Dear Parents, Caregivers & Friends of OLOR,

What a beautiful start to Week 2 as we were treated to a glorious Monday with warmth and sunshine! Tuesday was another story as we battled the cold, wind and dust. Today is yet another story as the weather calms again.....and so is our experience of life with its ups and downs, storms and calm. In all these situations we are reminded constantly of God’s presence amongst us; whatever the weather God is there and we are there for one another.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter** “Love one another as I have loved you.”

Jesus, in this week’s Gospel from John (15:9-17), pleads with his disciples to love one another as he loves them. Jesus wants members of his community to sacrifice for each other and the world – even if they aren’t friends and have trouble getting along. That means listening to others’ opinions, putting their needs ahead of yours, putting disagreements or personality clashes aside, and focusing on your common tie – the Christian mission to make the world a better place, especially for people in need. Jesus tells us to ask God for whatever we need. God’s power can help us love Christians that we have trouble liking or with whom we have conflicts. The Holy Spirit can show us where we are connected, despite our differences, and how we can work together for God’s Kingdom. Our fractured world desperately needs to see Christians sacrifice for one another – regardless of their differences or conflicts – in a common mission to change the world. If we can learn to show this love, then we too become people for others, just as Jesus was. So let us pray for a deeper commitment in our lives to that true Christian love that does not just inwardly desire but outwardly gives.

I would especially like to thank you for your prayers and generous donations towards CARITAS and the people of Nepal who are in great need at this time.

**Important Reminders**

Please Check these Updates

www.olor.catholic.edu.au or www.facebook.com/olorverrantce

**SchoolStream App**
The one stop shop for OLOR information

**UNIFORMS for 2015**

Tri-state Renmark

PLEASE ORDER NOW

Winter Stock in store. Please call and check on sizing.

**SUPPORTING CARITAS 2015**

**CANTEEN CLOSED**

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2015

FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2015

NO VOLUNTEERS FOR CANTEEN DUTIES FOR THESE DATES

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL

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Catholic Education Week 2015: Friday May 15 – Friday May 22

“Come, live life in all its fullness” John (10:10)

This month, throughout the Diocese of Port Pirie we will celebrate Catholic Education and thank God for the many gifts we share.

Our Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Port Pirie, Brenda Keenan, encourages staff, parents and friends to take a few moments to visit our Catholic Education – Diocese of Port Pirie website and learn more about our schools; our students, staff and educational communities: www.cesapp.catholic.edu.au

“Education is about life and the formation of the whole person. We are called to be proactive in living life to its fullest: a life based on Jesus and Gospel values. We are called to explore life in all its dimensions: spiritual, intellectual, physical and global. Learning is a lifelong and life wide process and engendering a love of learning for life is central to our beliefs. Catholic schools are places of discovery, exploration and hope. They are a means by which our students, staff, families and communities learn what it is to be fully human. Our energy, vitality and commitment come from this vision. It serves to unite us in a common pursuit of all that is best in Catholic education. It provides strength and direction whether working, learning, praying or celebrating – and here in the Diocese of Port Pirie we have much to celebrate!” Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Port Pirie, Brenda Keenan.

Southern Cross Catholic News

Please use the link below to get your copy of the Southern Cross, keeping you informed about our Catholic story: http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au/?iid=118570#folio=12

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Week 3

South Australian Catholic school parents hold a diverse range of views on the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and the national testing carried out each year across Australia for children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The Federation has written a resource, designed to answer a number of questions commonly asked by parents about the purpose and scope of NAPLAN. It can be found on the Federation website at: http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/__files/f/2052/Putting%20NAPLAN%20in%20Perspective%20-%20FINAL.pdf

Riverland SAPSASA Soccer Carnival

On Friday May 8, Mr Kelly will be taking 24 students from Yr 5/6/7 to the Riverland SAPSASA Soccer Carnival in Renmark. We wish them well and pray for good weather!

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Our Lady of the River School, Berri (ph 85821128)
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CROSSFIT KIDS AT PLAY
When: Saturday May 9th, beginning at 10.30 am
Where: Berri Football Oval number 2 (enter via road)
Cost: $5 per person
Bookings/ticket information: entry paid upon arrival
A fun filled morning for the whole family to enjoy
Raising money for the Make-A-Wish® Australia in a fun and seriously cool way
No experience is necessary and all ages welcomed to participate (including grandparents).
Spectators welcomed. Tell your friends and bring them along.
Contact: Karri Skilton 0433413929 (email darrenandkarri@gmail.com)
The Riverland volunteer branch of Make-A-Wish® Australia presents
Registered Event Number: 22200

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Blue Light Disco at Berri Town Hall on Friday 22nd May 2015.
$5 Entry. R – Yr 3 5:30 – 7:00 Yr 4 – Yr 7 7:30 – 9:00
Theme: Whose Your Hero?? FANCY DRESS PRIZES
CANTENEE Soft drink, lollies, hot food.
Fully Supervised. “Sign In – Sign Out” Lock In

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 school-aged 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.
To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

PRAYER PARTNERS NIGHT
Being held Monday 11th May. Mass at 7.00pm in St Mary’s Church, Berri followed by evening in Parish Centre.
Please bring small plate of food to share for supper.
Any enquiries please phone Mary White 8582 2240

GLOSSOP HIGH SCHOOL
Invitation for Parents of Year 7 students attending Glossop High School in 2016.
A Parent Tour of the Middle Campus on Thursday May 21st at 5.00pm (meeting point will be the Resource Centre). The evening has been organized to learn more about the school and meet members of the school community.
A pack has been sent home today with your child.
An RSVP slip is enclosed in pack which needs to be filled out and returned to our school by Wednesday 13th May.

SPECIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT
TERM 1
PUPIL FREE DAYS
2015
Monday 20th July
First Day Term 3
Monday 12th October
First Day Term 4
Monday 23rd November
Week 7 Term 4

Mothers Day
Invitation

Please join Foundation, Year 1 and 2 Classes for a Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea. To be held Friday 8th May at 2.00pm at the School Hall.
School Assembly will follow.

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

MASSES TERM 2
Thursdays 9.00 am
St Mary’s Church
Week 2: Yrs. 3/4
Week 4: Riverland Combined
Week 6: Yrs. 1/2
Week 8: Year 5
Week 10: Leaders Mass