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## Foundation Excursion



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. Just as a family will gather round on important occasions and tell and retell the family stories, so there is a sense in which the Church keeps its 'best stories' for this most significant celebration. These are the family stories that shape our identity as Christians: they tell us where we have come from, who we are and where we are going. During Religion classes the students at Our Lady of the River have come to know many of these stories.

Next Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, beginning at approximately 10 am the whole school will be in the school hall/gym for the annual re-enactment plays of the events of Palm Sunday, Jesus in the Temple, Holy Thursday, Garden of Gethsemane and Stations of the Cross/Good Friday. Easter Sunday will be celebrated in the hall again in the morning, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March when we return to school at 9.00 am.

We invite all community members to join us for these 'stories' in the creative form of class plays. This is expected to last just over one hour. Students are asked to wear casual black clothing (dark colours) as a mark of respect and to complement their basic costumes for the plays.

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Below is an outline of what classes are performing and the approximate times.

Foundation: 10.15am (Palm Sunday)  
Year 1: 10.25am (In the Temple)  
Year 2: 10.35am (Holy Thursday)  
Years 3/4: 10.45am (Garden of Gethsemane)  
*Small Break*  
Years 6/7: 10.55am (Stations of the Cross)  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 5: 9.00 am (Easter)

**The children will be dismissed for the Easter break at approximately 11.35am. If care of children is needed after that time could you please call Ros.**

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(Pictured above: Lilly White, Evelyn Isaacs and Latesha Darvill)  
On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March the Foundation class visited the Loxton Historical Village to learn about the school days of the past. This was to help with their investigations for our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Thank you to all the parents for making such a great effort with the children wearing costumes for the occasion.

### 80th Birthday Auction

On Saturday night at the OLD SCHOLARS BENEFIT Cabaret we intend to have an auction to raise funds for the school. If you are willing to donate an auction good or service that would be most appreciated. We are also asking if families can approach local businesses that they may have a close association with, for a donation that can be auctioned on the night. Please contact Ros with any items you may have. Thank you.

## 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

### 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

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS ON THURSDAYS.**

**Week 7 – 18/3/2016**

**Annette Sargent & Kelly Storer**

**Week 8 – GOOD FRIDAY  
NO CANTEEN**



### 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. Please return your invitation reply slip by this Friday.

### FAITH, FEED, FUN

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016**

Our Lady of the River Parish Youth and Family Ministry Team is organising a fun games, jump on the pillow and sausage sizzle before attending a youth led Mass with Fr. Paul from 5.00 pm till approximately 7.15pm.

### Book Club

Yesterday your child/ren received Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club. Orders are due in by Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. 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

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

All the children are permitted to wear green to acknowledge our special Saint, Patrick on his feast day this Thursday. We ask for a gold coin donation to participate in the green casual day and if your child would like an ice-cream in a cone on the day that will be at an extra cost of \$1. All the proceeds will be joined to our funds raised for CARITAS the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia.

### OLOR vs St. Alberts Cricket Game – Knockout Cricket Team Selection

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March the children who have nominated to participate in the Upper Primary Cricket match with Mr. Cotter need to wear their sports uniform and will be playing at the number 2 Berri oval mid-morning.

The permission note sent home needs to be returned on the day.

### 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

## 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**

#### *Reminders*

**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 (gold coin)

**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



### 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 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**