



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

Newsletter

TERM 4

WEEK 1

We Follow Jesus

10TH OCTOBER 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 11th October

- OLR Feast Day Celebrations
12.00 - 3.00pm

Friday 14th October

- Mission Mass Parramatta

Monday 17th October

- 8.45am - Morning Assembly

Tuesday 18th October

- Fete Meeting - 6.30 - 7.15pm
- FIRST RECONCILIATION
(Sacrament) 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th October

- The Way of Mercy Cross Focus
12.00 - 3.00pm
- Final date for Parent Survey

Thursday 20th October

- Y4 Reconciliation

Friday 21st October

- Mufti Day - funny hat!
Baskets for Fete
- Y2 @ Parish Mass
- Don Bosco Y5
- 2.00pm - Whole School
Celebration of Learning

Monday 24th October

NEXT STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER
2016**

**Our focus will be
Non Violent Crisis
Intervention**

27 DAYS TO GO!!!

**OLR COMBINED
SCHOOL/PARISH
FETE**

SUNDAY

**6TH NOVEMBER
2016**

Principal's Reflections

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Tomorrow we will gather as a whole school for a special prayer celebration, Peer Support groups, a picnic lunch, a treat or two for every child and some fun activities after lunch! We hope you can join us for our special day.

Why pray the Rosary?

It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ.

It purifies our souls, washing away sin.

It makes it easy for us to practice virtue.

It sets us on fire with love of Our Lord.

It enriches us with graces and merits.

It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men; and finally,

It obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God.

My best wishes to you all for a great term of strengthening and celebrating our faith, and of learning and discovery! Many thanks in anticipation of your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership.

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More



OLR FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 11th October

- 12pm Whole School Liturgy of the Word
- Peer Support Groups with a Mary focus
- Picnic lunch and some special treats for all children
- Activities afternoon in grades or with buddies

THE WAY OF MERCY CROSS PRAYER & PILGRIMAGE

Wednesday 19th October

12 noon

Principal's Reflections cont'd**A Final Word or Two**

It has been my pleasure and privilege to be the Principal of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School since the start of 2014. A school with a long, rich and proud tradition of providing the children of this Parish and area with a high quality Catholic education. I can only hope that I have done some justice to the work of those who have come before me and leave OLR well placed for those who will follow.

Thank you for your trust. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for challenging me when I needed to be challenged.

I wish to publicly thank the highly skilled, qualified and professional staff of Our Lady of the Rosary. Passionate educators and support staff who work tirelessly for the good of each and every child in their care. I leave OLR in very capable hands.

My thanks also to Fr Brendan, Fr Shane and the entire OLR parish team whose support of our Parish primary school has been a source of strength and inspiration for me.

The future of OLR is very positive with excellent learning momentum, great staff, a strong Parish, very supportive and involved families and, most importantly, children FULL of POTENTIAL!

I wish you all continued joy, success and blessings for a rewarding and happy future as a faith and learning community. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely

Allan Jones
PRINCIPAL



TERM 3 GOLD AWARDS

KD	Anthony Jabbour	3V	Rose Lual
KN	Atelaite Taufua	4O	Peter Sara
1T	Avika Kumar	4M	Georgia Luyt
1S	Aaliyah Sami	5C	Shaqwan Vakai
2W	Giane Dy Penilla	5K	Wael Arabi
2G	Jeron Jose	6T	Gourvika Kumar
3G	Claudia Babic	6L	Bella Cossey



Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

On Friday the 16th September Stage 2 had their touch football gala day at The Kingsway, Werrington. There were 2 girls teams and 2 boys teams. These teams played six games each and each team secured at least one win. These teams represented our school OLR. They displayed great sportsmanship. We appreciated the hard work of the coaches that helped on this gala day. We would also like to thank parents for their support and to the children for their great participation on this gala day.

Gardinia & Claudia
Year 3 students





From the Assistant Principal's Desk...

Welcome to my desk. In each fortnights newsletter I will add ideas, tips or explanations for parents to help their children at home either in Literacy or Numeracy. If any parents have a question regarding the curriculum that you would like clarified please let me know and I can address this also, usually there is more than one parent with the same question.

Behaviour Tips:

Make good behaviour choices easy for your child. Give choices: "You can start homework now, or have 10 minutes outside with the dog before you start homework." Make sure everyone in the family is expected to stick by the rules: it has to be fair. Avoid backing your child into a corner - try to be flexible and find solutions that work around problems.

Test Yourself: Did you give choices last time you asked your child to do something?



Cheryl Fortini

Wedding Bells!!

Congratulations

to

Miss Natalie Franciscus
and Tom who were
married during the
holidays!

We wish them both all
the happiness in the



Baby News

Congratulations to
Mrs Sally Turner and
Glen on the arrival
of their new bundle
of
joy.....Ashton!!!

Wishing you all lots of wonderful and
special memories!!!!



