Greetings!

Thank you to everyone involved in the Book Parade. I hope the children enjoyed the day and that it didn’t cause you too much stress.

Congratulations to all of our Zone Participants. From all accounts it was a very successful day.

Congratulations to:
- Declan Bow
- Elana Chessa
- Tiarne Ekstrom
- Sophie Gibbons
- Harrison Johnston
- Olivia Kaloscai
- Maddison Martinuzzo
- Emily Mooney
- Lauren Mooney
- Joshua Roberts
- Kaitlyn Rozic
- Elizabeth Staples
- Abbie Willmott
- Sara Bonaccorso

Congratulations and best wishes to the children who have progressed to the Diocesan Carnival this Friday.

Congratulations to our Voice of Youth finalists Dean Apap and Aidan Mansel and our reserve Alysha Rodrigues.

Aidan was placed second overall and will go onto the Diocesan final as a reserve. Congratulations Aidan.

Enjoy your week,

John Spradbrow

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Father’s Day

Afternoon Tea Invitation
Friday 30th August at 2.30pm

The P&F warmly invite all Dad’s, Grandads and Pops to join us for afternoon tea following the special Father’s Day Liturgy.

Liturgy commences at 2pm in the hall
Afternoon tea from approx. 2.30pm – 3.00pm

We look forward to seeing you!

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IMPORTANT DATES 2013

Friday 23 August         Diocesan Athletics
Friday 30 August         Author visits
                        Father’s Day Liturgy - 2pm
                        Father’s Day Afternoon Tea at 2.30-3pm after Liturgy
Wed 4 –Fri 6 Sept        Yr. 5 Camp Yarramundi
Friday 13 September       EXTRAVAGANZA
Friday 20 September       Term 3 2013 Ends

TERM 4

Tuesday 8 October         Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 18th Dec        Last day for Students
Friday 20th Dec           Last day for Staff
SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to our 48 strong athletics team who competed at Zone Athletics last Thursday at Blacktown Olympic Park.

This year we had varying success but as always we cannot question our students enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Thank you to our wonderful parents who helped transport and support our stars, and to our Relay Helpers – Mr Hunt, Mrs Mooney, Mrs Chessa, Mrs Rozic, Mrs Papenhuyzen, Mrs Bow, Mrs Ekstrom - you are THE BEST! (and to all our other parents who offered to help – thank you).

Thank you also to Mr Devlin – always good with a gun!

The results are listed of our athletes and their places, who will go to Diocesan Athletics this Friday 23 August, again at Blacktown. (we had quite a few 5th placings ,which means students just missed selection – but we will aim for 2014).

Special mention should be made to 2 of our students who competed in EVERY event last Thursday (Lauren 7 events and 2 finals)/ (Emily 7 events and 1 final)!

Lauren and Emily Mooney both competed in Shot, Discus, Long, 100m, 200m, 800m and relay team.

Both girls have infinite energy and never baulk at giving their best.

I truly don’t know how they were standing at the end of the day – a very quiet night was had at the Mooneys house that night. And a special congratulations to Emily who after all that hard work was crowned 12yrs Girls Age Champion – Runner Up.

Our outstanding unbelievable and truly fabulous athlete of the day was Tiarne Ekstrom. Tiarne competed in every event, except 800m. Tiarne WON every individual event (a first at OJOR) – that is the 11year girls – shot put, discus, long jump, 100m and 200m. She was as well, the anchor for the Senior girls relay which finished 2nd.

Beyond this Tiarne broke the zone discus record in 23.86m and was undeniably the 11years Girls Zone Age Champion.

Congratulations Tiarne on an extraordinary performance the culmination of a lot of hard work and perseverance and extremely well deserved.

Good luck to all our competitors this Friday. Have a great day and enjoy the experience.

A proud Dad

Could there be a prouder dad? For so many years all of us involved in OJOR athletics have been party to George’s passion for his children, Kyle and Tiarne.

He has always been included in their successes and near successes.Not one of us could ever question George’s enthusiasm and love for his children, nor his commitment to OJOR.

Last Wednesday George flew in from QLD to see Tiarne compete in her final Zone athletics carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park. I don’t think we have ever seen George so quiet. He sat, overwhelmed by the fact that his quiet, very talented daughter could win every individual event that she competed in. Tiarne has truly blossomed into a terrific athlete in her own right….and it brought tears to Georges eyes.

