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# Rosary Link

## Newsletter Of Our Lady Of The Rosary Catholic School, St Marys

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Term 1, Week 10

2nd April, 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

*As we continue to journey through this Lenten season may we find time to pray, find ways to renew our hearts and find ways to build positive relationships with those around us, especially those we perhaps need to be reconciled with.*

*In the 'busyness' of our daily lives let us find time to prepare ourselves positively for the passion, sorrow, hope, joy and celebration which comes with the most significant time in our Church's liturgical calendar - Holy Week and Easter!*

*May this time of preparation for Easter be an opportunity to become closer to our loving God and to each other.*

*I encourage you to plan to gather in our church with others from our wider Parish community to celebrate the events of Holy Week and Easter.*

### [HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS WITHIN THE OLR CHURCH:](#)

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### [Home School Partnership](#)

Communication between home and school is critical to ensuring that the best possible learning opportunities are provided for all children.

Who do you see if you have any questions or need help in any way?

For general matters and information contact the school office.

For your child's learning and wellbeing the Class Teacher is the first contact.

For any special learning needs you may wish to discuss please contact Mrs Kim Patchell or Mrs Judith Sibbald who lead our Diversity (Learning) Support Team.

If you need further assistance you can contact the Stage Coordinators:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - Mrs Nicole Darby

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) - Miss Kathryn Hooker

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) - Mr Brad Ahern

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 5) - Mrs Judith Sibbald

Parents are always welcome to contact either myself or Mrs Judith Sibbald if you need our assistance but we would encourage you to speak to the above staff first as they are usually in the best position to take direct action and therefore make a difference for your child.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Please note that staff have a Professional Learning Meeting most Tuesday afternoons and a Staff Briefing every second Thursday morning so they will not be available for lengthy interviews at these times. Thank you in anticipation of your support and co-operation.

### Canberra Excursion

This Thursday and Friday our Stage 3 students will travel to Canberra for two action-packed days of learning and adventure. It's like going on 6 excursions in a row! My thanks to the staff involved for giving these children the opportunity to participate in these exceptional learning experiences!



### Keeping the children safe!

*Why do we lock the gates?*

To keep the children safe.

To ensure that all visitors report to the school office before entering the school.

To ensure that we provide everyone within our community with an arena of safety.

*When will the gates be locked each morning?*

Monday morning the gates will be locked 5 minutes after assembly finishes.

Tuesday to Friday morning the gates will be locked at 8:50am.

*When will the gates be opened each afternoon?*

The gate near the school office will be opened at 2:30pm so those arriving early to pick children up can get out of the sun/weather.

The gate for parent pick up line will be opened at the dismissal bell.

The gate on the other side of the canteen will also be opened just before the bell for those using the car park.

### Kiss and Ride Volunteers

So far we have one volunteer! If you are willing to help keep our children safe helping to keep 'Kiss and Ride' running smoothly, please leave your name at the office.

### P & F Easter Raffle

Many thanks to those who have donated Easter eggs for our raffle prizes. Please attach to any donations a card or a piece of paper with your family name written on it, as families who support our raffle in this way will go into a special prize draw.



*May God bless you all, as together we follow Jesus.*

Yours sincerely,

Allan Jones  
PRINCIPAL



### Straight into our learning..... REMINDER!

ALL children **MUST** be at school to start learning at 8:45am. **I would encourage all families to think about school starting each day at 8:30am.** This gives you some breathing space for when things don't run so smoothly! If you're a little late, you won't be late at all!! It is also very healthy for children to be able to have a run around and to socialise with their classmates before formal learning begins.

Children arriving late disrupts the learning of others. Children will have 5 minutes grace to get into class, but no more than this. **From 8:50am any late children MUST report to the office with their parents so they can be signed in.**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

'We follow Jesus'.

**Weekend Mass Times:** **Saturday:** Evening: 6.00pm, **Sunday:** 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm.

**Gospel** Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me  
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,  
but I speak  
for the sake of all these who stand round me,  
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



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**Colleen Fuller, REC**

# **PREPARING FOR THE CANONISATION OF JOHN XXIII AND JOHN PAUL II**

Vatican City, 31 March 2014 (VIS) – This morning a press conference was held in the Holy See Press Office to present the initiatives forming part of the preparations for the canonisations of Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II, to be celebrated on 27 April.

The initiatives will include a digital platform, the aim of which is to enable the faithful and pilgrims to have access to news and information regarding the ceremonies as well as a series of spiritual reflections on the life and teachings of both popes. Indeed, the official site [www.2papisanti.org](http://www.2papisanti.org) is an almost-completed portal which offers contacts, sections for press offices, information, videos and images as well as biographical documentation on John XXIII and John Paul II. It will be available in five languages: Italian, English, French, Spanish and Polish.

