

## OLOR VOLUNTEERS

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All parents of Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR) Waitara are members of the Parents & Friends Association (P&F). This Association works closely with the Principal, Jacinta Crowe, 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 plays a key role in fostering that sense of school community and belonging that we all love most about OLOR.

With this in mind, our P&F is normally very busy with functions throughout the year such as Kinder Welcome BBQ, whole school event (picnic or BBQ), Blokes & Buddies gathering, celebrations for Mothers', Fathers' and Grandparents' Days, parent evening event, 'Men in the Morning', Year 3 Dads' camp and the list goes on. We couldn't hold our usual school events in 2020 and social event planning remains challenged for the year ahead given how dynamic the environment is. In times like these the need for human connection, empathy and friendship are more important than ever and we will continue to do what we can to bring people together in new and creative ways, adopting a common-sense approach and following the advice of NSW Health.

Like any community, your input, participation and support are key to fostering our school spirit and there are lots of different ways you can help.

**Volunteer your time** to get involved in OLOR initiatives to support those in need in our school network and the broader local community. We have a great support system of families who always put up their hand to help and I hope in 2021 we see more of this from new families, so we not only share the load but take the opportunity to make new friendships.

**Volunteer your skills and expertise** so we can fundraise in new and innovative ways. Our biannual OLOR School Fair was scheduled in 2021, however, in a COVID landscape this just isn't feasible. We welcome fresh ideas for ways we can raise funds for the school to ensure we're continuing to create the very best learning environment for our children. I encourage you to think objectively about your talents.

**Get involved with the P&F.** Meetings are twice per term – one is a regular P&F information meeting and the other one is organised for parent information on a relevant topic.

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

David Westgarth,  
President, OLOR Parents & Friends Association

## 2021 PARENT PARTICIPATION

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ELDEST CHILD AT OLOR: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

### 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 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.

### COOK FOR '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 us. This involves working together to make the meal. It is on a Tuesday night (6:00 pm-7:00 pm). A big thank you to parents Mark Dibben and Marie Stephens for coordinating 'The Dish.' With COVID restrictions, we aren't able to serve at this time, but we still need food prepared.

I would be interested in helping with food preparation:

Tuesday 4 May       27 July       19 October

### VOLUNTEER YOUR SKILLS/TALENTS

With so many parents working in a variety of different professionals, we each have so many interpersonal and professional skills that would be a huge asset to the school. Could you lend your expertise to a project of work that the school is contemplating? Are you a graphic designer that could help us bring a school cookbook dream to reality? If you are interested in sharing your skills, please let us know your skill/talent below and we may be in touch.