



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

Newsletter

TERM 1

WEEK 4

We Follow Jesus

20TH FEBRUARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEET & GREET GOAL SETTING—ALL WEEK

Wednesday 21st February

- Don Bosco- Yr 2
- Kinder Parent Helper Information Session
3.30 - 4.00pm

Thursday 22nd February

- P & F Mufti Day Crazy Hair and Socks

Friday 23rd February

- Don Bosco- Yr 5
- Y6 participate @ Parish Mass
- Celebration of Learning
2.00 - 2.30pm

Monday 26th February

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

Wednesday 28th February

- Don Bosco- Yr 3
- Stage 3 Incursion—Start Smart Financial Class

Friday 2nd March

- Y5 participate in Parish Mass
- Don Bosco- Yr 6

Monday 5th March

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ALL WEEK

- Morning Assembly -8.45am

STAFF

DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY

12TH MARCH 2018

NO CHILDREN ON THIS DAY

FOCUS IS ON
NUMERACY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

Good Manners



Each time I enter the administration block from the undercroft area and one of the year 5 leaders holds the door open for another person to enter, it reminds me of a poem I read many years ago.

“We say, ‘Thank you’

We say, ‘Please’.

We don’t interrupt or tease.

We don’t argue. We don’t fuss.

We listen when people talk to us.

We like to share and take our turn.

Good manners aren’t too hard to learn.

It’s really easy once you find,

Good manners means:-

Just Being Kind.”

The best aspect of the verse is that it is a very positive statement of how to socially engage and interact with other people; it is not a litany of rules. Good manners is about showing kindness and consideration to others and using these good manners as a lubricant for the daily interactions in which we all engage.

Dr. James Donnelly of Sydney Children’s Hospital recommends that parents frequently talk to their children about how things are going in their lives, especially the things that aren’t going so well, and how they and their friends reacted. The purpose of talking is to work through what might be the best response to any problems: “The talking fosters moral development in a better way than just teaching children rules. You foster a process of the child working out what is the civil thing to do. You let the child work it out rather than just imposing rules; the more rules you impose, the more rules the adolescent has to rebel against.”

In our society we are fortunate to have a great variety of cultural backgrounds and as we value greatly the person we are, so does each person with whom we come into contact. We need to emphasise the idea that it is good to treat other people the way we would like to be treated. Remember our school motto, “We Follow Jesus.”

A popular T.V. series many years ago was called the “Twilight Zone”. One episode is about a man who finds that just about everything in life irritates him. His neighbour is a difficult person to live with, the waitress in the coffee shop



From the Principal cont'd.....

is extremely lethargic, his partner at work is a real bore. His constant mantra is, "I wish everyone was more like me".

The next morning he wakes up in the Twilight Zone and everyone around him is just like him, only dressed in different clothes. His neighbour is just like him, the waitress is just like him, his work partner is just like him. He is surrounded by himself the whole day and by the end of it he pleads, "God, please, I just want everyone to be the way they were!"

The wonderful Greek writer of the short moral story, Aesop, once wrote that, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted". Words and actions of kindness and consideration are never the reason for argument or discord but they are the exercise of good manners. So, "Let us Pray"

**"Lord, we are all made in Your image and likeness.
Whenever and wherever we want to see Your face,
we will see it.
Help our interactions with other people
to be based on kindness and consideration.
Amen"**

Family Prayer for the Lenten period

Last week the school community participated in Ash Wednesday Liturgies which marks the beginning of lent. I invite our families to pray the following prayer often during the season of lent and initiate conversation and questions as you go.

