Dear Parents & Friends,

We are at the end of a successful first term in which our community has been enriched by the commitment of students, staff, parents and families in striving to give witness to our values of Belief, Harmony and Responsibility. I wish to thank everyone for their support and dedication in ensuring our school continues to strive for excellence in its spiritual, academic and pastoral elements.

I wish to thank all our parents who have attended the collaborative conferences with classroom teachers over the last few weeks. The feedback from the meetings has been very positive as school and home partnerships continue to focus on providing a quality Catholic schooling for all children. Teachers are extremely grateful for the commitment and support shown by our families in helping school with meeting the needs of each and every child. In addition, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to all teachers who have facilitated the meetings with parents before and after school.

Our Year Five and Year Six students were tremendous ambassadors at the recent Cricket Carnival. They were able to participate as a team and there were some excellent cricket skills on show. The children can be very proud of their achievements and positive sportsmanship. I thank Mr Mammoliti for coordinating the event.

Last Friday’s Twilight Picnic organised by our P&F was a most enjoyable evening. The families present had a wonderful social evening as we were all entertained by Mr Millington and Mr Brazzale’s musical talents. Mrs Foster’s DJ skills helped to add to the ambience and the soccer and new nature play equipment went down well. I wish to thank all those who attended and especially to the P&F for making it such an enjoyable evening.

Tuesday night parents attended the Protective Behaviours workshop. The curriculum programme will be implemented by teachers from next term in age appropriate content. The evening was very informative and I thank the parents who attended.

Our final merit assembly for the term takes place this Friday morning. Families are welcome to attend. I wish all our community a most relaxing and enjoyable holiday. School returns for students on Wednesday 27th April (Monday 25th April is ANZAC Day and Tuesday 26th April is a Student Free Day). Have a fabulous break with family and friends.

God bless,

Dan Wood  Principal
**The Year of Mercy— A Vital Power**

“God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:16-17

Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the Resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.

Often it seems that God does not exist at all: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference, and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit.

Evangelii Gaudium

When we trust in God, God’s mercy and grace are working through us even though we can’t see it. God is bringing about change in our hearts, minds and souls. Place your trust in God, especially when you can’t see or feel God working.

*Dear God, your Son conquered death through the Resurrection. Be with us as we rejoice in the joy that the Resurrection brings. Renew our gift of faith so that, like Christ’s first followers, we may proclaim the good news of salvation. Amen.*

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**Parish Mass Times**

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

**Weekend Masses:**
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am.

**Reconciliation**
Reconciliation is held at 5pm each Saturday or by prior arrangement.

**Rosary**
The rosary is recited prior to weekday mass from Tuesday to Friday at 8:40am.

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**Project Compassion**
Thank you to every one who made a donation to Project Compassion.

The community raised a total of $1400.

A great effort!

Mr Gray
Happy Birthday

17th March to 6th April 2016

Esther Marcellino, Rohan Louis, Emilio Caceres-Croce, Dylan Lynch, Akanksha Sarkar, Lily Tran, Nicholas Willis Jones, Nikki Le, Arianna Brazzale, Gabriel Millington and Father Stan.

Special Birthday wishes to Father Laurence. Father celebrates his 80th Birthday on the 17th May in Ireland. Happy Birthday and safe travels!

School Winter Uniform Term 2 & 3

During the first 2 weeks of Term 2 the children can wear either their summer or winter uniform will full transition by Monday 9th May. All children from Yrs 1 -6 must be in their full winter uniform.

**BOYS**—Blue shirt with school crest, long navy trousers, school tie, school jumper, school black lace-up shoes and navy socks.

**GIRLS**—School pinafore tunic, white blouse, school tie, short white socks or navy bluetights, school jumper, school black lace-up shoes.

For any further winter uniform purchases the Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 26th April (Student Free Day) from 8.30am-12pm.

Entertainment Books

Our Lady of Lourdes is now selling the 2016/2017 Entertainment Book for $65.00. Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers, or the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone! All funds raised will go towards our school.

