Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Weeks one and two have begun very smoothly with all our current and new children and their families settling into the school environment. I encourage all new and longstanding families to attend our Parent Information evening on Wednesday 15th February. Please return the attached reply slip indicating your attendance for the evening.

As we journey together, I want everyone to know that our doors are always open and the teaching staff and I are readily available to speak with you about the education of your child. To get the very best of these conversations, please contact the administration office or personally see us to make an appointment.

Before and after School
OLOR has provisions for families who need care for their children from 7.30am till 8.30am at Breakfast Club (no charge) and after school from 3.15pm till 5.30pm at WASP - Workshop After School Program. ($5 per hour)

It is very important that all children who are on the school site before 8.30 am and after school, up until 5.30pm are in the Junior Primary court yard area of the school, under the care of our nominated staff. Children will need to follow school expectations during these times. Parents and carers must clearly communicate to the school if children are being left at school outside normal hours. This can be done via text to the principal or phoning the administration office. Drop off and pick-up is near the Administration office.

Mb: 0417787843  Ph: 85821128
Ros Oates
Principal

New Students
Pictured above are our new students and staff who we welcomed last week. The OLR community is invited to attend our parish ‘Commissioning Mass’ this Saturday evening, 6.30pm in St. Mary’s Church.

Riverland Basketball Carnival
This event has been cancelled. Thank you to the people who willingly offered their time to assist this weekend but due to the heat no games will be played across the region.

Physical Education Days & Uniform
Below is a timetable of each class’ sport days. All children can wear their P.E. uniform on Wednesdays and their other allocated day of the week.

Foundation: Mon & Wed
Year 1: Mon & Wed
Year 2: Mon & Wed
Years 3/4: Wed & Fri
Years 5/6: Wed & Fri
Years 6/7: Wed & Fri

‘CHOCOLATE CARNIVALE’
Saturday April 1st – 4pm till late
This year OLR will bring back our annual fundraising ‘fiesta or continental like’ type of event to the community. The event has a ‘Chocolate’ theme and there will be carnavale food, events, stalls, games and entertainment to be held on the OLR site. Organisation has begun, however we are in need of all families to support and help with this event. Each class will have a team leader who will be in contact with you soon regarding donations and assisting on stalls run by the school. If you are interested in helping or being involved the meetings are Fridays after school up until the event in the MP room of the school.

School Fees for 2017 will be included with your fee statement this week. Fees have a minimal increase in 2017 due to the successful fundraising efforts of our school community in 2016.

Families who wish to apply for School Card reductions are to see Ros Oates.

Week 2:
Saturday 11th
Commissioning Mass 6.30pm
St Mary’s Church

Week 3:
Tuesday 14th Feb
Port Adelaide FC visit

Wednesday 15th Feb
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Week 4:
Tuesday 21st Feb
School Photos
SPECIAL EVENTS

SCHOOL MASS DATES
Thursday 16th February – School Captains Mass
Tuesday 28th February – Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 1st March – Ash Wednesday 7.00am
Thursday 16th March – Year 3 & 4 Mass
Thursday 30th March – Foundation Mass
Thursday 13th April – Easter Plays 9.30am

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Friday February 24th – Assembly Years 6 & 7
Friday March 10th – Assembly Year 1
Friday March 24th – Assembly Year 5 & 6
Friday April 7th – Assembly Year 2

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Sacramental Program 2017
An invitation is extended to all families who wish to join our Sacramental Program at Our Lady of the River School in 2017, (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation). Please fill in and return the reply slip attached to Mrs. Oates as soon as possible. More detailed information and support for families on the preparation for the Sacraments will be organised in the near future. We will be combining with the students from St Albert’s School in Loxton for Confirmation in September (date yet to be confirmed).

For more detailed information on the meaning and symbolism behind the sacraments in our Catholic tradition, I would encourage you to visit the Archdiocese website using the link below.

Beginning School Mass
Our community is asked and invited to attend our welcoming Mass for the students from St Albert's School in Loxton for Confirmation in September.

March 1st ~ 7am ‘Ash Wednesday’ Mass.
Sacramental Candidates will be presented to the Parish community during the Mass and afterwards there is an invitation to join us in the school junior primary court yard for breakfast, including toast and eggs, tea and coffee.

This week there has been many media reports detailing the Royal Commission’s final sessions with representatives of the Catholic Church in relation to Institutional Abuse of the young. Bishop O’Kelly has released a special message to the diocese, which is available on request from the school administration staff.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Berri Junior Netball Club
Notice of AGM
Saturday morning competition (From 5-13 Years of Age)
AGM Tuesday 14th February 7pm
At the Big River Tavern
All positions are vacant – Committee of 8-12 required
All parents are encouraged to attend
Apologies and expression of interest for coaching and umpiring to berrijuniornetball@gmail.com

Berri Junior Netball Club is registered to accept the Sports Vouchers Issued by the Government of SA www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au
Follow us on Facebook: Berri Junior Netball Club

Drums & Guitar Tuition
Experienced Music Tutor Acoustic, Bass Guitar & Drums
Singing Lessons now available.
Facebook.com/DGtDrumsandGuitarTuition
DrumsandGuitarTuition@gmail.com OR 0409 260 299

Berri Scout Group
The Berri Scout Group has a 100 years of Service to the Community. Join the Scouts by contacting Tullan 0404027280 OR John 8583 2190

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

Winter Uniform Stock
Tri-state Renmark
Please check that your child/ren have the correct sizing for this winter. New stock of jumpers, tracksuit pants and long sleeved shirts are now available. Please allow time for personalised printing on the jumpers.

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

2017 RE News
Fr. Paul Bourke: 85821894
Fr. John Stuart James:
85882452 ~ 0419176514

MASSES TERM 1
Thursdays 9.00 am
St Mary’s Church

New 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