

OLR Newsletter

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Our Lenten Journey

In the Catholic Church, the year is divided into liturgical seasons based on the life and earthly ministry of Jesus as well as the great mysteries of our Faith. <u>Last week we commenced the season of Lent, forty days leading up to the events of Holy Week.</u> I am of the age group who



grew up with the idea that Lent is a period of giving up the pleasures of life, saving my chocolate until Easter Sunday; refraining from eating meat on Fridays; giving money to the poor through Project Compassion and of course praying the rosary every night.

As a young boy, I did not understand the importance of these sacrifices, though I did love fish and chips on a Friday night with my family (not a penance at all). Now as my faith continues to mature I see Lent not just as a time for giving up things for the sake of going without, but rather an opportunity to realign my life with what is important and I understand that it's not the' giving up' but the conversion of heart that is important. The Lenten call to repentance is a renewed awakening to God, oneself and to each other. My prayer, almsgiving and fasting, if they are to be worth anything must be done with joy and generosity of heart. In our busy lives Lent is a fitting time for self-denial so as the season begins let us ask what is God calling me to in my life as a faithful Christian, what can I give up that will enrich others and deepen my relationship with God?

While I still do try to 'give up' things during Lent, more and more I see Lent as a time for doing more; trying to spend more time on my prayer life; more time reading the scriptures or spiritual writings; spend more time focusing on my family; giving more of myself to others; and more time reflecting more on my life and what God is calling me to be. Lent should be a time of joyfully rediscovering our God and of recommitment as a disciple of Jesus to be Christ-like to those around us. Pope Francis in his Lenten message reminds us that "Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life."



Read the whole of Pope Francis' message here.

My Behaviour Impacts the Learning of others

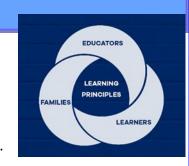
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Week 5		Week 6		
Monday	Assembly 2.20pm	Monday	Catholic Schools Week	
26/02	CCC Swimming Carnival	05/03	Liturgy 9.15 in the School Chapel	
Tuesday	Band	Tuesday	Band	
27/02		06/03		
Wednesday	Playgroup	Wednesday	Playgroup	
28/02		07/03		
Thursday		Thursday	Yr 6 Leaders Day for School Captains	
01/03		08/03		
Friday		Friday		
02/03		09/03		
Saturday		Saturday		
03/03		10/03		
Sunday		Sunday		
04/03		11/03		

From the Principal

Broken Bay Learning Principles

We are excited to share our recently launched Diocese of Broken Bay Learning Principles which acknowledge the need for agile minds and ingenuity in our rapidly changing world. Our collective challenge is to continue to bring life to these learning principles in our schools and homes.



With our focus firmly on the future, we seek to awaken the curiosity, wonder and creativity of our learners through dynamic and innovative learning opportunities. We broadly define the concept of learner to include not only our students, but all members of our diverse community.



Our Diocese of Broken Bay Learning Principles emerge from a collaborative process that has sourced questions and ideas, stories and hopes, research and challenges from across our community and the wider educational landscape.

This suite of learning principles provides a shared language for inspiring learning not just across the Community of Catholic Schools in Broken Bay <u>but also in the family home</u> and we look forward to exploring this learning tool with you throughout 2018 and beyond.

From the Principal

Morning Tea with the Leadership Team

This year the leadership team is attempting to connect in a more social environment with the parents of OLR. One way in which we are building this social environment is through regular opportunities to meet, have a coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a chat about how the school is going and to hear your stories.



Our first Morning Tea is <u>tomorrow</u> in the VSR at 9:10 following the morning assembly.

Alleluia Dinner

A few years ago we celebrated our first Alleluia Dinner to celebrate the Risen Christ of Easter as well as giving thanks for all the wonderful things that have happened throughout this term. As Easter falls

during this term we would like to again come together as a community for our Alleluia Dinner.

Come along and share a meal (and maybe a game of cricket or football on the oval) with us.

