D (3Blue)

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2018 over the past fortnight.

They are:

Taylor B (KB); Claudia C (KB); Kayla D (KB); Joseph Z (KG); Dominic B (KG); Seren D (2B); Cameron M (2G); Victor QD (2B); Katriel M (3B); Mia Z (3G); Liam C (4B); Daniel H (4B); Lachlan L (4B); Luca R (4G); Paddy S (4G) and Russel Z (5/6G).

What a fantastic effort! So far that's 66 OLOR students who have finished the Challenge this year.

Reading records need to be completed by 31 August 2018, so there is still plenty of time to finish the Challenge. If there is anyone who is still interested in taking up the Challenge for the first time please call into the library and let me know, or email me sandra.todd1@dbb.catholic.edu.au and I will register you. If you have completed the Challenge in previous years and still need a reminder note about your Username and Password please contact me and I will print one out for you.

Happy reading! Mrs Sandra Todd - Teacher Librarian



Congratulations to Seren D'S (2Blue) who competed at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Championships on Friday last week. Seren finished 13th overall which is an amazing effort. Her Polding team of 8/9 year old girls came first and received the team gold medal.

Good luck to Jackson M (5/6Blue) who will be trialling for the Softball Polding team tomorrow. We look forward to hearing how he goes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ OLOR

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS

OLOR Parents' Night Out

Qkr! closing Monday 25 June

SATURDAY 30 JUNE, 2018



Are you preparing your child for success in the Asian Century by learning Chinese?

Facts: **Mandarin Chinese is the world's most spoken language** with 1 in every 5 people in the world speaking it, and the second most spoken language in Australia; in NSW primary schools, Chinese is the most popular LOTE program; China is Australia's largest trading partner; and **learning Chinese enhances cognitive capabilities by using both sides of the brain** (whilst most other languages including English only use the left side of the brain)!

ChiFUNese is one of the most innovative and popular Chinese language programs held at 50+ locations around Sydney. Our students feel happy and inspired to learn because it's fun and easy!

Classes at Our Lady of the Rosary - Waitara are held on **Tue 3.05pm-4.05pm**

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To enrol, please go to <http://www.chifunese.com/enrol/> For enquiries, please email admin@chifunese.com.

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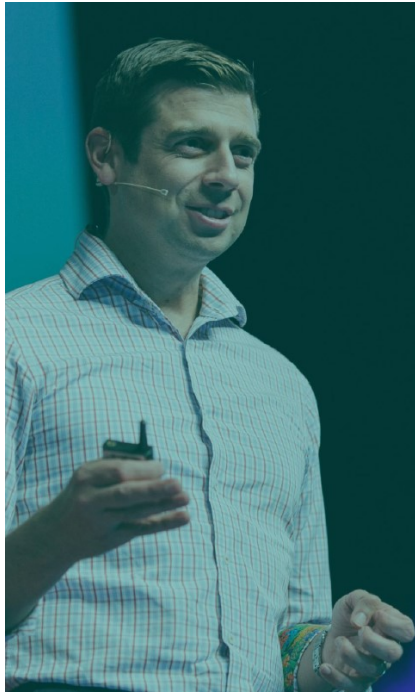
Fun games



Arts and crafts



Cultural activities



Dr Justin Coulson is one of Australia's most respected relationships speakers, authors, and researchers.

Obsessed with what makes relationships flourish, Justin has spoken to tens of thousands of people about relationships in leadership, education and especially in family life.

Justin is the author of two best-selling books: *21 Days to a Happier Family*, and *9 Ways to a Resilient Child*, as well as numerous empirical book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles.

Justin has worked with The Commonwealth Bank, American Express, the Office of the Children's E-safety Commissioner, The Federal Government's Department of Social Services, Life Education, and several hundred schools.

Justin is an Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Positive Psychology at the University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education, and a Senior Associate at the Positive Psychology Institute.

In addition, Dr Coulson writes a weekly parenting advice column for Sydney's Daily Telegraph, appears regularly on The TODAY show and he is the parenting expert at kidspot.com.au - Australia's #1 parenting website.

Most importantly, Justin is an expert in wrestling (his) children, reading Dr Suess, sliding down steep hills on cardboard boxes, and teaching his children to ride bikes. He and his wife Kylie are the parents of six children.

