

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 2
MONDAY APRIL 19

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

HAPPY EASTER

“Happy Easter!” Well, almost. There are still a few days to go before we enter into the joys of “Chocolate Land!” Of course, one important thing to do before we loosen our belts on Easter Sunday, is to have a bit of a rethink about what actually happened on the first Easter day.

No doubt, if we had been alive in Jesus’ time we, too, would have been astonished by the miracle of a resurrected person. Luke tells us that just as Jesus was entering the town of Naim, a funeral procession was coming out.

The dead man was the only son of a widow. Jesus was filled with compassion for the widow and so went over to the coffin and said, “Young man! Get up, I tell you. The dead man sat up and began to talk and Jesus gave him back to his mother.” Luke 7:11-17. Mark tells us how in like manner Jesus resurrected the twelve year old daughter of Jairus, an official of the local synagogue. “Little girl I tell you to get up. She got up at once and started walking around. Give her something to eat.” Mark 5:22-24, 35-44.

The two individuals raised to life by Jesus returned to their normal lives. So, how was their “resurrection” different to Jesus’? Well, “Jesus’ Resurrection was about breaking out into an entirely new form of life.

Unlike the widow’s son and the daughter of Jairus, “Jesus has not returned to a normal human life in this world like Lazarus and the others whom Jesus raised from the dead. He has entered upon a different life, he has entered the vast breadth of God himself, and it is from there that he reveals himself to his followers.” “In Jesus’ Resurrection, a new possibility of human existence is attained that affects everyone and that opens up a future, a new kind of future, for mankind.”

Now, what would you have been thinking if you were one of Jesus’ followers on that first Easter day? “....they were simply overwhelmed by the reality, but after their initial hesitation and astonishment, they could no longer ignore that reality. It is truly he. He is alive; he has spoken to us; he has allowed us to touch him, even if he no longer belongs to the tangible in the normal way.”



Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.



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Jesus' disciples were quite used to Jesus performing the unusual: restoring sight to the blind; restoring mobility to the crippled; curing lepers of their disease. But now they had to grapple with a new understanding of Jesus: "He was quite different, no mere resurrected person but one living anew and forever in the power of God. And yet, at the same time, no longer belonging to our world, he was truly present there, he himself. It was an utterly unique experience, which burst upon the normal boundaries of experience and yet for the disciples was quite beyond doubt."

So, when Easter Sunday does arrive we can join with the writer of Psalm 117 in saying, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad". We can rejoice and be glad, because Jesus, through his humanity, has given us the opportunity of true resurrection. However, as the resurrected Jesus said to the once doubting Thomas, "You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe." John 20:29. That's us.



Happy Easter and enjoy those chocolate eggs!

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Did you know that kindness was once a Knightly Virtue? Knightly virtues were part of every mediaeval Knight's code of honour and were standards that Knights tried to adhere to in their daily living and interactions with other people. Thanks to the Kindness Movement, kindness has not been left behind in the Middle Ages.



The Kindness Movement tells us that, "Participating in regular small acts of kindness is beneficial to your health, longevity and well-being; making the decision to be a little kinder will bring more pleasure and direction to your life than ever before." What's more, "The practice of being kinder is a simple way to make your life more joyful and fulfilling. So, relax, enjoy, be friendly, laugh, be playful, help others. Focus on the things you enjoy rather on the things that annoy."

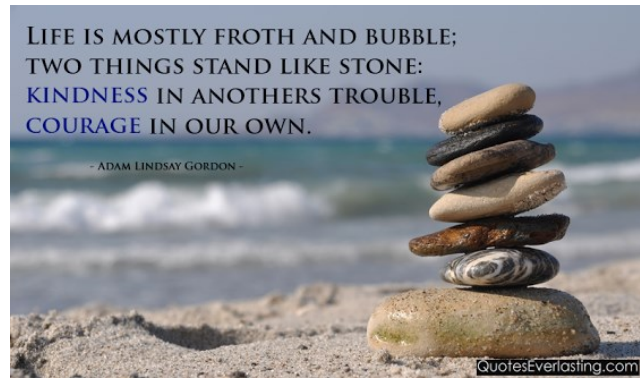
What good advice all that is! Does your family or your school need a "Kindness Movement" of its own making? A kind person is one who is described as being friendly, generous, warm-hearted, sympathetic, considerate, gentle, affectionate, forgiving. Could your home or school do with more people like this? Well, whether kindness blossoms or lies dormant depends on whether it is nurtured. Parents and teachers have the power to instill kindness in children by being supportive and affirming. If children learn to understand how others think and feel, they will better understand how their choices affect other people. If we act in a kindly manner and do things in the same way we expect our children to act and do, then, our children will have a much better chance to be kind people.