The school will supply the BBQ but we would ask parents to bring a shared salad or dessert.

Claim the Date: Friday 6th April



Awards



Star Point Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at our last assembly:

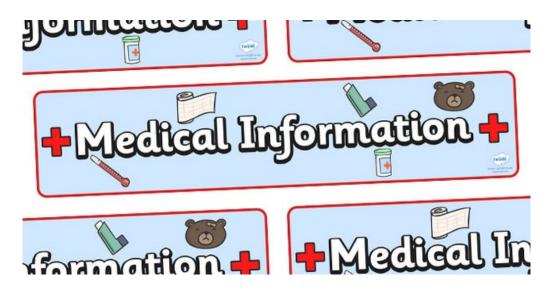






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MEDICAL REMINDERS



Does your child need an Asthma Puffer at school?

Does your child have Anaphylaxis or Allergic Reactions?

Does your child need to have any oral medications at school?

If so, we need paperwork to be completed by your GP and brought into school asap. If we had this paperwork last year, we need it updated please.

The following links can be found on our website on the Newsletter page or you click below to print the appropriate form needed for your child.

REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FORM ASCIA - ACTION PLAN - ANAPHYLAXIS ASCIA - ACTION PLAN - ALLERGIC REACTIONS NAC - ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

ALL children requiring any medication at school will need the

GP to complete the "Request to Administer Medication at School Form".

This is for all medications, including Asthma Puffers, Epipens, Antibiotics, Paracetamol etc.

Please remember to take the <u>"Request to Administer Medication at School Form"</u> with you if you your child is unwell and you are taking them to the doctor. You won't have to them make another appointment to have the paperwork filled in if they prescribe medication.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Chaplaincy News

The Season of Lent

Ashes on the forehead is only the beginning of a forty day journey! Last Wednesday we received the ashes at Mass as a sign that we had begun our Lenten season of *prayer*, *penance and good works* in preparation for the greatest Christian event of Easter.

I encourage you to spend 3 minutes at the start of each week reflecting on aspects of the Lenten journey by watching the short 3-minute reflections on this link:

https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-lent-3-minutes

This Monday some of our mums went to do 'good works' at Coast Shelter for the Homeless. They volunteer to cook and serve meals to the Homeless on the third Monday of each month from 9am-1pm. If you are interested in joining the team please contact me via email kay.taylor@dbb.catholic.edu.au



Please encourage your children to do 'good works' by supporting 'Project Compassion' at home. Donation boxes are available at the Office window. Families can find creative ways to contribute to Project Compassion. If you have an idea let me know and I can put it in the next 'Chaplaincy News'.



Old OLR School Uniform

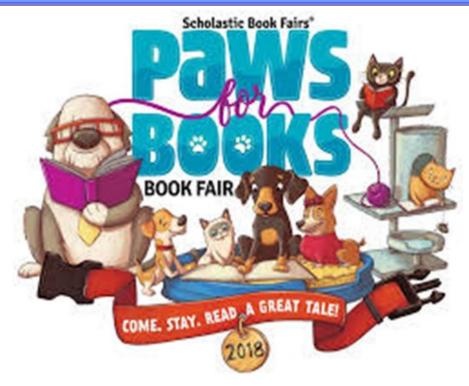
Thank you to all those parents who were able to take the bits and pieces of old school uniform that we put out on tables last week. If you require old uniform items from now on please ask me for assistance. I am trying to organise a shipment of our old uniform items to a school overseas at the end of the year. This is a work in process so please hold on to items that are in good condition and *not* in need of repair. I should have confirmation in a month or two about this project. Many blessings,

Kay Taylor (Chaplain)



The race for Sports for Schools vouchers has just begun! Don't forget to collect your vouchers from Coles .

Library News



We are starting the school year with a Scholastic Book Fair. This is an exciting event that motivates students and helps them connect with books they want to read.

Our Scholastic **Book Fair** will be held in the library from Tuesday 20^{th} February until Thursday 22^{nd} February.

