

KINDERGARTEN 2022 TRANSITION DAYS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2

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

## *An Unlikely Conversation During Advent*

Dear Parents Here's an unlikely conversation. It's between Joseph – St Joseph – and his mother-in-law, Anna – St Anne.

Anna: "You're taking her where? I do not believe my ears!  
Joseph: Bethlehem. I have to go there, so I'll take her with me.

Anna: My daughter. Nine months pregnant! You want to walk to Bethlehem? You want to take her with you?

Joseph: Not want to take her with me. I'm going to take her with me. If she's out of town the gossips can't pin down the date of birth. Besides, a son of David should be born in David's town. Where else?

Anna: A son, is it? Where else, you say? On the road there, maybe? If the robbers don't get you first, God forbid. Joseph, nobody knows when the baby is due. This is not the moment to take her on a walking tour.

Joseph: It is a long way to walk. I could find her a donkey.

Anna: A Donkey! Why not a chariot? And this is supposed to be an improvement? You should try being pregnant and riding a donkey! Joseph, be reasonable. Leave her here, in her mother's care.

Joseph: She's in my care now; I take care of her. How can I take care of her if I leave her behind?

Anna: You'll take care of her? Suddenly you're a midwife as well as a carpenter! Joseph, this is her first baby. The only one who knows less about it is you.

Joseph: Don't try to frighten us out of it; we were both told by the angel, "Don't be afraid."

Anna: Did the angel mention any other details? Like how to manage? In her condition, in a strange town, with no help, only Joseph, the midwife carpenter! Who dreamed it would be all right?

Joseph: I dreamed that I was told not to be afraid to take her. So, if I have to go to Bethlehem, then she's coming with me.

Anna: Oh well, if an angel comes to your dreams with a special message, then, why listen to the voice of common sense?

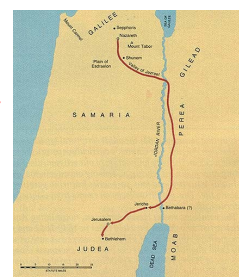
Radio sketch by Cecily Cupit.



St Anne



St Joseph



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This imagined conversation between Joseph and his mother-in-law, paints a picture of God coming into people's lives in totally unexpected ways. A teenage girl is to be the Mother of God and a carpenter is going to be a midwife!

During Advent we are encouraged to prepare for Christ to be born into our lives but, as Mary and Joseph experienced, you don't have to be highly prepared with your spiritual life in total order. Christ, during His life, showed that He was not seeking people who are perfectly prepared and in control of things. He was interested in people who had difficulties in their lives but who wanted a way out of these difficulties; people who were honest with themselves and of good intention.

Christ, today, does not expect us to be perfect but to be people of hope, who trust that His coming will have meaningful consequences in our lives. The teenaged Mary and Joseph are wonderful examples of how amazing things can occur, if we have hope and trust in God's word.

Jesus, as Joseph and Mary experienced, being associated with You is full of the unexpected for You take people in their lives to where they would not have chosen to go.

### **LET US PRAY**

Help us not to be afraid  
but to be people of courage  
as we live  
Your values,  
and reflect  
Your image.  
Amen.

## **FINDING THE JOYS OF PARENTHOOD**

Raising children is hard work, often thankless and mind-numbing - and yet often the most rapturous experience available to adults. Most of us suppose that parents are both happier and more miserable than non-parents, that child rearing dictates a wider emotional range than people have generally known before it. Most parenting stresses its participants to their limits, no matter how much they love their children. Children upstage all the other components of their parents' lives, and good parenting involves both helicoptering and disengagement.

One parent said, "I have never quite sorted out the conundrum of how I could be distracted into thinking about something as tiresome as checking emails when I was with my beloved kids. If I lost all my emails, I'd manage, but if I lost my children, I'd never recover; yet still I sometimes find it hard to stay in the moment with them".

There is no contradiction in this seeming paradox; tolerating our children is the cornerstone of loving them. Children may complicate our lives but they also make them simpler.

Children's needs are so overwhelming, and their dependence on us so absolute, that it's impossible to misread our moral obligation to them. We bind ourselves to those who need us most, and through caring for them, grow to love them, grow to delight in them, grow to marvel at who they are.

There is a useful distinction to be made between our 'experiencing self' – living in the present moment – and our 'remembering self' putting together our life narrative.

Our experiencing selves prefer doing the dishes – or napping, or shopping, or answering emails – to spending time with our kids. But our remembering selves assert that no one and nothing provides us with so much joy as our children.

