



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, Wyoming Newsletter



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Dear Community,

Sunday Gospel Reading Account

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14: 1, 7 – 14. Jesus often told parables to convey his message of absolute love for thy neighbour. He was invited to a Pharisee's house for a meal among the upper echelon of society. At the table he exclaimed the aforementioned, which must have been insulting to his host. But what is the message in all of this for us? What is the message constantly asked of us from Jesus? You can't live a good life without money, but equally you can't take riches to heaven or guarantee yourself an eternity. So, the 64-million-dollar question is what is the purpose of life? Those who deride Jesus as a myth do so with a view this is it so do your best. If our faith teaches us anything it is to be a good person in this life and your reward will await you in heaven.

Wakakirri Performance Tonight - Dynamite!

We have a very excited bunch of children ready to make the trek down to Sydney to perform in the Wakakirri Concert. After last year's stunning debut, where we collected so many awards, the pressure is on just a little bit to perform just as well, if not better. The Willie Wonka inspired theme created and developed by Miss Mahalia Keevers- Ryles and Miss Georgia Kevin is something to be admired. Watching the children polish their final practice yesterday I was truly impressed by the skills displayed by all the children from across the grades. Good luck to one and all and know already you are superstars!

Word Mania Every Grade in the Finals

In another first for our school, every grade has reached the finals for Word Mania across the whole of Australia and NZ. The students race against the clock to build as many words as they can from 15 letters in just 3 minutes. The finals kick off today so good luck to all of the children.

NAPLAN and the Media

Today the popular media have painted a picture of failing schools in NSW because it is easy to peddle bad news. At any rate our school did exceptionally well in Year 3 and 5 for grammar, punctuation and spelling so I guess we should be proudly telling the world that we are not one of the schools derided by the Daily Telegraph. It is also why we will receive a Parliamentary visit from members of the NSW parliament investigating why some schools with similar background statistics do better than those with similar statistics.

What the media did not tell the readers today is that this year was the first year of the online test. Students had to use online tools and not pen and paper tests and although you would think the same conventions and principles would apply there were some subtleties that caused concern for many schools. At present no school has received their writing scores so unless the press knows something we don't, there were obvious marking issues with the online format. Students in Year 3 and 5, we are told, will receive their individual results early September.

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

We look forward to having a nice hot breakfast this Friday morning with our great dads, uncles, granddads and significant males in our lives. Following the breakfast there will be a lovely liturgy in the hall to celebrate the great males we have here at OLR. Year 3 and 4 children are encouraged to take dad for a tour of the new building before school as they will be heading off to Girrakool National Park on excursion for the day.

Maria Kennedy Assistant Principal Contract Renewal Survey

Mrs Kennedy, our AP, is up for contract renewal next Tuesday 3rd September where a panel will convene to go through evidence to award a further contract extension. Parents are encouraged to complete the online survey sent home earlier this week to make comment on her performance as our school's AP. **Please read the survey carefully so that you know exactly what the number rating scale is asking you.**

Public Speaking and Chess Finals

Congratulations to our chess squad off to Wallsend tomorrow for the state chess finals. An excellent achievement! Also, a hearty well done to Emily and Samuel who made it through to the cluster public speaking finals. A job well done by all children and their teachers.

God Bless

Frank Cohen – Principal

A Thought for the Week

"Integrity, humanity and moral strength are the enduring principles of fine men and women."



Next Sunday we hear the Gospel that features Jesus dining and speaking at the home of a Pharisee. He tells the parable of where one should sit at a Wedding Feast. He suggests that traditionally the most honoured guests sit at the most honoured table with other honoured guests and the lowly sit elsewhere. He provokes thought in the Pharisees and in us his followers as to where we should sit. We may reflect in thought and wonder, are we the humbled guest? Are we a humble host? How can we feel fulfilment in our experiences as well as fulfilment from Jesus?

Father's Day has become a day of celebration and remembering in almost all countries around the world. It has become a day not to only honour your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfather's, uncles, grandfathers, and other significant adult males are honoured on 'Father's Day.'

