As we begin our Lenten journey in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Frances has some insightful words to help lead us closer to Christ.

For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God’s word and by practising the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need. By taking this path, the “proud”, the “powerful” and the “wealthy” spoken of in the Magnificat can also be embraced and undeservedly loved by the crucified Lord who died and rose for them. This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches. Yet the danger always remains that by a constant refusal to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor, the proud, rich and powerful will end up condemning themselves and plunging into the eternal abyss of solitude which is Hell. The pointed words of Abraham apply to them and to all of us: “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them” (Lk 16:29).

Such attentive listening will best prepare us to celebrate the final victory over sin and death of the Bridegroom, now risen, who desires to purify his Betrothed in expectation of his coming. Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God’s mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her own sinfulness (cf. Lk 1:48) and to call herself the Lord’s humble servant (cf. Lk 1:38).

Extract Pope Frances, 4 October 2015, Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (for the full text go to https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco-20151004_messaggio-quaresima2016.html)
From the Principal

Goal Setting Meetings
As part of our commitment to working with families to ensure that every child is given the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning, we will be giving parents, students and teachers, in Years 1 to 6, an opportunity to meet together and set individual learning goals for 2017. These short 10 minute Goal Setting Meetings will be held on Thursday 25th February commencing at 12:30 and will be supported by a student and parent reflection sheet, sent home this week. I would all encourage parents to take this opportunity to meet with teachers and their child to reflect and plan for individual learning goals for this year. Towards the end of the year students and teachers will revisit these goals and reflect on how well they have been met. Parents will be asked to book their interview time via the School Interviews Online site using the details outlined in the page attached.

Catholic Schools’ Week - ‘I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.’
Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2016 will be held from 6 to 12 March and will involve the communities of all Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT.
First and foremost, Catholic Schools Week is about celebration.
It is our chance to celebrate and showcase all the great learning that happens in our school as well as raising public awareness of the strengths of Catholic schools and highlight the significant contribution the Catholic education sector makes to our state and nation. It is an opportunity to share with the broader community the great things that take place in our school every day.

The week is designed to be a celebration for all who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, and parishioners. It is for them to share in the joy and distinctive character of Catholic schools.

The theme for 2016 is ‘I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.’ which ties in nicely with our own school motto of “Celebrating Community.”

This year, here at OLR, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week with a special liturgy, Open Day, Information Evening as well as a community BBQ and picnic. (see below)

Open Day
As we celebrate Catholic Schools’ Week, we will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 9th March between 9:15 and 11:00am. This Open Day is for prospective parents and existing parents to come along and see some of the great things that happen in our OLR classroom. We will also be asking students to take some of their work home to share their learning with their parents.
I would encourage parents to take this opportunity to visit classrooms and see their children engaged in their learning.
Community BBQ and Picnic.
To complete our celebrations as part of Catholic Schools Week and to ‘Celebrate Community’ in this new school year we would like to invite families to come together for a BBQ/Picnic on **Friday 11th March**. We are just finalising the details and will get information out to everyone soon. But please mark this date on your calendar.

Class Parents
As part of our commitment to building community and developing stronger relationships between the school and the parent network, OLR has developed a network of class parents to be the link between individual classes and the parents of students in that class. If you would like to be involved in this program, please email the school office or see Tracy or Lucy by the end of this week. We hope to have this network up and running by the end of Week 5.

2017 Kinder Information Evening
Yes, the time has come where we once again start planning for next year. As part of Catholic Schools’ Week we will be holding a Kindergarten Information Evening, Wednesday 9th March at 7pm, for parents who hope to enrol their child at OLR in 2017. If you have a child already attending OLR and are wishing to enrol another child in 2017, please complete the slip below and return it to school by Friday, 26th February 2016.

Please spread the word about how great our school is and if you know of families who have children who are ready for school next year, please encourage them to come along to our Open Day and Information Evening.

Please read the new Diocesan Medication at Schools Policy attached.

God Bless

*Gerard McGilvray*
Principal
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School - The Entrance

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**Enrolling a child for Kindergarten 2017**

I _________________________________ am currently a parent of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, The Entrance and I intend applying for enrolment for my child in Kindergarten 2017.

Eldest Child currently attending OLR: ___________________________ Class: _______

Child’s Name for Kinder 2017: ________________________________

Child’s Date of Birth__________________ Religion:______________

[ ] Male  [ ] Female

*Please return this form to school by Friday, 26 February 2016*
OLL Swimming Carnival results.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Swimming Carnival. Special mention to the following students who achieved Age Champions and to the students who were selected for the next level.

