

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

Our Lady of the Rosary School Newsletter

TERM 3 **WEEK 10**

We Follow Jesus

19TH SEPTEMBER 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. 20th September

• 2.00pm—Gold Awards Stage One Leading

Friday 22nd September

- Sports Fever Mufti Day Yr 6 fundraiser
- OLR's Got Talent **LAST DAY TERM 3**

TERM 4

COMMENCES

MONDAY 9TH

OCTOBER

Monday 9th October FIRST DAY TERM 4

Morning Assembly

Thursday 12th October

 OLR Feast Day Celebration - 8.45-10.45am

Friday 13th October

- Y2 @ Parish Mass
- 10.00am—Diocesan Mission Mass St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday 16th October

• 8.45am - Morning Assembly

Wednesday 18th October

- Don Bosco Kindy
- **Thursday 19th October**
- Yr 5 Bathurst Camp
- Y5 Reconciliation

Friday 20th October

- Yr 5 Bathurst Camp
- Y1 @ Parish Mass
- Don Bosco Fundraiser Yr 6-3.00pm - 4.30pm

REFLECTIONS OF TERM THREE, 2017.



Here we are at the end of a superb term three, 2017, at Our Lady of The Rosary School. Many educational achievements have been realized and we have much to acknowledge and celebrate.

A few of the blessings and successes we have shared this term are:

- •OLR Voice of Youth for the year 6 students of the Diocese.
- •Gymnastics Dance Fever for all students K-6.
- •Celebrating Kinders 100th day at OLR.
- •The Human Race PBS4L show.
- Weekly Parish Mass.
- Celebration of Learning assemblies.
- •K-6 Excursions.
- Book Week Travel A Thon & Book Character Parade.
- Netball and Touch football Gala Days.
- •Father's Day Liturgy & Afternoon Sports Tabloids.
- •OLR's Got Talent.

CRITICAL READING ON THE INTERNET



Although the abundance of previously excluded perspectives is a positive outgrowth of the Internet and social media, the downside of digital texts is that anyone can say almost anything.

No credentials, no fact checking and no editorial boards are required. This makes teaching students how to read

informational texts with a critical eye more important than ever. One way parents and teachers can approach this responsibility is to encourage children to use guiding guestions when reading digital or any other informational texts.

Three guiding guestions:

1.What story is being told? 2.Who's telling the story? 3. How would the story be different if someone else told it?

From the Príncípal cont'd.....

The first question encourages readers to get the gist of the piece. The second question requires many students to think in new ways because students are often unaccustomed to questioning the authority of the authors they read. The third question invites thinking about perspectives that are left out. How would the story be different if it were told from the perspective of a person or group whose interests were very different from those presented in the piece?

Critical readers need to notice when they're only being given part of the story and understand why they're being persuaded to believe a single story.

SPRING CLEANING

Each year the first week of spring is "Keep our Country Beautiful Week"; it is a reminder to communities and households to spring clean their local environment. Besides adding to the environment by perhaps planting a tree, we are encouraged to look at **three** other areas:

1. It is estimated that there are tens of millions of unused **mobile phones** across our country and many contain materials that are harmful to the environment if they reach landfill. Approximately 90% of the plastic and metal in mobile phones can be recovered and recycled.

2. If every household in our country replaced two or more standard light globes with **energy-saving** light globes, this would be the equivalent of taking hundreds of thousands of cars off the road each year and save enough energy to power entire townships of homes for an entire year.

3. On average multiple tonnes of **printer cartridges** are sent to landfill in our country each year and take up to 450 years to decompose. Recycling cartridges would greatly reduce this burden on our environment.

The general message is, if we can make small changes at home, at work, at school, then collectively, we can make a worthwhile difference to our community. Not only can this apply to the physical environment around our community, it can also apply to the **emotional environment** within our family group. A family's emotional environment can be made happier and healthier if the family decided to:

1. Become better listeners. Listening is very different from hearing. Listening involves comprehending not just the facts that are presented, but the intention and emotional overtones as well. Good listeners give their total attention to the speaker; they don't half listen because they are too busy formulating their response. Good listeners are not told, "You didn't hear what I said!"

2.**Concentrate on solutions.** When something goes wrong, it is somewhat natural to identify whom you think made it go wrong, in other words who is to blame. Often this leads to argument and damage to trust. Instead, we need to turn our efforts to finding a solution. We need to identify the circumstance and the motive then decide on a course of collective action to get things back on track. Blaming causes resentment and the loss of goodwill.

3. **Practise courtesy.** Courtesy costs nothing and benefits everyone. Courtesy is exercising good manners and treating other family members, as we would like to be treated. Genuine courtesy is a way of each family member saying, "I care"; it is the expression of your consideration for the feelings of someone else. Courtesy emphasises we instead of me. The way we trust other people allows them to see into our hearts.

