



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

I was telling the children last Friday at the assembly that I listen to books while I am driving to school and at the moment I am listening to a book about Mother Teresa. I told them about how Mother Teresa ended a letter to a friend with the words,

“Pray for me, that I make take Jesus with me.”

Of course she meant that she wanted to take Jesus to those she was visiting and serving on the streets of Calcutta. I asked the children to think about how she could do that and more importantly how could they take Jesus to those around them. What a difference we could make to our immediate world if we were trying to take Jesus to those around us.

Could I encourage you to ask your child about the story and what they think they can do to be like Mother Teresa.

On Saturday I visited one of my favourite bookshops in the city and on the way home I stopped at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney. There is a bookshop and cafe there now and while I was waiting on my coffee I read a small book about Sr. Irene McCormack.

Sr. Irene worked in South America amongst the poor and was assassinated in 1991 because she identified herself with them. I suspect Irene lived Mother Teresa’s prayer. She certainly lived out the words of Mary MacKillop,

“We are the sisters of the poor...”

We must always make the cause of the Poor our cause, and help and assist them”.

This Sunday is the feast day of Mary MacKillop, a great day for all Josephites; nuns, their students and the Australian church.

Perhaps this Sunday we could remember all of Mary’s sisters who have given their life in service to education, the poor and the church.

Last week I was telling you about the theme of the Prayer conference in Brisbane; Prayer gathers, opens, transforms and sends. It occurred to me as I was writing, that this story can also have the same effect. The lives of Mother Teresa, Mary MacKillop and Sr. Irene can also do the same. You may have a family hero whose story does the same.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow

Principal

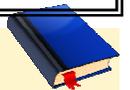
PS. it occurred to me on the weekend that none of the children at OLOR were alive when Mother Teresa died.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 6 August	School Extravaganza Jeans for Genes Day (gold coin donation)
Mon9-Fri 13 Aug	Book Fair
Fri 13 August	ZONE Athletics
Fri 17 Sept	Grandparents Day



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

19th Sunday of Year C –
August 8th 2010

Based on the Gospel – Luke
12: 32-48

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we must follow Jesus in faith.

Jesus tells the disciples and, through them, all his followers, how they need to live their lives on earth so that they would always be found in God's friendship when their call to judgement comes. In answer to a question put to him by Peter, Jesus says that more will be expected of

those who have received greater gifts from God, whether they be of grace, of mind or of earthly goods, than of those who have been given lesser gifts. Through Baptism we have been called to live the Christian life and live it the best way we can.

Let us take a serious look at the way we are living today. Are our actions in the home, at our work place, during leisure time, in our relationship with God and neighbour all we could wish? Through the Scripture readings on Sunday we are encouraged to put our trust in God. Then we will be prepared and we will be ready.

Nikki Callan (REC)



A Note of Thanks from the PRC.

Wow. What an outstanding contribution our school community made last Friday to our can of drink collection mufti day. Thank you. We collected 100's of cans of drink which will be sold at our Family Fair in October. A special mention to all those who braved the cold to help collect, sort and pack away the drinks collected.

Many Thanks

Parent Representative
Committee



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Chess News

Last Tuesday I took Ben Manning, Jack Manning, Matthew Kusch, Joshua Barko, Eric Scarcella, Tommaso DeBattista, Matthew Freeman, Jacob Silva, Michael Parnell, Brendan White, Luca Flore and Joshua White to Penrith RSL club for a Chess competition. I would like to congratulate these students on their effort and their behaviour on the day. Although we didn't win, we scored very well on the day. I would like to thank the following parents, Mr Manning, Mrs De Battista, Mrs Matinuzzo and Mrs White for helping out on the day by driving the students to the RSL Club.



On Line Science Challenge

We have had a great start with On-Line Science Challenge this term. This Friday Year 3/4 will have their second session. Don't forget to go to the Giant Classroom www.giantclassroom.com.au website to check out the experiment that we are doing this week - Rising Sea Levels and then to www.enrichmentworld.wikispaces.com and check out the websites that I have put on there to help with your research before you come along.

Mathematics UNSW Competition

This will be held on Tuesday 17th August.

WRITING COMPETITION (A Reminder)

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to enter a writing competition. They can submit either a short story or poem. There is no theme and students can write on any topic or in any style.

There are great cash and electronic prizes to be won.

To find out more details go to the website www.write4fun.net and enter your child. There is no cost to enter the competition and entries must be in by August 27th 2010. If your child enters the competition, can you please let me know.

Debating

Our debating students will be debating the topic that "**Farms are More Important than Rainforests**" against Winston Heights this Friday. We wish them Luck.