**Boy Champions**
- **8 Years**
  - 1st Kai D B
  - 2nd Charlie C
  - 3rd Oliver SJai T
- **9 Years**
  - 1st Sam L
  - 2nd Cooper K
  - 3rd Cruz B
- **10 Years**
  - 1st Archi A
  - 2nd Hughie V
  - 3rd Ryan B
- **11 Years**
  - 1st Travis A
  - 2nd Emmett N
  - 3rd Patrick S
- **12 Years**
  - 1st Luke A
  - 2nd Beau D
  - 3rd Corey H

**Girl Champions**
- **8 Years**
  - 1st Molly L
  - 2nd Jacinta S
  - 3rd Milla L
- **9 Years**
  - 1st Ashley A
  - 2nd Sienna K-S
  - 3rd Zaira K-W
- **10 Years**
  - 1st Georgia-Rose S
  - 2nd Bree C
  - 3rd Brooke T
- **11 Years**
  - 1st Maddie D
  - 2nd Lucy S
  - 3rd Rosie D
- **12 Years**
  - 1st Milli A
  - 2nd Georgia M
  - 3rd Krystal B

Well done to the Colour Houses and the spirit you showed on the day. These are the points for each house:

- Honarine = 505
- McKillop = 529
- Murphy = 551
- Brennan = 591.

**OZTAG**: Congratulations and well done to Chase, Year 6. Chase was chosen for the Central Coast U’12’s Oztag Representative team and travelled to Coffs Harbour on the weekend for the NSW Oztag State Cup. Their team won all their games but were unfortunately defeated in the semi finals 3-2.
It is ‘LENT’! The liturgical colour is purple for a time of heavy duty fasting and self-sacrificing for our neighbour. We have lost the rigour of this time of self-restraint and giving to those suffering hardship and reduced it to giving up some form of treat such as chocolate! This has trivialised the meaning of Lent. It is six weeks of Spiritual Boot Camp to refocus our lives on the true meaning of life which for Christians is total faith and trust in God’s love and care for each one of us. We tend to lose sight of this because we are occupied and rely so heavily on many things which are supposed to make our life easier and more convenient but they also consume us. So to break out of the cycle is hard and requires conscious effort; so we might go to Mass each week, spend some quiet time in the Church during the week, pray each night with our children or read a story from the Children’s Bible before they go to bed, help-out with a neighbour who is alone, make a commitment as a family to give up a treat and put the money saved in the Project Compassion Box at the end of each week. Lent is a time to be extra-generous with your time for God and to be extra-generous and present to loving others. Find ways to do your Lenten Journey as a family.

**PRE-LOVED SHOES AND UNIFORMS: DONATION FOR PROJECT COMPASSION**

On Monday 22 February, all day from 9am-3pm, there will be some tables set up in the Miriam Centre towards the Chapel end with pre-loved shoes and school uniforms for anyone who would like to take items and make a donation to the Lenten Project Compassion. We look forward to your support.

**COASTSHELTER**

We would like to recruit new volunteers to assist with our Social Justice Outreach to Coastshelter. We have a small team of parents who assist with cooking and kitchen-hand work at Coastshelter every third Monday of the month. If we had more helpers we could share the work and create a roster system. Please consider giving your time from 9am -1pm once a month or less frequently if we had more people on the roster. Contact Jennifer Vaughan or Kay Taylor through the School Office if you are interested.

Many Lenten Blessings.

*Kay Taylor* (Chaplain)

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**OLR School Office News**

**YEAR 3 INTERNET AGREEMENT**

Last week each Year 3 student was given a new Internet Agreement to complete as they have moved from Infants to Primary. Could these please be returned by this Friday, 19th February? If you have not received a copy of this form, please contact the school office for a copy.

**ICAS COMPETITIONS**

Please ensure all ICAS forms and payment are returned to school by Friday, 18th March. Year 2 please note change to Spelling cost - $12.10 (not $8.80 as per the form).

**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

Please read the attached Medication Policy.
ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOLS
NEW POLICY FOR ALL MEDICATIONS

The Broken Bay Diocesan Schools System ‘Medication policy’ and ‘Administration of Medication in Schools: Guidelines and Procedures’ have been revised.

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We require parents / carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. While this information is collected at enrolment it needs to be updated regularly, including when a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students; (including the administration of medication – prescription or over the counter medication and the need to perform health procedures): will need to be provided to the school in writing in the form of an ‘action plan’ or ‘health care management plan’ and signed by both the parent / carer and a medical practitioner or a prescribing health practitioner. This must then be discussed with the school.

Additionally, any student health care need, action plan or health care management plan that may impact on school activities such as sports, excursions (including camps) must be provided in writing and supported by a medical practitioner / prescribing or qualified health practitioner’s advice.

All Broken Bay systemic schools require medical authorisation from a prescribing medical or health practitioner to administer any medication to students (including over the counter medications such as Paracetamol, Claratyne etc).

