Dear Parents, Caregivers & Friends of OLOR,

Last Sunday the church celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, which marks the coming of the Holy Spirit. This is recounted in the Acts of the Apostles: Suddenly there was a noise from the sky, which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk to each other in languages, as the spirit enabled them to speak. (Acts 2: 2-4)

Pentecost celebrates the promise by Christ that He would send His Holy Spirit and it was on this day that the Apostles were granted the gifts of the Spirit, enabling them to fulfil their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and awe in God’s presence.

The gifts help us all to respond to the Spirit in our lives, guide our choices and assist us in our service to God and others. At OLOR we are blessed by seeing the gifts of all the children each and every day.

Ros Oates

Enrolment Policy Change

Recently, the four Riverland Catholic Primary Schools were given an exemption from the ‘Same First Day’ clause of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) Enrolment Policy. The exemption has been granted to, where possible, allow Riverland Catholic Schools to align with other independent schools in the region. Whilst the exemption has been granted, the local school context and the needs of the community will be a consideration of each Principal. For further details and enquires regarding enrolment procedures at Our Lady of the River School please contact the front office to make an appointment to speak with Principal, Mrs Ros Oates.

Resilience…..

is an important skill in being able to cope with and overcome adverse situations and experiences. The Developing Resilient Children course helps parents build and strengthen their children’s resilience to cope with challenges in their lives. Parents will benefit from the course by becoming more reflective, pro-active and in tune with their children’s needs. The course is FREE and is for parents of children 12 and under.

Walk Safely to School Day crew. Thank you to the parents, students and our SAPOL Liaison Officer Mr. Ron Foulds for assisting with the children walking from the Berri Subway to OLOR.
Today all the children had a wonderful opportunity to experience Chinese culture and arts from two visiting language assistants from the Confucius Institute, Qi Ran and Junwei. We thank our Languages consultant Mr. Ludgero Rego from the Catholic Education Office who travelled with our visitors.

COMMUNITY NEWS

B.O.P & B.O.P.P.E.R.S Raffle
Playgroup is currently running a raffle which will be drawn on Tuesday June 30th. Prizes include a $200 Voucher for BIG 4 Holiday Parks throughout Australia, 2 x $200 vouchers and 4 x $50 vouchers for Brighton Caravan Park, Adelaide, a $25 Woolworths Gift Card and a $20 Coles Gift Voucher.

Every school family will receive a raffle book of 10 x $1 tickets with today’s newsletter. Please return them along with any unsold tickets to the office by Friday June 26th.

SWITCH OFF DAY
Our school will host our switch off day on Friday 5th June, same day as World Environment Day. The Foundation to Year 2, Mass on Thursday, will be themed on caring for our Environment and this will set the scene for our switch off day. This year we are planning all of our lessons for the day without the use of electronics. We will keep all lights and heaters switched off where possible. This means we need to remind students to rug up on switch off day.

We will also make the day a nude food day. Thanks Rosie P.

Terracycle
This week at assembly, the NRM students will launch our Terracycle program. TerraCycle is an upcycling and recycling

Rosie Perre
For more information, visit http://www.terracycle.com.au

41st Cycling Weekend
Tour of Riverland 30th & 31st May
Road Cycle between Berri, Lyrup and Loxton.
Sat 30th: 1.30 to 4.00 & Sun 31st 9.00 to 12.p.m. For more information contact
Paul Wilson 0409 959 089

MONASH MARKETS
Sunday 31st May
9.00am to 2.00pm
Gold coin entry
To be held at
Monash School Oval

SPECIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT
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

RECYCLING
We need to educate the children and inspire them to want to help the environment by recycling right.

2015 RE News
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MASSES TERM 2
Thursdays 9.00 am
St Mary’s Church

Week 6: Foundation & Yrs. 1/2
Week 8: Year 5
Week 10: Leaders Mass