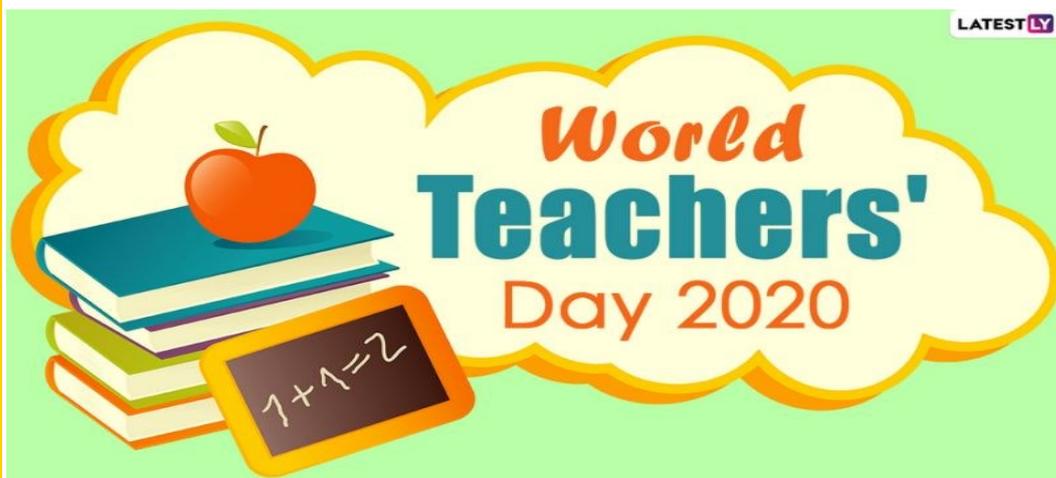


Dear Parents and Friends of Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School

World Teachers' Day



Internationally World Teachers' Day was celebrated last Friday, 30 October. Due to CEDP professional learning which occurred last week and the fact that there are more teachers at OLR on a Tuesday, I have moved the Day to today, Tuesday 2nd November.

Every day our teachers at Our Lady of the Rosary make a difference as they inspire and engage our children to learn and succeed. Often it is years later that a teacher realises the impact that she or he had on a student, or an entire class.

World Teachers' Day is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society. There are many challenges and rewards in engaging and supporting students, and teachers today require a combination of valued skills, including quality teaching, management, collaboration, insight, creativity and understanding.

The theme for this year's World Teachers' Day is "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future."

I would like to thank our amazing teachers and all the support staff at Our Lady of the Rosary and extend my respect, admiration and appreciation to you on World Teachers' Day.

CRAZY COLOUR FUN RUN DAY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

MAKE SURE YOU CREATE YOUR ONLINE PROFILE



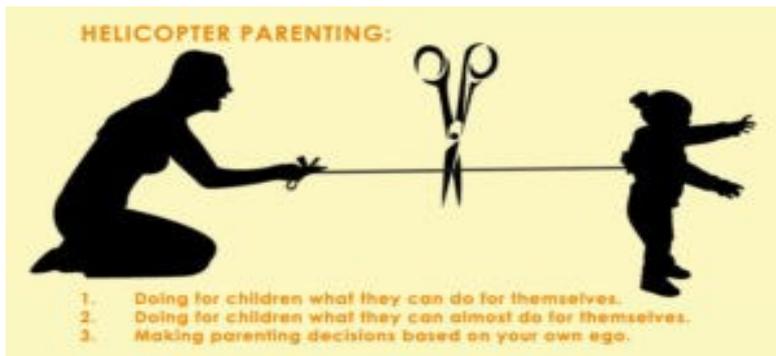
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Thoughts about Helicopter Parents



Our job as parents is to put ourselves out of a job. As parents, our goal is to help increase independence and self-sufficiency, as our children get older. When they're preschool and K-2 infants age we hold their hand as we cross the street and talk to them about traffic and safety. As they reach 7-9 we might stand at a safe distance and watch them practice and cross the street on less busy sections. Hopefully by the time

they are 11 they can do this on their own. We repeat this gradual release of responsibility in many areas of parenting. Certainly this varies depending on your parenting style, beliefs and disposition, but in general, all parents are trying to get their kids to be relatively independent adults by the time they reach 18.

At school we endeavour to give the children the appropriate level of independence for their age in their daily learning in all subjects. We allow children to choose, allow them to make mistakes they can learn from and allowing them to consistently experience success and discovery.

As a parent of four, I know I'll always be a parent. In that respect, I'm not really working myself out of a job. But my role has to change somewhat. My influence changes as does the relationship. Instead of helping them cross the street, I'm advising them on buying a car or house.

