



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 4
WEEK 10
2012

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, KELLYVILLE

Greetings!

In our weekly theme this week, we are thinking about making room for Jesus.

We talk about Advent being a time to prepare for Jesus at the end of time, at Christmas and in our lives every day.

As I looked over some Advent reflections this week I came across this prayer which reminds us that we make room for Jesus by making room for others:

Lord, in our world, many people feel unwelcome and excluded, whether because of race, a mental or physical condition, ethnicity, socio – economic level, or simply because they are "different." It seems as if our world has no room for such people. Help me to see your face in such people, for when I make strangers and the socially outcast feel welcome, I am in fact, welcoming you.

In our classrooms our Advent action is to reach out to someone. Offer a kind word, invite someone to join a game, a conversation etc.

We are trying to celebrate the actions that we see that could be making room for others – welcoming Jesus by welcoming others. I heard today of some year six girls who had a spare spot on their luncheon table and they told their teacher that they would welcome anyone who didn't have a spot. That is a welcoming action. There would be other stories in every room. Ask your child to share some with you.

Our P & F AGM was held last night and behalf of all parents and the children I would like to thank the outgoing committee - Michelle Newman, Michelle Nickols, Sue-Ellen Roberts, Natalie Lonsdale, Anna Maceri and Anna Valeriano for their work over the last two years. I have appreciated the effort and energy that has been given to the community. The P & F presented us with a cheque for \$30 000. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We will invest this with the previous cheque for \$35,000 given to OLOR 2010/2011. As indicated before the fete, we would look at some projects around the school and let you know how we wish to spend the money. Thank you to the mums who have volunteered to be on the grounds committee.

Our 2013 P & F Committee was elected last night. We are in need of a Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator, however, we will begin with the current committee and see how we go, perhaps someone will come forward at the first meeting next year. Our current committee is:

Coordinator – Vacant
Vice Coordinator – Carolyn Modafferi
Treasurer – Katrina Littlefield.
Secretary – Sandra Blair
Fund raising coordinator -
General Committee members – Anna Valeriano, Frances Gray, Monica Walker, Natalie Lonsdale

Thank you for taking up the challenge to manage our P & F during the next year.

Mark Taylor Shield

As you probably know our boys cricket team won the Mark Taylor Shield on Monday. This was a magnificent effort and something that the boys and their very proud parents will remember for many years to come. I was delighted to hear of the great sportsmanship that was displayed on the day. Thank you to the parents who have helped with transport, coaching, scoring, umpiring and cheering throughout the competition. Thank you to the staff who have assisted throughout the competition. **Congratulations boys!**

Staffing News

Congratulations and best wishes to:

- Mrs. Mc Gurren who has gained a position at Arndell College Pitt Town.
- Miss Fizely who will be teaching at Chisholm Primary Bligh Park and
- Miss Chehade who is going to teach at St. Michael's Blacktown

As mentioned before Mrs Gierek will be teaching at St. Mary's Rydelmere.

I would like to thank each of these teachers for their contribution to Our Lady of The Rosary School, they will be missed and I wish them well in their new positions and career pathways.

Christmas Card Project

Last week I delivered over 500 Christmas Cards to Sister Myree at Petersham. I would like to express a huge thank you to parents, students and staff who donated cards and stamps to this special project. I would also like to thank Mrs Callan for co-ordinating the task.

Please remember if you have any spare cards left over from this year we will be happy to collect them in 2013.

Best Wishes
John Spradbrow

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 10-Tues 18 Dec	Year 1 - 4 Swimming Program
Tues 11 Dec	P & F AGM to be held at 7.30pm
Mon 17 Dec	7pm Graduation Mass
Tues 18 Dec	Year 6 Fun Day
Wed 19 Dec	Year 6 Luncheon
	Last day of school for Students
Tues 25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY
	2013
Tues 29 Jan	Pupil Free Day
Wed 30 Jan	Students return to school
Thurs 31 Jan	Swimming Carnival
Thurs 7 Feb	Kindy 2013 Welcome BBQ 6-8pm
Mon 4 Mar	OLOR School Photos
Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday
Mon 1 Apr	Easter Monday
Fri 12 Apr	Term 1 2013 Ends
Mon 29 Apr	Term 2 2013 Begins



OLOR CLOTHING POOL

We encourage parents to come and browse the clothing pool located in the meeting room at the office. Not only will you be helping the environment by recycling but also saving money too!

The Clothing Pool sells good quality pre-owned School and sport uniforms. There is currently a good variety of items in most sizes available at very reasonable prices. For example girl's summer dresses are \$5 each.

If you have any uniforms that are no longer being worn, please send them into the office. Items must be clean and in good condition. That is no stains, missing buttons or tears. Please also refrain from sending in the old plain blue sport shirts and jumpers/jackets.

