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Thank you to our volunteer parents, Roger Cross, Nicole Slater, Tammy Verrall and student Ella Kassebaum who prepared our Ash Wednesday breakfast.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students, Today is Ash Wednesday and it was wonderful to see so many students, their families and staff members celebrating the beginning of Lent and the beginning of our new school year in St Mary's Church, very early this morning at 7am. Ashes were used to form a cross on our foreheads as a reminder to follow the message of Jesus.

Lent is a season of preparation to help us celebrate the great feast of Easter. It is a time of simplicity, restraint and reflection. Lent also offers us the opportunity to participate in good deeds and outreach. As a Catholic school we support the work of Caritas Australia. The theme for Project Compassion 2017 is 'Love your Neighbour'. For more than 50 years, Caritas Australia has been working to raise funds to help our neighbours – the most vulnerable in both Australia and other countries. OLOR will soon be doing a Hot Cross Bun drive to raise funds for Project Compassion.

A big thank you to the families who supported and helped us today with breakfast after Mass and yesterday with the preparation of pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. 'Shrove' means being forgiven for wrong-doings. Long ago this was a day for feasting and having a good time before the fasting period of Lent. Since the rich foods such as eggs and milk were forgiven during Lent, one way of using them up was to make pancakes. Pictured above are photos of our wonderful Lenten celebrations.

Chocolate Carnivale

This Friday, 3rd March is our next meeting to organise our Chocolate Carnivale event on Saturday 1st April. Dimitria Dale will be running the meeting in the MP room at OLOR at 4pm. Many hands make light work and if you can be involved in any small way that will most certainly help. Our theme for the 'fiesta' like carnivale is chocolate. We have ordered Cadbury Chocolate and Lolly boxes for families to sell and a casual day on Friday 17th March, where each family is asked to donate a Cadbury Chocolate product to the value of \$10 for our Monster Easter Raffle.

Student Leaders

Today we acknowledged our school leaders for 2017. The message to the students is that each one of them is unique with different talents and qualities but they all have an important role to play in the development of our school and indeed society in general. Congratulations to the following 2017 School and Sports Captains.

School Captains

Captains: *Layne Fenwick & Thomas Pipinis*
Vice-Captains: *Oscar Kregar & Mitchell Foulds*

Community Outreach: *Jed Kelly & Joshua Sargent*

Sports Captains

St Mary's: *Kye Stokes & Cody Nash* – Vice: *Charlie Gates & Alexandra Herbert*

St Joseph's: *Jamie Heuzenroeder & Jamie Kovacic* – Vice: *Ella Kassebaum & Francesco Vallelonga*

St Patrick's: *Darcy Minchella & Ben Kennedy* Vice: *Shreyas Mahajan & Marley Minchella*

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SPECIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Please update your diaries

Week 5:

Friday 3rd March
Clean-Up Australia Day

Week 6:

Monday 6th March
Knockout Cricket – Angaston

Friday 10th March
Assembly Year 1

Choir Cluster Rehearsal
10.00am to 1.00pm
Berri Town Hall

Week 7:

Monday 13th March
Public Holiday – Adelaide Cup

Thursday 16th March
Mass Years 3 & 4
SACPSSA Swimming – Adelaide – Magill

Friday 17th March
Riverland Swim Team to compete at the State Carnival in Adelaide

Casual Day – Donate Egg for OLOR Raffle

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Students Preparing for the Sacraments in 2017

Reconciliation: Amahli Kelly, Nate Vallelonga, Layla Vallelonga

First Holy Communion: Mia Stokes, Constantine Vallelonga, Nathan Kovacic

Confirmation: Jed Kelly, Kye Stokes, Francesco Vallelonga, Stefan Vallelonga, Jamie Kovacic, Mitchell Foulds, Patrick Minchella, Darcy Minchella and Marley Minchella.

Please pray for these children preparing for the Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation), Eucharist (First Holy Communion) and Confirmation. While preparation for these Sacraments is school based, there is an expectation that parents play an active part in this preparation by attending sacramental information nights, commitment masses and sacramental workshops.

SPORT NEWS

The OLOR Swim Team had a very successful, fun and humorous day at the Riverland SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. Our Medley team came second in their race, our new year six student - Ella - broke a number of her older sister's records, a number of students recorded their PB's, and all students tried their hearts out - especially Mitch in the 50m Fly event!

Well done to Oscar, Darcy, Mitch, Layne, Ella, Charlie, Alexandra, Molly, Charlotte, Kaylee and Zoe for representing OLOR with pride and effort. Thank you to the parents who assisted with timekeeping and supporting the kids, it is much appreciated!

Congratulations to Ella K, Kaylee V, Zoe S, Charlotte W and Darcy M for being selected in the Riverland Swim Team to compete at the State Carnival in Adelaide on March 17th.

On Monday, I will be away with the Knockout Cricket Team. We will be playing against Angaston in the Barossa Valley. If you are able to assist with transport and help on the day please get in touch asap! Mr Cotter



COMMUNITY

Berri Junior Netball Club

SEASON 2017 Saturday morning competition

(Girls 5-13 years attending Primary School)

Registration Night All Grades Tuesday 7th March, 4.00-5.00pm - Berri Netball Courts

1st Training Night Tuesday 14th March 4.00-5.00pm - Berri Netball Courts

U/13 Development Squad Registration's Tuesday 7th March 4.00-5.00pm - Berri Netball Courts

U/13 Trials Wednesday 8th & 15th March

5.00-6.30pm - Berri Netball Courts

(MUST attend both trials to be eligible and MUST be registered prior to first trial)

Age 2004, 2005 & 2006

U/11 Trials To be advised

Age 2006, 2007 & 2008

Required for 2017 season coaches, umpires & sponsors

Expression of interest or for a copy of the registration form contact Bec Shaw

berrijuniornetball@gmail.com or mobile 0448 693 138

Berri Junior Netball Club is registered to accept the Sports Vouchers

Issued by the Government of SA. www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

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

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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