



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Newsletter

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

TERM 3 WEEK 8

We Follow Jesus

11TH SEPTEMBER 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 13th September

- Year 5 Bathurst - 1st day Excursion

Friday 14th September

- Year 5 Bathurst - 2nd day Excursion
- Star Awards-2.00pm
- Don Bosco-Yr 2

Monday 17th September

- Gymnastics Dance Fever
- Numeracy Social Media
- P & F Meeting 7.00 - 8.00pm

Tuesday 18th September

- 8.45am - Morning Assembly

Wed. 19th September

- Fete Meeting 4.30 - 5.30pm

Thursday 20th September

- Fete Mufti Day—Bottles

Friday 21st September

- Stage 3 boys and girls Touch Gala Days
- Don Bosco Yr 1
- 2.00pm - Gold Awards
- P&F Disco.
K - 2, 4.15-5.45pm.
Year 3-6, 6.00 -7pm

Monday 24th September

- Gymnastics Dance Fever

Tuesday 25th September

- Year 5 Curriculum taster day at Emmaus

PUPIL FREE DAY

FRIDAY 28TH

SEPTEMBER

STAFF MISSION DAY

NO STUDENTS TODAY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends .

JUMPING FOR JOY



Wordsworth wrote, "My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky".

What fills your heart with joy? Smiling faces, bubbles, a rainbow, a happy tune, hot air balloons, daffodils?

What gives us that wonderful feeling that makes us smile and laugh and jump up and down? Jumping for joy is actually a scientific fact! Wanting to jump up and down is one of the ways that scientists measure joy. It's different from happiness, which measures how good we feel most of the time. Joy is about feeling good in one special moment, right now. We say we are bursting with joy.

Why do we feel joy when we see a stream of bubbles or a display of ice creams, especially the ones with the sprinkles? It's because our hearts are lifted by bright colours, lots of things together like balloons, things up in the air above us, round colourful things like sprinkles and M&M's. They give everyone joy. We all stop and look up to the sky when we see the multi-coloured arc of a rainbow. And

fireworks - we don't even need to know what they're for, and we feel like we're celebrating, too. These things aren't joyful for just a few people; they're joyful for nearly everyone. They're universally joyful.

It sometimes seems our differences are so vast we can never find agreement. And yet there's a part of each of us that finds joy in the same things. They might be passing pleasures but we all share them. Inside all of us is the same joy germ! Little moments of joy are all around us.

And we can make more of them. Students in brightly coloured schools learn better; people working in colourful offices are more confident and friendlier. Colour gives us joy because it is a sign of life, a sign of energy. And we love the feeling of abundance, like a shower of colourful confetti or a big bowl of lollies.

Each moment of joy is small, but over time, they add up and bring us great happiness. Look out for moments of joy. We all have the drive to seek out joy in our surroundings. The drive toward joy is the drive toward life.



From the Principal cont'd.....

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8

Most people don't mind being asked questions of a fanciful nature, because these types of questions are non-threatening and can be a means to entertainment as we go about constructing an answer. We would all like to ponder the possibilities of "What would you do if you won Lotto?" or "If you were Prime Minister, what changes would you make for the benefit of ordinary people?" But how would we ponder if, by some strange means, we were able to fashion our own mother before we were born to her? How would we gift her in mind and body?

Well, in a sense, this is what God did when He chose Mary to be the Mother of His Son, Jesus. When Mary gave her "Yes" answer to Gabriel's question, she began to carry Jesus in her womb for the nine months of the first Advent, in preparation for the first Christmas. Later in her life, Mary was to be present at another birth, the birth of the Church at the first Pentecost. What's more, in the same manner as each mother who bore each of us is called our mother and not the mother of our body only, so Mary is the Mother of the whole person of Jesus Christ, who is God. What a great gift to be Mother of God and what courage to say "Yes".

Because we are human, we are aware of our limitations and weaknesses and probably find it hard to believe that we could do much for God. No doubt, when Mary was asked to be Mother of God, she found Gabriel's message difficult and thought immediately about her limitations. We are only being human if we find it difficult to accept that God could have a plan for us, as He did for Mary, namely, to bring Jesus to others by living His values. Just as Mary took Jesus everywhere she went during her pregnancy, we are invited to take Jesus with us everywhere we go.

