

Lent: Deeper into God's love

If you could impart to your child just one vital life-lesson what would it be? The writer of John's Gospel would probably say: that they are loved by God! (see John 3:16-17)

Pope Francis puts it this way:

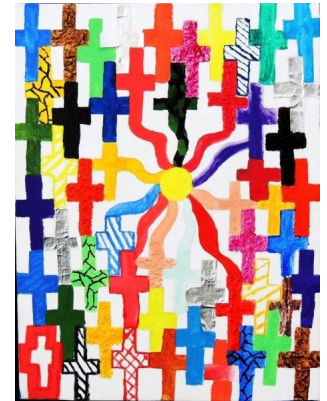
The Christian identity card is the joy of the Gospel - the joy of having been chosen by Jesus, renewed by Jesus, the joy of knowing that Jesus is waiting for us. Even with the crosses and sufferings we bear, there is the peace and certainty that Jesus accompanies us, is with us.

(abridged version, Homily, Rome, 25.5.15)

Faith steps at home for the Lenten Journey...

Pray

Invite each family member to describe what 'joy' is to him/her. Then pray together, asking God to fill your home with the 'joy of the Gospel'.



Gather

At your next meal, review your Lenten commitments and ask each other, 'How's it going'?

Remember

God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love, made us alive together with Christ. (see Eph 2:4-5).

Celebrating Learning: Celebrating Community

This week we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**.

We are very blessed, here in Australia, that we have the opportunity to choose educational options for our students and that ALL students receive a quality education. In 2010, 61million children around the world were unable to access formal education due to poverty and conflict.

Great Learning is happening at OLR every day. Recently I visited classrooms where I saw: Year 1 working on addition of single digit numbers using dice; Kindergarten working on their reading; Year 2 showed some fantastic writing skills; creative art works in Year 5; Year 3 students are visualising texts and beginning to work with multiplication; Year 4 are excited about creating videos of their



procedural texts and Year 6 using split strategies in addition and understanding how laws are made in Australia

Earlier this week we had our first **open day**, and it was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and grandparents taking an active interest in the work being undertaken by our students. In working together, our students can achieve great things.

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Principal's Message

Good afternoon,

I hope you like our new look newsletter. We are trying to liven things up here at OLR and to use the newsletter to showcase more student learning rather than information overload.

To this end we have reduced the newsletter to about 4 easy to read pages. All other information will be emailed out separately with links to documents, permission notes, etc and parents can click on the links that apply to their children or families.

Watch out for the first **OLR Matters** later this week with a variety of permission notes that all families will need to complete.

We would love your feedback.

Diocese of Broken Bay Learning Principles

Statement of Beliefs

We believe the purpose of education is for learners to become fully alive human beings who help to create a society that serves the common good.

We strive to provide meaningful learning experiences in our Community of Catholic Schools that promote the value of the person and encourage a hope-filled outlook on life. We encourage students to grow a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to commit to justice and peace, and to develop critical and creative thinking to become active and engaged citizens with a strong sense of personal and social responsibility.

We are committed to building a vibrant and creative learning community underpinned by our Catholic faith and values, with the learner at the centre.

We are committed to equity, continue to celebrate our rich diversity of learners and fundamentally believe that every individual can learn. It is our intent that every learner emerges from Broken Bay with dignity, purpose and options.



School Values - Forgiveness

Over the next few weeks at OLR we are focusing on one of our 4 key values - **Forgiveness**.

Forgiveness is the act of pardoning an offender. In the Bible, the Greek word translated "forgiveness" literally means "to let go," as when a person does not demand payment for a debt. Jesus used this comparison when he taught his followers to pray: "Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is in debt to us." ([Luke 11:4](#)) Likewise, in his parable of the unmerciful slave, Jesus equated forgiveness with cancelling a debt. ([Matthew 18:23-35](#)).

We forgive others when we let go of resentment and give up any claim to be compensated for the hurt or loss we have suffered. The Bible teaches that unselfish love is the basis for true forgiveness, since love

"does not keep account of the injury." ([1 Corinthians 13:4, 5](#))

How to forgive someone

1. Remember what forgiveness involves. You are not condoning the wrong or acting as if it never happened—you are simply letting it go.

2. Recognize the benefits of forgiving. Letting go of anger and resentment can help you to keep calm, improve your health, and increase your happiness. ([Proverbs 14:30](#); [Matthew 5:9](#)) Even more important, forgiving others is a key to receiving God's forgiveness for your own sins.—([Matthew 6:14, 15](#)).

3. Be empathetic. All of us are imperfect. ([James 3:2](#)) Just as we appreciate being forgiven, we should likewise forgive the mistakes of others. ([Matthew 7:12](#)).

4. Be reasonable. When we have a minor cause for complaint, we can apply the Bible's counsel: "Continue putting up with one another." ([Colossians 3:13](#)).