Not only does our country have a beautiful environment, it has beautiful people as well. However, to keep them beautiful both need caring for and both need an occasional concerted effort to keep them "up to scratch".

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From the Principal cont d.....

God, our Father we thank You for the gifts of our environment and family. Give us enlightened minds and caring hearts to look after both well. Amen

Thought for the Week

"Work on humbly with the means that God has placed at your disposal" Mary MacKillop 20.8.1886

Have a Blessed and Peaceful Holiday Michael Siciliano <u>**PRINCIPAL**</u>



From the Acting Assistant Principal's Desk

<u>A guide to helping children with reading at home:</u>

To parents and carers,

You make a difference to your children's reading journey. Your role as an advocate for your children's reading success cannot be overestimated. It has a direct impact on the ease and confidence with which they pursue their reading and writing. It is the joy and love of sharing a good book on a nightly basis that sets the foundation for their reading success, and ensures that reading is given the priority it deserves. Reading regularly with someone who cares is the inspiration that all readers deserve.

Proven benefits of reading with your child:

- * Relationship building
- * Children's reading improves
- * Children read more
- * Children's self-esteem improves
- * Reading unites families through shared stories

Enjoy the holiday period with your children. Embrace the time you have together and lose yourself in a world of great literacy.

Mrs Kathryn Burnett Acting Assistant Principal

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Please be advised that at the commencement of Term 4 Monday 9th October <u>ALL</u> students are to be wearing their summer school uniform.



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RELICIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR

From the page of the Religious Education Coordinator

Parish Mass times are listed for your convenience.You are 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 & 5.30pmWe are blessed to have this extensive choice for Week-end Mass times.What time is the most suitable time for you and the family to attend Mass?

Sunday, 24 Sep 2017: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at

daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages,

starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they

expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?"

Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The gospel of the Lord. R: Praise to you Lord Jesus christ

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR cont'd

REFLECTION on the GOSPEL by Dianne Bergant CSS

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the **import of the end of time.** As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be

generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and

indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

Vale Fr Jerry (Jeremiah) Breen Salesian of Don Bosco

Born in Knocknagashel, Ireland 12 December 1930

Last Monday September 11, in Melbourne a memorial service was held within a large and supportive Salesian community, to farewell Fr Jerry and celebrate the most generous way he had served the Lord with simplicity, generosity and great joy.

Fr Brendan, Fr Guy, Fr John and Br Jeff drove to Melbourne to concelebrate the requiem mass in his honour. Many parishioners and students from Our Lady of the Rosary will remember Fr Jerry and his significant years of service within this community.

As a school community we wish to acknowledge the generous way he served this community. It was quite common for Fr Jerry to have chocolates for each child to be distributed once the students returned to school.

He delighted to see the students involved in prayer and devotion at Mass. His words were always warm and encouraging toward all students and adults. His humility and selflessness within the community always shone brightly. Fr Jerry

has been missed and well remembered since his retirement within the Salesian Community in Melbourne.

Our prayers of thanksgiving and petition have been with him in illness and old age. We continue to pray for him as he continues his eternal life with the Lord.

Fr Jerry Breen died on Friday 1st September, in Melbourne-surrounded and supported by the Salesian community.

Fr Jerry's Pastoral Ministry was as Priest. Missionary. Teacher. Pastor. Interestingly Fr Jerry was Fr Brendan's teacher at one point in his ministry.

"Go now to those whom I send you - It is Yahweh who speaks!" (Jeremiah 1:7-8)

Across this school year we are learning how to name and make explicit CATHOLIC VALUES across the curriculum, as expected by the Diocese.

CATHOLIC VALUES inform our choice to live a virtuous life (e.g. respect, kindness, honesty, self control, perseverance, service and forgiveness) as revealed to us in Sacred Scripture.

I list these Catholic Values for your awareness, consideration and further discussion at home within your family.

Further explanation of these Catholic Values can be found on the Catholic Values across the Curriculum website. As a Catholic School it is our intent that these Catholic Values are embedded throughout all our learning and living.

In loving memory of Fr Jeremiah Breen Salesian of Don Bosco



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CATHOLIC VALUES across the curriculum

- CV1 Positive View of Life
- CV2 Community and Common Good
- CV3 Freedom from Oppression
- CV4 Hope and resurrection
- CV5 Search for Truth and Wisdom
- **CV6** Sacramentality or God's presence in the whole world
- CV7 Reconciliation

VIRTUES are seen in our words and actions, and are put into practice because of our Catholic Values. Virtues continue to be a focus in all behaviour, which is where we demonstrate our awareness of Catholic Values and their link with our understanding and exploration of Sacred Scripture.

In Term Three we have been focusing on the Virtues of Self-Control and

Perseverance.

