



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, Wyoming Newsletter

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Dear Community,

Sunday Gospel Account

"If the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Luke 12:32-48. The Gospel readings of the past few weeks have been about focusing your attention on God. It is so hard to do when our world largely is motivated by what the dollar can buy and how wealth tends to have a great link to the sorts of doors that can open for you. I guess the only real truism in life is that one day it gets taken away in our passing. Our faith teaches us that heaven awaits good and faithful servants who have lived a life of service and helping others and in gratitude. Only God knows who makes it and who doesn't. This Sunday's Gospel account is a reminder that the temples, kingdoms and empires one builds in this life all comes to nought in the next! Live a life of selflessness all the selfish lives are surely taken.

The School that Fails and the Grass that is Greener

What started as a novel idea in one British school is starting to take root in many others. Greasley Beauvale School Nottingham England assigns grades to the parents on their parenting and the impact on improved student performance is astonishing. Based on the well known and widely researched fact is that family environment is the single most important determinant of how a child fares in class. The parents are graded on how well they support their child at school and the sorts of role models they are. Parents who receive A's and B's largely had students who also received A's and B's. Those receiving D's and E's manifested itself in the students also getting such academic grades.

The sorts of categories or items that were graded included but was not limited to the following:

- Helicopter parents who listened and followed every word of their child whether true or not.
- Attitude of parents to school and the teacher. Did they speak terrible about the school and teacher in front of the child and therefore signalling to the child that their unacceptable petulant behaviour or poor attention to task or needs not being met was really the school and teacher fault not their own.
- Junk food in the lunch box and general poor nutrition
- Helping with homework
- Enforcement of screen time or not.

Can you imagine if our school or any school did this in Australia? What do you think the reaction would be of parents? What impact would setting grades on parents have on student performance? Schools and teachers get judged and graded daily even though we are secondary on the list of greatest influence on children.

Parent Forum for New School Principal

There will be only one opportunity for parents to offer their input into the selection of a new Principal for OLR. **This is being held in the library @ 8:30am this Thursday morning 8th August.** The session will be chaired by Mrs Frances Reynolds Catholic Schools Consultant and Mrs Jill Stone HR person from the Catholic Schools Office. It will run for approximately 45 minutes to give parents a chance to attend the St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast day Mass @ 9:15am.

Parent Council Meeting and Bunnings BBQ

This Sunday, 11th August, all day, the Parent Council has organised to run the Bunnings BBQ at West Gosford. We still need some parents to offer some time to help cook and serve at the BBQ. Please let the office know if you can help. All money raised goes towards resources for your children. Don't leave it to others when you can help!

The Parent Council meeting will be held in the library on 13th August @ 6:30pm. Mr Spicer will be discussing plans for a new Science, Technology and Maths Room and how the children will be engaged in it use. The school also recently purchased some drones, and these will soon be used as part of the robotics and coding work that the children are doing. Following his presentation will be the general Parent Council meeting.


Staff Development and Pupil Free Day

A reminder that all staff will be at Hornsby on **Wednesday 21st August** attending a professional development workshop on formative assessment practices for implementation into the classroom. This is being run by Dylan William from the UK who is an expert in the area. My apologies for the inconvenience but this is a highly valuable learning opportunity for all teachers and he is only in Australia for this period of time.

www.shoutamateaplate.org.au

This morning I had a visit from Catherine Carey from Mary Macs kitchen at St John's Woy Woy. The heartbreaking stories of homelessness she relayed to me was a very real reminder of what we should be doing as Christians to help those in need. Mary Macs operates out of the Parish hall where all utility costs such as water and electricity are covered by the church. They serve 24 000 meals a year and it costs approximately \$150 000 to run. All people who help are volunteers. They desperately need financial support as they get nothing from any government agencies. On average 120 – 150 homeless people every day for 5 days a week arrive at the hall for a meal. \$6 a plate is all they are after. Please go to the site and help!