5. Act quickly. Work to forgive as soon as you can rather than letting your anger fester. ([Ephesians 4:26, 27](#)).



REMINDERS:

- ◇ ICAS payments and forms are due back this Friday, 9th March, for Years 3-6.
- ◇ Expressions of Interest for K2019 need to be submitted by this Friday, 9th March. Please follow this link

<https://goo.gl/forms/3pjkNrHnTSu1ktCq1>

Assistant Principal's Update

School Hours and Duty of Care

Please be aware that our **Duty of Care at OLR is from 8:30am** in the morning until **3:45pm** in the afternoon.

Students should not arrive at school before 8:30am as they are unsupervised at this time and the Duty of Care remains with the

parents or carers. There have been a number of students arriving early for various reasons and we ask that if you need to drop your child to school early you take advantage of the Out of School Hours care that operates on site. Please contact Busy Bees OSHC on 0417 345 418 to arrange before and after school care.



Religious Education Co-Ordinator's Update

Parish Mass

Don't forget Parish Mass this Saturday night 10th March 6pm at OLR Church. Please follow the link to complete the google form if you will be attending and to indicate how your child would like to be involved. <https://goo.gl/forms/uH73xQwlShJk1xgG3>

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy

Thank you for attending our Liturgy to celebrate Catholic Schools week. It was great to have so many parents there with us. Thank you to our musicians and choir as well as all children involved in ministries. It was a wonderful celebration!

Mission Leaders Day

On Thursday this week, our four School Captains along with school leaders from across the Diocese, will be attending a leaders day with Bishop Peter at the Light of Christ Centre in Waitara. They will share their learnings in our next Newsletter, so stay tuned!

CCC Swimming Carnival - 3rd Place

At the recent Central Coast Catholic Swimming Carnival OLR placed 3rd out of the 11 schools that competed. This is a tremendous effort by our talented swimmers who gave all they could throughout the day. Our 25 swimmers were great ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to those swimmers who came first or second overall in their events and

will now compete at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Thursday evening.

Sienna K-W: 9 Yrs 50m Freestyle; Jr 50m Breaststroke; Jn 200m IM

Georgia B-C: 11 Yrs 50m Freestyle; 11 Yrs 50m Backstroke

Bodi B: 9 Yrs 50m Freestyle; Jr Backstroke

Easton R: 11 Yrs Breaststroke

Archie A: Sr Breaststroke

Good Luck - Swim well!

Star Point Awards



Jillian D
Hemi R
Mia M
Georgia B
Liliana M
Mia B



Beau L
Reese B





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<i>My Behaviour Impacts the Learning of others</i>			
Term 1			
Week 7		Week 8	
Monday 12/03	Assembly 2.20pm	Monday 19/03	12.45 St Joseph's Day Liturgy in the School Chapel
Tuesday 13/03	Band Kinder 2019 Open Day & Parent Information Evening	Tuesday 20/03	Band
Wednesday 14/03	Playgroup	Wednesday 21/03	Playgroup
Thursday 15/03	Wine & Cheese Night	Thursday 22/03	
Friday 16/03		Friday 23/03	10.45am Year 6 Reconciliation and Mass OLR Church
Saturday 17/03		Saturday 24/03	
Sunday 18/03		Sunday 25/03	

You Don't Have to be

PERFECT! (a student's reflection on the gymnastics and dance program)

What I like about dance and gymnastics is that you don't have to be perfect to do it, everyone joins in and it's fun.

I like the dance program because the teacher is nice, funny and smart. We get to dance to great songs and we were allowed to choose our song, we chose Happy from Despicable Me. First Sarah, the teacher, put us into three groups, we then chose a partner and did some warm ups.

We did leaps, and high kicks.

The teachers in gymnastics are really awesome as well, their names are Ben and Tom. They are very nice and encouraging. Another thing I like about gymnastics is the activities like the trampoline, bars, and hoops, just to name a few. One of my favourite moments was when Mr McGilvray went on the trampoline.

Written by
Emily T (Yr 4)



Canteen Update

CANTEEN ROSTER				
26 th Feb	27 th Feb	28 th Feb	1 st Mar	2 nd Mar
Travis R, Kathryn C Sarah F*	Katie D Kirsty M	Joan C*, Keith M* Gillian R	Krystal F^ Nicole J	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, Alicia O Jo M, Jessica S
12 th Mar	13 th Mar	14 th Mar	15 th Mar	16 th Mar
Rebecca K	Mel B	Joan C*, Kristie D Gillian R	Cath Mac	Danielle R*, Amber W Shannon M*, Michelle R

Hi All, we have a new note that will be sent home should your child come to canteen with a large sum of money, hopefully few people will receive one.

The Term 2 roster will be out soon should you need to change a day please let me know asap.

Amber Trench—Canteen Co-Ordinator