Dear Parents & Friends,

Our parish celebration of the Our Lady of Lourdes feast day was a marvellous occasion for our community. It was wonderful to have Archbishop Costelloe celebrate Mass with us and to bless our Mercy Garden. Archbishop also commissioned our new School Board and P&F Executive. It was a delight to see Fr. Laurence and the Mercy Sisters join Archbishop Costelloe, Fr. Karol and Fr. Stan. Our shared morning tea, with lots of delicious cultural dishes, was a great social occasion. I wish to thank all members of our community who joined us for the joyous celebrations and thank all those involved in the preparations, especially Fr. Stan and Mr. Gray for their coordination. A special article was in last week’s The Record and can be accessed at: http://www.therecord.com.au/news/local/nollamara-parish-celebrates-feast-day-dedicated-to-the-year-of-mercy/.

Special thanks to all of our families who attended last week’s class information sessions. During the meetings teachers outlined the specific class information for the year ahead. The meetings are one important part of our home-school communication, with parents and teachers working together to best support the education and wellbeing of all our students. I thank teachers for their methodical preparations for the meetings. Later this term, collaborative conferences will be hosted by teachers to have individual parent meetings. All parents are encouraged to keep regular lines of communication open with teachers throughout the year.

Last week, our school staff joined colleagues from other local catholic schools for the annual Commissioning Mass, during which Mr Mammoliti and Mrs Forrest were welcomed into the Archdiocese. Fr. Greg Donovan was the main celebrant and his homily drew on the acknowledgement of the Year of Mercy. Fr. Greg reminded those present that God is the true source of all mercy; and that we too are called to be merciful. In this period of Lent, as we reflect on our own faith and prepare for the joy of the Easter Story, we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is a time for reconciliation and forgiveness too. As we continue to act upon Pope Francis’ call to be merciful during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy let us extend to those in the greatest need our love, compassion and understanding. As Pope Francis stated: “Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion!” One tangible way in which we do this at school is in support of Caritas’ Project Compassion Appeal. Celebrating fifty years in the provision of education and in the sustainable aid and support to communities in Australia and less developed countries of the world, this year’s theme of the appeal is “Learning more, creating change”. As a school community we are already actively involved in raising awareness of the appeal and in fundraising. I wish to thank all families who are already supporting the class fundraising.

The children are thoroughly enjoying the new nature playground on the main oval. It is fantastic to see the children using their imagination and problem solving skills as they create their own games utilising the equipment. The range of equipment is likewise designed to allow children to develop upper and lower body...
strength. It is proving great fun for the children! I wish to thank the Community Committee for its
diligence in bringing the project to fruition, the P&F for its funding and to Andrew Baldrey and team at
Nature Play Australia for constructing the play area. Soon, two slides will be added to the space and
initial plans for the next stage of the development will be considered.
Before the students returned to school, all staff attended a professional development workshop run by
Protective Behaviours WA, a leading prevention education organisation working in WA and
internationally to prevent child abuse. Their programs seek to prevent child abuse by providing greater
awareness and understanding; as well as providing the tools and strategies for individuals,
organisations, parents, families and communities to address and deal with these issues. Our school
recognises the need to be proactive in educating the children entrusted to our care with the knowledge
and skills to be able to best protect themselves from harm. Therefore, we have engaged Protective
Behaviours to undertake a parent workshop to inform our community of the issues and concerns
around child abuse; more importantly to provide information as to how school will deliver an age
appropriate curriculum content in this area. Child abuse is a difficult and confronting topic, however, as
a school we see education in this area as a fundamental right for all children to feel safe and supported.
Protective Behaviour lessons will only be delivered by teachers once the parent workshop has taken
place. The workshop will occur at school on Tuesday 5th April from 6pm and it is strongly encouraged
that all parents attend. Please do contact me if you have any need to discuss this aspect of the school’s
work.
Tomorrow, the children will attend an incursion provided by Constable Care. Our Pre-Primary to Year
Two students will enjoy the Getting to School performance at 9:45am, whilst Years Three to Six will
participate in the Fair Play performance from 11:00am. Constable Care is a community initiative which
seeks to promote student safety and wellbeing messages. Parents are welcome to join us in the hall for
these performances.
Parents of children in Year Three and Year Five will receive an information pamphlet concerning the
NAPLAN assessments which take place from Tuesday 10th through to Thursday 12th May. The tests
cover Language Conventions (Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation), Writing, Reading and Numeracy.
NAPLAN is one aspect of our overall approach to assessing and reporting student attainment and whilst
it is very important, we do not over emphasise the tests to students. That said, teachers nearer to the
assessment period do undertake preparation activities to best support the children. NAPLAN results will
be communicated to schools and parents around mid-August.
Best of luck to our student leaders in Year Six as they prepare to deliver their captain’s speeches at a
special assembly on Friday morning. They are all worthy of the role and I wish them a confident and
successful presentation.
As we look forward to the weekend ahead, next week promises to be
another enjoyable week. Have a wonderful end to the week.