We can be somewhat reassured by the fact that Mary did not have to do anything but just let God act in her life. So, all that is necessary for us is to allow God to dwell within us. At the Marriage Feast of Cana, Mary gave every generation of Christians a challenge when she said, "Do whatever He tells you". John 2: 5. When Mary gave her humble answer of "Yes", she agreed to let God love her and as a result she gave Jesus to the world and for this she is forever revered.

As Jesus hung dying on the cross, He announced Mary to be the mother of all, when He said through John to us, "She is your Mother". John 19: 27. As our Mother, Mary would wish that we, like her, would allow God to love us and through that love, be witnesses to Jesus in the ordinary daily actions of our lives. There is no doubt that Mary's humble acceptance of God's plan for her, is a model for all Christians; so, "Relax. Be like Mary. Let God love you".

Let us Pray:

"Mary, Mother of God and Mother of us all,
you received Jesus readily and generously.

Help us with our everyday problems and
weaknesses and uncertainties,
to receive Jesus as you did,
to be open to God's Love.

Amen."

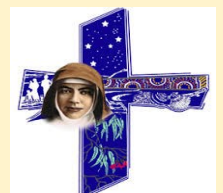
Thought for the Week

*"I have neither silver nor gold, but I bring with me the most precious thing given to me: Jesus
-Pope Francis*

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL





From the Assistant Principal's desk...

Welcome to my desk. In each Newsletter I will provide general information, ideas and tips for parents in all key Learning Areas. If you have a particular question or query or anything you would like more information about, please let me know.

SPORT AT OLR

PDHPE is an important key learning area within the primary curriculum.

The PDHPE mandatory Syllabus tells us:

Physical education is fundamental to the acquisition of movement skills and concepts to enable students to participate in a range of physical activities - confidently, competently and creatively.

As teachers we know:

Physical activity is also important in contributing to quality of life.

Participation in active pursuits can be an enjoyable, creative and a social outlet that has the potential to build self esteem.

Our School PE programs encourage the physical growth and development of all students, support the acquisition of movement skills and nurture positive attitudes towards physical activity. We provide regular and frequent opportunities for students to acquire and apply movement skills, enhance their creative fundamental movement patterns and coordinated actions of the body. Opportunities are provided for these skills to be taught, practised and encouraged. These include; throwing, catching, running and jumping which opens up a vast array of sport, leisure and recreation options for the individual. Skills are developed through play, dance, gymnastics, games, sports, aquatics and other recreational activities.

At OLR we provide many opportunities for our students to develop their physical skills, both in the structured class lesson times and by providing pathways for additional sport activities. Throughout this year our students will have opportunities to represent our school and Diocese in Cross Country, Athletics, Touch Football, Soccer, Netball, Basketball, Gymnastics and Swimming. We appreciate that for many of our students this is their opportunity to show their natural skills and talents and for others it is their chance to try a sport they may not otherwise have the opportunity to do.



From the Assistant Principal's desk cont'd...



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

Mrs Julianne Regan
Assistant Principal



CONSENT FROM PARENTS

If for any reason you **DO NOT** want to have your child's name, photographs, voice (audio), image (video) and Works to be published in hard copy and digital form on school and diocesan websites, school and diocesan social media channels, promotional materials, newspapers and other media for the purpose of promotion and communication of CEDP activities or programs, training materials and resources please advise the school in writing.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are reminded to take photos of ONLY their child.

Thanking you in anticipation.



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 your family.

Sunday, 16 Sep 2018: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection on the Scripture

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead. Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

Mrs Colleen Fuller
RECoordinator

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Dance Fever Gymnastics



This term your child has been participating in a weekly gymnastics program run by a company called "Dance Fever". This is the same company that was at OLR in 2017. You are invited to attend on Monday the 17th of September and watch your child participate in Gymnastics.

Below are the following times your child participates in Dance Fever.

Kindy- 12:35-1:15pm

Year 1- 11:15-11:55am

Year 2- 10:05-10:45

Year 3- 8:45-9:25am

Year 4- 9:25-10:05am

Year 5- 11:55-12:35pm

Year 6- 2:00-2:40pm



Year 2 Blue Mountains Excursion

On Friday the 7th September, Year 2 travelled to Katoomba to visit the Three Sisters and the Waradah Aboriginal Centre. In geography the students have been learning about 'People and Places' around Australia. Students participated in a small bush walk to Spooners Lookout to see the amazing view of the Three Sisters. After lunch students visited the Waradah Centre for some boomerang painting and a live performance.





