

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 18 2022
NO STUDENTS ATTEND ON THIS DAY



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

GOOD MANNERS

Be Safe 
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

This week I would like to further explore our learning agreement:

WE ARE SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

by sharing some thoughts on Good Manners.

Because some students' constant heads-down focus on their electronic devices, it's often hard for them to learn to interact appropriately with other people.

They are more comfortable texting or sending an email to communicate than offering a warm smile. To help children develop personal relationships, they need to be taught the skills of interacting with others.

S.P.E.C.I.A.L.

- Shake hands – a firm, appropriate grip (rare since C19 pandemic)
- Posture – standing up straight, shoulders back, conveying confidence and awareness;
- Eye contact – looking the other person in the eye during the entire interaction;
- Charm – a smile, head nod, laugh;
- Introduce yourself – saying, “Hi, I’m ----” gets the ball rolling;
- Ask a question – “What brings you here?” or “Don’t you hate this weather?” begins a conversation and shows interest in the other person;
- Lean in and listen – without invading the person’s space, getting a little closer signals engagement and helps you listen and respond appropriately.



These elements make children come across as confident and keen students. They need practice so they become natural. It's good to start at an early age teaching children to introduce themselves, start a conversation, look people in the eye and answer politely.

By high school, students should be able to start a good conversation and mingle when meeting new people.

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How can adults help?

- Greet children every morning by name and expect them to do the same to you.
- Shake their hands so they learn how to do it naturally.
- Expect your children to stand up and greet visitors and look after their comfort by offering a seat or refreshments.
- Insist on polite interactions at the meal table and in family groups.
- Use literature, current events and TV programmes to encourage children to develop genuine curiosity about other people and what makes them tick.

100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all the children who have maintained 100% attendance at school so far this year. A second round of congratulations goes to all the children who get to school on time every day.

EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY!
ON TIME EVERY DAY!



OLR Supervision commences at 8:15am

An important reminder that OLR school supervision commences at 8:15am every morning. Any parents who require supervision before this time please contact one of our OSHC Centres. Details below

- YMCA 1300 009 679
- St Clair OOSH 9670 5555
- Go Bananas 1300 226 262



SOS HELP NEEDED

We are currently inviting parents and friends to help when the weather improves with **weeding and trimming the school hedges**. Please contact the school office if you can assist in this matter. Ph 8856 8301.



Thought for the Week

"The Cross appears lighter when carried with Jesus"
Mary MacKillop-1874

Have a Blessed Week
Michael Siciliano
PRINCIPAL





OUR SCHOOL SONG



In Eighteen Eighty at St Marys

Mother Mary and her nuns

Listened to the call of Jesus

Found a school for little ones

Kangaroos hopped through the playground

Native birds flew overhead

In this happy, joyous setting

Jesus' word was taught and spread



We follow Jesus, We follow Jesus

We follow Jesus, He's our friend

Now at Our Lady of the Rosary

Children from all nations come

We're all happy here together

Aussies caring one for one



Learn to love the ways of Jesus

Learn to read and write and pray

There is happiness in learning

Caring teachers show the way

We follow Jesus, We follow Jesus

We follow Jesus, He's our friend



From the Assistant Principal's desk...

READ! READ! READ

BUILDING CHILDREN'S LITERACY SUCCESS

Parents and carers are key players in children's literacy success. They work together best when there is joy and happiness around reading. This happiness and success can transfer into the classroom and it may make a clear difference to children's success as a reader and writer.

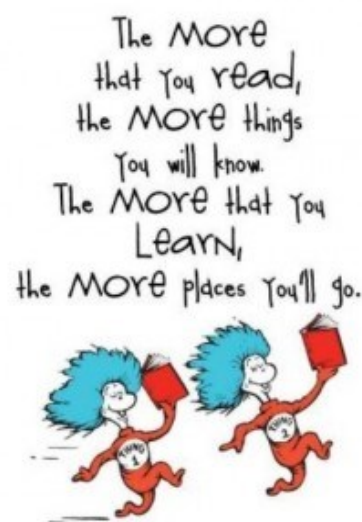


READING IS SO IMPORTANT

- Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever.
- Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes.
- Reading with your child at home will help your child in ***all learning areas of school.***
- Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today's world.

READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- **Involve your children in everyday conversations.** Developing Oral Language skills is a huge stepping stone to Literacy success.
- **Read aloud to children.** It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- **Talk about books.** Read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
- Make sure there is a **wide range of reading material** for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction. Parents can also borrow books from our school library.
- It is important to read to your child in **your home language** if your first language is not English. Evidence shows that using your home language will help your child to learn to read in English.
- **Make a special time** for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- **Listen to your child every day**, even for a short time.
- **Give books** as treats and presents.



Here are some strategies that may assist you as parents, to develop positive reading experiences with your child:

Some parents are unsure of how to support their child's reading at home.

Below are some strategies and ideas you can use to support your child's literacy success.

- **Share the Reading.** It is OK to have the child reading along and echo -reading behind the parent. This supports a struggling reader who finds reading a challenge – it provides them with good role modelling and an opportunity to experience success when reading. This positive experience can change the child's thoughts about themselves as a reader.
- When the reading material is other than a school reader, **allow the child to select the book.** Let the child take responsibility for choosing their own book - We want the child to make informed choices when it comes to books and we want to find ways to celebrate the choices they make.
- **When a child struggles with a word,** resist the temptation to immediately give them the word. Say things like, 'Go back and reread', 'Does that make sense?' 'Did that sound right?', 'Have another look at that'. These strategies help the child to become an independent reader and develop comprehension strategies.
- Share jokes; read newspapers; **read the things that you love to read;** a magazine that you've picked up off the shelf, labels, recipes, instructions for games. Your ten minutes reading together may just prove how important reading is for enjoyment, life skills and fun! **There is no right book, there's only access into many books and parents can help children get really excited about that possibility.**



REMEMBER: *We want parents and their children to work together in a context of joy and happiness around reading - because that's what will transfer into the classroom; and it's really going to make a difference to how that child feels about themselves as a reader, and give them a boost towards success.*

As well as their take- home readers, our children have access to the school Library, e-Library and the PM ecollection.

If you ever have any concerns about your child, our teachers are always available so call and make an appointment.

From the Religious Education Coordinator - Colleen Fuller

Mass Times

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

The OLR church is open after renovations and after the Covid lock down with some small Covid safety procedures. The community is ready to welcome you. Please check the Facebook page for Mass Times and what is happening in the parish.

LENT:

Last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

marks the beginning of 40 days of LENT. This day was celebrated in churches around the world to remind us of the importance and opportunity of this season. The Lenten Season leads us into Easter, which will be celebrated in Catholic Churches around the world in the first week of the school holidays.

PRAYER

We pray for all who know what it is to live in the ashes: the poor, the marginalised, the outcast, the lonely, the sick. May the ashes we wear in humility be for us all a sign of our hope in the rising of the Lord of all life. Amen.

On Ash Wednesday as a school we watched a short video about the unequal distribution of the world's resources and its effect on humanity. We often feel that we don't have all that we want so it's interesting to look at this video and realise that we are the lucky people of the world; if we have a safe home, a fridge to store our food and a wardrobe to put our clothes in. If you would like to watch this video please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcL2iUfef9c

We pray for all those whose access to food and water is insecure. May the whole human family respond generously in creating lasting justice in the distribution of life's necessities. May we respond to opportunities such as those presented by Project Compassion this Lent to build for all future generations. Amen.

WHY LENT? Lent is a time to renew and reflect on our life choices and discern whether we are living according to the Good News of the Gospel.
What can we each do to live a life of goodness and holiness?

LENT IS a time of PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING - a time to grow closer to God and those in need of our love and support. It is also a time to be reminded of Catholic Social Teaching and what this means in our everyday life. In this season we work closely with Caritas to reach out to those in need.

Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia and is part of one of the largest aid and development networks in the world – Caritas Internationalis - working in over 200 countries and territories.

Each year, Project Compassion runs during the six weeks of the Church season of Lent. We invite people across Australia to help us raise funds AND stand in solidarity with the millions of people across the world with whom we work. **We ask you to join us in building a more just and fairer world: a world in balance, at peace and free of poverty.**

Thank you to those families who have already made donations using the QKR app TO SUPPORT CARITAS, AND its work worldwide in supporting families in desperate need. The note went home on Thursday last week and we are thankful to the families who have already started to make donations; even small donations make a big difference.
If you need another copy of the QKR note please ask at the School Office.

3 MINUTE DAILY RETREAT

Making time for God each day is an important and purposeful way to begin our day.

I attach this link for your consideration. Maybe you already have a plan for regular personal prayer.