Next year we hope to arrange a regular time for the clothing pool to operate. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with sorting out donations or manning the clothing pool please contact the office.

2013 SCHOOL LEADERS

Captain

Annelise Conte

Philip Banno

Vice Captain

Lizzie Raggio

Luke Hermez

Leaders

Kaitlyn Rozic

Dean Apap

Lauren Robb

Joey Elias

Imogen Lord

Harry Johnston

Gabrielle Mizzi

Luke Iacono

2013 Colour Captain

Red Paige Neal

Nick Sirry

Blue Tiarne Ekstrom

Joshua Roberts

Green Emily Mooney

Roko Pecar

Gold Olivia Kalocsai

Tommy Spillane

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - 6.00PM SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

Our Carols by Candlelight will be on in the grounds of the school. **We are asking if anyone can donate any gifts, prizes or bottles of wine to help make the night a great success, if so, please contact either Jim Taggart on 0418 467 057 or Tony Weinman on 0418 688 812.** Evening Mass on Sun. 16 Dec. will be at 5pm instead of the usual time of 6pm.

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Blink! It's gone!

The years are going faster and faster and it is again time to say goodbye and thank you to so many parents who have helped at our carnivals and gala days over the years.

Those who have time kept, marshalled, false start roped, recorded, coached, judged, feed, watered, swum and run....in all sorts of conditions, thank you. So many of you I have known that you would always be there to help and support year in year out..... and without you it would not have been possible to run all our events. It has been an absolute pleasure knowing and working with you all.

I wish you all and your sons/daughters the very best for the future and thank you again for everything.

To our fantastic house captains....what a group Natalie, Carley, Maddie, Sinead, Lleyton, Kane, Aidan and Luke have been outstanding ambassadors for their houses and school and a delight to teach. Good luck to you all.

Huge thank you also needs to go to our:

- Secretaries, who we drive insane on a daily basis but never complain
- Vince our groundsman and handyman who is happy to help and sort out any problems, anytime.

Both of them should be paid double and it still wouldn't be enough.

To our long suffering canteen ladies – earmuffs are arriving for you next year. Thank you for always being so positive and supportive.

To Michelle Newman and the P & F for all their help during the year.

Thank you also to our staff, Mark Devlin and John Spradbrow for their continued support of sport at Kellyville.

Finally thank you, thank you, thank you to Ange Stitt and Ali Saba who have been my backbone in 2012. Also thank you to Martiene D'Amicis, especially for her superb recording skills and to all our casuals who arrive with enthusiasm and adapt to all occasions to keep things up and running.

Have a very Merry Christmas and safe holidays. I look forward to seeing you in 2013.

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all those wonderful parents who have offered to help at next years' swimming carnival.

I have sent a note home to thank and accept all your offers.....could you please check your son/daughters bag, it could be hiding somewhere.

I know the carnival is a long way off and if circumstances change over the holidays, if you could just let me know first day back I would appreciate it.

Notes - Could Permission notes please be returned ASAP as we need to order the buses for the carnival. Thank you to all those who were so prompt in returning them.....it makes things so much easier.

Finally it is always great to have our parents and teachers HIT the water at the end of the carnival. There is still time to get into training and join the fun!

Merry Christmas ...see you all on the 31st January.

OAKHILL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2014

Applications for enrolment into Year 7 2014 will close on Friday 1st March 2013. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their son at Oakhill College in Year 7 2014, and who have not yet submitted an application form, are requested to contact the Registrar before Friday 1st March 2013. Contact: Mrs Maryanne Maree (Registrar) on 9634 0802 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au

OLOR SUMMER UNIFORM

If you are interested in a OLOR Girls Summer Uniform size 14 and/or 3 metres of OLOR summer uniform material please contact Kara 0418 455 350.

NEWSLETTER

Please note this will be the last newsletter for 2012 however we will be sending out a brief message from the Principal next Wednesday. Any feedback on our new newsletter format would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

NEW CHANGES TO THE FRIARY AND 2013 PASTORAL TEAM

New Appointments for 2013 and movement of Friars are as follows:

- Friar Joe Nguyen remains as Parish Priest
- Friar John Vayalickarottu (from Melbourne): Assistant Priest
- Fr. Tarsio (Cistercian Monk from Hong Kong): In residence at the Friary
- Friar Adrian Robson (from Melbourne): Guardian & Rector of the Shrine
- Friar David Huebner will go to Dingley in Victoria

LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION

Every Xmas we decorate our house with great Christmas Lights. This year we thought that we would raise money for the Leukemia Foundation.

So if you happen to be going passed 44 Mawarra Cres Kellyville please donate a Gold Coin in our Collection Tin that is placed outside our house.

Thank you all for your support,

The Valeriano Family.

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

Please be aware that if your child currently holds a bus pass but will be entering **Year 3 in 2013**, they will need to reapply for a new bus pass. In addition if any details on your child's current bus pass have changed or are incorrect you will also need to reapply.

