Dear Parents, Carers and Students,
A key focus for us as a school during this season of Lent is Project Compassion. This is a time when we are all asked to look beyond our own needs to the needs of people in the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. Caritas Australia is the Catholic agency of international aid and development. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. We contribute by raising funds to support some of the many projects Caritas Australia has to assist people who are in a desperate situation in various parts of the world. Each class has a special collection box and students are encouraged to contribute by offering a coin donation over the next few weeks. These boxes will be collected just before Holy Week later this term.

Carpark Safety
With the start of the new school year, extra effort is needed to ensuring that all members of the school community are safely utilizing the designated parking zones. Whilst I acknowledge that there may be frustration experienced in finding suitable parking on occasion, this should never be cause for action to be taken that is at the expense of safety particularly that of our children. Many thanks to all those who have been positively responsive to requests to refrain from parking in areas not designated for use such as the housing side on Verran Terrace and in front of the Masonic Hall on McIntosh Street. Unfortunately, there have also been some occasions on which members of the community are not leaving the school parking areas and kiss and drop using the correct speed in school zones. School zones have a speed limit of 25 km/hr at any time. The use of all parking, appropriate use of the Kiss and Drop as well as safe passage of students crossing the road to walk home must be respected at all times. In working together, and by being patient with one another, we can ensure that our students are safe.

Ros Oates

Staffing News
Next week Mrs Jenny Segui will be taking three weeks long service leave. We wish her well during this time. In her absence, Mrs Meagan Rudd will be working additional days in the school and Miss Scarlett Luke will replace Mrs Segui’s teaching position on Fridays in the Years 3/4 class. Mrs Segui will return during Week 8 this Term.

OLOR School Canteen Roster

Week 4 - 26/2/2016
Stacey Hunter and Nicole Pitt

Week 5 - 4/3/2016
Bec Stokes and Lara Valvelonga

Week 6 – 11/3/2016
Stacey Hunter and Nicole Pitt
**Sports News**
The Senior classes, 3-7 will be receiving specialised coaching in the sport of Triathlon this term. This is in addition to some of their P.E. lessons and is free due to the successful application of a Federal Sporting Schools Grant received this year. Mr. Grant Melzer, SA’s accredited State coach for Triathlon and a World Triathlon Champion himself, will be travelling up to OLOR each week for the remainder of the term, giving the students expert coaching in the areas of swimming, cycling and running. All students are encouraged over the next few weeks to dust off their bikes and bring them to school on the Wednesdays they have cycling. In Term 2, these students will focus more on cycling with a Cycling Australia coach providing the same expert coaching once a week using again the Federal Sporting Schools Grant Scheme.

**Renmark Triathlon**
This weekend Renmark is hosting a local Triathlon organised by Adelaide based Xcelsports. Our Lady of the River School will have a number of athletes competing on Saturday afternoon in the fun children’s event – the Paul Hutchins Loan Centre Tuffkicks Triathlon, will start at approximately 5pm at the Renmark Swimming Pool. The following students listed below will be participating. We wish them all the best and thank Mr. Kelly and Mr. Gates for looking after our athletes. On Sunday there will be a number of elite competitors racing from 8.30am outside the Renmark Club.

Individual: Riley Herbert, Alex Herbert
Relays: Jed Kelly, Regan Kruger, Ella Kassebaum
Layne Fenwick, Marley Minchella, Charlie Gates

**SAPSASA Swimming**
Best wishes to our swimmers on Friday competing at the Loxton Swimming Pool in the Riverland district SAPSASA swimming trials.
Riley Herbert, Alex Herbert, Layne Fenwick, Charlie Gates

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SEASON 2016 Saturday morning competition**
(GIRLS FROM 5-13 YEARS OF AGE)

**Registrations & Training**
Tuesday 15th March, 4.00-5.00pm - Berri Netball Courts
**Development Squad Registration’s**
Tuesday 15th March 4.00-5.00pm – Berri Netball Courts
**U/13 Trials**
Tuesday 15th, 22nd & 29th March
5.00-6.00pm - Berri Netball Courts
(MUST attend at least 2 trials to be eligible and MUST be registered prior to first trial)
Age 2003, 2004 & 2005
**U/11 Trials**
Tuesday 15th, 22nd & 29th March
5.00-6.00pm - Berri Netball Courts
(MUST attend at least 2 trials to be eligible and MUST be registered prior to first trial) Age 2005, 2006 & 2007

**Required for 2016 season coaches, umpires & sponsors**
Expression of interest or for a copy of the registration form contact Nicole Cawse berrijuniornetball@gmail.com or mobile 0417 372 884
Berri Junior Netball Club is registered to accept the Sports Vouchers Issued by the Government of SA. www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

**2016 MARDI GRAS LOXTON**
Celebrate 59th Year - Activities organised over the weekend
Friday 26th February 7pm Free Family Movie
Saturday 27th February Street Activities and
5pm – 10pm LOXTON GIFT @ Loxton Oval & Free Entry
Sunday 28th February Mardi Gras Appreciation Service
For further information contact Peter Magarey 0418 808 296

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**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

**Up and Coming Events**
February 25 & 26
Year 3 & 4 Zoosnooze Camp
February 29th, March 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Year 5 & Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp
March 4th Ride to School Day
PARISH PICNIC Sunday 10.00am
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: 85882452 ~ 0419176514

**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