



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

The reconciliation program for this year has begun with the registration masses held on the weekend and the information night held last night.

Congratulations to the children who are entering into this sharing of the faith. This is a special time to begin their journey and special thanks to the parents who are taking part to help the children share and understand God's love of each of us.

What a wonderful opportunity to share the caring love and ever forgiving nature of God. Best wishes to all taking part including the Sacramental Team.

I am conscious that we have many students participating in extra-curricular sporting events – congratulations to all who have participated and well done on their achievements. Congratulations also to all the parents who spend extensive time helping their children to receive these results.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

John Spradbrow



TAKE TIME

*Take time to THINK....
it is the source of power.
Take time to PLAY....
it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to READ....
it is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to PRAY....
it is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to LOVE and BE LOVED....
it is a God-given privilege.*



*Take time to BE FRIENDLY....
it is the road to happiness
Take time to LAUGH....
it is the music of the soul.
Take time to GIVE.....
it is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to WORK.....
it is the price of success.
Take time to DO CHARITY....
it is the key to heaven.*

(Treasury of Prayer)

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 30 March 2011 - School Cross Country (new date)

Friday 8 April 2011 - End Term 1

Saturday 16 April - Parish Working Bee

Thursday 28 April—Kindergarten Enrolment Information Evening at 7pm

Tuesday 14 June—School Photos



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

**Sunday April 3rd 2011 – 4th
Sunday of Lent - Year A**

Based on the Gospel

John 9:1-41

Much of Jesus' teaching was enabling people to "see" the truth about God and about themselves, and this Sunday's Gospel explores this whole issue of what is real blindness and what is real sight.

The scene is set by the reading from 1 Samuel, where God's way of looking is contrasted with the usual worldly habit of looking at the outward appearance rather than at the heart. God, however, is concerned with perceiving the heart of a person.

The man born blind has that openness of vision which allows him to recognize truth, righteousness and goodness when he meets it in the person of Jesus.

The Pharisees, on the other hand, are unaware of their spiritual blindness and do not recognize their need of fresh vision. That places them in a very poor position for learning about truth, because their closed perception acts like shutters, preventing the light of God's love and truth from entering. We are challenged to see and recognize our need for God to light up our lives.

Nikki Callan (REC)



LIBRARY LOOK

WOW!!!!

What a fantastic effort. With the Premier's Reading Challenge just underway and not finishing until the end of August, we have two fabulous students who have already finished the Challenge. Congratulations to Lauren Brown in Year 6 and Joseph Nashed in Year 4. There are also another 70 students who have started to record their books online. Well done and keep reading through the holidays. A big thank you to the wonderful Mrs. Hunt for getting everyone registered and creating the PRC bookmarks.



Keep up to date with all the latest news via the library blog:
www.wonderfulremark.wordpress.com
Mrs. Julie Walter (Teacher-Librarian)

MOTHERS DAY 2011

Mother's Day is on May 8 and takes place soon after returning back from school holidays in Term II. This means that the P&F committee will need to prepare the annual Mother's Day gifts before the end of Term I. The P&F committee will be taking a new approach to Mothers Day for 2011. There will be no Mothers Day stall this year. Instead, students will be able to view the items available for Mothers Day in advance and order the items they wish to purchase. This will enable siblings to come together and discuss their selections as well as discuss it at home with parents. The gifts will go on display on **Thursday 31st March** in the office window as well as on the school website. An order form will also be going home with each student on Thursday 31st March. Please keep an eye out for the form. Forms can start to be returned to the office with payment on **Monday 4th April**. As some gifts will be very popular, students are encouraged to return the form with payment ASAP from Monday 4th to avoid missing out on their selection. **Gifts will be \$8 each.** Any mothers available to help in packing the gifts on Wednesday 4th May or handing gifts out to students on Thursday 5th May can ring Anna on 0425216420 or leave your contact details at the office and Anna will make contact with you.



ENRICHMENT NEWS

WRITE FOR FUN

Write for Fun is a writing competition open to students. They can either write a poem or a short story.



Due to popular demand they have EXTENDED the closing date for the Write4fun Poetry & Short Story Writing Competition to April 6th, 2011! That's right..... you still have time to enter!!! Students from all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories OR poems and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer!

FOR FURTHER DETAILS and CONDITIONS GO TO
<http://www.write4fun.net/>

THE PRIZES

There are 2 categories (Poetry and Short Story) and these prizes are awarded in EACH category:

1st \$1000 CASH and YOUR CHOICE of a:

Nintendo Wii + Game

Sony Digital Camera + 1GB memory card

8GB Apple Ipod Nano + \$100 music card

Nintendo DS + 1 games

2nd \$250 CASH

3rd \$150 CASH



UNSW Competition

details

Keep these dates in your diary for the competitions – A reminder will be put in the newsletter the week before.

Competition Dates

Computing Skills	Tuesday 24th May
Science	Wednesday 8th June
English	Tuesday 2nd August
Mathematics	Tuesday 16th August

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

STATE SWIMMING—GOLD AT STATE—TOMMASO!



