Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Pope Francis has called us to create a Memorial—a reminder of the Year of Mercy. As a part of the Diocese of Port Pirie, the students at OLER planted a tree as a living response to this call—a reminder that we must show mercy, and care for, the earth and our environment. Thank you to Mrs. Moldovan and the NRM students for their involvement in the tree planting and all the families who supported our ‘Go green’ Day last Friday to acknowledge World Environment Day which was celebrated on the 5th June, 2016.

Diocesan Leaders Conference

Last week I attended the annual Port Pirie Diocesan Leaders assembly, held at St Mark’s College in Port Pirie. The meeting brought together the Director, Brenda Keenan, Port Pirie Diocese Principals, Priests, Centacare staff and religious leaders in Catholic organisations to focus on the theme ‘Mission and Mercy’. It was an opportunity to meet and listen to keynote speakers, Phil Glendenning, the Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and Lana Turvey, National Program Manager, Mission Formation and Professional Development from Catholic Mission about the work being carried out to support those from overseas, especially refugees, who need our understanding and support. This was also a time to engage with the wisdom and experience of local leaders, while learning more about what we can all do to support the vision of Pope Francis of how to lead mercy and mission in our communities. Offering hospitality to those who seek refuge and risk their lives to ‘Come Across the Sea’ is a simple start.

Due to still recovering from his recent illness, Bishop Greg O’Kelly was unable to attend, however he sends his greetings to all in our communities and has asked us to share the attached statement by the Australian Catholic Bishops – ‘A Vote for the Voteless’. Bishop Greg has indicated, “it is not party-politic, but lifts the mind to values. Our schools have the best outreach and we need to spread the message.” I ask our community to continue to pray for Bishop Greg as he commences treatment after his recent operation for cancer and for all those currently caring for or suffering an illness at this time.

Canteen

A huge thank you to Stacey Hunter for her efforts not only for organising our school canteen and roster but recently she cleared and cleaned out the canteen area in preparation for a Berri Council health inspection. This was not an easy task. I also thank the many parents who have supported Stacey by assisting with canteen on Fridays. If you are available to assist next term, please don’t hesitate to contact the front office.

Ros Oates
NRM
NRM Young Environment Leaders - Jaden, Ranveer, Archer and Charlie attended the McCormick Centre at Renmark, along with students from other Riverland Schools. Barney Lindsay and Chris Koolmatrie shared stories with the students about their Indigenous culture and growing up in the Riverland and how we must look after the Earth.

BOOK CLUB
Last week your child/ren received Issue 4 of Scholastic Book Club. Orders are due in by Wednesday, 22nd June. 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

OLOR SPORTS NEWS
Starting next week on Mondays for the remainder of the term, the 3/4 students and Year 5 students will be receiving some specialised coaching with Grant Melzer from Adelaide. The focus will be on developing fine motor and co-ordination skills. Students are to wear their sports uniform in these two grades on Mondays.

History came alive last Friday at Assembly, when the Year 3 / 4 class performed “The Voyage of Discovery by Captain James Cook”. Pictured are Yianni Exarheas, the Admiral of the British Navy and Ryder Hunt, an Aborigine. All the students portrayed their character well, especially Nathan Kovacic who was Captain Cook. Special thanks to the parents who attended and found appropriate costumes to set the scene.

To commemorate World Environment Day the OLOR choir sang 2 songs. “The Well” is about the lack of clean drinking water for many of the world’s people. “Bee Bop” explains how bees are extremely important for us and the planet.

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MASSES TERM 2
Thursdays 9.00 am
St Mary’s Church

Weekend Mass Times
Weeks 1, 3 & 5 Sundays of the Month
Berri 9am, Waikerie 11am, Loxton 11am, Barmera 6pm
Weeks 1, 3 & 5 Saturday night
Morgan 6pm and Renmark 6.30pm

Weeks 2 & 4 Sundays of the Month
Renmark 9am, Morgan 9am, Barmera 11am, Loxton 6pm
Weeks 2 & 4 Saturday night
Berri 6.30pm and Waikerie 6pm