



# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

I was with a large group of teachers from across the diocese yesterday and our prayer was the reading from Matthew for Ash Wednesday. It set out a code for lent; be humble, be discrete with your generosity, pray in secret and fast happily so that others will not notice.

The reading prompted a lot of discussion about what lent was like in our childhood. Could I encourage you to share your Lenten memories with your children? It could be a great way of sharing aspects of your faith with your children. Children love to hear stories from their parent's childhood.



### *School Parking*

A huge thank you to every one for help with the parking. I appreciate that it has not been easy for you, however, I believe that we have a safer area for children and visitors.



### *Bus Concerns*

I am aware that we are having some bus issues. Please let the bus company know of your concerns. It would be helpful for me to know of the issues as well; just send me an email through the school website.

The Hillsbus service can be contacted on: 8889 7076



**John Spradbrow**

**Principal**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 9 March 2011 - Ash Wednesday

Thursday 10 March 2011 - 7.30am School Student Leadership Breakfast

Wednesday 23 March 2011 - School Cross Country

Thursday 24 March 2011 - OLOR School Disco

Friday 8 April 2011 - End Term 1

Saturday 16 April - Parish Working Bee

Tuesday 14 June—School Photos



# RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 – 1<sup>st</sup>

Sunday of Lent - Year A

Based on the Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Lent is a season when we allow Jesus to change the way we live our lives. During Lent there is a feeling of having something hard to go through before the joy of Easter can be celebrated.

40 days is a long time to wait and prepare. The Church invites people to use this time to grow closer to Jesus and to understand in a deeper way what his life and death were all about.

Lent is a season when we think especially of how much Jesus loves us, and wants us to love God and each other. In Lent, people try to do something extra for others as a way of loving Jesus. In Lent, we remember times when we have not been kind and loving. We say sorry and try to be more loving like Jesus.

We can think about how Jesus invited people to change and think about ways we need to change.

Nikki Callan (REC)



## LIBRARY LOOK

### HELP....HELP.....HELP....

Further to our message of a couple of weeks ago, a lot of children are still coming to Library with no bag. The books need some kind of protection in their school bags and although people are generously sending plastic bags in, we cannot keep up with the demand and have run out yet again. As mentioned, the children will always be allowed to borrow, but if you are unable to provide something more hardwearing and permanent and your child takes their books home in a plastic bag, can they please bring them back in that plastic bag the following week to use again. Just a reminder, the school library bags are available from the office for \$7.00, and there are also many cloth bags available in the shops, or a cot pillow case from home, or something similar would be great.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mrs. Julie Walter (Teacher-Librarian)



For the latest OLOR library news please go to our blog:  
[www.wonderfulremark.wordpress.com](http://www.wonderfulremark.wordpress.com)

### 2012 Kindergarten Enrolments

2012 Kindergarten Enrolments are now open. Sibling enrolment packs will be distributed by the end of Week 7.

Would you please complete the necessary forms and returned them to the OLOR office along with your signed reference from Father Joe. Following this, we will arrange an interview time for your family to meet with a member of the School Executive.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact the office on 9629 2566.



## GENERAL NEWS

### THANK YOU THANK YOU

We would like to express a huge thank you to all the wonderful mothers who made pancake Tuesday such a special day yesterday.



Mrs Roberts, Mrs Aboud, Mrs Newman, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Bonnani, Mrs D'Anastasi, Mrs Maceri and Mrs Mellino dedicated their time to ensure each OLOR child received a pancake.  
Yum Yum

### CHESS



Anyone interested in learning to play chess could you please print the attachment in this newsletter, complete and return to school by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Please Note: Coaching lessons will be held one morning from  
**7.50am – 8.50am. (TBC)**

Thank you Mrs DelVecchio

### School Fees

Thank you to all those families who have paid their Term 1 school fees. This is a gentle reminder that fees are due on 11 March 2011. Payment would be appreciated by this date. Should you not be able to finalise your fees/payment arrangements by this date, please contact Mrs Fran Harris-Walker on 9629 2566.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY



On Thursday 17 March, OLOR will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. Children will be allowed to wear a green item of clothing on the day in exchange for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to Our Lady of Lourdes, Ingham (a flood affected school in Queensland). No coloured hair spray please.



