



OLOR

**RESPECT
QUALITY
CARE
COMMUNITY
SELF ESTEEM**

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Amahli K. will receive RECONCILIATION this year and was presented to the OLOR parish community on Ash Wednesday by Fr. Paul Bourke.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The first two weeks have been really smooth and I get the feeling this term is going to fly. The staff are really committed to being the best they can be for each child in their care. All teachers have organised meetings over the last few weeks and gathered vital information from parents & carers on how the school can assist with engaging in their child (ren)'s learning and how parents can be involved in school life as much as possible.

A special focus this year is to raise the level of pride we feel in our school. I know it already exists but I feel there are a few areas of 'pride' that we can still work on improving. For example, wearing the correct school uniform each day, students "striving to be the best they can be" by working hard in class – allowing the teacher to teach and allowing all other students to learn, looking after our school environment and being a caring person in the school yard. For the adults of the school, both staff and parents/carers, we need to continue having respectful relationships and further develop strong partnerships with each other, that way ensuring a really positive year for the children. It's really simple – when teachers and parents work together children can only benefit.

Ros Oates

LENT

Within the Catholic Church we have a Liturgical calendar. Currently we are in what is known as Ordinary Time and represented through the use of the colour green. On the 10th February (Ash Wednesday) we commenced Lent, which is the 40 days before Easter that leads up to the Triduum (Easter celebrations). The forty days are from the first Sunday of Lent until Holy Thursday when the Easter Triduum begins.

Christians spend the time of Lent:

- coming to greater clarity in our lives (prayer)
- simplifying our lifestyles (fasting)
- reaching out to those who are poor (almsgiving)

Lent is really a time of retreat or renewal for the whole community in Christian living.

Pope Francis @Pontifex (twitter)

"Jesus is waiting for us and wants to heal our hearts of all that tears us down. He is the God who has a name: Mercy."

Riverland Basketball Carnival

A huge thank you to all the school community who contributed by the way of donations towards the canteen catering last weekend. We had a successful fundraising effort, collecting close to \$1,000.00. I would also like to thank the following families for volunteering their time to work in the canteen over the two days; Kelly, Marsden, Kent, Gregoric, Stokes, Isaacs and Dale.

**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
Roster**

Week 3 - 19/2/2016

Stacey Hunter and Naomi Hunt

Week 4 - 26/2/2016

Stacey Hunter and Nicole Pitt

Week 5 - 4/3/2016

Bec Stokes and Lara Vallelonga

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

On Friday 4th March to Saturday 5th March, St Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie, will observe the Pope's call to have "24 Hours with the Lord" during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. All the faithful, including the baptized who feel estranged from the institutional church, are invited to participate in the series of prayers and liturgies that will be held in the Cathedral for those twenty-four hours. Masses will be celebrated, there will be Adoration and Benediction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

For details of the schedule go to the Diocesan Website:<http://www.pp.catholic.org.au/year-of-mercy>

BOOK CLUB

Last week your child/ren received the first issue of Scholastic Book Club for the year. Orders are due in by Wednesday, 24th February. If you would like to place an order, please send correct payment by cheque (**made to OLOR**) or cash. Credit card payments can be made by following the instructions on the bottom of the order form.

Please remember to clearly write your child's name and class on the order form and send to school in an envelope marked "Book Club".
Regards, Sandy Sando

FAMILY SCHOOL PHOTOS

Families who missed out on school photos will be able to have a photo taken later in the year. A day will be organized with Italo Vardaro Studios and you will be advised of this date in due course.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Keep your kids smiling SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. **Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.**

Please call now for an appointment.

Berri School Dental Clinic Phone: 8582 1969

BERRI HOCKEY CLUB

SIGN-ON EVENING AND COME AND TRY

Are you children looking for fun and fitness and friendship through a non contact sport? Try Hockey! **Berri Hockey Club** is having its **sign on evening** for the 2016 season.

Where – Glassey Park

When – Wednesday March 16

Time 5.30pm – 6.15pm juniors

6.15pm – 7.00pm seniors

All ages from under 9 to seniors

New players always welcome

If you have any queries please contact Gavin McMahon on 8582 2739 A/H OR mobile 0419038962

FOSTER CARE INFORMATION DAY

WWW.ACCARE.ORG.AU 8582 2344 Care@accare.org.au

SPECIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Please update your diaries

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

*PARISH PICNIC Sunday 11.00am
March 13th. Mass at Kingston on
the Murray.*

BYO chairs and a picnic lunch.



2016 RE News

Fr. Paul Bourke: 85821894

Fr. John Stuart James:

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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

17th March – St Patrick's Day

19th March - St Joseph's Day

24th March - Holy Thursday

25th March - Good Friday

28th March – Easter Monday