Students may come before or after school **with parents** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If parents cannot attend they may send money in an envelope or credit card details on a wish list and the children will come **during school time** to purchase their books.

There is a large range of high interest books available to encourage students to read for enjoyment. Every book sold at the Book Fair allows us to add exciting new titles to our library collection.

Thank you to those people that have volunteered to help at the Book Fair. Your help is appreciated. If you can help before or after school on the above days, please let us know.

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair!

BOOK COVERING

We have lots of novels and picture books that need covering.

Please come and visit the Library if you have time to cover a bag of books for us.

Happy Reading,

Cherelle Mylan

Canteen News

26 th Feb	27 th Feb	28 th Feb	1st Mar	2 nd Mar
Travis R Kathryn C Sarah F*	Katie D Kirsty M	Joan C* Keith M* Gillian R	Dani H	Emma D Priscilla P Diane B
5 th Mar	6 th Mar	7 th Mar	8 th Mar	9 th Mar
Libby B* Kelly G	Sharn S	Kristy Q, Kylie B Desley G-B*	Jodie G* Kylie S^	Brianna D Jo M, Jessica S
12 th Mar	13 th Mar	14 th Mar	15 th Mar	16 th Mar
Rebecca K Yasmin E*	Krystal F^ Mel B	Joan C*, Kristie D Gillian R	Cath Mac	Danielle R*, Amber W Shannon M*, Michelle R

Hi All

Thanks to all the new volunteers in canteen, your all doing a fab job!! Am looking for helpers on Friday 2Nd March if anyone can spare a few hours??

Hope the Kinders enjoyed their first Meal Deal last Friday, there were some very happy little faces!!!

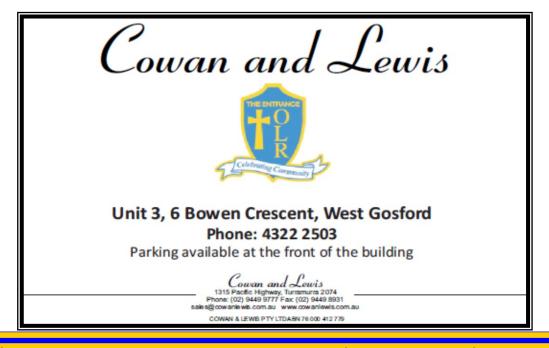
Please remember to check the new menu for any price changes when ordering lunches.

Can you please try to put the correct money in the lunch bags, or as close to it as possible? We have students bringing large notes in, which means a lot of change has to be sent home with your child. If you are unable to send correct money, please consider using the canteen online ordering app.

Also, the students should not have any more than \$5 on them at any time.

Amber. Canteen Co-Ordinator

OLR Website link for Canteen— www.olrtedbb.catholic.edu.au/school-community/144/p/canteen





The date has been set.

This year's OLR Community Fair will be on **Sunday, October 21**st.

Check out the OLR Community Fair Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest information. Why not invite your family and friends to like the Facebook page too to help you plan for a fun day out together.

https://www.facebook.com/olrfair/

Please send an email to olrfair@outlook.com to let us know if you are interested in holding a market stall or a community stall at this year's fair.

The OLR Community Fair Committee



This term our Playgroup children have been very interested in rock pools so we have been exploring this interest through sensory play and art and craft. Next week we have a free Rock Pool Rambles education in service coming to Playgroup on Wednesday morning, 28/2/18 from 9-11am. All are invited to join us next Wednesday morning for some educational games and sensory tables provided by Rock Pool Rambles.

Hope to see you there.





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OPEN AFTERNOON

Monday 12 March 2018, 4pm - 6pm

For commencement of Year 7 in 2019, families are invited to our Enrolment Open Afternoon.

- Attend an information session either at 4pm, 4:30pm, 5pm, 5:30pm or 6pm. Bookings are not required.
- Tour the extensive College campus and brand new facilities.

Enrolment Application packs will be provided.

Contact the Enrolment Registrar on 4352 9816 for further information

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