OUR LADY of the ROSARY FEAST DAY 7th October

In Term 4 Week One we will celebrate our Feast Day.

Since the actual Feast Day falls in the school holiday break, we will celebrate as a school community on Thursday 12th October.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT SCHOOL.

12.15pm Liturgy of the Word in the School Undercroft Area

1.00pm - 1.45pm Picnic lunch in the school grounds.

Sausage Sizzle lunch available for students and parents. (\$5.00 sausage sandwich, cupcake and bottle of water. Orders need to be placed this week. See notes sent home on Monday 18th September)

1.45pm - 2.45pm Parents invited to visit open classrooms

2.45pm - 2.55pm Parents are invited to move to the school Undercroft Area as Teachers conduct the end of day dismissal.

In anticipation of your support, we look forward to joining you in prayer and sharing these *Feast Day Celebrations* with you.

Mrs Colleen Fuller <u>**REC Coordínator**</u>

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Term 3 STAR Awards

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the Term 3 STAR awards. It is great to celebrate the improvements demonstrated by our students.



Term 3
Achol Ngong - KN
Aggie Anufe - KR
Nemetallah Awad - 1D
Eunice Padasas - 1B
Thomas Balgowan - 2V
Amalina Piol - 2R
Tyler Spencer - 3C
Grace Smythe - 3E
Kale Taruc - 4T
Tarita Soatini - 4V
Nyjur Gar - 50
Aleu Aleu– 5E
Atem Achuoth - 60
James Tartak - 6M

<u>Athon:</u> Thank you to all the families who have returned their sponsorship cards and money for the Travel Athon. We have raised a total of \$2,887 to go toward Literacy resources.

Congratulations to the following students who have received prizes for returning their sponsorship cards and money by way of a raffle; Daniel (KN), Estelle (1D), Jay (6M), Charlize (2V), Gabriella (KN), Mariah (KR), Matthew (6O), Antonija (2V), Winston (KR), Rohit (1D), Elijah (3C), George (KN) and Levi (2V).

Congratulations to Trinity (5E) who raised the most sponsorship from an individual student.

Congratulations to Year 1 for raising the most sponsorship as a grade. They will receive a pizza party on Friday for their collective effort.

If you still have outstanding money from the Athon please send it to the school office by the end of term.

TRAVEL ATHON & BOOK PARADE 23RD AUGUST 2017



Gymnastics Make-Up

Day: In Week 4 this term the students missed a Gymnastics session due to the Staff Development Day. This session was made up for all students on Wednesday 6th September.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

This promotion finishes today Tuesday 19th September. Please send in all sticker sheets completed or not plus any loose stickers you may have before Thursday 21st



September. We will not be able to accept them after this date as they will be tallied and reported to Woolworths on Friday 22nd September.

Thank you for your support of this promotion, we will advise you what resources we are able to purchase through the promotion next term.

Arts Factor Performance:

The Primary Drama Arts Factor was a spectacular day! Well done to our students for giving up their recess and lunch times for rehearsals. All 41 students from Years 4, 5 and 6 were beaming with pride as they performed *Marshall Armstrong is New to Our School by David Mackintosh at St Thomas Aquinas in Springwood. They all did a fantastic job and were very engaging story tellers. Additionally they made us proud as they demonstrated how an audience respects each performance with patience and support. Well done to our students and teachers for their support! Miss Tannous*





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Mackillop Athletics

Congratulations Amosia who threw 11.56m in the Shot Put Field event at the Mackillop Athletics Carnival!

Amosia came second and won silver and has made the Mackillop squad. He will compete at the NSWPSSA Athletics Carnival early next term.

We wish you the very best of luck Amosia!

Mr Oxley Sports Coordinator





CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENTS

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OPEN: 7am-6pm

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Developmental Learning Programs

Meals Included

Please Call: 9623 1499

email: admin@keymer.org.au



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Diocesan Athletics Carnival

On Friday 25th August the following students competed in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Sports Park in the following events:

Atem Achuoth— 11 Years: 800 metres, Long Jump Aweer Achouth — 8 Years: 100 metres Garang Lual— 10 Years: 100 metres, 200 metres Amosia Soatini — 11 Years: Shot Put Kaitlyn Casserly — 12 Years: Shot Put Lual Lual — 10 Years: 100 metres Riny Lual - 8 Years: 100 metres

These students were representing the Nepean Zone area and were competing to make the Mackillop Athletics team. There were races, relays, discus, long jump, shot put and plenty more events. The day was not only about winning, but teamwork and fun. Sure everybody was nervous but they gave it a try and had plenty of fun!

We congratulate Amosia Soatini who made it through to the MacKillop Trials and we wish him well in competing to make it to State Level.

By Amosia Soatini & Mr Oxley







PBS4L Update:

Students have been working hard to earn Oarsome cards over the last number of weeks for displaying kind hands and feet on the playground.