Family Prayer

Lord, as we enter Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship. **Amen**

As Jesus resisted temptation in the wilderness, help us reflect on his faithfulness to God, his rejection of worldly values and hold these thoughts in our hearts throughout Lent and beyond. **Amen**

Jesus, you prayed and fasted. As your disciples teach us about spiritual discipline in our relationships with you. **Amen**

Lord may Lent be a time of inward searching that makes us more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world. **Amen**

Lord, you've guide us through the difficult days of Lent, encouraging us along the way. We pray as we move towards the darkest day, that you'll not forsake us but remind us of our Saviour's ultimate gift and promise of new, abundant, eternal life for all who believe and trust in him, your precious son, Jesus. **Amen**

Thought for the Week

**Every time you push out of your comfort zone
to learn hard things,
your brain grows new connections
and you get smarter.**

Carol Dweck

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL





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.

Catholic Schools Week 2018

This year from 4 - 10 March 2018 we will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

Our theme for CSW 2018 is: 'Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LEARNING'.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools :- students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions. During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us on **Monday, 5th March**, to celebrate with our school community.

EVENTS FOR THE DAY

9.00- 9.45 - WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGY

9.45 - 10.45 - OPEN CLASSROOMS

10.45 - 11.15 - PICNIC MORNING TEA with parents, grandparents and carers.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

This is an ideal opportunity to come and support our community of Our Lady of the Rosary and learn more about the great things that take place in our classrooms every day.

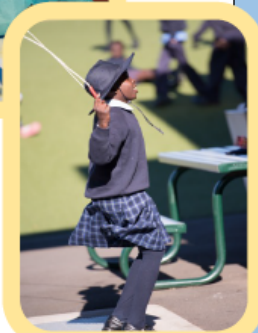
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support of Our Lady of the Rosary and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

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



Mrs Julianne Regan
Assistant Principal





OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL

**We Follow Jesus by being
Safe, Respectful
Learners**

In partnership with our families we provide an educational environment that challenges each individual to achieve his or her personal best.

We are committed to our spirituality and maintaining strong links between the school and parish.

We place a strong emphasis on developing every child's Numeracy and Literacy skills.



**Enrolments for 2019
now being
accepted plus
limited vacancies in all
grades for 2018**

**School Tours for
prospective new parents
Come and have a look
around our school
Wednesday 7th March
2018
9:00 – 10:30am**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
WEEK
CELEBRATION
MONDAY 5TH MARCH
LITURGY: 9:00 – 9:30AM
OPEN CLASSROOMS:
9:45 – 10:45AM
PICNIC MORNING TEA:
10:45 – 11:15AM
PARENTS & VISITORS
WELCOME**

**2019 Kindergarten
Information Night
Monday 14th May
7:00 – 8:00pm**

**Our Lady of the
Rosary School**

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St Marys

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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 27th March

Envelopes have been sent home today for the upcoming School Photos. You can either complete your order *online* or return the envelope with credit card details or cash to school. If you order online you do not need to return the envelope to school.

Please note all children will be photographed on this day for school records.

SIBLING PHOTO — Kindly come to the office to collect an envelope for sibling photos.



School Fee Statement BPay Error

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Please be advised that the CEDP has made an error with the printing of school fee statements in relation to the BPay biller code.

If you already have the biller code saved because you have used it before, this will not affect you. Any new families setting up a scheduled BPay payment, please ignore the biller code on your invoice and use the correct school **Biller Code -504530**.

The customer Reference number should be fine.

For any concerns, please contact Anne Rando – 8856 8301

Kind Regards,
Anne Rando
School Finance Manager



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fee
Statements have now been sent out to families.

If you have not received your school fees by the end of this week, please contact the school office - 8856 8301



SCHOOL OPAL CARD

An important requirement of School Opal is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services.

If students don't Tap on and Tap off, services may be cancelled or reduced due to the lack of recorded patronage. With this in mind, we again ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To assist the schools, Busways is developing a campaign to further promote and encourage the use of School Opal. We will also continue to conduct boarding checks on School Opal cards over the coming months.

Students without an Opal Card will be given a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Please support Busways staff with afternoon boardings and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.



Congratulations.....

Mrs Bell and her husband Tom on the arrival of their little girl Aliyah who was born January 13th 2018 at 11.01pm weighing 3.3kg.

They feel very blessed to have Aliyah in their life!



