

Newsletter

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WE ARE SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Dear Parents and Friends of Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School.



WELCOME TO 2019

To all families and Friends I offer the warmest of welcome to the 2019 School Year. I hope that any smouldering embers of regret about the passing of the holiday period will soon be extinguished by the excitement of learning and catching up with friends. I remind myself and others at these times, 'Don't be sad because it's over but celebrate that it happened!'

We know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of our teachers. Together, staff and parents at Our Lady of the Rosary can provide educational excellence for every child, so that they can achieve their personal best. Together, we can support one another to provide a friendly academic environment and, when appropriate, celebrate our achievements.

We hope that throughout the year, OLR will continue to be a place where staff, children and families have opportunities to experience Christ's presence in our lives. Although he lived about two and a half thousand years ago, the prophet, Jeremiah, has words that are still relevant for us at the beginning of this new school year:

"The Lord says, I know the plans I have for you plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11.



Within our school, we can all try to model God's love for each one of us, by being a renewing community where all members are valued, affirmed and empowered; where our commitment to Gospel values is expressed in every facet of our school's endeavours. For this sentiment to continue throughout the year, it will require our collective wisdom and generosity of spirit to be at the forefront of all our communications.

Education today is a complex engagement because of the intensity and variety of external influences particularly through various forms of media and electronic communications. Our school has a special role in assisting every parent with the education of their children, so that all children will develop a sense of personal responsibility and learn the correct use of freedom. Throughout the year, our school will provide many experiences of liturgy and prayer to assist the spiritual and moral maturity of all our children.



May this 2019 school year continue to see Our Lady of the Rosary staff and parents in partnership in our collective role of Catholic Education.



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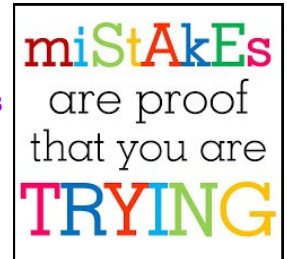
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“God, our Father,
we ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives
of all who make up
Our Lady of the Rosary school community this year.
Help our students to be discerning,
so that the outcomes of their choices
will be in accord with Christian values.
Amen.”

SMART FAILING

Mistakes and failures are keys to learning. They make our brain begin compiling information about the experience and grow bigger. While the brain returns to close to its original size after the learning experience, it retains new neural pathways by taking in new information, compiling the key takeaways from trial and error. Making mistakes matures the brain, resulting in more efficient synapses and fundamentally altered neurons. In short, failure can actually make you smarter. But not all mistakes are the same.



THREE KINDS OF FAILURE

Preventable: These are a sign of insufficient training or knowledge and can be avoided by filling the gaps.

Unavoidable: Here the complexity or uncertainty of the task makes mistakes quite likely and the trick is to learn from small mistakes to avoid bigger ones.

Intelligent: These failures are at the frontier of learning, where mistakes are essential to gaining new knowledge and moving forward.

HOW TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF FAILURES AND HELP STUDENTS LEARN FROM THEM.



Frame the work accurately. This involves developing a shared understanding of the kinds of failures that can be expected in each context.

Encourage truth-tellers. People who draw attention to bad news, questions, concerns and errors should be encouraged and rewarded; they provide a pathway to figuring out how to fix the situation and learn from it.

Be humble about limits. Teachers and parents need to set an example by acknowledging what they don't know and mistakes that have been made.

Invite participation. Create opportunities to detect and think through failures and engage in intelligent experimentation.

Set boundaries and hold people accountable. Children will feel safer to experiment and not be perfect when teachers and parents clarify what's acceptable and what's not.

Parents and Teachers need to create cultures that allow for intelligent failures at the frontier.

We need to set up experiments for the purpose of learning and innovating – and that means planning to fail.

When our children observe us doing so, they are more likely to accept failure and learn from it, to listen to feedback and try to perform better the next time.

Thought for the Week

*“Pray that God may direct us
and the St Joseph’s humble spirit
be our guide”*

Mary MacKillop 16.10.1898

Have a Blessed Week
Michael Siciliano
PRINCIPAL





From the Assistant Principal's desk...

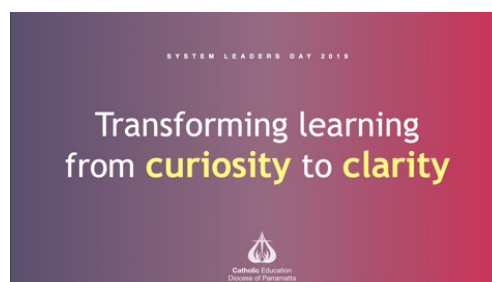
Welcome to my desk. In each Newsletter I will provide general information, ideas and tips for parents in all key Learning Areas. If you have a particular question or query or anything you would like more information about, please let me know.

