Dear Parents & Friends,

As a school community we continue to work together as we live out our school values of Belief, Harmony and Responsibility. Each of us has been called to commit to the work of our school, so that we can ensure the academic achievement and wellbeing of all our students. Indeed, one of the great strengths of OLOL is the unique partnership between home, parish and school. Moreover, we are blessed by the enthusiasm and commitment that our students demonstrate towards all aspects of school life on a daily basis; supported by our dedicated staff and encouraged by our wonderful families. This culture of responsibility, trust and collaboration is recognised in our 2016 school climate survey data. I had the pleasure of providing a summary of our data to those who joined this week’s P&F meeting. This followed a detailed analysis by staff and the School Board.

There were overwhelmingly positive responses by staff, parents and students across all aspects of the survey. Similarly, our growth over the four years’ of comparative data is also pleasing across the pillars of Learning, Empathy, Engagement and Clarity. More specific information summarising strengths and areas of focus will be shared with our community prior to the end of the term. We have much to celebrate as we continue the journey of continued school improvement. I wish to thank all our staff, students and families for your generous and productive work in making our school a wonderful place to work, learn and play.

Our P&F Executive has responded to feedback from families and has sought to enhance its meetings. There is now one dedicated P&F meeting each month. Each meeting will have a guest speaker who can discuss areas of interest. This month’s meeting had Mr. Andrew Baldrey, from Nature Play Australia, discuss the concepts and opportunities that nature play environments offer for the development of the whole child. Andrew’s informative presentation was well received by those present. We look forward to the completion of our second phase of our nature playground later this year. At this point we are likewise planning to resurface the bitumen on the playground and install new basketball and netball posts. The P&F Executive is working closely with the School Board in these project areas.

Last week’s Pirate Day fundraiser for childhood brain cancer brought fun and laughter despite the difficult nature of the topic. We were blessed to have a former student, Chloe, talk to our middle and upper primary children about her courageous battle to overcome the disease. Chloe was truly inspiring! The Year Four class held a delicious cake stall for morning tea. I thank Mrs Cruttenden, the Y4 children and families for supporting this worthy cause. $460.10 was raised for the charity and I thank everyone for your generous support.
Principal’s news continued.

Last Monday, I had the pleasure of joining colleagues from Catholic Education WA for a special staff breakfast. During the breakfast, recognition and praise was acknowledged for staff who have achieved thirty or forty years' of service to Catholic Education in WA. It was therefore especially pleasing to celebrate Mrs Callaghan’s (30+) and Mrs Gaudoin’s (40+) years of dedication, the majority of which has been at OLOL. What an amazing gift of talent and service we have all benefitted from during their time at our school. On behalf of everyone connected with our school, I congratulate and thank both Maria and Janet on their significant achievements and contributions.

It has been a busy few weeks at school. We have joined together celebrating the life and works of Australia’s first and only saint, St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop). Book Fair is currently taking place and I thank Mrs Versaci and our volunteer helpers for all of their preparations. The Kindy children and staff are enjoying their new furniture and equipment, staff have engaged in OSMO technological professional learning and are beginning to utilise this resource in the classrooms. This Friday, we will join together for a whole school Mass, followed by the Olympic tabloid sports. Our merit assembly takes place from 2pm in the afternoon.

Our Year Six class are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new week, as they get ready to head off on school camp. They are an amazing group of individuals who similarly demonstrate strong team spirit. I know they will have a fantastic time on camp and I wish them a most enjoyable experience. Further, I would like to thank all the staff who will be giving up of their personal time to make camp a rewarding one for the students: Mr. Gray, Mrs. Versaci, Mrs. Harris, Miss Murgia and Mr. Mammoliti.

It is hard to believe that this is my last newsletter for a while, although some may see this as a bonus! On a more serious and sincere level, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has supported me over the last four and a half years. OLOL really is “home from home”. We have the most dedicated staff, exceptionally positive students and generously supportive families and parishioners. I have been blessed to be a small player in a much bigger community focused on educating children spiritually, academically, personally, socially and emotionally. I wish you all continued success and look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things that happen at OLOL.

Enjoy the Olympics- and go Team Australia!

God bless

Dan Wood
Principal

Congratulations Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Gaudoin!
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Due to unforeseen events, Woodchester Reserve will be unavailable to host our Faction Athletics Carnival in 2016. For this reason, we have had to find an alternate venue.

The 2016 Faction Athletics Carnival will now take place at Dianella Regional Open Space on Friday 9th September. The reserve is situated on the corner of Light Street and Alexander Drive, next to the Jim Satchell Recreation Centre, with car park access via Light Street.

Further information regarding the carnival’s schedule and outline of events, will be sent out closer to the date.

Steven Mammoliti
Sports Coordinator

‘And Mary said:
“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.”

Luke 1: 46-48

Marian Feasts are as much about Christ as they are about Mary. While devotion to Mary forms part of the most ancient traditions in the Church, when we read the Scriptures, we discover that Mary always points us to Christ!

Mary is indeed blessed among women. The implications of this have great impact for us and especially for women. In her acceptance of God’s desire, Mary changed the face of human history! If God worked through one woman to express such great and saving love, God can continue to work through other women (and men) in the same way to heal the earth today! How does the Magnificat want to activate us as the people of God?

O God who raises up the lowly, you chose Mary in all her simplicity to be the mother of our Saviour. Mary was blessed among all women.

