



OLOR EVENTS CALENDAR 2020 PARENT PARTICIPATION

Welcome all new and returning parents to Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR) Waitara.

All parents at OLOR are members of the Parents & Friends Association (P&F). This association works closely with Jacinta and her team to provide quality learning experiences for our children and to help develop and nurture a strong sense of community for all our families.

The P&F's ongoing financial support contributes significantly to the educational and play facilities that our school currently enjoys. The P&F also drives and supports many of our much-loved school initiatives, events and traditions - from our school Fair, Discos, Mothers' Day celebrations, Fathers' Day breakfasts, Grandparents' Day and everything in between.

Like any community, people power is pivotal to our ability to organise and oversee many of our favourite school activities, and we need your help to support us deliver our favourite school events.

There are lots of ways you can get involved, volunteering to participate in:

- Community support: OLOR initiatives to support those in need both within our school network and the broader local community.
- School events: initiatives to drive connection, engagement and friendship across our school community. Some events are allocated to a specific year, while others are open to all parents who are interested.
- The P&F. Meetings are twice per term, with the second meeting being a Parent Information Session. (for dates, please refer to the OLOR school calendar). Our newest sustainability committee is looking for interested parents who are passionate about leading the charge on sustainability at OLOR.

Please complete and return all pages to the School Office by Tuesday 18 February.

Thank you for your support and your role in shaping our school community.

David Westgarth,
President, OLOR Parents & Friends Association

2020 PARENT PARTICIPATION

NAME: _____

ELDEST CHILD AT OLOR: Name: _____ Class: _____

Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

OLOR Community Support (All parent helpers welcomed-all years)

The following teams are vital to the OLOR school community. These roles are separate to our social events, yet very important for our school's support network. The cuppa crew and the 'Dish' are certainly excellent ways to meet and build friendships with many people across the school.

JOIN THE LIST FOR 'CUPPA CREW'

There are many occasions throughout the year where we need to call on our 'Cuppa Crew' to organise light refreshments and snacks. The Cuppa Crew helps serve refreshments at occasions such as the annual Open Day, Diocesan Mission Mass, Grandparents' Day, Kindy Orientations and other times when refreshments are needed. We understand people may not be available for all the events, and that's why we would like to have a list of people we can call upon as required.

I would like to put my name down to be part of this group

Known dates for your diary are:

OLOR Open Day Tuesday, 10 March
Mothers' Day morning tea Thursday, 7 May
Grandparents Day morning tea Thursday, 23 July

JOIN THE LIST FOR 'SUPPORT PANTRY'

For many years the OLOR school community has run a 'support pantry'. This concept was established to assist school families when required during times of need e.g. serious illness, birth of a child, other unexpected family events. You are invited to be part of this great initiative. Consider having your name / email placed on a 'Pantry Register' which will then rotate as the need arises. If you are contacted, we ask that you simply prepare a meal as required. Your name will be kept confidential, as will the name of the recipient.

I would like to put my name down to be on the register

THE DISH

A few times during the school year, a group of parents prepare and then serve a hot meal to people less fortunate than ourselves. This involves working together to make the meal, and a team of people serving. It is on a Tuesday night (6:00 pm-7:00 pm). Service dates are on the School Calendar and will be in Newsletter. A big thank you to parents Mark Dibben and Marie Stephens for coordinating the Dish.

Dates for 2020 are: Term 1 already completed: (circle dates you are available)

Tuesday 19 May Tuesday 18 August Tuesday 20 October

I would be interested in helping with food preparation
I would be interested in helping with serving on the night

OLOR School events

BLOKES AND BUDDIES BBQ (Year 5 and Kindergarten parents)

Saturday, 14 March

The Blokes and Buddies Barbecue is a casual event which brings together new Kindergarten students and their Year 5 buddies along with the dads of both year groups. It's a great tradition at OLOR and a great mid-term event. This event will be held at 3:00 pm–5:00 pm followed by a Parish Mass (5:00 pm-6:00 pm) which will involve the Kindergarten and Year 5 children.

I can help coordinate this event

I would like to help for a few hours at this event

OLOR PICNIC (All parent helpers welcomed-all years)

Sunday, 5 April

Towards the end of term 1, there will be a family picnic to gather all our OLOR families for 2020. This event (from 12.30pm) is a wonderful way to meet up with everyone for a lovely afternoon.

I would like to help with organising children's games

I would like to help with setup and pack up of the TLOCC

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS (Dads (all years) and Kindergarten parents for wrapping gifts) - Thursday, 7 May

Mothers' Day is celebrated at OLOR by way of a beautiful Mothers' Day Mass (9:30 am-10:30 am) in the Cathedral followed by morning tea. This year we will be organising a high tea experience for the mums. It has become a tradition that Dads assist by serving this morning tea on the day. As well as our Mothers' Day event, we set up a Mothers' Day 'pop up stall' so our kids can experience the fun and excitement of shopping for the special women in their lives. The coordinator of the Mothers' Day stall would source the gifts for purchase, determine pricing of gifts and liaise with the office on setting up ordered system for gifts.

I would like to assist for a few hours at the Mothers' Day morning tea

I would like to coordinate the Mothers' Day stall

I'm a kindergarten parent and would like to help wrapping gifts for our Mothers' Day stall

DISCOS (All parent helpers welcomed-all years)

Friday, 29 May

This year we will be having one disco on Friday 29 May. We have a disco for Years K - 2 from 4:45pm – 5:45pm and a disco for Year 3 – 6 from 6:15pm – 7:30pm.

We need parents to help supervise our kids to ensure they remain safe at this event. Our disco will be once again be run by Bop Till You Drop.

I can supervise the K – 2 disco from 4:45 – 5:45pm

I can supervise the Year 3 – 6 disco from 6:15pm – 7:30pm

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OLOR PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (All parent helpers welcomed-all years) Saturday, 8 August

Leave the kids at home for this night especially for parents/carers of our children. This year's event will be held at the Hornsby RSL and will be a fun night for all. Helpers are needed to help pull this night together, decorate the venue on the day and to meet and greet guests.

I would like to help prior to this event
I would like to help on the night

FATHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS (Year 4 parents) Friday, 4 September

Fathers' Day is celebrated at OLOR by way of an early morning Fathers' Day Breakfast and a liturgy in TLOCC. Help can be given by assisting with the Fathers' Day Breakfast on the day.

I can help coordinate the Fathers' Day Breakfast
I would like to assist for a few hours at the Fathers' Day Breakfast (early start)

INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS DAY LUNCHEON (Year 3 parents) Tuesday, 27 OCTOBER

Each year we recognise the wonderful contribution the teachers and staff of OLOR make to the education and lives of our children. A simple lunch is organised for the staff on this day.

I can help coordinate this event
I can help set up the luncheon for teachers
I can provide good for this luncheon

GINGERBREAD HOUSE EVENING (Year 2 parents) Monday, 7 December

Every year OLOR parents are invited to get together and create their own Gingerbread House in preparation for Christmas celebrations at home. Someone is needed to coordinate this evening at the school. This involves promoting the night, ordering stock, collecting payment, setting and cleaning up and hosting the night.

I can help coordinate this event
I would like to help at this event

GET INVOLVED IN THE P&F

Our sustainability committee is looking for interested parents who are passionate about leading the charge on sustainability at OLOR. As a new committee, led by parent Sydney Fernandes, the opportunity to form a strategy and influence real change is enormous.

I am interested in getting involved in the Sustainability Committee