Here's a little story: "As the bus slowed down at the crowded bus stop, the bus conductor leaned from the platform and called out, 'Six only!' The bus stopped. The conductor counted on six passengers, rang the bell, and then, as the bus moved off, called to those left behind, 'Sorry, plenty of room in my heart but the bus is full.' The conductor left behind a row of smiling faces. It's not what you do, it's the way you do it." The Friendship Book of Francis Gay.



If we teach our children about love and kindness by teaching them with love and kindness, they experience the good feelings that come with being helped. From this, they understand for themselves the value of helping, because they know that when they share kindness, they are making others feel good. Furthermore, they will be better able to understand that, when someone does something hurtful to them, they should try to handle it in a way that supports forgiveness not revenge, to make peace not war. In our current society, there is the need to teach our children what "attractive" really means. The new trend of "Lookism" tends to present social acceptability as based upon how a person looks. But being "attractive" encompasses many traits such as kindness, friendliness, thoughtfulness, being interesting, being a healthy eater and having an individual and natural body image. Who you are on the inside is much more important than what you look like on the outside.

The poet, Adam Lindsay Gordon, left behind these famous lines:



OLR PARENT ASSOCIATION 2021

Congratulations and sincere thanks to the following parents who have come forward to form the 2021 OLR Parent Association:

President	Ms Alicia Kordahi
Vice President	Ms Kristen Rouen
Secretary	Mr Bradley Young
Treasurer	Ms Ashlee Gould

God, our Father,
we ask You to establish a kinder,
gentler order in our lives and in the lives of our children.
Gently grow this kindness within us,
so that it may be expressed to others
through the sympathetic influence
of what we say and do.
May we be safe respectful learners.
Amen.

WINTER UNIFORM

Traditionally children return to school in term 2 wearing full winter uniform, however, if the weather is still quite warm parents are asked to use their discretion and allow their children to continue wearing full summer uniform for the first couple of weeks of the term. It is not permitted to wear parts of one and parts of the other or clothing underneath such as tights.

Thought for the Week

*“A successful person is one who can build a sound foundation
with the bricks that others throw at him/her”
-Sidney Greenberg*



Have a Blessed Week
Michael Siciliano
PRINCIPAL



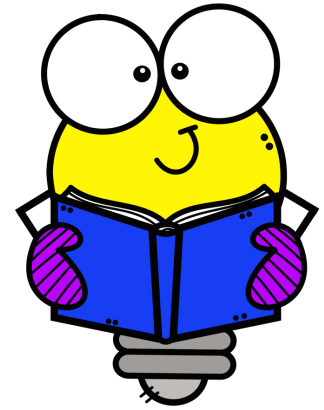
From the Assistant Principal's desk...

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 OLR we are all Learners...

Our school vision is

For students to be self-reflective learners who strive for excellence in all learning areas.



In support of this vision we have been introducing the students to the Profile of a Learner. These are traits the teachers will use to give the students feedback on how they are going and how they can improve.

We have introduced the students to the profiles of being **ENGAGED** and **RESILIENT** and will continue next term. These are displayed in classrooms and referred to be the teachers.

AT OLR WE ARE ALL LEARNERS

We use the Dispositions of the **Head, Heart and Hand** to underpin our thoughts, words and actions.

We are learners who are...

ENGAGED	RESILIENT	COLLABORATIVE	SELF-DIRECTED	REFLECTIVE
				

To be an active learner we will...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively listen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a GROWTH MINDSET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept the ideas of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be motivated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try different strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay on task and let others learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work through challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compromise with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work towards learning goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do our best work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See mistakes as an opportunity to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know what to do when we don't know what to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the LI and SC to know <i>how</i> we are going

Take the time to watch this great video which was created by the staff to explain the Profiles to the students. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ISti2HYPTQ>

WHATS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

Thursday April 1 ⇒ *Last School Day for Term 1*

Friday April 2 ⇒ *Good Friday*



Sunday April 4 ⇒ *EASTER SUNDAY*



Monday April 19 ⇒ *First Day of Term 2*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Aluel Quot, April Vocalan, George Dib, Adriell Dela Calzada, Kieran Beatty, Thomas Drew, Nikolina Ticak, Jaleesa Okewu, Raemon Gatehau, Aliyah Adjei, Manuelli Misiwata, Ayuoth Anthony, Marley Chalk, Jordan Gai, Charbel Frangie.



