



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Newsletter

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

TERM 3 WEEK 2

We Follow Jesus

25TH JULY 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 26th July

- Don Bosco - Year 1

Thursday 27th July

- Tea Towel Orders Due

Friday 28th July

- Y2 @ Parish Mass
- Celebrating Kinders 100th Day
- Don Bosco - Year 3
- 2.00pm - Celebration of learning.

Monday 31st July

- Gymnastics Dance Fever
- The Human Race PBS4L Show

Tuesday 1st August

- 8.45am - Morning Assembly
- Y5 Reconciliation
- Y6 Part A Online Assessment TRIAL

Wednesday 2nd August

- OLR Voice of Youth Finals
- Don Bosco - Year 2
- School House Museum Excursion Year 1

Friday 4th August

- Year 3 City Excursion Circular Quay
- Y4 @ Parish Mass
- Don Bosco - Year 6

MONDAY 7TH AUGUST

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

NO CHILDREN

Tuesday 8th August

- 8.45am - Morning Assembly
- Living Eggs Delivery Kindergarten

Wednesday 9th August

- Don Bosco - Kindergarten

From the Principal

Second Semester Goals

As we commence the second half of the year and following the semester one reports and parent, teacher, student three way interviews, I would like to review the 2017 OLR Goals. Our goals focus on the inseparable dual purposes of Catholic Education - spiritual formation and quality learning and teaching.



The Our Lady of The Rosary goal in Faith formation is: 'All students to demonstrate understanding of the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Values and Virtues, and Christian Life.' In Mathematics our goal for 2017 is: 'By the end of 2017 all students will improve their visual reasoning in mathematical thinking and problem solving by demonstrating at least one year's growth point in Multiplication & Division' In Literacy our goal is: 'By the end of 2017, for 80% of students to be at or above their expected grade cluster in Aspects of Writing, and those children on Personalised Plans, to meet their personal goals.'



During my regular visits to the learning spaces I ask the children what their area of their learning that they were going to focus on this term.

As the opportunity presents itself I invite parents to use the information gained at parent teacher meetings to speak to your child regarding areas that they are focusing on as a goal in Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy for the second semester this year.

KINDY 2018 ENROLLMENTS CLOSING

SOON

Classes for 2018 are almost full!!

Please ensure you have returned your Enrolment Application and your Acceptance slip.

Applications received after closing date will **NOT** be guaranteed a position for 2018.

From the Principal cont'd.....

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Positive Behaviour Support for Learning(PBS4L) is a social skills framework which has been used at OLR to improve learning and behaviour. PBS4L is a whole-school approach to creating a safe and supportive environment that has a strong evidence-base and is used in many Australian schools.

A safe and orderly school environment is important to learning. Disruptive classroom behaviour is known to interfere with learning and is a cause of stress and concern for students, teachers and families.

Most children start school with the social skills they need for success. Children learn behaviours very quickly, but they also learn inappropriate social behaviours. Common examples of behavioural errors include inappropriate language, disruptive classroom behaviour, crying to avoid doing work, and fighting, threatening or embarrassing others. PBS4L schools understand that problem behaviour serves a purpose for their students. The fastest way to turn problem behaviour around is by teaching them acceptable and appropriate ways to get what they need.

Schools which participate in PBS4L have proven to:

- improve academic outcomes
- reduce rates of problem behaviour across the school
- acknowledge the positive behaviours
- raise the positive public profile of their school
- ensure that everyone is consistently managing inappropriate behaviour
- improve the way problem behaviour is being managed
- increase teaching time and the positive climate of the school and classrooms.



In future newsletters we will be sharing a number of PBS4L activities we will be using at OLR to improve social skills, behaviour and learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. This also includes full attendance every day.



Every Learner, Every Day is a CEDP campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of attendance for every student, on every school day and to promote a healthy attendance culture.

Since 1870, schooling has been compulsory in Australia. While schooling remains compulsory today, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta also want learning to be compulsory by delivering a schooling experience that caters to the needs, abilities and interests of each student. Our teachers are working hard to ensure students receive a personalised, relevant and meaningful Catholic education.

From the Principal cont'd.....

There are many ways in which families can support their children to be prepared for learning at school. For example, by making school attendance a high priority in your family; by ensuring children get enough sleep, a good diet and regular exercise; by encouraging reading from an early age; by sharing the learning journey through an active involvement in your child's school, hobbies and extra-curricular activities, and so on.

Of course, in order for students to learn at school, they need to show up. In fact, it is illegal for school-aged children not to attend school. Even more troubling though, is the learning a child will miss if they do not attend school. If a student misses as little as eight days each term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of learning.

Every term children with full attendance are acknowledged by receiving an award. If your child's attendance falls below various benchmark levels, notes are sent home to inform parents of these concerns and this process may include an attendance plan meeting to support your child in their learning.

