



# Our Lady of the Rosary School

## Newsletter

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish  
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

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*We Follow Jesus*

21ST NOVEMBER 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Tuesday 22nd November

- Year 5 Leadership Speeches
- BBQ Lunch with Japanese Students and farewell Performances - Yrs 4 & 5

#### Wednesday 23rd November

- Japanese students 9am final farewell and guard of honour and leave for the airport
- Don Bosco Kindergarten

#### Thursday 24th November

- Final date for movie ticket orders

#### Friday 25th November

- Emmaus Step Up To High School Program
- Kinder @ Parish Mass
- Whole School Celebration of Learning- Star Awards

#### Monday 28th November

- 8.45am - Morning Assembly
- Yrs 2 - 4 Swimming Program

**11.15 - 2.45 NEXT TWO WEEKS**

#### Tuesday 29th November

- Y3 Reconciliation

#### Wednesday 30th November

- 6.30pm Advent/Christmas Celebration

#### Thursday 1st December

- Y4 Reconciliation

#### Friday 2nd December

- 9.15 Y3 & Yr 1 @ Parish Mass
- Don Bosco Y1

#### Monday 5th December

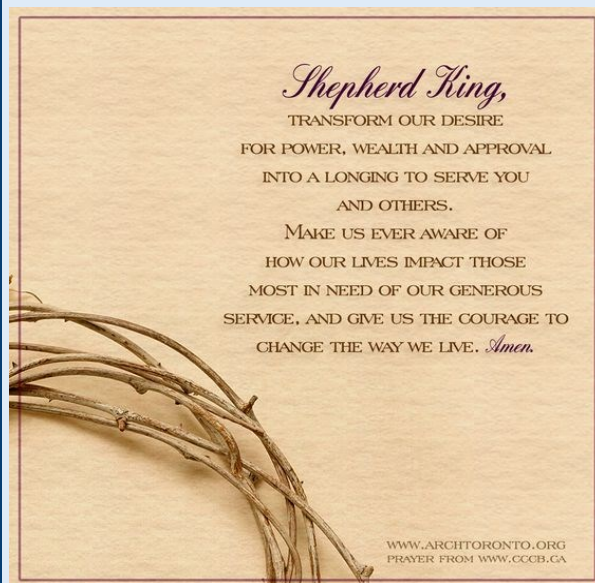
- 8.45am - Morning Assembly
- Yrs 2 - Swimming Program

**11.15 - 2.45 - ALL WEEK**

#### Tuesday 6th December

- Y6 @ Reconciliation

### Acting Principal's Reflections



*Yesterday the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica was closed, a significant symbol of the end of The Year of Mercy.*

*However I believe that this is not about closure but putting into action the many graces granted to us during the Year of Mercy. We need to continue to portray to everyone the compassion of God's love that Jesus proclaimed.*

### **Farewell**

At last week's Celebration of Learning we farewelled Mrs Sandra Johnston (4M) from the OLR community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Johnston for her dedication to education and her care of the Year 4 students over the past two terms. On behalf of the students, parents and staff we wish Mrs Johnston every success as she begins her appointment as a Teacher Educator at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney.

Welcome to Miss Heather Alexander who will be working with the Year 4 students for the remainder of the year.

### **Japanese Immersion Program**

This year's visit from students from Nama Matsu in Japan was another outstanding success. They are a fine group of young ambassadors for their country and school. It has been a real pleasure to have them here at OLR. Our students, especially the Years 4 and 5 'buddies', have done an outstanding job of looking after them. They were enthusiastic, welcoming, energetic and dedicated to their roles. *Congratulations to you all!*

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Richard Trehy who coordinated the visit and to Irina Boikov-Zhang, an ex student of OLR for providing outstanding support as our interpreter.

**NEXT STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
**MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2016**  
**Our focus will be**  
**Non Violent Crisis Intervention**

### Acting Principal's Reflections cont'd

#### **'Kindergarten 2017' Transitions**

Over the past two weeks, six transition sessions have taken place. Small groups of about ten students who will be attending Our Lady of the Rosary next year had their first experience of 'Big School'. Congratulations to Mrs Darby, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Mclean and our current Kindergarten students for welcoming our little visitors, creating an environment that was inviting, fun and engaging. We look forward in welcoming these children back in 2017.

#### **End of Year Celebrations**

As we enter the final four weeks of the school year, life seems to become busier rather than slowing down. Please mark the following dates in your diary as we gather together as a school community to prepare for the birth of our Lord, celebrate in prayer, recognise the achievements of our students and thank all the parents for your continued support of the students at OLR.