It may not be the happiness we live with day to day, but it's the happiness we think about, the happiness we summon and remember, and stuff that makes up our joyful life-tales.

# *Best Wishes*

I invite Our Lady of the Rosary Community to join me in extending our best wishes to the teachers who are leaving our school at the end of this year.

- Mr Alan Eisenhuth has worked at OLR as a coordinator and teacher for 6 years and is moving to St Joseph's Primary School, Kingswood as a Coordinator.
- Miss Rhiannon Tomlins has worked in Year 3 this year and has taken up a teaching position at St Aidan's, Rooty Hill in 2022.

I know you will join me in wishing Mr Eisenhuth and Miss Tomlins well as they start a new chapter in their life.

I invite you to offer up these prayers for Mr Eisenhuth and Miss Tomlins.

## **Lord God**

Thank you for the extraordinary love,  
commitment and creativity  
these wonderful teachers have given this school.  
Thank you for the way they have served us  
and given out so much to the children we care for.  
We pray that they will go on to find new treasures each day,  
and that the blessing of Christ would be upon all that they do.  
Amen.

## **May The Road Rise Up To Meet You**

*(celtic blessing)*

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

# *Morning Supervision*

Morning Teacher Supervision at Our Lady of the Rosary commences at 8:15am.  
Parents who require their child to be supervised before this time can contact the before and after care centres listed below.

<b>YMCA</b>	St Marys Public School Princess Mary Street, St Marys	1300 009 679 - Bookings 0419 271 662 - Centre Coordinator
<b>GO BANANAS</b>	St Marys Rugby League Club Cnr Forrester & Boronia Rds, St Marys	1300 226 262
<b>ST CLAIR OOSH</b>	158 Bennett Street, St Marys	9670 5555

# HIGHWAY PATROL

Parents are reminded that Nepean Police Highway Patrol are monitoring our school zone frequently, mornings and afternoons.

They asked me to advise parents and friends that they will issue on the spot fines to motorists who:

- block the drive through entrance.
- stop on the pedestrian crossing
- Park illegally
- Block traffic moving along Saddington Street
- fail to abide by the road rules

If the drive through is full please drive around the block and come back when it's less congested.

Let's all continue to keep our children safe and be mindful of members of the public who use the streets surrounding our school.

School zone parking offences				
	<b>NO STOPPING/PARKING</b>			
Rule 167	Disobey no stopping sign (school zone)	5	\$349	2
Rule 168 (1)	Disobey no parking sign (school zone)	3	\$194	2
	<b>INTERSECTIONS/CROSSINGS</b>			
Rule 170 (1)	Stop in intersection (school zone)	6	\$464	2
Rule 170 (2)	Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) (school zone)	6	\$464	2
Rule 170 (3)	Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) (school zone)	6	\$464	2
Rule 171 (1)	Stop on/near children's crossing (school zone)	6	\$464	2
Rule 172 (1)	Stop on/near pedestrian crossing (school zone)	6	\$464	2
Rule 173 (1)	Stop on/near marked foot crossing (school zone)	6	\$464	2
Rule 174 (2)	Stop near bicycle crossing lights (school zone)	6	\$464	2
Rule 197 (1)	Stop on path/strip in built-up area (school zone)	5	\$349	2
Rule 197 (1A)	Stop on painted island (school zone)	3	\$194	2
Rule 197 (1B)	Stop on traffic island (school zone)	3	\$194	2
Rule 198 (1)	Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway (school zone)	5	\$349	2
Rule 198 (2)	Stop on/across driveway/other access to/from land (school zone)	5	\$349	2
	<b>BUS STOP/ZONES</b>	5	\$349	2
Rule 183 (1)	Stop in bus zone (school zone)	5	\$349	2
Rule 195 (1)	Stop at/near bus stop (school zone)	5	\$349	2
Rule 195 (1-1)	Public bus driver stop at/near bus stop (school zone)	5	\$349	2
	<b>DOUBLE PARK</b>			
Rule 189	Double park (school zone)	5	\$349	2
	<b>PARALLEL PARK</b>			
Rule 208 (1)&(2)	Not parallel park in direction of travel (school zone)	5	\$349	2
Rule 208 (1)&(6)	Parallel park close to dividing line/strip (school zone)	5	\$349	2

## Thought for the Week

*Let us Rejoice in the goodness of God  
who has made our world so full of beauty.  
Julian Tenison Woods 1881*

Have a Blessed Week  
Michael Siciliano  
PRINCIPAL

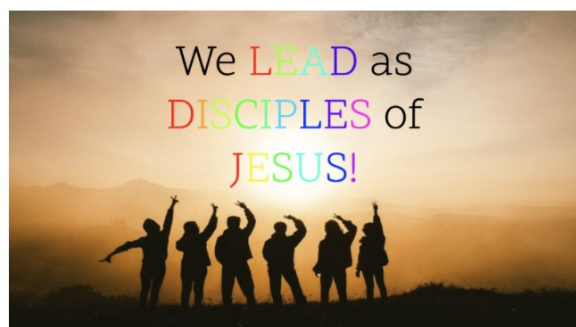






## From the Assistant Principal's desk...

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.



