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## Newsletter

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Dear Community,

### Sunday Gospel Account - Parable of The Lost Sheep

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14. The message from God is that everyone matters. We are all created in his image. No one is more worthy than anyone else. A pauper, a rich person, a priest and all of us will be presented to God and only he will know who makes it and who does not. Our actions on earth determine what happens when we leave it.

### NAPLAN 2019

It is our understanding that individual student reports will be sent to parents early September. This morning all schools received their results and, again, our school has done well on all measures for Year 3 and Year 5. We are on average or way above the average for expected means in all areas of Literacy and Numeracy. You may recall when the students undertook the tests in May and for the first time these were completed online. Unfortunately, including our school, when it came to the writing test computers crashed everywhere so all schools do not have the results for writing at this stage. We are not certain when or if we will get results for writing. We have results for grammar, punctuation, reading, spelling and numeracy. Parents of students in Year 3 and 5 communication about this, we are told, will not be sent to you from the government until early September.

### Parent Council Meeting Discussion and Attention for All Parents

As we are a Catholic School with well over 86% of students and families in our school who are baptised, Catholic there is an expectation that we try harder to attend Parish/School Masses which are held twice a term on Sundays. This weekend all the **Gold classes** are invited to be a part of the Parish school Mass at 9:30am. As with many events that take place in the school particularly when it comes to volunteering for something it is the same families who rise to the challenge each time. And yet everyone gets to enjoy the benefit of the fruits of the labours of so few with last Sunday's Bunning's BBQ an example. Obviously when it comes to church attendance, I have no authority to insist that people get to church as it is a personal experience. However, to make a sacrifice for one Mass a term surely is not too much to ask? I really do expect families to make the effort!

### Discord and other Social Media Sites Children are Using

Can I please ask that every parent of every child (even the good kids) peer into the social media accounts that each is using? Quite often the issue of bullying these days refer to what is written in chat rooms of social media applications by children you think should know how to behave, but in a virtual world behave poorly. Parents at wit's end trying to console their child who is highly anxious or withdrawn because of what has been written about them by other children in group chat rooms turn to the school for help. As a school we must deal with issues that don't happen at school but generally involve children from it. This week I was alerted to some dialogue between children from our school and what has been written by them or in their name by someone else about another child. The content of which was quite disturbing to say the least.

### Questions for Parents

Are you aware of what your child is doing with their smart phones/tablets/computers? Do you supervise your child's social media accounts? Are you linked in with your child's social media accounts so that you are aware of what he/she is posting but also aware of what the dialogue is? How many hours after school is your child on his/her device? When the lights go out for sleeping is your child still on their devices? **Can I please insist that every parent today does an audit based on the aforementioned questions so that you are fully aware of what really is going on with the use of devices, particularly for the purposes of social media activities?**

### New Principal Update

Applications have now closed for this position with shortlisting and interviews to be conducted over the next few weeks. Frances Reynolds and Jill Stone from the Catholic Schools Office have listened to staff and parents about the specific criteria and this will serve as the basis for questions for the interviews to be held.


### Staff Development Day

Please remember that **next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August** all staff will be at a professional learning course in Sydney. I apologise for the inconvenience. Teachers will be learning about formative assessment practices for the classroom.

### Wakka, Public Speaking, Word Mania and Spelling Bee

By now you should understand all children are expected to participate in class competitions for spelling and public speaking. Finals for these will be held later in the term. Please help your child with the delivery of the speech and with learning of key spelling words. The Wakakirri children are working overtime for their performance coming up soon. My thanks to all involved particularly Miss Keevers-Ryles and Miss Kevin who have given up so much personal time to get the children and the props ready. Every child is excited about Word Mania so please allow them time to do this at home if possible, to support what is happening at school.

God Bless

  
Frank Cohen – Principal

*A thought for the Week*

*"The only limit to our realisation of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith." Roosevelt*



The Assumption of our Lady

Tomorrow, 15<sup>th</sup> August, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary set an example for us to follow – she was loyal and faithful to God and she was willing to obey Him, no matter what. She was so successful as a mother that Jesus entrusted us all to her care, so that we now know her as the mother of us all. Today we honour Mary, just as she was honoured by God when He took her to Heaven to share eternal life with him.

*Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.  
Alleluia!*



We will celebrate The Assumption of Our Lady with a whole school Mass. Please come and celebrate with us at 9:15am!



Learn more about the great Marian Feast... The Feast of the Assumption!

Click the above link.

**SAVE THE DATE ..... Father's Day Breakfast/Liturgy Friday 30th August**

We will be celebrating Father's Day by spoiling our Father's and the other significant males with a Father's Day Breakfast at 8.15am in the COLA followed by a Father's Day Liturgy at 9.00am in the Hall. We hope you can celebrate with us.

Please email your Father's Day photo (1 per family) in ASAP! [olrwyoming@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olrwyoming@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

**SAVE THE DATE! OLR Parish Family Day to be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019!**

More information in the coming weeks.



Social Justice



Did you know that for a donation of \$6 you can 'shout a mate a plate' at Mary Mac's, Woy Woy?



A Gem of Pope Francis.....

"Mary is the saint among the saints....She teaches us the way of holiness and walks by our side....Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words...All we need do is whisper, time and again: 'Hail Mary...'"

