



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 1
WEEK 9
2013

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, KELLYVILLE

Greetings!

I hope that the Easter break provides some respite from the normal routines, some celebration and quite reflection time. Thank you for all the Easter wishes and blessings.

It has been good to catch up with some of the families waiting for interviews over the last few days. I hope that you have found the teacher meeting time useful. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and to the teachers for making themselves available.

During this week (Holy Week) we have asked the children and teachers to select their own theme as their preparation for the celebration of Good Friday and Easter. I hope that the children can share some of this with you.

Enjoy the break and best wishes,

Grounds Improvement.

The Grounds Committee gave an overview of their work and recommendations to those at the P&F meeting last night. Our immediate project is to re turf the area in front of the new hall using artificial turf. This work will be done during the coming school holidays. The grounds committee also recommended the installation of new seating under the shade sails in the same area. This work will take place as soon as possible. A large walk around sand pit is also being constructed to the side of the sails.

I am very grateful to the grounds committee for all the work in obtaining quotes and considering the various options. I am also very grateful to everyone who has been involved in the fundraising over the last few years. The money we are spending on these improvements has been provided through the last two fetes and many other fundraising activities. Thank you everyone.

John Spradbrow

School Fees Reminder

Term 1 school fees are now overdue. Reminders were forwarded from Catholic Education Office last week.

Please forward payment as soon as possible. Should you have any queries regarding your account or if you wish to discuss payment arrangements with the Principal, please contact Mrs Fran Harris-Walker on 9629 2566.

Thank you to all those families who have finalised their term 1 fees.

IMPORTANT DATES 2013

Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday
	Stations of the Cross
Mon 1 Apr	Easter Monday
Tues 2 Apr	School Resumes
Fri 5 Apr	Kindy, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Easter Hat Parade at 9am – School Hall
Fri 12 Apr	Term 1 2013 Ends
Sat 20 Apr	Parish Dinner Dance
Thur 25 Apr	Annunciation

TERM 2

Mon 29 Apr	Pupil Free Day
Tues 30 Apr	Term 2 2013 Begins
Tues 28 May	Athletics Carnival

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

High Jump Finals

Once again students in Years 3-6 have been learning, practising and competing in High Jump in their class PE lessons.

Finals of high jump will be held on Friday 5th April throughout the day – the results going towards Age Champions for our Athletics Carnival – May 28th. Students know who has reached the final and are asked to wear their P E uniform that day, a few classes are yet to be finalised,

Rugby League

Yes we have a coach!!

A huge thank you to Mr Mooney (Emily & Lauren), who has volunteered to coach our 2 teams for the Parramatta North Gala Day, to be held on Friday May 31st. Mr Mooney (as he has to work) is happy to come on a Friday afternoon, after school, from 3.00 – 5.00pm (ish).

If your child has indicated that they are interested in playing a note will be sent home with them this week.

We are hopeful of having our first meeting/Practice on Friday 5th April.

After this we will negotiate a couple of dates, to give the boys a run before the day.

Yours in Rugby League
(Go the mighty Eels!)

Mackillop Swimming Trials

Kyla is off to State!

Congratulations to Kyla Hau (Yr 3) who blew the opposition away last Friday, to come 2nd in the 8yrs 50m Freestyle.

Unfortunately I missed Kyla's race, but as I crossed the road from P3, towards the pool, I heard a huge cry of: "Mrs Harvey ..." I turned to see a little head poking out a car window, whizzing down the road, huge smile on her face... "I came 2nd".

Kyla will now compete again at Homebush on 2/3rd April.

Congratulations, Thank you & Farewell!

How quickly do the years go by? Who would have ever thought that the 3 swimmers we first saw race 4 & 5 years ago, would develop & achieve as much as they did last Friday?

Luca, Kaitlyn & Maddie have become the heart of swimming at OLOR in 2013 (they also did really well in cross country) and they could not have given any more.

For Luca to reach the ultimate of competing in every event possible at the Mackillop Trials was outstanding. It has been a great pleasure to watch his fantastic progress & developing maturity over the years.

To Maddie & Kaitlyn .. thank you .. especially to your mums and dads who produced such great talent, twice over .. first with Jessica & Emily and now with you two. You were terrific.

Kaitlyn swam in 3 individual events, Maddie 6 and both girls swam the relay. I still don't know how that tiny body of Maddie's does it!

The Martinuzzos & Rozics have been a part of OLOR swimming for 7+ years now and it will be very strange not to have them there at carnivals.

They have always been so wonderfully supportive to myself and to OLOR and their daughters are a credit to them. Not only in their success, but in the way they conduct themselves in and out of the pool.

They give and give of themselves and I can only imagine how proud their parents must be of them.

