



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

Last Friday night fifty students and a number of teachers took part in a "Vinnies Sleep Out" to raise awareness of the plight of homeless people.

It was warm and relatively comfortable in the hall and not at all like the conditions experienced by most homeless people, however, the experience had a significant impact on the children's understanding of what it is like to be homeless. There were some very moving reflections offered by the children on Friday night and on Saturday morning. I hope that the children have had an opportunity to share some of their thoughts with mum & dad.

We also had some input on the night from a St. Vincent de Paul youth worker about being homeless. This gave some extra insights and illustrated the presence of the church amongst the poor.

I'd like to thank the children for their participation, the parents for allowing the children to join with us, the staff who prepared soup and who gave up their warm beds to participate with the children.

Experiences such as this one stay with us for a long time and can help shape attitudes that will affect how we act in the future.

Congratulations and thank you everyone.

Last Thursday evening the CEO hosted a celebration marking the years of service of teachers and leaders in the diocese. Our Religious Education Coordinator Mrs Callan was acknowledged for her many years of service to Catholic Education. Congratulations Mrs Callan.

Pupil Free Day

I am trying to finalise a date for a Professional Development day for the staff towards the end of the term. We will be examining our NAPLAN results and planning the intervention based on these results. I will notify you of the date by the end of the week.

Best wishes,

John Spradbrow

Principal



Saint Vincent de Paul

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IMPORTANT DATES



- Fri 27 Aug Mufti Day—Bottle Drive
Parramatta Diocese Athletics Carnival
- Tues 31 Aug Voice of Youth / Father's Day Stall
- Mon 6 Sept Hall Opening and Liturgy
- Wed 8 Sept Mufti Day— Lollies
- Thurs 9 Sept Kindergarten Swimming Program
Senior School Bathurst Excursion
- Tues 14 Sept Kindergarten Social Morning for
2011 Enrolments
- Fri 17 Sept Grandparents Day / Book Fair

RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

**22nd Sunday of Year C –
August 29th 2010**

**Based on the Gospel – Luke
14: 1, 7-14**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is trying to teach the people how to make better choices in their lives. Because he has been invited to a meal, he uses the meal situation as an example for his teaching. He speaks of placing ourselves above our position at the table and then the embarrassment when we are asked to move further away for the special dinner guest.

Today at very special dinners, the names of the guests are already placed on the table to avoid this confusion.

Jesus wasn't referring only to special dinners. He was telling us that as Christians we have to be humble people. This means that we need to have a special awareness of the people around us and know their needs so that we can do something positive to help them. Our first concern must be others, and our own needs should fade into insignificance. Do you avoid associating with some people? Has your circle become exclusive and inward-looking?

Jesus tells us we can become unpopular within society if we are seen helping those less fortunate. He, during his time on earth, gave us a model of how we can act as Christians. Jesus has given us an example of life which will lead us directly to God. Jesus said, "Those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last". We need to reflect on these words in our daily lives.



Nikki Callan (REC)

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

ON LINE SCIENCE CHALLENGE

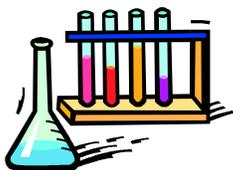
This Friday 27th August, Year 5/6 On-Line Science Challenge Students will be completing the next experiment. This weeks experiment is about MODELLING THE MOON. It is a good idea to read about what you will be doing on Friday so that you have some background knowledge about the topic.

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 comes 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 school car park in the morning.

Make sure that you complete the questions about the experiment you have completed as soon as you can. Any year 3/ 4 students that missed the experiment last week can go this Friday.

Joanna DelVecchio



The Commonwealth Bank of Australia Maths Challenge



The countdown has begun! We are excited about the Commonwealth Bank Australia Maths Challenge, the national lead up event to World Maths Day 2011.

This will be an exciting couple of days as we celebrate numeracy as part of National Literacy & Numeracy Week. There are also some cool prizes available, courtesy of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

As we already have access to Mathletics, we are automatically registered to participate in the Challenge. Therefore, all the children need to do is log into the Challenge website with their Mathletics usernames and passwords next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Challenge officially begins at 8.00am Tuesday 31 August and ends at 10.00pm on Wednesday 1 September. Each day will have a different focus on how points are collated for the Challenge Hall of Fame.

