



# OLOR

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SELF ESTEEM

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Principal: Mrs. Ros Oates



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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### **New Students**

Pictured above are our new students and staff who we welcomed last week. The OLOR 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 4pm till late**

This year OLOR 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 carnivale food, events, stalls, games and entertainment to be held on the OLOR 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.

## SPECIAL NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

*Please update your diaries*

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 11<sup>th</sup>  
Commissioning Mass 6.30pm  
St Mary's Church

#### Week 3:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Port Adelaide FC visit

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb  
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

#### Week 4:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb  
School Photos



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SCHOOL MASS DATES

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

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Years 6 & 7  
Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Year 1  
Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Year 5 & 6  
Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Year 2

### School Canteen Begins this Friday

A huge thank you to Annette Bilson and Erica Kalman who will be running our school canteen each Friday. We thank the many parents who volunteered their help. We will contact you if needed this term. There is an updated price list attached. Prices have increased slightly this year.

## 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.

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-faith/sacraments/confirmation>

### Beginning School Mass

Our community is asked and invited to attend our welcoming Mass for the year on

### March 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 Tullal 0404027280 OR John 8583 2190

## 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

### 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