Dear Parents & Friends,

This week we celebrate Palm Sunday marking Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As we move towards Easter, we can reflect on the positive contributions we have made in our Lenten commitments. Our support of the Project Compassion appeal has already seen us raise over $900. This is a tremendous amount and I thank all of our families who have supported the appeal. Special thanks go to Year Six who held a cake stall and to our Year Four class who are organising this Friday’s Crazy Hair day. Lent has also seen the launch of our Helping Hands initiative to support families in times of need. I encourage families to return the form sent home and thank the many who have already offered their generous support.

It has been a busy few weeks at school with a number of special events taking place. Firstly, the quality of the Year Six speeches were a credit to each of the Year Six students, their teachers and their respective families. All of the children were certainly worthy of the role of captain or vice-captain. I congratulate the children who were successful in gaining a position. Similarly, those who were disappointed have been promised that they will be kept busy as they fulfil other leadership roles within the school. Recently, we had an excellent turnout from our Kindy families for the parent information session. I thank the Kindy staff for their organisation of the meeting and to all parents who attended. Additionally, last night we welcomed our Year Four parents and students who attended the Eucharist Workshop led by the Catechist Service of Catholic Education WA. It was an informative evening and I thank everyone who attended.

Our school welcomes Miss Sandra Murgia to our community. Miss Murgia will be teaching Year One on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year. Mrs Baldock will be continuing to work at our school in the role of ICT Teacher and in the provision of learning support across a number of classes.

Collaborative conferences for parents will take place with teachers from next week. These meetings are an important line of communication and partnership between home and school. Through a shared commitment, parents and teachers can best achieve positive outcomes for students. Parents can select a time slot on the class teacher’s door or contact the teacher or office to select a time.

Next week, we commence the Easter celebrations with our special Paraliturgy on Thursday at 1.45pm in church. Please join us for this special prayer service which will be followed by the P&F Easter Raffle draw. The P&F will be selling hot cross buns for morning tea on this day too; order forms have been sent home and need to be returned by Monday morning. Please remember that on Friday 1st April from 5pm we have the P&F Sundowner on the school oval for all of our families and we encourage you to bring along family friends.

Please join us for St Patrick’s Day Mass tomorrow morning at 9am. I wish all of our community a very blessed, safe and enjoyable Easter as we celebrate the risen Lord. School returns on Wednesday 30th March.

God bless,

Dan Wood    Principal
Jesus’ disciples and followers would never have imagined, as their voices sang out their heart-felt, “Hosanna to our King”, that in just a few days the people’s cry would be, “Crucify him!” The parade had lead them all to the cross, and there, the crowning glory of Jesus’ kingship turned out to be a crown of thorns and crucifixion.

Jesus was desperate at times for the disciples to understand that things are never as they appear (Mt 13: 10-17); that God’s ways are revealed not to the learned and the wise, but to those whose hearts are childlike and able to believe in miracles (Lk10: 21); in hearts that know and believe that the Kingdom, which Jesus ardently proclaimed, was not toppled by the cross, but rather, because of the cross, the Kingdom is firmly established, here and now, within us.

This Palm Sunday is an opportunity for us to look at the many parades in our lives and in our world, that seemingly end at the cross; our own experience of riding high and tumbling down into suffering and pain, defeat and failure. Jesus’ story is an opportunity for us to see our human reality from God’s perspective, which, at the end of the day is the only perspective that can make sense of what is senseless to us. It is faith that enables us to see what God sees. It is only faith that enables us to appreciate that the Palm Sunday parade may have led to the cross, but it did not end there. On the contrary, it found its triumphant end in the resurrection!

God of infinite love, you who did not spare your Son Jesus even from death, so that we may have life. Be with us as we acclaim Jesus as our true Messiah. May we, by our faithful remembrance of Jesus’ passion, be drawn ever more deeply into the mystery of your generous love. We make this prayer through Jesus your Son, who reigns as our eternal King.

