



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

I hope that the first week of term was gentle and exciting.

The gospel reading last Sunday was Luke's account of Jesus teaching the "Our Father". The Our Father is probably one of the most well known Christian prayers and is often used as a prayer when different Christian church groups meet.

In thinking about this over the last few days I wondered about favourite prayers. My favourite prayer is the prayer of St. Teresa. You would know it as; **Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no feet but yours.....**

Do you have a favourite prayer? Does your favourite prayer help you when you are feeling challenged or down? Do your children know the name of your favourite prayer? Sharing this knowledge with them can offer your children some great insights into your spirituality especially if you share with them why the prayer is so special to you.

Over the last school holidays the Diocese of Brisbane held a conference on prayer based around the theme; **Prayer gathers, opens, transforms and sends.**

How does your favourite prayer "sit" with gathering, opening, transforming and sending (action)?

Prayer can be one of the most challenging aspects of the Christian life and yet it can be an absolute joy, a source of comfort, inspiration and action.

Happy prayer, happy sharing with your children!

Learning at OLOR

As you are aware Education worldwide is facing many challenges. This is not surprising of course given the changes we are experiencing in many other aspects of our lives. Education has been and will continue to

change; I would like to share some of these changes with you on a regular basis. In the mean time, however, the CEO is hosting some meetings on 21st century learning. I encourage you to attend if at all possible. There is some additional information listed in General News. Please see me, ring me or email me if you have any questions about the meetings.

Spring Fair

Congratulations and thanks to the PRC for all the great work they are doing.

Fundraising is a critical aspect to the running of our school, so any assistance you can offer in this regard is greatly appreciated.

**John Spradbrow
Principal**

Prayer of St. Teresa.

*Christ has no body now but mine
No hands, no feet on earth but mine
Mine are the eyes
Through which he looks with compassion
On this world.
Mine are the feet with which he walks
To do good.
Mine are the hands with which he blesses
All the world.
Mine are the hands.
Mine are the feet.
Mine are the eyes.
I am his body.
Christ has no body but mine,
No hands, no feet on earth but mine.
Mine are the eyes through
Which he looks with compassion
On this world.
Christ has no body now on earth
But mine.
Amen.*

I have changed the word yours to mine –apologies St. Teresa.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| Fri 30 July | Mufti Day |
| Mon 2 August | Pat's Celebration Morning Program |
| Tues 3 August | General Meeting for the PRC |
| Fri 6 August | School Extravaganza |
| | Jeans for Genes Day |



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

18th Sunday of Year C – August 1st 2010

Based on the Gospel – Luke 12: 13-21

In our society today we are encouraged to believe that striving for wealth and possessions must be an important priority in our lives and this will make us happy and give us purpose for living. It is doubtful that the pace of life we will experience in the 21st Century will improve the quality of our lives or make us happier.

The Scripture reading this Sunday calls us to look at our lives and motives. Having possessions and seeking a place with God in heaven are not in contradiction since Christ came to perfect human nature, not to destroy it. In giving us material and spiritual goods and the desire for them, God wants us to use what we have in a generous and loving way.

In our search for true happiness, we must put God first in our lives and see all things as God's gifts, ready to share whenever possible. As Christians, our lives need to reflect these ideals, otherwise, how can we

expect others to believe the message of Jesus in Sunday's parable? God urges us to look within ourselves and with the help of God's Spirit and our own openness, we will find the direction our lives need to take.

Nikki Callan (REC)



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

WRITING COMPETITION

Students from kindergarten to year 6 are invited to enter a writing competition. They can submit either a short story or poem. There is no theme and students can write on any topic or in any style. There are great cash prizes and electronic prizes to be won.

To find out more details go to the website www.write4fun.net and enter your child. There is no cost to enter the competition and entries must be in by August 27th 2010. If your child enters the competition, can you please let me know.

UNSW COMPUTER COMPETITION

Earlier last term, some students participated in the UNSW Computer Skills Competition. Congratulations to the following students for achieving either a distinction or a credit:

