



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings,

I realise that most of you were busy at work and not able to be with us for the opening of our school hall last Monday.

The event was well planned by the staff, the children were wonderful, the guests enjoyed mixing with each other and the afternoon tea was delightful.

Thank you to the staff and parents who worked together to ensure that it was such a success.

Apart from the obvious important guests (Bishop Kevin, Mr. Whitby, Fr. Paschal, Aunty Edna, Senator Cameron and Mr Alex Hawke, MP) at the opening; we also had Sr. Carmelitta our founding principal with us for the afternoon.

She had many stories to share about how the school site has changed over the thirty – two years and some interesting stories about the how the school worked in those early years. I have invited her back next year to share some of this history with us.

Once again thanks for all the help with our opening ceremony.

Bathurst

I will be away in Bathurst for the next two days. Thank you to all teachers and staff for the extensive preparation for this excursion and thank you to the parents for trusting your children with us on this occasion.

If we discover any gold during our travels we will be sure to let you know.



John Spradbrow

Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES



Thurs 9 & Fri 10 Sept	Kindergarten Swimming Program
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Fri 10 Sept	Year 3 Colonial Day
Tues 14 Sept	Kindergarten Social Morning for 2011 Enrolments
Thurs 16 & Fri 17 Sept	Kindergarten Swimming Program
Fri 17 Sept	Grandparents Day / Book Fair
Fri 24 Sept	Pupil Free Day

RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

24th Sunday of Year C –
September 12th 2010

Based on the Gospel – Luke
15: 1-32

From all the readings for this Sunday, we can be convinced that our God is a faithful God always ready to forgive, regardless of our unfaithfulness. Like the prodigal son we are always given the opportunity to return to begin again. No matter how often we stray, God is always ready and waiting to welcome us back with open arms.

If we are open to the action of God in our lives, we will be shown how we are falling short in some areas.

The parables in Sunday's reading offer a challenge to all committed Christians. God asks us to be involved with anyone who has gone the wrong way, with the hurt, the underprivileged, the diseased, etc. If we turn our backs, how can these people find the comfort of God's love and forgiveness in their lives? God's love is free and given to us without condition.

We have two choices in responding to those who upset or offend us: we can imitate the father in the Gospel story, or we can take on the attitude of the resentful older brother.

We have all be touched by the hand of a merciful God. Let us all imitate that love.

Nikki Callan (REC)



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



DEBATING

I would like to thank and congratulate the following students for their dedication and effort in representing the school in the Hills Cluster Debating - Eamon Dunphy, Georgia Couter, Arabella Magno, Emma Algeri, Leeara Griffith, Nicholas Aspinall, Sarah Findlay, Mitchell Shorrocks, Olivia Borg, Isabella Gebrael and Riley Dolahenty. Each week these students took up their lunch times and personal time at home to prepare their debates. Their dedication and effort is to be commended. It was such an honour to work with them and I was so proud of them each time they debated. I would also like to acknowledge Rhys Murray for his role as chair person each time the students debated at school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gebrael, Mrs Dolahenty and Mrs Dunphy for transporting the students to and from the schools we were debating against. Without their support this would not have been possible. I would also like to thank Mr Aspinall who took time out and provided us with invaluable advice on rebutting. Thank you also to the parents who contributed something for morning tea each time we debated.

MIND QUEST

Mind Quest 2010 is on in October - Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October at Quakers Hill High School. This is open to Gifted and Talented students in Year 1-6. If you are interested in further information regarding this, I have copies of the program activities and application form upon request.

OPERATION ART



Earlier this year, art works from three of our students - Elana Chessa, Kimberley Lowe and Georgia Couter were entered into the Operation Art Competition. Their artworks have been professionally framed and are on display at The Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park (Jamieson Street, Newington Armory, Sydney Olympic Park) from the 9th October to the 31st October, if anyone is interested in seeing our artworks and that of other talented students.

GENERAL NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Please be aware that commencing **Term 4**, the OLOR Newsletter will no longer be emailed directly to families. Rather it will be posted on the OLOR Website for families to view.

To access the website simply go to www.olorkellyville.catholic.edu.au. then go to **News and Events** and drop down to **Newsletters**. Each Wednesday afternoon our Newsletter will be posted to this site.

All past Newsletters for this year have also been archived to this site for your perusal.

Coles Shopping Dockets for sports equipment.



You may be aware that Coles are running a shopping docket promotion to assist schools to acquire sports equipment. We have registered to participate in the promotion but do not feel that we need any equipment.

We are hoping to collect lots of dockets and assist St. John's at Riverstone: a small Catholic School near us. Small schools find it more difficult than us to raise funds and to benefit from promotions like this one.

We could collect the dockets for ourselves, however, this is an opportunity to help another school.

Coles Supermarket dockets can be sent into the office.

Thank you for your help with this.

MAJOR RAFFLE

Thank you for the great response so far with over 380 booklets ordered.

We are still waiting on some families to return their raffle ticket order forms.

Please send your order form as soon as possible. Ticket booklets will be distributed next week.

Tickets are just \$2 each and there are 10 tickets in each booklet with all proceeds going directly to the school.

The two classes that sell the most tickets will win a PIZZA PARTY and for every booklet sold you receive a ticket in the draw for our 4 GOLD CLASS CINEMA tickets.



Congratulations to Ange and Dave Stitt on the birth of their baby boy Thomas. A beautiful baby brother for Joey.

