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South Australia
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Pictured above are our new staff and students. Welcome to our OLOR family. Miss Nicolette Roberts, Mr. Luke Cotter, Miss Chelsea Gutsche, Harley Verrall, Lekiesha Ware, Kenniesha Ware, Kuljeet Bhatti, Caroline Cross, Ross Shearer, Ranveer Singh, Nathasha Jayasuriaya.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,
Welcome to the 2016 school year. It was great to see our students return, healthy, happy and excited to see their teachers and classmates. I offer a special welcome to the new staff and students at our school.

A number of our existing families have children starting in Foundation this year. Welcome to Eli, Will, Elysia, Annasia, Latesha, Evelyn, Sirat, Clarissa, Wavely, Aalyha, Mackenzie, Kaiden, Harsimran, Claire, Kenzie, Layla, Harley, and Lilly. This Friday morning there will be a 'cuppa' after drop-off time in the morning prepared by the school leaders. Please stay around to meet other parents and say hello.

School Canteen

This year we would like to continue having lunch orders provided on Friday's however this is reliant upon parental assistance. Due to trialling an earlier lunch at 11.35 pm this term, parents will only need to commit to 3 ½ hours in the morning. Please contact the admin staff or Mrs Stacey Hunter (new co-ordinator) on 0429690273 if you are interested in assisting or prepared to go on the canteen roster.

School Magazines

There are a number of 2015 magazines available for \$18 in the front office, please see Bernie.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Year of Mercy: At the beginning of 2015, Pope Francis announced an Extraordinary Jubilee Year in 2016 that would focus on the mercy of God. This Holy Year of Mercy looks to engage us with the words of Luke's Gospel, where Jesus challenges each of us to "be merciful, as God is merciful." We have been encouraged to use the symbol of the Holy Door and explore different ways of showing compassion, kindness, welcome and forgiveness in our daily lives. So you may notice a distinctive theme of Mercy (forgiveness) in our prayers and discussion throughout this year.

A warm welcome to the New Year and best wishes has been extended to our community from our Bishop of the Port Pirie Diocese, Gregory O'Kelly SJ and Ms Brenda Keenan our Director of Catholic Education, Port Pirie.

A prayer for the Year of Mercy

*Give us willing feet and gentle hands
Bless us with listening ears and
searching eyes.*

*Endow us with understanding minds and
compassionate hearts.*

*In our acts and in our words
make us vessels of your mercy.*

To reach out to the broken.

Help us lift your people in body and spirit.

*And so make every year a year of Mercy.
Amen.*

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
Stock is available
Please check on sizing as
you may need to order
for next year.

OLOR School Canteen Fridays Only

NO CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY

Beginning Week 2

**New canteen list and pricing
available soon. New Time!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Please let the Front Office
know if you are available to
assist from 9am-12.30pm**

Thank You.

Beginning School Mass – ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday falls early this year on **10th February** and the Our Lady of the River parish community invites all families to attend the Ash Wednesday celebration at 6pm in St Mary's Church. This is a Feast Day for all Catholics and it will also be our Presentation of Sacrament children for 2016, beginning year celebration and welcome to all our new families. **It is very important that families who would like their child to receive a Sacrament in 2016 to please return the form handed out on Monday.**

After Mass the congregation is invited to purchase 'fish and chips' from Gudge's Fish and Chip van and enjoy a picnic tea on the lawn areas of the school. Feel free to bring along your own refreshments, chairs and blankets.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 9th February the students will celebrate 'Pancake' Tuesday in preparation for the season of Lent in the Catholic Church. The children will have the opportunity to have a pancake at lunch, prepared by our senior students. If your child has any allergies to egg or dairy products, could you please advise your child's class teacher through the student diary.

Assemblies and Masses

This year the school Masses will be held on Thursday mornings at 9.00 am in St Mary's Church approximately once a fortnight unless there is Holy day of obligation or important feast day to be celebrated. School class assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons to conclude the day, approximately every fortnight in the school gym/hall. These will begin at 2.45 pm. Please refer to the school calendar sent home Monday for planned dates and celebrations for this Term.

Traffic Reminders

I would like to draw your attention to some important issues that were highlighted last year. Our school parking Kiss and Drop procedures and general movement of traffic around the school has worked well over the course of many years and it is important that we maintain a high degree of safety awareness particularly in the mornings and afternoons. Please enter and leave the school using the correct parking procedures for Kiss and Drop as well as parallel parking on Verran Terrace. Parents can choose to pick-up and drop off in the Church car park; however this area is not supervised by staff.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is also an important consideration as it represents the pride and identity of our school. Most families have updated their polo-shirts to the new fabric which is designed to last longer. The emblems on the shorts are also better this year. Please let me know if you have any concerns with school uniform products. Could all families please check that they have labelled their uniform items clearly. We are also looking for good quality second hand uniforms that can be brought to the front office.

