

REMEMBRANCE DAY THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11

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

November; a month for All Souls

The Feast of All Souls, or All Souls' Day, is a day set apart for honoring all who have died.

In Mexico, this feast is commonly known as The Day of the Dead.

The official name for this feast in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church is: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

It is celebrated on November 2nd and is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

It is sometimes confused with All Saints' Day, which IS a Holy Day of Obligation.

While the two feasts are somewhat related, they do, in fact, have their differences. All Souls' Day is a day to remember the souls of all who have died, but especially those who have not yet attained Heaven.

Having a feast such as this may sound dismal, scary, or morbid, but it should not be. This feast should serve as a valuable reminder of who we are and what we are made for.

It should also be a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

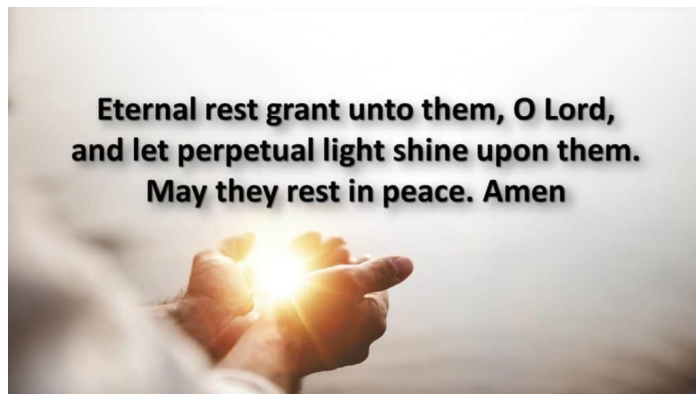
There is a Mexican saying that people die three times:

- the first is when they die;
- the second is when they are buried;
- and the third is when they are forgotten.

Celebrating All Souls' Day is one way to never forget those who have gone before us.



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



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1880 - 2020**

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FAMILY

Have you got your “rose-tinted” glasses handy? You’ll need them to read these few verses:

“They say that times were tough then
That money was very tight,
But I remember my childhood
And I know that can’t be right.
We wouldn’t eat from a microwave
Or a restaurant down the street,
We all ate mum’s home cooking
And boy, that can’t be beat.
We didn’t eat in front of the T.V.
Or with a phone in our hand,
We weren’t plugged into Ipod



Bopping to the latest band.
We laughed, we joked, we talked, we ate
We were a family don’t you see,
Though some may have been raised poor
You can see it wasn’t me.
So when you talk of family life
Or how it used to be,
Though many had more money
None were as rich as me.”

Author unknown.

There is no better way for an adult to view life than through the memories of their childhood days when life was “better then”.

However, the standout line from the five verses would have to be, “We were a family don’t you see”, as it was stated with passion and conviction.

The family seemed to be of great importance to the writer and so it should be, for the family unit is the best health, educational and welfare unit ever devised by humankind.

A World Congress of Families held in Warsaw in stated, “Within family, children learn their identity and roles”.

The family, in all its current forms, is important to children because, besides teaching them the truths of moral values, it forms their character and gives them the opportunity to become independent, stable and compassionate individuals.

Children’s personalities are able to develop in a healthy manner, because significant people within the family care intensely about them and give them priority of attention.

A family gives children a sense of history and a secure base from which to grow and develop and, through its discipline regime, helps children to internalise codes of conduct that will serve them for the rest of their lives. Within a healthy family there is a sense of giving and taking, of love and, when children see respect between their parents, they will more likely have respect for their parents.

In the midst of many thoughtful statements in the Book of Proverbs, there is this one: “It is your own face that you see reflected in the water and it is your own self you see in your heart”. In other words people reflect and respond to you with the behaviours that you share with them.

The bond that links our family is not one of blood but of respect and joy in each other’s life.



Here's a Cinquain by a ten-year-old child to reflect on:

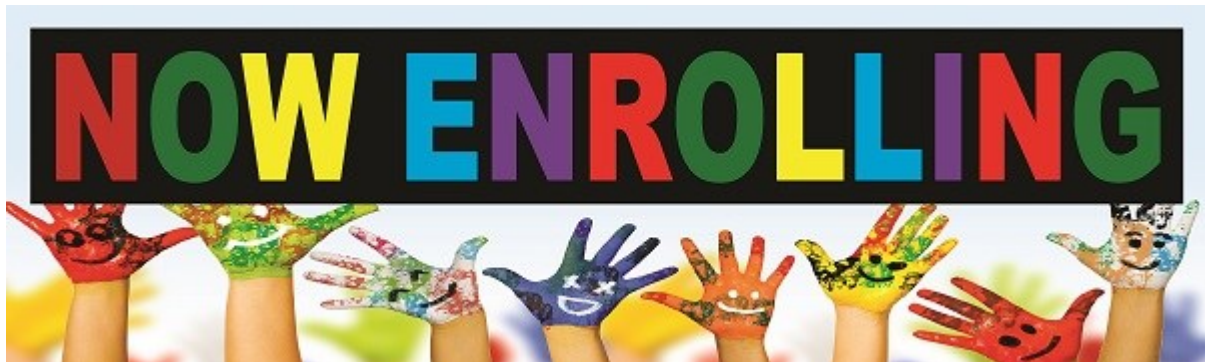
“Family
Always there
Fun-loving people
Christians who love God Friends.”

