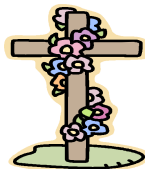


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Newsletter Of Our Lady Of The Rosary Catholic School, St Marys

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Emmaus Catholic College, Principal: Mr Paul Ryan, Ph No: 9670 4588

Term 1, Week 4

19th February, 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Something special.....

As I get to know more and more people and hear their stories it is clear that there is something special about this community. Long-standing staff members, parents who have several children who have attended and are attending OLR and the newest of families with their first child in Kinder..... ALL speak highly of our school and have high expectations of how we can work together for the good of the children.

Once again, thank you for helping me to feel so welcome here at OLR. I am excited about the journey ahead of us!

Opening School Liturgy

We are first and foremost a Catholic school providing a high quality education for the children in our care. This happens within Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and as part of our world wide Catholic church. Our very meaning and purpose comes from the faith dimension of our community.

We hope you can join us on Friday as we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy and ask for God's wisdom and blessings for the year ahead. We will be asking God to guide us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and all those who have come before us here at OLR.

First Eucharist

May God bless all those children of the Parish who are beginning their preparations for the Sacrament of Eucharist. I pray that you will come to understand and know deeply the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Kinder

It has been such a positive start for Kinder! Our sincere thanks to the families for your support and co-operation and congratulations to the children, teachers and support staff who have worked so well together to get settled into their learning routines.

Swimming Carnivals

My best wishes to the children going on to the Zone Swimming Carnival next week. Congratulations on being chosen to represent our school and good luck!

Who do I see? EVERYONE working together!

All staff at OLR are focussed on meeting the learning and wellbeing needs of every child. In the first instance your child's teacher is the first point of contact.

You may also contact the Coordinator for each Stage if necessary.

Early Stage 1/Stage 1 (K-2) – Miss Kathryn Hooker

Stage 2 (Yrs /4) – Mr Brad Ahern

Stage 3 (Yrs 5/6) – Mrs Judith Sibbald

Communication between home and school is essential for ongoing learning success so we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.

If you were unable to make it in for the Teacher Chats I encourage you to touch base with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

If you are unsure about who you need to speak to, or you have a general enquiry, the Office Team will be more than happy to assist.

Teaching Educators

This year we have two Teaching Educators from the Parramatta Catholic Education Office working with us. Patrice Brady will continue working here this year and has been joined by Jennifer Crowley who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as an educator, especially in the area of Literacy. They will continue to work with teachers in learning spaces to enhance the learning of the children. **"Everyone teaches, everyone learns!"** Especially teachers and principals!

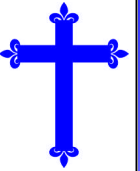
May God bless you all as together we follow Jesus.

Yours sincerely,
Allan Jones
PRINCIPAL



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

'We follow Jesus'.



OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY YOU ARE INVITED!

This Friday 21st February you are invited to join us in the parish church to celebrate our Opening School Liturgy. Time: 11.30pm. The theme of our liturgy is 'Together we walk in the Footsteps of Jesus'.

As a faith community of learners, we come together in prayer and worship to praise God and give thanks for our many blessings and ask for his guidance for the gift of the year ahead.

As a faith community we come together to listen to God's Word in scripture, reflect on this message and our call to Christian action, as we journey in the footsteps of Jesus.

This liturgy has particular significance for all Year Six students as the Student Leaders of our faith learning community. All students of Year Six will be reminded and affirmed as our student leaders, as our School Leaders receive their school badges in this context of prayer and thanksgiving.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST EUCHARIST

Last week there were two Parent Information evenings on First Eucharist. If you were not able to attend one of these meetings and you would like to have your child receive their First Communion please contact Fr Brendan at the Parish Office: 9623 2500.

All completed application forms need to be returned to the parish Office this Friday.

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: **Mt 16:13-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter; and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'



ALL: The gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



WEEK-END MASS TIMES:

Saturday: Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm.

Colleen Fuller, REC

Upcoming Events

Friday, 21st February, 2014

- Opening School Liturgy at the OLR Church at 11.30am.
- Parish first Eucharist Applications due at Parish

Tuesday, 25th February, 2014

Zone Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook



Wednesday, 26th February, 2014

- Parent Numeracy Workshop
- Year 2 go to Don Bosco



Friday, 28th February, 2014

- Year 5 Parish Mass
- Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown
- Year 6 go to Don Bosco
- Don Bosco Fundraiser between 3—5pm.



Wednesday, 5th March, 2014



Library Monitors

The Library monitors for 2014 are:

Jai Lane, Ajang Ajang, Joshua Deacon, Anna Salic, Katamara Vukic and Devine Moagi.

Congratulations to these students.

Congratulations!



NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to the Afeaki family Seaview (KO), Cecilia (4L) & Edwyne (6O) on the birth of a new baby boy, Samuela born on the 29th January.