TERM 2 PLANNER CALENDAR

As of Term 2, the school will no longer be sending out paper planner calendars. We are now using a google calendar for all events. This calendar now shows on both Skoolbag & the OLR website.



ST NICHOLAS NETBALL CLUB

- We have vacancies for girls turning 8 or 9 this year to play in our 9 year old Netball Team.
- Girls will play and train at Jamison Park Netball Courts
- They will play 10 am every Saturday
- If your daughter would like to play please text Kathy 0414 605 596 or email stnicholasnetball@gmail.com
- Information sheet available on our website
- <http://stnicholasnc.nsw.netball.com.au/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION @ Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. NSW
From the page of the Religious Education Coordinator - Mrs Colleen Fuller

We look forward to 2021 as a year of **Family, Faith, Formation** and **Fun**.

2021 FORMATION GOAL:

All students to be **self-reflective** disciples of Jesus, through deep learning from Mark's gospel. (Year B in the church year)

In 2020-2021 we continue to celebrate 140+ years of ongoing commitment to excellence in Catholic Education; at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys and 200+ years of excellence in Catholic Education within Australia.

MASS TIMES: The church is open now with an easing of Covid restrictions.

You are invited to participate in prayer, worship and thanksgiving as a believing community.

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am or 6:00pm.

EASTER MASSES - PLEASE visit the OLR CHURCH Facebook page.



Fundamental truth

The story of Jesus' passion is not an attempt to answer the question 'Why do people have to suffer?' It does, however, proclaim a fundamental truth. Jesus did not come to prevent human suffering, but rather to consume it with his presence. Over the centuries it is the Cross on Calvary that has changed the moral landscape of the world. The mystery of the Cross is Jesus' final act of love – it encompasses all his actions throughout his life – his touch of a leper, his tenderness towards the sick and bereaved, his tears at Lazarus' grave in which we see the deeply compassionate Jesus at work and so much more.

This time last year it was almost impossible to talk about anything other than the coronavirus and the chaos that had enveloped our world. The fact that Easter was just around the corner seemed like a mere afterthought! It is highly improbable for us to even imagine the thought that in another 2000 years people would still be talking about the coronavirus. And yet, here we are in the 21st century, and still talking about the significance of the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

The story of Easter is the revelation of God's wonderful window of divine surprises. It offers to all people freedom from their burdens, guilt and inner turmoil. It promises liberation, hope and new beginnings. Easter Sunday fills Christians with the realisation we are not living our lives in vain. It assures us there is life beyond our earthly lives.

Hopeful perspective

Human death attempts to extinguish the light of hope within us. The Resurrection of Jesus offers us an eternal and hopeful perspective of death.

Our world needs Easter. We need it more than we possibly realise. We need to be reminded that Good Friday is not the end. The image of the glorified Cross and Jesus nailed to it is of supreme importance to all Christians. It is the way we celebrate our baptism. It is what we celebrate in the Eucharist. It is the cornerstone of our being. It is the living Paschal Mystery. And ultimately, it is the triumph of the Resurrection.

TERM 1 STAR AWARDS



KV	Emilia Jovanovski
KN	Kevin Le
1D	Jordan Landas
1Z	Maja Bilokapic
2L	Hailey Pehr
2R	Aluel Gout
3B	Eman Jal Ngong
3M	Gloria Gar
4W	Castiel Ibisate
4P	Charlyn Bankler
5C	Samuel Gai
5M	Alex Wernhard
6C	Tristan Pierre
6V	Liam Mitchell

LIGHTHOUSE AWARDS

TERM 1 WEEK 8

- Kindy - Elizabeth Lykos
- Year 1 - Faith Kenyi
- Year 2 - Lucas Adriano
- Year 3 - Marcus Andrews
- Year 4 - Emily Vocalan
- Year 5 - Aduel Chut
- Year 6 - Angel Kaur



TERM 1 GOLD AWARDS



KV	Tehan Gurusinghe
KN	Johnny Akon
1D	Annabelle Gould
1Z	Monika Dabra
2L	Miguel Mendoza
2R	Devya Sundarigari
3B	Rochelle Chandrapala
3M	Kobe La Rosa
4W	Maria Lagu
4P	Mariah Nichols
5C	Marilda Khairallah
5M	Shaurya Hardiya
6C	Ethan Schroeder
6V	Angelpreet Kaur

VOLUNTEER GARDENER REQUIRED

We are asking if any parent/carer is available to volunteer some time to help the garden. We need someone to weed, trim and tend to the gardens. Any time you can volunteer during school hours will be appreciated.