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROMOTION

We are participating in this promotion this year. Please shop at a Coles Supermarket and for every \$10 you spend you receive one voucher.

Send your vouchers into school and at the end of the promotion we can use the vouchers on sports equipment for the school.

We are also asking for volunteers to come into the school to count and pack the vouchers so we can keep track on how many vouchers we have. Once the promotion ends we will have the coupons ready to send back to Coles for validation.

If you can help, please send a note to the office, marked to the attention of Debbie Smith.



NO SMOKING

Please be advised that Our Lady of the Rosary school is a
"NO SMOKING" zone
including the car parks



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.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION (P&F)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I take this opportunity to invite you all to attend the 1st Parents and Families Association (P&F) meeting for 2018 on Monday 26th February 7-8pm in the OLR staffroom. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting where all the positions in the committee become vacant. All positions are then declared open for volunteers from our parent community to put their hand up to be a part of the 2018 P&F Committee.

The P&F play a vital role in every school community. We work with our principal and teachers to provide enrichment for our students beyond what is regular curriculum. We organise discos, Don Bosco fun afternoons, meal deals, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, Easter and Christmas raffles, and more.

As parents we automatically become members of this association but the committee itself are made up of parents who represent us in the school. They are our voice and we are our children's voice.

Vacant Committee Positions

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Social Secretary & Treasurer

Why join the Parents and Families Association?

- * Children benefit
- * Stay informed
- * Meet and Connect with other parents
- * The funds we raise go back into the school to purchase educational and sporting equipment for our school
- * Parent Involvement helps make our school great

Meeting Date: Monday 26th February 2018

(Apologies for the incorrect date in last newsletter)

Meeting Time: 7-8pm

Meeting Place: OLR Staffroom



Back (L-R): Jasmin, Pritika
Front (L-R): Kristen, Regina, Kelly

On behalf of the 2017 P&F, I thank you all for your generosity and support throughout 2017 and request everyone to please support 2018 P&F committee this year.

Kindest regards,

Pritika Manocha (Co-President)

On behalf of 2017 P&F Committee

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Pre-marriage preparation courses

The Life, Marriage and Family Office are again offering Pre-Marriage preparation courses for couples intending to marry. Couples are invited to book online to attend either a weekend course or individual couple preparation. The website for online booking is www.parracatholic.org/pmp. The dates for all courses in 2018 will be found online. Further enquiries: 02 8838 3460.

Positions Vacant

- Family Life Coordinator - Blacktown Parish, Blacktown

More details at: www.mqofblacktown.org.au

- Interfaith and Ecumenical Executive Officer - Chancery Office, Sydney
- Safeguarding Training and Support Officer - Chancery Office, Sydney

More details at: www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Volunteers Needed

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service in the Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking caretakers for the Balgo parish. Accommodation and food is provided. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060. Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org or Web: www.broomedioocese.org

CatholicCare Counselling has moved to 13 Buller Street North Parramatta

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains has relocated from 2A Villiers Street, North Parramatta to 13 Buller Street North Parramatta. CatholicCare will continue to offer the following services: - Personal and Family Counselling - Relationship Counselling - Post Separation Support and Counselling - Grief and Loss Counselling for adults and children - Financial Counselling - Problem Gambling Counselling - CHOICES NDIS approved counselling. Appointments can be made by calling 02 8843 2530. Free parking available. For more information contact: Karolyn Ellis, Manager Family and Relationship Counselling Services, Karolyn.ellis@ccss.org.au or 0447 441 862.

Concert with Irish singer David Parkes: 24-25 February

David is a international singer who has performed to over a million people world-wide during the past 25 years in his powerful music ministry. Saturday 24 February, 2pm to 4pm at St. James' Catholic Church, 2 Woolley St, Glebe. Sunday 25 February 2018, 2:30pm to 4pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 26 Swanston St, St Marys. Contact Therese - (02) 9651 3028 or 0422 678 799 or John & Helen - (02) 4733 4274 or 0418 690 159