



OLOR

RESPECT  
QUALITY  
CARE  
COMMUNITY  
SELF ESTEEM

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**Dear Parents, Carers and Students,**

It is now Week 4 of Lent. What have you given up or given to this Lenten season? I am afraid I haven't been that obedient this season. I have however taken up the challenge of forgiving others more freely and showing mercy more frequently. It is the Jubilee Year of Mercy after all and I think if we can't give up anything, than we should at least try to show mercy in whichever way possible. Maybe this is something we could all do during this remaining period. Aim for peace and forgive wherever you can.

*Compassionate God,*

*We pray that your grace may always be at work in our lives.*

*Transform our hearts so that judgment and condemnation become acceptance and tolerance for all people.*

*Help us to accept our own humility and simplicity; And in doing so, allow your mercy and love to be brought to all people.*

*Amen*



**Family Mass – Palm Sunday**

Our first family Mass with the parishioners is **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00 am in St Mary's Church Berri.** We will be taking this opportunity to introduce our school leaders, including school sports captains to the St Mary's parishioners. All families are encouraged to come along and celebrate the beginning to Holy Week and support our school, our students and our parishioners.

Ros Oates

**Year 5 & 6/7 Aquatics Camp**

Last week, the Year 5's and 6/7's grabbed their passports and ventured down to Aldinga Beach for their 4 day Aquatics Camp. The students were blessed with perfect weather in the low 30's and clear skies – a welcome reprieve from the desert like conditions back home. The kids engaged in jetty fishing, and beach activities prior to their elective sessions including surfing, bodyboarding, kayaking, wave skiing, snorkelling, and sailboarding. They also spent time being educated in surf safety and lifesaving activities. Fun was had by all and thanks must be extended to Mr Kelly for his organisational efforts and overseeing a camp with a beginning teacher and a young ESO, Miss Gutsche. *Mr Luke Cotter*

**School Board AGM**

Adult members of the OLOR community are invited to attend our annual AGM for the OLOR School Board.

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 22nd March, 2016 at 6.30pm. This meeting will be held in the school multi-purpose room. At the meeting we will appoint new executive members.

Each year positions become vacant and the elections take place at the AGM. Being involved your child/ren's school life in some way or just getting to know what's going on here at Our Lady of the River School by contributing to how things are done is very important. Please consider becoming a member of our School Board. Nomination forms are available at the office.

**Important Reminders  
Please Check these Updates**

[www.olor.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olor.catholic.edu.au) or  
[www.facebook.com/olorverrantce](https://www.facebook.com/olorverrantce)

**SchoolStream App**

The one stop shop for OLOR information

**Dates for Your Diary**

- 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Diocesan Assembly – Chrism Mass in Pt Pirie (School Captains)
- 17<sup>th</sup> March:** St Patrick's Day – Casual Green Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> March:** SAPSASA Swimming Adelaide
- 19<sup>th</sup> March:** St Joseph's Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Palm Sunday – Children's Mass
- 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Harmony Day

**OLOR School Canteen  
Roster**

**Week 6 – 11/3/2016**

**Stacey Hunter & Nicole Pitt**

**Week 7 – 18/3/2016**

**Annette Sargent & Kelly Storer**

**Week 8 – GOOD FRIDAY  
NO CANTEEN**

## OLOR Sport News

In the past week, many students have been involved in Basketball finals. Unfortunately, the Berri Blazers experienced a few losses as well as a Grand Final win.

### Results:

The U14 Div 2 Girls were defeated in their Grand Final.

In the U16 Grand Final, the Div 2 Boys Red team defeated the Div 2 Boys Blue team.

In the U14 Prelim Final, the Div 1 Boys lost their match by 3 points.

I witnessed the U12 Girls semi-final and can say that the girls fought their hearts out in a tight 4-quarter tussle that went the wrong way for the Blazers, going down by 1 point. A great game nonetheless girls!

We wish the U14 cricketers all the best this Thursday night in their semi-final clash needing 138 runs for victory against Waikerie.

*"There may be people that have more talent than you, but theres no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do." – Derek Jeter*

Mr Luke Cotter

## Parent Involvement

I would like to appeal to all parents and careers of Our Lady of the River School to consider taking an active role in the organisation of events carried out at our school; especially our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations. With many hands, we can make light work of the activities and projects that are designed to support our children in their primary schooling years. Not everyone can devote regular time to attend meetings or being involved in every activity. Some of us work full time, some have small children to care for at home, others work away from home for periods of time, but there are so many ways you can get involved in your child's schooling by contributing your time or providing donations towards our fundraising activities. In the coming weeks families will be contacted to ask for support towards the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration weekend. This is our largest fundraiser for 2016.

## 80 years of Catholic Education – Celebration Updates

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Casual Day for students

9-11.35 am: Royal Flying Doctors Flight Simulator

11.35 am: Classes/Whole school (BYO) picnic lunch & birthday cake and games, all community welcome

12.15-1.45 pm: Finalising classroom displays and minor stalls

1.45 pm: End of Term Assembly

2.00 pm: Dismissal and gates close (children who need care remain at school)

### 2.30 pm: 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday FAMILY FUN NIGHT

2.30-8.00 pm: Amusements including, bouncy Castles, wonder-balls, food/drinks, games, show-bags, glitter tattoos, D.J. and a whole lot more. \$10 entry per child (includes all amusements) and \$5 per adult.

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April:

1.00-3.00 pm: School Captains Tours

### 6.30 pm onwards: 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday OLD SCHOLARS BENEFIT:

\$50/head includes pre-dinner drink, main course, sweets and entertainment.

Auction with incredible items.

Numbers/table bookings to roates@olor.catholic.edu.au

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April: 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mass & Morning Tea – St Mary's Church

9.00 am: Special Celebrant Bishop Greg O'Kelly S.J. and Fr. Paul Bourke

Followed by special morning tea on the front lawns of St Mary's Church.

Please join us to celebrate 80 years contact school for details  
Our Lady of the River School ph: 8582 1128 OR Ros Oates 0417787843

Could we ask families to please display our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Poster.

## How to model the school value of Quality

- Try to perform to the best of your abilities
- Encourage others to do their best
- Have pride in all that you do
- Don't be afraid to try new things
- Make the right choices that will influence younger students

By Lana and Katelyn

# 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

(Note: Change of Date)

Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>: Foundation excursion to Loxton Historical Village. Leaving at 9.10am.

### PARISH PICNIC

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

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 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – F & Yrs 6/7 Mass

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April – Yr 1 & Yrs 3/4  
Mass

### Special Liturgical Celebrations

17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day

19<sup>th</sup> March - St Joseph's Day

20<sup>th</sup> March – PALM SUNDAY

24<sup>th</sup> March - Holy Thursday

25<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday

28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Monday

