Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of OLOR,

THANK YOU!
As we complete another school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and caregivers who have helped out in so many ways throughout the year. You are the vital ingredient in the success of this school, contributing greatly to the quality of what students experience here and supporting their efforts to grow and learn. The staff and I appreciate all the help and involvement, and look forward to your ongoing participation in 2016.

I would also like to thank all staff for their tireless work throughout the year. This year has been particularly busy for them and they have worked many extra hours. We hope you enjoy the pictorial highlights of all these events in our 2015 school magazine.

STAFF FAREWELLS
With the end of year at hand, we will farewell Miss Bianca Pandopolus as she is moving to take up a teaching position in Bordertown next year and Mrs. Raelene Edwards who is going on study leave. Each of the staff finishing at the end of this year has brought with them their own gifts, talents, both personal and professional, and given generously of their time, effort and commitment to the teaching of our children. As they move in new directions we wish them well and God’s blessings.

STUDENT REPORTS
Reports were given out to families this week. The reports for years F (Reception) - 7 describes an individual student’s progress and achievement against the Australian Achievement Standards. In the overall grading for each key learning area your child will receive an A-E from Years 1-7. If your child receives a ‘C’ your child is meeting expectations for their year level as mapped against the Australian Curriculum Year Level Descriptor. A ‘C’ grade is something to be proud of and means that your child is achieving at the expected level for their age. More information can be found at http://www.acara.edu.au/reporting/reporting.html.
SPECIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES
Please update your diaries

Friday 11th December
School Concludes 2.20 pm

FINAL OOLOR ASSEMBLY
Friday 11th December
- Farewells
- School Magazine
- Major Raffle Draw
Starts @ 2.00pm

BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
Over the coming school break, the school will undergo its annual external maintenance with cleaning and extra pin-board installed. Consequently, the holiday period will continue to see a number of contractors working in and around the school, removing trees and installing new fences.

WEEK 2 OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:25 - 26
To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Prayer from Pope Francis
God of Mercy, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen

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PARISH MASSES
Sunday 9.00 am & 6.00 pm
MASSES TERM 4

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve
Barmera 6.00pm
Renmark 7.00pm
Waikerie & Loxton 8.00pm
Berri 10.00pm
Christmas Day
Berri & Renmark 9.00am
Morgan 11.00am

Little Town Christmas 2015
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Loxton
This is a Christian Play performed by local artists.
$6 Adult $3 Child (U16) $15 Family
Tickets Available now online at www.littletown.com.au
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