



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 4

We Follow Jesus

14TH AUGUST 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 15th August

- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Principals morning tea for speedboat award recipients.

Thursday 16th August

- VOY Cluster Final Cranebrook

Friday 17th August

- Y1 Parish Mass
- Don Bosco- Yr 6
- 2.00pm - Celebration of Learning

Monday 20th August

- Gymnastics Dance Fever
- BOOK WEEK - ALL WEEK
FIND YOUR TREASURE
- Captivate Dress
Rehearsal - Sydney Olympic
Park 7.00am—2.30pm
- Hatching eggs in kindergarten

CORRECTION TO PLANNER

CALENDAR - NO P & F MTG

Tuesday 21st August

- 8.45am - Morning
Assembly
- 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Captivate Performance Quay
Centre Sydney Olympic Park

Wednesday 22nd August

- P&F Mufti Day Sports Fever
- BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY
9.30 - 10.30am
- 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Captivate Performance
Quay Centre Sydney Olympic Park

Thursday 23rd August

- Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Friday 24th August

- Y6 Parish Mass

Monday 27th August

- Gymnastics Dance Fever

Tuesday 28th August

- P&F Fathers Day Stall
- Netball Gala Day
- Morning Assembly -8.45am
- Y5 Reconciliation

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends



St Mary MacKillop Feast Day

8th August

Last week during a special liturgy we celebrated the feast of St Mary MacKillop. Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ, also known as St Mary of the Cross, was an Australian of Scottish descent who, on the 17 October 2010 was declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Together with Reverend Julian Tenison Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, a congregation of religious sisters which established a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia, with an emphasis on education for the rural poor. She is the only Australian thus far to be recognised by the Catholic Church as a saint.

Our School holds a special devotion to St Mary MacKillop as Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School was founded in 1880 by Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph. We remember the many things that Mary MacKillop did for others and reflect on how we can continue her legacy, and the mission of the Sisters of St Joseph, in our own lives.

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Loving and eternal Father,
You are glorified in your saints.
To you all praise, glory and honour!

You inspired Mary of the Cross to live by
Faith in your Son, Jesus Christ, and to
Share in the saving power of his Cross.

As we travel on our way to join Mary MacKillop in our
True home with you, we are asking her to pray with us

For this special favour.....

Lord hear our Prayer.

Amen

From the Principal cont'd.....

KEEP TRYING UNTIL YOU SUCCEED

Sometimes, human beings behave like bees. If you put several bees in an open-ended bottle and lay the bottle on its side with the base toward a bright light, the bees will keep on flying to the bottom of the bottle towards the light. It never occurs to them to reverse gears and try another direction. This is a combination of genetic programming and learned behaviour.

Put a bunch of flies in that bottle and turn the base towards a bright light. Within a few minutes, all the flies will have found their way out. They try all directions—up, down, towards the light, away from the light, often bumping into the glass and into each other—but sooner or later they find the neck of the bottle and fly out the opening.

This term you will be faced with many challenges as you seek the bright light of learning. Will you be a bee and stick to the way you have always done things or a fly, trying everything you can until you find the answer?

We often allow ourselves to become locked in our comfortable ways of doing things, even if we are getting nowhere and really want to be reaching in a new direction. What we’re doing may make not be helping us, but at least it’s familiar.

One of the most important factors in achieving success at school and in life, is the willingness to try things out, to experiment, to test new ground. In fact, this is the only way to learn and progress – by trial and error.

Like the fly, try one way and then another until you succeed. Don’t worry about making mistakes along the way. That’s the way we all learn.



Thought for the Week

*“Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God”
Mary MacKillop 19.2.1885*

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL



2019 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We wish to advise that **final** places are being offered for Kindergarten for 2019 and strongly urge that if you have a sibling at OLR and **HAVE NOT** lodged your enrolment form to contact the school **IMMEDIATELY** on 8856 8301!!!



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.

DIVERSITY IS THE NORM AT OLR

“Inclusive practice describes any and all efforts made by a school and its community to make students and their parents feel welcome. Inclusive practice implies that if participation becomes an issue for any student, whether arising from disability, gender, behaviour, poverty, culture, refugee status or any other reason, then the desirable approach is not to establish special programs for the newly identified individual or group need, but to expand mainstream thinking, structures and practices so that all students are accommodated.”

(Students with disabilities in mainstream classrooms: A resource for teachers by Anthony Shaddock, Loretta Giorcelli, Sue Smith, p. 12)



At OLR we use a team approach, which allows for a shared responsibility between the Diversity Support Team and the classroom teacher/s. Current research on student learning shows that it is the classroom teacher that makes the biggest difference with student outcomes. It is essential that the classroom teacher drives the learning for their students.