# SPORTS SPECTACULAR



Our super-star super-fish continued with sensational swims at the Diocesan carnival at Mt Druitt pool last Friday. As individuals, 6 of our swimmers (Maddison Martinuzzo, Emily Rozic, Kaitlyn Rozic, Megan Close, Jessica Martinuzzo and Tommaso De Battista) produced results which guaranteed a berth to Homebush for MacKillop Trials on Monday 21st March.



Several of our other competitors placed 5th missing selection by 1 spot. Whilst frustrating, they should be very proud of their achievements and of their huge improvement over the past 12 months.

Congratulations to all our swimmers on the fantastic week in the pool. I'm always exhausted just watching.

The final events of the carnival are the relays, and our teams SIZZLED on Friday.

All three relay teams seemed to walk on water as they came home **1st, 1st and 1st.**

Congratulations:

Senior Girls—Kaitlyn Rozic, Emily Mooney, Maddison Martinuzzo and Lizzie Raggio.

Senior Girls—Jessica Martinuzzo, Emily Rozic, Megan Close and Madison Gilmour.

Senior Boys— Ben Wilson, Cameron D'Costa, Matthew Freeman and Tommaso De Battista.



## SUPER!

And finally, our other fantastic news—Both Megan Close and Tommaso De Battista were named Runner-Up Age Champions in the 11yr and 12yrs respectively. A wonderful and well deserved achievement for two outstanding athletes and representatives of OLOR. Congratulations Megan, Tommaso and the whole Swim Team.

## STOP PRESS

OLOR would also like to congratulate William Quick on making the Parramatta Diocesan Under 11 Rugby League Team yesterday. Job well done.

# PARISH INFORMATION

**FIRST RECONCILIATION—celebration of First Reconciliation will be on 10th, 11th or 12th May at 7.30 pm**

**Enrolments:** At the following weekend Masses:

March 19th at 6pm or March 20th at 9am or 11am  
March 26th at 6pm or March 27th at 9am or 11am

**Information Night (Parents only):**

Tuesday 29th or Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm in St Bonaventure Hall

**Rite of Commitment:**

Sat 2nd April at 6pm or Sun 3rd April 11am Masses

**Rehearsal:**

Friday April 29th at 4pm in the Parish Church





### *Invitation to Junior Legion of Mary*

As President of the Junior LEGION OF MARY here at Our Lady of the ROSARY, Kellyville. I am inviting children ages 7-17 years of age to join this organization.

We meet every Friday from 4-5 pm at the Parish Office across the side gate of the church. Our Spiritual Director is Brother Louie, OFM Conventual Friars. Legion of Mary is approved by the Church whose aim is for the holiness of each member and to advance the reign of CHRIST through the Blessed VIRGIN MARY.

Please encourage your boys and girls to join with us to encounter more of our LADY and thus be closer to JESUS, OUR SAVIOUR.



Josephine Calangi

### **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED**

OLOR have had a request from a parent seeking assistance with transporting her two children to and from school each day. The family live in the Stanhope area. If there are any parents available to drive Saadiya's children to and from school please contact her on 0410 596 348. Thank you.

### **WANTED PLEASE**

If any family would like to donate a working refrigerator to a local family in need, could you please contact the school office to make arrangements. Thank you



## MARIAN COLLEGE ENROLMENTS Year 7, 2012

**INFORMATION AND OPEN EVENING:** There will be an **INFORMATION AND OPEN EVENING** for prospective students and their parents at the College on **Monday 14 March 2011**. **TOURS OF THE SCHOOL** will run from 4:00pm to 6:00pm with **INFORMATION SESSIONS** at 4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

### **BUSWAYS BUS**

Commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 there will be a change to the departure time at 3.25pm for the Afternoon School Bus 3 to Rouse Hill & Box Hill.

