



# OLOR

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SELF ESTEEM

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Welcome to the commencement of Term 2 of 2017. I hope you all enjoyed Easter celebrations, valuable time with family over the holidays and for many had the opportunity to attend one of the many ANZAC Day services across Australia. Our involvement in an ANZAC service was at a special observance held for schools on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, where our school captains attended and took part in the readings and ceremony. These students represented our school superbly and like every other school and group present, made a public statement around the importance of honouring all ANZACS and not taking for granted the wonderful freedom we have been blessed with in Australia.

Before launching into Term 2 news I should mention a couple of other important events at the end of last term. On the Saturday before Easter OLOR provided an 'Egg and Bacon' breakfast stall at the Berri Easter Carnival. This involved superb leadership by many of our senior students and excellent involvement and support by our parents and friends who worked on the stall or donated goods to be used and sold on the day. We raised over \$800 to go towards supporting the senior class camp to Sydney later in the year.

Another important fundraiser at the end of last term was our 'Hot Cross Bun' drive for Caritas. Again thank you to our parents and families for your financial support and to Mrs. Mel Angeleski for all her organisation. We raised \$586.30.

Also my sincere thanks to Phil and Rowan Cresp and their team of parents and friends for their fantastic effort at last Sunday's working bee. The school looks fantastic to start our new term. Thank you, efforts are highly appreciated.



### School Board 2017

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April and the following adult members of our community have willingly volunteered to be a part of this important group in nurturing and strengthening the Catholic culture of our school.

Chairperson: Dimitria Dale  
Finance: Michelle Kennedy  
Secretary: Naomi Hunt  
Staff: Rosemary Perre  
Parent Reps: Kelly Minchella, Cilla Marsden, Kelly Storer, Rowan Cresp, Phil Cresp, (new members) Amrik Pal and Bec Stokes.

The School Board plays a valuable role in developing our school vision. Concerns about your child's learning should always be taken up with your child's teacher. However, all other important and confidential school matters I am happy to speak with any family at any time. Please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

*Ros Oates*



## SPECIAL NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

*Please update your diaries*

#### Week 1:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
SAPSASA Hockey

#### Week 2:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
NAPLAN

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Jubilarian Riverland Dinner –  
School Choir singing

#### Week 3:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Years 3 & 4 Excursion to Mannum

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Riverland School Mass Celebration



## NAPLAN

The week commencing on May 8, all Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students in Australia will sit NAPLAN paper tests over three days. Obviously, this includes our Year 3, 5 and 7 students. NAPLAN has only one purpose, the data we receive is quite useful for teachers to add to their other educational assessments of children's progress in learning across their primary years of schooling. It's more how the media who want to rank schools and describe a school as successful or not depending on its performance in NAPLAN. At OLOR we aim for all children to be their academic best and reach their potential. In our Catholic school, however, we educate the whole child – academically, spiritually, socially, physically. Children need a broad range of skills to be successful in life and that's our focus here at Our Lady of the River School. If you have any concerns about your child's participation in NAPLAN please discuss this with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

**Catholic Education Week – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May till Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**The theme for 2017 is 'Honouring Our Past, Creating Our Future.'**

This will provide us with a chance to reflect with gratitude on Catholic Education's longevity and also our aspirations for the future. During Catholic Education Week 2017, our community along with communities across our Diocese of Port Pirie will celebrate and carry out a range of activities to showcase the great things happening in our schools. Our combined Riverland Schools Mass and activities day will be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. More information will be sent out early next week about this event and other activities happening throughout Week 3. All families are invited to attend.

**Special Afternoon Tea – Mother's Day – Volunteers Week – Catholic Ed Week**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Junior Primary Court Yard 3pm onwards**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Relationships Australia Seminars

### **Emotion Coaching and Sorting Behaviour**

A two-session program for parents

Date: Wednesdays, 17 and 24 May 2107

Time: 6.00pm-9.00pm

Where: Relationships Australia SA 9 Kay Avenue, Berri

### **Bringing Up Great Kids**

Date: Fridays, 16 and 23 June 2017

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Where: Relationships Australia SA 9 Kay Avenue, Berri

**Circle of Security 1:1 A Relationship Based Parenting Program is also available via**

**Skype with on-site support.**

For more information contact Miriam or Rebecca 08 8582 4122



Congratulations to Kiana R, William H, Kaylee V, Jamie H, Mia S and Amity K for their outstanding performance in the Young Riverland Musical Society's performance in the school holidays of 'The Wizard of Oz'. A special mention also to Narelle James, Young RMS production mentor for her huge involvement in the production.

## 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

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### MASSES TERM 2

Normally Thursdays 9.00 am

St Mary's Church

Week 3: Catholic Education Wk.

(special date) Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May

Week 5: Years 6/7 Mass

Week 7: Year 1 Mass

Week 9: Year 5/6 Mass

### 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