Discover hundreds of valuable offers including 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more, with an Entertainment Membership!

If you would like to order a new book please see Mrs Cruttenden (Yr 4) or the office staff.

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TO PRE-ORDER ONLINE GO TO: www.entbook.com.au/844l41
Crazy Hair Day

Mathlete of the Week

Well done to David Conrad in Year 5 who is our winner of the Mathlete of the Week trophy for Week 7.

Well done to Xchyler Oida in Year 4 who is our winner of the Mathlete of the Week trophy for Week 8.
It’s been another busy and successful term for the Our Lady of Lourdes P&F, in the terms of fundraising and community building.

‘Welcome to New Parents’ Morning Tea”
A morning tea was held for new parents to the school. It was an opportunity for new parents to mingle and for the P&F to explain our role in the school.

“Easter Egg Raffle & Guessing Game”
Thank you to all those families who purchased tickets for the Easter egg raffle, or helped with the wrapping. It was our biggest one yet, with 22 prizes. Some very happy children and staff.

“Hot Cross Buns”
For the second year we offered hot cross buns for morning tea and yet again it proved very popular. It wasn’t all about food, Mrs Happ taught all the children the song “Hot Cross Buns” for this special Easter Event.

“Twilight Picnic”
Fortunately the rain held off and thanks to the tunes of Mr Matt Millington & Mr Sam Brazzale, backed up by DJ Foster it wasn’t long before the fun started. The new Nature Play equipment was enjoyed by all the children, while some heated games of football were refereed by a brave Mrs Connell. It was heartwarming to see staff, students and families mingling and sharing good food. It really showcased our growing community here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

A warm thanks to all those parents and staff who took the time to provide help during all of these events.

A form has been sent home for you to provide feedback on all our events this term. We would love to hear from you and if you have any suggestions for future events let us know. Please return it to the front office by Thursday 7th April.

The next P&F meeting will be held in the library at 5:30 on the 4th May. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet parents in a relaxed, informal atmosphere where refreshments are served.

The P&F would like to wish you all a happy and safe school holiday break.

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Class Reps
Thank you very much to all of the people who have volunteered to be Class Reps, this is an important role in keeping parents informed about events. It is great to see such community spirit within the school.

Your Class Representatives are:
Kindy Rep: Veronica Bayer
Pre-Primary: Sarah Hardy
Year 1: Tina Iemma
Year 2: Susanne Nicolaou
Year 4: Tijana Marvelli

If you would like to volunteer for the role please register your interest with either the Front Office or
For further details regarding the following, please refer to the School Website www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au

- School Banking
- Canteen
- Uniform Shop
- Term Dates
- Parish Mass Times

Don’t forget Running Club will start back on Thursday 28th April at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

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!

Congratulations to all our very lucky winners.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter Raffle and Guessing Game and to those who purchased Hot Cross buns. Funds raised will be put towards the next phase of the Nature Play area.

Switch to a water efficient showerhead

Do what most houses already have, and switch to a WELS rated 3 star or above water efficient showerhead. We use 22% of all household water in the shower alone. By switching to a water efficient showerhead you can reduce your shower water by a quarter.
P & F Twilight Picnic
Welcome to our new Kindy Class!

Our First Term in Kindy has been very busy and full of fun!
60kms, 2 days, Tears, Laughs and Blisters!

We did it!!

Deb's Angels would like to thank our community in helping us raise $27,000 for The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. From your personal donations and to those who attended our fundraisers, we thank you.

Donna Gow

Farewell to Misha (PP), Olivia (Y2) and Mikha Anoop (Y5) who are leaving us at the end of this Term. We thank you very much for being a part of our school community and we wish you and your family all the very best for the future.

Please continue to keep in your prayers all members of our community who are sick or who have relatives and friends who are ill at this time. We especially ask that you keep in your closest thoughts and prayers, Mr Sidari (Luca (Y3) and Tanner Alabak’s (PP) Grandfather) who is unwell at this time.