Leo Durocher once wrote “The nice guys are all over there. In 7th place” Since then it has been simplified to “Nice guys finish last!”

Well in 2010 our nice guy did finish 7th (in the 50m BRS/) But nice guys don’t have to finish there and don’t want to!

That’s what Tommaso proved on Monday at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championship at Homebush.

In the past 12months Tommaso has been determined to improve on his 2010 result. His early mornings, dedication to training, his parents support and talent have paved the way to yesterday success.

With a blinding 37.33sec in the heats (a P.B by 2 secs) everything looked good for the finals.... And it was Tommaso led for nearly all of the race, coming home to win the gold medal in 12/13’s 50m Breaststroke at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships in 37.46 and thus secured a trip to Melbourne in July to the National Championships.

Tommaso has been a fantastic role model for all our swimmers and school as a whole over the past 4 years. He is always modest in success, humble in defeat and leads by example to others. His achievement is so well deserved—it couldn’t happen toa nicer guy!!

Congratulations Tommaso and on behalf of OLOR thank you for your contribution to our school community.

To our fabulous relay teams.....

Our Junior Girls swam a P.B in their relay heat. It didn’t get them into the final but overall they were placed 13th in the State!

Congratulations Emily Mooney, Kaitlyn Rozic, Maddie Martinuzzo and Lizzie Raggio.

Our Senior Boys of Matthew Freeman, Cameron D’Costa, Ben Wilson and Tommaso De Battista had some serious competition in their heats. But they can be very proud of their efforts—25th in the State.

In all OLOR has never had such a successful season in the pool—our results have been outstanding. Congratulations to all our swimmers for your hard work and thank you to your parents for their continued support.

SPECIAL NOTE: *The final carnivals of the year serve to remind of how very fortunate most of us are. On Monday one of the many students with a disability who competed was Sophie Delezio. **Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will. Mahatma Gandhi***

Please Note: Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union Gala Day / Trials has been moved to FRIDAY 20 MAY at Nepean Rugby Park, Andrew Road Penrith (Cranebrook)

Joel Scaramella (SH) is currently in Year 6. On Sunday 27 March Joel competed at the NSW Taekwondo Autumn Championships at the State Sports Centre, Homebush and received a gold medal in the 12-13yrs black belt division. Great preparation for his invited training trip to the Philippines in July. He will then return to compete for the National Selections in August. Congratulations and best of luck.



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

Congratulations and Thank You

Thank to all those wonderful families that made donations to our recent appeal for the flood victims in Ingham. Our target was \$1,000 and to date we have raised \$669.80. Any families who would still like to make a small donation are welcome to do so by contacting the office.

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BIRTHDAY NEWS
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Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating Birthdays Wed 30 / 3 /2011 - Tues 5 / 4/2011:
 Ellen Moore Jack Mylott
 James Waters Tiffanie Djajaputra
 Ashley Connolly Ella Whelan
 Tina Aganovic Alicia Vassallo
 Caleb Ashton Jude Murdoch



MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC WALK
Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the Breast Cancer BBQ fundraiser held on the weekend. In excess of \$1, 097 was raised for such an extremely worthy cause.

GENEROUS SUPPORT
A huge thank you to Helen Kelava (Rouse Hill Soul Pattinson Chemist) for generously donating a wonderful basket of gifts to be raffled for Mother's Day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION PARENTS - PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNLESS YOU HAVE MADE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE OFFICE. WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF NEAR ACCIDENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN AND RANDOM CARS DRIVING INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS BOTH IN THE MORNING AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SCHOOL DAY. THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN MUST COME FIRST.


CANTEEN CORNER

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to Angie Wilson and Helen Kelava for volunteering in the canteen on Thursday 31/3/11. Sadly we were going to close the canteen for the day due to lack of volunteers but thanks to these two very lovely ladies canteen will be open at lunch time as usual.




LAST WEEK FOR SUSHI



This will be the last week for SUSHI until Term 4. So please put your orders into the office on THURSDAY for lunch on FRIDAY.

Canteen is slowing stock orders for the Easter School Holidays so as of Monday 4 April please include a SECOND CHOICE for all lunch orders. Thank you

Sushi available \$2.80	Sushi Lunch Boxes \$5.00 ea
Tuna and cucumber roll.	Tuna and cucumber or Chicken teriyaki or
Chicken teriyaki roll.	Mini combo (tuna cucumber and carrot)
Vegetable roll.	
Sweet chilli chicken roll.	



If anyone is available to help on days we are short please phone Kym—0430 753 382. If you are unavailable on your rostered day could you please give advance warning if possible.

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 11				
Monday 4 April	Tuesday 5 April	Wednesday 6 April	Thursday 7 April	Friday 8 April
Michelle Westley	Kara Levy	Amanda Wright	Angela Wilson	Sue Ellen Roberts
Michelle Iacano	Sharon Rowe	Michelle Gilmore	Helen Kelava	Katrina Littlefield
Rebecca Robb	Sue Misfud	Nicole White		Rosemary Aguis
		Michele Newman		Jo Aboud
				(1 more helper please)