The learning needs of all students, is complex and no one person will have all the answers. So our approach is to build assistance for each student based on the shared wisdom of the Diversity Team, classroom teachers and parents. This also includes those students who are learning beyond the outcomes of their grade. They will be extended and provided with challenges to ensure they are reaching their personalised goals.

The Diversity Team consists of (but is not limited to):

- Diversity Coordinator
- Leadership team
- Diversity teachers
- Teacher Assistants
- School Counselor
- Classroom Teachers
- Parents



A further network is made linking the Learning Support Team with related personnel outside the school: Other CEO personnel e.g. The CEDP Well-being team, Child Psychologists, Speech Pathologists and Occupational Therapists.

A team approach within the classroom allows the classroom teacher to cater with greater precision to the range of students in the class. The Diversity teacher is an extra teacher who can work with ALL students not just the targeted students.

Parents are an integral part of the team approach and we endeavour to keep parents involved and informed throughout the year. Our approach is positive and proactive- working with parents as much as possible. We encourage parents to share their concerns and knowledge about their child with the Diversity Team and classroom teacher.

Some students will need individual programs and these students are targeted at all times with regular instruction and/or task modification. All plans for the student's learning consider the strengths and interests of the student rather than simply remediating weaknesses. The aim is to keep the student engaged and learning at all times.

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

This model does not lock students into focus groups long term but creates flexible groups that change according to need. As much as possible students should be connected to their classroom learning community. All targeted students are capable of learning and should be empowered in their learning so that they are not over-reliant on adult or peer assistance.

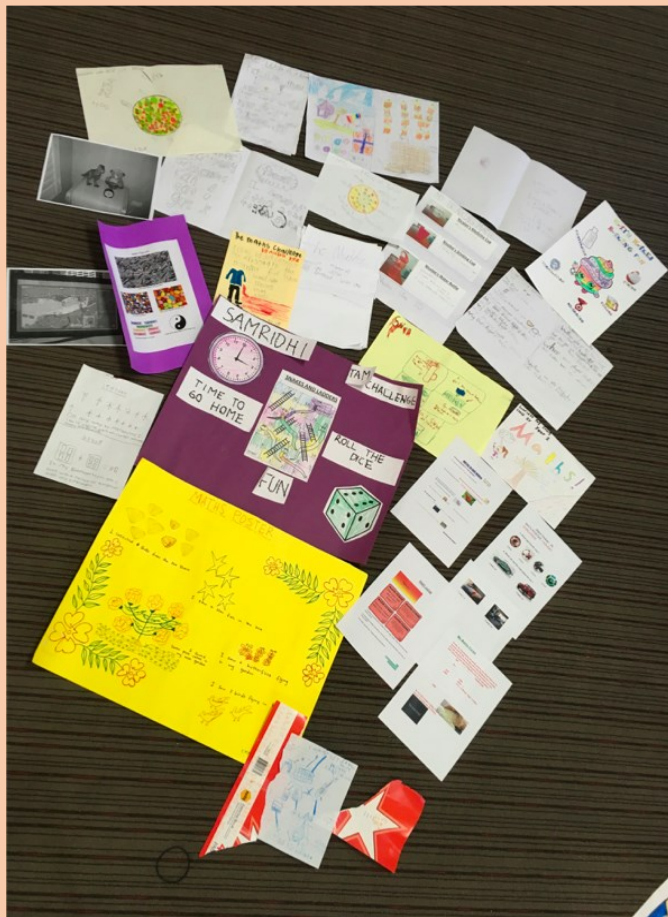
Plans are made, goals are set and these are regularly reviewed and modified. PP's are made for all funded students at the beginning of the year and these are reviewed at key points throughout the year. Students who are not funded but who have been targeted as having an academic and /or social need will also have plans and goals set throughout the year.



Our aim at OLR is to provide targeted individual, personalised learning for all students wherever they sit on their academic pathway.

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

Mrs Julianne Regan
Assistant Principal



Holiday Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all the students who submitted entries for the "Holiday Maths Challenge"

MATHS REALLY IS EVERYWHERE!!!!

And a big congratulations to our **WINNERS....**



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 many available times. We are blessed to have this choice.

Saturday 6.00pm.

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

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

Wednesday. AUGUST 15

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION This is a day when we are expected to come together as believing community and attend Mass.

The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life.

Mary's assumption into heaven is seen by many as a fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God.

Mary is seen as the first disciple of Jesus and a model for all disciples; it is fitting that she receive the gift of discipleship first of all.