To Maddie, Kaitlyn & Luca ... I wish you well for the future, & I hope that you enjoy your swimming for many years to come. You will be greatly missed.

Finally to our Senior girls relay team. Oh! So close.

Quick question: what do good Catholic girls do when they have come 4th and hope to come 3rd? Answer: Pray for a disqualification of course!

Unlucky for our girls, but to Emily, Erin, Maddie & Kaitlyn a great performance. Well done!

Sensational Results!

Luca	Maddie	Kaitlyn
*100m F/s 9 th	*100m F/s 9 th	*50m F/s 6 th
50m F/s 7 th	*50m f/s 7 th	50m Br/s 8 th
50m Bk 8 th	*50m Bk 9 th	*50m Butt 6 th
*50m Br/s 6 th	50m Br/s	Relay
50m Fly 13 th	50m Fly 9 th	
200m IM 10 th	*200m IM 10 th	
	*Relay 4 th	

* Denotes Personal Bests!

Vicki Harvey

SKOOLBAG

OLOR is currently trialling a new communication tool called Skoolbag.

It is an apple application designed for school to parent communication in the way of making it easy for you to access newsletters, calendar events, etc.

If you are interested in participating in this trial please download the following: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/our-lady-rosary-primary-kellyville/id615236332?ls=1&mt=8>

Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.



CANTEEN CORNER

With our canteen now being outsourced, if your child arrives at school without recess or lunch and we cannot contact you, the school will organise for the canteen to provide your child with a sandwich and a piece of fruit. The school will bear this cost and invoice you accordingly. We would appreciate it if you would reimburse the school office as soon as possible.

Many thanks

WRITING COMPETITIONS

The **Dorothea Mackellar Poetry writing competition** - is on again this year. This year's theme is *Wherever the Wind Blows* or the students can write a poem about whatever they like.

For further information go to <http://www.dorothea.com.au/>

There is a **Write Here Write Now Extraordinary Stories of Everyday Australian Lives** - Geared to Year 5 and 6 - Write a story about someone inspiring in your community for the 2013 Young Journalist award. ENTRIES CLOSE on 7th June

For further details -

<http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/content/view/4/9/>

This is a great opportunity for Year 6 to participate in this writing competition - They have to write about **"WHAT MATTERS"** Here is the link for the website if you would like further details.

http://www.whitlam.org/the_program/what_matters_writing_competition/what_matters_2013

CLOSING DATE 3rd May

If you are interested in your child entering any of these competitions please let Joanna Delvecchio know.

GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

29 March

Please consider being part of the presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville. Youth and everyone are invited to participate. Please call the parish office on 9629-2595.

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH

After 11am Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, 29 March, there will be lunch (soup and bread) in the parish hall.

Everyone is most welcome. If you are able to help by making a pot of soup, we ask that you put your name on the clipboard in the Church foyer. Thank you.

OLOR KINDY ENROLMENTS 2014

Kindergarten 2014 information evening will be held on **Wednesday April 10th at 7.30pm** in the Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville, School Hall.

We will also be holding an OLOR school open morning session on **Thursday 2nd May 2013** – more information to follow.



Expression of Interest for Siblings 2014

I request an enrolment package be sent home with my child _____ in class _____. Thank you



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YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS with Fr Joe

Year 7 Enrolments will be over five sessions in the new OLOR hall.

For Marian College only, the following 4 dates are available:

(1) Wed. 1 May at 10am and (2) at 7.30pm

(3) Thurs. 16 May at 10am and (4) at 7.30pm

For Marian College and all other high school enrolments there will be a session on Thurs. 30 May at 7.30pm

PARISH DINNER DANCE

Parish Dinner Dance

20 April 2013

7 – 12pm

Dural Country Club

662A Old Northern Road, Dural

Mark your diary for our Parish Community Dinner Dance.

Everyone can be involved in this event by:

- Providing gifts - any gifts (e.g. \$5 and \$10 worth of one dollar scratchies, paintings...) anything that can be raffled at our Parish Dinner Dance. Red/White wine should be delivered to the office.

- All bookings, including table bookings (10 per table) can be made through the Parish Office (see Angela) Raffle Tickets will be sold at each of the Masses from now until the dinner dance.

Please support our parish and make this a great evening. You can contact the Parish Office on 9629 2595.

P & F NEWSLETTER

To view all the latest news from OLOR - P & F simply go to our website: www.olorkellyville.catholic.edu.au and go to Parents and drop down to P & F Committee.

EASTER HAT PARADE



Please note that **Friday 5 April**, Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 will be holding an Easter Hat Parade in the school hall from **9am – 10am**.

All parents are welcome to come and watch their children. We look forward to seeing your creations.

This day will also double as a mufti day for the whole school. Our P & F will be collecting gold coin donations to go towards their fundraising for 2013.



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