Through faith in God’s promise, she gave birth to Peace. May the prayers of this woman now clothed with the sun fill us with the hope and blessing of her child, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Happy Birthday

27th July to 10th August 2016
Melissa and Michelle Zakaria, Indi Gow, Stephanie Isbister, April Schulz, Anihiri Tawirika, Trinity Paolo, Evie Foster, Elly Chin, Harry Yang, Mrs Giorgio and special birthday wishes to Ms Reeler who celebrated a milestone birthday last Thursday.

School Website

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
- Lodging of Absentee notes
- Seqta Engage

Running Club

Due to the Year 6 School Camp next week there will be no Running Club on Thursday 18th August.

Our Community

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 Erceg.

School Reports

Semester 1 school reports can be accessed on Seqta Engage, using the link https://ololnoll.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/ or go onto our website and click on the Seqta Engage Icon.
http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 2nd September.
Father’s Day Breakfast at 7.30am and Father’s Day Stall. Further details to follow.

Book Week and Book Fair

Book Fair times:
Wednesday: 3.00-3.30pm
Thursday: 8.15-8.45am and 3.00-3.30pm
Lunch time for children 1.00 -1.15pm

2016/2017 Entertainment Books

We have 2 books left, If you would like to order a new book please see Mrs Cruttenden (Yr 4) or the office staff.
Dear Parent / Carer Giver,

As part of our plan to improve facilities and resources for the Nature Playground we are running a fantastic Cadbury® Fundraiser Drive.

I’m pleased to announce that Cadbury chocolates have arrived. The cost per chocolate is $1.00, this represents excellent value to the buyer and our profits will go to Nature Playground.

We suggest you sell to family members, colleagues in the workplace, friends or neighbours. We do not recommend involving children in the selling.

Not everyone will be able to participate in the drive and we understand if you are unable to do so. If you are able to sell a chocolate box please contact Suraya Bin Talib on 0437 410 803 who will arrange delivery of the box to you.

We ask that all orders and money collected be returned to Suraya Bin Talib in the envelope provided no later than 16th September 2016. I urge you to sell the box quickly. However, if experiencing difficulties, check back with either myself or Suraya Bin Talib as early as possible as others may be looking for more chocolates to sell.

Fundraising activities such as this make a vital contribution towards supporting school improvement and ultimately our children, in this case the building of our Nature Playground. In anticipation of a successful fundraising drive, I thank you for your support.

Regards
Joanna Wood
President P&F 0413 189 801

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: September 2nd from approximately 7am to assist with the Father’s Day breakfast and stall. If you are able to assist please contact myself.

Together with E’Co Australia Pty Ltd, we are fundraising to help 3rd world countries. We are simply asking you to go through your household and give to this programme all your unwanted clothing, linen, shoes and bags. These items go straight to the 3rd world countries that need it: where they are shown how to clean and repair these goods before selling them at market.

Your unwanted items will raise money, which we will donate to OXFAM to help struggling communities gain better access to water.
The Languages of Love
An opportunity to enrich your married life!

At every stage of married life there is something new for couples to learn about one another and their relationship. Couples with the strongest marriages regularly take time out to nurture their relationship, to work at understanding one another better and to discover new facets of their marriage. Love Languages are a powerful, research supported, way for couples to discover new opportunities for responding to one another and to bring about an even closer more connected relationship.

**When:** Sunday, August 21
**Time:** 3.30-5.30pm
**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Nollamara.
**Cost:** A free parish event for married couples followed by wine and cheese.
**What you need to bring:** Your spouse!

Presenters: Karen and Derek Boylen

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Museum visit
Mt Flora
Waterman's Bay.
Pirate Day—Friday 5th August
Pilates for the Soul: If your soul could do with a bit of stretching, the Centre for Faith Enrichment is for you! Check out the wide range of online and face-to-face courses and events on offer by visiting www.cfe.org.au. An on-site crèche is available on request. ALL are welcome (you don’t have to be Catholic!), there are no exams or assignments, and the environment is always relaxed and friendly. P.S. Have a child preparing to receive a Sacrament? Go to www.cfe.org.au and click “Sacraments Website”!

Helping Hands

Our Lady of Lourdes now has a Helping Hands group who are available to help you in times of distress or crisis. If you are having difficulty getting your children to school or preparing meals because of illness or other reasons, please contact Janet in the office so we can organise some help for you!

Please be assured that your privacy will always be respected.

Community News

If you are looking for a holistic, quality Catholic education for your son, Trinity College in East Perth may be the school you are searching for. We strive to provide the highest level of teaching and learning in an environment that keeps expanding to meet the physical and emotional needs of all students. To learn more about the extensive things on offer such as our state-of-the-art robotic observatory or our Design and Technology centre using the latest equipment in technology laboratories, please visit our website for further information. Our virtual tour and online application makes the process of enrolling your son as simple as possible. Interviews are now taking place for Year 7 in 2018, with limited places available for Year 7 next year.

www.trinity.wa.edu.au

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SWAN DISTRICTS DANCE STUDIO
3/11 Townsend Street, Malaga

Classes for all ages
Adult Beginners Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm.
Juniors Saturdays 9.00—10.00am $9.00
Private Tuition by Appointment.

Call Kevin on 9275 5987 or 0416171988.
Email sdds_australia@bigpond.com for a complimentary first lesson by quoting this newsletter.

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