



# Our Lady of the Rosary School

## Newsletter

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish  
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

TERM 2 WEEK 4

*We Follow Jesus*

16TH MAY 2017

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Wednesday 17th May

- Don Bosco - Year 2
- Primary School Leaders  
Civic Reception

#### Thursday 18th May

- Year 6 Overnight Canberra  
Excursion

#### Friday 19th May

- Walk Safely to School Day
- 9.00am - Y3 @ Parish Mass
- 2.00pm - Celebration of  
Learning.

#### Monday 22nd May

- 8.45am - Morning Assembly
- P & F Meeting: 7.00 - 8.00pm

#### Tuesday 23rd May

- Y6 Reconciliation

#### Wednesday 24th May

- Our Lady Help of Christians  
Patroness of Australia  
PRAYER FOCUS IN LEARNING  
SPACES

#### Thursday 25th May

- Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala  
Day - BLUE - Jamison Park
- Y4 Reconciliation

#### Friday 26th May

- 9.00am - Infants Athletics  
Morning
- 9.00am - Y4 @ Parish Mass
- Don Bosco - Year 1
- P & F Family Movie Night in  
Yr 6 Room - Gates open  
6.30pm  
Movie: 7.15 - 9.00pm

#### Monday 29th May

- 8.45am - Morning Assembly

#### Wednesday 31st May

- Don Bosco - Kindergarten

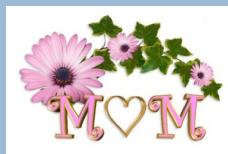
### MONDAY 13TH JUNE

PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
QUEENS BIRTHDAY  
NO CHILDREN  
AT  
SCHOOL

### *From the Principal*

#### **A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

Hope you had a great Mother's Day on Sunday. I'd like to share a prayer with the community that was shared by my niece at my Mother's Day Family gathering.



#### *Dear Father,*

We approach your throne  
on behalf of the mothers  
whom you have entrusted with the care  
of your most precious little ones.  
We thank you for creating each mom  
with a unique combination of gifts and talents.  
We thank you for the sacrifice  
of self each mom gives for her children.  
For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant.  
For the hands calloused from washing, wiping,  
scrubbing, mixing, backing, stirring,  
hugging, patting, disciplining,  
holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.  
We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids,  
whether it's stay-at-home moms,  
working moms,  
and moms who have some combination of the two.  
We thank you for the flexibility of moms,  
for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.  
We pray you give each mom strength.  
Help her to see in every mundane task the  
eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood.  
Help her to understand that the most radical,  
world-changing events may be  
happening anonymously in her home.  
Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.  
We especially pray for single moms,  
who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children.  
We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers.  
We ask you to be their living water.  
We ask you to be their source of  
spiritual and physical strength.  
We pray that the same grace that flowed from  
Father to Son to us in salvation  
will flow from mothers to their children.

We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism  
and instead embraces the Most of all, Lord,  
may we love and cherish the special women  
who have born us,  
who have nurtured us,  
and who have prayed for our well-being.  
Our hearts overflow with gratitude to you.

*Daniel Darling*

To the world you  
are a mother,  
but to your family  
you are the world

- Author Unknown

*From the Principal cont'd* ..... **SERVING A HEALTHY FAMILY MEDIA DIET**

Many parents struggle with exactly how much screen time is okay for their children. Is a half-hour TV show okay but a full-length movie bad? How much gaming should you allow when your children also use their computer for homework? Does Wikipedia count as reading? And when does a passion for, say, video games become problematic?

The truth is, there is no magic formula. And just as every family differs in what they eat, when they eat and what they like, a healthy media diet is different for every family. The key is making sure that the things that are important to your family are fairly balanced over the long term.

A healthy media diet balances activities (games, social media, TV), time (fifteen minutes? three hours?) and choices (YouTube, Minecraft, "Star Wars") with offline activities (sports, face-to-face conversations, hobbies).

Find balance. Instead of counting daily screen-time minutes, aim for a balance throughout the week. Help your children plan a week that includes stuff they *have* to do and stuff they *like* to do, such as schoolwork, activities, chores, reading, family time and TV or gaming. Decide on limits and behaviour using a Family Media Agreement.

2. Walk the walk. Put your own devices away while driving, at mealtimes and during important conversations. Children learn habits from the adults around them.

3. Talk about it. Ask questions about their favourite games, shows and characters. Discuss ideas and issues they read about or learn about through a TV show or a game. This is an opportunity for bonding, learning and sharing your values.

4. Create tech-free zones. Set rules that fit your family, such as no devices during dinner, no social media during homework or all screens off before bedtime. Some families have a central spot for charging and all devices must remain there after bedtime.

