



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 1
WEEK 6
2013

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, KELLYVILLE

Greetings!

Our gospel this week tells the story of the fig tree that was given another chance to bear fruit and so this week we are thinking about second chances.

In class we are thinking about how the second chances that we are given by teachers, friends and God help us start again.

We are asking the questions:

- Do we like the idea of being able to begin again with God? Do we offer the same opportunity to others?
- Is it ok to take second chances and then not to offer them?
- Should the chances stop at two?
- What obligation comes with the second chance? Is it ok to just keep taking another chance and not change our behaviour? What does this mean for us in the playground, on the bus, at home, in class or in my relationship with God?
- God gives us time and encouragement. How do we feel when we are given extra time in class or at home? Does it tell us anything about the person giving us the extra time?
- Is it difficult to give others a second chance or extra time?
- Who could we give extra time to or a second chance to?
- Why do we as teachers give others a second chance?
- What should we do with our second chance? Is it a time for change, forgiveness, thanks and or acknowledgement of the kindness / love or generosity of God and others?

We have suggested that the children ask Mum and Dad about second chances. Why do Mums and Dads give children second chances? What do they hope will happen by giving a second chance?

I hope you enjoy your "second chances" discussion.

John Spradbrow

OLOR Reflection Book

OLOR now has a new **Reflection** book in our foyer called, "Face of Christ".

All parents are most welcome to write any reflections/ comments about the theme of the week or anything else which may be relevant.

SCHOOL FEES

This is a general reminder that school fees are due this Friday 8 March.

If you have any questions or need to make specific arrangements please feel free to contact Mrs Fran Harris-Walker on 96292566.

IMPORTANT DATES 2013

Thurs 7 Mar	Marian College Visit
Mon 11–Fri 15 Mar	Catholic Schools Week
Mon 11 Mar	School Liturgy at 2pm
Tues 12 Mar	Cross Country
Fri 15 Mar	St Patrick's Day Celebration
Sun 17 Mar	St Patrick's Day
Sat 23 Mar	Parish Working Bee
Sun 24 Mar	Palm Sunday
Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday
	Station of the Cross
Mon 1 Apr	Easter Monday
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

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Class Cross Country

Some parents have indicated their concern of running our students on the Cross Country course during lesson time.

I hope I can allay your concerns on that there are always 3 teachers positioned on the course which runs on the Friary, around the paddock and down the footpath parallel to the Friars.

We do hold our duty of care very seriously and have you sons/daughters welfare in our minds at all times.

Please feel free to come and help supervise/run at any time in our classes....we would welcome parent participation.

Diocesan Swimming

On a wet, wet, wet day, 11 near drowned and frozen swimmers competed at the Diocesan Swimming Championships at Mt Druitt last Friday, March 1st. In conditions that made last year's weather, at the same carnival, look like a summers day, our swimmers sprouted fins and swam like dolphins.

They were terrific. Below are listed their results:

* Kyla Hau 8yrs	50m F/S 1 st
Sophie Gibbons	Junior 50mBK 12 th
Thomas Shorrocks 9yrs	50m F/S 13 th & 50mBR 11 th
Nathaniel Lowe 11yrs	50mF/S 13 th & 50m Butt 11 th
Emily Mooney 12yrs	50m F/S 7 th & 50m BK 14 th 50m BR 11 th & 50m Butt 10 th
* Kaitlyn Rozic 11yrs	100m F/S 8 th , 50m F/S 3 rd , 50m BK 6 th , 50m BR 1 st , 50m Butt 2 nd & 200m IM 13 th .
* Maddie Martinuzzo 12yrs	100m F/S 3 rd , 50m F/S 2 nd , 50m BK 4 th , 50m BR 3 rd , 50m Butt 3 rd & 200m IM 4 th
* Luca Flore 12yrs	100m F/S 2 nd , 50m F/S 2 nd , 50m BK 2 nd , 50m BR 3 rd , 50m Butt 3 rd & 200m IM 3 rd

Junior Girls Relay – Caitlin Lopez, Lauren Mooney, Kyla Hau & Sophie Gibbons – 6th

***Senior Girls Relay** – Emily Mooney, Maddie Martinuzzo, Erin Gracie & Kaitlyn Rozic – 1st

Those highlighted will compete at the Mackillop Trials on Friday 22 March at Homebush. A massive congratulations to Maddie, Kaitlyn, Luca, Kyla, Emily and Erin.

