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"We are one, but we are many..... and from all the lands on earth we come.
Words from the famous Seekers song, I AM Australian. Yesterday was Harmony day and at OLOR we will continue the theme into our 5/6 assembly this week.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Today is Harmony Day in which we as a school will acknowledge formally in our 5/6 Assembly this Friday. Students this week are preparing a beautiful Harmony Day mural on the school gym/hall windows. Thank you to Mrs. Singh for her preparations and clever artwork. Last Friday we celebrated St Patrick's Day and thank you to the whole community for participating in our casual 'green' and chocolate day. Your generosity was amazing. But did you know that over the weekend we also celebrated the feast day of Saint Joseph? We know little about the life of St Joseph but what we do know is that God chose him to play a special role in the life of Jesus. Joseph protected the infant Jesus and Mary when they fled to Egypt to escape certain death. St Joseph is a model for us of good living and the feast day is a special day for our school as we remember the Sisters of St Joseph's in Australia, which founded by Saint Mary MacKillop and Father Tenison Woods our school/s. We celebrated the Feast of St Joseph on March 19th. May St Joseph and St Patrick bless our school community this week with a desire to always do what is right, and for us to care for all no matter where people are from.

This week we have welcomed Abby Shea (Yr. 2) and Ella Shea (Yr. 4/5) and their mum Cassandra Murray who are visiting from Holy Rosary Catholic School in Hobart, Tasmania. We welcome them and pray that their time with us will be really happy.

Mistreatment – Bullying No Way Week

In most instances of mistreatment or inappropriate behaviour at Our Lady of the River School, many are quick to label the situation as 'bullying'. In my time at OLOR I believe I have addressed one issue, some years ago now, as a true bullying incident that was managed very quickly.

"Bullying is a conscious, repeated, hostile, aggressive behaviour of an individual or a group abusing their position with the intention to harm others or gain real or perceived power."

At OLOR we do have our examples of mistreatment and inappropriate behaviour but the staff and myself are very quick to address, inform parents and put in place procedures to assist students to deal with these situations. I think the biggest lesson for all of our students is; that if something is happening to you that you don't like, then tell an adult. Informing straight away at school is best, where the staff can deal with it immediately but at home is just as important. We have a small number of problems with 'hands on' and children not speaking or playing kindly with one another from time to time. This is an area where we need parent support. Please reinforce positive behaviours at home and especially during after school activities. Many times school issues arise from mistreatment issues that happen after school first. Be careful in using the word 'bullying' and reinforce telling an adult straight away. I assure you I take this issue very seriously and the staff are always available to support you and your child with any issues.

Ros Oates
Principal

SPECIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Please update your diaries

Week 8:

Friday 24th March
Assembly Years 5 & 6

Sunday 26th March
OLOR Working Bee
9am – approx. 12pm

Week 9:

Thursday 30th March
Foundation Mass

Saturday 1st April
Chocolate Festival OLOR

Week 10:

Wednesday 5th April
Diocesan Assembly & Chrism Mass
NRM Young Environment Leaders
Forum in Waikerie

Parent Teacher Interviews

This week teachers will be informing parents and caregivers of possible interview times through notes given out in class. These interviews are aimed at giving parents a snapshot of what their child/ren have achieved so far this year and future goals for their learning. Please return or contact your child/ren's class teacher about your preferred time to meet over the next few weeks.

Chocolate Carnivale Update

Keep saving the date and begin saving your pocket money as OLOR's annual Carnivale on Saturday April 1st from 4pm to 10.30pm. Just two weeks to go. Pre-ticket sales will start Monday for armbands and pre-ordered show bags before and after school during Week 9 (starting Mon 27th March) in the junior primary courtyard. You will get a better deal by purchasing a \$15 per child entry package including 3 activities (choices of Wonderballs, Pony Ride & Party room): unlimited bouncy castle and karaoke. Again, this Friday there will be a meeting for all interested in assisting with the organisation of the evening in the MP room from 4pm till onwards. We are calling for volunteers to man stalls and / or set up and pack down on the day. PLEASE RETURN the reply slip sent home with last week's newsletter. Any questions please contact the principal, Ros Oates or School Board Chairperson, Dimitria Dale.

SPORTS NEWS!

Well last Thursday was something special for the OLOR Swim Team... We competed for the first time in numerous years at the SACPSSA Swimming Carnival (Catholic Primary Schools) in Adelaide at UniSA Magill.

We came home with:

- Section 7 Champions - U10 Age Champions
- U11 Age Champions - U11 Individual Age Champion (Zoe)
- U12 Individual Age Champion (Ella) - Open Medley Relay Runner Up
- U11 4x25m Freestyle Relay Winners

Congratulations to our 11 swimmers, Mitch, Darcy, Oscar, Ella, Charlie, Alex, Charlotte, Molly, Zoe, Amity, and Oliver, for their brilliant efforts and a huge thank you to Kelly, Jayne, Cindy, Mic, and Ron for their assistance.

Last Friday, we had Ella, Mitch, Darcy, Charlotte, and Zoe representing the Riverland at the SAPSASA District Swimming Carnival at Marion Swimming Centre. They all enjoyed the experience at a World-Class venue. Congratulations to Ella for finishing first in 50m fly, and second in 50m Free, and third in the medley relay team.

Luke Cotter

School Working Bee

The organising families, Kennedy's, Marsden's and Dale families will contact you this week in regards to your assistance for our first Working Bee.

DATE – Sunday 26 th March 2017 – Families asked to attend 9am – 12pm	
Eleftheriadis	Morgan
Foulds	Pipinis
Kelly	Rundell
Sweet	Strong
Herbert	Singh (Ranveer)
Clark	Singh (Gurshaan)
Kassebaum	Darvill
Camilleri	Foley-Jennings
Dempsey	

COMMUNITY NEWS

FAITH FEED FUN Our Lady of the River Parish Youth and Family Ministry Team presents:

On: Saturday 25th March – 4pm – 7pm At: Lions Riverfront Park, Leonard Norman Drive then St Thomas More's Catholic Church, 8 Thompson Street, Waikerie. For: Fun, games and a meal at Riverfront park followed by a Youth Mass at St Thomas More's beginning at 6.00pm. This is a Youth and Family event. Enquiries to Nicolette Roberts

GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

When: Saturday 22nd April, 2017

Where: BDYC Clubrooms, Wilkinson Street, Berri

Cost: \$10 per child (pay on the day)

Session Times

9am-10am, 10am-11am & 11am-12pm.

(Ages 5-17 years) No experience necessary.

Bring: A water bottle & any medications (eg: asthma puffer, epi-pen)

Wear: T-shirt & shorts/leotard & leggings etc. Long hair must be tied back.

PROGRAM: 1 Hour Gymnastics Session with our qualified coaches.

(Tumbling, Mini-Tramp, Uneven Bars, Parallel Bars, Vaulting, Beam, Rings and Games). To Book: Email Jane McFarlane at bdycgymnastics@hotmail.com to nominate your time slot and list participant names and ages.

Note-Parent/Guardian will need to fill out and sign "Participation Sheet" on the day.

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

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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