Bus 3 will now depart from Our Lady of the Rosary at 3.15pm (10 minutes earlier)

There are no changes to the Route.

For further information please contact Blacktown Depot on 9625 8900 or visit the website at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au)



**COME HAVE LOTS OF FUN AND DANCE**

**OLOR 2011**

**SCHOOL DISCO**

When: **THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

Time: **4:30-6:00pm (K-2)**

**6:30-8:00pm (3-seniors)**

Where: **In the school hall**

Cost: **\$4/student pre-order**

**or \$6 at the door**

Parents welcome to stay.



Starring

**DJ Andy**

Music,  
dancing and  
laser light  
show

Lollies, hot  
food, drinks  
and chips for  
sale

Glow sticks  
and more  
for sale on  
the night

Enquiries: Ring  
Anna Maceri  
(0425216420)

Please complete this slip and return with payment to the office by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**FUN AND DANCE 2011 SCHOOL DISCO**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED**

I am able to help at the School Disco

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

4:30-6:00 session

## CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder that our cross country will be held on WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH, commencing at 9am. Only Years 3-6 will compete, however any 8/9 year olds from Year 2 who would like to participate, with a chance to represent their school and Diocesan are welcome.

All spectators are welcome on the goat paddock and we also would like to welcome Our Lady of the Angels who will compete with our runners for 2011.

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Age</u>
2003	2km	8yrs
2002	2km	9yrs
2001	2km	10yrs
2000	3km	11yrs
1999	3km	12yrs

The following order will be run on the day!

9.00am	8 & 9yr boys
9.15am	8 & 9yr girls
9.45am	10yr boys
10.00am	10yr girls
10.30am	11yr boys
10.45am	11yr girls
11.30am	12 yr boys & girls

- ◆ Please remind students to cover with lots of sunscreen, eat breakfast and drinks lots of water.
- ◆ Runners need to ensure they bring their water bottles to the goat paddock as they will not be able to access the toilet block/water taps on the Friary.
- ◆ Students are to wear PE uniform but may add colour house shirts etc, as all points, regardless of where a runner comes, go towards the cross country house trophy. Every point helps!
- ◆ A special note to all parents of asthma sufferers. Could you please prepare you son/daughter appropriately for the day and ensure medication is readily available. Good luck at all.

If you could help for an hour or so could you please tick below. It would be greatly appreciated.



### I am able to help out for the Cross Country

9.00—10.00

10.00—11.00

11.30—12.30

All times eg: for Recording

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_



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Dear Parents,

Sydney Academy of Chess is considering running chess coaching at our school next term. The coaching lessons will be held one morning from **7.50am – 8.50am**. A teacher from the school will be supervising the lessons at this time.

*Chess is a valuable activity for children, developing their logical thinking skills, concentration and discipline, as well as being a source of much enjoyment!*

What better way to combine learning and fun!

We are currently seeking expressions of interest of children who would like to take part in the chess club/coaching.

These classes begin with an interactive lecture by one of our experienced coaches. During the second half of the lesson children play games against each other, putting newly learned strategies into practice. As the term progresses and the children become proficient in all the basics, the lectures will move on to more complex ideas such as strategy, middle game ideas and chess technique.

The cost for the coaching is \$6 per child per lesson. The lessons will run for the ten weeks of term 2. Payment is not required at this stage.

This is an optional school activity. If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in the form below and return it to school. Numbers are limited, so to avoid disappointment please ensure the notes are returned to school no later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011, so that groups and classes can be arranged.

Thanks and regards,

Joanna DelVecchio

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### **Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville Chess Classes (2011)**

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the chess coaching organised by the Sydney Academy of Chess.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name and signature \_\_\_\_\_

My child has/has not played chess before.