



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

'My soul magnifies my Lord.'

Mary's words are very familiar to us and typify the feast of the Assumption celebrated last Sunday. The feast day honours Mary's role in the life of Jesus and as mother of the church.

As a Marian school; feasts of Our Lady have a special significance for us. They remind us of the special relationship that our school has with Mary and offer us an opportunity to reflect on the role Mary plays in our own life.

Do you have a favourite Marian prayer, hymn or story? I invite you to share this special, prayer, hymn or story with your child or children. This sharing can provide another opportunity for you to share an aspect of your faith. You could go the other way and ask your child to share with you their favourite story about Mary.

Dads could ask the children to tell them their favourite mum story. We could all hold in prayer our mum and all mums.

Regardless of which way you start, it could be an enlightening and rich conversation with your child about a special aspect of our faith.

Bullying Survey.

This week we are conducting a Bullying Survey in the Upper Primary classes. This is a normal part of each term in many schools and gives us an opportunity to listen to the experiences and concerns of the children.

There will be a process to follow up on reports of bullying. The survey work will continue through the school in next few weeks.

Please feel free to see me if you have any concerns.

Parking and Drive – Through.

I do not believe that we will be able to resume the drive – through this year.

At the moment we are still working with the council and the CEO and parish are still negotiating on the possible use of land behind the school for a car park and drive – through. I cannot see how these issues will be resolved this year. I am sorry if this is not the answer you were hoping for.

The parking situation at OLOR is very tight and not easy to manage. Having been in many schools, I can assure that our situation is not unique. With this in mind I am asking if we can be very careful to observe local parking restrictions and be considerate of our neighbours by not parking on their footpath or in their drive way.

I am keen to work with any parent who has any concerns about the safety of their children in the morning drop off or afternoon pick up.

Happy chatting,

John Spradbrow

Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES



- Fri 20 Aug Winter Sleepout
11.30 School Mass—All welcome
- Fri 27 Aug Mufti Day—Bottle Drive
- Tues 14 Sept Kindergarten Social Morning for
2011 Enrolments
- Fri 17 Sept Grandparents Day

RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

**21st Sunday of Year C –
August 22nd 2010**

**Based on the Gospel – Luke
13: 22-30**

In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus is asked a very important question, "Will there be only a few saved?" Jesus answers the question by telling a story. He speaks about people knocking on the door of their master's home asking to be let in but the master turns them away because he says he does not know them.

Jesus is really telling us that every person is called to be saved but there are certain

conditions that must be met in order to be saved. He will accept every person who has tried to live a life of faith, love and repentance. Sometimes Catholics find it difficult to believe this but we have only to look at the example of Jesus to know that no one is excluded from his following except those who exclude themselves. Jesus shared food with saints and sinners, rich and poor, and his message was proclaimed to all.

Are you willing to share God's gift of salvation with others? Will you welcome anyone into your Christian community, regardless of their sex or race?

Nikki Callan (REC)



AUTISM / ASPERGER'S SYNDROME

If any parent has an interest in Autism/Asperger's Syndrome - there is an information / strategy day on:

When: Tuesday, 24th August 2010
9.30am—3.00pm

Where: Hornsby RSL, 4 High Street, Hornsby

Cost: \$125

Presenter: Sue Larky

To register please complete the registration form (which is available from the office) and fax to 1300 656 408.

For more information please feel free to contact Ann Climpson on 9629 2566.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

ON LINE SCIENCE CHALLENGE



This Friday 20th August, Year 3/4 On-Line Science Challenge Students will be completing the next experiment. This week's experiment is about **MODELLING THE MOON**. It is a good idea to read about what you will be doing on Friday so that you have some background knowledge about the topic. You can do this by visiting www.giantclassroom.com.au and log in to check out the experiment and then go to www.enrichmentworld.wikispaces.com before the day and check out the websites that are there about the topic. It is important that students wait with their parents at the gate until either Mrs DelVecchio or Mrs Couter come to collect them. It would be appreciated if parents can park their cars in the car park behind the church in order for teachers to easily park their cars in the car park in the morning. Make sure that you complete the questions about the experiment you have completed as soon as you can.