If you require any further information, please contact the Principal, Michael Siciliano or the school office.

All volunteers do need to complete the online CEDP Building Child Safe Communities Training & Undertaking.

Please go to <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities> and click on **START NOW** to begin.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS TERM 1 SPEECH

Here is a copy of our School Captains speech that they made at the Gold Awards presentation.

Maanya- Wow! What an outstanding start to 2021!

Ethan- Maanya, I can't believe that this term has gone so quickly.

Maanya- Neither can I. This term, we welcomed new students, staff and our new kindergarten students.

Ethan- On the 27th of January 2021, years, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 started school. Then 2 days later, in week 2, kindergarten started, which Maanya and I are sure that they had their best first day back at school.

Maanya- During week 2, we celebrated the feast day of Don Bosco in our own classrooms.

Ethan- On the 8th of February, we celebrated the first Sudanese saint who was St Josephine Bakhita. Who stood up against people who were selling humans.

Maanya- On the 10th of February, we had the launch of Caritas with the year 6 mission team with other schools in the Diocese in a Zoom meeting.

Ethan- On the 19th of February, the year 6 students received their badges and took the leadership pledge promising to keep our school in safe hands.

Maanya- The following week, something really exciting happened for kindergarten, year 1, year 5 and year 6. We all got the opportunity to meet our lovely buddies and spend some great time with them which all of us surely enjoyed.

Ethan- Maanya, did you know that amongst all of the learning, there have been some superheroes in our school?!

Maanya- YES! I did, but I don't remember which grade it is. Is it kindy?

Ethan- No! It's year 1. In year 1 they have been learning how to be superhero learners. And year 5 wrote imaginative texts about superheroes which were presented in week 7 to their year 1 buddies.

Maanya- During week 3 - week 6, year 1 were learning about a butterfly's life cycle. I'm sure that was a great experience for everyone in year 1.

Ethan- In week 4, we started lent with Shrove Tuesday where we had our yummy pancakes.

Ethan- In week 5, year 5 and year 6 had a Zoom meeting with other schools of the Dioceses and celebrated lifted live to talk about having now achieved 200 years of Catholic education

Maanya- In week 5, we used a little extra hairspray and polished our shoes for our annual school photos. Year 6's last OLR photo and kindergartens first ones. In week 6 the year 6 students had a visit from the Emmaus principal to talk to the year 6 students about high school.

Ethan- The next day of week 6, the year 5 and year 6 boys had a visit from the principal of St Dominics college. Which also talked about high school.

Maanya- On week 7, we all said happy birthday to our school OLR which has been here since 1880. Our school turned 141 year old which is quite an amazing achievement. It was also the beginning of Catholic schools week.

Ethan- Also on week 7-week 10, year 4 have been working really hard on the history of OLR and the importance of place truly means, they also made some circle stories to talk about their personal history and will be sharing this with other students and teachers.

Maanya- During week 7, year 3 showed lots of love to the people in the nursing home by writing letters to them. They made them feel very happy and cared about. Well done year 3. On week 8, year 6 had a zoom meeting with Japanese students. Year 6 were very excited to see the Japanese students for the very first time. Japanese students wrote some year 6 students' names in Japanese which looked amazing.

Ethan- The following day, we all celebrated St Joseph's feast day as a whole school community where we all prayed, sang and learned about St Joseph which is Jesus' father on Earth. On Friday, week 8, some students received star awards.

Maanya- during week 9, year 4 we were learning about how God is present in the sacraments and created a video congratulating our teacher, Miss Patel on the sacrament of Marriage!

Ethan- Last week, year 2 were planning their brochures about the history of St Marys. During the holidays. They will be sending it to a historian which is going to be very exciting for them.

Maanya- In week 9, year 6 were finishing off their solar system project, and presented their projects with their speeches.

Ethan- Last week on Friday, we had 1 hour without electricity to show solidarity. In our classrooms, we learnt about solidarity and what it truly means. And we are sure that if we ask any kind of question about solidarity, a kindergarten student will surely tell us what it means.

Maanya- This week, year 2 will be starting to do what people in lego masters do. They will be building something very cool in their table groups which is going to be a new experience for everyone in year 2.

Ethan- They will also be making an awareness post about rubbish and recycling because they want everyone to care for our environment. They will make some flyers and put them around the school on why we should recycle and take care of our environment.

Maanya- And here we are, in the present. Today we had our gold award ceremony where we congratulated our gold award recipients.

Ethan- All of the crem della crem, but as we come to an end, Maanya and I will like to say something.

BOTH- Have a great, safe and [enjoyable](#) holiday. Thank you.