

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

## **PENTECOST LITURGY LED BY YEAR FIVE**

On Sunday we celebrated Pentecost Sunday as part of the Church liturgical year. You might be aware of the T.V. program, "Extreme Makeover", in which people are given the opportunity to undergo cosmetic surgery to help them to "look better". This "makeover" process promises to make people happy and to feel better about themselves. Millions of people world-wide undergo cosmetic surgery, botox injections as well as decorative tattooing and body piercing to make themselves look special, more appealing, more "unique".



Many people seem to be not satisfied with themselves the way they are. They want a "change for the better" and these procedures offer change, "happiness" and above all transformation. Of course, appearance is important but it is not what life is all about.

Two thousand years ago a small group of Jewish people was very much wondering what life was all about. They were hiding in a small house, anxious, perplexed and in fear of their own lives. Their leader, who had been their inspiration, had been executed, had come back to them in a mysterious resurrected form and then, had ascended into the clouds before their very eyes. Their lives were in turmoil. Things had been going so well for the past three years and now disaster. And what were they to make of Jesus' words to them, "I am going to the Father but I will send you the Holy Spirit"?

Little did the Apostles realise they were about to have their very own "Extreme Makeover." When the Spirit did come to them, they heard the sound of a rushing wind and saw tongues of fire above each other's head; but what they felt was a total internal transformation. From their mouths came words they had never heard before and understanding that came from a source beyond their means. They were filled with joy, their fear was gone, all negativity had vanished and they were completely unconcerned about themselves. They were flabbergasted but totally inspired. They left their hiding place and relished the crowds that came to them; by the end of the day, they had baptised three thousand people. They had become other Christs in the world and would continue to do His work till, like Him, most were executed.



PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

FRIDAY MAY 28

BLAIR OVAL



Celebrating 140 YEARS  
1880 - 2020

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Our Lady of the Rosary Parish - Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

“We Christians, who bear the name of Christ, who were baptised into Christ, we are to become Christlike. The only way to become Christlike is to act like Christ, to have Christlike character traits and Christlike ideals. We are called to be people of mercy and forgiveness, people of compassion and generosity, people concerned about others and not just about ourselves where we are always the centre of attention.” Father Don Ware C.P.

Our own Confirmation needs to be understood within the context of our whole life. Confirmation does not produce instant transformation but the Spirit helps us to become mature witnesses to Christ. Confirmation is a Sacrament of process, of change and growth; it is kept moving by the way we call on the gifts of the Spirit to help us to overcome the negative influences that daily enter into our lives.

Sincere thanks to the year 5 children and teachers who led our Pentecost Liturgy last Friday.

### LET US PRAY

Jesus, come into our hearts  
as on Pentecost Day,  
give us the gift of your Spirit.  
Help us to be Your people in our world.  
May Your Spirit “transform” us this day  
and help us to become more like You.  
Amen.

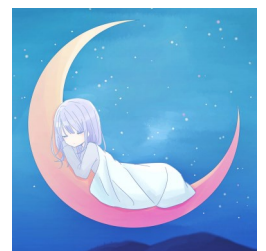
## *SWEET DREAMS*

At Our Lady of the Rosary we endeavour to ensure that each child reaches their full potential in their learning by exploring their unique gifts and talents. In order to reach these goals it is vital that students eat well, exercise and have adequate sleep.

The quality of our sleep directly affects the quality of our waking life, including our mental sharpness, productivity, emotional balance, creativity, physical vitality, and even our weight. Some children do not appear to get enough sleep each night. Adolescents require between 8.25 and 9.25 hours of sleep per night.

Sleep isn't exactly a time when our body and brain shut off. While we rest, our brain stays busy, overseeing a wide variety of biological maintenance that keeps our body running in top condition, preparing us for the day ahead. Without enough hours of restorative sleep, we won't be able to work, learn, create, and communicate at a level even close to our true potential.

According to Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's leading adolescent psychologist, “A good night's sleep is the best study tool.” It is so important for parents to ensure that their children have a good sleeping environment. Good sleep hygiene is essential. Bedrooms should be dark, cool and quiet to enable good quality sleep. No technology (particularly mobile phones and laptops) should be kept in bedrooms at night as these offer far too many distractions and interruptions. Diet also plays an important role – sugary sweets and coffee should never be consumed before going to bed. Sweet Dreams!