- Tuesday 31 August— Curriculum Mathletics
 - Wednesday 1 September— Live Mathletics
- More information on the challenge format can be found at www.mathletics.com.au/challenge

Please Note: There's more! Our students are also automatically registered for the Australian Spelling Challenge, which takes place on Thursday 2 September. They can access the Challenge using the same usernames and passwords. For more information go to www.spellodrome.com.au/challenge.

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

OLOR would like to wish the following students the best of luck at the Parramatta Diocese Athletics Carnival which will be held this Friday at Blacktown.

Banno, Philip	Bonnani, Paolo
Bow, Bronte	Creagh, Aaron
Du-Crest, Sean	Ekstrom, Kyle
Ekstrom, Tiarne	El-Weddy, Raymond
Field, Samantha	Fraser, Tayla
Gilmour, Maddison	Joseph, Michaela
Littlefield, Joshua	Martin, Sophie
Mooney, Emily	Noor, Aidan
Papenhuyzen, Ryan	Rimac, Andrew
Roberts, Jared	Roberts, Joshua
Rozic, Kaitlyn	Russell, Carley
Ryan, Sam	Silcock, Tahlia
Smith, Luke	Topic, Daniel
Varrica, Marissa	Yenigun, Kaan



School Fees

This is just a gentle reminder that school fees are now overdue. If you have not yet paid your fees, could you please contact Mrs Harris-Walker as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

PARISH INFORMATION

Enrolments for First Holy Communion in 2010

Enrolments for First Holy Communion will be at all the Masses (except 11am on 11th Sept) on 11th/12th and 18th/19th September. Children who made their First Reconciliation are eligible to enroll.

Parish Maintenance Team

Would you like to be part of a team of volunteers who maintain our parish premises? There are items which regularly need updating such as painting the speed humps, replacing bitumen on the driveway etc? If you are able to be part of this useful team, please call the parish office on 9629 2595.

TOT with Bishop Anthony: 6 September

Bishop Anthony will be the guest speaker at the next Theology on Tap (for young adults 18-35). Starts 6.30pm at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, 74 Church Street, Parramatta. With WYD in Madrid just a year away, Bishop Anthony is inviting the young people of the Diocese to share in the spirit of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. See the video at: (<http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth>) www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub has generously offered to sponsor 1 TOT attendee to join a WYD pilgrimage priced at \$3,590. To be in the running you must fill out a raffle ticket at a TOT event between July & November 2010. Tickets are FREE!

Jesus the Christ – Fully Human, Truly Divine

The fourth national e-Conference on 16 September is an opportunity for every parish to have a world-class faith formation opportunity delivered locally. The principal speaker, Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ, will engage you as he shares his insights into the life and ministry of Christ. An initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference hosted by the Broken Bay Institute. To register as an individual or as a group, go to (<http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/>) www.bbi.catholic.edu.au

GENERAL NEWS

Winter Sleep Out

Congratulations to all the children and teachers who braved that cold last Friday night for the OLOR Winter Sleep out. The event was a great success and we raised over \$1,500 for St Vincent de Paul. Your support for such a worthy cause is greatly appreciated— thank you.



Deepest Sympathy



The OLOR community would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Pascual family. Sadly Jame's (SM) Grandfather passed away this week in the Philippines. Our sympathy is extended to the Creagh family as Zach (1G) and Aaron (SM) Grandfather also recently passed away. Could you please keep them both in your prayers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Canteen will not be open on **Monday 6th of September 2010** due to the Official Opening and Blessing of our New School Hall.

Students must remember to bring their own lunch, snacks and drinks on that day.





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Official Opening and Blessing of our New School Hall

Our new school hall will be officially opened and blessed and named the St Bonaventure Multi Purpose Hall.

The Blessing Liturgy will be held on 6th September 2010 at 1.00pm followed by light refreshments – Parents are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in attending would you please complete the tear off slip and return asap for catering purposes.

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I will be attending the Official Opening and Blessing Liturgy

Name: _____

I can assist with catering (biscuits, slice, cake etc)

I can supply _____