- *Advent Liturgy - Wednesday 30th November 6.30pm*
- *End of Year liturgy - Wednesday 14th December 9.15am OLR Church*
- *Gold Awards - Thursday 15th December 9:00am*
- *Parent Thank You morning tea - Thursday 15th December 10:15am*

Further details about these upcoming events are later in the newsletter.

### **School Photography Guidelines for Parents and Carers**

#### **Information for Parents and Carers**

We recognise that parents and carers enjoy photographing and recording the progress of their child at school and on school activities. We recognise that many of you like to share these personal memories online and on social media.

We ask for your cooperation and care concerning the use and distribution of photographs of other children at our school. Some families have very real legal and safety issues which could put a child at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the school community to ask permission before posting an image online. Even if your social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

#### **Best practice guidelines**

The following best practice guidelines have been adopted by our school to keep our students and school community safe, and to ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media. When taking photographs or recordings at school or at school events and your images include other identifiable persons please follow these guidelines:

- Crop out other students or seek the permission of the student or (for students under 16) his or her parent/carer before posting online.
- Do not tag or name the person without permission.
- If a parent or carer requests that you do not circulate an image of their child to others, please comply with the request.
- Please seek the permission of our staff to photograph or record their activities at school. Photography of staff presenting or receiving awards is permitted.

The school will periodically review these best practice guidelines.

## Mandatory policies:

The school may from time to time determine that photography or recording at school events or on school grounds is restricted. Where restriction is notified, failure to comply may result in your exclusion from school premises or activities. There may also be consequences as set out in the enrolment agreement.

Under no circumstances may you photograph or record in private areas such as change-rooms, or in school offices or staffrooms, or at meetings, without express permission.

## Queries and further resources

The following resources provide further information about safety online, privacy and avenues for complaints about privacy online. If you wish to discuss an issue further with the school, please contact Cheryl Fortini.

## FURTHER RESOURCES

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner  
<http://esafety.gov.au>

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, FAQs about social media  
<https://www.oaic.gov.au/individuals/faqs-for-individuals/social-media-ict-identity-security/social-media>

### You're invited to attend the Term 4 Gold Awards

Help us celebrate the achievements of our students. There will be community awards handed out as well as the James Phelan award to recognise students in their Religious achievements.

We will also be saying farewell to our Year Six students and staff members who will not be with us in 2017 with our farewell arch.



**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 9am**



Acting Principal's Reflections cont'd

*We want to thank every one of you for your support during 2016. From covering books, to helping at carnivals, to attending school functions. Your time and support is dearly appreciated. As a school community we want to say 'thank you'.*

**Please join us for morning tea**

**After the Gold Awards on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 9am**

*(the morning tea is for adults only, students will be asked to go to class after the Gold Awards)*

*God Bless*

*Mrs Cheryl Fortini*

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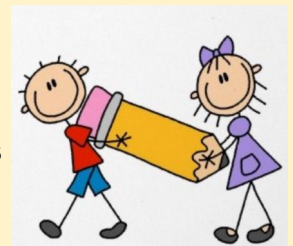


## *From the Acting AP*

Teachers are often asked by parents how they can help their children with writing. Here are some small things that make a big difference to your child as they learn to become a writer.

**READ!** Read often. Read aloud. Read silently. Read books. Read short stories. Read poems. Read cookbooks. Read letters. Read greeting cards. Get the idea? Read, read, read, and read some more!

**PROVIDE WRITING MATERIALS!** Provide plenty of writing materials – paper of all kinds, colours, textures, and sizes, pens, pencils, felt tip pens, post its – whatever will invite your student writer to explore writing in original, colorful ways.



**WRITE NOTES!** A personal note – just a few words – tucked in a lunch box or left under a pillow can be a wonderful surprise. If you're lucky, you'll get a response. Writing doesn't always have to be BIG.

**READERS' THEATER!** Read a play or any book that lends itself to two voices. Your young writer will soon have an "ear" for sentence fluency.

**RESOURCES!** Have a dictionary handy! A thesaurus? Grammar handbook? If not, shop together for books both of you like. Use them with care. For example, when you use a thesaurus, don't take the first word on the list. Choose the word that's just right!



## From the Acting AP cont'd

**BROWSE!** Discover the fine art of browsing at the local bookstore or the library. Look at books, handle books, read pieces from books. What is it about this book that intrigues you? An opening sentence? The layout? The title?

**BE A WRITER YOURSELF!** You don't have to be writing a novel to teach valuable writing strategies – a simple grocery list hold a dozen potential lessons on word choice, organisation, and spelling.

**SHARE!** Do you write as part of your job? Letters? Memos? Reports? Evaluations? Advertising or promotional materials? Directions? Almost everyone in every occupation writes something. Share some of your work related writing with your student writer.