Congratulations

to the Ledwidge Family
(Ava—KN)

On the arrival of a baby
girl born 20th August
2016



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, 16 October 2016: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear

of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear

of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



Reflection on the Gospel ... What will I apply this teaching to my life?

The images in the ***gospel point to the humanness of prayer***. A woman wants justice. A judge wants peace. **Prayer is a simple & purposeful activity we can take part in anywhere and anytime.** I often pray when I'm out walking or driving for in these times of solitude it is easy to begin a dialogue from my heart and let God know my current concerns. There's no need to save up prayer until you're in a holy place, or a prayerful position. Bring God into your daily activities and discover God as friend.

The Letter to Timothy offers instruction on the importance of Scripture for a Christian – 'from these you can learn wisdom that leads to salvation through faith.'

The Scriptures offer wisdom for our faith, they are books about the religious experience of Israel and the early Christians, they are not books on ancient history, or science or cosmology. This week see if you can accept the challenge to **set aside some time to sit and read a Scripture passage**, slowly and prayerfully. Asking God to open your eyes to the wisdom God wants to reveal to you. **Never lose heart**

by Mary Coloe PBVM

OLR FEAST DAY ... OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH FEAST DAY

Is to be celebrated at school on Tuesday 11th October (Actual Feast Day was last Friday 7th October.)
You are invited to join us in prayer, thanksgiving, learning and fun as we celebrate.

In the words of Pope Francis

****Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.**

****Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.**

****Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move "with haste" toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did. Amen.**

Recital of the Holy Rosary for the Conclusion of the Marian Month of May, Address of Holy Father Francis, St. Peter's Square, 31 May 2013

Mercy in Action

Holy Mother of the Rosary, full of grace and life, lead us in the sure path that we may be disciples of your mercy on earth as we follow you on the true road to Jesus.

12.00-12.30 pm Liturgy of the Word

12.30-1.15pm Peer Support with a learning focus of Our Lady

1.15-1.55pm Picnic Family Lunch in the School grounds.

1.55-2.55pm Co-operative Fun activities in grade groups.

DIOCESAN MISSION MASS ... The Diocesan Mission Mass will be celebrated on **Friday October 14, 2016 at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta at 10.30am.** This occasion precedes and highlights World Mission Sunday, the day traditionally set aside for Catholics to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity throughout the world. The Diocesan Mission Mass will be an occasion for all students of Catholic Schools in the Diocese to gather with Principals, RECs and Diocesan Priests to celebrate their role in the mission of the Church and to show their support of Catholic Mission for the work they carry out in Australia and in other countries throughout the world. **STUDENT MC from OLR St Marys:**

We are delighted to have been gifted the opportunity for one of our students to be the Student Master of Ceremonies at the Diocesan Mission Mass, 2016.

Congratulations Marley Satchell, one of the current Make Jesus Real Team members.

Mission Expo: The 'expo' will take place immediately following the Mission Mass. The expo component will build awareness of Catholic Mission's current work in schools as well as highlighting student activities that have taken place locally in collaboration with other agencies that work in the field of evangelisation throughout the diocese. OLR will have ten students from the MJR Team attend the Mission Mass.

At the EXPO these students will share some insights about the MJR (Make Jesus Real) resource-how we currently embed this Catholic Values Program into our practice and what we may do additionally/differently in Term 4.

MJR is a program developed from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office in Hobart.

THE WAY OF MERCY CELEBRATION ... Wednesday 19th October, 2016

The whole school will assemble at 12.00 for a Prayer service to reflect on this **Year of Mercy** which closes on the 13th November with the Feast of the immaculate Conception.

All parents are invited to join us as we reflect on how we have been, and continue to be the **Face of Mercy**. There will be the opportunity to reflect with the **Diocesan Mercy Cross. We will gather in the Undercroft Area seated around a circle to indicate our unity and ongoing commitment to be the Face of Mercy.**

There will be a special section set aside for parents to be seated as part of this circle.

Following this prayer gathering the primary classes will go on Pilgrimage to the OLR Church to reflect on the Way of Mercy and what we can do to be 'merciful like the FATHER'. **A Josephite Sister and Sisters from the Missionaries of Charity** will join us in the church to share a short reflection on how Saint Mary of the Cross and St Teresa of Kolkata showed the Face of Mercy to the world.