So are you a helicopter parent? I'm sometimes a helicopter, or a drone or even a satellite. How can we as parents help children become self-sufficient? Teach them the skills they'll need in real life and give them enough leash to practice those skills on their own. And have them do chores. Chores build a sense of accountability. They build life skills and a work ethic. I've often referred to these chores at assemblies as, "Real Home Work."

The Limits of Parenthood

I can give you life, but I cannot live it for you.
I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.
I can give you direction, but I cannot be there to lead you.
I can take you to Church, but I cannot make you believe.
I can teach you right and wrong, but I cannot decide for you.
I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.
I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.
I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honour.
I can tell you about goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.
I can teach you about kindness, but I cannot make you gracious.
I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make you moral.

Amen



WONDERFULLY MADE

The Bible tells us we are ‘wonderfully made’ (Psalm 139.14).
What does this mean?



Your body is truly amazing and here are some amazing facts.

- You blink about 15 times a minute.
- 75% of your body is made up of water.
- It takes only 7 seconds for food to go from your mouth into your stomach through your oesophagus.
- It takes 2000 frowns to create one wrinkle.
- Your liver has more than 500 functions.
- The fastest recorded sneeze reached a speed of 165 kilometres per hour.
- The average adult eyeball weighs 8 grams.
- Half of the average man’s body weight is made up of muscle.
- The average human heart beats 100,000 times a day.
- The smallest bone in your body is in your ear.
- You have 14 bones in your face.
- You have 27 bones in your hand.
- You have 206 bones in total.
- Your left lung is smaller than your right lung to make room for your heart.
- If all the blood vessels in your body were laid end to end, they would reach 95,000 kilometres.

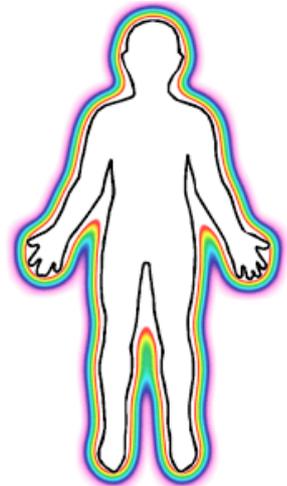
Wow!!!

Close your eyes and think for a moment about your body. Your heart is beating and pumping blood around your body and your stomach and intestines are digesting food. Your brain is full of activity.

All of this is going on because of you but without you having to make it happen.

Your body is amazing.

Give thanks to God for it and all the wonderful things it lets you do.



Thought for the Week

*“However difficult life may seem,
there is always something you can do and succeed at.”
Stephen Hawking*

Have a Blessed Week
Michael Siciliano
PRINCIPAL



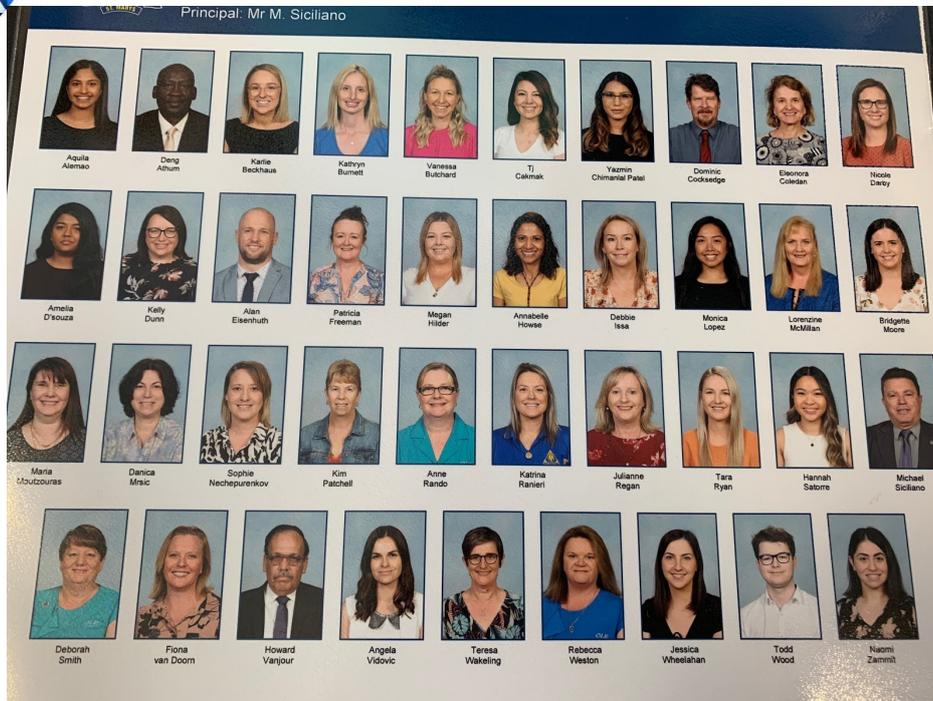


From the Assistant Principal's desk...

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.



Happy World Teachers Day to the wonderful OLR staff.