A lovely quote I came across on a writing blog sums up the importance of letting children be children and exploring and experiencing life;

*“Writers can't just write about life, they have to live it, too.”*

Happy Writing!

Kathryn Hooker  
(Acting Assistant Principal)

## YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY!

As part of their leadership preparation for 2017, Year 5 students participated in a leadership day at school on Friday 11th November. The day started with prayer, reflecting on God - the Good Shepherd who loves and protects us always. Mrs Fortini visited to speak to the children about her role as a leader and gave them all some valuable advice for their role as leaders in our school next year. The day was then filled with team building cooperative games and activities that explored what 'Good Leadership' is. The day ended with meditation, leadership application forms being handed out and each student setting their 2017 leadership goal.



## 2016 OLR SCHOOL/PARISH FETE RAFFLE WINNERS

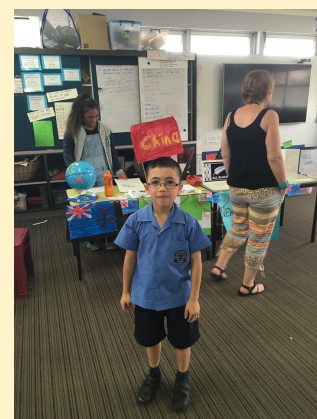
CONGRATULATIONS

Prize		Winner
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$500 cash	H Pepinga
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ipad mini	Halima Con
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fernwood Womens Gym membership	Rebecca Cimera
4 <sup>th</sup>	Studio 1000 photo package	Madison Holstein
5 <sup>th</sup>	12 bottles wine	Pam Kelly
6 <sup>th</sup>	Calmsley Hill Farm Family Pass	Liam Mitchell
7 <sup>th</sup>	Martial Arts Voucher	June Dodd



## YEAR 5 CULTURAL EXPO

In Week 6, Year 5 took the students at OLR on a trip around the world! There was food, artefacts, flags, traditional costumes and loads of information all presented by our expert students who have been working hard to promote value of our diverse Australian culture.





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR

**Mass times listed as always for your convenience.** You are invited and encouraged to join the believing community for prayer and worship at one of the following times.

**Saturday 6.00pm.**

**Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am. 10.30am & 5.30pm**

We are blessed to have so much choice for Weekend Mass times. What time is most convenient for you and the family?

**Sunday, 27 Nov 2016: First Sunday of Advent - Year A**

The Church Year is also known as the Liturgical Year and begins on the first Sunday of Advent which is this coming weekend. We now move from Year C To Year A.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!



## **Gospel** Mt 24:37-44

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

***Stay awake, you must be ready.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away.



***It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.***

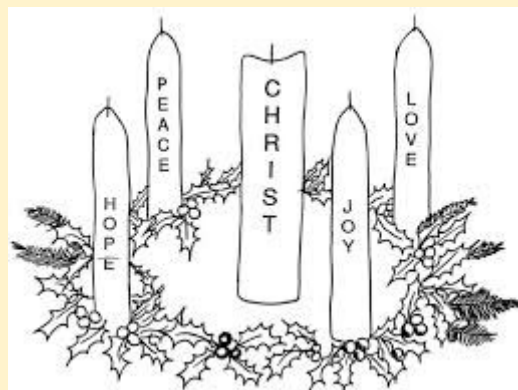
**'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming.**

You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, **you too must stand ready** because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## **Reflection on the Gospel** **by Father Michael Tate**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR cont'd

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue.

The poetic image of **swords being hammered into ploughshares** reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only God knows! *We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But **our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy.** We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.*

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

**We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.**



### CLOSING OF THE Holy Door of MERCY

**All Parish and School Communities were invited to a celebration at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 13th November, to mark the official closure of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy...**

As REC I attended the Mass at the Cathedral on behalf of the School Community, while a parish representative Mr Buhagiar, attended on behalf of the Parish Community.

As part of this celebration we were gifted with a canvas of the Forgiving Father with accompanying resources. You are also welcome to view these resources at any time on the Institute of Mission website.

## WHOLE SCHOOL ADVENT CELEBRATION

*Please come and join us!!!!*

**When:** Wednesday 30th November-6.30pm

**Where:** At school in the Undercroft Area.

**Who is invited:** All students K-6 with their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends.

We have prepared an Advent Prayer Celebration to remind us of the opportunity of Advent as a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. · All children are involved in the prayer in some small

way. Most importantly it is a time to come together to hear the Word of God, to give praise and thanks and to again place our trust and hope in the Lord as we renew our efforts in doing His will.



One of the **major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath**. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR cont'd

### END OF YEAR LITURGY Wednesday 14th December.

**Time:** 9.15am

This is an blessed time to come together as community to praise God and give thanks for our many blessings in 2016.