Learning at Our Lady of the Rosary, 2019

What a wonderful start to the year it has been. Years 2-6 began last week and have settled into routine very quickly. It has been great to walk around the classes and see the children so settled and getting straight into the learning. On Monday, our year 1 students started back along with our new Kindergarten students. Again, the children were happy to be at school and have been enjoying the wonderful activities planned by their teachers.

Over the holiday break all of the teachers have worked extremely hard to set up the learning spaces and plan the learning for the Term. You will have the opportunity to see the classrooms when you come up in week 4 to meet your child's teachers and set their learning goals.

On January 25th, the OLR Leadership team (Mr Siciliano, Mrs Regan, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Darby, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Wakeling and Mr Eisenhuth) went to the System Leadership Day where we were presented with the Strategic Intent for the Diocese for this year. This is a day for all leadership teams in all schools (Primary and Secondary) across the Diocese to come together with a shared vision. Below you will see the phrase that will underpin the planning of the teaching and learning across the Diocese this year.

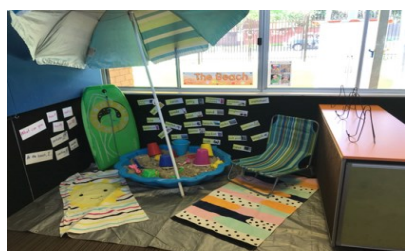


Over the term, as a whole staff we will unpack what this means for us as a school.

At Our Lady of the Rosary we are continually looking for innovative ways to transform the learning of our students. We will provide a quality education where our students will be provided with opportunities to be curious learners through enquiry, with new pedagogical approaches and 21st century learning.

Our overarching goal for all of our students is that they are... **self motivated, independent learners who are**

Here are the Classrooms ready for a Term of Learning.



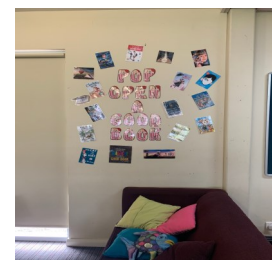
The Kindergarten Beach



Year 1 Science



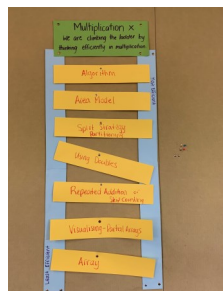
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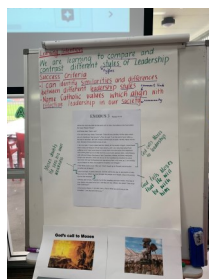
Year 3 Reading



Year 4 Positive Behaviour



Year 5 Maths



Year 6 Religion

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 @ Our Lady of the Rosary

From the page of the Religious Education Coordinator - Mrs Colleen Fuller

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 - Panama: Ms Karlie Beckhause and Mr Joseph Eid.

On Monday we welcomed Ms Beckhaus and Mr Eid on their return to school, following their amazing 'faith journey' to Panama, with a large number of young Catholics from around the world. Bishop Vincent Van Long Nguyen; Bishop of the Parramatta Diocese and the Parramatta Director of Education, Greg Whitby accompanied them on this Catholic Faith pilgrimage, in the footsteps of Jesus. Mr Beckhaus and Mr Eid will provide some initial information about this amazing faith experience at the Celebration of Learning this Friday.

Fundraising to financially support our WYD Pilgrims is essential and during 2018 a number of fundraising events were organised. Additionally on December 29 Ms Beckhaus, her Dad, Mr Eid, Mr Eisenhuth, Mr and Mrs Patchell, Ms Smith, Mrs Smith and Mrs Fuller worked tirelessly on a very hot day at Minchinbury Bunnings. We were also supported by a visit from Mr Wolfe and Mrs Edwards.

We were delighted to raise just over \$900 to support our Pilgrims. Thank you also to those parents who visited us.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM correction Notice for First EUCHARIST - not First Reconciliation.

Parents are invited to attend one of the two Parish Meetings with our Parish Priest Fr Brendan.
Tuesday February 12 OR Thursday February 14.

Sincere apologies for the confusion caused by the Sacramental note that was sent home to families last week, which mentioned First Reconciliation. This was an error.

The note was intended to inform you about First Eucharist Sacramental Program introductory meetings which you are invited to attend on Tuesday February 12 or Thursday February 14.

Unfortunately the note inaccurately informed you about First Reconciliation which is planned for September 24th or 26th September.

BEGINNING of a new SCHOOL YEAR LITURGY of the WORD. Induction of our Year 6 Student Leaders for 2019.

WHEN: Friday February 15.

Time: 11:30am You are invited to join us in the Parish Church.

This is an important time when we focus our attention on the great opportunities of the year ahead and ask for the Lord's blessings as we work toward our personal best, in the 'Footsteps of Jesus'.

Saint Josephine Bakhita February 8 - Sudan's first saint.