God bless,
Dan Wood
Principal

P&F Meeting
tonight at 5.30pm.
Please join us in the
Library.
Peter and his companions (James and John) had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”


The Gospel for the forthcoming second week of Lent, tells us of an extraordinary experience that some of Jesus’ disciples had with Jesus. It was an experience where they saw Jesus glowing with the blessing of God.

So many times we do not know what we say – in moments of awe and wonder, as well as in moments of profound grief and loss. Peter, John and James were surprised and terrified by the appearance of Moses and Elijah and of Jesus’ transfiguration, and words failed them. How often words fail us too: when we find ourselves before God’s light that searches and bares our souls; when we are witnesses to the bringing forth of life; when we are privileged to accompany another on their Calvary walk. And, like Peter, how often we want to hold on to moments of transfiguration and forget about suffering and death, secretly hoping that it can be bypassed if only we just stay up on the mountain. Yet at the heart of our faith is the revelation of God’s love on the cross. May the transfigured Christ be our hope as we walk through the way of the cross.

Pope Francis on Mercy and Lent:

"Faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit." Particularly during the Year of Mercy Catholics are called to recognise their own need for God’s mercy, the greatness of God’s love seen in the death and resurrection of Christ and the obligation to assist others by communicating God's love and mercy through words and deeds.

God of glory,
Your radiance shines in Jesus,
Your beloved Son.
May it shine more deeply in us,
Calling us to follow you,
To be true witnesses to your love and mercy
Amen.

Message from  
Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB  
Archbishop of Perth  
To all Primary and Secondary  
Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Perth  
January 2016

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I did last year I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and fulfilling 2016 as the new school year gets underway. In a special way I want to acknowledge all those who are joining our Catholic system for the first time. I hope you find your time with us to be richly rewarding.

In our Catholic world this year we are living a jubilee Year of Mercy, called for by Pope Francis. For that reason I want to invite all of you to put at the heart of your efforts this year this quality of mercy. No doubt "mercy" means different things to different people. In my own reflections I have come to think of it as being all about "large-heartedness". Mercy calls us to go beyond the letter of the law, or the strict limits of our contracts, or overly-careful calculations about what we or others deserve. "Large-heartedness" calls us to look at life through a different lens, with different eyes. We don’t look so much at what we, or others, deserve or have earned or have a right to. We look at what will be most enriching, life-affirming and uplifting. We try to look at a person’s deepest needs and hopes, rather than at their "just deserts".

In our schools this will obviously play out in our relationships with the young people we serve who are, of course, our central concern. But it will also play out, very importantly, in our relationships with each other, and with the parents of our young people, even those who can at times be very demanding or even, in our view, unreasonable.

Pope Francis has reminded us that Jesus himself is “the face of the Father’s mercy”. A Catholic school community, grounded as it must be on the person and teachings of Jesus, has as a primary responsibility the task of reflecting this face of Jesus, this face of mercy, to all those who come in contact with the school. But as well as being a serious obligation for all of us who are part of a school community, this is also a recipe for a truly harmonious, happy and life-filled school.

May your school be a reflection of the face of divine mercy in 2016.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB DD
Archbishop of Perth
Parish

Stations of the Cross and Parish Retreat

Fridays of Lent at 7 pm
with talks by
Fr Michael Moore SM
on Fridays: 19 & 26 of February and 11 March
Parish Reconciliation: Friday 18 March

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Happy Birthday

1st February to 17th February 2016

Amelia Credaro, Saoirse Smullen, Isabella Trang,
Emily Nguyen, Emerson DE Araujo,
Lodu Augustino and Vignesh Ravi

P & F News

P&F will be meeting tonight in the library at 5:30pm. May we take this opportunity to invite you to take an active part in the school through the Parents and Friends Association – whether by attending meetings and providing your ideas or as a class representation, or in one of the many vital voluntary roles at events that make life fun and fruitful at this great school. We look forward to meeting you and hearing what social and fundraising events you would like to see at the school.

Parents are encouraged to register for the P&F Facebook page which is an excellent communication tool. Information about the page can be gained from the front office or by contacting the P&F President, Mrs Joanna Wood 0413 189 801.

Donations required: - we are in need of wicker baskets for the Easter raffle. If you have any unwanted baskets please leave them at the P&F office or the front office with Mrs Harris.

Thank you.

Kindy 2017

Interviews for Kindy 2017 will commence in week 7. If you have a child born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013, please ensure that you have completed an enrolment form.