**Big Dates for your Diary:**

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday	15/8	The Assumption of Mary Mass	9:15am	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
Sunday	20/10	OLR Family Parish Fun Day	9.30am	Church/COLA

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Maria Kennedy**

**Word Mania**

Round 1 of the official Word Mania competition commenced this week. Word Mania is a word-building challenge that is easy to play but tough to master. The children race against the clock to build as many words as they can from 15 letters in just three minutes. All scores combine and are displayed on the leader board. The table below shows the results, as of today, on the Central Coast and Hunter Schools Leader board. Well done to all the children.

Year 1	First	Year 4	Seventh
Year 2	First	Year 5	First
Year 3	Third	Year 6	First

Round 1: 12th Aug - 16th Aug  
Round 2: 19th Aug - 23rd Aug  
Finals Round: 28th Aug - 30th Aug

**OLR RULE OF THE WEEK**



**Assistant Principal Award  
Our Personal Best  
Live Justly  
Respect All  
Congratulations to:**

Maizy B	2G
George S	2G
Ella G	2G

## DIARY DATES

Wed	August 21	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Thur	August 22	Father's Day Stall
Thur	August 22	Preschool Storytime
Fri	August 23	Daffodil Day Fundraising
Wed	August 28	Wakakirri Performance
Thur	August 29	Father's Day Stall
Fri	August 30	Father's Day Breakfast/Liturgy
Tues	September 3	Attendance Parent Workshop 9.30am
Wed	September 4	Book Week Parade 9.15am
W-F	Sept 11-13	Year 6 Canberra
W-F	Oct 30-Nov 1	Year 5 Camp

## MINI VINNIES NEWS – Mary Knox

### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2019

A big **THANKYOU** to the whole school community for the support of the fantastic Year 6 fundraiser and Mini Vinnies raffle, food and socks drive which was held last term to support the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. A total of **\$1076.25** was raised and many blankets/socks, cans and other food items were donated, which was a fantastic effort. We were overwhelmed with the response to the appeal. Many thanks to all the school community for donating items and buying raffle tickets to support this worthy cause.

A special thankyou also must go to **Mrs Margaret Smith** for knitting and donating the beanies for the raffle. Finally, a big thankyou to the Mini Vinnies members and Year 6 and their teachers for all their hard work over a number of weeks. They should be proud of themselves for helping others and living their faith in a tangible way.

Mary Knox



## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

**thank YOU**

To the following businesses that donated to our 2019 Bunnings BBQ: Wyoming Cakes & Bread, Masterfoods, Coles West Gosford, Coles Wyoming, & Woolworths Gosford.

Thanks also to the wonderful team of volunteers who gave up their time and helped on the day.

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"*  
-Helen Keller

## DAFFODIL DAY

Proudly supporting  
**daffodil day**  
Cancer Council

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

Yellow Mufti for a gold coin donation

## CANTEEN NEWS – Stacey Tamblyn

Fri August 16 Kylie C / Annette S / Maree A  
Mon August 19 Ash T / Jodi M  
Wed August 21 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tap [here](#) for 2019 Canteen Menu

## NEWS FROM THE FLO – Melissa Evans

### TERM 1 WELLBEING WALK FOR PARENTS!

I would like to invite all families to join me for a morning walk on Wednesday, 28th August 9.30am @ Gosford Sailing Club.

Let's get active whilst enjoying the beautiful coastline and good company.

Melissa



## LIBRARY – Louise Foyel

### Book Week Book Parade

The Book Parade will be held on Wednesday 4th September from 9:15am. The children are asked to dress up in a costume according to this year's theme, **Reading is My Secret Power**.

### 10 ways Reading is a Secret Power

- Reading is mindful.**  
When engaged in reading you aren't distracted by devices, chatting or problem solving – it creates quiet space in the brain and focuses your attention.
- Reading reduces stress.**  
When in the flow of a good book, perhaps with a cup of tea, there are few better ways to momentarily halt the stresses of life. Hold on tight to this feeling.
- Reading improves your ability to wield words!**  
Reading increases vocabulary and understanding of the way words work in both written and spoken forms.
- Reading is free.**  
How powerful is the word 'free'? Books can be accessed online and in print for free from libraries. Reading can be as entertaining as a night out at the movies and some states even have free community reading events.
- Reading improves writing.**  
The more you read, the better grasp of the written word you have.
- Reading increases empathy and social awareness.**  
Reading allows us all to walk in the shoes of others and experience historical and current world events from the safety of your bedroom.
- Reading is knowledge.**  
Readers are lifelong learners who gain new knowledge from each new book they read.
- Reading improves your problem solving.**  
Seeing characters make sense of their problems and seeing patterns in the ways issues are dealt with in written form improves your analytical thinking and your flexibility in problem solving.
- Reading offers an escape from the daily grind.**  
It offers a place to retreat and experience another reality.
- Reading exercises the imagination.**  
It provides the mind with the opportunity to create visuals that are unique to the reader.



### Premiers Reading Challenge ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO!

Children need to complete their Student Reading Records online by 30 August.

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### Parent and Carers Book Swap

The book shelf will be wheeled out each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons outside the Library. It can be accessed on other days, just inside the Library doors. 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!

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### Preschool Story Time

Wednesday 22nd August 9.00am – 9.30am  
In the school Library





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