



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

Thank you for your support in the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. I hope that the children gained some appreciation of the special nature of our schools and how we work with you to build a catholic community that support the work of the parish and local families.

Last night some of the children from our parish received the sacrament of Penance for the first time. There are two more penitential services this week for the children of the parish.

Congratulations to all of the children from the parish who are receiving the sacrament this week. Congratulations also to the parents and sacramental team for their work in preparing the children.

Thank you to all of the Mother's Day stall organisers and helpers. As always the children enjoy this aspect of school life and the work of volunteer mums helps the children celebrate this day in a special way with their mum. Thanks also to the staff for their assistance with special mother's day cards etc.

I am very pleased to be able to say that I have received many positive reports of our bus behaviour. There has been a very significant improvement. Thank you for your help with this, thank you also to the staff for their support. A special thank you to our students for recognising the need to work together to ensure the safety and comfort of all bus travellers. We will continue to monitor bus behaviour and I invite you to help keep us informed of any incidents that concern you or the children.

The Kindergarten enrolment process is well underway. Please collect an enrolment form if you are considering enrolling a child in kindergarten next year. Parents often tell me that they have heard great things about our school from other parents. Thank you for supporting our school in this way. Parental endorsement is a simple but powerful promotion of the school.

I have been asked about some additions to our school sports uniform. A survey will be sent to you in the next day or so to establish if this is something that parents want to implement.

A quick response would be very helpful (if you can manage it) as I am running behind with this.

Last term we asked you to tell us about the religious nature of our school as we were working on a religious formation goal and we wanted the input of parents and staff. Mrs Elliott and Mrs Callan have collated the results and Mrs Callan has prepared a brief summary. Thank you to both of them for this work.

Best wishes,
John Spradbrow

Religious Education Survey Summary

Thank you to all parents who responded to our survey last term in relation to Religious Education and Spirituality at OLOR. From your responses we were able to collate the information and reflect on what makes OLOR special for the children but more importantly, what areas we need to reflect on and address for the future. Numerous responses were pleased with the special signs and symbols we use at OLOR, such as the prayer table focus found in all classrooms, our anti-bullying program, the connection teachers and administration staff have with the families at OLOR, our Religious Education program as a whole, the Liturgies and Mass celebrations held within our school, our strong link with the Parish and our school prayer which is said at every whole school assembly.

There were only a few areas indicated by survey responses that needed further improvement – these included parent education, consistency of practice and approach and strengthening the link between Our Lady of the Rosary and St Francis.

We at OLOR are in the process of putting together a formation goal which is to help all of those at OLOR school find the face of Christ in others. The responses you have given us will assist us in reflecting on and consolidating further, this formation goal. Progress and updates to the development of this formation goal will be added to the newsletter as advancement occurs.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16 May

Friday 3 June

Tuesday 14 June

Wednesday 15 June

Change over to Winter Uniform

Pupil free day

School Photos

Athletics Carnival



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

Sunday May 15th 2011 - 4th Sunday of Easter – Year A Based on the Gospel

John 10:1-10

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Jesus as a good shepherd is a very popular one among Christians. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares himself to a gate and to a shepherd. Let us look at each of these pictures in turn to see what they tell us about Jesus.

Jesus, the gate: The Kingdom of God is likened to a sheepfold whose gateway is Jesus; he is the saviour who leads us to the kingdom of God.

Jesus, the shepherd: There are some thought-provoking points here about the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep which we can apply to the relationship between Jesus and ourselves.

Even sheep, not the most intelligent of animals, can discern the call of the shepherd, and not be fooled by an intruder.

Are you listening for the voice of the Lord?
Are you faithfully following our one true shepherd?

“God loves each one of us, as if there was only one of us to love” (St Augustine)

Nikki Callan (REC)



GENERAL NEWS

CAMERAS FOR SENIORS

As some of you may be aware our senior students have recently formed a film group and are very keen to create some creative masterpieces to enter in various upcoming short film competitions.



Prior to OLOR purchasing any film equipment for this group we are seeking support from our families who may wish to sell or donate cameras, video cameras, tripods, microphones, boom poles etc.



If you can assist in any way could you please contact Mr Platt at school on 96292566.

