



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace."

You are probably very familiar with the words to this prayer, which symbolise the life of St. Francis. It is a prayer that is very relevant to our school and parish given that we are in the care of the Friars.

I have asked our student leaders to take this prayer as their leadership pledge when they are formally presented to the community this Friday. The leaders are being asked to model this prayer to the community through their behaviour. In time I hope that it will become a very significant and visible part of the life of our community.

I invite you to hold all of our students, student leaders and staff in your prayers as we celebrate mass on Friday to mark the beginning of our school year. We would love to see you at the mass if you can manage it.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

John Spradbrow



Meet and Greet the Teachers—Wine & Cheese Night

We warmly invite you to our Meet and Greet the Teachers night on Monday 28 February. Mrs Walters has organised Mr Paul McDonald of The Children's Bookshop at Beecroft, to talk on Engaging Children in Reading. Paul is a well respected authority on Literacy. Come along and introduce yourself to the staff and enjoy a glass of wine as you listen to our speaker.

Hope to see you on Monday night.

Class and Teacher Information

In the past we have held Parent Teacher Information evenings, however this year, we are looking for different ways of communicating with our parents about how individual classrooms are organised, homework, sport day etc.

Kinder, One and Two have sent a letter home explaining the routines. More detailed information packs for K and Year 1 will be available for collection at the Wine and Cheese Night. Year 2 Information will be sent home next week. If you are unable to attend this night information packs will be sent home with your child.

Years 3 & 4 have sent a letter home and have information for parents each week on the homework sheet.

Stage 3 have sent a letter home. They are in the process of setting up a Grade Blog that will be available for parents.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions about routines or procedures.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18 Feb 2011—OLOR Opening Mass at 9.15am / School Leaders Induction

Monday 28 Feb 2011—K-Yr 6 Wine and Cheese Night at 7pm
(Previously Grade Info Night)

Tuesday 1 March 2011—Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 9 March 2011 - Ash Wednesday

Thursday 10 March 2011—7.30am School Student Leadership Breakfast



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

**Sunday February 20th 2011 –
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time -
Year A**

**Based on the Gospel
Matthew 5: 38-48**

This Sunday's Gospel, follows the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus was teaching those listening to him, how important it was to relate to others with respect and love.

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also..."

Here Jesus speaks about having love for ones enemies. He is teaching us new ways to relate to each other.

Jesus always challenges us to grow tall. He teaches us to take the initiative to make peace.† He teaches us to take the first step.

Jesus is telling us that loving our enemy has the power to change our enemy.† Loving our enemy also has the power to change us.

Jesus is teaching us in this reading that one way to love our enemies is to refuse to take revenge on those who have wronged us. Is this really possible to do? What is the greatest challenge for you in living out this teaching from Jesus?



Nikki Callan (REC)

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

- ◆ Saturday 12, Sunday 13 March 2011—Introduction to Electronics
- ◆ Saturday 19, Sunday 20 March 2011—Electronic Circuits, Transistors and Capacitors
- ◆ Saturday 26, Sunday 27 March 2011—Chemical Reactions
- ◆ Saturday 2, Sunday 3 April 2011—Mystery Powders

Venue: All sessions will take place at St Patrick's Marist College, Kirby Street, Dundas

Cost: \$35—\$60 (depending on workshop)

Phone: (02) 9872 7175

Email: scienceweekend@iinet.au

A Message from the P&F

The first P & F meeting for the year will be held on 23 February at 7.30pm. Some items on the agenda include: Uniforms, Mother's Day Stall and the School Disco. All are welcome to attend this meeting as it is a great way to be involved with our school.



Michele Newman
P&F Co-ordinator
Email: mn7766@hotmail.com

Netball Uniforms

Two size 14 OLOR netball uniforms both in size 14 and in good condition. Only used one season \$40 Contact Francine Silva on 0414 92 4455.

Telephone System

We have recently had a number of enquiries with regards to the OLOR telephone system.

If you are experiencing difficulty calling the school on the main telephone line **9629 2566** please try our secondary line on **9629 2937**.

Hope this is of assistance.
OLOR Office Staff



GENERAL NEWS

MEDICAL ALERTS



If your child is required to take medication at school, it is essential to complete a Medical Administration Form as soon as possible. These forms are available from the OLOR office.

Children who currently have medication administered from the office also need to complete a new Medical Administration Form for 2011. Your prompt attention to this would be greatly appreciated.

OAKHILL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2012

Applications for enrolments into Year 7 2012 will close on Friday 4 March, 2011. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment for their sons at Oakhill College in Year 7 2012, and who have not yet submitted an application form, are requested to contact the Registrar before Friday 4 March 2011. Phone: Mrs Maryanne Cordina-Maree (Registrar) 9634 0802 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au

INSTRUMENT LESSONS



Instrument Lessons for 2011 will begin this Friday 18th February. The late start is due to a change in the Musicorp Education Coordinator and vacancies in some of the teaching roles. Tony Gardner is the new Musicorp Education Coordinator. He has been a Primary School Music Coordinator at The Scots School, Albury for the last seven years.