Amen.

3rd March to 16th March 2016

Amelia Menchetti, Mathew Prakkadan, Dominique Nazario, Mikha Anoop, Jonah Rebere Zahi, Cadence Li, Mrs Bayer and Mrs Erceg.

Happy Birthday

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 Cake Stall. The Year 6 class raised $280.30 for Project Compassion. A wonderful effort!

Interviews for Kindy 2017 have commenced. 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

Water Once Per Watering Day

The biggest water savings come from the garden - only water once per rostered watering day either before 9am or after 6pm, but not both times. Before 9am is best as it allows the water to soak to the roots and be available to the plant throughout the day when they need it most.

Project Compassion

Thank you to all the students who have donated to Project Compassion over the last couple of weeks.

In Week 4 of Project Compassion we raised an amazing $447.15 which included the proceeds from the cake stall organised by the Year 6 class. Thank you to all the parents and students in Year 6 for their contributions and to everyone who purchased a cake.

The class that raised the most money was Year 2. Well done to the Year 2 class and Mrs Callaghan. They raised an amazing $37.00. Last week we raised $89.05.

So far this year we have raised $903.20 altogether.

We look forward to Crazy Hair Day which is being organised by Mrs Cruttenden and the Year 4 class.

Keep up the great work!
Mathlete of the Week

Well done to Peter Conrad in Pre Primary who is our winner of the Mathlete of the Week trophy for Week 6.

Well done to Rohan Louis in Pre Primary who is our winner of the Mathlete of the Week trophy for Week 5.

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
Year 1: Tina Iemma
Year 2: Susanne Nicolaou

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 have been sent home with the youngest member of the family last Friday. 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.

Thank you.

Hot Cross Buns

Order bags have been sent home. **They must be returned by Monday morning (21st March)** at the latest as the hot cross buns need to be ordered by Monday afternoon. Thank you.

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!

Come and view the new Mercy Garden and nature play area.

Sweets, popcorn, ice-cream and drinks will be available to purchase from the P&F stall. Bring your own family picnic and enjoy an evening at our school. (NO sausage sizzle)

Families are encouraged to bring along relatives and friends to the evening. Introduce them to our community and allow them to share in our wonderful spirit. It promises to be a great social event.
OLOL Helping Hands

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Helping Hands volunteer sheet.

Helping Hands is a very important initiative, created to help families in times of crisis, such as the death of a loved one, severe illness or financial distress. Rather than have children going without food, or not attending school, we as a community, can step in and make a difference.

Doing something simple such as cooking or buying a meal, driving a child to school or doing some shopping, can sometimes make a massive difference to a family in need. These practical acts can make families feel supported and less alone at a very tough time in their lives.

If you need assistance, please don’t suffer in silence – we want to help!

A note from Katherine...

When Caitlin got sick with Transverse Myelitis at the beginning of 2011, we felt like our world had fallen apart. I spent a month living at PMH with her, while Matt was looking after a two year old and nine month old at home. We were very lucky that we had a beautiful community of friends and family around us to help. Meals were delivered to our house every day, and also regularly to PMH. Friends looked after the younger kids so Matt could spend some time with Caitlin & I, they cleaned our house, walked our dog and helped us financially. Without that love & help, I don’t know how we would have made it through. Not everyone has that kind of community around them, which is why I’m honoured to be the coordinator of a group of people, who by each doing something small, can make a world of difference.

Sr Ambrose

Our thoughts and Prayers are with the family and friends of Sister Ambrose O’Connor, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday 9th March at Mercyville Aged Care in Craigie. Sister Ambrose was a teacher at OLOL from 1965 to 1994. We are grateful for her loyal and faithful service to our school community.

May she rest in peace.
School Badminton Clinics
Our Year 3-6 classes capped off their Badminton unit last week with another fantastic clinic run by Punita Mandalia from Badminton WA. This was the second of two clinics that our students had the privilege of taking part in.

