

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

I hope that in the last couple of weeks there has been some time for rest, family and reflection.

Thankyou parents and children for the Easter gifts and wishes presented to the staff. Your generosity is appreciated by all of us.

I came across an Easter card with the words, "We are an Easter people and alleluia is our cry." These are the words of St. Augustine and he was highlighting for us the reality that God is in the here and now. We tell each other often that God lives in each one of us. God also lives in our everyday experiences. The Alleluia that has returned to our prayers from Sunday, is our reminder that Jesus is alive and that we are Alleluia people.

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Catholic Schools Week.

The annual celebration of our school system is next week. All Catholic Schools in New South Wales are focussing on the theme 'A Learning Adventure, a Journey of Faith'. I hope that you feel that OLOR provides a faith based learning adventure for your children. We will have classroom focus each day on what makes OLOR special and invite you to celebrate with us at our whole school mass on Friday May 6th at 9.15am in the parish church.

Bus Behaviour.

I mentioned last term that I was concerned about the reports of inappropriate behaviour on the buses. I have had numerous complaints from parents, members of the public, another school and some drivers.

I believe that we can change this situation with a joint effort involving students, parents, drivers and school staff.

I am going to meet with the students who catch school buses to ensure that they are aware of their obligations and what constitutes inappropriate behaviour.

Could I ask that you speak with your children about your expectations for their safe travel on buses? The link below outlines the Department of Transport requirements for safe travel.

Thank you for your help with this.

<http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/forms-brochures.html>

Mobile phones at school.

I am asking that students look after their own mobile phones from now on if they wish to bring them to school. If students wish to bring their phone to school and have it with them I would ask that:

- phones are turned off during class time
- children seek the help of staff during school time and not phone mum or dad to resolve school based issues
- the phones be used in an appropriate way
- parents and students be aware that I am unable to guarantee the safety of any personal property that is brought to school and this applies to mobile phones.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about phones, bus behaviour or any other issues.

Staff changes

Mrs Climpson is on leave for the first six weeks of this term, we wish her well as she takes an extended break. Welcome to Mrs Liz Ansted who is replacing Ann for this time. Welcome back Mrs Galbraith we hope that you enjoyed your time away.

Welcome to Mrs Ryan who will be working with Mrs Gardiner on Year One. Mrs Ryan will take the class on Fridays.

Best wishes,

John Spradbrow

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 27 April - **Term 2 Begins. Welcome back.**

Thursday 28 April—Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2—Easter Hat Parade at 9am.

Thursday 28 April—Kindergarten Enrolment Information Evening at 7pm

Thursday 5 May—OLOR School Tour/Meet the Principal at 9.15am

Friday 6 May—OLOR Whole School Mass at 9.15am—All welcome

Monday 16 May—Change over to Winter Uniform

Tuesday 14 June—School Photos



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

**Sunday May 1st 2011 - 2nd
Sunday of Easter– Year A**

Based on the Gospel

John 20: 19-31

The Gospel this Sunday tells of a very anxious group of people, terrified of the Jewish authorities even though they are, apart from Thomas at this stage, convinced that Jesus is alive.

What Jesus does is to reassure them by his visible and tangible presence. When someone we love has died, and our life seems thrown up in the air and is slowly falling to pieces around us, what we crave is for things to be back to normal again.

Jesus understands this and provides his friends with the reassuring presence they need. Then he breathes into them. The breath is what gives the disciples the power of new life. Like Jesus, they are sent out to tell the good news with confidence in the living spirit of Jesus.

Thomas was scared. He was scared, like many of us, of being taken for a ride – of belief being only wish fulfillment. Thomas asked for proof and John tells us in the Gospel this Sunday that he has recorded these signs to help us believe.

Jesus acknowledges the faith of those, including us, who do not have the benefit of visual and tactile sightings of Jesus, and yet are still able to believe in him and share his risen life.

Nikki Callan (REC)



GENERAL NEWS



Important Reminder

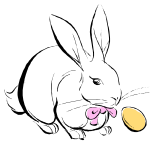
Kindergarten Enrolment Information Evening will be held Thursday 28 April at 7pm in the OLOR St Bonaventure Hall.

In addition on Thursday 5 May OLOR will be holding a school tour / meet with the Principal, starting at 9.15am from the school office. All new families are welcome.