You can download the enrolment documents by visiting www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au or see Mrs Harris in the front office.
Project Compassion

Thank you to all the students who donated to Project Compassion last week. The class that raised the most money in the first week was Year 2. Well done to Mrs Callaghan and the Year 2 class, they raised an amazing $46.00.

Special mention also goes to Year 6 who raised $32.50, and Year 5 who raised $28.00. The total amount raised in week 1 was $117.65.

Keep up the great work!

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Doney's story - Malawi

Learning more, creating change

Doney is a quiet and humble woman, but thanks to an innovative program supported by Caritas Australia, she’s creating big changes - in her life and in her village.
Malawi in East Africa is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most people rely on farming small plots of land to produce food to feed their families. But many, like Doney and her family, have often gone months without enough food to eat.
Yet, when Caritas Australia and the local Caritas, CADECOM (the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi), began working in Doney’s remote village, they saw beyond the community’s challenges. Together they identified the community’s strengths, and each family created their vision for a healthier, more sustainable future.
CADECOM worked with Doney’s community to harness their natural resources. Families were trained in new farming techniques, and already they’re producing more plentiful crops. “The problem of malnutrition in my household is an old song now,” says Doney. CADECOM also worked with the community to install a borehole so Doney and her family now have access to clean water, dramatically improving their health.
Doney’s passion for education was recognised as a strength of the community, so she received training as an Adult Literacy Facilitator through the CADECOM program, and is now teaching adults in her village.
These days, the people of Doney’s village have access to clean drinking water, flourishing crops and are building their knowledge to create a better future. “My life has been transformed,” smiles Doney.

“The village is developing... I would like to thank the people of Australia. The support you provide to us is going to the right people, and is helping us.”

Doney
Library Helpers Needed

School Banking

School Banking will run every Wednesday morning from 8.30 - 8.45am in the Computer Room. For further information regarding School Banking please see the front office staff or Pauline Sidari.

If your child is in Kindy or Pre Primary a box will be left in the classroom for you to place your child’s banking in. The banking will be collected for processing and returned at the end of the day.

The winner of the Disneyland Competition was a very lucky student in NSW, T Ivers of Taree.

Thank you.

E’Co Clothing Fundraiser 2015

Thank you to everyone that donated their unwanted clothing, shoes, bags and linen. We raised an amazing $700.

A Great Effort!

Environmentally Sustainability Award 2015

By “re-using” old clothing the World of E’Co.com help create macro businesses in developing countries (E’Co “Trade – Not Aid” programmes) helping our Global Environmental sustainability quest.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Thank you all for being environmentally friendly and collecting 2000kgs of used clothing, shoes & handbags. E’Co are very pleased to present you with $700.09 for your efforts.

Signature

31st December 2015

Date

We would appreciate anyone that can help Mrs Versaci in the library to cover new reading books. Please leave your name with Mrs Harris or see Mrs Versaci.

Thankyou.
OLOL Feast Day and Commissioning Mass.
The Munch Box

Lunches can be ordered for students every **Wednesday and Friday**. All lunch orders are to be written on a paper bag with the name and grade of the child clearly labeled. Please secure money in the bag and **NO FOREIGN COINS** are to be included.

Instead of a brown paper bag you can purchase a re-usable lunch order bag either in red, blue or green from the canteen for $8.00.

Parents please note that OLOL is an **ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL!**
This means no nuts, peanut butter, nutella or bars/cakes containing nuts.

**WEDNESDAY ONLY**
SAUSAGE ROLL  
$2.50  
BEEF PIE  
$3.00  
THAI CHICKEN SALAD  
(Fresh chicken, rice noodles and vegies)  
$4.00 **(GF)**

**FRIDAY ONLY**
CHEESE BURGER with Lettuce, Mayo and Tomato Sauce  
$4.00 **(GF available)**

CRUMBED FISH WRAP with Lettuce and Tartare Sauce  
$4.00

Parent helpers are required on **Wednesday and Friday**. If you are able to help even for just an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Samuels or leave your name at the front office, as soon as possible.

Medical Action Plan

If your child requires a Medical Action Plan please complete a Medical Action Plan form, which can be collected from the front office.

Thank you.

Running Club

We are encouraging as many students from Years 3-6 and any parents/teachers to come and join our Running Club.

The aim of the Running Club is to become more active and fit. If you are not a runner you can still participate by walking or jogging. It will be held at Woodchester Oval each Thursday during the following weeks.

- **Weeks 5-10**: Term 1
- **Weeks 1-10**: Term 2
- **Weeks 1-10**: Term 3
- **Weeks 1-4**: Term 4

We will leave from the library each Thursday at 8:00 a.m. sharp and go to Woodchester Oval. The session will involve stretching and a 15 minute running session. We aim to be back at school by 8:30 a.m.