The application entitled “Santo Subito”, which may be downloaded free in both Android and IOS formats (in Italian, English, Spanish and Polish) and whose title draws on the famed saintliness of both Popes even during their lifetimes, will offer logistical information, as well as access to the main news on the canonisations, and will allow material relating to the various liturgical events to be downloaded.

Existing media include:

Official page of the Postulation with content in five languages:  
<https://www.facebook.com/PapaGiovanniPaoloII>

Official Twitter page with content in five languages:  
<https://twitter.com/santowojtyla>

YouTube channel for the Postulation:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/adminkarol>

Portal: [www.karol-wojtyla.org](http://www.karol-wojtyla.org)

This latter, developed in 2011 for the beatification of Karol Wojtyla, gives a detailed illustration of the stages in the canonical process leading to the recognition of the saintliness of John Paul II and is available in several languages: Italian, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish and Romanian.

The parallel project #2popesaints involves a series of networks enabling young people to get to know the lives, teachings and testimony of faith of the two new saints. There will be a Facebook page entitled 2popesaints; on Twitter, the account @2popesaints; on Instagram, #2popesaints; and on YouTube, 2popesaints. Every day each one of the above will propose a theme relating to both popes in the media, starting from 16 April until the canonisation, and each event will be transmitted live on each network.

On Google+ there will be the possibility of following in a “hangout” the daily briefings during the week leading up to the canonisation. A QR code will also be created to allow rapid access to the site [2popesaints.org](http://2popesaints.org). The initiative “Rome connecting to the World”, a form of “twinning” between the faithful arriving in Rome and the young people of the city, will make it possible to get to know the most important locations in Rome along with the history of John XXIII and John Paul II, providing information on the Facebook page.

# Upcoming Events

## Thursday, 3rd April

Stage 3 Camp



## Friday, 4th April

- ◆ Stage 3 Camp
- ◆ Year 1 Parish Mass



## Wednesday, 9th April

- ◆ Remembrance of Holy Week
- ◆ Gold Award Ceremony at 2.25pm

## Thursday, 10th April

Remembrance of Holy Week

## Friday, 11th April

- ◆ Remembrance of Holy Week
- ◆ Star Awards Ceremony 
- ◆ Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day
- ◆ *Last day of Term 1*



*Wishing everyone a Happy, Safe  
& Holy Easter Holidays!*



## Easter in School Holidays

Good Friday - 18th April  
Easter Saturday - 19th April  
Easter Sunday - 20th April

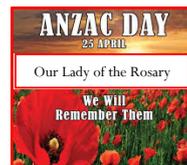


## Monday 28th April

*First day of TERM 2*

## Wednesday, 30th April

Remembrance of Anzac Day (25th April)



## Monday, 5th May

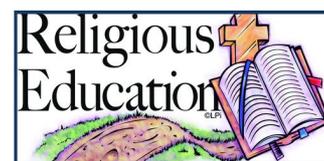
Parents' Association Meeting in the Library at 7.00pm

## Tuesday, 6th May

Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek

## Wednesday, 7th May

Parent Workshop on Religious Education



**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** Wrist Bands are not to be worn by children to school. These are not part of the school uniform and are to be left at home.

## *Cross Country Age Champions*

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who helped out at our Cross Country on Friday, 21st March. Our Cross Country Age Champions for 2014 are listed below:

8/9 years	Girl: Nikita Copson
10 years	Girl: Achok Akot
11 years	Girl: Mirosaini Srisandarajah
12/13 years	Girl: Adut Kon

Boy: Angok Ker
Boy: David Ujuangi
Boy: Dut Agok
Boy: Nikolas Stipic



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING



On Monday, 5th May (Term 2, Week 2) at 7.00pm there will be a Parents' Association Meeting at the school. This meeting will take place in the school library. Everyone is most welcome to attend. If there is an item you wish to put onto the agenda, please send it in writing to the school. The closing date will be Friday, 2nd May, 2014..

The Parents' Association Easter Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 11th April at the afternoon assembly. There are extra raffle ticket books at the office. To all those who have donated Easter Eggs, Bunnies, Chicks or Bilby's, thank you so much. Please keep those donations coming as we will accept them till Thursday, 10th April.



There will also be a "Silly Socks/Mufti Day" on Friday, 11th April. More information will be going home soon.

*Don't forget to follow us on FACEBOOK at OLOR St Marys Parents Association.*

### CANTEEN NEWS

#### **Meal Deal 1**

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayonnaise Roll  
Flavoured Water Buddy  
Frozen Juice Cup

#### **Meal Deal 2**

Hot Dog with Sauce  
Flavoured Water Buddy  
Home Ice Cream

Both Meal Deals are \$ 4.50 and will run until the end of this term.