# **STUDENT SAFETY**

A timely reminder that morning supervision commences at 8.15am each school day, when the school gates are officially opened. Parents are reminded not to leave children unsupervised before this time.



School bell sounds at 2:55pm which indicates the end of the school day. Children should be collected by 3:15pm. Please contact the school office (02 8856 8301) if you are running late to collect your child.

## **Thought for the Week**

*"We must hold ourselves in readiness for God's will  
Whichever way things go."  
Mary MacKillop 1899*

Have a Blessed Week  
Michael Siciliano  
PRINCIPAL



## **LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR**

This seminar, run by Our Lady of the Rosary Church, is being held in the Don Bosco Youth Centre each Friday for 5 weeks, starting at 7:00pm.



Friday 28 May - Seminar 1: God's love and the Good News  
Friday 2 June - Seminar 2: The New Life  
Friday 11 June - Seminar 3: Receiving God's Gift  
Friday 18 June - Seminar 4: You Shall Receive Power  
Friday 25 June - Seminar 5: Growth & Transformation

For further information, please contact:

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### *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.*

# Technology at OLR

***At OLR Technology is incorporated into the Learning for students every day. Students use Technology to access their learning, enhance their learning and think creatively.***

We are fortunate to have 1:1 Chromebooks in Years 3-6 allowing each child to have access to a Chromebook in their classroom every day. In K-2 the students have ipads to learn the beginning skills of how technology can enhance learning.



We have recently purchased new Chromes to extend them into year 2 and replace any in Years 3-6 that need to be updated.



As well as using technology for every-day tasks in the classroom our students are learning about coding.

We have access to resources such as **Spheros, Bluebots and robotics.**



Every Monday at lunchtime the students can go to **'Technology Club'** to learn more about coding and play and explore with the technology to develop their skills. They have been using an App called 'Scratch' to code the Spheros to perform certain tasks.

The students can also access **READING AND RESEARCH** via the elibrary. Students can borrow books, including audio books to enjoy both at home and at school.

All students in K-2 have access to the PM Readers to practice their reading at home. All students can access the CEDP elibrary.

## Welcome to OLR's eLibrary



**To explore the OLR elibrary please visit**

[https://ceop.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en\\_GB/1508](https://ceop.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_GB/1508)

*Julianne Regan*  
**Assistant Principal**



## WHATS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

Wednesday 26th May ⇒ *National Sorry Day*

Friday 28th May ⇒ *Primary Athletics Carnival*

Tuesday 1st June ⇒ *P&F School Disco*

Wednesday 2nd June ⇒ *Ditto Show (Years K-2)*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Maahir Prasad, Felix Jasim, Faith Atonio, Christian Berrier,  
Everly Morrison, Dianna Kelei, Garang Kuol, Tanisha Sharma



### LIGHTHOUSE AWARDS

#### TERM 1 WEEK 4

Kindy	-	Alake Deng
Year 1	-	Eva MacFarlane
Year 2	-	Devya Sundarigari
Year 3	-	Jordana Tuliatsu
Year 4	-	Hanna Domjan
Year 5	-	Samuel Gai
Year 6	-	Katherine Nguyen

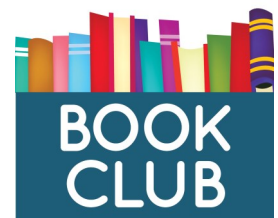


### From the Library

Book Club will be sent home Wednesday 26 May, 2021.

A gentle reminder that all orders must be placed online at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop). No cash payments please.

Online ordering will close Wednesday 9 June, 2021.



## 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 2020-2021 we continue to celebrate 140+ years of ongoing commitment to excellence in Catholic Education; at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys and 200+ years of excellence in Catholic Education within Australia.

**MASS TIMES:** The church is open now without the earlier Covid restrictions.

You are invited to participate in prayer, worship and thanksgiving as an intentional faith community.

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am or 6:00pm.

Masses are being held at the MacKillop Centre (old Infant Site) until the Church renovation is complete.



### FEAST DAY 13th May - OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

Last week we celebrated the 'Our Lady of Fatima' Feast Day

As you know this is another name for Our Lady - the mother of Jesus and as we know very well, Our Lady of the Rosary.