Students who make a strong commitment to the Running Club will be able to participate in a breakfast held in Term 4.

We look forward to having as many participants as possible.

Mr Gray
Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our endeavour to promote communication and to assist families in our school community, Parent Class Representatives are assigned to each class group.

It is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of your child’s education and the Our Lady of Lourdes School community.

**Role of the Parent Class Representative**

- Welcome new parents to the school.
- Introduce parents to the P&F association members and make them aware of their activities.
- Invite parents to support and attend school functions and activities.
- Attend P&F meetings whenever possible (not mandatory).
- Communicate regularly with the P&F.
- Organise a class communication list by emailing addresses and telephone numbers. Once permission from parents to circulate their contact details is obtained.

**What the Parent Class Representative is NOT Responsible For**

- The Parent Class Representative does not circumvent the Parent/Carer/Teacher relationship. If any Parent/Carer has any concerns regarding their child’s education, the Parent Class Representative must advise the concerned Parent/Carer to converse with the teacher or Principal directly.

If you would like to volunteer for the role please register your interest by completing the form below and return to the front office. You can also contact me via email: j_wood@iinet.net.au or by phone on 0413 189 801 to discuss the role.

Thank you
Joanna Wood
President P & F

Name: ____________________________
Class Rep for: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________
1 February 2016

Thank you for participating in the 2015 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

Your school is one of the 15,064 schools who participated in the program, and it is our pleasure to now make these special deliveries.

For your interest, the most popular products ordered through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program were resources to support Mathematics, English and Science curriculums. Other popular equipment categories were Arts & Crafts, Sports, Robotics, Music & Dance. This year 400,000 pieces of education equipment will be delivered throughout the month of February.

We have no doubt the educational resources you ordered will be put to very good use. We would love to hear your plans for the equipment or if you have any feedback on the program please email wwfreshfoodkids@woolworths.com.au.

Enjoy your delivery and thank you again for participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

Brad Banducci
Managing Director Woolworths Food Group

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www.woolworths.com.au
Before and After School Care Program at OLOL

The Before and After School Program is open from 7am-8.30am and 3pm-6pm Monday to Friday.

The service provides breakfast and afternoon tea as well as Art and Craft, Sports, Cooking, Drama and Science; along with theme days and a variety of toys and games. The service is flexible to your individual family needs, you can find more information at www.oshclub.com.au

Please come in and see me to ask any questions you may have about OSHClub or just to have a look around.

I hope to see you soon,
Jackie (Service Co-ordinator).

Piano Tuition is available at OLOL during school hours by a qualified musician, inspiring and encouraging instruction with 20 years’ experience and a Master of Music Degree. AMEB exam preparation if desired.

For further information please call Lara Mechteriakova on 9440 5951.

Absentee Procedure

CHILD ABSENTEE
If your child is away from school please notify the school by 9.00am on 9349 1233 and leave a message on the Absentee line. All absences must be followed up with either:
1. an online note lodged via the school website http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/absentee.html or
2. a hand written note

Parents who have failed to contact the school will be notified of their child’s absence via SMS. Please contact the school once SMS received. This is a government requirement.

HOLIDAYS
A “Student Extended Leave During Term Time form” must be completed for any long term absences during Term Time. The form can be collected from the front office or on the school website. http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/pdf/forms_extendedleave.pdf

OLOL Parish Mass Times

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am. Reconciliation is held at 5.30pm each Saturday or by prior arrangement.

Rosary is recited at 8.40am before the weekly Masses.

Children’s Liturgy is held every Sunday during school term at the 9.00am Mass.
If you have a child at Servite College and a child at Our Lady of Lourdes you can apply for a $50 discount per child at Servite.
Please collect the form from Servite and bring into the office for signing.
Thank you.

The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We trust that at this stage, into week 2, you are all back into the routine of lunches, uniforms and searching for those elusive permission slips at the bottom of school bags.

The staff here in the office have hit the ground running and are currently working hard to get information about our upcoming conference in May out to all schools. The dates for the conference this year are Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 21st May. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are already available on our website, so get your entry in early!

We are also receiving lots of calls in the office from parents who are working hard to ensure P&F’s and parent groups get off to a good start for the year. If you need any information about office bearer’s roles, governance or just some general advice please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Theresa McDonnell, the new Liaison Officer at the Federation, has settled beautifully into our small office and she, along with Siobhan Allen (our Executive Officer) is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting with parents and parent groups in Catholic schools throughout the state. If you would like to arrange a visit from PFFWA to your school, please contact the office or email theresa@pff.wa.edu.au and we would be delighted to organise a time.

Best wishes
PFFWA Council and Staff
103 Wood St, Inglewood, WA 6932