Please ensure you inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details including the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff who are supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone the school on 4332 5594

The Form required to be completed by your Doctor for medication at school can be found on the OLR website in the Newsletter section.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday, 18 March 2016.

This annual day is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools, including OLR, and encourages students Australia wide to

‘Take a Stand Together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond. So we are using at an opportunity for the whole OLR community to make a stand against bullying and violence.

OLR will use the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence to work with the students on looking at our anti-bullying policy and do activities to support friendships across the grades.

OLR believes: ‘Bullying and violence is never okay’

OLR Parish News

Mass & Devotions in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9:00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 9:30am & 5:00pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am
Rosary Monday - Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Wednesday 9:30am
Christian Meditation Group Friday 10:30am Muldoon Room

The Gift Centre has a wide variety of devotional items and gifts for Weddings, Birthdays, Baptisms, Holy Communion, or just plain thoughtful gifts. All are welcome to come in for a browse. We are open after the Sunday Masses for your convenience. You’ll find the Gift Centre behind the Church carpark, corner of Ashton and Copnor Avenues.

Open:
Sunday 9am-9:30am & 10:30-11am
Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-1:30pm
Phone/Fax 4332 5997
## CANTEEN ROSTER

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Please be aware of price changes and make sure your child’s correct class is on their bag or online.

We no longer stock Glee/Juice Bombs/Liquorice or Lolly Bags as we are very much trying to maintain Healthy Canteen Guidelines.

Also, Snappers (both Sour & Yogo) have been discontinued as Miss Taylor discussed at this week’s assembly. This is due to the packaging being environmentally unfriendly.

**Healthy Eating     Amber Trench     Canteen Co-Ordinator**

### OLR Playgroup News

The OLR Playgroup runs each Wednesday morning from 9.10am—11am in the VSR.

This Playgroup is run for siblings at the school and all are welcome. Please come along if you have pre-schoolers, this is a great way to get know other families and for your children to meet other children that they may be at school with later on.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces.
Parent Community Network

Celebrating Community

On behalf of the OLR School Community; we would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the school swimming carnival. Congratulations to the winning house Brennan and to all the children who participated.

The OLR School Community was invited to the Parent Engagement meeting, held on Wednesday 10th February. We had eleven parents that were able to make the meeting and we are pleased to announce that Kylie Burgess, Jade Jones and Tracey McSkimming have taken on the shared role of coordinators for this PCN team. Congratulations and thank you to everyone that attended or gave input. The minutes will be upload on the OLR Parent Portal.

Discussed at the meeting were the proposed school, community and fundraising events for 2016. We encourage anyone and everyone that is a part of our wonderful school community to get involved in whatever small way they can. Please contact the office or event coordinator at your earliest convenience if you are able to assist with any upcoming events.

To bring the whole School Community together to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and to welcome everyone to the new school year; we will be organising a Welcome BBQ Friday afternoon, 11th March. Details to be sent home shortly once they have been finalised.

Details regarding our Easter Egg Raffle will also be coming home soon; we look forward to your support with Easter eggs and wrapping the prizes. Kylie Burgess and Katie Hill have agreed to organise this event for the children; please let them or the office know if you are available to assist with wrapping.

Mother’s Day is fast approaching: Alicia Klein-Schiphorst and Jade Jones have agreed to organise this event. They will be organising the gifts and requests for assistance with wrapping will go out later this term.

The Walkathon is back again! Weather permitting the OLR Community will come together for our walkathon on Friday, 8th April, the last day of Term 1. As the walkathon is so popular with families; we are hoping to have a BBQ and Fun Day at the conclusion of the walkathon. Everyone will be welcome.

Thank you for your continued support:
Parent Community Network
Building Community
THE EASY WAY TO BOOK

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Thursday, 25th February. Bookings must be finalised before the 23rd of February at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents who do not have internet access, please contact the school office on 4332 5594 to make an interview time. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

BOOKINGS CLOSE TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. Go to http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press “Go”
THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT’S CODE

Enter your details

Select the teachers you wish to see

Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 21st February at 4pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 5555 3333

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

As you may be aware, the Goal Setting Meetings are scheduled for Week 5 of this term. The teachers stay back late on the Thursday evening to accommodate the needs of many families.

The OLR PCNare once again organising an evening meal for the teachers on Thursday, 25th February. We would greatly appreciate the help of any OLR families that are able to provide a hot meal, side dish or dessert for the staff on that evening. Great examples are casserole, pasta, salad, slice etc.

Meals can be left at the office in the afternoon or before 5:00pm on the evening.

If you are able to provide a meal, please fill out the form below and return to school at your earliest convenience, so that we can estimate our requirements (and the teachers can get their taste buds ready).

Thank you again for your continued support.
The OLR Parent Community Network

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DINNER FOR THE TEACHERS!