DRUM KIT

Sadly our school drum kit has recently gone missing and consequently we are looking for anyone who may be in a position to donate a pre-loved kit to OLOR. If any family can assist in this regard could you please contact the office on 9629 2566.



Winners of the Mother's Day Raffle

1. Andrew Scarsbrook – Natio Cosmetic and skincare hamper
2. Kristianne Fernandez – Vera Wang by Wedgwood Metal Serving Bowl
3. Noah Hemmings – Royal Albert 100 years 1960's Rose Figurine
4. Alyssa McGavin – Pandora bracelet & paperweight
5. Caroline Pace – Wedgwood Wish Silver Photo frame
6. Connor Millingham – Royal Albert Lady Carlyle toiletries pack
7. Emma Brown – Autographed Di Morrissey novel

ENRICHMENT NEWS

DEBATING

This week, 8 of our children will be participating in the first round of debating for the year. I would like to wish Lauren Brown, Simon Gosper, Keshni Rajeevan, Christian Juric (the affirmative team), Emily Rozic, Jessica Capral, Branden Corcoran and Tomasso D'Batista (the negative team) all the best for Friday. They will be debating the topic "That all children should own pets" against St Michael's at Baulkham Hills.



MINDQUEST



MindQuest is on again at Glenwood on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June in which gifted and talented students get an opportunity to participate in a range of activities in science, maths, English, drama, art and debating. If you are interested I have brochures with the activities available.

CHESS

Chess lessons have started with two groups of about 20 each. The students are really enjoying the lessons and keenly arrive early on Wednesday mornings. These lessons will continue every Wednesday for the rest of the term for those students in year 3-6 that have paid for them.



UNSW Competitions



Just a reminder that the first UNSW Competition will be on the 24th May commencing at 8am in the school Hall. The first competition is Computer Skills.

Regards Mrs Joanna DelVecchio



Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day Raffle. We raised \$800 for the school. Well done on a fantastic effort. Also a special thank you to everyone who donated and organised the prizes and sold tickets.

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

NETBALL



A massively huge congratulations to Tayla Fraser (year 6) who has been selected to represent NSWCPSSC MacKillop at the NSW PSSA Netball State Carnival to be held in Newcastle on 19–21 July. Well done Tayla.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Permission notes for the school athletics carnival will be coming home this week. If these could be returned ASAP it would be greatly appreciated.

The Carnival is on Wednesday 15 June at Alfred Whaling Reserve (Roxborough Park), Baulkham Hills.



Many Thanks
Mrs Harvey

PARISH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE RAFFLE



Tickets are being sent home for the Parish Annual Dinner Dance Raffle which will be held 23 July 2011. Tickets can be purchased for \$2 each or the complete book for \$20.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets could you please return the completed book and money to school as soon as possible. Please ensure that your child's name and class are marked clearly on the envelope. Please note raffle tickets not purchased also need to be returned. Thank you for your support.

Mother's Day Gifts



The Mother's Day "stall" although done a little differently this year, was a great success and the feedback I've received so far has been very positive. It was fantastic to see that Mums mean so much to the children of OLOR! The P&F would like to thank all our lovely Mums who helped with the packing and distribution of the gifts. I hope all our mums had a wonderful Mothers Day and enjoyed their gifts! Any feedback you have on the general process would be much appreciated. Just flick me an email or grab me if you see me at school!

Uniforms

I will be having a meeting with Charlene Batten, the school liaison for Lowes next Tuesday. I have several issues to raise with her regarding service, quality and availability of uniforms but if anyone has any specific concerns please email me before Tuesday and I will raise them. I will keep everyone posted on the outcome of the meeting.

Michele Newman
P&F Co-ordinator
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PARISH INFORMATION



Holy Land and Rome Pilgrimage (September school holidays, 2011)

Father Ted Tyler, priest at St. Thomas Aquinas, Springwood, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome from September 23 to October 10, 2011.

The Pilgrimage will include such places in the Holy Land as Mt. Tabor, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Holy Sepulchre, Calvary, Mt. of Olives, Bethlehem, Samaria, Jericho, and then in Rome, a General Audience with the Pope, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museum and St. Mary of the Cross Pilgrims' Walk, and other places.

For brochures or information please e-mail Father Ted at frejtyler@yahoo.com

