Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of OLOR,

It has been a wonderful smooth start to the term! Thank you for all the smiles and happy faces. We look forward to the weeks ahead and ask for God’s blessings upon our days. Next week we welcome back Mrs Rosie Perre who has been on leave with her family. ‘Thank you’ to Mrs Meagan Rudd who has so capably commenced the term with our precious Foundation Class. We are also very excited to welcome back our principal Ros, and we look forward to her leadership this term. Let us continue to smile and pray for the strength to welcome each new day as a gift from God.

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of today.
Refresh me.
Invite me to discover Your presence in each person
I meet and every event that I encounter.
Teach me,
when to speak and when to listen,
when to ponder and when to share.
In moments of challenge and decision
attune my heart to the whisperings of
Your Wisdom.
As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks,
gift me with simple joy.
When my day goes well, may I rejoice.
When it grows difficult,
surprise me with new possibilities.
I ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our lives are also full of trials and tribulation, this is inevitable, but it is our perspective on things that will shape how we see these trials. With prayer, reflective thought, fortitude of character, wisdom, and the knowledge that we are people of God, we can turn difficult times into the stepping stones to our maturity and growth.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you.

Kimberley and Madison assisting Mrs Moldovan with special lunch to support Catholic Missions.
**The Month of October**

During October we are focussing on how we can all be missionaries within our school and families; helping one another and treating each other with dignity and respect. Today was ‘Special Food Day’ and we thank those who supported Catholic Missions through donations and ordering lunch. Mrs Moldovan very kindly cooked lunch with some of our senior students, and all monies raised will go to those in need of our help.

During the month of October, we may like to reflect on the special prayer of the Rosary that our Church also devotes to the month of October. The ‘Rosary’ is a very special prayer to Mary; it reflects on events in the life of Jesus. We use the beads for meditating on and counting the prayers to Mary. We have all prayed the Rosary during class and we now encourage families to continue praying it together as a family at home. Mary is the model disciple of Jesus and she shows us how to listen to the Word of God and keep it. Mary was able to do what God wanted because she always loved, believed and trusted God. She is truly the most blessed of all the followers of Jesus and the one who can show everyone the way to be disciples.

This Sunday’s Gospel reading from Matthew (10:46), tells of blind Bartimaeus who was begging on the side of the road amongst a large crowd. He cried out when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, "Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me." Blind Bartimaeus begins believing in himself and in Jesus when Jesus “SEES” Him and “CALLS” Him. He throws back his blanket, throws off his old life, old ways and old perception of himself, jumps to his feet and comes…

Let us all work hard this term to be the people we want to be, strengthened with love for one another.

May God bless you and your families,
Raelene Edwards (Acting- Principal)