Joanna DelVecchio



YR 4 ASSESSMENT



The Religious Literacy Assessment is well underway in Year 4. This assessment task requires the children to analyse the story of the Prodigal Son and respond to the story

showing evidence of understanding as well as sharing the message used in the story. The children spend a part of each day planning and preparing their interpretation of the story. The children had the option to present their work using one of the following ways:

Writing – either a storybook or magazine
Drawing – a poster
Using technology – either creating a PowerPoint, pod cast or movie
Sculpting – using clay or creating a diorama
Writing lyrics to a song
Creating a dance

This task will be completed in the classroom, as it is a school assessment. You can offer your child assistance if you choose by discussing with them the steps they have undertaken during the day. This assessment will be completed in Week 5 of this term and will be marked by teachers.

Deepest Sympathy

The OLOR community would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Rodriguez family. Sadly Margaret Rodriguez's father / Christopher (1S)Grandfather recently passed away in South Africa. Our sympathy is also extended to Miss Rebecca Mann, whose Grandmother recently passed away. Could you please keep them both in your prayers.



SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Congratulations

Kellyville kids have once again performed extremely well in their chosen fields of endeavour. Congratulations to the following children on their achievements.

Joel Scaramella competed in the NSW State Tae Kwon Do Championships and achieved a bronze medal. He also qualified again for the National Championships later in the year—a terrific achievement Joel.

Georgia Quick played as centre and wing attack in the MacKillop team at the NSW State Netball trials in Camden last week. Across the three days of competition the team was undefeated and are now NSW Netball Champions. Well done Georgia on a fantastic season of representative netball for our school.

Ryan Papenhuyzen has made the combined Parramatta, Sydney and Wollongong cricket team as an all rounder. This team will compete against a team from Wagga/Canberra/Goulburn to select the MacKillop representatives. Best wishers at the upcoming trial Ryan.

Congratulations not only to these fine athletes but to all our OLOR children who get out and about and are involved in physical activity in some form to get fit and have fun.

Please note that Sophie Martin (SP) was omitted from our last newsletter. Sophie was part of Mrs Louise Horne's 11 Years Girls team who won their pool at the Netball Gala Day—Congratulations Sophie.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR 2010



Book Week is upon us. Our books arrive this week for our Book Fair. You should have received a timetable of class viewing and buying times, so you will be aware of when your child will be bringing home their wish list and when to send money in if you choose to purchase any books. Please don't forget if you are available for a short amount of time to help out on the buying days, just fill in the slip that was sent home last week and send it in. The theatre performance will be held on Tuesday and we're sure the children will enjoy seeing the books they have had read to them in the past couple of weeks come to life.

Thanks for your support.

Mrs. Shirley King & Mrs. Tracy Hunt

GENERAL NEWS

Catholic School Parents Forum: Learning for today's world

Wednesday 1 September 2010 7.00 pm for 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Tea and coffee served on arrival) Holy Spirit Primary, 7 Todd Row, St Clair Q & A panel-style format. Panel includes executive director of schools, Greg Whitby, a principal, teacher and parent from the Parramatta Diocese and educators from outside the diocese.

Topics

What does contemporary learning and teaching look like?

How can personalising student learning cater to the diverse needs of all students?

How does teacher collaboration improve teacher quality?

How does contemporary learning impact on the learning environment? (e.g. need for flexible learning spaces, acoustics, classroom management, etc)?

Does the educational research support this approach?

RSVP and submit a question online by 25 August via www.parra.catholic.edu.au

The panel facilitator will select a range of questions in each topic area for the panel to respond to and, time-permitting, questions from the floor will also be accepted. Any unanswered questions on the website will be responded to following the panel.

PARISH INFORMATION

Vinnies Doorknock Appeal: 21-22 & 28-29 August

Volunteers are needed for 3 hours to collect donations for this year's appeal. It is a great way of having fun, exercising and meeting people in your area while collecting money for a good cause. To register please call (02) 9689 1900.



Retreat with Fr Robert Stewart OFM Cap: 11 September

The Kellyville Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity is hosting a one-day retreat from 9am-4.30pm (including Mass). Maximilian Kolbe House, 8 Greyfriars Place, Kellyville. BYO plate – shared lunch. All welcome to attend. Inquiries: Anthony Saliba 0405 155 001, Mary Clare Meney 0437 781 464.

JEANS 4 GENES



Just a reminder to parents that Friday 6 August is Jeans for Genes Day.

Children are encouraged to wear jeans and sneakers on the day with either their normal school shirt or sports shirt.

A gold coin donation will be collected on the day for this very important research.