YEAR 3 -DISTINCTION

Gabrielle Mizzi
Aiden D'Anastasi
Taniya Thomas
Andrew Westley

YEAR 3—CREDIT

Erin Gracie
Nicholas Sirry

YEAR 4—DISTINCTION

Michael Parnell
Sebastian Mustafa

YEAR 4—CREDIT

Latisha Bordador
Jacob Boulos
Gabrielle Couter
Matthew Kusch

Chi Siahu
Ryan Viertel
Ben Wilson
Joshua White



YEAR 5—DISTINCTION

Kelvin Alphonso
Lauren Drewery
Matthew Stillen
Prima Sutandyo

YEAR 5—CREDIT

Belle Cao
Samantha Choi
Branden Corcoran

YEAR 6 -HIGH DISTINCTION

Nicholas Iacano

YEAR 6—DISTINCTION

Ryan Barton
Georgia Couter

YEAR 6—CREDIT

Eamon Dunphy
Roberto Ferriera
Nathan Louis

ONLINE SCIENCE CHALLENGE

For the year 5/6 students participating in the Online Science Challenge, your first session will be on this Friday the 30th July at 7.50am. Students need to wait at the gate with their parents until Mrs Couter comes to collect them. Any students in year 3/4 who missed out on the week 1 session, can come along to this session. Don't forget to go to www.enrichmentworld.wikispaces.com and check out the experiment and read up on information about the experiment before you come along to the session.

UNSW SCIENCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students for achieving a credit or distinction in the UNSW Science Competition.

YEAR 3—CREDIT

Aiden D'Anastasi
Luke Jarjoura
Joseph Nashed
Andrew Westley

YEAR 4—DISTINCTION

Joshua Barko
YEAR 4—CREDIT

James Barton
La'Tisha Bordador
Jacob Boulos
Caitlyn Cao

Rebecca Cilia
Adam Dean Haag
Paolo Laxomana
Chi Siahu
Jacob Silva
Brendan White
Ben Wilson

YEAR 5 -DISTINCTION

Belle Cao
Tommaso De Battista
Prima Sutandyo

YEAR 5—CREDIT

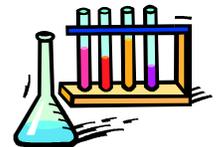
Kelvin Alphonso
Samantha Choy
Branden Corcoran
Rachel Farlanga
Simon Gosper
Matthew Stillen

YEAR 6—CREDIT

Eamon Dunphy
Nicholas Iacono
Arabella Magno

Please Note: Students will be presented with their awards on Friday at assembly.

Regards Joanna DelVecchio



SPORTS SPECTACULAR

LIBRARY NEWS

Yesterday more than 150 students from our school went out to the Kellyville netball complex to take part in a Catholic Schools Gala Day. We were very lucky with the weather which added to the positive spirit that was enjoyed by all. Every child represented their school beautifully, showing great sportsmanship, gratitude and some wonderful netball skills. Our school had 17 teams competing and this was the largest number for any of the schools that were there. Our results were fantastic. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day with some children playing netball for the first time, which made for some interesting challenges and some funny exciting moments. Three teams managed to win their pool and came home with a trophy for their efforts.



Obviously, it took an enormous amount of organising to make this event happen and I would like to mention and thank the teachers Mrs Luland, Mrs Batten, Mrs Usher, Mrs Gilmore and Mrs Couter for the ongoing support and assistance with this. We also had 26 volunteer umpires for the day and without them the day would not have been able to go ahead. All of these umpires were high school students who came out to help OLOR on the day in a sport that they enjoy. We had 16 parents and one grandparent help out as Team Managers on the day which enabled the task of fielding the teams much easier. Thank you everyone. I am very proud of all the children who represented OLOR yesterday and I hope that they enjoyed the experience as much as I did.

Well done to these girls and their coaches, who won their pool. An excellent effort and result.

9 Years Girls: Coach—Mrs Turner (Lizzie Raggio's Nan) Lizzie Raggio, Sophie Cappello, Jasmine Corcoran, Madeline Sedgwick, Lauren Deberardinis, Halle Neal, Sinead Dunphy & Tanisha Sarno.

11 Year Girls: Coach—Mr Scott Fraser (Tayla's Dad) Tayla Fraser, Chloe Sidhu, Ashley Silva, Isabella Gebrael, Georgia Gebrael, Lauren Brown, Rachel Farlanga, Kristi Anne Fenandez, Caitlyn Synnot, Arabella Magno.

11 Year Girls: Coach—Mrs Louise Horne (Emily's Mum) Emily Horne, Caitlyn Maggs, Laura Spenser, Sarah Elias, Emily Rozic, Maheen Abid, Georgia Couter, Lauren Drewery & Kylie Osborne

Happy Netballing !!!!!!!!! Janelle Bawden

PRC

We have a fantastic number of students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge – 239 to date. However 53 of these students still need to return their forms in order to have their record validated and receive their certificate. You still have a month to go, so keep reading! Don't forget you need to be finished and return your forms by 25th August.

Term 3 Events

Don't forget our annual Book Fair will be held in Week 4. This year a theatre performance based on four of The Children's Book Council short listed books will be held in the same week, as part of our Book Week celebrations. There will be no book character parade this year. A separate note will come home to let you know the Book Fair viewing and buying times for each class, and also to ask for help with sales as in previous years.

