



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 2

We Follow Jesus

8TH MAY 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 11th May

- 9.00 - 10.00am
Mothers Day Liturgy
- 10.00am - P&F Mothers
Day Follow up Stall

Monday 14th May

- 8.45am -Morning
Assembly
- 7.00 - 8.00pm
2019 Kindergarten
Information evening

Tuesday 15th May

- Parent Confirmation
Meeting
7.30 - 8.30pm

Wednesday 16th May

- Liturgy Family Fun Day
2:00 - 2:30pm
- Kindy—Don Bosco

Thursday 17th May

- Parent Confirmation
Meeting
7.30 - 8.30pm

Friday 18th May

- Year 1 Excursion. Old
School House Museum
- Y2 attending Parish
Mass
- Don Bosco- Yr 4

Monday 21st May

- 8.45am -Morning
Assembly
- Graffiti Prevention
Program- Yr 5
- P&F meeting
7.00 - 8.00pm

**STAFF
DEVELOPMENT
DAY
FRIDAY
25TH MAY
NO CHILDREN ON
THIS DAY**

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Tell Them From Me



As part of our focus on school effectiveness, Our Lady of The Rosary Primary School will be participating in an online survey for parents teachers and students – *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)*. *TTFM* replaces *The Quality Catholic Surveys* which were conducted in the Parramatta between 2012 until 2017. The new *TTFM* survey will

provide school teams with valuable feedback on what parents, teachers and students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that members of the community interact. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve the learning for children.

In the next few weeks all students in year 4, 5 & 6 will be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey during regular school hours. Students who agree to complete the survey will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey online. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined together – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results.

The Tell them from me survey takes approximately 25-30 minutes to complete. The survey measures include such topics as emotional and social well-being, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. It also allows students to give their thoughts and feedback in open-ended question responses.

If you would like more information, please contact me at your convenience. If you do not wish your child to participate in the survey please send a note to the school addressed to the Principal,
Mr M Siciliano by next Friday, 18 May.

From the Principal cont'd.....

SACRIFICE



Last week we had the privilege of welcoming Mr Frank Lawton and Mr John Foeken (Former Navy Chiefs) to the OLR Anzac Day Ceremony. It is very fitting to honor and thank the many, servicemen and service-women, who have gone before us to make Australia the wonderful nation it is today, as we ponder the concept of: 'Sacrifice'

A story is told about a Lt. Col. Arnaud Beltrame who took the place of a hostage in a gunfight in

France. He unfortunately died from his wounds sustained from this heroic act. Many grandparents and great grandparents of this great nation fought for us in world wars. Thousands of ANZACS died or suffered from their wounds for the rest of their lives. They sacrificed their health, their freedom and even their lives for those they loved and many people they didn't even know.

When we read stories of courage displayed when people put themselves in terrible danger to save someone else, we may ask ourselves, "What would I have done? Would I have been brave enough?"

Until we are tested, we can never know how we would behave in a life or death situation. But the idea of sacrifice is not only for those moments of crisis. Sacrifice can be seen every day in small and big actions, when we put aside our own selfish needs.

It is sacrifice when your mother stays up late into the night to make a costume for you for the school play.

It is sacrifice when your mum or dad misses a family party to stay with you when you are sick and cannot go.

It is sacrifice when you give up a seat on the bus for someone older or weaker than yourself.

It is sacrifice when you spend time helping someone instead of enjoying your time off.

It is sacrifice when you give your brother or sister the last piece of cake.

What other sacrifices do you make in your daily life?

By these everyday sacrifices, we learn important lessons for life. We learn that our needs often come second to the needs of others. We learn, we like ourselves better when we think of others.

We become the kind of person other people admire and rely on.

Sacrifice is an important part of the Easter story.

Sacrifice is also one of the ANZAC ideals.

If we practise small sacrifices, we can be confident that, if like Colonel Beltrame or our brave ancestors, we are ever tested, we will rise to the challenge. Inside us all is that brave, selfless soul.

Remember our school motto,

We follow Jesus.



From the Principal cont'd.....

NAPLAN 2018

Next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, all students in Australian schools in years 3,5,7 & 9 will participate in the 2018 National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The results of these tests will provide information on each students achievements in reading, writing, grammar, spelling and numeracy. Parents will receive in term 3 a report indicating their child's achievement in these areas of their education. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the National and Parramatta Diocesan results.

Next Friday will be the Naplan 'Catch up' day for students who missed a test due to absence or illness. Parents of children in years 3 & 5 are asked to ensure that children are at school next week to complete the Naplan Assessments. For further information please see your child's teacher.

Happy Mothers Day!

As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day, we also are reminded that we dedicate the month of May to Our Lady Help of Christians. As the Mother of God and the Mother of our Church, we honour Mary as the very first disciple. Mary listened and responded to the call of God and is an example to each of us of an unconditional love for family.

Let us pray:

A Blessing for Mothers

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women with children,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

Amen

Happy Mother's Day

Thought for the Week

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."

Erin Majors

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL



SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL

Please be reminded that playground supervision at school commences at 8.15am and concludes at 3.25pm. At afternoon dismissal, children must be collected by 3.15pm. For safety reasons, children **should not** be at school before or after these times.



