



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

Greetings!

I was thinking about Pentecost yesterday and I remembered a little song we used to teach at Pentecost and Confirmation time. It probably won't be familiar to many; it was quite a few years ago (back in the 70's).

Fire is beautiful, red and gold.

Gathering, warming young and old.

Fire is a heart of love and power,

Giving light in the darkest hour.

If you are familiar with the words, I suspect that they will bring back memories of confirmation and symbols of the Holy Spirit. Do you have a favourite symbol of the Holy Spirit? Are there words that automatically come to mind (breath, fire, dove, wind etc.) when you think about Confirmation or Pentecost?

My favourite part of the Pentecost story is the transformation that occurs for Peter. Prior to Pentecost, Peter is disillusioned and afraid. Post Pentecost, Peter is full of confidence and conviction. What a difference the spirit made to Peter and those around him.

I hope that the feast of Pentecost provides a sense of hope and a renewal of the promise that a spirit filled life can bring.

Happy Pentecost!

Best wishes,

John Spradbrow

Fresh Eyes Survey Feedback

You will probably recall that last year I invited parents and staff to take a "Fresh Look" at the school and offer me feedback on the strengths of the school and to identify areas for improvement.

My apologies for the time it has taken me to present a summary of the Fresh Eyes Survey to you. It has been collated for months and sitting in my "to do" tray. A number of the issues raised have been acted on, although you may not be aware of this.

The survey responses were very "frank" and on the whole very positive and very affirming of the many great things that have been in place for many years at OLOR.

I have uploaded a collated summary of the **parent responses on the OLOR website.**

To view these responses please go to

olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au

and then go to the News and Events tab and drop down to Latest News.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 14 June

Wednesday 15 June

Tuesday 28 June

Friday 1 July

Monday 18 July

Wednesday 27 July

School Photos

Athletics Carnival

Pizza Day

Term 2 concludes

Term 3 begins

P & F Meeting 7.00pm



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

Sunday June 12th 2011 - Pentecost Sunday - Year A

Based on the Gospel

John 20: 19-23

This Sunday we celebrate the birthday of our Church. On the first Pentecost, the Church received God's Holy Spirit and today enables the Church to be a sign of God's love in the world.

The early followers of Jesus were a very varied group of people but their acceptance of God's Spirit gave them the energy to be fully in the service of the Gospel. The Lord breathed on them and gave them new courage, new hope and new possibilities.

We, like the early Christians, are a diverse group and need the Spirit's assistance. God never forces himself on us so let us open our hearts and minds to the actions of God's transforming Spirit.

May the Spirit's presence be apparent in our parishes and our homes and more evident in the world.

Nikki Callan (REC)



GENERAL NEWS

PARISH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE RAFFLE



Tickets have been 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. Note raffle tickets not purchased also need to be returned.

To provide some healthy competition, the class that collectively sell the most raffle tickets will enjoy a pizza party at school in Term 3.

If you would like to purchase tickets to attend the Parish Dinner Dance they can be booked through the Parish Office on 9629 2595. All raffle tickets are due back by 1 July 2011.

RAFFLE PRIZES

1st	\$1,500
2nd	\$750
3rd	\$500
4th	\$250
5th	\$100
6th	\$50

Thank you for your support.

Communication Problems

OLOR is currently experiencing difficulty with our fax line. This is due to damage sustained to telephone cables during the recent bout of severe weather. We have reported the fault and are currently awaiting assistance from Telstra. Hence if you need to send something through to the office the best method to communicate at present is via email:

olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au

Your patience is greatly appreciated.

ENRICHMENT NEWS

UNSW Competitions

Please make note of the following UNSW Competition dates:

- 8 June—Science
- 2 August—English
- 16 August—Mathematics

All exams will commence at 8am in the school Hall. Please remember if your child is late to a scheduled University exam they will be unable to resit the test. If possible, could all students come with a 2B pencil and eraser.

CHESS

Due to the UNSW Science Competition on Wednesday 8th June and the Sports Carnival on Wednesday 15th June, **Chess will be on Thursday 9th June and Thursday 16th June at 7.50am instead. Please note these changes in your diary.**



Regards
Joanna DelVecchio

UNIFORM SURVEY

Thank you for your support with our recent uniform survey. We aim to give you an update over the next few weeks and will post results on the OLOR website.

Library Look



Don't forget if you would like to keep up to date with all the latest news via the library blog go to:
www.wonderfulremark.wordpress.com

SMILE

Just a reminder that OLOR school photos will be held next week **Tuesday 14 June.**



SPORTS SPECTACULAR

INTERDIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY (Mackillop Trial)

Congratulations to our 10 competitors last week at Eastern Creek. Ben, Olivia, Elana, Phoebe, Lauren, Emily, Blayke, Nathan, Emily and Sophie were all fantastic representatives of OLOR, with the day providing some new experiences for all of our runners.

