Greetings!

Thank you to our P & F helpers for organising the Disco last Friday night. I am sorry that I was not there. From what I have heard the children enjoyed themselves. The organisation of events such as this takes lots of time and effort. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Yesterday we held our first Festival of Prayer. We have been planning for this event for some time. Sr. Patty Andrews has been working with the staff and helping us to explore different forms of prayer so that we could offer the children a range of prayer experiences.

During class time we offer the children the opportunity to pray as a class and sometimes as a school community. We mostly focus on our traditional prayers. Our Festival of Prayer was an opportunity to acknowledge the significance and importance of our traditional prayers and explore other forms of prayer in a deeper way. We hope that the children enjoyed the time and found some personal connection with the experiences offered. Some children had an opportunity to visit the Stations of the Cross at the Friary. They were very impressed; you may get a request to visit them on a weekend.

Some of the children have offered the following insights into the day:

- **God is our Protector & Hero (Group: Noah)**
- **You are strong and powerful, O God. You carry me gently and softly to safety (Group: Isaac)**
- **God is like a gigantic tree always protecting us with love and care (Group: Jacob)**
- **God loves us and cares for us and all creation. He holds the world in his hands (Group: Sarah)**
- **God, we need you. Let us celebrate your love and dance (Group: Moses)**

I hope that the children have been able to share something of the day with you.

During term two a number of our Year Six students entered the local Rotary Club essay competition. Philip Banno, Aidan Rogers and Kaitlyn Rozic were our finalists. On Monday night Kaitlyn was announced as the outright winner of the competition (a $500 prize for the school) and Aidan was awarded a High Commendation. Congratulations to these children on a wonderful effort.

Best Wishes

John Spradbrow
SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Good luck to our wonderful and talented athletes competing in the Zone Athletics Carnival tomorrow at Blacktown Olympic Park.

They include:
Emily Mooney  Hayden Attard
Lauren Mooney  Sara Bonacorso
Sheldon Mosely  Declan Bow
Luke Murray  Mitchell Brown
Dane Papenhuyzen  Camryn Casserly
Kyle Pearce  Noah Casserly
Jared Roberts  Elana Chessa
Joshua Roberts  Zach Creagh
Kaitlyn Rozic  Tiarne Ekstrom
Tanisha Sarno  Jessica Farlanga
Danielle Schwebel  Matthew Ferris
Lara Schwebel  Luca Flore
Alyssa Schylder  Sophie Gibbons
Kaylee Shannon  Phoebe Hunt
Thomas Sharrock  Mia Jefferson
Jonathon Sirry  Harrison Johnston
Nicholas Sirry  Olivia Kaloscai
Braith Sandy  Angeline Lu
Elizabeth Staples  Ben Manning
Nathan Thuaux  Brianna Marion
Matthew Van Biljon  Maddison Martinuzzo
Chris Watters  Dylan McWilliam
Mackenzie Wilson  Adam Meli
Abbie Willmott  Dahlia Haddad

RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

News from Sr Antoinette......

My apologies - I gave an incorrect email address last week. If you have any ideas or thoughts as to how I can be assist you and your child in my role here at OLOR please email me at a.doyle@parra.catholic.edu.au. Below is some more gems from Andrew Fuller’s article:

Use “I noticed” feedback
Parents can use “I noticed” feedback for positive and negative behaviours. The number of comments made to kids that begin with the phrase “I noticed”, shape behaviour powerfully. For example, “I noticed you like to draw”, “I noticed you are really trying hard to”, “I noticed you’re reading a good book”. Believe me, they will notice that you have noticed! Parents can use this to calmly draw attention to negative behaviours. For example, “I notice you are up when you are supposed to be asleep” or “I notice that you are feeling upset right now”. This gives kids a chance to explain their actions or comply with parents’ wishes.”

Andrew Fuller copyright

Thought for Reflection:

“From quiet homes and first beginnings out to the undiscovered ends. There’s nothing worth the wear of winning, but laughter and the love of friends”

Hilaire Belloc

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The OLOR community would like to express our deepest sympathy to the McMillan family.

