Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week I have spent valuable time with leaders of primary schools from across Australia from all three sectors, Catholic, Independent and Government in Canberra. There were many conversations and examples provided of how primary schools across Australia are in great need of financial support to especially support leaders and teachers to cater for the diverse educational needs of all our students.

At Our Lady of the River School there is outstanding commitment in teaching and learning and where our staff are committed to the ongoing development of the ‘whole child’. We are incredibly fortunate compared to many other schools and the conversations already had with all parents about teaching and learning has been incredibly valuable to start the year. Looking over the calendar of the first 4 weeks of term, I’m astounded to see that the students have already been involved and engaged in so many activities including sport activities, excursions, camps and engaging curriculum lessons inside and outside the classroom.

During this ‘Year of Mercy’ I continue to encourage all of us to be a strong relational community, where ALL, especially students are encouraged to see, hear and recognise the best in themselves and in others. We must welcome one another and all who join our community. We must model by authentic witness forgiveness, reconciliation, love and hope as fundamental elements of a Catholic Education.

Ros Oates

A Tip from Relationships Australia

“Accept the fact that, however hard you try to build a bright and better future for yourself and your child, there may be times when you make mistakes, or other people let you down, and things go hopelessly wrong.

When that happens, give in to your emotions! Sit down and have a good grizzle!
Then go out and celebrate. For when you are right down at rock bottom there is only one way to go ... UP!”

Glenda Banks

80 years of Catholic Education
Friday 15th April – Sunday 17th April 2016
Please join us to celebrate 80 years contact school for details 8582 1128

Zoosnooze Years 3 and 4 Camp
Thursday 25th and Friday 26th February the Year 3 and Year 4 students travelled to Adelaide to the Adelaide Zoo for camp sleepover Zoosnooze.
A night tour walk with guide around the zoo had been arranged for the children. Seeing many different animals in their enclosure at night was amazing.
On the Friday we had the opportunity to visit the South Australian Museum and learnt about Australian Indigenous Cultures.
Everyone involved enjoyed this camp and a thank you is extended to parent helpers Naomi Hunt and Jim Efthimiou. Melanie & Jenny

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 5 - 4/3/2016
Bec Stokes & Lara Valvelonga

Week 6 – 11/3/2016
Stacey Hunter & Nicole Pitt

Week 7 – 18/3/2016
Annette Sargent & Kelly Storer
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
March 4th Ride to School Day

March 8th Foundation excursion to Loxton Historical Village

PARISH PICNIC Sunday 10.00am

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 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

Berri River Ranger Soccer Club will be having their registration day on
March 9th at the Berri No. 2 Oval at 4-5pm.
All inquiries to Ron Foulds 0439294322.

Ride to School.
Students are invited to ride to school on Friday.
Miss Roberts will meet students at the Berri Visitor
information Centre at 8:00am. All road rules apply
and helmets are essential. Miss Roberts contact
mobile is 0413223727

How to model the school value of Respect:

- Model positive behaviour
- Respect peoples differences
- Be considerate towards
  others and their learning
- Show a genuine interest in others
- Be friendly to everyone
- Value the efforts and
  contributions of others

By Madison & Tia

Riverland SAPSASA Trials
Charlie Gates, Layne Fenwick, Alex Herbert and Riley Herbert

Charlie, Layne, Alex and Riley all represented the school well at the Riverland
SAPSASA District Trials last Friday. Layne and Alex both finished strongly in their
breaststroke and backstroke heats to place first in their respective event. Charlie and
Alex both took the plunge to compete in the 100m Open Freestyle event and
placed well. We congratulate the students for their efforts.
Riley Herbert has made the Relay Team for his age group and has the opportunity
to represent the Riverland in Adelaide. Mr. Luke Cotter