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## Newsletter

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Dear Community,

### Sunday Gospel Account

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11: 1 - 13. This scripture passage is very famous because it is recorded that Jesus gave us the Our Father prayer when asked how to pray. Moreover, his message is very clear that through prayer and faith all things are possible. Unlike the lottery ticket where some of us may win big by the basic fact that if one purchases a ticket then there is every chance one can win something. Jesus basically states that faith regularly attended and through daily prayer enacted then all things are possible in the eyes of God. My challenge to all families is pray before your nightly dinner as an example to the children that prayer isn't always about asking for help, but it is also about giving thanks!

### Dylan Williams Staff Development Day 21<sup>st</sup> August

I know parents will not be happy, but I am hoping for your trust in me for requiring a Staff development pupil free day on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August!** An opportunity has come up for the staff to attend a full day of professional learning on Formative Assessment Practices with Professor Dylan Williams from the United Kingdom. We will work with the staff from Mercy College Chatswood and OLGC Forestville who will also have a pupil free day. The big mover in the school space at present is the need to value add to each student's learning. Traditional end of term tests tell only part of the story and quite often learning at the point of need is lost if not addressed immediately by teachers. Formative assessment is about assessing students on the go, each day and then moving the student on to the next task on the learning progression continuum. Most teachers know how to do this but not always with great success. Professor Williams is the world-renowned expert in this space, and it is very important that OLR staff know how to implement his successful formative assessment strategies into the daily classroom here at OLR. Please be advised that this day is a pupil free day as the staff will be in Sydney attending this very important professional opportunity.

### Community Consultation for a new School Principal

At the end of 2019 I will conclude 5 years at OLR and will move to another school setting for 2020. At present advertising for a new school Principal has begun. An important part of the selection process is community consultation for a new Principal. In the next few weeks an invitation will be sent out to all parents who would like to be involved in establishing the specific criteria you would like the new Principal to meet and the sort of Principal you feel is required for OLR.

### Grandparent Liturgy and Morning Tea

Please remind all grandparents that a special liturgy for them will be held in the hall this Friday morning at 9am followed by open classrooms and morning tea. It is also a great opportunity for the community to walk through the new classrooms and see the learning in action. Grandparents are encouraged to read a page and listen to their grandchild read a page from the child's reader during the stay.

### Spelling Bee and Public Speaking Competition

A feature of school life over the last few years has been the introduction of a whole school spelling bee and public speaking competition. Students will begin preparing for this soon with finals held later in the term. Please be aware of this and offer help when and where required.

### Basketball Court Finally Finished and other Developments

It has taken a few years from when it was first built but this week the basketball court has been finally finished. My sincere thanks to the parent committees over the past few years in getting it completed. A new drop off bay has been developed in the back carpark and a new garden and turf area will soon be installed.

### Please do not park in the church car park before or after school

An accident is waiting to happen in the church car park and we really need every parent and friend to observe the rule of **NO PARKING**. Parents have been observed driving in at bell times while others are walking out of the school and with toddlers around this is dangerous. Please use the back carpark or surrounding streets and do not enter into the church grounds at these peak times

God Bless

  
Frank Cohen – Principal

*A thought for the week ...*  
*"Do your work with all your heart and you will succeed – there is so little competition." Hubbard*



**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

This Sunday we hear from Luke’s Gospel. It is a very special text whereby one of Jesus’ Disciples asks him to teach him to pray just as John taught his disciples. We hear “Our Father” being prayed by Jesus Himself. Jesus said that when two or more of us are gathered in prayer, so too is He. Perhaps a challenge for the next time we pray the Our Father...Listen carefully for Jesus’ voice as He prays with us, allow Him to not only be in your heart, but to be in your ears as well. Reflect on his voice, is it deep? Is it calm? With accent? Is it higher than you expected? Allow your mind and heart to wander in the comfort of His sound.



Click on the image above to read, learn and experience the praying of “Our Father”. Walking the Way is a school-based initiative in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, designed to encourage parents in the sacred task of accompanying their children on their journey with God.

We keep in our prayers Fr Raphael whose brother Blass passed away earlier this month. May God grant peace to his family and welcome Blass with open arms.

**Grandparent’s Day**

In celebration of the feast day for St Joachim and St Anne we will be celebrating with a Grandparent’s Day Liturgy this Friday 26 July at 9am in the Hall.

Grandparents are then invited into our classrooms to share in their grandchild’s reading and learning. Morning Tea will be served shortly afterwards.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a couple of weeks. Click on the link below to read an article from Pope Francis (2018) that address how we can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to benefit our lives.