Easter Hat Parade



OLOR will be holding an Easter Hat Parade for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 28 April 2011 at 9am. Infants are asked to bring an Easter Hat from home. All parents are welcome.



Mother's Day Raffle

Coming soon . . . our fantastic Mother's Day Raffle with great prizes to win including luxurious skincare hamper, Vera Wang gift, Pandora bracelet and more. Tickets are \$1 each and will go on sale in Term 2. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 6 May 2011. Keep a lookout for more details for your chance to win one of our fantastic prizes.

ENRICHMENT NEWS



DEBATING

We are participating in the Interschool debating again this year. I am proud to announce that the following students will form part of the debating team.

Simon Gosper, Claudia Catalamotto, Branden Corcoran, Lauren Brown, Jessica Cabral, Samantha Choy, Matthew Freeman, Winter Kofron, Keshni Rajeevan, Emily Rozic, Cameron D'Costa, Christian Juric, Kristianne Fernandez, Tommaso DeBattista and Jessica Martinuzzo. I congratulate these students for being selected and wish them well as they prepare each week for their debates. Our first debate will be on Friday week 3 against St Michael's Baulkham Hills and the topic we will be debating is "That all Children Should Own Pets".

CHESS

Chess lessons will begin on Wednesday morning in week 2. The students are to meet me at the front gate at 7.50am. Parents should wait with students until I arrive as this ensures their safety as no one will be supervising them. If you have not paid your money for the lessons, can you please do so by Friday 29th April.



Regards
Joanna DelVecchio

MOTHERS DAY 2011

Mother's Day is coming fast....it is next week-end. Have you got your present organised?? Don't forget grandma.... she's a mum too. Don't forget that you can purchase a Mother's Day gift for \$8. All you need to do is have a look in the office window at the gifts available, choose your present and fill in the order form that you can get from the office. Hand in the order form along with money to the office by Tuesday 3rd May. **HURRY.** Popular gifts are running out. 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.



SPORTS SPECTACULAR

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to our 48 representatives who are competing in Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek next Tuesday 3rd May.

Just a reminder that our first race is at 10am and athletes are expected to be at the Raceway by 9.15am. We still need volunteers to help on the day, so if you could give up some of your time it would be greatly appreciated as we need to make the day safe and successful.



Please remember:

- ◆ Cars enter through gate 2 at a cost of \$4 per car
- ◆ OLOR will sit on the ED sections of the grandstand (Hills Zone)
- ◆ All children should be encouraged to drink 500ml-1 litre of water at least 30minutes—1 hour before running
- ◆ Make sure your children eat a good breakfast
- ◆ If your son/daughter has been unwell in the week leading up to the Cross Country, please seriously consider their participation. Please bring necessary medication for your children.

Our superstars are listed below—Representative shirts will be given out on Monday and should be returned to Mrs Harvey before leaving Eastern Creek.

Harrison Johnston, Thomas Spillane, Blayke Pettersen, Cooper Price, Roko Pecar, Liam Finucane, Emily Mooney, Dahlia Haddad, Sinead Leahy, Sinead Dunphy, Maddison Martinuzzo, Lauren Deberardinis, Ben Wesley, Jared Roberts, Dane Papenhuyzen, Zachary Creagh, Byron Ginn, Kyle Pearce, Olivia Kalocsai, Elana Chessa, Phoebe Hunt, Tiarne Ekstrom, Lauren Mooney, Elizabeth Staples, Paolo Bonanni, Luke Ferris, Lachlan Charwood, William Quick, Jesse Macnaughton, Aidan Noor, Paige Millingham, Natalie Banno, Georgia Goodfellow, Emily Baffico, Chelsea McDonald, Emma Bragg, Nathan Belcastro, Matthew Stillen, Tim Hyde, Aaron Creagh, Tommaso DeBattista, Joel Scaramella, Emily Rozic, Chloe Bromage, Tayla Fraser, Sophie Martin, Esther Cao and Sarah Elias.

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PARISH INFORMATION



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Celebration of First Reconciliation will be on 10th, 11th or 12th May at 7.30 pm

Rehearsal

Friday April 29th at 4pm in the Parish Church



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The OLOR community would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Bosco family. Vince's mother sadly passed away during the holiday break.

Also our sympathy goes out to Mrs Swan's family whose mother in law passed away on Easter Sunday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families during this difficult time.