I am able to provide

_________________________________________

(Description of item being provided)

for the teachers on Thursday, 25th February for the Goal Setting Meetings.

I will drop this at the school office before 5pm on the day.

Name: ___________________________ Ph: ___________________________

Eldest child’s name: ___________________________ Class: _____________
Michael Grose is Australia's leading parenting educator and author of 8 parenting books. Michael appears regularly on television, radio and his popular ParentingIdeas website discussing relevant issues for modern parents and professionals.

Raising and teaching kids to become resilient, confident and self-sufficient is just some of the expert advice you can expect to receive from Michael! In fact he'll even have you working towards redundancy! ... as a parent that is!

Tuesday
23 February
7 pm

OLSS Catholic Primary School
Serpentine Road, TERRIGAL
All Welcome - No Cost

Proudly presented by...
Broken Bay Diocesan Parent Council (DPC)
RSVP: www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

Your School  Your P&F  Your DPC
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, The Entrance

STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE

We are required by law to record all absences for children enrolled in our school with an accompanying note.

My child ____________________________________ of class__________ was absent from school on the following date/s:
________________________________________________________

Please sign below to indicate that your permission was given for this/these days absent.
I ________________________________ verify that my child was absent from school with my permission on the dates above.

Reason:_____________________________________________________________________

Signature:____________________________________________ Date:__________________

PLEASE DO ONE NOTE PER CHILD. EACH TEACHER NEEDS A COPY FOR THEIR FILES

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Stepping Stones Triple P

Does your child have a disability?

If you are parenting children with a disability aged 2 to 12, CCFSS can support you to learn new skills and techniques through the Stepping Stones Triple P Project.

You are invited to attend the following FREE parenting seminar:

Session 1
Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability

Session 2
Helping your Child reach their Potential

Session 3
Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour

Venue: Green Point Community Centre, Koolang Road
Green Point

When: March 9, 16 and 23
Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

BOOKINGS AND FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE MADE BY CALLING CENTRAL COAST FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES INC. NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR SEMINARS.

To register for this Seminar please call
(02) 43401585 or email; ccfss@ccfss.com.au

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St Peter’s Catholic College
Enrolment for Year 7 2017

Applications are currently open to commence Year 7 in 2017.
Families are invited to an Information Afternoon
on Tuesday 15 March 2016 where tours of the beautiful
-campus and extensive facilities will be provided.
Enrolment Application Packs will be provided.

Information sessions run at 4:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:00pm, 5:30pm and 6:00pm in the College
Hall. Bookings are not required.

We look forward to meeting your family and welcoming you to the St Peter’s community.

St Peter’s Catholic College, 84 Gavenlock Road, Tuggerah 2259
Tel: 4351 2344
www.stpetersdbb.catholic.edu.au

NEXT STOP
St Peter’s Catholic College

Keep on track with a quality education

Free workshop for parents & carers of young people on the autism spectrum!

Wyoming - 24th February
Register your place:
positivepartnerships.com.au

Material in the newsletter is not to be reproduced without the permission of the School Principal.
During the recent school holidays (2nd - 13th January), over 11,000 Scouts from all across Australia as well as overseas, gathered at Cataract Scout Park Outside of Appin NSW for the 24th Australian Scout Jamboree.

The Scouts in attendance participated in a wide variety of activities such as high ropes, a day tour of Sydney, a day out at Jamberoo Water Park, snorkelling, water activities at Kurnell and an Onsite Activity called Endurance which had 18 different challenges spread over a 12 kilometre course and the ever popular Army style rope and mud course called Challenge Valley.

Living within the close knit environment of their individual troops taught the Scouts life skills such as cooking, cleaning and self-reliance. Many have made new friends from different walks of life from around Australia and the world. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for most Scouts and one which they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Your local Scout Group is inviting you to come along and try us out. Please call 1300 858 464 for details.

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!

Wyong Shire Girl Guide Units
(Budgewoi, Toukley, The Entrance, Wyonga, Tumbi, Wyong, Ourimbah)
For girls aged 7-10 and 10-14 years
Leadership opportunities for women 18+
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities, games, leadership, life skills, craft, special interest badges, cooking, camping, community awareness and events

For information on the location and available meetings in your area
Contact local Manager, Rhonda .... rxm55@bigpond.com
or Region Membership Advisor at helenEG2@live.com.au
Visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Girl Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..

The Entrance Tigers Netball
REGISTRATION DAY FOR 2016 SEASON:
The Entrance Leagues Club on Sunday 6th March
Between 4pm and 5pm
Players needed for the following age groups:
  8 years
  11yrs, 12yrs 13yrs & 14yrs
  & Seniors

Please bring a friend if you know anyone that would like to play
If you cannot make registration but would like to play please call
Rachelle Sinclair: 0413 716 217
Michelle Draper: 0478 093 312