You are invited to join us and we look forward to seeing many parents and extended family members in attendance.

### YEAR SIX GRADUATION LITURGY OF THE WORD - Wednesday 7th December

**Time:** 6.30pm

**The graduation theme is:** Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.

*Mrs Colleen Fuller*

### REC Coordinator

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## Year 4 Excursion

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November Year 4 went on an excursion to the Opera House, we watched a play called 'A Sonatina'. The people that acted in the show came from across the world from Denmark, they were hilarious! Denmark's Teatret Gruppe 38, is one of the most sought-after children's theatre companies in the world. **By Milana**

The show involved an Italian pick-up truck, a live chicken and a newly-laid egg playing the main roles in a gripping version of an old story. 'A Sonatina' is the grim story of a child, who is burdened with too much responsibility.

When we got there we saw the magnificent Harbour Bridge, ferries, large buildings and fancy cars. Little Red Riding Hood was a small egg and the pickup truck turned into an amazing stage! **By David.**

The lady, Bodil, said to the Bantam chicken "You only have 2 jobs in this play, and 1 of them is laying an egg!" She sounded furious. In exactly 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes the Bantam chicken laid an egg, that egg played the role of Little Red Riding Hood. **By Emmanuel.**

We walked around the Opera House and looked at the boats and Fort Denison before having lunch in the Botanical Gardens under a Morton Bay Fig Tree. It was beautiful! Year 4 got to have time to play next to the Opera House and the magnificent Sydney Harbour. **By Madison M.**







## ST CLAIR OOSH DEC16/JAN17 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

**NOTE: FEES STATED ARE FULL FEES PRIOR TO CCB AND CCR ENTITLEMENTS – RING FOR A QUOTE**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
Excursion	In Centre	Excursion	In Centre	In Centre
<b>WANNABEES PLAY TOWN</b> Who do you wannabee when you grow up? A firefighter? Fashion Star? Come with us to Play Town with loads of fun activities for all ages. Rock Climbing, dancing on Laser Lit Stage, TV green screen interaction, talent quests, face painting and more! \$75	Morning Workshops A Mason jar Christmas candle making B DIY table tennis Afternoon Workshops A Christmas plate painting B Christmas decorations making	<b>Umina playground, BBQ and BEACH DAY!</b> We are heading out early for a big day out to Umina, We will be enjoying lunch in the park with one of the biggest playgrounds ever and then a swim at the quiet bay of Umina Beach. Don't forget your sunscreen! \$75	Morning Workshops A Lolly tree table decoration B Basketball at the Rec centre Afternoon Workshops A Bauble handprint making B Christmas card making	<b>Christmas Theme Day</b> Prepare to get Christmas-y, crafts, songs, decorations the lot! Wear your Christmas attire and join in the celebrations of the birth of Jesus!! \$50
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
In Centre	Excursion	In Centre	Excursion	In Centre
Morning Workshops A Bedroom notice board making B Indoor soccer at the Rec centre Afternoon Workshops A Nail art class Mani, Pedis and more B Gardening group	<b>WATER PLAYGROUND PLAY</b> Nurragingy Reserve Today we are heading to Nurragingy Reserve for a play in the water park and a BBQ in the beautiful gardens. \$60	Morning Workshops A African Cooking class B Art class Indigenous Inspired Afternoon Workshops A Pillow case designs and decorating B Creative writing class	<b>Roller skating @ Penrith Skatel</b> We had such a great time in July so we decided to head back to Roller Skating to build on our skills on the rink. \$60	<b>WATER PLAY AT THE CENTRE SLEEP OVER at OOSH</b> Wear your swimmers and bring your water pistols we will playing on the slip and slide the whole day through. Then at night we will have an OOSH sleepover. \$75

**Bookings OPEN Monday 21.11.2016 and CLOSE Friday 9.12.2016 – For more information please call 9670 5555**

Bookings are essential and must be made in writing at our office. Charges quoted are before CCB and all families are entitled to claim up to 50% rebate on all out of pocket expenses.

"A" workshops are an additional \$10.00 fee however this fee is CCR eligible and families receive up to 50% of this back. "B" workshops are free of charge with daily booking.





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## 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Parramatta Diocesan Schools in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One/Two in 2017 (Winter Sports - AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League League, Rugby Union & Touch).

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials in 2017 will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), & Touch (B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website

[www.parramattadiocese.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parramattadiocese.catholic.edu.au). This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by your child's school. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience".

Please ensure that the **SUBMIT** button has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

**Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

*Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.*

**Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3rd February 5pm.**

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

*Margaret Thornton*

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport

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