Greetings!

Welcome to Term 3. I hope the break in “school week routines” was a relief.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to St. Antoinette Doyle who is joining our school staff today. Sr. Antoinette is a Sister of Mercy and will be working with us three days a week in the role of Home School Liaison.

Sr. Antoinette has extensive school and parish experience and will happily “lend an ear” to assist with any school issues. More about Sr. Antoinette and her role later; in the mean time feel free to welcome her as you see her around the school.

Do you like the story of the Good Samaritan? We heard this story again last Sunday. What images and questions come up for you when you hear the story? It is so easy to be judgemental and think negatively about those who did not stop to help. The challenge in the reading is to look differently at the question “Who is my neighbour?”

We are trying to explore with the children what this looks like in the playground or classroom. Is our neighbour also the child we don’t like or don’t know? The reading is also a call to be generous even when the cost is high. It is not always easy to present the Face of Jesus to others.

Could you share with your children your thoughts about the reading and what you find challenging. Perhaps you could point out to your children the times when you have seen them being a Good Samaritan. Perhaps they could share with you a time when they could have done more to be a “Good Samaritan.” I hope you enjoy the discussion.

This weekend many of the children from our school will enroll in the Parish Sacramental program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Congratulations to these children and their parents. We wish you well and will remember you in our prayers over the coming weeks.

Marian College
I would just like to assure parents that contrary to rumour, Marian College is the feeder school for OLOR, Kellyville and is following the normal enrolment policy for our Diocese.

Best Wishes
John Spradbrow

Some information for you

During last term we had a number of occasions when some of the student toilets were not useable because students had thrown drink bottles, sticks and sometimes food (including whole lunches in their plastic bags) into the bowls. No one likes having to use messy toilets and it isn’t pleasant for those who need to clean them.

We have been discussing this issue with the children and we are asking them to help us to keep the toilets as clean as possible.

Over the last couple of months, Mr Bosco has been replacing the locks on the toilet doors with locks that meet the current safety requirements. We are also trying to ensure that all faults are repaired as soon as possible. Please let us know if you are aware of any issues that need attention.

IMPORTANT RE: CAR PARK

There have been a number of parents who have raised concerns about car park safety issues as a number of parents are driving into the school grounds and are parking in the car park in the mornings and afternoons.

Please be aware that unless you have permission from Mr Spradbrow no-one is to park in the grounds or in the car park. Permission may be granted on medical grounds.

Could you please alert anyone in your family or anyone who drops off or picks up your children at OLOR to our parking arrangements.

Thank you for your co-operation.

IMPORTANT DATES 2013

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BOOK WEEK 2013

Welcome to another busy term. Just a note for your diaries. Book Week will be in Week 6. We will be holding our Book Fair from Friday 16th August and will advise the Buying timetable in the next couple of weeks, as well as a request for helpers. Our Book Parade will be held on Tuesday 20th August and as always, please don’t feel pressured to go to a lot of effort or expense. The Book Week theme this year is “Read Across the Universe”. We are very lucky this year to have both Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner for our author visit, so have a look for any books by these authors/illustrator you may have at home that your child would like signed. More information will be coming in the following weeks regarding Book Week activities.

We only have 6 weeks to go until the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year. So far we have had a fairly poor completion rate, so please remember, if your child/ren is wishing to complete the challenge this year, all the titles they have read need to be entered online and a signed permission note returned for validation by Friday 23rd August.

We are very fortunate to now have shelves full of beautiful new readers to start the term, with thanks to our very generous parents who were able to come and cover books in the last week of term.

Mrs Julie Walter – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Tracy Hunt – Library Assistant

CADBURY FREDDO FROG FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to all families that have already sent in their chocolate money. Just a reminder that all money is due in THIS FRIDAY 19th July.

If you feel that you are unable to sell any or all of the box, please send them into the office as we do have families that are able to sell additional boxes.

Thanks again!
Margaret and Catherine
P&F Fundraising Co Ordinators.

SKOOLBAG

OLOR has recently implemented the use of Skoolbag School iPhone App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community by sending notifications to your iPhone.

We are asking for parents/students to install this free Skoolbag School App as soon as possible.

To install it, just look for our school name “Our Lady of the Rosary Primary, Kellyville” in the Apple App Store, and install it on your iPhone.

For those parents who do not have an iPhone please find below the Google apps link for android phones.

**SPORTS SPECTACULAR**

**Netball Gala Day**
Tuesday 23rd July 2013

**Soccer Gala Day**
30th July 2013   Boys  
31st July 2013   Girls

**Zone Athletics**
15 August 2013. A note will be sent home this week.  

Many Thanks  
Mrs Vicki Harvey

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

The OLOR community would like to congratulate Dahlia Haddad on being selected to represent NSW at the National Primary Schools Association soccer championships in Brisbane in September.

Dahlia was recognised for her outstanding performance throughout the recent school carnival and is consider a wonderful asset to her team.

