



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 4

We Follow Jesus

22ND MAY 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 23rd May

- 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Primary School Leader's
Civic Reception - Evans
Theatre Penrith Panthers

Thursday 24th May

- 10.00am - Farewell
Liturgy & Morning Tea for
Toni Militano
- Confirmation applications
due to the Parish Office
tomorrow

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

DAY

THIS FRIDAY

25TH MAY

**NO CHILDREN ON THIS
DAY**

Monday 28th May

- 8.45pm - Morning
Assembly
- Captivate Rehearsal
11:00 - 2:00pm
Western Sydney
Performing Arts Centre

Wednesday 30th May

- Don Bosco- Yr 2

Thursday 31st May

- P&F Meal Deal
- P&F Yr 6 Fundraiser
Mufti PJ Day

Friday 1st June

- Infants Athletics
Carnival
- Yr 5 Don Bosco

Monday 4th June

- 8.45pm - Morning
Assembly
- Book Launch Day

From the Principal

Doubting Thomas



A recent reading at mass recounted the encounter of Thomas with the risen Lord. In our lives we are faced with the meaning of faith, as demonstrated by doubting Thomas and there may be times we see something of ourselves in him. Unlike Thomas, we have not seen, and yet we are asked and expected to believe. At least that is what it looks like on the surface.

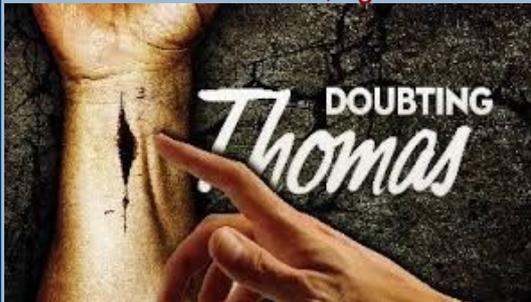


I recently read an article that explained faith and belief like a follows. I can get all the proof I want that Jesus is alive and well, and living in me, if I myself am alive and well, and living in him! We are living two thousand years later, Pentecost has happened, and the message of the gospel, and the person of Jesus has been debated and written about in almost every language on the globe.



Every time we drive a car, every time we go to a doctor, every time we board an aeroplane, we continue to make acts of faith in someone or in something. Without faith, we would end up doing nothing! No one would get married if they didn't have faith in themselves, and in the other person, which is evident in and through the love which binds them together.

Jesus compares faith to a tiny grain of mustard seed, that continues to germinate and grow, and ends up as a large tree. Just as the Mustard seed needs moisture, nutrients, and sunlight, to bring it to fullness of life; our faith too needs nourishment, light and the fine mist of life-giving love to bring it to fullness.



Let us continue to nourish and share our faith as a loving Our Lady of The Rosary Community in all we say and do.

From the Principal cont'd.....

Letting Go

Recently I was reminded of a well-known story that describes the best way to catch a monkey. It has been said, that all you need is a coconut containing a banana with a hole just large enough for a monkey's hand to fit in, but not large enough for a monkey's fist to come out. This is so that when the monkey is tempted to grab the banana and so making a fist, the monkey is unable to understand or have the ability to "let go" of the banana and to run away and escape from being captured.

I like this image because sometimes we can each be guilty of being like the monkey in the parable. Sometimes we can be found guilty of holding on too tightly to things which can trap us and hold us back from reaching our true potential. Instead of the symbolic banana, it might be that we are unable to:



*Let go of negativity,
Let go of jealousy,
Let go of hurt,
Let go of being a victim,
Let go of shame,
Let go of anger,
Let go of guilt.*



Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer we are "letting go" and placing our trust in God, as we say, "Thy will be done." As a faith community we embrace a new beginnings through our trust in God.

Thought for the Week

*"Pray that prosperity may not elate,
nor adversity ever shake
your courage and generosity in the service of God."
Mary MacKillop 4.3.1891*



Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL



TELL THEM FROM ME ONLINE SURVEY

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.



Tell Them From Me

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *Our Lady of the Rosary School*.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using this URL:

www.tellthemfromme.com/olr1508

From the Assistant Principal's desk...



Welcome to my desk. In each Newsletter I will provide general information, ideas and tips for parents in either Literacy and Numeracy. If you have a particular question or query in regards to the curriculum let me know and I will be happy to address it.



THE TEACHERS AT OLR ARE GREAT!!

