



## God is Love

For God so loved the world, the WHOLE world,  
not just my world.

God so loved EVERY person in this world and  
sent Jesus to show us what love looks like:

Love is patient;  
Love is kind;  
Love does not envy;  
Love does not boast;  
Love is not proud;  
Love is not rude;  
Love is not self-seeking;  
Love is not easily angered;  
Love keeps no records of wrong;  
Love does not delight in evil;  
Love rejoices in truth;  
Love always protects;  
Love always trusts;

Love always hopes;  
Love always perseveres;  
Love never fails.

Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one  
another - to love every person - every nationality -  
every background - every history - every soul -  
because in life we find faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is LOVE!



## Well Being Week

Healthy Body Healthy Minds was our focus  
for Wellbeing Week. The Wellbeing team  
planned some great activities which were  
a lot of fun and promoted a fit and healthy  
lifestyle. The highlight of the week was our  
daily morning Health/dance Hustle. It was  
wonderful to see all the children and  
teachers beginning their day with some  
fun exercise. Another highlight was the  
Year 6 versus teachers' soccer game.  
Congratulations to the teachers for  
winning the game, there may have to be a  
rematch soon.

Thank you for your support in making it  
such a great week. We must especially  
thank Mrs Powell for her wonderful  
Zumba routine.

Wellbeing Week was so much fun! We got  
to do a dance every morning before  
school. We got to do the Macarena, Happy  
Day and we even did Zumba. Our favourite

dance was the Macarena. On Wednesday  
we got to wear our favourite sports gear  
and we watched the teachers play Year 6  
in soccer. Friday was fun to as we had our  
cross country it was so exhausting but still  
fun. In class we talked all about being  
healthy and we learnt how important it is  
to eat healthy foods and drink lots of  
water. It was the best week! Written by  
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Drawing by Fynn and Max 4Blue

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much fun!"*

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## Principal's Message

Good afternoon,

### School Values

Our school Vision Statement reads:

***Our Lady of the Rosary School is a Catholic community where, as disciples of Jesus, we show respect, grow through learning, forgive others and act with justice.***

Over the past few years, as a community, we have not focused so much on our core values, instead our focus has been on our school rules. While our school rule is extremely important, we should not lose sight of our values which give meaning and depth to our rule.

Our 4 values are of course are:

Respect; Justice; Forgiveness and Learning. As a community, we will be reigniting an understanding of these values throughout the year and taking the time to reteach these values to our students.

Last week we commenced this through a focus on FORGIVENESS. As this is the season of Lent - a time to reflect on our lives and our relationship with God and others and to seek forgiveness for the times we have turned away from God or hurt others - we thought this was a wonderful opportunity to tie our faith to our values.

Nowhere in the Gospels does Jesus teach that forgiveness should be offered unconditionally. In Matthew, Jesus says that church members should forgive each other "seventy times seven times" (18:22), a number that symbolizes boundlessness.

Seeking forgiveness is a two part process, it requires us to be sorry for what we have done and it requires us to somehow ask to be forgiven, it also requires us to be able to forgive both ourselves and others when they seek forgiveness. However, asking for forgiveness is often a difficult action as it means that we have to own our behaviour and want to seek to reconnect to the person we have hurt. Often our stubbornness can get in the way of this both with our friends and with our God. I have seen many relationships destroyed, not because people are not sorry for their actions, but rather they cannot bring themselves to ask for forgiveness. As adults we need to explicitly teach this to our children and model to them how to seek forgiveness as well as how to forgive.

How do you ask God to forgive your sins?

Ask God to forgive you for what you've done. Just as you would with other people, after saying you are sorry you must ask to be forgiven. There is no special prayer you have to pray to earn forgiveness from God. All you have to do is ask him to forgive you, through Jesus Christ, and believe that he will forgive you



***Nicky Gumbel once commented that, "the first to be sorry is the bravest, the first to forgive is the strongest and the first to forget is the happiest."***

Are we ready to be brave, strong and happy?



### Permissions Notes

We have many families who are yet to complete the Permission Notes that have been in the last two OLR Matters.

These links are all listed below. Can you please complete these by this Friday, 23rd March so that these permissions can be uploaded to our student data?

Please note that some parents have done one of the permission notes and not the others. If you aren't sure which ones you have done, please redo them all. There are 3 forms needed to be completed—Photo/Video, Technology (K-2 or 3-6) & Parish Mass (Yrs 3—6). Please check with your child what class they are in before completing the forms :)

**URGENT FOR 6G**—Please complete the Mass permission asap as the students will be attending Mass this Friday and we need permission for them to go. Thank you.

### REMINDERS:

If you haven't already done so, please complete the following forms.