God, our Father,
help us to be a family of peace and joy,
who carry your love within our hearts
and are generous towards each other.
Amen.

Thought for the Week

So great is the strength we possess in our unity.
Mary MacKillop 1874

Have a Blessed Week
Michael Siciliano
PRINCIPAL



We still have limited spaces available for
Kindergarten - Year 6 for 2022.

If you know of any family or friends who have a
child starting school next year,
please ask them to contact the office.



9 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

In the past days, there has been some misinformation circulating online suggesting that planning was underway for mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations of students at school.

I want to be clear that this is not the case. There are no plans for schools to arrange mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for students.

I hope that you find this clarification helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Whitby'.

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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.

BACK TO THE LEARNING...

It has been wonderful to see our students getting straight back to face- to -face learning. The teachers have worked very hard to strategically plan a smooth transition back to school both socially and academically setting the children up for success.

WHAT HAVE WE NOTICED?

Some of the **positive behaviours teachers have observed are:**

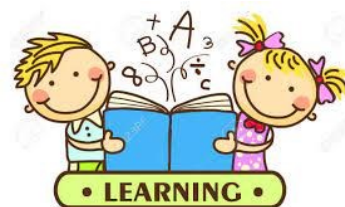
- The children are very happy to be back with their friends and they are interacting very well.
- The children are excited to see their teachers and are continuing to build their relationships.

Some of the **areas of improvement teachers have observed are:**

- The children have decreased in their level of independence (reliance on the teacher)
- The children have lost a little of their Growth Mindset (having a go and persisting with a task)

The teachers will continue to work with the students to build their confidence as learners and work toward our vision that OLR students are...

Self-reflective learners who strive for **excellence** in all learning areas.



The profile of a learner that we are promoting at OLR is one who is...

ENGAGED RESILIENT COLLABORATIVE SELF - DIRECTED REFLECTIVE

When reflecting on your child's day maybe you could ask them how they went in these areas. We continue to build a positive culture and a community of learners.

NEW YEAR 4 LEARNING SPACE!!!

The new year 4 learning space was completed during lockdown and the teachers and children are settling in really well.

Here are some quotes from them....

The design of our new classroom allows for better mobility and flexible seating. The breakout spaces are extremely beneficial for small group intervention and support as it prevents noise and distraction. There is a clear increase in student engagement and collaboration! (Year 4 teachers)

(Maria): I like the wheely chairs and the beautiful colours. They help me learn and stay on task. I like how you can sit with anyone but still stay on task during class.

(Nijel): I really like the new classroom because we can sit with different people and collaborate ideas with each other!

(Janssen): The new learning space is much more modern than the last one because we pick our seats and can view the task from many angles.

(Emily): The new classroom helps me to learn better and stay calm as there is more space. The technology is more advanced which is exciting.

There are some photos of the new space on the following page.



WHATS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

Thursday 11th November	⇒	Remembrance Day Liturgy
Friday 12th November	⇒	Kindergarten going to Don Bosco
Tuesday 16th November	⇒	Year 5 Leadership Retreat
Thursday 18th November	⇒	Year 2 going to Don Bosco
Friday 19th November	⇒	Year 1 going to Don Bosco

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthday in the last 2 weeks.

Faith Kenyi, Luigie Poblete, Ezekiel Sesay, Ayaan Aggarwal, Thon Reec, Akuien Achuo, Elizabeth Goulding, Amalina Piol, Charlize Golez, Francis Tafaese, Ethan Kowí, Elisha El-Chami, Yom Lual, Nuoi Ker,



LIGHTHOUSE AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 6

Kindy	-	Tehan Gurusinghe	Year 4	-	Amariah Gae'e
Year 1	-	Esomchi Ogbodo	Year 5	-	Matilda Khairallah
Year 2	-	Onish Prasad	Year 6	-	Olivia Rookes
Year 3	-	Mannoor Kaur			

From the Religious Education Coordinator - Colleen Fuller.

This week we look forward to taking a focus as **peace-makers** in a spirit of **thanksgiving** and **gratitude**.

This Thursday we will celebrate Remembrance Day with prayer, music and reflection.

This year, Remembrance Day marks the Anniversary of the guns falling silent on the Western Front during the First World War; on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

On the 11th November each year we pause for one minute of silence to remember and praise all men and women who served our Country during wars and other conflicts, between and within nations, as well as in peacekeeping operations.

During World Wars Australians faced enormous challenges and great adversity. More than a million Australians served during the World Wars and millions more contributed to the war effort on the home front. **We remember and give thanks!**

Remembrance Day is always a timely reminder of our call to be makers of peace. Learning how to express our feelings on significant issues and seek to find peaceful solutions, where the human dignity of all people is respected is our challenge and opportunity.