It was brilliant to see all students participate so enthusiastically despite their limited experience. The effort shown to develop, practice and continue to improve on these new skills, learnt within PE lessons this term, was very admirable and impressive to see.

Over the space of five weeks our students have served, rallied and smashed not only the shuttles, but the expectations of Punita and their Sports’ Teacher alike.

According to Punita, our school is blessed with some outstanding natural ability and if she had the opportunity to put more time into coaching some of our students, we would certainly have a few potential Badminton stars in the making.

For further information regarding Junior Badminton and Registration in your local area, please look online at: www.badmintonwa.org.au/wings

Cricket Carnival
In Week 9 (Thursday 31st of March) our Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Yokine Reserve to compete in the Interschool Cricket Carnival. Letters to parents and guardians will be sent home as soon as the teams have been finalised. It is asked that all Permission Slips are signed and returned to Mr Mammoliti as soon as possible.
The Protective Behaviours workshop for parents will take place on **Tuesday 5th April from 6pm in the school library.**

Protective Behaviours is an internationally acclaimed personal safety and child abuse prevention program endorsed by the Department of Education in Western Australia. The educational program will be delivered by teachers from Term Two. The program is based on two themes:

“We all have the right to feel safe at all times” and
“We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is”

The 10 main Protective Behaviours topic areas include:

- **Theme One** “We all have the right to feel safe at all times” & Know your Feelings
- Early Warning Signs (the physical sensations we experience in our body when feeling unsafe or excited).
- Safety Continuum (safe / fun to feel scared / risking on purpose / unsafe) & Problem Solving (How could someone feel safe even if...?).
- Theme 2 “We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is” Safe and Unsafe Secrets.
- Networks (Identifying adults that we can talk with and ask for help if we feel unsafe / scared / worried).
- Persistence Expectation (Persisting in asking for help until you feel safe again).
- Body Awareness and Ownership & Private and Public parts of the body (including teaching and using the correct anatomical names for private parts of the body), Private and Public clothing / Private and Public places / Private and Public behaviours.
- Personal Space (social distance) & Safe and Unsafe Touch.
- Assertiveness (body language/ tone of voice / NO GO TELL).
- Theme and Program Reinforcement
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.

Servite College – Year 5 Enrolment Information Afternoon

Enrolment Information Afternoon – Year 7, 2018
TUESDAY 22 MARCH – 3.45pm to 4.30pm

Servite College is proud to announce the launch of our new enrolment process designed to further assist students in the transition from primary to secondary school.
At Servite we offer an educational environment centred on our students which celebrates their uniqueness and individuality. Our caring and supportive community provides a wonderful climate for students to confidently explore their gifts and talents to "become all that they were created to be". As a progressive and contemporary learning community, we focus on providing a multitude of learning pathways and growth opportunities for students.
To learn more about our Servite story, along with our enrolment and transition processes, we invite families of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School with Year 5 children to our Enrolment Information Afternoon on Tuesday 22nd March.
I look forward to meeting you all.
Jeff Allen, Principal.

Community

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. I can assist with AMEB exam preparation if desired. For further information please call Lara Mechteriakova on 9440 5951.

SELF DEFENCE FOR KIDS!
We offer junior Muaythai classes from 5 to 8 years old, senior Muaythai classes from 8 to 14 and a combined ages kids Brazilian Jiu Jitsu group. These classes focus on self-defence, anti-bullying, motor skills, coordination, confidence and respect. Our timetable for these classes can be found at www.riddlersgym.com.au
If you would like any further information please contact Darren Reece or Caley Reece on 9201 0752 or 0499 446 534.

NETBALL- North Dianella Netball Club are looking for players aged between 8-10 years old to join our Net-Set-Go teams. The teams train on a Monday night and play Saturday mornings. If you would like any further information or would like to join North Dianella please contact Janet Harris in the school office.