A new strings teacher, Monica Zygadlo, who comes highly recommended and experienced, will be working with the students learning the violin.

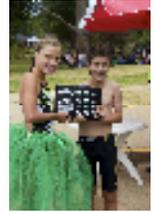
Musicorp has made an assurance that the students learning instruments will receive their minimum of eight lessons this term.

Instrument lessons provide a creative and rewarding experience for students as they learn to master and play a musical instrument.

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Not too hot...Not too cold...But Just ..Right. Another perfect day for our swimming carnival. The gods smiled again on us in every aspect. With so many new faces on vital jobs, with Mrs Harvey's heart racing at record highs.....why was I panicking? Everyone was fantastic.



Firstly to all our students. Their behaviour, enthusiasm for their captains and colour houses and their participation—outstanding. Our staff - always so supportive on such a big day—thank you. And our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc. To you all who came and watched, helped and participated—unbelievable. And to our great House Captains for a terrific job. I always love the feeling I have come away from a carnival knowing how wonderful our community at OLOR is and how lucky our children are.

Below I have listed all those wonderful parents who helped on the day, who were thrown into jobs they'd never done before, were probably abused once or twice through the day and were very polite about it, and those who are gluttons for punishment and return every year for more. Thank you for everything and for trialling new methods on the day, not easy I know and I hope you will all come back again - I can't do it without you.

Mrs Pace, Mrs Ryan, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Price, Mrs De Battista, Mrs Lowe, Mrs Close, Mrs Confrancesco, Mrs Wilson, Mr Kropman, Mr Flore, Mr Moore, Mrs Russell, Mrs Mooney, Mrs Stootman, Mrs Belcastro, Mr Castley, Mrs Chessa, Mrs Baffico, Mrs St Flour, Mrs Mercieca, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Brown, Mrs Rozic, Mr Thomas, Mrs Haddad, Mr Ekstrom, Mr Rozic, Mrs Ferris, Mrs Wright, Mr and Mrs Martinuzzo, Mrs D'Anastasi.

I apologise if I have missed anyone, I hope not but if I have I sincerely appreciated all you help and please let me know.

Congratulations to the Mighty Mighty Green Team on a fantastic achievement, sneaking home by 7 points from Red. Great to see that Red is back though—a long time in the winning wilderness—2 great relay wins—it all is very positive for the future. And to Gold—spirit champions well deserved.

Our parent/teachers (none appeared this year!) / House Captains and best of the rest relay teams were great. The final lap with Tommaso bearing down in a slowing Mr Castley was fantastic. Congratulations to the parent tem of Mr Castley, Mr Ekstrom, Mrs Ferris, Mr Ferris, Mr Hourigan, Mr Flore, Mr Kropman and Mr Thomas. Home by a long nose!



Thank you to Mrs Haddad for the spectacular photos.

Finally it was terrific to welcome Our Lady of the Angels to our carnival this year and hopefully they will return as their school continues to grow.

I can clearly see our students quality of swimming has improved dramatically over the past few years and their willingness to "have a go" has soared. Thank you to everyone for making the day such a success.

Congratulations to our Age Champions for 2011.

Junior Girls: Maddie Martinuzzo
Runner Up: Emily Mooney

Junior Boys: Luca Flore
Runner Up: Chris Watters

11 years Girls: Megan Close
Runner Up: Madison Gilmour

11 years Boys: Ben Wilson
Runner Up: Jordan Brown

Senior Girls: Emily Rozic
Runner Up: Jessica Martinuzzo

Senior Boys: Tommaso De Battista
Runner Up: Matthew Freeman

PS. Zone notes are coming!

PARISH INFORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE COLLECTED

There are still some professional photographs taken of First Holy Communicants and their families to be collected from the parish office. Office hours are between 9am and 3pm each weekday.

FIRST RECONCILIATION—celebration of First Reconciliation will be on 3rd, 4th & 5th May at 7pm

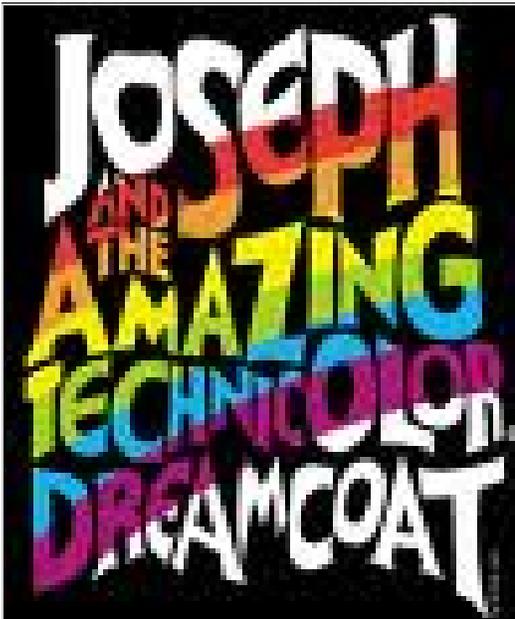
Enrolments: At the following weekend Masses: March 19th at 6pm or March 20th at 9am or 11am
March 26th at 6pm or March 27th at 9am or 11am

Information Night (Parents only): Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm in St Bonaventure Hall

Rite of Commitment: Sat 2nd April at 6pm or Sun 3rd April 11am Masses

Rehearsal: Friday April 29th at 4pm in the Parish Church





Please find below an advertisement for the upcoming production of JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT.