NEW WRITERS WANTED 2010



Entries are closing soon for the **Final 2010 Schools Writing Competition**. Get your entry in for the chance to battle it out for over \$3000 in CASH and prizes.

Enter online at <http://www.write4fun.net/> * OR email to enter@write4fun.net * OR Mail to PO Box 8041, Bundall Qld 9726 * OR fax to (07) 5574 3644. Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by August 27th, 2010.

THE PRIZES

There are 2 categories (Poetry and Short Story) and these prizes are awarded in EACH category:

1st \$1000 CASH and YOUR CHOICE of a:

Nintendo Wii + Game
Sony Digital Camera + 2GB memory card 8GB Apple
Ipod Nano + \$100 music card
Nintendo DS Lite + 3 games

2nd \$250 CASH

3rd \$150 CASH THE BOOK

Poems and short stories entered into the competition will be considered for inclusion into our 2010 Write4fun anthology! 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

THE RULES

- * Only one entry per student – either a Poem OR Short Story.
- * Poems must not exceed 16 lines & Short Stories must not exceed 500 words.
- * Entries close August 27th, 2010.
- * Entries must be the original work of the author.
- * Co-written entries will be disqualified.
- * Name, grade, school name, postal address and phone number must accompany every thing whether it is emailed or posted.

(For a full list of the competition rules or to download an entry form please visit www.write4fun.net (<http://www.write4fun.net/>) and select the appropriate competition)

Contact Write4Fun Visit us at: www.write4fun.net
General Enquiries: admin@write4fun.net
Entries: enter@write4fun.net Sales: sales@write4fun.net
Support: support@write4fun.net
Suggestions: suggest@write4fun.net

Joanna DelVecchio

YEAR ONE COMPOST CAMPAIGN

Last term, Year One learnt about recycling, re-using and composting and how it can have a positive effect on our environment. Every day after our Fruit Break we always have a lot of fruit scraps. We have decided to use the fruit scraps to make compost for our school gardens. A man from Baulkham Hills Council came out to our school to educate the children further about the benefits of composting and how we can effectively use it at OLOR. We now have 2 compost bins at our school and with the help of Mr Laird we are composting our fruit scraps instead of throwing them into the garbage bins. This is a wonderful initiative by Year One and we hope that it will help the Year Two vegetable gardens grow better. Let's see if we can all make an effort to compost our food scraps at home and support the Year One children who are very enthusiastic about their little project.



SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Wow. What a day. It went in a blink / or a gunshot and I feel I have been left standing, wondering what really happened. I should have realised what sort of day was coming when the clothes came out of the wash that morning covered in tissue.

Well our athletes were superstars yet again. While our parent were fabulous. Without you all, who pitched in on Friday the carnival would not have run. So thank you all very much.

To Mrs Banno— a baptism of fire—you were sensational in looking after and organising our students at the very last minute.

To Mrs Watters , Mrs Johnston, Mr Schiavone (Christian's Grandad) and Mrs Katrina Roberts—thank you so much for helping on long jump and for keeping Mrs Stitt from toppling into the pit! (scary vision) and finally to Mr Ekstrom who assisted on time keeping.

Thank you to everyone who assisted even in a small way to help look after our children - you really are the BEST.

Special congratulations to Ryan Papenhuyzen for a new Long Jump Record as well as Kyle Ekstrom for new Discuss and Shot Put Records.

A massive thank you to Joshua Palin who had the unenviable task of replacing Aaron Creagh on the day and did a fantastic job.

Congratulations to all our athletes on a sensational carnival, as always we are very proud to have you as our representatives.



Thanks Mrs Harvey

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR 2010 Well, Book Week has come and gone for another year. The performance by "Jump To It" on Tuesday was enjoyed by students and teachers alike. We had a fantastic few days of selling at the Book Fair and it was great to see the children excited about books. Sales totaled just short of \$13,000, which will give us a cash commission of around \$2,500 to put towards new resources, books and software. A huge thank you to the fantastic Mums who came in to help out over the three days, we couldn't have done it without you. All re-orders have been submitted to Scholastic and hopefully will be here by the end of the week. When they arrive we will distribute to the students who have been understandably anxiously awaiting them.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE: Whilst we have had a fantastic response to the Challenge this year, there are still many students who have completed the challenge but not returned their permission notes. Without these notes we cannot validate their record and they will not receive their certificate. You have until next Wednesday 25th August to complete the challenge, update your online record and return your signed permission note. The certificates will arrive in Term 4, usually around November.