We are running low on plastic bags again, so if you have any at home you would like to get rid of, please send them in.

Many thanks as always for your support.
Mrs. Shirley King & Mrs. Tracy Hunt
Library Staff

GENERAL NEWS

Catholic School Parents Forum: Learning for today's world

Wednesday 1 September 2010 7.00 pm for 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Tea and coffee served on arrival) Holy Spirit Primary, 7 Todd Row, St Clair Q & A panel-style format. Panel includes executive director of schools, Greg Whitby, a principal, teacher and parent from the Parramatta Diocese and educators from outside the diocese.

Topics

What does contemporary learning and teaching look like?

How can personalising student learning cater to the diverse needs of all students?

How does teacher collaboration improve teacher quality?

How does contemporary learning impact on the learning environment? (e.g. need for flexible learning spaces, acoustics, classroom management, etc)?

Does the educational research support this approach?

RSVP and submit a question online by 25 August via www.parra.catholic.edu.au

The panel facilitator will select a range of questions in each topic area for the panel to respond to and, time-permitting, questions from the floor will also be accepted. Any unanswered questions on the website will be responded to following the panel.

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRIFICIAL GIVING" ENVELOPES

There are still envelopes awaiting collection from the back of the church by families who donate regularly in this way. Please collect them. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes for your family but have not registered, please call the parish office. Credit card facilities are available from the parish office.



PRC NEWS

This Friday we will be having the first of 3 multi-day to collect items for our Fair which will be held on Friday 22 October 2010.

Friday 30 July, the children may wear mufti clothes in exchange for a full can of soft drink. These cans must be a brand i.e. Coke, Sprite etc. We will be collecting these cans to sell at the Fair. The cans will be collected from both of the school entry points.

Thank you

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Year 1 Mum's Dinner

When: Thursday 5th August
Time: 7.30pm
Please call Kathy Campbell for further details 0409 032 544



General Parent Meeting

The next General Meeting for the PRC will be held on Tuesday 3rd August 2010 at 7.00pm in the school library. Please come along to the meeting so that your views can be heard.

BIRTHDAY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating Birthdays
Wed 28/07/2010 - Tues 03/08/2010

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| Ainslie Mitchell | Alexander McKenna |
| Alana Berry | Ella Gore |
| Tamara Blair | Georgia Quick |
| Cooper Edwards | Matthew Freeman |
| Chloe Bromage | Jarvis Hadden |
| Matthew Sheehan | Tamara Mallick |
| Mitchell D'Costa | Jacqueline Watters |



Seasons for Growth



Just a reminder to parents that Seasons for Growth will commence in Week 3 Term 3 and will be facilitated by Mrs Gilmour and Mr Platt who have received special training in the use of this program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate, please contact Mrs Callan REC as soon as possible.

SOFTBALL

Interested in playing Softball—then why not join St Michael's Softball Club. Registration Day 1 Aug 2010, 11am-1pm at Bella Vista Oval, Crown Terrace, Bella Vista or visit our website www.stmichaels.softball.org.au. For further information please call 9837 2052

CANTEEN CORNER

NEW MENU ITEMS FOR TERM 3

This term the canteen has some new products available.

WATERMELON WHIZZ - \$1.00
(fresh watermelon juice frozen)

FROZEN STRAWBERRY BITES - 50c bag(frozen strawberry pieces)

VOLCANO ROLL \$3.90
(lunch roll filled with bolognaise sauce and topped with melted cheese)

A Special thank you to all the Mums who responded to assist this Friday. It was overwhelming and we are truly thankful.

However we are still in need of volunteers for this Thursday 29 July. If you can spare some time it would be greatly appreciated.

As of this week Kym will now be working Wednesdays and Fridays, while Karen will be working Mon only. Could all enquiries please be directed to the appropriate person.

Please Note: Burgerman chips are no longer available and will be replaced by Cheese Balls 50c per pack.

As always we are on the lookout for new volunteers for the canteen. This week we will be sending home a **volunteer registration form**. Please keep in mind that volunteering is a great way to help our school.

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 3

Monday 2 August	Tuesday 3 August	Wednesday 4 August	Thurs 5 August	Friday 6 August
Michelle Iacono Michelle Westley Rebecca Robb Sandra Blair	Sue Mifsud Sharon Rowe Kara Levy Renai Bone	Michelle Gilmour Nicole White Michelle Newman Amanda Wright PM	Rachel McKenna Sandra Camilleri At least one more helper needed	Sue Huxley Michelle Raggio Christine Elias Rosemary Aguis Rebecca Cassar Jodie Jefferson