This is just one resource that you may find helpful. www.loyolapress.com/retreats/open-and-clear-start-retreat/

Prayers and practical support for the Ukraine

We hold the people of the Ukraine in our earnest prayer. They desperately need our prayer and practical assistance.

"I have seen the church in Ukraine and around the world become one living body," he said. "No labels or tags — just one purpose: love as we have been loved by God in Christ Jesus."

*Have a blessed week. Take what's good and celebrate it.
Leave the rest behind. Wrap it in newspaper and put it in the bin.*



TERM 1 WEEK 6 LIGHTHOUSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kindy	-	Saanvi Chand
Year 1	-	Charlotte Wright
Year 2	-	Musa Dolley
Year 3	-	Devya Sundarigari
Year 4	-	Risha Reddy
Year 5	-	Castiel Ibisate
Year 6	-	Gabrielle Ampong



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Samridhi Malla, Vasnya Tuliatsu, Mia Domjan, Nijel Senathirajah, Jasari Pita, Damiano Masiya, William Hanna, Adol Kur, Amel Ker, Mathieus Acuna, Penelope Masaniai, Lokie Lipinch, Levi Fairley, Aadrinanda Karumathil, Noura Athian, Jackson Bingham, Evangelina Soriano, Layla Fau, Nikki Zigouris, Jacob Sara.



AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Dear Parents,

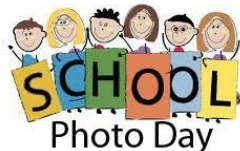
Just a reminder that you are not permitted to use the driveway of the unit block across the road to park in or use as a turning lane.

We have received some complaints from the residents regarding this.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Due to the extreme weather and student & staff absences, our school photo day has been postponed to a day in Term 2. More information will come once a date has been confirmed with the photographer.



With your help, a safer community.

DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

Disobey 'No Parking' Sign



Fine =
\$196*
& Lose 2 Points

'KISS & DROP' ZONE

ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
Stay within **3 meters** of your car
Stay less than **2 minutes**



Section 168 Road Rules 2014

Disobey 'No Stopping' Sign



Fine =
\$352*
& Lose 2 Points

DO NOT STOP for ANY reason



Child or Passenger Not Restrained

Fine =
\$352*
& Lose 3 Points



Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law

Fine =
\$469*
& Lose 5 Points



Section 300 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: Road Rules 2014 <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>
*Fines are current as of March 2021. Fine amounts change regularly. For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/index.html>

BOOKCLUB

The first issue of Book Club will be sent home this week.

Please remember the only way to order is online at the following site, <http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP>. The school office can no longer receive cash payments. All orders will need to be entered online and paid for by Tuesday 22 March 2022.

Rebecca Weston
Library Administrator

DON'T FORGET!



SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

We are in desperate need of any second-hand uniforms that can be donated. These uniforms are used both in the sick-bay when children have an accident as well as helping to stock our second hand uniform shop.

If you have any uniforms at home that your child has outgrown, please consider donating these to the school.



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

We are in the process of switching our main communication tool to the Compass Parent Portal. We will eventually be disabling the Skoolbag app.



A letter will soon be sent with your login details for Compass, if you haven't already accessed the parent portal with the details emailed to you last year. It is most important to keep your Username and Password secure, just like your bank account details, they should not be shared with anyone, including your children.

Using the Compass Parent Portal you will be able to:

- ◇ Be informed of important updates, events and reminders
- ◇ View the school calendar
- ◇ Review your child's attendance
- ◇ Provide explanations for periods of absence
- ◇ Update your contact details
- ◇ View your child's semester reports
- ◇ Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Accessing Compass

It is more important than ever that we are able to communicate effectively, especially when it involves the safety of our children. If you haven't already, we ask that parents download the Compass app onto your device for either Apple or Android.

Compass is a web based application that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by downloading the App called 'Compass School Manager' available through Apple Store or Google Play store for Android users.

Parents can also access the Parent Portal on your computer via the website: <https://olorstmarys-nsw.compass.education>



For iPhone and iPad users

Click on the "Download on the App Store" button above, or go to the Apple App Store, search for "Compass School Manager" and download the free Compass app. Search for [enter school name] and you're ready to go!



For Google Android Users

Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above, or go to the Google Play Store, search for "Compass School Manager" and download the free Compass app. Search for [enter school name] you're ready to go!

Access Details

The first time you login you will be required to change your temporary password and confirm your email address as well as your mobile phone number. These details will be used by the School for password recovery and email communication. This login will allow you access for all the children in your family