Thanks as always for your continued support.
Mrs. Shirley King & Mrs. Tracy Hunt

GENERAL NEWS

WINTER SLEEPOUT AT OLOR - FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST

This year at OLOR we are holding a Winter Sleepout. The aim of the night is to educate and raise awareness of the problems of poverty and homelessness in our society. Every day many Australians are homeless and sleep on the streets. Mary MacKillop's motto was "Never see a need without doing something about it," and in an attempt to follow Mary MacKillop's lead to serve Christ and to reach out to others we are inviting all of the Year 6 children to participate in the evening.

On the night the children will receive a simple meal of home made soup and a bread roll. A guest speaker from St Vincent de Paul will conduct activities and games and the children will gain a better understanding of what many people go through in difficult times. It will also enable the children to really appreciate what they have in their own lives and help them to be more compassionate towards others.

The students and quite a few teachers will be sleeping out in the new hall with their sleeping bags and pillows and will return to their families the next morning. The children are not allowed to bring electrical equipment, games, phones or ipods as the point of this exercise is to empathise with those who do not have these luxuries.

We are asking the OLOR school community to support the students. If you know of any Year 6 student who is participating in the Sleep out please show your support by sponsoring them for their effort. We want to make it a great success for them and help them to feel good about reaching out and helping others in need. We are hoping to make this an annual event for the leaders of our school.



BEANIES, SCARF AND SLIPPERS DAY- FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST

On Friday 20th August we are having a 'Beanies, Scarf and Slippers Day' at school. This is to support the Winter Sleepout that Year 6 are participating in. Every child will be able to wear their favourite beanie, scarf and slippers to school with their school uniform in exchange for a gold coin (or two). This is an opportunity for every other child, apart from Year 6, to reach out to others in need.

Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival

And now to outstanding results; all of which will go through to the Diocesan Carnival at Blacktown on Friday 27th August 2010.

Banno, Philip—9 Years

100 metres (1st)

Bonnani, Paolo—10 Years

Discus (4th)

Shot Put (4th)

Bow, Bronte—10 Years

Discus (1st)

Ekstrom, Kyle—10 Years

Discus (1st)

Shot Put (1st)

Ekstrom, Tiarne—8 Years

100 metres (2nd)

Field, Samantha—11 Years

100 metres (4th)

Fraser, Tayla—11 Years

800 metres (1st)

Joseph, Michaela—12 Years

Discus (1st)

Littlefield, Joshua—10 Years

100 metres (1st)

Martin, Sophie—11 Years

800 metres(4th)

Shot Put (4th)

Mooney, Emily—9 Years

100 metre (2nd)

Noor, Aidan—10 Years

200 metre (2nd)

Long Jump (4th)

OLOR—K, Female

4 x 100m Relay (2nd)

Cassey Russell, Maddison Gilmour,

Marissa Varrica, Emily Mooney

OLOR—K, Male

4 x 100m Relay (1st)

Aidan Noor, Kyle Ekstrom,

Philip Banno, Joshua Littlefield

Papenhuyzen, Ryan - 12 Years

100 metres (2nd)

Long Jump (1st)

Roberts, Jared—8 Years

100 metres (3rd)

Roberts, Joshua—9 Years

100 metres SWD (1st)

200 metres SWD (1st)

Standing Shot SWD (1st)

Standing Long Jump SWD (1st)

Rozic, Kaitlyn—8 Years

100 metres (1st)

Silcock, Tahlia—12 Years

Long Jump (3rd)

Smith, Luke—12 Years

Discus (4th)

Topic, Daniel—11 Years

Discus (3rd)

Yenigun, Kaan—12Years

800 metres (3rd)