Belief in the Assumption of Mary had become widespread by the end of the seventh century and was eventually defined in an infallible statement by Pope Pius XII in 1950



Gospel Acclamation [Lk 11:28](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 11:27-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Blessed is the womb that bore you.

As Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said, 'Happy the womb that bore you ... !'

Jesus replied, 'Still happier those who hear the word of God and keep it!'

The Gospel of the Lord

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR cont'd.....***Sunday, 19 Aug 2018: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time - Year B**

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.***Jesus said to the crowd:**

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.**R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.****REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL.****Gospel Focus – Real Presence**

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a central doctrine of the Catholic faith. It is regarded as a revealed truth proved by both scripture and tradition. This week's gospel, indeed the entire 'Bread of Life' discourse (Jn 6:26-72), is an essential passage of scripture that supports the teaching of Christ present in the Eucharist. Along with scripture, the other proof of the doctrine is tradition. Since the first century, only a brief time after the death of Jesus, Christians linked their celebration of Eucharist with the words of Jesus at the last supper – they celebrated Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus.

*Mrs Colleen Fuller**RECoordinator*

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.



Hi Parents & the Community
of
OLR

Welcome to the first edition of
'Parent Voice' for Term 3



So, what is the P&F?

- We are a group of parents, who come together within a forum with the Principal, Assistant Principal and teachers to hear about what is happening in the school.
- It's an opportunity for parents to keep up to date with all school activities. We can ask questions and bring forward items for discussion.
- It's a chance to become involved in various fundraising projects which contribute to the school's resources.
- Most importantly, it allows you to meet new people and develop connections within the school community.

*We really encourage you to get **INVOLVED** and be a part of our school community and the fun activities we bring to our children!*



What's going on in Term 3?

2018 Kindergarten / Year 6 commemorative tea towels

have been distributed to all who ordered in term 2. IF YOU did not get one and you would still like one, please get in fast as we only have 10 tea towels remaining for sale. \$15.00 for one or 2 for \$25.

Father's day is fast approaching. P&F will be holding a stall in Week 6, it will include lots of awesome and affordable gifts. Ordering forms will be sent home soon, please make sure you note down 2 options, in case you miss out on your first.

P&F Disco will be held on Friday 21 September over 2 sessions, K-Y2, 4.15 – 5.45pm.
Y3-Y6, 6 – 7 pm.

If you are able to volunteer for any event or organizing, we would greatly appreciate it. Please ensure you have completed the online mandatory Child Protection training.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday 17 September at 7pm in the school staffroom.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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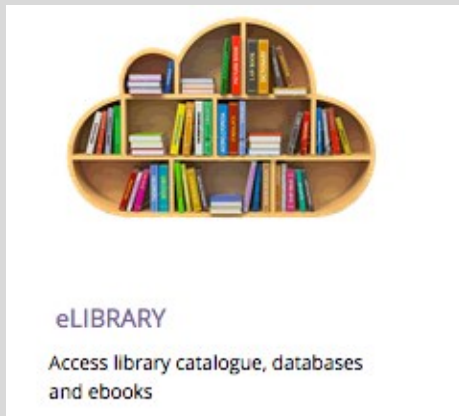
Via classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au

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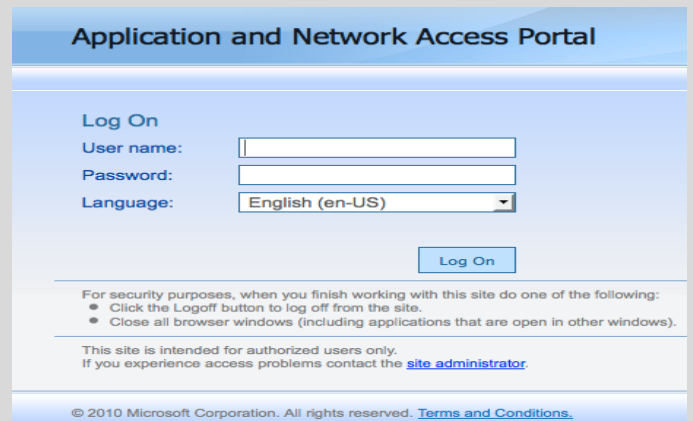


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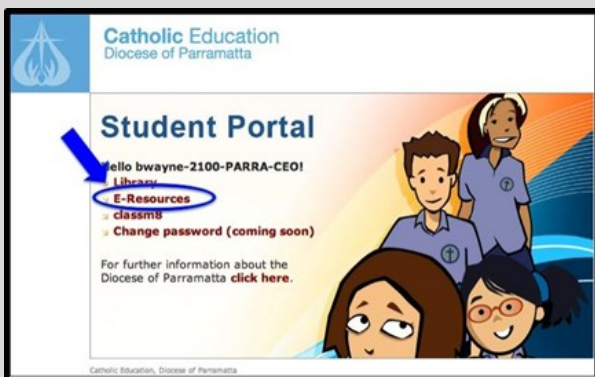