Congratulations!!

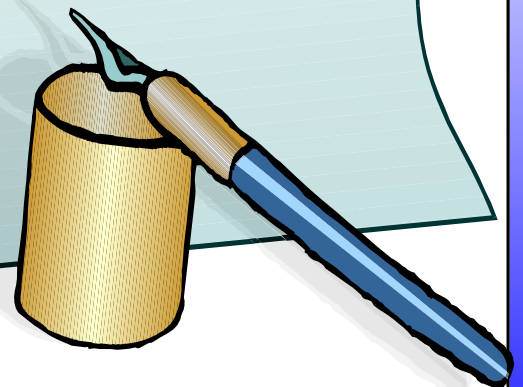


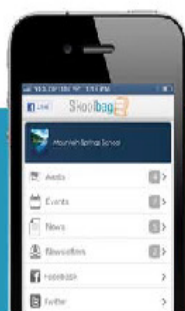
Congratulations also goes to the Kondek family, Amelia (1O) on the birth of a new baby boy, Nathan James who was born on Monday.

Playground Supervision

Playground supervision begins at 8.15am and concludes at 3.25pm. Please note that children who arrive at school before this time will be unsupervised.

For safety reasons, children should not come to school before 8.15am. If children are at school prior to 8.15am, they need to sit in a designated area and wait for the teacher on duty.





Skoolbag Smartphone App for Parents and Students

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc. Parents can check Skoolbag at any time to see the latest updates and information. It is FREE for parents to use.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

Simply search for "Our Lady of the Rosary Primary, St Marys" In the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Android Users

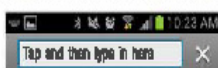
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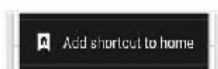
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Type www.skoolbag.com.au/rpstmarys into the address bar.



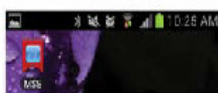
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Once loaded you can save the Skoolbag icon to your home screen for easy access every day. For example with a Samsung Galaxy S2 & S3 phone, tap the menu button, then tap the "Add Shortcut to Home".



Step 4

The Skoolbag icon will then show on your home screen. This provides a shortcut to make it easy to view updates each day.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parent smartphones



HOW TO ACCESS SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Newsletter

We no longer send home paper copies of the newsletter to every family (unless one has been requested). You can access the school newsletter via the school website:

olorstmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au or via our

Skoolbag app on your smart phone (see instructions below)



iPhone users

Simply search for "Our Lady of the Rosary Primary, St Marys" in the App store on your phone, PC or Mac and install the skoolbag app.

After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow push notifications. Also click on 'more' then 'Setup' and select which grades you would like to receive push notifications for.



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Simply search for "Our Lady of the Rosary Primary, St Marys" in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install the skoolbag app.

After the app is installed click on 'more' then 'Setup' and select which grades you would like to receive push notifications for.

If you would like to request a paper copy of the newsletter, please send a note into the school office with your name, eldest child's name and class.

So you want to volunteer at school!

Please note that all parents/carers that help out at the school either as classroom helpers, excursion volunteers, parents association etc, need to complete the online Child Protection Training module according to Catholic Education Office OHS/Child Protection requirements.

When you come into the school to help out in any area, or if you are attending an excursion you are required to sign in and out at the office and wear a Parent Volunteer badge.

To complete the online module:



1. Go to: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>
2. Scroll down to Volunteer section.
3. Open the module by clicking the **Start** link.
4. Read through the presentation. Then complete and submit the multiple choice quiz questions. This will take approximately 40 minutes. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and choose the school's name from the drop down list.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via email to the school and also to your email address.
6. All information will be kept confidential.

Safety tips for parents



Back to school safety tips for parents and carers Your child's safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.

Look out for buses pulling out – watch for **wig wag lights**.

Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.

Always **give way to pedestrians** particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop the kids off and pick them up on the **school side of the road** in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road can be dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.

It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the **kerb side of the road** to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you are using pedestrian crossing areas where possible.

Always **hold your child's hand** up until the age of eight. Young children need your help to spot danger like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk to your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb.
- **Look** for traffic to your right left and right again.
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic.
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these **safe pedestrian habits** from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information visit
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA



OLMC Open Day

Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter at the OLMC Parramatta Open Day on

Sunday March 2, 2014 10am – 2pm

Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm
Visit the College website to reserve your place

Celebrating 125 years of Mercy Excellence in 2014

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

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iPad Awareness - A Hands on workshop for parents (Bring your own iPad)

Guest Presenter: Ms Monique Dalli, Leader of e-Learning, Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill

Monday 3 March 2014, 7pm (PRC Annual General Meeting)

Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian St, Blacktown

The Transition to High School: Helping your child to build resilience and navigate change

Guest Presenter: The Resilience Centre

Wednesday 26 March 2014, 7pm (PRC Special Presentation)

St Paul's Catholic College, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes

YMCA St Marys OSHC

Before and After School Care & Vacation Care

The YMCA is the world's largest provider of childcare services and through our OSHC program we provide children with a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow in body, mind and spirit.