A big thank you to the families who assisted with the Vinnies Sleep out. Our revised total has now reached \$2037.60.



UNIFORM CHANGE OVER



Please note as of 1 September, students are allowed to wear either full winter uniform or full summer uniform at the discretion of parents.

In Term 4 students are to wear full summer uniform only.

School Fee Reminder

Final reminder for Term 3, that there are still some families who have outstanding fees. Your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated. Should you not be able to finalise these fees by 17th September please contact Mrs Harris-Walker in the office. Thank you.

REMINDERS

A second Book Fair will be hosted at the school by The Children's Bookshop, Beecroft on Grandparent's Day (Friday 17th September). This will have different stock to Scholastic and will just be a browse and buy format.



This is the last week for borrowing books at the library as we are approaching the end of Term 3. All books are to be returned by next week please.

The OLOR community would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Ferris family. Luke (4s), Matthew (2G) and Gemma's (KD) Grandfather recently passed away. Could you please keep them in your prayers.



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.

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



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BIRTHDAY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating Birthdays
Wed 8/09/2010 - Tues 14/09/2010:

- ★ Dakota Kofron
- ★ Joshua Gilmour
- ★ Isabella Pace
- ★ Paolo Laxamana
- ★ Courtney Griffin
- ★ Mitchell Brown
- ★ Alexander Griffith
- ★ Rhyss Marcelo

Mitchell Dimmock
Nicholas Iacono



Year 3

Cake Stall

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Year 3 Cake Stall yesterday. We raised more than \$ 250.



Kindergarten Social Morning for 2011 Enrolments

When: Tuesday 14th September 2010

Time: 9.15am—10.45am

YUM YUM—Your contribution to the OLOR Fair Lolly stall was amazing. The money raised will be put to great use to fund the BEST lolly stall ever seen at an OLOR fair. We want to provide an exciting stall with a great range of 'good quality' lollies and sweets.



50% off all Waxing and Facials!

Available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays only.

9am - 3pm only

Be sure to mention this ad when you call
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CANTEEN CORNER

NEW MENU ITEMS FOR TERM 3



ITS BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE SLUSHIE MACHINE.... is back for summer.

The prices and flavours will be placed in next weeks newsletter for the mums and dads but the machine will be working **THIS FRIDAY** for recess and lunch. Prices will be on display at the canteen.

Also making a return is the **APPLE SLINKY**. The kids can have their apple slinky at recess and lunch for 10c.

A HUGE THANKYOU must go to Michelle Newman and Melanie D'anastasi for organising the new aprons for the canteen. Your both **WONDERFUL** and we appreciate your time and generosity in getting these organised.

PLEASE NOTE: Canteen committee meeting has been arranged for **TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER at 1PM**
Any new members are most welcome.

Please remember that if you are unable to perform your allocated canteen duty please call Kym ASAP. Be aware that on days where we have insufficient volunteers, we have no option but to close the canteen.

Canteen Money

A reminder to parents when returning money to the canteen or placing lunch orders **please secure the envelopes or bags** to avoid money getting lost or going missing. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either:
KAREN
0430 764 603 or
KYM 0430 753 382.

Canteen Roster Term 3 Week 9

Monday 13 Sept	Tuesday 14 Sept	Wednesday 15 Sept	Thursday 16 Sept	Friday 17 Sept
Chris Susnjara PM Anna Valeriano Debbie Petterson	Carmen Gough Francine Silva Joanne Muffet	Justine Kropman Melissa Dimmock Wendy Blanch Deborah Khor	Leonie White Melanie Hourigan Anna Bonacorso Pauline Wright	Felicia Geha Belinda Herbert Jo Gibbons Kathy Campbell 2 more volunteers please

Invitation to be part of the Hills Shire's first "Active Community Day"

Bernie Mullane, Marella Ave Kellyville

To celebrate National Bike Week 2010, the Hills Shire Council invites our school to be involved in an "Active Community" event.

The day will launch Council's Track and Trails program, a program designed to inspire people to get out, be active and use local open space areas. The Hills Shire boasts a range of beautiful recreation locations including great cycleways and walking tracks. The "Active Community Day" is all about encouraging community usage of these spaces.

When: Saturday 18 September 2010

Where: Bernie Mullane Sports Complex—Marella Ave, Kellyville

Meeting Point: Near the All Accessible Playground

Time: From 10.30am

For further information on the day, please contact Melinda Gauci on 9843 0149 or mgauci@thehills.nsw.gov.au

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2010

(at the conclusion of Child Protection Week)

The theme for this year is

WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We fly white balloons to acknowledge what our school is doing to provide a safe environment.

Joining with others in this awareness raising campaign we proclaim to our school and to society at large our determination to protect young people and to stop child abuse wherever it occurs.

HELP NEEDED FOR OLOR FAIR

This year's Fair is on track to be the best fair OLOR has ever seen BUT in order for our fair to run smoothly on the night we need your help. If you can spare just one hour of your time on 22 October please complete the form below and return to the school office. Please step up and help create a wonderful night for our children, for OLOR and our parish community.



Name: _____

Contact details: _____

I can spare one hour:

4.30 pm to 5.30pm _____; 5.30pm to 6.30pm _____; 6.30pm to 7.30pm _____;

7.30pm to 8.30pm _____;

I can help with pack up after 8.30pm: _____