We are very pleased to announce that a number of our talented students will be performing in this production on the following dates:

Sat 12th Feb at 2pm
Tues 15th Feb at 7.30pm
Fri 18th Feb at 7.30pm
Tues 22nd Feb at 7.30pm
Sat 26th Feb at 7.30pm (Closing)

AMAZING TIME FOR STUDENTS!

It's curtain's up this week at Parramatta Riverside Theatres, as the stage bursts into life (and colour!) with the debut performance of Packemin Productions' JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT.

JOSEPH is the first musical written by dynamic musical team Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, and is based on the biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colours. Joseph is the favorite son of Jacob, but his siblings resent the attention Jacob showers upon him and sell him into slavery, with Joseph eventually ending up in jail. However his interpretation of the dreams of the Pharaoh win him the Pharaoh's adoration and soon Joseph is one of the most powerful men in Egypt, leading the way for a reunion with his family.

Centre stage in this production are several of our talented students, many of them taking part in their first major musical. Don't miss this fantastic production starring Australian Entertainment Icon, Barry Crocker, (and our students!) at the Parramatta Riverside Theatres from 11 February 2011. Tickets are available from the Riverside box office on 8839 3399

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT will be presented at Parramatta Riverside Theatres from 11 – 26 February 2011. Tickets are now on sale through the Riverside Box Office: 8839 3399



Parent Effectiveness Training

A Parent Effectiveness Training Course will commence in Baulkham Hills on Thursday 3rd March. It will be conducted by Leo Keegan, an accredited instructor with the Effectiveness Training Institute of Australia.

Leo is also an experienced educator with over 30 year's experience working with children, parents and teachers.

Bookings are essential. For more information or to enrol contact Leo on : 0407 238 389 or leokeegan@bigpond.com



OLOR/St Angela's Soccer Club **- Registration for 2011 Season**

In 2011 the OLOR/St Angela's Soccer Club is again entering teams in the NSW Churches Football Association winter competition from U6 to U12.

Registration for boys and girls in these age groups is being held on:

Saturdays 12th & 19th February 2011
10.00am to 2.00pm
Tennis Room - Memorial Ave. Playing Fields, Kellyville

Fees are \$120.00. (\$100.00 if new shorts are not required).

Discount for siblings. The Club supplies jerseys & socks.

Sighting of birth certificate is required for all new players.

All new players most welcome. Priority given on a first come first serve basis where team numbers become an issue.

Enquiries:
Registrar - Paul Gardiner - 0404 120 336

Website: www.olorstangelas.com.au

Inter-Diocesan Sport Trials 2011

Trials will be held for students wishing to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Inter-Diocesan Trials in a number of events. The students must be of representative level to trial and while are open in age, it is strongly recommended that only Years 5 & 6 attend. If you would like a form please ask at the school office.

Sport	Trial Date	Player Profiles due
AFL - Boys	Wednesday 2 nd March 9:30am - 2pm Quakers Hill	23 rd February
Basketball - Boys & Girls	Tuesday 8 th February 4:00pm - 5:30pm Cambridge Park	4 th February
Cricket - Boys & Girls	Thursday 17 th February Boys 9:30am Girls 12:00pm Rooty Hill	10 th February
Hockey - Boys & Girls	Monday 28 th February 4:00pm – 5:30pm Penrith	21 st February
Netball - Girls	Thursday 10 th March 12pm – 4pm Castle Hill	3 rd March
Rugby League - 11years Boys	Monday 7 th March 4pm – 5:30pm Blacktown	28 th February
Rugby League - Boys	Wednesday 9 th March 4pm – 5:30pm Blacktown	2 nd February
Rugby Union - Boys	Tuesday 17 th May 9:30pm – 3:00pm Plumpton	10 th May
Soccer - Girls & Boys	Tuesday 22 nd February Boys 9:30 - 3:00pm Girls 4:00pm – 5:30pm Rooty Hill	15 th February <i>Initial trials will be held at school as we are only allowed to send two boys and two girls – date to be notified</i>
Softball - Girls & Boys	Wednesday 16 th February 4pm -5:30pm Stanhope Gardens	9 th February
Tennis - Boys & Girls	Wednesday 9 th February 12pm – 4pm Penrith	4 th February
Touch - Boys & Girls	Monday 4 th April 4pm – 5:30pm St Marys	28 th March