Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The staff have been very busy in the last couple of weeks preparing their classrooms and programs for the Term ahead, however you will be pleased to know that they are refreshed, excited and enthusiastic about working together as a team again and of course getting to know your child and supporting their learning throughout the year! Take a look at the exciting new programs that started today in this newsletter and on Facebook.

To help you plan your time in relation to school events and commitments over the next 10 weeks, we sent home last week a simple summary of all that is going on here at OLOR this Term. In the newsletter we will place any changes to proposed activities and new events that you can add to this calendar. All information given out will be posted on the SchoolStream App for you to access at any time. Please add the following dates to your diary:

- School Board Meeting: Tuesday 17th March @ 7.30pm
- School Board AGM: Tuesday 17th March @ 7.00pm.

**OLOR EXPO – Parent Night**

Please make note that Thursday 12th of February is the whole school Parent Information Evening/EXPO and we are really hoping that every family will be represented. This is your opportunity to meet staff, hear some key messages and be a visible presence in our ‘community’. We are looking forward to seeing you!

This is a ‘parent’ evening so if possible, please try to organise child minding if both of you plan on coming. PLEASE bring your touch device to the meeting, including phones and tablets if you have them. We will begin the evening with a sausage sizzle and light refreshments at 6pm. Below is a brief outline of the topics to be covered and the approximate program.

**PROGRAM**

- 6.00 – 6.15 pm: arrival and refreshments
- 6.15 – 7.15 pm: EXPO/Parent Information
- 7.15 – 8.00 pm: Informal meet and greet teachers and school tour.

**TOPICS TO BE COVERED**

- 21st Century Learning OLOR’s Vision
- Chinese/Mandarin Lessons
- School Policies (Behaviour Management, BYOD, Camps and Excursions)
- SchoolStream App, Facebook and Cybersafety and student apps to be aware of. e.g. Clash of the Clans, Snapchat & Instagram
- Flexible learning spaces (Years 6/7)
- Sacraments Program

A reminder that at OLOR we don’t have a specific time of the year for parent/teacher interviews. Parents and teachers have the option of making time to meet at a convenient time at least once per Term to discuss child/ren’s learning.
ASH WEDNESDAY
On Wednesday 18th February all families are invited to our
Beginning School Mass Celebration at 6pm.
During the Mass the Sacramental children for 2015 will be presented
to the community and the 2015 School Sports Captains/School
Captains will be presented with their badges.
After Mass all families are invited to bring a picnic tea or purchase a
meal from Gudge’s Fish and Chips Van located near the OLER hall.
The items available from the van include; fish, prawn, calamari,
chicken nuggets, bucket of chips and gravy.
BYOD drink refreshments for your family.
The school hall/gym will be open with games for the children.

SPECIAL NEWS
IMPORTANT
TERM 1

THE SACRAMENTS
Please remember to enrol your child in the Sacrament classes for 2015.
First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.
If your child is in Year 2, 3 or 7 (and other year levels if they have missed
out for varying reasons) and would like to receive the Sacraments this
year, please complete the enrolment form as soon as possible. I am very
happy to speak with you if you have any queries or would simply like to
have a discussion.
All Sacramental candidates will be
presented to the Parish during our
6pm Mass on February 18th (Ash
Wednesday).
Thank you, Raelene
Assistant Principal Religious Identity &
Mission
Our Lady of the River School, Berri
ph: 85821128 OR 0418814971
raelenee@olor.catholic.edu.au

School Dental Service
All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children.
SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.
All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.
To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Berri Golf Club
When: Sunday mornings AT 9.30am – 10.30am
Where: Proshop, Berri Golf Club, Shiel Rd Berri.
What to bring: Neat casual clothing and sand shoes. You don’t need to have golf clubs or balls.
Cost: $5.00 which goes towards rewards for achievement for the kids.
Regards, John Penna President Berri Golf Club

Berri District Youth Club
(Gymnastics, Acrobatics & German Wheel)
2015 Registration Day
Saturday 21st February 10am-2pm
All current members must re-register to maintain their placement.
BBQ lunch fundraiser, Club Shop open for uniforms, training gear and accessory purchases.
If you are unable to attend please call the head coach Jane McFarlane ph: 0400 179 899 to secure your spot.

Southern Cross: Catholic Diocesan Official Newspaper
Below is the link to the February edition of 'The Southern Cross' which includes a 'Back to School' feature and coverage of a number of important issues relating to Catholic education in South Australia and the Church in general. The Southern Cross is a wonderful newspaper which will help keep you informed with topical events and general information about our faith. Please take the time to have a read; it is very interesting. www.thesoutherncross.org.au

2015 RE News
Fr. Paul Bourke: 85821894
Fr. Medard: 85866239
Fr. John Stuart James: 85882452 ~ 0419176514

Masses Term 1
Thursdays 9.00 am
St Mary’s Church

School Mass: Thurs 5th Feb
ASH WED: Wed 18th Feb (TBA)
Yrs 3/4 Mass: Thurs 5th March
Foundation Mass: Thurs 19th March – St Joseph’s Day
Easter Plays – Thurs 2nd April
Online live lesson from teachers in Beijing (China)

Our two newest students, Saphika and Anesu enjoying their Chinese lesson.

**OLOR School Band**

**ASH WEDNESDAY  18th February**
Family Name:...........................................................

How many family members attending..........................
(for catering purposes are you intending to purchase tea on the night) if so please tick box

**OLOR EXPO  12th February**
Parent Names Attending......................................
Sausage sizzle available
(Please indicate by ticking box if you would like us to cater for you re: sausage sizzle)