Mrs Colleen Fuller REC Coordinator

Planner Calendar 2016 – Term 4

Our Lady of the Rosary – St Marys

Dates are correct at time of printing. Please check Newsletter, Skoolbag etc for updates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
Oct 10-14 <small>Month of the ROSARY</small>	1	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly Newsletter Day	12pm OLR Feast Day - Liturgy, Peer Support and Fun Afternoon activities		Gymnastics 10:10-45 -Y4 11:15-11:55 – Y5 11:55-12:35 – Y6 12:35-1:15 – Y1 1:55-2:40 – Kindy	MISSION MASS P'MATTA		World Mission Sunday
Oct 17-21	2	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly	6:30-7:15pm Fete Meeting #6 FIRST RECONCILIATION 7.00PM	12-2:50 Mercy Cross Liturgy and Pilgrimage	Gymnastics 10:10-45 -Y4 11:15-11:55 – Y5 11:55-12:35 – Y6 12:35-1:15 – Y1 1:55-2:40 – Kindy Y6 Reconciliation FIRST RECONCILIATION 7.00PM	Mufti Day Funny Hat Baskets for Fete Y5 Don Bosco Y2 PARISH MASS Y6 Reconciliation Whole School COL		
Oct 24-28	3	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly Newsletter Day	Milo Cricket Finals – Stage 3 Blacktown International Sports Park Y5 Reconciliation	9-10:30-Kinda Orientation Stage 2 & 3 Basketball Gala Day	Y5 Narrabeen Camp 9-10:30 Kinder Orientation Gymnastics 10:10-45 -Y4 11:15-11:55 – Y4 11:55-12:35 – Y6 12:35-1:15 – Y1 1:55-2:40 – Kindy Y4 Reconciliation	Y5 Narrabeen Camp World Teachers Day TBC Y6 PARISH MASS Y6 RETREAT Y4 Don Bosco		
Oct 31- Nov 4	4	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly Tea Towel Note going home	Melbourne Cup St Dom's Orientation & Testing Y 7 2017 ALL SAINTS	ALL SOULS	Gymnastics 10:10-45 -Y4 11:15-11:55 – Y5 11:55-12:35 – Y6 12:35-1:15 – Y1 1:55-2:40 – Kindy	Y4 PARISH MASS Y6 Don Bosco Whole School COL School / Parish fete on Sunday		PARISH SCHOOL FETE
Nov 7-11	5	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly Newsletter Day 12-2:30 Kinder 2017 Transition Day		Stage 3 League Tag Gala Day 12-2:30 Kinder 2017 Transition Day	Final Date for Tea Towel Order Gymnastics 10:10-45 -Y4 11:15-11:55 – Y5 11:55-12:35 – Y6 12:35-1:15 – Y1 1:55-2:40 – Kindy	Remembrance Day Y5 PARISH MASS Y5 Leadership Day Y2 Don Bosco 12-2:30 Kinder 2017 Transition Day		
Nov 14-20	6	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly Movie Tickets Note going home Welcome Japanese Students 12-2:30 Kinder 2017 Transition Day 7-8 Final P & F Meeting for 2016	6:30-7:15 Fete Meeting # 7 Final	Y4 Opera House Excursion 12-2:30 Kinder 2017 Transition Day Japanese Students Excursion to Westfield's Penrith	Gymnastics 10:10-45 -Y4 11:15-11:55 – Y5 11:55-12:35 – Y6 12:35-1:15 – Y1 1:55-2:40 – Kindy	Emmaus Step up to Highschool Program 12-2:30 Kinder 2017 Transition Day Y1 PARISH MASS Y3 Don Bosco Whole School COL – Christ the King		Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Yr of MERCY ends
Nov 21-27	7	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly Newsletter Day Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Japanese Students Excursion to Sydney	9-11am Y5 Leadership Speeches 1-3pm BBQ Lunch with Japanese Students and farewell performances	Kinder Don Bosco 9am – Japanese Students FINAL Farewell and guard of honour	Gymnastics 10:10-45 -Y4 11:15-11:55 – Y5 11:55-12:35 – Y6 12:35-1:15 – Y1 1:55-2:40 – Kindy Final Date for Movie Ticket Orders	Emmaus Step up to Highschool Program KINDER PARISH MASS Whole School COL Star Awards		1st Sunday of Advent
Nov 28- Dec 2	8	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program Y3 Reconciliation	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program 6:30-8:30 Advent Christmas Liturgy	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program Gymnastics 10:10-45 -Y5 11:15-11:55 – Y5 11:55-12:35 – Y6 12:35-1:15 – Y1 1:55-2:40 – Kindy Y4 Reconciliation	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program Y3 PARISH MASS Emmaus Step up to Highschool Program Y1 Don Bosco		2nd Sunday of Advent
Dec 5-9	9	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program 8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly Newsletter Day	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program Y6 Reconciliation	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program 6:30-8:00 Y6 Graduation followed by cutting cake, presentation of Year book back @ school.	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program Y5 Reconciliation	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Program 9-12 Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-5 only. Y6 to help		3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec 12-18	10	8:45 – 9am Morning Assembly		9.15-10:30 End of Year Liturgy followed by – 10:30-11 parent helper thank you morning tea at school.	2-3pm Gold awards including farewell to Y6 and staff. Arch lead by Kinder	Last Day of Term for Students Y6 Fun Day – St Marys indoor sports		4th Sunday of Advent
Dec 19	11	Staff Development Day Last Day for Staff						