The number of awards that are being presented every week is continuing to grow which is a fantastic achievement for all of our students. Did you know that our Oarsome card box is almost full which means that the whole school could possibly receive another reward by the end of Term 3!!!







Supporting kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!!!

Can you believe that school holidays are almost here! Term three has just flown by.

We have a few school holiday activities running and bookings are open now! Listed below you will see what is coming up and how your child can be part of it.

MUSIC JAM!

Music Jam will take place at the LPF Centre for Autism in the September school holidays. Community musician Alex Hocking, a final term music therapy undergraduate at Western Sydney University will host one hour sessions.

What is Music Jam?

Music Jam is used to work with and around the participants and their needs; communication skills, developmental processing both physically and cognitively, self-expression and anxiety/depression release. Through music play and interaction, the session will be structured educationally, socially and as a relaxation tool.

Why participate?

Music provides a sense of achievement and belonging through various activities. Through the session we work towards goals that are physical, mental and emotional. These may be group and/or personal goals for each individual child or a group.

Session information **Wednesday 27th September** 3.30 - 4.30pm - This session is for children aged between 3 and 6 years. 4.30 - 5.30pm - This session is for children aged 7 years and over.

Cost - \$25 per child Bookings are essential and numbers are strictly limited for the sessions.

To book your spot in these sessions please email <u>events@lukepriddisfoundation.com</u> or call the office on 4736 2202

* Places in this session are limited and will fill quickly.



Sensory Art Session !

This is only a single school holiday Sensory Art session.

Monica will be doing some fun, sensory and socially involving art Supporting kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders activities with the children. The projects and outcomes cover

many educational aspects including literacy, numeracy, communication and social skills that will be based on sensory exploration and use of fine and gross motor skills. Children will work on a series of small, take home projects using a variety of items that will encourage them to explore different objects, talk about their work, cooperate with other children and create unique pieces of art.

The program is designed to engage your child in series of activities to prepare them to return to the classroom in a supportive and fun environment.

These sessions are covered by NDIS evidence based outcomes.

Registrations are essential as there will be a maximum of 8 participants for this session.

This is a drop off program, \$45 for the 2 hours including all resources. Registration info from events@lukepriddisfoundation.com or 4736 2202.

Holiday All Ability - WSW Soccer Clinic

The Western Sydney Wanderers, in conjunction with the LPF, will be running school holiday clinics for children with ASD or ASD like symptoms. These clinics will have higher staffing rations and be operated by fully qualified teaching, coaching, professional playing and special needs trained staff. The program will focus on gross motor, team participation, social interaction and community inclusion.

"The Western Sydney Wanderers are a club built for the community of Western Sydney. With our partners Soccer Kickstart, we have united to provide engagement and developmental programs to the whole community. Our goal is to deliver a positive football experience to the people in Western Sydney by providing programs run by Kickstart's professional coaches in schools, clubs, multicultural groups and various foundations"

This Clinic will encourage Parental participation if required.

Two sessions will run :

High Support : 9am - 10.00am Diverse abilities : 10.15am - 11.45pm

WHERE : Jamison Park (field on cnr of York & Jamison Road)

WHO : All ages from 4 - 15 are accepted

COST: \$25 per child

Please send your registration for to events@lukepriddisfoundation.com

The Secret Agent Society Social Skills Program is coming back!

Running on the 4, 5 and 6 October between 9am and 12.30pm. The Secret Agent Society is a fun and interactive program aiming to improve the social skills and emotional understanding of children ages 8-12 with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The SAS program aims to help children learn about how to:

- Recognise simple and complex emotions in themselves and others
- Express their feelings in appropriate ways Cope with feelings of anger and anxiety
- Communicate and play with others- Cope with mistakes, transitions and challenges
- Build and maintain friendships- Solve social problems
- Detect the different between accidents, jokes and nasty deeds Prevent and manage bullying and teasing

If you would like to enrol your child or require any further information please feel free to call the office on 4736 2202 or email events@lukepriddisfoundation.com



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Sensory Screening for October - Captain Underpants!

Join us on Sunday 15 October at 11am for the screening of Captain Underpants the movie!

The Sensory Friendly Screenings have been designed to feature low lighting, no pre-show features and a reduced sound level.

Perfect family outing for everyone to enjoy! Tickets are available from Hoyts Penrith and are \$8 per ticket (no online sales).

We hope to see you there.



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PROVIDER

You're invited to attend our NDIS OPEN DAY

on Thursday 7th September @ 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Tour our purpose built facilities
Learn about the services we can provide including Exercise Physiology, Dietitian and Learn to Swim
Meet our team
Afternoon tea
All welcome

For more information about our event or our NDIS services please call **9833 3075** or email **hydrotherapy@ripplesnsw.com.au**

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