Before school care: 6:30 - 8:30am Breakfast provided

After school care: 3:00 - 6:15pm Afternoon Tea provided

Homework help Provided, Fully Air Conditioned, Participation in Active afterschool community sports After School Care Program—Art and Craft Gardening, cooking science and sport. Great place for children to socialise and have fun, make great friendships!

The YMCA also offers a range of Holiday Adventures programs which run 7:00am - 6:00pm throughout school holidays.

BRING THIS COUPON ON ENROLMENT AND RECEIVE THE FIRST 2 WEEKS FREE

Call 9833 3195

Visit oshc.ymcansw.org.au



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE WIDOWED

CCCSS Solo Parent Ministry is commencing two Bereavement Support Programs within the next few weeks. Seasons for Growth is a five week Program that commences on 19th Feb at Glenbrook, between 10.30 and 12.30. If we do not have a required number for this Program we will postpone it for a couple of weeks. The other Program is an 8 Session Bereavement Support Program that runs every fortnight at Blacktown between 10.00 and 12.00 and commences on 4th March (This was postponed due to lack of numbers on 4th Feb). Both of these Programs provide education and personal support within a small group setting, assisting those who grieve the death of their spouse to better understand the process of grief and to be supported in moving forward gently but assuredly in the midst of deep pain and loss. See Flyers on Notice Board. For further details and registration for both of these Programs contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205

Sr Eileen Quade rsm

Coordinator / Solo Parent Ministry / CatholicCare Social Services / Diocese of Parramatta

Chairperson / Environmental Sustainability Committee / CatholicCare Social Services

Ph: (02) 9933 0205 / Mobile: 0419 400 571 / Fax: (02) 9933 0299 / PO Box 2023 North Parramatta NSW 1750 / www.ccss.org.au



Kiss & Drop Car Name Signs

Any family who would like a name sign made for them to go on their dashboard for Kiss & Drop, could they please send a note into the school office marked to Debbie Smith's attention. This makes it easier for us to have your children ready for pick-up in the afternoon.



STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

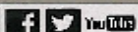
Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and \$50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of three school banking deposits in Term 1 will be in the running to win one of two \$50 credits into their School Banking account.

For more information, simply contact your School Banking Officer or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.

This promotion commenced on Tuesday, 28th January and closes at 11.59pm on Friday, 11th April, 2014.

Stay Connected:
commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



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Website: www.busways.com.au

To ensure the bus set down and pick up process is as efficient as possible, busways seeks your assistance with the following actions:-

- Please do not park or temporarily stop in a bus zone.
- Remind students to have their pass or money ready before boarding the bus.
- Students are ready at the bus stop to load onto buses as soon as they arrive on site.



Holy Family Primary School Smart Loving Workshop

All couples go through periods where their relationship is strained. Stress, Sleep-deprivation, demands from family and work can starve your marriage of the positive energy it needs and deserves. Soon, you find yourselves arguing more often, making up with less enthusiasm and becoming someone even you yourself don't like.

If this sounds like you, or someone you love, it's time to do something about it!

The **SmartLoving BreakThrough** Workshop is practical, solution-focussed event for all stages of marriage. Drawing on contemporary research and Catholic theology, this workshop will arm you with skills and insights to transform your relationship into the thriving, joy-filled encounter that it is meant to be.

- Identify your conflict triggers
- Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument
- Understand what the real issues are
- Find constructive ways to re-establish connection

Workshop Details

**Sunday, March 23
2-5pm**

**Holy Family School Hall
32 Willowdene Avenue
Luddenham NSW 2745**

**Donation at the door
(afternoon tea provided)**

**Bookings essential
Call Jess: 02 9319 6280
info@smartloving.org**

Kindergarten

Love to Learn



Kindergarten have made a great start to the year. We are making new friends and settling into life at 'big school'.

Numeracy

Kindergarten have been using tens frames to help us to count a collection!!!

Some of the children shared what their favourite experiences have been so far:

Jonathan ~ I like when we play.

Amelia ~ I like the songs and puzzles.

Alyssa ~ I like everything.

Ava ~ I like playing with the shaving cream

Aisea ~ I like learning



Literacy

Kindergarten love learning to read.

We are also enjoying the variety of activities we get to do during Menu Board.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Religious Education, kindergarten have been learning about God and how he loves each and every one of us.

Corban ~ Jesus loves us and we learnt "In the name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen"

Lilieni ~ Jesus loves us.

Spencer ~ Jesus made us all different.

Fine Motor

