Dear Parents & Friends,

We are at the midway point of the school term and our routines are well established as we strive for excellence in our delivery of a quality catholic education that ensures all children can succeed, together with effective home school partnerships. I wish to thank students, staff and our families for the commitment shown to our school community.

Our Lenten season is also at the midpoint as we prepare for Easter. Our Project Compassion appeal is fostering our faithfulness to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The classes are raising wonderful totals for the appeal. Tomorrow, our Y6 class will hold a cake stall at recess with the proceeds being donated to Project Compassion. Special thanks to our Y6 families for their donations of cakes and slices. Reconciliation services will also be held tomorrow for Years Four, Five and Six as they prepare for Easter.

Our community continues to mark the Year of Mercy. The Community Committee of the School Board, together with our P&F, are establishing OLOL Helping Hands. This discrete initiative will help families in times of need with the donation of food, time, skills or items. More information will be sent home today and it would be fantastic to see all our families getting involved in some way.

I wish to congratulate the Year Six students on their confident and diligent delivery of quality captain’s speeches. They are certainly all worthy of the role of captain or vice-captain. However, some I am sure will be disappointed that they are not elected. Moreover, I know that they will channel this disappointment and be great leaders in other aspects of the school’s student ministries. I thank Mr Gray, Mrs Russo, the Constitutional Centre and our parents for helping prepare the children. Mr Gray will be announcing the election results at this Friday’s merit assembly and all families are welcome to attend.

Special thanks to our Kindy teaching team and families who attended the parent afternoon information session. It was great to see such a fantastic turnout. Our Kindy students are very settled into their routines and it is rewarding to see their joy for the learning adventure. The class blog website set up by Mrs Forrest is also proving a great communication tool too.

Parents of children in Year Three, Year Four or Year Six who are to receive one of the sacraments this year are reminded that you need to enrol and commit to the programme by attending one of the parish masses this weekend. For more information, please contact Mr Gray.

Once again I wish to express my thanks for everyone’s tremendous support as we seek to live out our school values of Belief, Harmony and Responsibility. I hope all families enjoy the long weekend. Go the Wildcats!

God bless,

Dan Wood   Principal
One of the best-known scriptures is that of The Prodigal Son. Jesus tells of a lost son and a forgiving father. We are like that son and God is like that father. Sometimes we turn away from God and get lost. But God is always ready and waiting for us to come back home. God is always ready to embrace us just like the father in that story! Ultimately, the message of this Gospel is what Pope Francis is trying to show us in his actions; calling us to be merciful like God the Father.

*Merciful, loving God, as we journey through this season of Lent, help us to be mindful of your great love for us and bring us back to you when we turn away. Amen.*
Happy Birthday

18th February to 2nd March 2016
Megan Nikolovski, Prahas Mankar, Dylan Le, Pierina Nazario, Amalia Celestino, Oliver Beale, Marcus Ng, Jardel De Araujo, Quade Paolo and Mrs Forrest.

Project Compassion

Thankyou to all the students who donated to Project Compassion last week. The class that raised the most money was Year 2. Well done to the Year 2 class and Mrs Callaghan. They raised an amazing $46.35. Special mention also goes to Year 4 who raised $32.00, Year 6 raised $27.30 and Year 5 raised $25.95. Altogether we have raised a total of $145.25 for Week 3. Our best effort to date!

So far we have raised $367.00. Keep up the great work!

Year 6 Cake Stall

Tomorrow the Year 6 class will be selling cakes at recess and lunch to raise money for Project Compassion. We would like all students to make an effort to bring in some money and purchase a delicious cake. Thanks for your support.

IMPORTANT NOTICE -Sacramental Commitment Mass

A reminder that all students who will be receiving a Sacrament this year need to enrol at Mass this weekend. Students will need to be at Mass on either Saturday night at 6:00 pm or Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Students will be invited forward by Father Stan to make their commitment prayer and hand in their certificate.

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.

Water Wise Saving Tips

Choose Waterwise Plants
These are suitable for our climate and can live with less water. Group plants with similar watering needs so you can water efficiently, or get creative and transform the lawn on your verge into a waterwise garden.
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 along with activities including Art and Craft, Sport, Cooking, Drama, Science and theme days. There are a variety of toys and games to play with too.
The service is flexible to your individual family needs, you can find more information at- www.oshclub.com.au

Please see me if you have any questions about OSHClub or just to have a look around.
I hope to see you soon,
Jackie (Service Co-ordinator).

Wanted - Pre Primary

Pre Primary would like to create a Music Wall and require donations of any unwanted saucepan lids, cake racks or kitchen utensils. If you are able to assist can you please leave your donations with Miss Casey or the front office.
Thank you.
Class Reps

Your Class Representatives are:
Kindy: Veronica Bayer
Pre-Primary: Sarah Hardy

We are still looking for classes representatives for Year 1, 2, 3 4, 5 & 6.

If you would like to volunteer for the role please register your interest with either the Front Office or Joanna Wood 0413 189 801

Easter Raffle.

Tickets are 3 for $2, one bundle of 3 tickets will be sent home with the youngest member of the family on Friday 11th March. Please return your stubs and money ASAP. Extra tickets will be available from the P&F or front office

Prizes will be drawn after the Easter Liturgy on Thursday 24th March.

There is also an Easter Egg guessing game, 20c a guess.

Call for volunteers – We will be wrapping all the Easter Raffle prizes on Tuesday 8th March in the Library at 5.30pm. If you are able to assist please let Joanna Wood know on 0413 189 801.

Donations of wicker baskets are required 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.

Hot Cross Buns

Order bags will be sent home 16th March, so remember to return them to the Front office by Monday 21st March.

We wish to cordially invite Students, Families and Community Members to our Family Twilight Picnic to be held on Friday 1st APRIL 2016 From 5 pm to 7 pm.

The night will include performances from talented members of our community!
**Library Helpers Needed**

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.

**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

**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
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

**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.
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.

The Mount Lawley Toy Library is open every Saturday from 10am until midday and is located at 26 Blythe Avenue Yokine. For more information, please visit our website (www.mtlawleytoylibrary.org.au), like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mlawley) or email committee@mtlawleytoylibrary.org.au

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.

Mercedes College celebrates 170 Years of quality education in the Mercy tradition. To register for Mercedes Open Day please go to: www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/openday

OPEN DAY 14 March (Mon) 9.30 - 11.30am

Save the Date!

PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016

“Congratulations! We Hear You’re Engaged!”

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth. The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future.

Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016 at Crown Perth

For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact us on 9271 5909 or via admin@pff.wa.edu.au https://www.facebook.com/pffwa, www.pff.wa.edu.au

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