At Our Lady of the Rosary, we believe that leadership is the responsibility of all students. Student leadership opportunities are very important to the culture of OLR. We value each and every voice, and believe that every student has the ability to be the best leader they can be. Students have the opportunity to take part in many school leadership experiences during their final year at Our Lady of the Rosary.



Last week the Year 5 students participated in a Leadership Day where they spent the day with their teachers reflecting on the values and qualities of a good leader. The Liturgy gave a focus of Jesus as the ultimate model of a leader and how we can all live as Disciples of Jesus.

Mr Siciliano and Mrs Regan spoke to the children about the qualities of a leader and the confidence we have in them as a cohort in leading the school in 2022.

The students showed maturity and reverence on the day and we were very proud of them.

## What's the Process to select our 2022 School Leaders?

At the conclusion of the Leadership Day the students had the opportunity to take home a nomination form, which they discussed with their parents. If they are interested in applying to be a school leader for 2022, they complete and return the form.

The teachers will meet with Mr Siciliano and Mrs Regan this week where we will shortlist the students who will prepare and deliver a speech to the current Year 4 and 5 students.

**We are looking for Leaders to represent the school community at all times, displaying the school's Catholic values in word and action.**



### These students will have displayed some of the following attributes:

- Demonstrates empathy for others and has a strong moral conscience
- Enjoys school service and shows initiative
- Relates well to other students
- Is responsible, organised and reliable

The **staff** and **students** will then vote and the **2 School Captains** and **2 Vice Captains** will be selected. 12 other students will make up the Mission Team and all other Year 6 students will form part of the following Leadership teams: Mission, Sport (8 sport captains...elected), Library, Lighthouse and Technology.

### General Responsibilities of a student Leader at Our Lady of the Rosary include:

- To follow our Lighthouse expectations as a Safe Respectful Learner.
- To be an excellent role model for all students.
- To show respect to all members of the school community.
- To wear the school uniform with pride.
- To assist students, staff and parents through the diligent and courteous performance of duties associated with the role

**We wish our Year 5 students the best of luck as they partake in this process over the next few weeks. We are extremely confident that they all will be outstanding leaders in 2022.**



**We also take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the outstanding 2021 leaders; Ethan, Maanya, Chase, Avika and all of the 2021 Year 6 students who have shown exemplary leadership.**

## Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Days

We will be having 2 Orientation days for your new Kindergarten 2022 students. The dates are as follows:

For students whose surname starts with **A-K - Wednesday 1 December 2021**

For students whose surname starts with **L-Z - Thursday 2 December 2021.**

Parents are to bring their children to the school gate at 8:55am. Parents who are double vaccinated will be able to bring their children into the school grounds once they have signed in via QR code and shown their proof of vaccination. Parents are not permitted to stay and will leave as soon as the teachers have your child. Non-vaccinated parents are not permitted into the school grounds and these children will be collected at the gate. Children will be brought back to the gate promptly at 10:30am so parents can take them home.

We are holding an Online Parent Information Session via zoom on Thursday December 2 at 5:00pm. The link to this will be sent out via skoolbag so we ask all parents to download this app and add your child to the Kindergarten 2022 group.

In the new year we will also be conducting the Kindergarten Best Start Assessments on either Monday 31 January, Tuesday 1 February and Wednesday 2 February. Parents are to book a preferred time for this 1 hour assessment to take place. Please use the attached QR code to access the login portal.



## **From the Religious Education Coordinator - Colleen Fuller.**

### **Mass Times**

Please check Sunday and Week-day Mass Times at the OLR Parish Facebook page.:

Parish Masses continue to be held in the outdoor Area at the MacKillp Centre, beside the church. You are invited. Very soon you will be delighted to resume Mass within the church after all the renovations. Check the Facebook Page or find out more details or attend one of the Weekly Masses, held regularly at the MacKillop Centre.



### **VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - due Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

Our Student Leaders will present the CHRISTMAS HAMPERS to a local St Vincent de Paul representative next Tuesday. Hampers will then be distributed through Vinnies, to families in need, within this local area.