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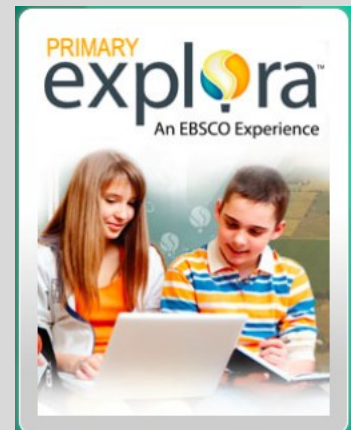
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**Our Lady of the Rosary
Host Families Needed**

Our Lady of the Rosary School
will be hosting Japanese students from
11th - 21st November 2018.



*Share your lifestyle & home whilst
experiencing another culture!!!*

- **Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend**
- **Japanese language is not necessary**
- **Students just fit in with your family routines – eat your food, they need their own bed but can share a room.**
- **Families are paid \$50 per night to assist with hosting costs.**

*If you can assist in hosting a student or would like
more information, please contact.....*

Richard Trehy: 0434 283 654

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LIFTED Live Jnr Concert

On the 10th of August, Year 5 and the Mission Team had the opportunity to attend the Up-Lifted concert at the RSL Club in Rooty Hill. We were welcomed and introduced by lovely people from the Parramatta Diocese Youth Team. They entertained us by performing a small skit about listening to God's call.

As the first session began, we played amusing games to warm us up, like "Heads and Tails".

We enjoyed the mini games, and were eager to meet Genevieve Bryant. After that we gave an applause for Genevieve Bryant as she entered the stage. We started singing along and dancing to well-liked songs. Lights shimmered, and students began clapping and joining in with her.

Afterwards, they greeted us to a appetizing morning tea of fruits and muffins with cups containing water. During the break, we chatted with one another from our own and other schools.

Then we moved on to the second session, while Genevieve Bryant taught us more amazing songs and fun actions to go with them. Stage three were having the time of their lives as well as students from others schools.

We got the chance to go on stage, dance and sing like the first session. We also played more games including dancing the "Floss", which was really fun and funny.

Soon after we had lunch with delicious sandwiches, juice poppers, biscuits and fruits.

We enjoyed our second break and were ready to move on to our final but marvellous session of the day. We ended the day by praying, "Question and Answer time" and discussing about Genevieve Bryant's life which was really nice.

We experienced God's faith in action by heart-touching stories and beautiful songs of Genevieve Bryant. It made us open our eyes and hearts, and we learnt alot about faith, prayer and the Year of Youth, as well as World Youth day coming up. As young catholics, it was an inspiring experience.



Written by Jacinta Challita and Madison Mariano Year 6

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Dad's Support Group: 14 August

D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm – 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit playgroupnsw.org.au or mytime.net.au. Tea & Coffee provided.

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Feast of the Assumption Walk: 15 August

THE ANNUAL WALK ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION will take place on Wednesday 15 August, beginning at Noon with Mass at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville). The walk starts after Mass at 1pm, continues along Windsor Road to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta (14km). Refreshment stops occur along the way. All are welcome. Join us at any point of the walk. Contact the parish office to register on 9629-2595.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 17-19 August

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! 17 - 19 August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at www.wwme.org.au - alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Vinnies Western Sydney Sleepout

This August Vinnies will bring business and community representatives together with the local community to help prevent homelessness. You can help too! Registrations are now open for Catholic parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to help make a significant impact to the lives of people in need. You are invited to join the inaugural Vinnies Western Sydney Community Sleepout on 30 August to raise vital funds to help prevent homelessness in Western Sydney. We're asking each participant to have a target goal of \$500. Your Vinnies Conference members may have already raised this event with you. From 6pm on 30 August until 8am Friday 31 August 2018 at Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus. Details at www.vinnies.org.au

Catholic Men's Conference: 1 September

Join with other men to explore strategies for: What is Courage? How do we build authentic relationships? What is commitment? Saturday, 1 September at Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe Registration: \$60 Early Bird \$48 (11 August). Find out more: www.sydneycatholicmen.com/conference or contact Norm Reavell on 0438 5515 441. A collaborative of men from Brothersoul (Schoenstatt Men), menALIVE, The Catenian Association, Knights of the Southern Cross, The Men of St Joseph and Catholic Men's Fellowship.