Thought for the Week

*"Once you've accepted your flaws
no one can use them against you"*

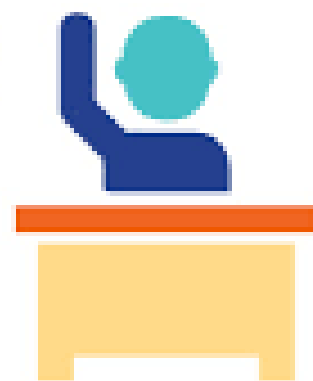
Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL



Every day
COUNTS!



**School success starts
with attendance**

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.

Array Challenge

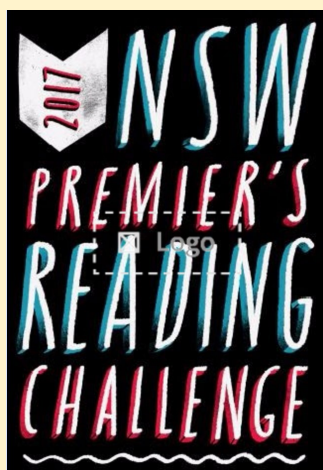
Thank you to all the students who took up the challenge of finding and photographing arrays in our world. Come and look at their amazing photos on display.

I encourage parents to talk to their children about the mathematics they are learning at school and the challenging tasks they are engaged in.



Tips for Encouraging Creativity

- * Encourage curiosity and seeking answers. One of the best ways parents can respond to a child's questions is by saying, "I don't know. How could we find the answer?"
- * Don't stifle and numb creativity with too many manufactured toys. Resist buying kids every accessory marketed with the latest movie or cartoon character so resourcefulness will have room to grow. Dolls are nifty, but kids don't stretch their imagination when we supply every dress and play prop. Pre-assembled kits rob kids of chances to think on their own.
- * Value varying ideas and opinions. Encourage brainstorming by saying: "Well, that sure is one way of looking at it," or "What a GOOD idea, I've never thought of that before. Let's try it!"
- * Encourage exploration. Make specific, motivating comments, such as: "How interesting; you created a secret passage-way with the blocks," or "The way you mixed different greens for leaves makes your tree look very real."



News Premiers Reading Challenge

The 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge is due to finish on the 25th August, only four more weeks. Students in Years 3 to 6 are asked to update and complete their online Reading Records by this date so that they are eligible to receive a certificate in Term 4.

Kindergarten - Year 2 students participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge during class time and the teachers keep a record of the books read.

Happy Reading!

From the Assistant Principal's Desk cont'd.....

OUR ANNUAL BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!!!!

Monday the 14th to Friday the 18th August. (Week 5)

This term there will be no book club as we are having our annual book fair. Students and their families are invited to the library to purchase the latest selection of books, posters and stationery from Scholastic. The fair will be open each morning from 8:10 am to 8:45am, and from 2:55pm to 3:30pm each afternoon. Payments can be made by cash in the library, eftpos in the office or credit card payments via the scholastic website. More information will be sent home with students soon.

Clarification of School Gate Opening & Closing Times

It has come to staff attention that some parents are confused over what times school gates are opened and in particular closed in the morning as well as the afternoon. We have included the times below so that all parents have a shared understanding of this.

Teachers complete the admin task of marking their class roles (a mandatory legal requirement of all schools) immediately after entering their classrooms so that they can focus on the learning. It is for this reason parents have to accompany their child to the school office and sign them in if they have arrived after the morning bell and the gates are closed.

OLR School Gates Opening and Closing Times

Morning:

- Kiss & Drop and temporary carpark gates open from 7:45am
- School entry gate near the front office open from 8:15am
- Edgar St pedestrian gate only will be open from 8:15am
- All these gates will be closed promptly by 8:50am except on Monday (Tuesdays during Term 3, 2017) when they will close around 9:00am after morning assembly

Afternoon:

- Temporary carpark gates will open at 2:00pm
- Edgar St carpark gate will open at 2:00pm
- Edgar St pedestrian gate will be opened by the teacher on afternoon duty at 2:55pm
- Front gate near the office will be opened at 2:45pm by Year 5 gate monitors
- The side gate near the kiss and drop will be opened at 2:55pm by the teacher on duty
- All gates will be closed by 3:40pm.

NB: These times may be subject to change according to school activities.

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 Holy Mass at one of the following times.

Saturday 6.00pm.

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am. 10.30am & 5.30pm

We are blessed to have this extensive choice for Week-end Mass times.

What time is the most convenient time for you and the family to attend Mass?

Sunday, 30 Jul 2017: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 13:44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

Reflection on the Gospel

Jesus continues to teach his disciples about the kingdom of God. The parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl **point to the hidden character of the kingdom as well as its inestimable value. The parable of the net treats the diverse composition of kingdom's membership.**

Its eschatological character is seen in the mention of the end of the age and the role of the angels at the final judgment, when the good will be separated from the evil.

Jesus considers his disciples interpreters of the law, disciples of the kingdom.

Just as a householder brings out treasures old and new, so they understand that Jesus' teaching is grounded in the original tradition, yet it is radically different.