Our deepest sympathy to Preston (3YO), Indi (Y2) and Mackenzie Gow (Y4) on the loss of their Great Grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.

Our deepest sympathy to Alyssia (KG) and Riley Armenti (Y2) on the loss of their Auntie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.

Our deepest sympathy to Samuel (KG) and Esther Marcellino (Y1) on the loss of their Grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.

Our deepest sympathy to Fiona (Y2) and Allan Kuriakose (Y5) on the loss of their Great Grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs Dyblik on the loss of her Mother in Law. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bernadette, Richard and family at this very sad time.
IMPORTANT- Road Works commencing 11th April

An upgrade of the intersection of Morley Drive and Flinders Street is expected to start on about 11th April and take about 3 months to complete.

This $2.2million project is funded by the State Government through the Road Trauma Trust. It includes:

- Extending both the right-turn pockets on Morley Drive onto Flinders Street
- Extending the left-turn pocket on Morley Drive westbound (turning left onto Flinders Street)
- Improved drainage, lighting and pedestrian and cyclist facilities
- Installation of a zebra crossing to improve pedestrian safety
- Modification of the traffic signals to only allow vehicles turning right onto Flinders Street from Morley Drive to do so under a green turning arrow.

Reduced speed limits and traffic management will be in place during the works and there will be some short road closures to allow for resurfacing and drainage works. Any closures will be advertised on-site in advance, using electronic message boards, and alternative routes will be provided.

As this is a very busy intersection, some night works will also be required. We will make every effort to keep noise to a minimum after hours.


Community News

Soul-food for Parents: Upcoming short courses from the **Centre for Faith Enrichment** include: Grace-filled Parenting (Thursday mornings, Doubleview); Dive Deeper: Exploring Faith (Wednesday lunchtime, online); Exploring the Mass (Wednesday nights, Como) – and many more!

To see the full range of what’s on offer, visit www.cfe.org.au ALL are welcome (you don’t have to be Catholic!), there are no exams or assignments, and courses are presented in a relaxed and friendly environment.

——— FREE FUN PROGRAM ———-

**DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN 7 TO 13 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?**

The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families. The program covers information about healthy eating and includes an hour of physical activity at every season.

Herb Graham Recreation Centre, 38 Ashbury Crescent Mirrabooka
Start date: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4.00pm-6.00pm starting 26th April 2016 for 10 weeks.

Places are limited! Register Now on 1300 822 953 or via www.betterhealthprogram.org
Easing Children’s Anxiety

By Michael Grose

Anxiety is a normal part of life and can be managed, but it takes time. It’s also contagious so it’s the job of parents to stay calm, think clearly and role model confidence when kids get anxious so that children can learn how to cope with anxiety.

For those with no personal experience of anxiety it can be hard to understand how debilitating it can be. “Come on, get on with it,” seems so obvious. Of course, this response is nowhere near adequate.

Most kids experience some anxious moments or have fearful thoughts and feelings from time to time about certain events. These thoughts and feelings prompt them to proceed with caution.

But anxiety and fear can be paralysing. Some kids simply can’t stop their ‘bad thoughts and feelings’. They can’t silence the voice of fear that whispers to them continually.

Calm is created through your words, voice and facial expression. When children become anxious, help them recognise what’s happening. Some kids get angry, some become upset and others withdraw. Work out the pattern for your child and help them recognise when they are anxious.

Accept your child’s anxious feelings. Your child needs to trust that you are with them, and then they will be more willing to let you help them cope. It’s hard sometimes to differentiate between what may be a bad case of negative thinking and true anxiety.

Challenge the validity of your child’s fears and anxiety, using logic and rational thinking. Don’t allow kids to wallow in self-pity. Move their thoughts towards the future rather than allow them to mope around.

Encourage your child to overcome their anxiety through action.

Anxiety is normal, and part of everyday life. However, it can be debilitating unless it’s managed. Anxiety management takes time for kids to learn, but it’s one of those valuable life skills that parents can teach their kids.
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