Bus pass applications are available from the school office. Thank you

CANTEEN CORNER

Canteen will remain open until the last day of Term 4 but please have 2nd & 3rd choices on all lunch orders because we have limited stock.

A special thank you and goodbye to our leaving Year 6 Mums. We will miss you greatly.

A huge thank you to all of our Volunteers for 2012. We hope to see you all back in 2013 for another great year in Canteen. May you all have a safe and happy Christmas.

Kym and Sue-Ellen

Roster

Please note that we aim to send out the 2013 Canteen Roster at the end of the Term.

Monday 17 December

Leanne Lehrer

Tuesday 18 December

Michelle Gilmour

Amada Wright

Wednesday 19 December

Catherine Fraser

Mel D'Anastassi

Lynda Watters

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating Birthdays Wed 12/12/2012 – Tues 29/01/2013.

Anthony Winsloe	Cooper Bovis
Leah Silva	Alyssa Schlyder
Ewan Blanch	Sarah Berle
Miguel dos Ramos	Marcus Ashton
Angelina Caruana	Matthew Van Biljon
Samuel Roveto	Phoebe McCormack
Armaan Lal	Thomas Shorrock
Annastasia Setiado	Ryan Mantle
Catherine Pe Benito	Ivan Jakus
Christine Pe Benito	Sinead Dunphy
Cassidy Haddad	Ivana-Maria Haddad
Grace Smyth	Ivana Jakus
Marissa Lonsdale	Lara Schwebel
Frederik Pinder	Liam Weichandt
Lachlan Crichton	Mikayla Waters
Raymark Rosauero	Madison Roberts
Hannah Fox	Mateo Topic
Jayden Fox	Lleyton Winter
Jessica White	Brianna Cignarella
Emma Cassar	Emma Bragg
Brock Levy	Erin Gracie
Lachlan Smith	Emma Gardiner
Alysha Rodrigues	Christian Pace
Ezekiel Sta Maria	Dane Papenhuyzen
Emma Hinton	Elizabeth Staples
Vanessa Farrugia	Samantha Buttigieg
Cara Lonsdale	Alexandra Lonsdale
Zoe Griffin	Lucas Ulloa-Ortiz
Zac Maceri	Rhys Cross-Martin

Stop NSW funding cuts to education

Catholic schools provide value for money. This is evidenced by the outstanding results achieved by our students and our successful delivery of the Building the Education Revolution program. Operating with significantly less government support than public schools, Catholic schools provide quality learning and teaching to ensure the best learning opportunities for students. We won't let funding cuts diminish our capacity to providing quality Catholic schooling for our families. Contact your state MP and Premier Barry O'Farrell to oppose NSW school funding cuts. To let your voice be heard visit our website: www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding

COMMUNITY NEWS



Come along and make your very own
GINGERBREAD HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS!

When: Saturday 15th December, 2012
Where: Redgum Hall, Cherrybrook Community Centre, Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook
Time: Drop in anytime between 1pm and 4pm (usually takes about 30mins to create your amazing design!)
Cost: \$20.00 per house - all orders must be pre-paid
RSVP: Friday 16th November to: info@dancingwithmaree.com.au (please include the number of houses you wish to order)

Bring a group of friends from school, bring your brothers and sisters too!
Children under 5yrs will require assistance from an adult.

School Banking News

Thursday 13 December 2012 is the last day of School Banking for 2012 and your last chance to have your name entered into the draw to win 1 of 12 iPad Mini's (16GB with Wi-Fi valued at \$369).

All you have to do is bank with us on Thursday morning – in the Library.

If you wish to start banking next year, the school holidays are a great time to head into the Commonwealth Bank and open a Youthsaver account, that way you will be ready!

There are brand new rewards on offer as well as some old favourites.

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Thank you to all the children that have banked with us throughout the year. You have all brightened our Thursdays and started the day off in such a lovely way. Please be safe over the break and banking will resume on the first Thursday of Term 1.

School Banking Co-ordinator's – Simone, Michelle and Marie



OLOR CHRISTMAS DISCO!

Well what a turnout!! We had over 400 students attend our disco last week and the feedback I have received is that it was the best one ever!

We would just like to thank the parent helpers but in particular Martin and Trina Tromp, Frances Gray, Colin Moore, Kristy Lee Barker, Monika Walter, Margaret Campbell, Vicki Apap, Vanessa Johnston, Lisa Lopez and Glenn (Dylan, Gabriela and Joshua's Dad!). Your help was very much appreciated.

Even though the disco was not run as a fundraiser, we made a profit of over \$2800 which is a fantastic effort, and we will be providing our annual donation of \$500 to the Westmead Children's Hospital.

Thank you to all the parents and children who helped to make the evening a great success.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Michele Newman
Sue-Ellen Roberts
P&F Committee



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