PBS4L

Positive Behaviour in Schools for Learning

- * We are Respectful
- * We are Safe
- * We are Learners



PBS4L update:



ROWBOAT Coordinator Award		SAILBOAT Assistant Principal Award	SPEEDBOAT Principal Award
Auot Akot	Samuel Sebastiano	Renee Woodward-Smith	Aaliyah Zaatini
Deng Aleu	Mou Lual		Malang Achuoth
Charbel Andary	Logan Moore		Amariah Gae'e
Ayvoth Anthony	Darrus Tinga		Avika Kumar
Raymond Gai	Jacob Matthews		Aaliyah Sami
Gloria Gar	Thomas Drew		Gum Ngong
Briana Geoghegan	Sandra Chalouhi		Biar Achuoth
Elizabeth Goulding	Shawn Anufe		Beau Shearer
Navya Lagowala	Gardinia Gae'e		Jennifer Akok
Akor Lual	Margaret Maout		Nyjur Gar
Andreas MacFarlane	Ceire Hogan		
Christina Thomas	Ngor Ngor		
Paula Veikoso	Anjleina Khouri		
Alexander Azrag	Talita Soatini		
Yasmine DeLeon	Emily Drew		
Jasper Matthews	Amelia Knodek		
Risha Reddy	Madison Evans		
Evangelina Soriano	Trippen Grewal		

Congratulations

Year 5 Parish Day

On Wednesday, 5th of September, Year 5 went on an excursion to the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church and the old infants site. We spent the day learning about how our parish is built on community and service and that we wouldn't be a parish without all the dedicated members and their service and faith.

We started off with a treasure hunt in and around the church, learning about the sacred memorials and objects. Afterwards we had a discussion with Fr Brendan, who taught us about Our Lady of the Rosary's first Parish Priest, Fr Phelan. We also had rotations where we explored music ministry, expressed our creative side and learnt about St. Don Bosco.

Although it was raining, nothing was stopping us from going to church and learning more about the Rosary! Next, Nathan talked to us about the parish Youth groups and invited us to come to "The Legion of Mary" group where we can say prayers and talk about our faith. Another group that he mentioned was the IGNITE youth group.

For more information please visit their Facebook page.

Even though the weather was not kind to us, we safely returned to school and got to talk to each other on what we had learnt. This day was filled with fun activities, a lot of learning and more! We wish to go back again but, with better weather (hopefully). We'd like to thank all the teachers and members of the church who organised this day for us.

-Gardinia & Quynh , Yr 5 students.



Netball gala day!

It all started on the 28th of August 2018. We were all prepared and very excited for the day ahead. We practiced and practiced until we were perfect. OLR had two amazing teams: the 11's team and the senior mixed team. On the day we got up happy knowing that it was the Netball Gala day. Both of the teams felt the wind graciously flowing onto their faces as they performed their best netball skills. We all played as hard as we could and we never gave up. We would all

like to thank our parents for coaching us and taking us to an amazing Netball Gala day.

We would also like to thank the teachers for organising this day and for training us to do the best we could. Special mention to Year 6 for playing their hardest since they knew it was their last netball gala day they would participate in.

By Lilah Clarke and Taleea Moran



2018 KINDERGARTEN FARM

EXCURSION

This term, Kindergarten did some writing about their time at Calmsley Hill Farm.

Here is some of their writing...

On Friday, Kindergarten went to the farm on a bus.

-Jasper

I went on the tractor.
It was bumpy and I had fun.

-Rinaldo

I milked the cow.

-Gloria

I saw the sheep show.
The farmer was sheering the sheep.

-Eman

At the whip show the whip went CRACK!

I liked it.

-Samridhi



OLR SCHOOL & PARISH FETE SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2018

STALLS

Do you or anyone you know want to hold a stall at the fete? For \$100 we will allocate you a spot. You will need to bring all equipment needed eg. sun shelter, tables, and chairs. If you are interested please contact Debbie Smith on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays in the school office on 8856 8301 to obtain further information and a booking form.



