



Jack Hunter welcomed our Port Power guests on Tuesday this week. A special moment for him.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

Volunteers are a very precious resource for our school and we cannot survive without the help of all families.

As carers, most of our plates are not only full but overflowing; to-do lists are endless. Sometimes the last thing any of us truly wants to do is commit to another project, group, or organisation.

But there's one area where we shouldn't be cutting corners or making excuses, and that's volunteering at school. The ongoing social, academic and emotional success of our children relies heavily on the amazing network of parents and guardians who role model such important behaviours regularly. You might think you don't have anything to offer, or that someone else is better fit to volunteer their time. But passing it on to others is exactly why so many volunteers end up burned out; it's always the same five people going to the meetings, planning the events, executing the fundraisers and cleaning up around the place. If you're a parent or a carer, and your child goes to school, you have an obligation to find a way to volunteer. As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child". These past few months the school has improved classroom resources and the school yard is looking amazing, all due to the hard work of many volunteers. Past fundraising activities have been vital in providing extra funds to pay for new resources.

Tonight the school community gets the opportunity to visit the school grounds, classrooms and teachers to see first-hand how much has been improved.

Remember everyone does have something to offer and a little can really go a long way. Thank you to the past and current volunteers, your support is very much appreciated.

I'm looking forward to seeing the large majority of families who have already committed to attending our Parent Information Night this evening. Refer to the timetable in the 'Special News' column.

Also, a reminder that this Friday after school in the multipurpose room, there is a meeting for all people who wish to contribute to our major fundraiser for the year, our new look fiesta, the '**Chocolate Carnivale**'. There will be refreshments available. All families will be asked throughout this term to contribute in many ways to this event.

Lenten Prayer Program

Lent begins on Wednesday March 1 this year and the OLOR parish will be holding weekly Lenten Prayer gatherings on Monday afternoons in the OLOR parish centre from 3:45-4:30pm. These provide a quiet opportunity for prayer and reflection in a very comfortable atmosphere.

Administering Medication to Children

It is important that parents/carers contact the office to update their "Medication" form/s if their child/ren's medical circumstances have changed since last year. A reminder that we are not authorised to administer medication to your child, this includes paracetamol eg Panadol/Nurofen etc. If your child requires paracetamol for any reason, parents will need to administer this medication at home or on school site. It is also important to update asthma care programs with your local health provider and give these details to Bernie or Sandy in the front office.

Ros Oates
Principal

SPECIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Please update your diaries

Week 3:

Wednesday 15th February PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Invitation is from 6.00pm. Each class teacher will run two sessions:
Session 1 is from 6.00pm;
Session 2 is from 7.15pm.

Each session is the same. This gives parents who have children in more than one class the opportunity to visit each class. Between sessions, at approximately 6.45 pm all parents are invited to have a light supper and hear from Ros, the Principal, in the school hall due to the hot weather, regarding school priorities for the 2017 year.

Week 4:

Monday 20th Feb
Board Meeting at 7.00pm

Tuesday 21st Feb
School Photos

Week 5:

Wednesday 1st March
Ash Wednesday 7.00am Mass followed by breakfast.

Friday 3rd March
Clean-Up Australia Day

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected from OLOR to perform in the Young Riverland Musical Society this year.

Jamie Heuzenroeder - Hickory
William Heuzenroeder – Munchkin Tough Guy
Kiana Rundell – Munchkin Ballerina
Mia Stokes – Dance Troupe
Kaylee Verrall – Munchkin Ballerina

SPORTS NEWS

This term there are numerous SAPSASA events occurring. Please see the dates below. Your child in Yr 5-7 would have received and returned by now their SAPSASA Expression of Interest form. This is used as permission to attend. All forms in future will be for transport permission or updates regarding the event.

Week 4:

24th Feb – Riverland District Swimming Carnival

Week 7:

16th March – SACPSA Swimming Carnival Adelaide (students selected to represent OLOR from Riverland Carnival results)

Week 9:

30th March – Riverland District X-Country Carnival

Week 10:

10th April – Riverland Football & Netball Carnival

In PE this term, the F-2 students are exploring their fundamental movement skills in throwing, catching, and striking through exploration and cricket focussed sessions. The Year 3-7 students are engaging in Table Tennis skill development until week 7. To finish the term, they will build on their cricket skills and game play.

Yours in sport, Mr Cotter

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 ASSEMBLIES

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

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Beginning School Mass

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

March 1st ~ 7am 'Ash Wednesday' Mass.

Sacramental Candidates will be presented to the Parish community during the Mass as well as all school and sports captains to receive their 2017 badges. Afterwards there is an invitation to join us in the school junior primary court yard for breakfast, including toast and eggs, tea and coffee.

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.

SA Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment.

Your clinic is: Riverland Oral Health Centre
Phone: 8580 2700

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