Best of luck Dahlia

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**WEEKEND TO END WOMEN’S CANCERS**

Thanks to the amazing generosity of so many people within the OLOR community.

To date we have raised approximately $4,000.

If anyone is able to help us raise much needed funds for this cause, either by a personal donation, or if you know of any businesses you can forward the details onto, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see the link below to donate.

http://sy13.endcancer.org.au - click on Donate, type in our team name Darling Hearts, and search. You can either donate online or print out a donations form.

With Many Thanks  
Tracy Hunt and Helen Gilmour

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**Oakhill Gala Day**

Oakhill Gala Day to be held at Oakhill College this month on Saturday 20 July. It will be held on the College grounds, Old Northern Road Castle Hill, and run between 9am and 4pm.

This will be the 6th Annual Gala Day at the College, building on the success of the last five years. As usual, the event will be widely publicised in local media and the local area and will feature Home games for Rugby, Soccer, Tennis and Netball at the College on the day, plus a wide range of activities including:

- For the first time this year we will be running a market with a wide variety of products on display for sale including homewares, jewellery, fashion, arts & crafts and much more!
- For the young and the young at heart we have some hair raising rides to get your blood pumping including the Giant Slide, Hurricane, Rocking Tug and Sizzler;
- You can't have a gala day without food! This year we will have a cafe, BBQ, Spit Roast, Fresh Corn on the Cob, Pies, Coffee Carts, Mr Whippy, cake stall and this year we are excited to welcome Mojo Picon with their chorizos and garlic prawns;
- For those who haven't yet visited the Oakhill farm, and for those who have and love it, some of our resident furry friends will be on display.

Two of our key objectives for the day are to:

- Create a fun social day for parents, students, their families and visitors to the College;
- Strengthen Community Bonds.

The day showcases all that is great at Oakhill and takes on very much a carnival atmosphere to be enjoyed by all.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

A huge congratulations to both the Bordador family and the Schwebel family on the birth of their new little addition.

A baby brother for Dakota (4P) and a baby brother baby for Danielle (5C) and Lara (3DR).

God Bless.
SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees are being forwarded early next week and would appreciate payment of fees by the due date – 19 August 2013.

As previously advised the Swim Program will be billed in Term 3 for Years 1, 2, 3, and 4 which will take place in Term 4.

Please note that this amount was not included in the total school fees billed at the beginning of the year. If you had made arrangements at the beginning of the year to pay fees through the Flexible Payment Plan, Bpay instalments, or other regular payment methods, the amount for the Swim Program would not have been included in these arrangements.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Fran Harris-Walker on 9629 2566 should you have any queries regarding this.

Thank you

CANTEEN CORNER

Reminder:

The OLOR School canteen will now be open from 8.30am each morning and will be serving hot chocolate and selected breakfast items such as Up & Go, fruit, muffins etc.

In addition we are requesting that children drop off their lunch orders directly to the canteen between 8.30 – 8.45am. The aim is to help reduce morning classroom disruptions. Thank you for your support.

Faith in Marriage

A Conference about Marriage for Couples

Sunday 15th September 2013 • 8.45am – 5.00pm
Our Lady of Mercy College, Victoria Road Parramatta

The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society. Speakers share their insights, observations and experiences for building and enriching marriages.

PROGRAM

8.45 – 9.05 Registration

9.05 – 9.30 Opening Prayer and Welcome by Eam and Tim Arrows

9.30 – 9.45 Official presentation of Keynote Speaker from St. Patrick’s, Sydney, CatholicCare, Social Services

9.45 – 10.05 Introduction to The Realistic Marriage Lecture by Ms Jean Reid

10.05 – 10.45 Ray-Ban Memorial Lecture on the Gifts and Graces of Marriage presented by Ms Charmer/Art Therapy, Father Off, Bishop of Parramatta

10.45 – 11.00 Morning Tea

11.00 – 11.25 Keynote address: Dr John Cremin (President Catherine College) on “The Deeper Meaning of Love in Marriage”

11.25 – 11.55 “Celebrating the Journey” Mass at St Pat’s Cathedral with Bishop Anthony Hackett OP

12.00 – 1.15 Lunch

1.15 – 1.30 Keynote address: Robin Moore

1.30 – 1.35 Keynote address: Professor Greg Coventry (Macquarie University - ACU)

1.35 – 2.00 Afternoon Tea

2.00 – 2.30 Panel discussion: Building Resilience in Marriage Panel include Francis Fracis, Professor Paul Dacre, ACU and Ann Cribben

4.00 – 4.30 Outing and Prayer

Cost: $50 per couple or $25 each for singles. Includes all activities to table lunches, morning and afternoon tea.

To register: email marriage@cross.org.au or phone (02) 9931 5522 by 15th August 2013.

Website: www.cccs.org.au

161 days til Christmas
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