Yes, there are sure to be dad’s at school, like George, who are so proud of their children but last Wednesday, George got to enjoy a very special occasion ….one to really savour.

No carnivals will be the same from here on, without George and Jodie and I would like to thank them, like so many others of you, for your continued support, the breeding you have done of fine athletes and the fun we have all had.

Congratulations

Declan Bow 10 Years Shot Put (4)
Elana Chessa 10 Years 100m (3)
Tiarne Ekstrom 11 Years 100m (1)
Olivia Kaloscai 11 Years 800m (3)
Maddison Martinuzzo 12 Years 800m (2)
Emily Mooney 12 Years 800m (4)]
Sophie Gibbons 10 Years 200m (2)
Harrison Johnston 12 Years Long Jump (2)
Elizabeth Staples 11 Years Long Jump (2)
Joshua Roberts 12 Years 100m SWD (1)
Maddison Martinuzzo 12 Years 800m (2)
Emily Mooney 12 Years 800m (4)]
Hannah Bonaccurso, Kaitlyn Rozic, Emily Mooney & Tiarne Ekstrom

Good luck also to our High Jumpers:
Elizabeth Staples, Tiarne Ekstrom, Dahlia Haddad, Sophie Capello, Nicholas Charlwood, Hayden Attard, Jared Roberts, Harrison De Paoli and Harrison Johnston

Best Wishes
Mrs Vicki Harvey
LIBRARY LOOK

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended our fabulous Book Week Parade yesterday. The children & staff looked wonderful and everywhere we looked we saw happy and excited faces. We greatly appreciate the trouble everyone goes through to make this day such a success. Thank you to our helpers who manned the desks during rush hour at the Book Fair. The children have been so patient and well mannered as they wait to be served or learn that their book has to be ordered. I will place the order on Thursday afternoon and usually we have the delivery the following week. We will deliver the books to the children’s classes when they arrive. Thank you to Mrs Hunt for keeping everything on track during my leave, Mr Devlin for his MC talents & Mr Bamford for being our DJ yesterday. your continued support of all things “library” is greatly appreciated.

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

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY

Family Astronomy Night - Saturday 31 August (7pm – 9pm)
Supernovae & Supernova Remnants

The ‘death’ of certain types of stars in the universe and what becomes of them after the catastrophic explosion. Investigating the reasons behind detonation, progenitor stars and the various types of remnants that are left behind.

This night will not only include the multimedia presentation but also a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University’s 0.6 metre and 0.25 telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory. What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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.

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.

TERM 3 COMBO DEALS

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RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

News from Sr Antoinette..........

Several parents have commented that they are enjoying Andrew Fuller’s article, so here is another excerpt:

Praise effort more than ability
Tell your kids that they are geniuses but they don’t know it yet. It’s good to know that your parents think you are wonderful. Then focus most of your comments on effort. For example, “You really worked hard at that well done!” “I noticed you really tried your best at that, I’m impressed” or “Wow, your practice seems to be really paying off”.

Mistakes are opportunities to learn.
If a child thinks they didn’t do well at something because they lack intelligence, they give up. When they can see they are on a pathway of improvement they persist.
Mistakes are an essential part of learning. The physicist Niels Bohr defines an expert as “a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field.”
Creating something new involves make a lot of mistakes. One example is the bestselling Dyson vacuum cleaner. The inventor made 5,127 prototypes of the vacuum before getting it right. “There were 5,126 failures. But I learned from each one. That’s how I came up with a solution. So I don’t mind failure”.
Parents can help children to learn that when you make a mistake all it means is that you haven’t learned how to get it right yet.

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Thought for Reflection:

It is, after all, mostly little things that make up our lives"

Elisabeth Elliot

OLOR Parents and Friends
Like us on Facebook

This is a group for the Parents and Friends Committee of OLOR Primary School Kellyville. The group now has over 130 members and is a terrific means of staying connected with one another.

We have set up the group to provide an extra means of communication between the P&F Committee and our parents. Kindly note that any posts not seen as an appropriate forum for the page will be removed.