5. Check ratings. Choose age-appropriate, high-quality media and technology for your children.

**HANDLING CRISIS-A LESSON FROM LA LA LAND**

During the 89<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards, Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway announced the wrong Best Picture – *La La Land* instead of *Moonlight*. The events leading up to this snafu – and other much more serious disasters - have a lot in common.

**HUMAN ERRORS**

**Overconfidence:** PricewaterhouseCoopers, the accounting firm that had handled the award envelopes for the previous 83 years, put top executives in charge of personally handing award envelopes to the presenters as they headed to the stage. But big shots are more likely to make mistakes because they can grow overconfident and complacent. Staying focused while doing simple, repetitive tasks is a challenge for most people, but the anxiety that comes from being new to a job appears to help keep people alert.

**Secrecy:** Only two people in the hall knew the winners. Super-tight security meant full responsibility for catching and announcing the error fell on them alone.

**Freezing:** The PwC partners froze, a common reaction in emergencies, which often makes things worse. Denial and disbelief are hardwired into human consciousness. When events deviate from our mental models, it can be almost impossible to comprehend what's going on.

**An error-prone procedure:** Precautions intended to solve one problem can end up creating another. Duplicate sets of envelopes meant a mistake could easily be made if people did not stay alert. Good systems take into account the likelihood of human error.

**The 'almost-over' dynamic:** The Best Picture award was the last of the night and many accidents happen near the end of projects. For instance, in mountaineering the majority of accidents happen on the descent. This is an understandable human tendency: it is only natural to relax a bit when you think you are over the worst.

**Visual problems:** The award envelopes were hard to read - bright red with small gold lettering, instead of large white labels with clear writing.

**Confirmation bias:** The envelope came directly from the hand of a partner in PwC, a firm renowned for its bulletproof reliability and the name of the film expected to win was on the card. Such selective attention is common in high-stress situations.

With hindsight, it's easy to see what went wrong but, no matter how many changes are instituted, the potential for future mistakes will remain. Mistakes as these teach us a humbling lesson: No matter how careful we think we are, and often in spite of the care we take, there's always another string of unseen dominoes waiting to topple.

**Thank you Parent's Association**

Sincere thanks to the Parent's Association for organising the Mother's Day stall and providing refreshments at our Kindergarten Information Evening.

**Drive through Reminder**

I'd like to draw your attention to a safety issue which has come to light in our afternoon Drive through. **We have had several complaints from members of the public who have been inconvenienced because some of our parents are not following simple procedures.** With this in mind I would like to raise the following reminders:

- Thankyou to the parents who drive on around the block if they see the drive through congested.
- Parents are reminded that if they cannot enter the car park and move TOTALLY within the left lane they need to continue through into the carpark and or exit through Edgar Street and drive around again.
- Parents moving out of the basketball court car park towards Saddington Street must give way to cars in the drive through. Please note a GIVE WAY sign has been installed.
- **Please follow teachers directions at all times when using the drive through.**

Thankyou for taking these points on board as we continue to provide parents with this drive through service of convenience for our parent community.

**Thought for the Week**

*Never is God nearer to us than when danger threatens.*  
Mary MacKillop 11.12.1880

*Have a Blessed Week*

Michael Siciliano

**PRINCIPAL**





### *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.

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

**Welcome to Term 2 of the Premier's Reading Challenge.** This term PRC have added 164 new books to the PRC Booklists. Students reading new books recently acquired by the library may now be able to add these to their Student Reading Records as Booklist reads rather than Personal Choice reads. The same process will take place in Term 2, with more books added to the Booklists in early Term 3. PRC are aiming to make their Booklists as current as possible to reflect current reading patterns and new acquisitions in libraries.

### **Maths is Everywhere!**

I invite parents and students to look at the following picture and answer the question.



**How much money had been spent?  
Estimate the size of the tray.**

### ***What other maths can you see in the picture?***

A challenge for our older students is to create different maths problems that they can share with their teachers and classmates. Eg: Bob the baker baked 6 trays of cream donuts early Monday morning. How many cream donuts did he make?  
(Explain your thinking to your parents after you have solved this problem.)

The most challenging and inventive maths problems will be published in Week 6 newsletter.

*God Bless*  
*Cheryl Fortini*  
*Assistant Principal*



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR

From the page of the Religious Education Coordinator

## Mass times are listed here 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 the most convenient time for you and the family?

## 2017 Our Lady of the Rosary School Mission Goal:

'All students to demonstrate understanding of the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Values, Virtues, and Christian Life'.