At Our Lady of the Rosary, as with all schools in Australia the children participate in the 6 Key Learning Areas (Subjects) and Religious Education every day. The teaching and learning programs are written by the teachers, based on the NSW Syllabus. All schools are reviewed on a regular basis by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to ensure that they meet compliance requirements. (as seen below)

NSW EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AUTHORITY (NESA) compliance requirement:

'The school must maintain an overview of the school's educational program indicating:

- The scope and sequence of learning/units of work in relation to the outcomes of the NESA syllabuses for each KLA for each Year.
- Resources and equipment available for each KLA.
- An assessment plan indicating how students' performance in each KLA is assessed, monitored and recorded.

This week the Stage 3 teachers have been selected by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) to meet with colleagues from other schools as well as the Learning Leaders to participate in a 'Peer Review' process. This is where they must present their teaching and learning programs, as well as Assessment Plans and work samples. We are so impressed and proud of our teachers who represent all of the teachers at OLR in demonstrating that they are not only compliant to the NESA standards but provide a 'Quality Education' to the students at our school in their work every day.

As you would be aware much of a teacher's preparation for student learning occurs outside of work hours, in the evening, weekends and 'holiday' periods.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our teachers for the great work they do as they continue to maintain our great reputation as a school that provides Quality teaching and learning every day.

Staff Development Day

Just a reminder that this Friday the students do not attend school as the teachers will be engaged in continuing their own learning. The focus this Friday will be English. We will be exploring ways that we can continue to refine our practice in the teaching of Reading in



The 'Gift of Reading'

We have an exciting whole school event coming soon in regards to promoting and celebrating Reading in our school. A flyer will be coming home about our 'Gift of Reading' day on Monday 6th June.

All parents, Grandparents and carers are invited to come and be a part of a special Morning Assembly, Open classrooms and Morning Tea. It will be a GREAT day!



Kind Regards.... Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make this school.

Mrs Julianne Regan
Assistant Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR

From the page of the Religious Education Coordinator

Parish Mass times are listed for your convenience.

You are invited to join the believing community for Holy Mass at one of the many available times. We are blessed to have this choice.

Saturday 6.00pm.

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

Choose a Mass time that is most suitable time for you and the family.

The Our Lady of the Rosary School Mission Goal for 2018 is stated below:

All students will know how to live our school motto 'We Follow Jesus' through prayerful reflection and exploration of scripture using the three senses (Literal, Spiritual and Application).

We have a clear focus of living our School Motto - '**We Follow Jesus**' through reflection on our behaviour choices as respectful, safe learners.

The Three Senses of Scripture is a way to unpack scripture and delve deeper into its meaning and purpose.

Ultimately scripture is inviting us to respond to this new learning which will be evident in our thoughts, words and actions.

1. Literal Sense. To understand the Literal Sense we need to understand the information presented 'on the page'. We need to be successful in locating the following information.

Literal sense

WHO?
WHAT?
WHEN?
WHERE?
WHY?

Geographical context ~ Historical context

2. Spiritual Sense. To understand the Spiritual Sense of a piece of scripture we need to see between the lines and discern a deeper meaning and make connections with Catholic teaching, practice and tradition.

Spiritual sense
How does it reveal God?

WHAT CONNECTIONS CAN I MAKE TO:

- Catholic Church teaching, practice and tradition?
- Sacraments?
- Morals, Catholic Values?
- My path to Heaven

Father ~ Son ~ Holy Spirit

3. Application. The Application Sense is pondering how the Literal and Spiritual Sense applies to your life. What does the Scripture call me to do and to reflect on ways that I will love God and my neighbour today and in the weeks ahead.

Application sense
Applying the literal and spiritual sense

What does it call me to do in my life?

How do I love God and my neighbour?

Prayer ~ words ~ thoughts ~ actions

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Have a go at unpacking this scripture using the three senses. Maybe your son or daughter may be able to help depending on what grade they're in.

Sunday, 27 May 2018: The Most Holy Trinity - Year B

Gospel Acclamation See Rv 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

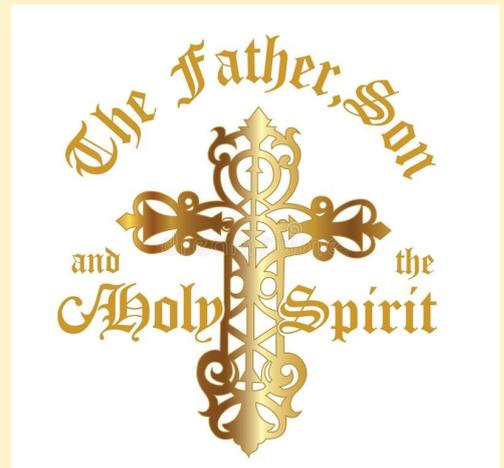
CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS were held last Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Please note that all applications are now due to the Parish Office by Friday May 25.

FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES

Congratulations to our students receiving the First Holy Communion this weekend in the Parish Church.

Mrs Colleen Fuller
REC Coordinator



Student Attendance

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in our school. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Here is a table showing each grades attendance rate for Term 2 Week 3. The CEDP target for every school is 90% attendance.

| 2018 School Year | School Year Attendance Level % |
|--|--------------------------------|
| | Term 2 Week 3 |
| Kindergarten | 80.6% |
| Year 1 | 82.5% |
| Year 2 | 83.1% |
| Year 3 | 89.9% |
| Year 4 | 74.6% |
| Year 5 | 85.5% |
| Year 6 | 91.6% |
| Overall School Attendance Level = 83.8% This is 6.2% below the CEDP target of 90% | |



*Thank you
and
God bless!!*

*After 28 years of service
at OLR*

*Toni Militano signs off for the last
time!*

*Many blessings Toni
and wishing you a
happy retirement!!*





PBS4L Update:

This Term classes are focusing on specific lessons to assist students developing their positive behaviours in all settings of the school. Each week there will be a focus that the whole school will work on together. We encourage you to have a conversation about this with your children at the end of each week to



help them strengthen these skills.

Week 3

Be Respectful: We use kind words and actions

Week 4

Be Respectful: We use manners and greet others

congratulations

| Rowboat Co-ordinator Award | | Sailboat Assistant Principal |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Marcus Andrews | Avika Kumar | Nemetallah Awad |
| Layla Fau | Tristan Pierre | Emily Drew |
| Charlize McMillan | Thomas Balgowan | Amelia Kondek |
| Aaliyah Zaatini | Dylan Beatty | Anjleina Khouri |
| Ather Ajou | Jarrood Mantaring | Talita Soatini |
| Nyigeng Deng | Charlotte Mizzi | Nyjur Gar |
| Aria Fuduric | Gum Ngong | |
| Amna Jal Ngong | Maria Challita | |
| Eman Jal Ngong | Jacinta Dib | |
| Dau Luar | Giane DyPenilla | |
| Jasper Matthews | Christian Taouk | |
| Mia O'Loughlin | Javed Nenita | |
| Francis Tafaese | Elijah Soenarja | |
| Alak Ajou | Madison Mizzi | |
| Michaela Challita | Emmanuel Poasa | |
| Sandra Chalouhi | Holly Taouk | |
| Jackson Bingham | Ryan Hughes | |
| Michael Wall | Adut Aleu | |
| Christian Berrier | Elijah Cahill | |
| Dianna Kelei | Gom Maout | |
| Emilhy Vocalan | Karen Mikhael | |
| Jemma Matthews | Aafreen Mavi | |
| Vanessa Komi | Dilkirat Kaur | |
| Tyler Davies | Michelle Sudarno | |
| Jacob Sara | Castiel Ibisate | |

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DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook

Volunteers Required

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055 or via email on deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Positions Vacant

- Administrative Assistant - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills
- Financial Counsellor - Richmond & Blacktown offices

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

- Head of Property Development Services – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

- Communications & Stakeholder Officer – Catholic Schools NSW

More details at: www.csnsw.catholic.edu.au

- Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Sydney/Community Participation Leader – Caritas

More details at: www.caritas.org.au

- Casual Housekeeper - Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills

More details at: Natalie Acton nacton@goodsams.org.au

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 10 June

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Feast of Corpus Christi: 3 June

Santa Sophia Catholic College invites everyone to come celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi. 3 June at Santa Sophia Catholic College, Schofields. Lunch from 12pm and 2pm Eucharistic Procession with Fr Warren Edwards. RSVP Daryl 0407 406 668 or dcastellino@parra.catholic.edu.au

The Council for Australian Catholic Women want to hear YOUR voice!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women is an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The group will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta. The details of the event are below:

Event: The Council for Australian Catholic Women Consultation

Date: 21 June 2018

Venue: OLMC Parramatta, Victoria Road (opposite St Patrick's Cathedral)

Time: 6.15pm

All women in the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to participate in this consultation. Come along and share your thoughts with us. Even if you are unable to attend the event, you can still let contribute by completing this short online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>.

Whether you are a woman working in one of our Catholic schools or offices, a parent of a student in a Parramatta Catholic school or a student, we want to hear from you.

We look forward to your contribution.