As the group is closed, even though you have clicked “like” your identity will first need to be approved by the page Admin before you can access the page. Likewise if an existing group member adds you to the group.

Father’s Day GIFT UPDATE

Just a reminder that orders for Father’s Day gifts are due in by MONDAY 26th AUGUST.
Please send in your order form and money in an envelope marked “Fathers Day”.
All gifts are only $8 each.

The following items have sold out:
Sports Pack | World’s Greatest Dad collection | Dads Desk Set
There are still plenty of great items to choose from including the various puzzles, some of which retail for over $20 offering great value for only $8.

The P&F thank you in advance for supporting the Father’s Day Gift stall. All profit generated will help us achieve our 2013 fundraising goal of $20,000 to contribute to additional playground equipment.

P&F School Disco Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone for supporting the recent P&F school Disco! The children certainly looked and sounded as though they enjoyed themselves! We raised close to $3,000 from this event which certainly gets us closer to our 2013 fundraising goal of $20,000.

A HUGE shout out goes to the teachers that so generously gave up their own family time to assist the P&F prepare in the afternoon and throughout the evening – Mr Devlin, Mr Bamford, Mr Varrica, Mrs Gilmour and Mr Platt.

Thank you to ALL of the parent volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the evening from slaving over the BBQ, serving in the canteen to manning the photo booth. We sincerely appreciate your hard work and the evening wouldn’t have been possible without your support.
My Unusual But Wonderful Friend by Kaitlyn Rozic (6 RO)

I found it! I can’t believe it – all this time it was sitting in a dark and filthy corner of my desk drawer. It was my old diary. I turned it over like it was a thousand year old piece of artwork. The cover was as red as blood, shining as bright as the stars. The bookmark was as gold as the sun trying to break free from the clouds. I stared at it in awe. As carefully as I had turned the diary over, I opened the ancient book. The pages were as thin as cloth and were torn like it had been in a rough fight.

I searched frantically for my black pen, when all of a sudden I was distracted by a scratching noise. It sounded like it was coming from the diary. I peered over in amazement – the diary had words printed on it!

*Are you the beholder of this diary? Write back in answer.*

I was astonished. As quickly as it came, the writing vanished into thin air. I didn’t know what to do but I had a sudden urge to write back. I found the black pen. I stared at the diary making a quick decision about what to do next. I began writing on the pages that were as rough as sand.

*I am the beholder. What do you wish of me?*

My writing vanished as if it had absorbed into the pages like a sponge. Then new writing appeared on the page in the same spot.

*Do not be afraid, I am your servant. The one who keeps all your secrets, the one you can tell anything, the one who is your best friend.*

The words were comforting to hear. So I decided to try it out.

*Diary, I have a problem. I am unhappy. I am the one at school who is always left out, who gets teased, who is a “smarty pants”, who just wants friends. So my question is – what do I do?*

It was a test for the beautiful, red velvet diary – to see if this was all a joke or if I could trust it with my thoughts and friendship. But when I read the next words, I felt different about the diary, closer to it somehow.

*I see how you feel master. You must get tired of being bullied all the time. You will know who your true friends are, once you have confidence to stand up for yourself. You will be happier and no longer feel alone. The bullies will back down if you do this, and you will gain a lasting friendship.*

I sat for a while and thought about what I just read. My diary was very old and wise but I am not sure that I have the courage and confidence in me yet. But from that moment onwards, I knew who my true friend was. It was my unusual but wonderful diary.
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 OLR 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 OLR 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 in a celebration of the Birthday of Our Lady. Bring your own lunch.

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

SISTERS OF MERCY PARRAMATTA (1888-2013)

You are invited to join the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta to celebrate the 125th anniversary of their foundation. Money raised will go to Mercy International Association to keep the founding spirit of Catherine McAuley alive today and to Mercy Works. There are only a limited number of places available and it will need to be first registered, first in. If there is an overwhelming response, we may need to consider holding a second event at a later date.

Invitation to High Tea

Catering and musical accompaniment provided by students & staff of CILM Parramatta
Contact person: Anne Ferguson
Phone: 02 9683 5555; 0421722464
E-mail: anne@parramatta.org.au
RSVP: 16th September 2013
(Email preferable)

Donation: $10 per person; pay at the door
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 socio-economic 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)