School Starting Time

School starts at 8.45am. Children need to be at school by 8.30am so they can have a play and socialise with their friends and go to the toilet before lessons start.

Should you need further child minding out of school hours please find below names of the Before and After School Care that service the school.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE CENTRES

YMCA Before and After School Care.....9833 3195

(St Marys Public School Grounds)

Princess Mary Street ST MARYS

St Clair Out of School Hours Care (OOSH).....9670 5555

Baptist

158 Bennett Street

ST CLAIR

Go Bananas.....1300 226 262

Cnr Forrester & Boronia Road (St Marys Leagues Club)

CONSENT FROM PARENTS



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

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are reminded to take photos of ONLY their child.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Student Attendance

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in our school. 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.

Below is a table showing each grades attendance rate for Term 2 Week 1. The Catholic Education Office Parramatta's target for every school is 90% attendance

2018 School Year	School Year Attendance Level %
	Term 2 Week 1
Kindergarten	84.0%
Year 1	84.3%
Year 2	83.1%
Year 3	91.9%
Year 4	72.3%
Year 5	88.4%
Year 6	91.6%
Overall School Attendance Level = 84.9% This is 5.1% below the CEDP target of 90%	

KINDERGARTEN 2019 INFORMATION EVENING

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST MARYS

Monday 14th May 2018
7.00 —8.00pm

Kindergarten Classrooms
Parking in school grounds
(entry via Saddington Street)
St Marys

*This is a great opportunity to meet this year's
Kindergarten teachers and have your questions
answered. **Children welcome!!!**
Free show bag for each family!*

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ST MARYS KINDERGARTEN 2019



Applications are now being accepted for
Kindergarten 2019

Please collect an Enrolment Package from the
school office 32B Saddington

St, St Marys

8856 8301

8.15am—3.30pm Monday to Friday



From the Assistant Principal's desk...



Welcome to my desk. In each Newsletter I will provide general information, ideas and tips for parents in either Literacy and Numeracy. If you have a particular question or query in regards to the curriculum let me know and I will be happy to address it.

What is PBS4L?

Positive Behaviour Support for Learning



A whole school approach to supporting the learning and wellbeing needs of all students.

In 2014 OLR committed to the PBS4L framework to support a consistent, school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours, creating a positive school environment. We have been able to promote positive student behaviour by creating positive learning environments that promote wellbeing.

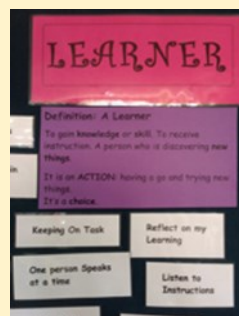
The purpose of the PBS4L framework is:

- * -to reduce behavioural problems in a proactive way and therefore increase time for instruction and learning
- * - to help all students feel connected to the whole school community
- * - to increase wellbeing
- * - to reduce absenteeism
- * - to create a positive school climate
- * - to maximise learning.



A whole school document has been created that outlines the expectations of the students in 3 clear areas:

- ◆ We are **Respectful**
- ◆ We are **Safe**
- ◆ We are **Learners**



You will hear these words used by teachers in every classroom and on the playground every day. We have developed processes to ensure that the teachers are able to track student behaviour and thus provide support where needed.

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

Playground Forms

- ◆ These have been developed to monitor and keep track of playground behaviour. They are entered into a database where we collect and use the data to inform our next steps.

Classroom Forms

- ◆ These allow teachers to monitor and keep track of classroom behaviour as well as provide students an opportunity to reflect on their behaviour and consider better choices. These forms are entered into a database where we collect and use the data to inform our next steps.

Note home for parents

- ◆ When students are not meeting the expectations in the classroom or playground a note will be sent home. This is to ensure we communicate and keep the partnership between home and school positive. At times students will have time out during lunch time to reflect on their behaviour choices and discuss this with a member of the Leadership team.

Everyone has a voice in PBS4L – students, staff and parents.

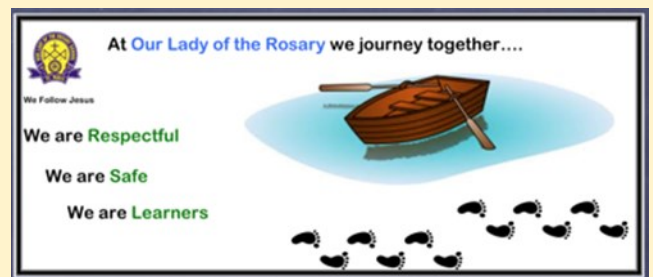
We have the same behaviour expectations for all (including teachers and parents behaviour – e.g., treating all with respect)

- ◆ *It is based on the principle that we teach behaviour in the same way we teach academics – by guiding, re-teaching and providing support to help solve the problem.*

If you have any issues or concerns about your child's behaviour your first point of call is the classroom teacher. Teachers are always available to discuss your child's needs – just make an appointment through the office.

The next step is the Stage Leader, Assistant Principal, then Principal.