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*A Gem of Pope Francis.....*

*“Faith is a gift that keeps alive a profound and beautiful certainty: that we are God’s beloved children.”  
Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex*

Big Dates for your Diary:				
Friday	26/7	Grandparent’s Day Liturgy	9:00am	Hall
Monday	29/7	NAIDOC Week Celebration	9:00am	Hall
Friday	2/8	Confirmation Enrichment Day	9:00am	School
Saturday	3/8	Sacrament of Confirmation	10:00am	Church
Thursday	8/8	St Mary of the Cross Mass	9:00am	Church
Thursday	15/8	The Assumption of Mary Mass	9:00am	Church
Sunday	18/8	Family Parish Mass	9:30am	Church
Friday	23/8	Refugee Prayer	11:15am	Hall
Friday	30/8	Father’s Day Liturgy	9:00am	Hall
Sunday	15/9	Family Parish Mass	9:30am	Church

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Maria Kennedy**

**Word Mania-** This year again, the children from Years 1-6 will be competing in the Word Mania competition. This competition is a great way for the children to practise their word building and spelling skills. They will receive a username and password this week and will be able to access the site from home. Practice rounds will end August 9 with the official competition commencing August 12.

**OLR RULE OF THE WEEK**



## DIARY DATES

Fri	July 26	Grandparents Liturgy & MT
Mon	July 29	NAIDOC Week Celebrations
Wed	July 31	Whole School Assembly
Fri	August 2	Confirmation Enrichment Day
Wed	August 7	Learning Together Playgroup 9-10.30
Sun	August 11	Bunnings BBQ
Wed	August 21	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Fri	August 23	Book Week Parade
Wed	August 28	Wakakirri Performance
Thur	August 29	Father's Day Stall
Fri	September 6	Father's Day Breakfast
W-F	Sept 11-13	Year 6 Canberra

## CATHOLIC CARE NEWS – Shout a Mate

**Mary Mac's Place** at Woy Woy, will be launching a campaign called **Shout a Mate** on Sunday 4th August to coincide with **Homelessness Week**. Mary Mac's operates out of a premise provided by St John the Baptist Parish at Woy Woy. They provide a daily hot lunch, as well as shower and laundry facilities for people who are homeless, poor, socially isolated or otherwise disadvantaged. Currently they serve approximately 500 meals a week Monday to Friday. For more information go [www.shoutamateaplate.org.au](http://www.shoutamateaplate.org.au).



## NEWS FROM THE FLO – Melissa Evans

**CHILDREN** creating and connecting...  
**FAMILIES** belonging and learning...  
**TEACHERS** listening and supporting...  
**COMMUNITIES** growing and collaborating...

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WYOMING**

Wednesday August 7

## Parent Council – BUNNINGS BBQ

The Parent Council is having a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Bunnings West Gosford. We are asking for Volunteers (over 16 years old) to cook & serve between 8.00am & 4.30pm. A great opportunity for any older St Eddies boys to earn Waterford Hours. Please return the volunteer form sent home today or email: [olrwyomingparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:olrwyomingparentcouncil@gmail.com)



## Karen Farquhar

Just a note to inform you that Sporting Schools has a change to the starting date.



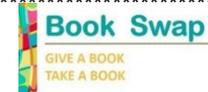
The **SOCCER Program** will now commence **next week, Week 2 Tuesday 30th July** for students in Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 and the sessions will continue for the next 4 weeks on Tuesdays. Thanking you for your understanding and please ensure these students wear sport uniform on these days.

## LIBRARY – Louise Foyel

The theme in the Library this term is **CBCA Book Week**. Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrates Australian children's literature. In the library we will be doing the same. During Book Week, children will participate in a Book Parade and dress up according to this year's theme, *Reading is My Secret Power*. The Book Parade will be held on Friday 23rd August 2019 from 9:15am.



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**Premiers Reading Challenge** – Closes 30 August 2019. Children need to complete their Student Reading Records online by 30 August.  
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**Parent Reading Shelf** - Mrs Foyel is setting up a **FREE** book swap for parents. Do you have books that could do with a new read?  
 If you have any books that you could donate to the OLR Community Book Swap Library please send them in. The book shelf will be wheeled out each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, at the top of the ramp to the Library. Parents and carers are welcome to give a book and take a book. Showing your enjoyment of reading is catching, a positive attitude towards books encourages children to read too!

## CANTEEN NEWS – Stacey Tamblyn

Fri July 5            Nikki C / Simone S  
 Mon July 22        Sue G  
 Wed July 24        Marg S

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