Sadly Nellie McMillan’s (3DR) Great Grandmother passed away last week.

May our prayers be with you all at this sad time.

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER

This is a gentle reminder that Term 3 School Fees are due on 19th August 2013. Thank you to all those families who have finalised their fees for 2013.

If you have set-up a regular instalment payment plan to pay fees in 2013, as advised previously, the Swim Program of $70 for Year 1-4 would not have been included in your original calculations as this fee was only billed in Term 3.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Fran Harris-Walker should you not be able to pay your child/children’s school fees by the due date. Thank you
Parish Playgroup
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Playgroup has some vacancies available. Playgroup meets every Tuesday during school terms 8.45am-11.00am please contact Michelle Jones 0413 866 190 e-mail: iseeshell@gmail.com for enquiries.

FATHER’S DAY GIFTS

Father’s Day orders are flooding in! Just a reminder to please send your completed order form & money in an envelope marked “Father’s Day”. Orders are due to the office by Monday 26th August.

Extra order forms are available at the school office and on the website.

NOTE - GIFT 4 – DAD’s DESK SET is SOLD OUT

All gifts are on display in the school office.

LIBRARY LOOK

BOOK WEEK 2013

Don’t forget Book Week is next week. Our Book Fair arrives on Thursday this week, with the children having a look and writing out their wish lists either this Friday or next Monday. A note was sent home last week detailing information for Book Week, including days and times of each class’s buying times for the Book Fair and also requesting help for these time slots. The Book Parade is on the Tuesday 20th August. Please remember the parade is not meant to be a stressful experience, as long as the children are comfortable and have covered shoes. If you are able to pop in and help out with the book sales, please send an email to the library at: olorlibrary@gmail.com with your name, mobile number and day & time you are available. Our author visit will be the following week on Friday 30th August, with both Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner with us for the morning.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes next Friday 23rd August, so don’t forget all online records need to be completed and permission notes returned by this date.

We thank you for your support, as always.

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

CHOCOLATE MONEY

As per previous reminders, for those families that still have their Cadbury fundraising chocolates, PLEASE, PLEASE send in your chocolate money or unsold chocolates by the end of the week.

The funds raised from all our fundraisers this year will contribute to purchasing additional playground equipment for our children. Our goal is to raise in excess of $20,000!

HSC STUDENTS

If you are an OLOR family who has a child undertaking the HSC this year, it would be appreciated if you could please provide your details to the school office so we can provide your child with a special prayer card of support as they undertake this challenging journey.

TERM 3 COMBO DEALS

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* Not Available at all Schools - Only Order if it is on Your School’s Regular Menu *
Discover OLMC Parramatta

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to discover the College’s rich tradition and cutting edge education and enjoy a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Executive at the Open Morning Tour on Monday, August 26, 2013.

The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Walk to honour The Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary: 15 August

Starts 1pm at Holy Innocents Chapel, Garden of the Immaculate, Kellyville Franciscan Friary, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. We will walk along Windsor Road to St Patrick’s Cathedral in Parramatta (approx. 14km). There will be refreshment stops along the way. Everyone is welcome to bring Marian banners and join us at any point of the pilgrim walk.

FOR SALE

Beautiful first communion dress for sale. Satin and beaded at neckline, waist and hem. Cost $200 will sell for $80. Please contact Teresa on 0414684666.

HATS FOR SALE

Please note that there are a limited number of school hats now available for purchase from the school office for $20.00.

Faith in Marriage: 15 September

Register by 15 August for this conference about marriage for couples hosted by CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta in conjunction with Australian Catholic University. Incorporating the annual Celebrating the Journey Mass in St Patrick’s Cathedral with Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society. Guest speakers share their insights, observations and experiences for building and enriching marriages.