SCRIPTURE → CATHOLIC VALUES → VIRTUES → CHRISTIAN LIFE

## **Sunday, 21st May 2017: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A**

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:18**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.**

**I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 14:15-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The gospel of the Lord

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

Mrs Colleen Fuller

REC Coordinator



### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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### School Attendance

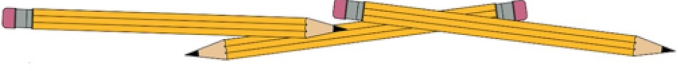
It is a legal requirement that we need to record all student absences and the reason for the absence. In the first two weeks of this term our attendance rate has been 85.0%.

Of the 136 students who were absent 1 or more days, 106 students have absences that are unexplained as no explanation note has been received. These parents/carers received a letter asking for a reason for the absence.

If your child is absent from school you must explain why they are away by either sending a note into your child's class teacher as soon as your child returns to school or by completing an absentee form via the skoolbag app.




**Reminder that all entries for the School Magazine are due next....**



### Our Lady of the Rosary School Magazine

*It is time to submit your entry for the school magazine.*

*You need to ensure the following is done before you can give your writing to your teacher:*



**Writers  
Wanted**

1. Needs to be an original piece of writing.
2. Needs to be an edited piece of writing that is published.
3. It needs to be typed onto a word processing document - no handwritten texts.
4. You need to have your name on it.
5. A picture to match your writing would be great!

*If you would like to see your writing published please give your finished product to your teacher by Monday Week 5.*

**WALK TO  
SCHOOL SAFELY  
DAY:  
THIS FRIDAY!**



**ACTIVE KIDS ARE  
SMARTER KIDS**

**WALK SAFELY  
TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017**

**Until they're ten, children must always hold  
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

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## YEAR 3 EXCURSION



On Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> May, Year 3 left for their excursion around St Marys. As part of their Science unit the students are required to explore built environments and how people interact with them. Students were given the opportunity to walk around and visit

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Don Bosco, Queen Street, St Marys Village Shopping Centre and Victoria Park.



Along the way the students were able to engage and explore with the local environment and learn about how people interact with different built environments.

At the end of a long walk Year 3 finished off with recess and a play at Queens Park.



**Diocesan Zone Cross Country 2017** Zone Cross Country this year started off with students walking the Eastern Creek Raceway track at 8:30am (Sydney Motorsport Park). Every student got the chance to warm up for the big race.

It began with the nerve wracking 8/9 year old 2km girls' race. Then came the 8/9 2km boys' race where one of our students came fingertips away from winning. He was unlucky. Between those races we got to have fun and talk with other athletes and friends. Then came the nail-biting 10 year old girls' race which was 2km and everyone in the race did well and had a fair go. The 10 year old boys demonstrated a lot of sportsmanship their race which followed.



Then came the 11 year old girls who were confident they were going to do well. The 11 year old boys 3km race came next and both of these races saw OLOR do very well.

Atem Achouth came in 2nd place securing himself a spot in the Mackillop Trials/regional race.



After that 12 year old girls went into action and they all did well too. The 12 year old boys competed in the last race for OLOR St Mary's, where everybody did everything they could to win a spot in the top eight.

Then Mr. Oxley had fun trying to pack everything up.

## CONSENT FROM PARENTS

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

### SCHOOL LEGIONNARE HATS

We wish to advise these school hats are now in stock.

There has been a price increase due to manufacturing costs and advise that the new price is \$12.00.



## DIOCESDIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

### Volunteer English Teacher - Catholic Care Social Services

For many years now we have been conducting English language classes for Refugee women at Mamre House Orchard Hills - a work of Catholic Care Social Services. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm during school terms. These classes are possible because of the generous help of volunteer English teachers. At present we urgently need a volunteer teacher to come on Tuesdays or alternatively to be on our relief list to fill in when required. A teaching qualification is an advantage but not essential. A Working With Children Check is required. For further information please phone:

Sr Janet Woods on 0418 690 487.

### Time for Us to go on a Date: Saturday 3 June

An evening for couples to dance, dine and prayer together at Mount Schoenstatt. Includes an input on male leadership, a lesson in ballroom dancing, formal dinner and prayer. Saturday 3rd June from 5pm - 10pm.

Investment: \$150. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/events/376209752754089/>

### SOLO PARENT SERVICES

**Annulment Information Seminar** - Solo Parent Services will be holding our annual seminar on Annulments in the Catholic Church for anyone interested in learning more about this process.

