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, 24th 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 29th March when we return to school at 9.00 am.

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.

Foundation Excursion
(Pictured above: Lilly White, Evelyn Isaacs and Latesha Darvill)

On Friday, 11th March the Foundation class visited the Loxton Historical Village to learn about the school days of the past. 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.

ROS OATES
Family Mass – Palm Sunday
Our first family Mass with the parishioners is Sunday 20th 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 3rd 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, 30th 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”.

St Patrick’s Day – Thursday 17th 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 17th 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 15th April – Sunday 17th April 2016
Friday 15th April: Casual Day for students
9.15-11.35 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: 80th 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 16th April:
1.00-3.00 pm: School Captains Tours
6.30 pm onwards: 80th 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 17th April: 80th 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
16th March: Diocesan Assembly – Chrism Mass in Pt Pirie (School Captains)
17th March: St Patrick’s Day – Casual Green Day (gold coin)
18th March: SAPSASA Swimming Adelaide
19th March: St Joseph’s Day
20th March: Palm Sunday – Children’s Mass
21st 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 7th April – Yr 1 & Yrs 3/4 Mass
Special Liturgical Celebrations
17th March – St Patrick’s Day
19th March - St Joseph’s Day
20th March – PALM SUNDAY
24th March - Holy Thursday
25th March - Good Friday
28th March – Easter Monday