Win or lose, the success of reaching this carnival is an achievement of which they can all be very proud.

Special mention has to go to Emily Rozic on a very relaxed 25th place—she looked like she could run forever, Olivia Kaloscai on 10th place—up from 19th in 2010....here's to 2012 and to Sophie Martin who has hit the trifecta in 2011—State representative in Cross Country—6th, Touch Football and Softball. Congratulations Sophie on a wonderful achievement.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



A reminder that the Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 15 June at A.H. Whaling Reserve, Roxborough Park, Baulkham Hills.

Those children competing in the 800m are reminded to be at the oval by 8.20am (there will be no supervision prior to this time).

All children are reminded to bring food and drinks. The canteen this year will be run by our lovely Mums. A list of items for sale is included later in the newsletter. Egg and bacon rolls will be on sale for breakfast—for those making the early start. Children are invited to wear coloured t-shirts /hats etc with the school sports shorts/track pants, to support their colour house. Face paint/streamers/balloons are all welcome at the athletics carnival—more colour helps with points towards the Spirit Cup. Also a garbage bag to sit on is a great idea as the grounds are often wet.

If your child suffers from ASTHMA, please ensure they have their puffer with them on the day. If the carnival is cancelled due to wet weather please ring the school from 8am. A message will also go on the school website www.olorkellyville.catholic.edu.au and a staff member will be at the oval. If you arrive at the oval and find that the carnival is off, please take your children directly to school for a normal school day.

Please note that ALL children are to remain at the carnival until the end of the day. The House and Spirit trophies will be presented at the end of the carnival and all other pennants and trophies will be presented to the children on Friday morning at a special assembly. All parents are welcome at the carnival and at the assembly presentations.

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help at the carnival—a note has been sent home with your child accepting your offer and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday for an action packed and fun filled day.

On the carnival day, if your child is travelling by bus, could you please ensure they are at school before **8.35am as the buses LEAVE promptly at 8.45am** (Windsor Rd, is a mess in the mornings and we need to leave ASAP).

HUGE request! - HELP! - Is there any lovely mum/dad who could pick up and return the school BBQ to the carnival—we need to have it at the ground by 8am for brekkie but it could be collected from school on Tuesday. If you could ring the office and let them know I would appreciate it.

Thank you for your support
Mrs Harvey

GENERAL NEWS

WE ARE CLIMBING MOUNT EVEREST!!! YOU CAN HELP US.



A team of 15 teachers from our school is taking on a challenge that is going to help to raise funds for sick children. We are all going to participate in the Mount Everest Challenge. This

involves making sure that as individuals we are walking 10,000 steps every day for 2 weeks. The challenge starts on Monday 30th May and concludes 12th June. We will all be issued with our own pedometers to record our progress and after 2 weeks our team would have collectively climbed the equivalent of Mount Everest.

Our team is called HILARY -US. This is a bit of a pun using the name of the adventurer Edmund Hilary and also our love of having a good time. We are hoping to help the Royal Children's Hospital raise much needed funds for their patients and for research.

We have a target goal of \$3000. If you would like to support the teachers in their challenge, please click on the link below and donate what you can. Any donations—big or small—will be greatly appreciated.

We are all looking forward to making 'big steps' in this fundraising effort. As parents, you will hopefully notice a big difference in the fitness of the staff at OLOR and we will be able to run around more freely after your children.

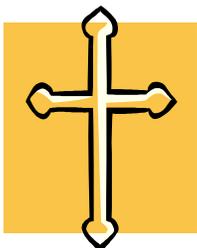
The staff members participating are: Nicole Bergan, Vicki Harvey, Helen Gilmour, Julie Walter, Sarah Bellenger, John Spradbrow, Donna Noonan, Silvana DiMatteo, Louise Cain, Lyndelle Batten, Angela Stitt, Graham Platt, Bernadette Walsh, Tracy Hunt and Janelle Bawden. WE ARE HILARY-US !!!!!

PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK TO DONATE.

<http://www.imworkingwonders.com.au/TeamPage.aspx?teamID=58214&langPref=en-CA&Referrer=direct%2fnone>

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT—
THE HILARY-US TEAM

PARISH INFORMATION



BLESSING DURING MASS For children who have not made their First Holy Communion or those who for whatever reason feel they cannot receive Holy communion, a blessing is available to you at Communion time (NON CATHOLICS MOST WELCOME). Come with your arms crossed over your chest to signify you are wanting a blessing from the Priest or the Ministers. Please teach children this process.

MORNING TEA FOR EVERYONE each Sunday after 9am and 11am Masses. Please join us in the parish house for a cuppa. We would like to meet you! Everyone most welcome. Just come along.

