



# NEWSLETTER

## Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

This week all Catholic Schools in New South Wales are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This special week is intended to focus attention on the work of catholic schools, the partnership we have with parents and our parish community.

The theme this year is A Learning Adventure, A Journey of Faith. We have planned a different focus for each day this week. I hope the children have been sharing our focus points with you.

We began our week on Monday with a special assembly and role-play. Ask the children to share with you the news of our special visitor. The focus for Monday was the name of our school, the role Mary has in our parish and school.

On Tuesday we watched a presentation about the names, mottos and crests of the catholic schools around us and considered the place of religious symbols in the story of our schools.

Today our focus is on the prayer life of our school, our RE lessons and what we have learnt about God, our Parish Priest and our liturgical celebrations.

Tomorrow we will focus on the role of the Friars and the Sisters of Mercy in the founding of our school and the role of religious orders in founding some of the schools around us.

On Friday we will celebrate as a Catholic community the special nature of our school and the Catholic School System. We invite you to join us for mass at 9.15am. You are then invited to visit your child's class and have morning tea with them.

After recess we will get back to the normal routines of school.

Thank you for choosing Our Lady of the Rosary School to assist you in the Learning Adventure and Journey in Faith of your children. We appreciate the trust you extend to us.

Best wishes,

John Spradbrow

### IMPORTANT DATES

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

Friday 6 May— OLOR Whole School Mass at 9.15am followed by open  
classroom visit—All welcome

**Monday 16 May— Change over to Winter Uniform**

**Friday 3 June— Pupil free day**

**Tuesday 14 June— School Photos**



# RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

## Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A Based on the Gospel Luke 24:13-35

In this Sunday's gospel reading, the two disciples are on the road, grieving and confused. They are walking away from Jerusalem towards the town of Emmaus where they lived.

Jesus walks along in the same direction leading them patiently and carefully to see the hints and clues in the Scriptures which point to the necessity for the Messiah to suffer and die before being glorified. When they near their home, Jesus gives them the option of taking his words thus far and no further. He never forces his company on us. But the disciples can't bear to part from him now.

Jesus breaks bread with them and it is at this point that they suddenly realize who he is, at which moment he no longer needs to be visible to them.

They rush straight back to Jerusalem in their joy and excitement. With us, too, Jesus draws alongside and helps us understand the words of scripture. He gives us the option of walking with him no further. And whenever we invite him to stay, he comes in and shares bread with us. Whenever we meet together and break bread in Jesus' name, Jesus is there in person among us and very often that presence is almost tangible as we sense his love and his peace.

Nikki Callan (REC)



# GENERAL NEWS

## CAMERAS FOR SENIORS

As some of you may be aware our senior students have recently formed a film group and are very keen to create some creative masterpieces to enter in various upcoming short film competitions.



Prior to OLOR purchasing any film equipment for this group we are seeking support from our families who may wish to sell or donate cameras, video cameras, tripods, microphones, boom poles etc.



If you can assist in any way could you please contact Mr Platt at school on 96292566.

## Parent Effectiveness Training (P.E.T.)

A parent effectiveness training course will commence in the local area in mid May.

It will be conducted by Leo Keegan an accredited instructor with the *Effectiveness Training Institute of Australia*. Leo is also an experienced educator with 30 years' experience working with children, parents and teachers.

Bookings are essential. For more information or to enroll contact Leo on: **0407 238 389**

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School fees are being forwarded this week and are due **1 June 2011**. We have included in Term 2 fees the Excursion/ Performance/ Workshop fee and this covers—Swim Carnival, Athletics Carnival, Speakers/Author Book Week, OLOR Day, Musica Viva, Voice of Youth and Class Excursion. Should there be other activities later in the year these will be billed separately.

Also in 2010 the OLOR Day was cancelled by the Performers due to unforeseen family circumstances. In this regards families from Year 1-6 have not been charged for OLOR day this year as we have carried the fee over into 2011.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Harris-Walker in the office. Thank you.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to the McDonald family on the birth of their new baby girl Eden Rose. A beautiful little sister for Chelsea

## 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.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Congratulations to all the OLOR families who have contributed to Project Compassion this year. To date we have raised \$878.90. Thank you for your generous support.