### FEAST DAY 24th May - OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

On Monday we celebrated another Feast Day of our Lady - Our Lady Help of Christians as the Patron Saint of Australia and of the Salesian Order of Priests, Brothers and Sisters. This is most relevant to us as a school and parish community since Fr Brendan and the other Priests, Brothers and Sisters who serve our community so generously.

### CONFIRMATION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parents attended Meetings on the 11th or 13th May to enrol their child/ren in the Confirmation Program.

Parents also attended Meetings on the 18th or 20th May to enrol their child/ren in the First Reconciliation Program.

We offer our prayers for these candidates and their family as they prepare to receive such important sacraments to bless, guide and strengthen them as disciples of Jesus, spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

## MASS FOR THE BICENTARY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

On Monday May 24, Mr Siciliano, Ethan Schroeder (School Captain) and his mother attended the mass celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. The mass was celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.



## 23 MAY 2021 **PENTECOST SUNDAY** YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15*

*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.*

**Jesus said to his disciples:** 'When the **Advocate** comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I **still have many things to say to you** but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to **the complete truth**, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said:

All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

Acts 2:4,11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

### **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

### **The face of the earth really has been renewed?**

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT ENKINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.**

### **NEW DRAFT Religious Education Curriculum:**

*The New Draft RE Curriculum leads us to the 3H Paradigm of HEAD, HEART and HAND as a way of being in the world, living according to the Word of God.*

*Within this paradigm students are taught the Dispositions and how to apply them in the ordinary of each day; **as the Success Criteria for our life/their life.***

<b>Head</b>  (cognition, intelligence)	<b>Heart</b>  (affectivity, socio-emotional)	<b>Hands</b>  (praxis, discipleship, action)
<i>Be Attentive</i> <i>Be Intelligent</i> <i>Be Reasonable</i> <i>Be Responsible</i>	<i>Be Contemplative</i> <i>Be Empathetic</i> <i>Be Humble</i> <i>Be Loving</i>	<i>Be Present</i> <i>Be Active</i> <i>Be Compassionate</i> <i>Be Effective</i>

Our continuing challenge and opportunity is to learn how to use these dispositions in contemplation and prayer each day, as we learn how to live as a true follower of

## PRAYER FOR NATIONAL SORRY DAY

*Tomorrow (26 May) is National Sorry Day, which also heralds the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. Here is a prayer you might like to pray tomorrow and this week.*



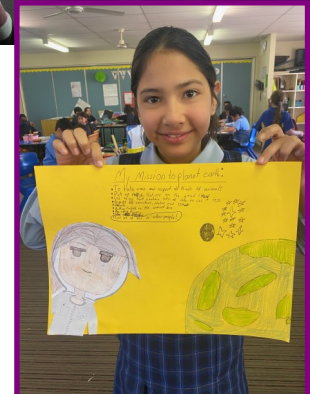
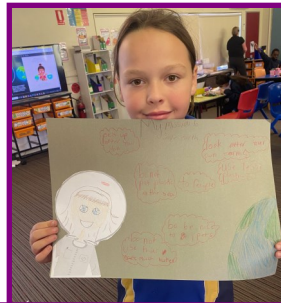
Holy Father, God of Love,  
You are the Creator of this land and of all good things.  
We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history  
and the suffering of our peoples,  
and we ask your forgiveness.  
We thank you for the survival of indigenous cultures.  
Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus  
to reconcile the world to you.  
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive,  
accept and love one another,  
as you love us and forgive and accept us  
in the sacrifice of your Son.  
Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history  
so that we may build a better future for our nation.  
Teach us to respect all cultures.  
Teach us to care for our land and waters.  
Help us to share justly the resources of this land.  
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change  
to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities,  
especially the disadvantaged.  
Help young people to find true dignity and self esteem by your Spirit.  
May your power and love be the foundations  
on which we build our families, our communities and our nation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME - Wednesday May 19

Last Wednesday we participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). This is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 21st successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

This year the book was "Give Me Space" by Phillip Bunting and the book was read from space by astronaut Dr Shannon Walker from the International Space Station



## KINDERGARTEN ROAR & SNORE DAY

This term in Kindergarten have been learning all about jungle and zoo animals.

On Monday the 24th of May they had their very own Roar and Snore! Students were able to pretend they are off to explore the zoo.