Newsletter

The school newsletter is available via email and through the SchoolStream app for touch phone and tablet devices. Only a few families have asked for a hard copy as they do not have access to the internet at home. Consent forms, calendars and reply slips will be sent home as a hard copy.

OLOR's 80th Birthday

On Australia Day, 26th January, Our Lady of the River School celebrated 80 years of education in Berri. To mark this special occasion we are planning a 'fiesta like' weekend on Friday 15th – 17th April called the '**Old Scholars Benefit**', encouraging all those associated with the school in the past, to attend. We are looking for interested parents/parishioners from our school community to be involved in a committee to organise this event. **If you are interested could you please come to a special evening meeting on Monday 8th February at 6.30pm in the Multi-purpose room at Our Lady of the River School.**

SPECIAL NEWS

**IMPORTANT DATES
& INFORMATION**
Please update your diaries

SCHOOL PHOTOS Monday 15th February

Information for orders will be sent our next week.

New School Timetable

8.30: Children arrive at school
8.50: Classes begin & Fitness
11:35: Early Lunch (10mins)
11.45: Lunch Play
12.15: Classes resume
1.45: Afternoon Break (10mins)
1.55: Afternoon Play
2.15: Classes resume
3.00: Pack-up/clean-up
3.15: Dismissed

Feedback from parents/students about the new timetable would be appreciated by emailing roates@olor.catholic.edu.au



2015 RE News

Fr. Paul Bourke: 85821894

**Fr. John Stuart James:
85882452 ~ 0419176514**

MASSES TERM 1

**Thursdays 9.00 am
St Mary's Church**

**10th February - Ash Wednesday
@ 6pm St Mary's Church
17th March – St Patrick's Day
19th March - St Joseph's Day
24th March - Holy Thursday
25th March - Good Friday
28th March – Easter Monday**

Welcome to our New Families

Latesha Darvill	- Foundation Class	Parent	- Karen
Aalyha Mundy	- Foundation Class	Parents	- Annette & Adrian
Harsimran Singh	- Foundation Class	Parents	- Sarabjit & Hardial
Claire Strong	- Foundation Class	Parents	- Emily & Craig
Kenzie Sweet	- Foundation Class	Parents	- Nicole & Jeremy
Harley Verrall	- Foundation Class	Parent	- Tammy
Lilly White	- Foundation Class	Parents	- Daulina & Kevin
Caroline Cross	- Year 3	Parent	- Roger
Ross Shearer	- Year 4	Parent	- Michael
Kuljeet Bhatti	- Year 2	Parents	- Amrik & Navraj
Ranveer Singh	- Year 5	Parents	- Amrik & Navraj
Nathasha Jayasuriya	- Year 4	Parents	- Devika & Senarath
Lekiesha Ware	- Year 2	Parent	- Stephanie
Kenniesha Ware	- Year 1	Parent	- Stephanie

Berri Greek School News 2016

Dear Parents,

Greek School enrolments will be held this Thursday 4th of February 2016 at Glossop Primary School from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Please come along on this night to enrol your child/children.

Please enroll your children this week as lessons will start the following Thursday 11th of February 2016 .

Thank you,

Athina Papametis

School Swimming Fun at the Berri Pool this week ~ Foundation class



Unwanted Items we can use at school

- Toys in good condition
- Second-hand uniforms, especially girl's skirts in all sizes and polo t-shirts.
- Egg cartons, small boxes/containers for art construction
- Small timber offcuts for junior primary construction area, Costumes, Car tyres for garden plots
- Appropriate magazines

Handouts this week

- Term Calendar, Teacher letters, SAPSASA Sports, Choir and School Band Reply Slip



Notice of AGM

**Berri Junior Netball Club
Saturday morning competition
(FROM 5-13 YEARS OF AGE)**

**Will be holding their
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 16th February 7pm
At the Big River Tavern**

All positions are vacant - Committee of 8 -12 required

All interested parents are encouraged to attend

**Berri Junior Netball Club is registered to accept the Sports Vouchers
Issued by the Government of SA.
www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au**

Enquiries to berrijuniornetball@gmail.com