*Jesus, at this special time of the year
we pause to give thanks for our dads, uncles,
grandfathers and other special males in our lives.
Guide those children who do not have dads with them
to remember the special men that help them in their lives.
Amen.*

We look forward to celebrating all those who act as father figures at our Father's Day breakfast and Liturgy this Friday morning.

Father's Day Liturgy 30/8
9am in the Hall
BBQ Breaky will be served from 8:15am.

SAVE THE DATE! OLR Parish Family Day to be held on Sunday 20th October 2019!
More information in the coming weeks.



Social Justice



Congratulations OLR for raising an amazing amount of money last Friday in support of Daffodil Day.
Daffodil Day is a major initiative to support the Cancer Council.
Well Done!



*A Gem of Pope Francis.....
"The Light of God enlightens those who welcome It"*

Big Dates for your Diary:

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

Spelling Bee

In week 8 of this term, the finals of the 2019 OLR Spelling Bee will be conducted. Over the past few weeks, in their classes, the children have been practising various spelling activities which require them to utilise a number of spelling strategies to spell given words. Class finals are being held this week and early Week 7. Two class champions will be selected from each class to compete in the finals in Week 8.

Wordmania

Congratulations to Years One to Six in making the finals of Wordmania. What a great effort! The final begins today and ends at midnight on Friday August 30.

OLR RULE OF THE WEEK



DIARY DATES

Wed	August 28	Wakakirri Performance - 6.30PM
Thurs	August 29	Woolworths Cricket Blast Gala Day
Fri	August 30	Father's Day Breakfast/Liturgy
Tues	September 3	Attendance Parent Workshop 9.30am
Wed	September 4	Book Week Parade 9.15am
Thurs	September 12	Preschool Storytime 9.00-9.30
W-F	Sept 11-13	Year 6 Canberra
Fri	September 13	Yr 3 & 4 Netball/Soccer Gala Day
Fri	September 20	Yr 5 & 6 Netball/Soccer Gala Day
W-F	Oct 30-Nov 1	Year 5 Camp
Thurs	Nov 21	NSW Police Band Visiting 10.30AM

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP - 2019

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

LIBRARY – Louise Foyel



Premiers Reading Challenge ENDS THIS FRIDAY!

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

Book Week Book Parade

The Book Parade will be held **NEXT WEEK** 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**. Children need to know the name of the character they are representing and may be asked, 'What makes their character special or have a "secret power"?'

Which characters are like this?

Curious 	Kind 	Optimistic
Creative 	Flexible 	Collaborative
A Great Friend 	Persistent 	Brave
Reflective 	Problem Solving 	Resilient
Imaginative 	Empathic 	Humour Loving
Nature Loving 	Authentic 	A Leader

OLR NEWS – Daffodil Day

Thank you to our wonderful OLR Community for supporting Daffodil Day. We raised \$2071.75. Thank you OLR



NEWS FROM THE FLO – Melissa Evans

Playtime Program CENTRAL COAST FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

For parents and their children with a disability
Aged 5 years and under

Friday's 6, 13, 20 and 27 September 2019
12:30pm - 2:30pm

Enjoy a fun time with your child in a relaxed environment with Central Coast Family Support Services.

Meet other parents and children.

Two trained Triple P Facilitators will attend to answer any questions you have about parenting your child with additional needs.

Afternoon tea will be provided for parents. Parents, please pack snacks and drink for your child for dietary needs - please keep in mind any allergies other children might have.

Phillip House - 21 Old Mount Penang Road, Kariong
Contact us on 4340 1585 for more information or to book in

COMMUNITY NEWS

Protective behaviours workshop for educators, parents and other professionals working with children age 2-6.

When: 10 September, 12pm to 2pm

Where: Wyoming Community Centre, 147 Maidens Brush Road, Wyoming NSW 2250

Please click [here](#) to register.

CANTEEN NEWS – Stacey Tamblyn

Fri August 30 Nikki C / Michele G / Simone S

Mon Sept 2

Wed Sept 4 Kelly W / Keena P

Tap [here](#) for 2019 Canteen Menu



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