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OLOR's 80th Birthday

Monday night a number of interested Our Lady of the River Parish members met to discuss the events and possibilities of how to celebrate 80 years of Catholic Primary education in Berri, at the end of this term. Initial plans include a 'fiesta like' weekend on **Friday 15th – 17th April**, which includes a Fun Day Friday for the students during the day and community that evening, School tours on Saturday and a cabaret dinner called the '**Old Scholars Benefit**' Saturday night. To conclude the weekend we will have a special birthday Mass and morning tea with our Bishop, Greg O'Kelly SJ as well as past and present religious, teaching staff and students who have or had an association with OLOR. **If you are interested in being involved please come along to our next meeting on Monday 22nd February at 6.30pm in the Multi-purpose room at Our Lady of the River School.**

Riverland Basketball Carnival

This Saturday and Sunday the school will host a number of games of junior basketball in our gym/hall. We will be providing a canteen on both days because in the past it has been a very successful fundraising event for the school. We are in need of donations of eggs, bacon and bread. If you are free over the weekend and can assist in the canteen please text Ros on 0417787843 with the time you are available. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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 2016

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

OLOR School Canteen Fridays Only

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

9am-12.30pm

Please notify the front office of
the Fridays you are available.

**This Friday 12th Feb is
hot-dog orders ONLY.**

**Prepared by the student
captains.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students, Beginning School Mass – ASH Wednesday

Tonight the staff of Our Lady of the River parish community invite all families to attend our beginning of the new school year and Ash Wednesday Mass 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. 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. Yesterday the students (pictured above) celebrated **Shrove Tuesday**. A more familiar name for this day is Pancake Tuesday. It is the day before we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. In ancient times this was the day that communities used up their supplies of cream, eggs and other special ingredients, before the 40 days of fasting of Lent. Thank you to the Hunter family who prepared and cooked the pancakes as well as the school captains for assisting with the serving. Following Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday is a day of special fasting for those of us who are able to do without meat or special foods as a way of prayer and renewal in Christ. In classes, children will be discussing how they can become better people during Lent by trying to do things well or even giving up doing things that are poor choices. We hope that you can support your child in this decision and even join them in their quest to be people of peace, hope and love.

Ros Oates

FOCUS SCHOOL PORTRAITS

All children have received photo envelopes this week. Sibling envelopes are available at front office. All envelopes to be returned with the child containing correct money on Monday 15th February.

The front office will be closed in the morning due to [staff photos](#).



Welcome Back! B.O.P. and B.O.P.P.E.R.S.

Mrs. Vicki Deakin (pictured middle) is once again co-ordinating our Playgroup sessions every Tuesday from 9.00 am till 11.00 am this year. For all children over 4 years of age there will be a group with Mrs. Oates at the same time, aimed at preparing children for school in the near future. Our playgroup room is also about to receive a special facelift with additional outdoor facilities, adding to the fantastic resources in the room for children 0-5 years. The types of activities the students are involved in include; music and singing, imaginative play, outdoor and free play, art and craft and planned community outings each term. Please contact the front office of the school if you need further information.

Sporting Schools Funding

\$100 million Australian Government dollars has been allocated to primary schools across Australia to get children committed to a lifelong love of sport. Our Lady of the River School has been successful in the first round of grants this year with \$3,000.00 going towards Triathlon and Cycling coaching in Term 1 and Term 2. Today the senior students in Years 3-7 will begin Triathlon coaching sessions, with accredited SA Triathlon coach, Grant Melzer. These sessions will be on most Wednesdays during P.E. lessons and some Tuesdays this term.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Berri Greek School News 2016

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. Enquiries to Athina Papametis 0417821310

Relationship Australia

Have upcoming parenting workshops- **Bringing Up Great Kids and 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching**. Both workshops will be delivered at our Berri office.

Enquiries or bookings can be made to Chelsea at the office on 85824122 or mobile 0448 410 482.

We need to treat all people with love, respect, and dignity. Every moment is an opportunity for personal conversion. Now is the time to change the way we act toward our sisters and brothers.

SPECIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Please update your diaries

SCHOOL PHOTOS Monday 15th February

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



2016 RE News

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MASSES TERM 1

Thursdays 9.00 am

St Mary's Church

Thurs 25th Feb – Years 2 & 5 Mass

Thurs 10th Mar – F & Yrs 6/7 Mass

Thurs 7th April – Yr 1 & Yrs 3/4 Mass

Special Liturgical Celebrations

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