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# HOLY WEEK

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

As the term comes to an end I would like to thank the school community for the great support that has been shown in so many ways, especially for our 'Chocolate Carnivale' fundraiser last Saturday night. It was an incredible event with many people visiting our school who don't have a direct link to our school. The monies raised are a credit to the joint efforts of staff, students and families working together to put on such a wonderful community event. These funds are vital to our school and support student learning. It gives us the chance to provide extra-curricular opportunities like swimming lessons and Life Education sessions at little or no cost to families.

A huge thank you to the main organising committee; Dimitria Dale, Bec Stokes, Cilla Marsden and Michelle Kennedy. They were greatly assisted by the large number of people from each of the six classes, which again is really appreciated. A special mention also is extended to our major sponsors and all our families that donated their resources and time. We had many people set up on Friday and Saturday as well as pack-up on Sunday, which after such a big evening, wasn't easy but most appreciated. If you have any feedback that you would like to pass on please email [roates@olor.catholic.edu.au](mailto:roates@olor.catholic.edu.au) before our review meeting next week.

Term One is always a busy one and we often try to cram so much in to eleven weeks that we don't have time to take stock and celebrate all the wonderful things that have happened at the school.

The children are to be congratulated for the manner in which they have participated in the various celebrations that have taken place and I would like to thank you, the parents, for supporting the various sporting and academic activities. This will be our last newsletter for the Term, I wish you all a safe and happy Easter. Please take care if travelling over the school holiday period and return refreshed for Term 2 on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

Ros Oates  
Principal

## Life Education in Schools



This week the children in each class have experienced programs from the Life Education team on issues around personal safety, physical activity, cybersafety, safety with medicine and legal drugs. The modules are designed to assist children in developing relationship skills, positive communication, problem solving and decision making.

## Monster Easter Raffle

The last group of tickets have been distributed to families. The raffle will be drawn at a special assembly on **Wednesday 12th April at 3pm.** 10 fantastic chocolate prizes to be won. All tickets are to be returned by Wednesday morning of the draw.

## SPECIAL NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

*Please update your diaries*

#### Week 10:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Diocesan Assembly & Chrism  
Mass

NRM Young Environment  
Leaders Forum in Waikerie

#### Week 11:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
6.30pm Board AGM

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
ANZAC day ceremony 11.00am  
School Captains to attend

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Monster Easter Raffle - 10  
prizes drawn at a special  
assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 1 concludes 12.30pm

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Term 2 begins**

## Thank you Chocolate Carnivale Sponsors

Ray White ~ Hughes and Loveday Sports ~ FruChocs ~ Dymocks Children's Charities ~ Toyword ~ Betta Electrical ~ Andrews Property ~ Riverland High Works ~ Target ~ Simply Events ~ Mario's Numero Uno Coffee ~ BTS Cooling Systems ~ Grower Gate ~ Stage Right Solutions ~ Berri Hotel ~ Big River Toyota ~ Michael Kregar Building ~ Brian Gates Electrician ~ Mason's Fruit and Veg ~ Jodie Lee Flowers.

### RELIGIOUS NEWS

Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21st. On an equinox, day and night are of approximately equal duration all over the planet. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22nd and April 25th every year. We have many Orthodox Christians in our community who use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar.

The last week of Jesus' life was full of memorable events, and in our Religion lessons across the school the students and teachers have been observing Jesus' journey from his glorious entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (this Sunday) till his death on Good Friday. In the days in between, Jesus preached, taught, presided over the Passover supper, stood trial, and was condemned to death. This week we call Holy Week. It is an especially sacred time in the life of the Catholic Church. Next week on Thursday, each class of Our Lady of the River School will act out in short plays the different events of Holy Week, ending with the traditional presentation from our Year 6/7's, the Stations of the Cross. This liturgy is an opportunity where we can reflect upon the events of Holy Week and prayerfully join together before breaking for Easter. All family and friends are welcome to join us in the school gym/hall at 11.00 am.

### HOLY WEEK LITURGIES ~ Our Lady of the River Parish

Holy Thursday: Loxton and Berri 7.00pm

Good Friday: Barmera, Renmark 3.00pm, Waikerie 6.00pm

Easter Vigil Saturday 6.00pm Waikerie

### COMMUNITY NEWS



Harsimran, Siri, Jasreet, Ishmeet, Ishmeet, Buvnoor, Agam & Sirat enjoying an icecream at the 'Chocolate Carnivale'

## 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

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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