Learning how to compromise and negotiate is part of this endeavour and this begins at home, within the school and the community. Our Catholic faith teaches us well that we are called to:

*Love God and

*Love our Neighbour which summarises the ten commandments. The first three commandments are how to love God and the seven remaining commandments teach us how to love our neighbour.

A reading from the gospel according to John 15:10-13

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

The gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Like school, Churches have reopened with social distancing. Adults, and younger adults are asked to wear a mask.

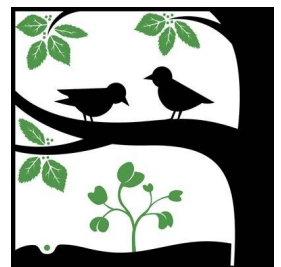
Mass Times

During the time of the pandemic, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is livestreaming masses via their Facebook page at the following times:

Monday - Friday 6:30am

Saturday 8:00am & 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am



Thursday 11th November - REMEMBRANCE DAY.

**On the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month
WE REMEMBER!**

Enjoy the week ahead as we collectively seek to live the message of the gospel.



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Dear Parents,

As you know, we are most fortunate to have a parent pick-up service at our school and staff are diligent in their efforts to assist in getting your child quickly and safely to your vehicle.

To ensure the smooth and safe running of this service for families, all drivers are asked to take greater responsibility by following these procedures carefully with CARE and FULLY!

This 'service' is not normal school practice and WILL ONLY CONTINUE if parents and carers cooperate fully.

This afternoon pick-up service is ONLY to be used by parents and carers who adhere to all of the following procedures:

LOCAL TRAFFIC

- Cars are not to stop on the school crossing or 'queue up' back onto Saddington St. If there is a queue you need to go around the block or park in the street.
- There is **NO RIGHT TURN into the driveway** from Saddington St.
- There is **NO RIGHT TURN going out of the driveway** into Saddington St.
- Anyone **speaking on a mobile phone**, or driving illegally in any other way, will be asked to park and collect their child.

NAME SIGNS

- You **MUST** have a name sign.
- Please **attach the NAME SIGN to the 'front' of the passenger side sun visor** so it can be flipped down quickly and seen easily. Signs lying flat on the dashboard can't be easily seen. Handheld signs are not safe as they take the driver's attention away from the road/driveway.
- Other carers picking up your child **MUST also have a sign**. If they don't, they will need to park.
- If you would like a name sign made for you, please complete the Kiss'n'Drop Name Sign form through eForms on Skoolbag.

LOADING CHILDREN INTO CARS

- You **MUST NOT get out of your car**.
- Children **MUST enter your vehicle from the kerbside**.
- If you must load children from the driveway side of your car, I am sorry but you will need to park and collect. **It is not safe** for children or adults to be on the driveway side of vehicles.

TIMES

- Children **MUST be collected by 3:15pm**. After this time you will need to park and collect your child from the school office. This is not an after school care service. Some people are arriving up to an hour after school has finished. This is very unfair to teachers and staff who have other work to do and meetings to attend and they have their own families and personal commitments to go home to.

CHILDREN WAITING

- Children are **NOT to eat or play games** while they are waiting.
- If children who do not listen and/or **don't come as soon as their name is called**, those picking them up will be asked to park so that others are not kept waiting.
- Children must take their backpacks off their back before they get to the car so they can get in quickly.
- Please move off as soon as your children are in the car but then ensure they are 'buckled in' before leaving the school driveway.

COURTESY AND RESPECT

- Teachers who are on this duty need to be treated with respect and courtesy and parents must follow their directions. They have a difficult job to do and need everyone's help.
- Please make sure everyone is spoken to politely and respectfully – parents and staff alike.
- It is an offence to sound your horn
 - ❖ To say hello or goodbye.
 - ❖ To use the horn out of frustration or anger.
 - ❖ To get another vehicle to start moving when your vehicle is stationary behind it.
 - ❖ In NSW the penalty for the illegal use of a horn carries a maximum **\$349** fine.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated as we work together to move children away safely and quickly. With everyone's help this service will continue to work well.

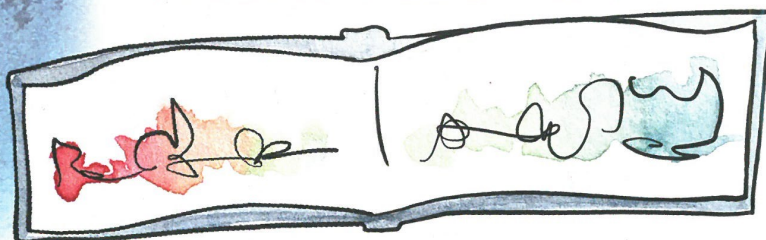
Parents who do not follow these procedures will not be able to use this service.

Regards,

Michael Siciliano
Principal



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S



summer READING challenge

WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER!

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two **\$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers** or one of thirty **gift vouchers valued at \$30** each.

THE MORE BOOKS YOU READ, THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE TO WIN.

Enter online
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