TEACHING IS A WORK OF heart

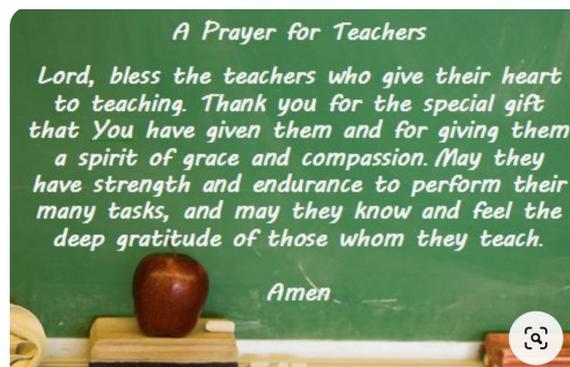
A nice story...

Last week Mr Siciliano received an email from a parent who was extremely grateful to her son's teacher who had recognised that he had no lunch and went and made his lunch for him. She was so appreciative that the teacher had seen this need and gone out of her way to make his lunch. The parent then went on to congratulate and thank every teacher who has ever taught her son and had such positive things to say about her son's 6 years of education here at OLR.

We know that the teachers here at OLR see this as their work every day. These are the things they all do that go unseen by the parent community. There are countless times every day that they go above and beyond to show support, care and love to their students.

The children at OLR are so lucky to have the teachers that they have here. Teaching is a calling, but the fact that they have been called to work in this community is a gift. They are making a difference to the lives of their students every day.

As a community we thank them.



A Prayer for Teachers

Lord, bless the teachers who give their heart to teaching. Thank you for the special gift that You have given them and for giving them a spirit of grace and compassion. May they have strength and endurance to perform their many tasks, and may they know and feel the deep gratitude of those whom they teach.

Amen

WHATS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

Friday 6th November ⇒ **Crazy Sock Day**

Wednesday 11th November ⇒ **Remembrance Day** 
⇒ **Year 5 Leadership Speeches**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthday in the last 2 weeks.

Khloe Rein, Eman Jal Ngong, Amna Jal Ngong, Quot Quot, Aria Scanlan, Natalya Papandreou, Larissa Giwa, Geng Akot, Chiagozi-em Ogbodo, William Austria, Wilhelm Austria, Faith Kenyi, Luigie Poblete, Akiien Achuo, Thon Reec, Elizabeth Goulding, Amalina Piol, Aler Aleu, Charlize Golez, Ethan Kowí, Francis Tafaese.



We have 2 of our OLR staff family leaving us this week.

Mrs Burnett is going on maternity leave as she awaits the birth of your new baby.

Miss Sattler is moving to Lismore.

We wish both of them all the very best for the future.



Don't forget we are holding *School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day* on **Friday November 20**. We are really hoping to raise funds which will pay for **new technology resources**.

Sponsorship & donation information went home last week. Students need to make a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.com.au. You'll be able to access online fundraising and can win a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

Another letter will be going home soon, outlining how the day will be run and what students need to bring on the day.

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, we won't be able to have any parents here on the day, but I am sure your children will tell you all about how much fun they had.

Thanks for supporting the school.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION @ Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. NSW

From the page of the Religious Education Coordinator - Mrs Colleen Fuller

2020 FORMATION GOAL:

All students to be self-reflective disciples of Jesus, through deep learning from Matthew's gospel.

In 2020 we celebrate 140 years of ongoing commitment to excellence in Catholic Education; at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys.

ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday the Catholic Community all around the world celebrated 'All Saints Day'.

This is a time when the Catholic Community remembers the many saints who are the heroes of the Church; our role models. Saints were ordinary people who did extraordinary things. They lived a life of holiness by Loving God and Loving their neighbour.



YESTERDAY WE CELEBRATED ALL SOULS DAY

On this day we pray for those people who have died and are not yet in heaven.

They need our prayers so that all their sins are forgiven and they can go to be with God in heaven.



LIGHTHOUSE AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 2

Kindy	-	Monika Dabra
Year 1	-	Sidrah Yasmeen
Year 2	-	Mannoor Kaur
Year 3	-	Kyla Darby
Year 4	-	Holly Blazevic
Year 5	-	Levi Montgomery
Year 6	-	Bayleigh Lommerse



CASHLESS PAYMENTS - SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As per a directive from the Catholic Education Department, all schools have been advised that we must go cashless. We will no longer be accepting cash for any over the counter purchases in the office, these purchases must be made by EFT or Credit Card. This includes payment for Secondhand Uniforms. These items cannot be paid by BPay or Direct Debit. These options are for school Fees only.

If you are only able to pay for School Fees by cash, we will still accept payments until the end of this year (exact amounts only, as we are not able to provide you with change) but starting Term 1, 2021 we will be completely cashless.

Regards,

Anne Rando, OLR Finance Secretary