Principal Update:
Parent interviews can take many forms depending on the purpose. You would be familiar with the annual reporting interviews, interviews for specific programs and interviews when your child’s rate of achievement or behaviour is of concern. This year we are introducing another type of interview, a three way interview where the student is present with the parents and teacher to identify learning goals. We believe the student needs to be an active agent in their learning and this process makes it explicit.

Parent Interviews involve your child as an active and essential member of the interview and enable them to demonstrate understanding of their learning. This is an exciting change to the traditional interview process.

As parents you can ask questions, express ideas and help make plans to support your child’s learning at home. Teachers will support students and parents by clarifying, elaborating and responding to specific questions and concerns.

We ask that you bring your child with you to the interview and it is requested that every effort is made for siblings not to be present in the room during this time to ensure that each child is able to fully celebrate their achievements. The duration of the Interview is ten minutes so if you require more time or wish to discuss anything in greater detail please arrange another time with the teacher.

DATE CLAIMER
As I mentioned in the last newsletter we need to work together as community to maximise the school experience for our children. I am committed to acting on the feedback you gave me last year when you told me you wanted more opportunities for meeting with the Principal and the Leadership Team and for meaningful involvement in the school. To this end you are invited to attend a meeting on March 2nd at either 9.30 am or 7.00 pm to plan parent engagement here at OLR this year. So save the date!

Parent/Teacher Interviews:
Going home tomorrow will be a Goal Setting sheet and letter. Please ensure you complete this form and bring it with you for your interview. The Teachers look forward to meeting with you and your child.

RE Update:
Please join us for our Opening School Mass tomorrow, Friday, 13th February, at the OLR Church, The Entrance at 11.45am. Students are asked to wear FULL SUMMER UNIFORM.

Next Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey to Easter with Ash Wednesday. On this day we pledge to try harder to live out our Baptismal Promises, as we receive ashes on our forehead. As a school community we will begin celebrate Ash Wednesday with a liturgy in the Hall at 9.15am All parents are welcome to attend. Please join us!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast next TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY. Orders are due in by next Monday morning, 16th February.

Scholastic Book orders are due tomorrow, Friday, 13th February