## MOTHERS DAY REMINDER

Mother's day gift will be handed out on Thursday morning. Any parent available to assist would be greatly appreciated. Could all volunteers please arrive at 9am. Gift will still be available for purchase on Thursday and Friday at the cost of \$8. Please remember only limited stock is now available. Any further inquiries please contact Anna 0425216420. Thank you for your support.



# SPORTS SPECTACULAR

## DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY



The weather was gloomy ...the runners were not! Yesterday 46 of our students competed at the Diocesan Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek in great spirits. With every race having between 100-150 competitors our results were fantastic.

With so many of our runners having been there before, their improvement over the years has been terrific to see. Many have their own private goals to make the team, (just to wear our representative shirts); to improve on previous results; to gain selection for Inter-diocesan; just to show Mum/Dad that “I can run” or to actually win an event!

Everyone of our competitors should be very proud of their achievements as to run in this event is quite daunting—not having seen the track before, racing so many other runners and over such distances.

Congratulations to all our runners—results are below and those highlighted will go on to Inter-diocesan on 3 June (pupil free day) -11 in total.

Thank you to all our parents who offered to help and assisted with lifts. To Mrs Walsh and Mrs Hunt for marshalling and to our wonderful photographer and sustenance supplier Mrs Haddad.

A special mention needs to go to our 8/9 Girls team, 4 of whom came in the top 8. Well Done. Olivia Kaloscai, Elana Chessa, Phoebe Hunt and Lauren Mooney. And to Sophie Martin who WON the girls 12 years!.....Miss Determination. Congratulations . Thank you Mrs Harvey

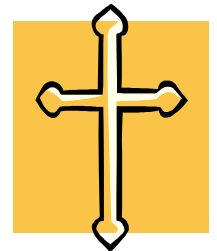
Harrison Johnston (16), Thomas Spillane (32), **Blayke Pettersen (8)**, **Cooper Price (33)**, **Roko Pecar(75)**, **Liam Finucane (71)**, **Emily Mooney (5)**, **Dahlia Haddad (6)**, **Sinead Leahy (9)**, **Sinead Dunphy (18)**, **Elizabeth Raggio (74)**, **Lauren Deberardinis (17)**, **Ben Wesley (6)**, **Jared Roberts (20)**, **Dane Papenhuyzen (15)**, **Zachary Creagh (DNF)**, **Byron Ginn (45)**, **Nicholas Littlefield (83)**, **Olivia Kalocsai (2)**, **Elana Chessa(4)**, **Phoebe Hunt (7)**, **Tiarne Ekstrom (68)**, **Lauren Mooney (8)**, **Elizabeth Staples (80)**, **Paolo Bonanni (9)**, **Luke Ferris (13)**, **Lachlan Charlwood (34)**, **William Quick (29)**, **Jesse Macnaughton (28)**, **Aidan Noor (31)**, **Paige Millingham (42)**, **Natalie Banno (60)**, **Georgia Goodfellow (38)**, **Chelsea McDonald (57)**, **Emma Bragg (65)**, **Nathan Belcastro (7)**, **Matthew Stillen (69)**, **Tim Hyde (32)**, **Aaron Creagh (45)**, **Tommaso DeBattista (61)**, **Joel Scaramella (14)**, **Emily Rozic (6)**, **Chloe Bromage (10)**, **Tayla Fraser (DNF)**, **Sophie Martin (1)**, **Sarah Elias (51)**.

## Catholic Schools Week Prayer

Dear Lord

Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Catholic schools. It is a time to give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom. We acknowledge and thank all who work in the service of Catholic education to create the opportunities for students that allow them to grow and thrive.

We thank you for  
the wisdom and understanding of teachers  
the enthusiasm and energy of students  
the leadership of school principals and executive staff  
the skill, care and commitment of administrative and support staff  
the guidance of our pastors and religious leaders  
the support and partnership of parents, carers and local communities.



We pray that each student’s learning journey be inspired by a search for your wisdom and truth.  
We pray that we never take for granted the learning opportunities that we have all been given, and that we use the gifts of learning wisely and responsibly.  
We ask that we use what we have learnt to create a better world for all the people, particularly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