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2017 Our Lady of the Rosary School Mission Goal:

'All students are to demonstrate understanding of the relationship between

SCRIPTURE → CATHOLIC VALUES → VIRTUES → CHRISTIAN LIFE

This term our focus is on two **Virtues: Self-control & Forgiveness** and their connection with Catholic Values as derived from Scripture and our call to live as 'Followers of Jesus'.

SELF-CONTROL: Self-control is about having power and control over your actions

Self-control is having power and control over your emotions, words, actions, impulses and desires; showing perseverance and commitment to achieving goals.; delaying gratification

FORGIVENESS: Forgiveness is about having a willingness to forgive • it is about being gracious toward others • it is about being quick to admit you are wrong, and to apologise.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR cont'd

SELF-CONTROL: What does self-control look like?

People practicing self-control: 1. Think before they act. 2. Control their temper. 3. Make good choices. 4. Follow through with plans and tasks. 5. Behave, even when no one is looking.

What does self-control sound like?

People practicing self-control make statements like: —

I feel angry, I need to calm down - I will call you after I finish my homework. — I know there is a reason for rules, so I obey them - I have to finish my chores before I can watch T.V. - I'd love to eat all of the cookies, but I am only going to have one.

What does self-control feel like? When self-control is practiced, a person: Feels a sense of accomplishment when reaching a goal. Enjoys the trust of others. Feels more equipped to handle unexpected problems.

Makes and keeps friends easily.

Mrs Colleen Fuller

REC Coordinator



As we return to school for Term 3 it is important to remind our students about the school behaviour expectations.

At Our Lady of the Rosary we all agree to be safe, respectful learners.

We can do this by:

- Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves
- Showing respect to others
- Being at school on time everyday to learn

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear families

Welcome to term 3. Over the school holidays, Parents Association has been working really hard preparing to bring loads of fun and entertainment for the children. Please refer to the term3 planner for all upcoming events.

All Fathers Day orders have arrived and we have some exciting gifts this year for dads and grandpas. We will keep you all updated via the newsletter and online through Facebook page. Please join us online if you haven't already at "OLR St Marys Families Page" on Facebook.

We are aiming at raising as much as we can for the school to purchase Chrome books for the children to use.

Reminders to note:

- * For year 6 and Kindergarten - Tea Towel pre orders are due in this Thursday, 27th July
- * Kindergarten - milkshake and cake orders are due in this Wednesday, 26th July, for the 100 celebration day (on Friday)

Thank you for your continued support,
Pritika Manocha
Co-President
(On behalf of Parents Association)

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PENRITH OBSERVATORY

Date: 5 August

Event name: Public Astronomy Night - Is anybody out there? The search for extraterrestrial intelligence: A how to guide

Event details:

Dr Ain De Horta

If you've ever wondered if there are other intelligent beings in the universe that are looking out from their home planet wondering the same, then this is the presentation for you. We will look at how we are currently searching for evidence of other intelligent beings in the universe and how we might search in the future.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting)

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Date: 19 August

Event name: What the shape of galaxies reveals about their upbringing – NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Event details:

Dr Caroline Foster

The nature of astronomical distances is such that even our nearest neighbouring galaxy is too far to explore by probe. So, much like shadow puppetry, astronomers can only see galaxies in projection on the celestial sphere. Since distinct shapes project identically in 2D, measuring the true 3D (or intrinsic) shape of galaxies is an easy problem to pose, but a challenging one to solve. After 9 decades of effort, astronomers are finally making some headway thanks to a new technology called "multiplex integral field spectroscopy". I will briefly present this new technology and outline the role that Australian researchers have played in its development. I will also show how we are finally answering the 90 years old puzzle of the true shape of galaxies. You'll be amazed at how the 3D shape of galaxies can reveal much about how they were born and have grown up.

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DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Single Life Vocation Retreat: 4 - 6 August

A Retreat for Women at Mt Schoenstatt who would like to find out more about the Vocation to Single Life. The weekend will provide an opportunity to meet Women who are living the Single Life vocation and learn about how this vocation is lived and fostered. For more information or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com Visit: <https://goo.gl/eLoMMg>

Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill 2017 Family Fiesta: 6 August

The Parish Community of Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill invite you to come along to celebrate our Feast Day on Sunday, August 6th. Commencing with Mass at 11am and a Marian Procession. Festivities commence at 1pm with exciting rides, international foods, market stalls, games and finishing with a spectacular fireworks display at 6pm. 1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville. For all enquiries: Parish Office 8883 4063

Santa Maria: Missionary of Hispanic America: 13 August

The chaplaincies and the Hispanic Communities of NSW want to invite you to this celebration. Sunday 13th August 2017: Holy Rosary 9.30am and Holy Eucharist 10.30am. The Good Shepherd Parish Hall 130 Hyatts Road Plumpton NSW 2761. Special Guest: Arch Bishop from Coro, Venezuela - Monsignor Mariano Parra S. After Mass there will be a show and typical foods will be on sale. For more information contact Fr Luis Herrera on 9622 1125

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 13 August

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 18 – 20 August

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

- Weekend date: 18th to 20th August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or

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