21 DAYS TO A HAPPIER FAMILY

Everyone wants their family to be happy. But so many things get in the way. The usual suspects include work stress, commitments, and our children's challenging behaviour. But some of the less obvious obstacles include our habits and expectations, a reactive (rather than pro-active) approach, and even a lack of clarity around what a happy family is and does. As a result, families often feel (or are) fragmented, stressful, and out of control.

This workshop equips parents with a fresh way of proactively developing the habits that will strengthen their family, combining cutting-edge insights from the positive psychology arena and classic psychological research underpinning relationships, parenting, and personal choices.

21 Days to a Happier Family gives parents scientifically validated suggestions for making their family happier than ever, starting today!

PARENTS WHO ATTEND 21 DAYS TO A HAPPIER FAMILY WILL:

- Understand how their habits are creating their current family environment
- Learn the psychological principles that underpin personal and family happiness
- Experience insights that will genuinely impact on their family's happiness and functionality (for the better)

BECAUSE THE PRESENTATION WILL:

- Provide specific examples of parents who are getting it right
- Speak in language that makes sense, with stories and research combined in an engaging, interactive, and fun style
- Offer easy-to-implement suggestions for making families happier, so parents can choose ideas that feel right for them (with another 11 suggestions in the book!)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Every parent or caregiver, as well as teachers, grandparents, and anyone who looks after children.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

BACK TO NORMO DAY 30 JUNE

8:30 - 5 @ NORMANHURST OVAL

BOUNCY CASTLES - BUNGEE TRAMPOLINE - SOCCER DARTBOARD - TARGET SHOOTING - CAKE STALL - FACE PAINTING AND MORE

NEW DATE!



"It's so wonderful to have my active, happy, motivated and confident 10 year old boy back,"
Go4Fun Parent



GO4FUN IS A FREE TEN WEEK HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGED 7-13 YEARS WHO ARE ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT.

Sessions run once a week for two hours after school, during school term.

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WHY JOIN GO4FUN?

- Get expert advice on healthy eating
- Get active playing fun games
- Make new friends
- Build confidence
- Make changes as a family
- Get support on goal setting
- All for FREE!

WHEN

Tuesdays
4.30pm-6.30pm
Starts 24th July 2018

WHERE

Hornsby PCYC
(Performing Arts Centre)
22 Waitara Ave, Waitara

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OR GO4FUN.COM.AU



JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

FORENSIC INVESTIGATION "A CASE OF EMERGENCY"

Are you passionate about science? Would you like to be part of our interactive Forensic Investigation Workshop, examine the crime scene and analyse the evidence? Then come and join us in this challenging and highly motivating workshop where real forensic equipment and techniques will be used!

Monday 9 July, 10.30-11.30am
Hornsby Library

Tuesday 10 July, 10.30am-11.30am
Berowra Community Centre

Wednesday 11 July, 10.30am-11.30am
Pennant Hills Community Centre

Ages: 7-12 year olds

Cost \$12



HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for stories, songs, craft and refreshments.

Thursday 12 July, 10am
Hornsby Library.

Friday 13 July, 10.30am
Berowra Library

Thursday 19 July, 10am
Pennant Hills Library

All ages welcome. Cost: \$2.00 per child for children 18 months and over.

No bookings required. Payment at door.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS WITH WILL KOSTAKIS

Will Kostakis, award winning author of *Loathing Lola*, *The First Third* and *The Sidekicks* will inspire you by sharing his creative writing approaches and expertise.

Monday 16 July
Hornsby Library

Session 1: 10.30-11.30am. Ages: 10-13
Session 2: 12-1pm. Ages: 14-18

Cost: \$10

DINOSAURS- LIFE LONG AGO WORKSHOPS

The wonder of prehistoric life and Dinosaurs is coming to your library. In this fascinating and interactive activity young paleontologists will travel back millions of years and learn about the habitat of some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past.

Tuesday 17 July, 10.30am-11.30am
Berowra Community Centre

Wednesday 18 July, 10.30am-11.30am
Pennant Hills Community Centre

Thursday 19 July, 10.30am-11.30am
Hornsby Library

Ages: 4-7 year olds
Cost \$10



Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



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