This Friday we celebrate the incredible life of Josephine Bakhita, Sudan's first saint.

St Josephine Bakhita,

you were sold into slavery as a child
and endured untold hardship and suffering.

We pray that you help all survivors
find healing from their wounds.

May they see you St Bakhita
as an example of hope and faith. Amen.

SUNDAY, 10 FEB 2019: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Sunday Gospel Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.'

'**Master,**' Simon replied '**we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.**'

And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' **Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.**

The gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Gospel – 'Fish in the Sea of Divine Life'

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret.

But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a good catch, a very good catch.

He realises that this is due to Divine Presence accompanying him in his fishing.

He thinks he is unworthy to have such a Divine Companion in his work.

'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.'

But, **Jesus wants to be Peter's companion, starting with fishing.**

So, don't imagine that the first stage of becoming a follower of Jesus is to engage in flights of mystical ecstasy, or to plan grandiose schemes of missionary activity.

Rather, it is to let Jesus into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives, to allow Jesus to have a directing influence in our own area of expertise or competence or responsibility.

And it's true that surprising things may happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings.

All metaphors can help us appreciate the truth in a way that plain, flat language cannot.

What sort of destiny is that for us who have been caught up in the net of Christianity? Is it to be a deadening experience?

St Luke was very conscious of this when he was incorporating this story into his gospel and so he changed the word we find in the gospels of Mark and Matthew. He used a particular Greek word *zograín* which means 'to catch alive'. It is the word used for netting fish for an aquarium.

You will be pleased to learn that we who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'.

The best analogy I can think of is the phenomenon of the stranding of pods of whales on the west coast of Tasmania, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved.

People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

At times, you and I have been like those whales. Certainly, there are millions like those thrashing about in the shallows of life. Alive? Yes, but barely existing.

Our task, as followers of Jesus, is to be captivated by Our Lord and then to captivate others into Christianity, in order to guide them into life-giving waters: the waters of baptism, initially, eventually to swim with us in the great tide who is Jesus Christ right into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

© Fr Michael Tate

CLASS SPORT & LIBRARY DAYS

Below is a list of all class sport days (these are the days your child should wear their sports uniform. We have also listed each class library day, please make sure your child brings their library bag on this day.



CLASS	SPORT DAYS	LIBRARY DAY
KINDERGARTEN	Tuesday & Friday	Friday
YEAR 1	Wednesday	Monday
YEAR 2	Wednesday & Friday	Thursday
YEAR 3	Tuesday & Thursday	Friday
YEAR 4	Monday & Thursday	Thursday
YEAR 5	Monday & Thursday	Friday
CLASS 6M	Thursday & Friday	Friday
CLASS 6V	Wednesday & Friday	Friday

NEW SCHOOL ROUND HATS



Unfortunately there has been a price increase from our supplier for our new order of round hats.

These hats will now be \$16.00

2019 CANTEEN MENU

The new canteen menu has been sent home to all families today.



The term 1 meal deals menu is attached to this newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthday this year.

Kaydence Taruc, Awein Arou, Mia Evans, Anjleina Khouri, Angelo Lorenzo, Jayden DeGuzman, Dut Baak, Zachary Habib, Mariah Nichols, Jaselle Pita, Emma Pace, Kuol Ker, Rainne Acuna, Rajveer Manocha, Karma Michael, Karen Michael, Pranshu Thakkar, Soham Saha, Atelaite Taufu, Akunyjok Baak, Ujuangi Ujuangi, Tony Mairi, Charbel Andary, Harshadha Duvvuri, Mannoor Kaur, Rocholle Chandrapala, Charlize McMillan



KISS'N'DROP & BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PARKING



Just a reminder that all cars using the kiss'n'drop service need a yellow name sign. Please complete attached form and send to office and a sign will be made for you.

When parking at the school, please consider other parents and users and always park safely and in a way that you are not obstructing other parents.



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Dear Parents,

KISS & DROP NAME SIGNS

Due to the large number of parents using this service it is now a requirement that you must have a name sign to display on your dashboard.

Please complete the following information and send it to the office so a sign can be made for you.

If you don't want to use a name sign then you will need to park your car and go into the school to collect your children.

Thank You

Michael Siciliano

Principal

KISS & DROP NAME SIGNS

FAMILY NAME:

Children's Name: Class:.....

..... Class:.....

..... Class:.....

No. of copies needed:



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T E R M 1 - 2 0 1 9

#1

SALAD BOWL WITH HAM OR EGG
BOTTLE OF WATER

\$5.50

#2

EGG & LETTUCE SANDWICH
JUICE POP TOP
JUICE POUCH ICE BLOCK

\$5.50

#3

HOT CHEESE ROLL
FLAVOURED MILK
JELLY CUP

\$5.50

#4

CHICKEN BURGER
JUICE POPPER
QUELCH FROZEN STICK

\$5.50