God Bless


Frank Cohen – Principal

A Thought for the week
"Offer friendly, non-judgmental support and companionship and then see what comes of it."



St Mary of the Cross

Tomorrow we will celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross with Father Raphael.

Mary Mackillop was born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor offering special care to destitute women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of hardship, and for her abiding trust in God. By remembering St Mary of the Cross we also keep in mind her many messages that have been passed down to us today. She especially wanted us to love God and not to worry too much about unimportant things because our loving God will always make sure that we have the things we need. Mary truly believed this.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Saturday, Father Raphael confirmed 43 children. In the second reading we heard St Paul unpack the gifts of Holy Spirit to the Corinthians. He says that the particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. He also likened the supporting of our children during their faith journey, this is similar to the way in which we support our children to brush their teeth. We model it, we do it for them and then we encourage them to do it for themselves. The children who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Saturday received it with grace, reverence and celebration. A really big thank you to Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Dobb and Miss Keevers for all the wonderful curriculum preparation and Enrichment Day experiences they provided to all the children.



This week in Luke's Gospel he prompts us to "Stay Awake!"

Click on the image above to investigate other ways in which we as a family can stay awake with Grace and be prepared for action.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

OLR Parish Family Day to be held on Sunday 20th October 2019!

More information in the coming weeks.



Social Justice



Daffodil Day is just around the corner...

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

Mary Mac's supplies a sit down meal served to our companions by our wonderful volunteers. But it's more than just a place to get a meal. Mary Mac's offers a place to shower and to wash clothes. They offer friendly, non-judgemental support and companionship to help alleviate the isolation that can occur. Outreach services like Legal Aid, Homeless Connector, emergency relief, and partners in recovery and health assistance are also offered. Tables of rescue food are available as a take home daily for those in need, in addition to food hampers.



Mary Mac's provides social, community and friendship opportunities for men, women, families, young people, the elderly, and the socially and economically disadvantaged. It is an initiative of St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy, and is managed and operated by CatholicCare. Mary Mac's Place is not funded. They rely on donations or grants to provide this service to our community. For more information you can visit their website at <https://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/family-youth-children/mary-macs-place/> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/marymacsplace/>.

A Gem of Pope Francis.....

"The Lord invites all of us to conquer resentment with love and forgiveness, and to live the Christian faith with consistency and courage."

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

Big Dates for your Diary:

Thursday	8/8	St Mary of the Cross Mass	9:15am	Church
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

DIARY DATES

Thur	August 8	Principal Consultation – 8.30am
Sun	August 11	Bunnings BBQ
Tues	August 13	Parent Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Wed	August 21	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Thur	August 22	Father's Day Wrapping
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

Parent Council – BUNNINGS BBQ

The Parent Council is having a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser **THIS Sunday 11th 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 or email:

olrwyomingparentcouncil@gmail.com



CANTEEN NEWS – Stacey Tamblyn

Fri August 9 Remy F / Jo O / Michele G

Mon August 12 Remy F

Wed August 14 Lisa V / Kate H

Tap [here](#) for 2019 Canteen Menu

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 Wednesday 4th September from 9:15am.



Premiers Reading Challenge

Closes 30 August

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

Parent Reading Shelf



Mrs Foyel is setting up a FREE book swap for parents.

Do you have books/novels 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!

Preschool Story Time

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



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Maria Kennedy

Word Mania

The children have been busy practising for the upcoming Word Mania competition. Word Mania is a word-building challenge that's 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 official competition starts August 9.

OLR RULE OF THE WEEK



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

Xavier P	2G
Taylor	2G
Charlotte K	2G
London B	2G
Mackenzie-Faith W	2G

VIP EVENT - TODAY ONLY! ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS



INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST.

* Excludes gift cards, all sort packages & Schoolwear loyalty's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Offer ends midnight (AEST) 08/08/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.



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You are invited to an event at CommBank Gosford branch.

When
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
5.30pm - 6.30pm

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