VOLUNTEERS

We will be in need of many parent volunteers on the day of the fete to help out. This is a great community event so please consider helping as all funds raised go towards purchasing new resources for our children's learning. A volunteer form will be sent home next week.

MUFTI DAY

Just a reminder that next Thursday (20th September) is our first Fete Mufti Day. Children can come dressed in normal clothes for the day but they must bring in a bottle of something for our Tombolo Stall. Donations can include soft drink, sauce, cooking sauces, pickles, etc. If you want to donate a bottle of wine/alcohol, these need to be delivered by a parent to the school office, you cannot send alcohol in with your child.

Our second Fete Mufti Day is Wednesday 26th September where each student is asked to donate a basket of goods that is packed, wrapped and decorated ready for sale on the basket stall. For a list of basket items please refer to the Fete Newsletter that was sent out earlier. A reminder will be sent home next week.

Thanking you for your help and generosity

Debbie Smith

Fete Coordinator

**JACK - YEAR 4**

My name is Jack. I am in Year 4 at Our Lady of the Rosary and I play AFL for the Penrith Giants. When the recent news about our Aussie's Farmers came on the news my club and I wanted to do something to help. My club has worked hard to raise money and collect non-perishable items to deliver to our farmers.

On the 6th of October my dad and I are part of a group of volunteers driving up to Tamworth to deliver the money and goods we have collected.

Can you HELP?

I would like to contribute to this convoy and collect non-perishable items from my school community.

This will be put on the back of my dad's ute to take up to Tamworth.

Items you can bring

**Bottled Water****Toilet Paper****Non-perishable cans of food or packets of food****Bottles or cans of soft drink**

Items due by 28th September

**Thank you for your support,
Jack Year 4**



YMCA

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Vacation Care

Tuesday 2nd October Excursion Premier Excursion- IFLY \$105pp or AQUA GOLF \$80pp Departing 8am sharp	Monday 8th October Incursion Mini Murder Get ready to get muddy and experience the thrill of adventure \$80pp
Wednesday 3rd October Inhouse Skypeak Adventures We are excited to climb, conquer and explore the Skypeak course \$65pp	Tuesday 9th October Excursion Bungambee Park \$65pp Departing 9:30am
Thursday 4th October Excursion Premier Excursion Sydney Trapeze \$105pp OR Rock Climbing \$80pp Departing 7:30am sharp	Wednesday 10th October Excursion Premier Excursion Horse riding 8 years + only \$105pp OR Feather Dale Wildlife Park \$80pp Departing 9:00am
Friday 5th October Excursion Blackland Park Get ready to explore the different activities and challenges \$65pp Departing at 9:30am	Thursday 11th October Incursion Are you ready to become a Coding genius today we will be coding mini bots \$80pp
	Friday 12th October Excursion Hoyts Cinema Mt Druitt \$80pp Departing 9:30am

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YMCA VACATION CARE

St Marys

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 October	2 October	3 October	4 October	5 October
PUBLIC HOLIDAY Service Closed Labour Day	EXCURSION Games 2 u Let's join YMCA Springwood for a fun day of outdoor laser tag, giant hamster balls and a super cool games theater.	DAY CAMP Cooking Masterclass What could be more exciting than creating and decorating delicious little treats to eat.	INCURSION No limit sports Visit from coaches to teach us different types of traditional indigenous games.	DAY CAMP Bring your wheels Bring along your bikes, scooters or skateboards for a 'whee' good time! "Don't forget your safety gear"
\$0	\$77.00	\$52.00	\$67.00	\$52.00
8 October	9 October	10 October	11 October	12 October
EXCURSION Y Stadium A day to learn new skills and sports games with an added competition against other centers.	DAY CAMP Art Exhibition Every child is an artist, come show your creative skills.	DAY CAMP Gardening Day Calling all green thumbs... Life is a garden let's all dig in and watch it grow.	DAY CAMP Pizza & PJ day Come dressed in your PJs and enjoy a day of pizza making, movies, craft, and other fun activities.	INCURSION All things LEGO "Everything is awesome" about this workshop. Come let your imaginations run wild
\$77.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$67.00

Timetables are subject to change.
 Visit our website for most up-to-date information including times, dates, terms and conditions.

Limited Spots Available

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