### GOLD AWARDS

Please note the Gold Award Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 9th April at 2.25pm.



*Happy Easter*

**Kids in the park**



Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this summer, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$20, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays!

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers  
All Day Holiday Recreational Program  
Art, Cooking and Drumming Workshops  
Cheerleading & Gymnastics  
Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze

Fizzics Science Workshops  
Martial Arts for Kids  
Sport & Adventure Camps  
Space Racing for Kids  
....and lots more

Full details at [www.kidsinthepark.com.au](http://www.kidsinthepark.com.au)

It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

Sydney Olympic Park

**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY  
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS  
UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS PROGRAMS KIDS FUN DAYS**

**Wednesday 16 April (10 am – 12 noon) - Rockets**

Make and launch your own paper rockets and watch water rockets being launched

**Wednesday 23 April (10 am – 12 noon) – Star Stuff**

A short multimedia presentation followed by hands-on science activities

### **KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHTS**

**Saturday 19 April (7pm – 9 pm) – Mars Rovers**

Come along and find out, why we are sending rovers to Mars

**Saturday 26 April (7pm – 9pm) – The Lives of Stars**

Where do stars come from and where do they go?

In addition to the multimedia presentation all programs will include a 3D astronomy movie and either safe viewing of the sun (day program) or viewing of the night sky through the University's telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather.

**Cost:** \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family.

**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory). What's On

**Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 or email [r.mccourt@uws.edu.au](mailto:r.mccourt@uws.edu.au)



# Community Event

You are invited to the St Marys Local Area Command

## Parent & Community Forum

### Topics of Interest

- Cyber Safety
- Road Trauma – Causes & Effects – Crash Unit
- Alcohol & Violence in the Community
- Safety in the Community
- Graffiti – Localised Issues – Police Response

**DATE:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

**TIME:** 6.00pm

**LOCATION:** St Marys Community Centre, located at St Marys Corner.  
(Cnr Great Western Highway and Mamre Road St Marys).  
The entry to this venue is via Swanston Street.

To assist with planning, if you are attending this forum could you please RSVP to Constable Kim SINDEL or Senior Constable Danielle CORLISS via one of the following:

Email: [sind1kim@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sind1kim@police.nsw.gov.au)  
Email: [cor11dan@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cor11dan@police.nsw.gov.au)  
Phone: 9677-7527 or 9677-7528



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### **PENRITH CITY LIBRARY**

For the April school holidays, Penrith City Library will present an exciting mix of magic and family shows along with art and science workshops.

#### Family shows:

Beating around the bush with Mark Stewart - Wednesday 16 April 2014

Magic show with Joel Howlett - Wednesday 23 April 2014

#### Workshops:

Egyptian art workshop with Rosalie Thompson - Tuesday 15 April 2014

Embroidery workshop with Del White - Tuesday 22 April 2014

Magic and Juggling workshop with Joel Howlett - Wednesday 23 April 2014

Chaotic Chemistry with The Crazy Scientist - Thursday 24 April 2014

Mad Medicine with The Crazy Scientist - Thursday 24 April 2014

#### Teen Activity:

Art workshop with Rosalie Thompson - Tuesday 15 April 2014

#### Activity at St Marys Corner:

Lego Robotics workshops with Fizzics education - Monday 14 April 2014

# What's Happening in Year 3

*In Term 1 we have been writing Persuasive Texts.  
Here are two which we wrote.*

## Children should learn to Swim at School

I believe children shouldn't learn to swim at school.

Firstly, I think children shouldn't learn to swim at school because it's not good for education. Maths, English all those help us get a good job when we are older. Swimming does not make us smart.. Education is really important.

Another reason that children shouldn't learn to swim at school is because it's a waste of time. You can just go and learn swimming. There are lots of swimming centres like Ripples. They teach you how to swim.

My last reason is that children shouldn't learn to swim at school is that they can drown. If you swallow too much water you will get sick.

I recommend children shouldn't learn to swim at school because the school won't be able to afford

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## Children should wear School Uniforms!

I definitely agree that we should wear uniforms.

I strongly agree that children should wear school uniforms because if we wear normal clothes no-one will know which school we go to.

Secondly, children should wear school uniforms because all the children would look the same.

If we go on an excursion then we will not get lost.

For these reasons we say that children should wear school uniforms.

Declan & Georgie 3L



## Religion

*We have been learning that Lent is a time for growing and changing. Below is a poster which shows how we can reach out to others during the Season of Lent.*



## MATHS

We have been learning to measure volume using cubic Centimeters. We used blocks to construct models and had to explain what we did.



## Science & Technology

**In Science we classified living and non-living things using a branching key.**