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd May **Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm. **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$7.00. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**Younger Widowed Support Group** - This monthly support group is for men and women aged approx. 55 years or younger, who are facing life after the death of a spouse or partner to come together for support and sharing. **Date:** Third Tuesday of each month - next gathering 16th May. **Time:** 7pm -9pm **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$5.00

For details and registrations please contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## STAYING INFORMED at Our Lady of the Rosary

Our Lady of the Rosary shares information with the community in the following ways:

| FORM OF COMMUNICATION | PURPOSE   | FREQUENCY                                   |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Newsletter            | Our newsletter is produced fortnightly. You can access this on our website and through our skoolbag app.  | Fortnightly                                 |
| Website               | Our website is <a href="mailto:olorstmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au">olorstmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au</a><br><br>You can subscribe to receive our newsletter direct to your email by going to the home page of the website and go to "SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTERS." You can also view our school parent calendar, plus details of news and events. | Available 24/7, updated as required         |
| FaceBook              | Photos, stories and updates are uploaded regularly. Search 'Our Lady of the Rosary'; Select the page;<br>Click on LIKE. Do not send friend request only like the page.  | FaceBook is updated regularly and as needed |
| Skoolbag App          | On our skoolbag app you can view our newsletter, send in an absent note for your child/ren and update your contact details.<br>We also send out notifications re change of event details or reminders.<br>Simply download the free app for access to these features.  | As required                                 |
| Assemblies            | A whole school assembly is held each Monday morning at 8:45am.<br><br>A Celebration of Learning is held Friday fortnightly at 2.00pm.   | Fortnightly                                 |



# PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We hope all the mums, grandmas, aunties and step mums had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. Thank you to the lovely mums (Kristin Beatty, Lisa Thomson, Sonya Dib, Rebecca Sara and Nataly Mahmoud) for helping the Patents Association at the Mothers Day stall.

It was great to see so many attend the Mother's Day liturgy on Friday morning. Congratulations to our door prize winners, Nataly Mahmoud and Hue Nguyen (Insert pic)

## Reminder:

Parents Association meeting on **Monday 22nd May 7pm** in OLR school staffroom. (Notes will go home this week)

Just a reminder next PRC meeting on Monday May 29th (flyer included next page) and the topic is a good one, Raising Resilient Children.

Free to attend and open to all parents/caregivers.

Best regards

Parents Association



## FAMILY Movie Night

The Parents Association is proud to bring you  
Our Lady of the Rosary family movie night!!

When: Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Gates open 6.30 pm

Movie: 7.15 – 9.00 pm

Showing: *Moana*

Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School – Year 6 Block (indoors)



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## 2017 Calendar of Events

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

| Term | Meeting Date & Time     | Venue   | Presentation Topic                         | Presenters   |
|------|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1    | Mon 27 Feb 2017, 7:00pm | Gilroy College,<br>11-37 Marie St, Castle Hill  | Raising Responsible Digital Citizens       | Leonie Smith<br>(The Cyber Safety Lady)                                    |
| 2    | Mon 29 May 2017, 7:00pm | Catholic Learning Community of St John XXXIII, Stanhope Gardens, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens | Raising Resilient Children                 | Dr Justin Coulson<br>Family Psychologist & Parenting Expert                |
| 3    | Mon 21 Aug 2017, 7:00pm | St Patrick's Primary School, Villiers Street, Parramatta  | Every Learner Every Day                    | Paul Eston<br>Director Performance Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta   |
| 4    | Mon 13 Nov 2017, 7:00pm | Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Marian Street & Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown                                | Enterprise Strategy & Provisioning Schools | Mark Holyoake<br>Director Enterprise Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta |

ALL Presentations occur during the PRC General Meeting. Doors Open at 6.30pm for 7:00pm.

# DR JUSTIN COULSON RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



**WHEN:** Monday, 29 May 2017 (Doors open 6.30pm for 7:00pm start)

**WHERE:** Catholic Learning Communities of St John XXIII – St Mark's College,  
Meeting will be held in the staff room – entry via main school foyer.  
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens (parking available)

*The PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our seminar.*

**What others have to say:**

*"...an engaging and dynamic presenter..."*

*"...are we getting him back next year? He's fantastic!.."*

**FREE PARENT/CARER SEMINAR!**

**Registrations are open – visit:**

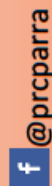
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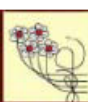
*One of the most frequent questions Kidspot parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson is asked is 'How can I help my child become resilient?' Friendship problems, bullying, physical changes and parenting styles are just some of the issues that can affect our children's ability to bounce back from difficulty and adapt to challenging situations.*

*Helping our children develop resilience can have lifelong effects.*

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**Are you worried about their weight?**

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Go4Fun® programs run weekly for 9 weeks during school term, and are 2 hours long. Parents attend each session with their children to encourage a whole family approach. All sessions include:

- Weekly games and activities for kids
- Fun, interactive discussions to improve children's physical activity, confidence and eating habits
- Practical demonstrations, games and tips about healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes

**North St Marys program – Tuesday's 4-6pm- REGISTER NOW**

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