As the day drew to a close our fearless leader Mr Spradbrow arrived in time to see some of the best of the day. Was it his presence???

Junior Girls relay swam beautifully to come in 2nd in their heat and 6th overall. A great achievement given Kyla is still only 7yrs old.

Then our Senior Girls blew the opposition out of the water to win their relay.

As if that wasn't enough, to cap the afternoon off an extremely proud (nearly bursting) Luca Flore was named Senior Boys Runner-up and a surprised and delighted Kaitlyn Rozic was named 11yrs Girls Age Champion.

All our students (and parents) train long and hard in a very lonely and often unfriendly environment when the rest of us are snuggled in bed and I know that their success is even more rewarding after such time and effort.

Congratulations to every one of our swimmers on fantastic achievements and I hope you all got a well deserved bubble bath and hot chocolate at the end of the day.



Many Thanks
Mrs Harvey

PARISH WORKING BEE

Saturday 23 March

9am

The Parish Working bee is fast approaching. Father Joe is inviting all parents and children to the working bee.

Whilst parents are busy helping Father, Mrs Callan will be working with children (all volunteers are welcome), preparing them for the Good Friday Liturgy (Stations of the Cross) which is held at school on Friday 29 March.

Please note: There will be no other practice for the Good Friday Liturgy during school hours.

If your child is accompanying you to the working bee Mrs Callan would be very grateful if they could report to her at the School Hall from 9am onwards.

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.

VANDALISM PAYMENT

Dear Parents of Year 3 & 4 Students 2012

Whilst OLOR is yet to receive payment from our insurers, following the 2012 school vandalism of our classrooms, we have advanced the reimbursement payment to our families.

Cheques should have now been received or deductions made from school fees by those requesting families.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school on 96292566.

Your patience with this matter has been greatly appreciated.

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.

REMINDER - Money for the UNSW Competitions is due 25TH March 2013

Many Thanks Joanna DelVecchio

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. Thank you



ST PATRICK'S DAY

- On Friday 15th March, OLOR will be celebrating St Patrick's Day.
- Children are encouraged to wear a green item of clothing on the day in exchange for a gold coin donation. **(Normal School Uniform must still be worn to and from School).**
- Ideas could include (Hats, Socks, shoe laces, hair clips, hair bands or ties, nail polish – **ALL GREEN of course**)
- NO COLOURED HAIR SPRAY PLEASE.
- The Donation Bucket will be outside the School Office on Friday 15th March from 8:15am until end of Recess.
- All Money Raised will go towards OLOR Fundraising efforts. To help with Ongoing Improvements



SUPPORT your SCHOOL

Fundraising with Nash

For every **\$50** spent by an OLOR Kellyville School Community member at the Good Guys Castle Hill before **31st October, 2013** will be entitled to receive a **\$1** reward voucher.

Please spread the word to your family and friends! Perhaps you are about to undergo a kitchen renovation or are taking the plunge into the world of 3D TV! If so visit our local Nash Patel The Good Guys for your purchases.

Note that the "Support your school program" MUST be mentioned by the customer BEFORE payment is made. It is the sole responsibility of the shopper to request the Vouchers and no vouchers will be issued after the date of purchase.

All reward vouchers can be sent through to the office.

A full list of the terms and conditions of the program is available from the P&F.

NASH PATEL **THE GOOD GUYS** Hills Super Centre 18 Victoria Avenue CASTLE HILL **PAY LESS ONLINE**
02 9846 6300

Year 7 Enrolments 2014

As you may be aware enrolments for Year 7 2014 for many schools have opened. Marian College will be visiting **OLOR, Thursday 7 March**, to distribute their enrolment packages.

Father Joe will hold a meeting after Easter to sign the required enrolment documentation. Please be aware if you are not known to Father Joe or a supporter of the Parish Community he will find it difficult to support your enrolment. All Marian College applications need to be fully completed and lodged at the College by 29 April 2013.

Please understand that Year 7 places at Marian College are limited and they may not be able to accommodate every feeder School student. However, the Parramatta Diocese is committed to finding all feeder students a place in a Catholic High School. Post experience shows, that it is nearly impossible to place students if applications are late. Your support of this process is greatly appreciated.



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