These Hampers have been put together with love and a keen spirit of generosity, in response to our call as disciples to live out the mission of Social Catholic Teaching. Like Jesus has taught us, we need to 'feed the hungry' and remain compassionate and prayer focused on our brothers and sisters in need. Importantly we need to share proportionally from our abundance.

As we finalise these hampers, we send a special thanks to the OLR families, who continue to teach their children the importance of responding with mercy, to our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you also to the OLR Staff who responded with great compassion and generosity to put together several Food Hampers; to offer our practical support.

### **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING.**

Last Sunday we celebrated the SOLEMNITY of this great Feast Day of Christ the King. Last Sunday was the final Sunday of the Liturgical Year – Year B. The Gospel presented our King, Jesus, as the one standing bound before Pilate, about to be scourged, crowned with thorns, and crucified.

This is He who is King and Lord of history.

As Christians if we want to look upon the one who is Lord of all creation, we are to look at Jesus hanging on the cross. This is the Son of Man of whom the prophecy of Daniel speaks.

**He who reigns gloriously is the one who identifies with the poor and oppressed and marginalized of our world against the powers of evil that oppress us.**

## ADVENT and the New Liturgical Year – Year C

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

On Sunday we will celebrate the beginning of a New Liturgical Year – Year C. We will see the colour purple on the altar and in prayer spaces in classrooms, to remind us that Advent is a time to reflect, pray and prepare for the birth of Jesus; as our Saviour and Lord.

May this journey through Advent nourish your mind, heart and spirit

Sunday marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The civil New Year begins on January 1st, and the Christian community begins their new year on Sunday with a season of preparation for the special coming of Christ into our community at Christmas: the feast on which we celebrate the most momentous moment in human history – the birth over 2000 years ago of Jesus of Nazareth.

Each Liturgical Season has its special grace, and the Special grace of Advent is to prepare our world, our nation, our city, our home, and our heart, for the one who is always coming to us to heal us and to make this world a Sanctuary in which God's loving will is done.

In the Gospel, Luke focuses our reflection on Jesus who reveals God's love to everyone. Luke calls everyone to welcome, care for, share with, and learn from our neighbour – whatever his or her race or religious tradition.

During Advent we are asked to get in touch with our deepest longings and to renew our trust in God who has a special grace for us at his coming, this Christmas.

As we make the Responsorial Psalm our own, we will hear ourselves asking God to 'lead me in your truth'. Jesus said that only the truth would set us free?

Have we taken paths this past year that have lead us away from the truth? If so, this is a season for a change of heart - A TIME FOR RECONCILIATION.

Let us emphasize "the reason for the season" and avoid going overboard with gift giving.

In the media we are being told to order early and then order some more, before our neighbours toss everything into their own digital shopping carts. But what if instead we recognized how little "just right" gifts actually matter?

Storytellers from Dickens to Alcott to Dr. Seuss remind us that Christmas is not about presents; it is about

people  
and family  
and home  
and Jesus.

This year let us live this festive reason, believing it to be the truth.

### STUDENT LEADERS 2021

As the Year 5 students continue to prepare for their roles as Year 6 Leaders 2022, I pray for God's grace and blessing.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Trippen Grewal, Rohit Duran Jay, Clavin DeGuzman, Mason Ngarua, Charbel El Allaoui, Grace Gautam, Benjamin Farla, Christopher Papandreou, Mayen Baak, Onish Prasad, Shaun Ram, Jasper Matthews, Esomchi Ogbodo, Joy Kenyi, Austin Kyle.



## DON BOSCO AFTER SCHOOL

Don Bosco is open on Friday afternoons after school for students in Years 5 and 6 to attend. Children who are attending Don Bosco straight from school are walked across Mamre Rd and Saddington Rd by a teacher (students need to cross Swanson St on their own).

Students **MUST** have a note signed by parents giving them permission to attend.

Notes are available to be picked up from the office or students can take them home from the classroom to sign. **If students do not have permission from a guardian/carer to attend they will NOT be able to attend.**

## TERM 4 WEEK 6 LIGHTHOUSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kindy	-	Kevin Le
Year 1	-	Ridampreet Kaur
Year 2	-	Elsie Alvarez
Year 3	-	Navya Lagowala
Year 4	-	Guot Guot
Year 5	-	Anthony Jabbour
Year 6	-	Emmanuel Danao



## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Dear Parents,

As you are updating your child's uniform in the holidays preparing for the new year, please remember to donate any unwanted uniforms to the clothing pool. These uniforms are also used when children need replacement clothes at school for various reasons.