We thank all parents for your constant support of the staff who work extremely hard to provide a safe and supporting learning environment for your children.



*Our ultimate aim is to reward those students who consistently display positive behaviour. Children can reach **Row boat** (Stage Leader Award), then **Sail boat** (Assistant Principal Award), and **Speed Boat** (Principal Award).*

Well done to the students who have already reached Rowboat level. Their names appear in this Newsletter.

Kind Regards.... Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make this school.

Mrs Julianne Regan
Assistant Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR

From the page of the Religious Education Coordinator

Parish Mass times are listed for your convenience.

You are invited 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.

Choose a Mass time that is most suitable time for you and the family to attend.

2018 OLR SCHOOL MISSION GOAL:

All students will know how to live our school motto 'We Follow Jesus' through prayerful reflection and exploration of scripture using the three senses (Literal, Spiritual and Application).

This year as a school community we have a clear focus of living our School Motto - 'We Follow Jesus'. We are learning how to better engage in prayerful reflection on thoughts, words and actions through exploration of scripture, using the three senses to inform behaviour choices.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARISH PROGRAM.

Please continue to hold in prayer our students who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion - Sacrament of First Eucharist. There is a parent meeting for parents only this Tuesday evening in the church, in preparation for children receiving their First Holy Communion on the weekend of

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS.

Please check the school calendar for important Parent Meeting in Term Two.

First Reconciliation Parent Meetings will be held on Tuesday or Thursday

Sunday, 6 May 2018: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

On Sunday we celebrated the sixth sunday of the Easter Season.

This Sunday, May 12, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into heaven and the following Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday-when the Holy Spirit is sent as our guide and helper-to be with us always. As Jesus promised,

I will not leave you as orphans when I return to heaven.

This year, MOTHER'S DAY is also celebrated on the same Sunday as the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. A very appropriate sharing of significant days as we remember that when Jesus

Happy Mother's Day
to all the selfless women
who inspire, motivate and
remind us to be a better
person every single day.

ascended to heaven he sent us out to all nations to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Mums give us a real real example of spreading the Good News of the Gospel through their service within a family, as together we build the Kingdom of God on Earth.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR cont'd....

Gospel Acclamation cf. 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 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: **'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.**

Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no,

I chose you; and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name. **What I command you is to love one another.'**

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

FAMILY FUN DAY - a Diocesan initiative.

On Wednesday 16th May we will celebrate FAMILY FUN DAY across the Diocese to focus our attention on the remarkable work done in our Diocese by Catholic Care.

All students are asked to come to school wearing a colourful piece of clothing with their school uniform, and to bring a gold coin donation.

Mrs Colleen Fuller

REC Coordinator



Congratulations

We wish Miss Tannous and her husband Michael a lifetime of love and happiness as they celebrated their wedding day last Sunday.

PBS4L

Positive Behaviour in Schools for Learning

- * We are Respectful
- * We are Safe
- * We are Learners



PBS4L Update:

This Term classes are focusing on specific lessons to assist students developing their positive behaviours in all settings of the school. Each week there will be a focus that the whole school will work on together. We encourage you to have a conversation about this with your children at the end of each week to help them strengthen these skills.

Week 1: Be Respectful: We listen and follow instructions.

Week 2: Be Respectful: We accept responsibility of our actions and our belongings.



Rowboat Co-ordinator Award

congratulations

Hanna Domjan	Amel Ker	Amelia Kondek
Joseph Khairallah	Austin Kyle	Sophie Sawyer
Achol Ngong	Rajveer Manocha	Jennifer Akok
Mlang Achuo	Estelle Peters	Annalise Buda
Quintana Allen	Emmanuel Danao	Mia Evans
Amariah Gae'e	Thomas Drew	Salih Karahasan
Chut Adu	Aaliyah Sami	Anjleina Khouri
Alak Ajou	Chase Cortes	Quynh Le
Nemetallah Awad	Jacob Matthews	Rose Loual
Rohit Duranjay	Kai Satchell	Talita Soatini
Anthony Jabbour	Stella Croucher	Rose Eibner
Joy Kenyi	Apaula Gae'e	Nyjar Gar
Ruby Montgomery	Jaidyn Matthews	Boulis Ker
Lea Perez	Hitarth Panchal	Daiana Khouri
Alexander Wernhard	Grace Smythe	Lual Lual
Ashley Fonacier	Biar Achuo	Taleea Moran
Taara Hariraam	Emily Drew	



1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children

2-12 years old

Venue: Trinity Catholic Primary School, Kemps Creek
45 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek. Tel: 88566200

Trinity Catholic Primary School, together with The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta are pleased to offer parents and carers in our Diocese, the 1 - 2 - 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching parent course.

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

The course is 3 sessions and will be run on the following dates in the school hall:

Session 1	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Monday 18 th June 2018
Session 2	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Monday 25 th June 2018
Session 3	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Monday 2 nd July 2018

Course Facilitators: Anoushka Houseman & Maria Wen

Cost of the Parent Workbook is \$10.

This actual course will be run free of charge to participants.

Please register by calling the Trinity Primary School Kemps Creek school office on 88566200

- An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective
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This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au