Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we prepare for the mystery of Easter during the season of Lent, a generous concern for those in need is indeed a focal point. The spirit of generosity is evident at Our Lady of the River School through the keen fundraising efforts seen in classes. Your continued efforts to support CARITAS in enabling families and communities to develop self-sufficiency are valued.

St Patrick’s Day
Leprechauns, castles, good luck and laughter,
Lullabies, dreams and love ever after.
Poems and songs with pipes and drums
A thousand welcomes when anyone comes...
That’s the Irish for you!
(Irish Blessing)

While admittedly lacking in castles and Irish song, Our Lady of the River had much to celebrate on St Patrick’s Day yesterday! In typical Irish spirit, students and families joined in an exciting community fundraising event.

A huge thank you to all the families who kindly gave donations towards this lunch. Students were encouraged to wear green and the school raised just over $270 with a sausage sizzle and ice-cream lunch organised by some mums participating in the Walk in Her Shoes fundraiser. They wish to thank the staff, Coles Supermarket, Muller’s Butcher’s, Price’s Butcher’s, Graham Gates for cooking the snags and the wonderful help from the School Captains, Deni & Gemma and grade 4 student Charlie Gates.

School Board AGM
Thank you to the many parents and staff who attended our annual AGM last night. At the meeting we reflected and reported on the many achievements of 2014 and appointed 4 new members to the 2015/16 School Board. Thank you to Michelle Kennedy, Kelly Minchella, Naomi Hunt and Kelly Sims. We are still in need of another male member, please contact the front office if you are interested.

Ros Oates
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Workshop on Zentangle with Rachel Shirren. Brief history of Zentangle and what it involves.

No experience necessary.

$15 per person

Sunday, 22nd March – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Bookings essential and spaces limited

Call Rachel on 0422859537 for more information

**FREE workshop for parents & carers of children with autism. Riverland April 1**

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It’s well worth the look – let’s take a stand together.

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**Bishop Gregory O’Kelly SJ Invites you to the 2015 Port Pirie Diocesan Assembly 24th & 25th March 2015**

Where Two or Three are Gathered… Matt 18:20

**Guest Speakers**

Fr Elio Capra SDB and Sr Catherine Shelton RSJ

**TUESDAY 24th March 2015**

8.00 Mass, St Mark’s Cathedral, Fr Harold Camonias

9.00 Registration/Morning Tea

10.00 Opening

12.30 Lunch

6.30 Informal Dinner at the Port Rooms

**WEDNESDAY 25th March 2015**

8.30 Morning Prayer

11.00 Close of Assembly

11.30 Chrism Mass

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:**


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