Time: 8.45am-5pm. Venue: Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: $50 per couple or $25 for individuals (includes hot finger food lunch, morning and afternoon tea). Registrations: tel (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au
**PARISH NEWS**

**COR YOUTH** has resumed for all high school students who would like to share faith, fun and fellowship each Friday night during school term between 7pm-9pm in the Olor parish hall. *For more information please call the parish office on 9629-2595.*

**MASS FOR HSC AND OTHER STUDENTS - 27 Sept. at 7pm**

We wish all HSC students preparing for their trials and final exams the best possible outcome. There will be a Special Mass on Friday 27 September at 7pm to pray for all HSC students and all those writing exams.

**REQUEST FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

We are looking for a team of 12 committed individuals who are prepared to make a difference. The role of the Finance Committee is to ensure that the parish has sufficient income, to approve expenditure, to prepare and monitor the annual budget and to look to the maintenance and repair needs of the parish property. Please be generous with your contribution in person and intellectual property. Please contact Senani on 0418291624 or the parish office on 96292595 to offer your help.

**WEEKLY SHORT CATECHISM WITH FREE BBQ LUNCH each Sunday after 11am Mass.** You cannot love what you do not know so come and join us for Catechism and fellowship. Make new friends in the parish. If anyone would like to help or join the team in any way please call the parish office. We thank those who are dedicating themselves to this new venture in our parish.

**DEVOTIONS AT OLOR KELLYVILLE DURING THE WEEK**

**Mondays: Novena to the Divine Mercy.**

After 7pm Mass there is a Novena to the Divine Mercy with an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Veneration of the Relic of Saint Faustina follows Benediction.

**Tuesdays: Novena to St. Anthony.**

It is a Franciscan tradition to bless the bread of St. Anthony and distribute it among the faithful. Veneration of the Relic of St. Anthony concludes the Novena after 7pm Mass.

**Wednesdays: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**Fridays: Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Adoration after 9.15am Mass until 6pm every Friday. Vespers (Evening prayers) and the Franciscan Crown (Rosary of the Seven Joys of Our Lady) follows Benediction. On the First Friday of the month, a Holy Hour of Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, follows 7pm Mass.

**INVITATION TO TRIDUUM MASSES & TALKS**

To mark the end of The Year of Faith we would like to invite you to a Triduum celebration of Masses and talks on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 9 October**: Talk on Lumen Fidei
- **Thursday 10 October**: Talk on Guadium et Spes
- **Friday 11 October**: Evening of Praise and Songs

All three evenings will conclude with a light supper in our Parish Hall. Each of the above nights will begin with Mass at 7pm.
Mother Mary’s Birthday Celebration
All Youth and Young Adults and their families are invited to take part as we celebrate the Birthday of Our Lady. Bring your own refreshments.

Mt Schoenstatt Marian Shrine
230 Fairlight Road, Malua Bay
Sunday, 8th September 2013

Epping Street Fair
Sunday 25 August
10am - 4pm Rawson Street
Stalls: Talent Quest, Art Show, Food & Wine, Live Entertainment, Prizes, Jumping Castle, Fun Activities for kids and more
A fundraiser for Allowah Children’s Hospital

Post WYD Gathering
Sunday, 18th August 2013

Hype Youth School Holiday Workshops
At its heart, Catholic schooling is an invitation by the church to parents, students and teachers to an ongoing encounter with Christ. Our moral purpose is located within the evangelising mission of the church and its commitment to provide quality Catholic schooling.

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta seek to deliver quality Catholic schooling through our system strategic intent by:

- improving the learning outcomes for all students, and
- promoting a professional and rewarding working life for teachers.

Core to this intent are these underlying principles:

- every child can and will learn
- every child deserves a great teacher
- diversity is the norm
- teachers are learners too
- teachers must be valued as professionals to make good pedagogical decisions
- schools are best placed to respond to local learning and teaching needs.

The newly passed Australian Education Act (2013) and the National Education Reform Agreement (NERA), which commences in 2014, largely reflects the underlying principles and intent of our system. However, the implementation of this agenda will be crucial in ensuring the authenticity, sustainability and growth of Catholic education in western Sydney in the future, namely:

1. PROTECTING CHOICE
   - Parents have a right to choose the type of schooling they want for their children. This choice is a fundamental right in guaranteeing religious freedom and expression.
   - Ensuring choice requires equitable government funding across all schools to allow those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds to have the same access to, and choice of, schooling.

2. ENSURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE ‘CATHOLIC’
   - In order for Catholic schools to authentically maintain their identity and mission, the Catholic school sector must continue to be able to employ staff who are committed to the values and teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly for those staff who hold leadership positions, teach Religious Education or are responsible for the formation of students.
   - Formation, through witness to the faith, is key to the evangelising mission of Catholic schools. The growing pressure to remove anti-discrimination exemptions for faith-based schools would effectively legislate against the employment of staff who meet this essential criteria of teaching in a Catholic school.

3. MAINTAINING DIOCESAN (SYSTEM) AUTONOMY
   - The National Education Reform Agreement (NERA) prescribes unprecedented federal power over schooling, while espousing the need for local autonomy.
   - The ultimate responsibility for the continuation, development and administration of Catholic systemic schools rests with the Bishop in each diocese as the pastoral leader of the church in the region.
   - Maintaining local authority at the diocesan or system level is crucial, not only for the exercise of this responsibility, but also to ensure enterprise solutions and the flexibility to respond adequately to local system and school needs.
   - This relies on the recognition by government of local church autonomy in delivering quality Catholic schooling and the continuation of ‘block funding’ to the Catholic sector.

4. MEASURING REFORM
   - The National Education Reform Agenda (NERA) seeks to devolve local autonomy to schools, while simultaneously setting strict performance accountabilities and reporting requirements.
   - The practice of teaching cannot be reduced to the following of externally-set rules and the meeting of targets. Teachers must be allowed to exercise professional judgement about curriculum content and the means of instruction.
   - Broad-based quality evidence must be used to inform, transform and form policy development and implementation, and policy success must not only be measured by things that are easy to measure (e.g. NAPLAN, OECD data, etc) but measured using sound research and comprehensive data over time.
5. COLLABORATION IN SETTING THE EDUCATIONAL AGENDA
   - Schooling is a collective responsibility and one that requires cooperation and collaboration across political and ideological viewpoints, across levels of government and school sectors, and with the involvement of the teaching profession and families, to ensure the best possible schooling opportunities for Australian children.
   - Education policy must respond, over the long term, to the changing nature of schooling in a rapidly changing world. It must value diversity and innovation while promoting excellence and equity.
   - Education policy and planning must not be dictated by terms of government, but must be an ongoing conversation about the nature and purpose of schooling and a path of continuous improvement.

6. CATERING FOR GROWTH
   - While the new school funding agreement makes provisions for the recurrent costs of education, an appropriate funding model needs to be developed for the significant investment needed for the ongoing capital works, maintenance and the building of new schools to ensure Catholic schools can adequately sustain growth.
   - Crucial to this, is the recognition that Catholic schools are not-for-profit and contribute to the social fabric of the community and therefore should not be burdened by the planning and development regulations of ‘for-profit’ developers.

7. FUTURE OF WESTERN SYDNEY
   - As the third largest economy and one of the most diverse regions in Australia, western Sydney provides a unique opportunity to become a centre of learning and innovation through:
     - greater partnerships between schools and other education providers e.g. Universities, TAFE, private providers
     - collaboration with business, government and education sectors to develop enterprise solutions for learning and embed schools within the broader community
     - investment in educational research and technological development in western Sydney

THE FACTS
   - One in every five Australian students attends a Catholic school (one in every four in western Sydney).
   - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has 78 Catholic schools incorporating two Catholic Trade Training Centres and four Catholic Early Learning Centres (preschools) serving over 43,000 students and employing over 4,500 teachers and staff.
   - According to the latest data provided by the Australian Government’s My School website, even with parental contributions included, Catholic schools operate at only 90% of the recurrent resources of government schools.

REFERENCES
   - Australian Education Act (2013)
   - National Education Reform Agreement (commencing 2014)
### Parramatta Zone Athletics Carnivals 2013

8:30am start – Cumberland Zone (7/8) Nepean Zone (9/8) Blacktown Zone (13/8) Hills Zone (15/8)

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