- [Photo / Video Permission](#)
- [Technology User Agreement K-2](#)
- [Technology User Agreement 3-6](#)
- [Parish Mass Experience](#) (Yrs 3-6)

### Yr 6 Writing

#### Mrs Trafe - By Taya W

Mrs Trafe, whose big brown wart distracted everyone, continued to try and serve out her disgusting food. She, (if it even is one), was trying extremely hard to tie her hair up in a floral cap, although the short, grey, greasy, curly hair still managed to end up in the horrid food. Her makeup showed in the inedible mouse. She sprayed everyone with spit from her lisp, and scared children out of their socks with her deep, gruffy man voice, that even the principal couldn't get as low as.

#### Fat Dad - By Eva M

He slumped in his chair like a marshmallow, shoving potato crisps in his mouth, while watching the daily rerun shows on telly. His fingers were so grubby, they left marks everywhere he touched, and the fat under his arms wobbled every time he cheered. As he sat back down, the sofa chair creaked under the weight of this humongous human. And that's my dad!

## Assistant Principal's Update



### School Time

#### 8:55am-3:15pm each day

At the end of last year we were informed that OLR had one of the highest rates of absenteeism in the diocese. This year our goal was to halve the number of days absent across the school. So far at the half-way point of the term we have had a total of 433 days of lost learning due to student absences. This is almost double the same time last year.

It is a legal requirement, under the Education Act, that all school-age students attend school for the opening

hours each day that the school is open for learning, which for OLR means from 8:55am to 3:15pm each school day. We are also required to follow up absences, particularly those that are unexplained, so please send a note or use the school app to inform the class teachers.

We understand that children may be sick or have appointments from time to time and this will impact on their attendance at school. Many of the absences that we have seen this year have been due to holidays being taken during the early part of the term. Let's work together to support the learning of each student by having them present at school all day, every day.

**Safety First:** Please be aware that the carpark at the front of the school is for staff only between the hours of 7:45am and 4:00pm.

This means that there is no parking for parents during the busy drop off and pick up times for the safety of the whole community. Last week there was a near miss with a car exiting the carpark and the crossing guard, so please take extra care during these times.



## Religious Education Co-Ordinator's Update

#### Holy Week 2018

Next week is Holy Week - a most important time in the Liturgical life of the Church. This year, OLR will be celebrating Holy Week in a new and exciting way. The hall will be set up all next week to represent the journey through Holy Week from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through to His death on the cross and being placed in the tomb on Good Friday. Each class will take this prayer journey with their teacher stopping at each station to pray, reflect and journey with Jesus to the cross.

There will also be an allocated time for parents to take the prayer journey. An email with times will be sent out soon.

#### Crazy Hair Day for Project Compassion

Don't forget to come to school tomorrow with your crazy hair and bring a gold coin donation which will go towards our fundraising efforts for Project Compassion.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
FOR A JUST FUTURE



**TOMORROW, THURSDAY**  
**22ND MARCH**

## Gold Award Recipients

Aleesha is a respectful, responsible learner who always does her best. She is a quiet achiever who always persists with her learning. Aleesha is a very kind and considerate member of 4Blue who always displays a positive attitude.

Micaela is a friendly and helpful member of 4 Gold. She always has a smile on her face and is kind and caring. Micaela is always willing to help teachers and her peers. She strives to do her best in all areas of her learning. Micaela has worked hard to receive this gold award and she should be extremely proud of her efforts.

### Star Point Awards



Gypsy B  
William B  
Tarni S  
Ivey K  
Jacob H  
Ashely P



Maverick F  
Isaac S  
Tyler L  
Lillian A  
Evie R



Aleesha O'S  
Micaela A

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## My Behaviour Impacts the Learning of others

### Term 1

Week 9		Week 10	
Monday 26/03	Assembly 2.20pm	Monday 02/04	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 27/03	Band	Tuesday 03/04	Band
Wednesday 28/03	Playgroup Senior Rugby League Gala Day	Wednesday 04/04	Playgroup 11.45 Easter Mass OLR School Chapel.
Thursday 29/03		Thursday 05/04	
Friday 30/03	GOOD FRIDAY	Friday 06/04	CCC Cross Country Alleluia Dinner
Saturday 31/03		Saturday 07/04	
Sunday 01/04	EASTER SUNDAY	Sunday 08/04	



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Links for your information

[Student Banking Update](#)  
[Scholastic Update and Due Date](#)  
[Scholastic Update for Easter Orders](#)  
[Saver Plus The Smith Family](#)

## Surf Life Saving Championship

Last weekend Sienna K-W competed at the State Junior Surf Life Saving Championships. This event was held at Blacksmiths Beach, Swansea Belmont over 3 days. Thousands of children compete at what is an exhausting, but fun weekend.

Sienna competed in a number of events and was awarded a Gold medal in the u/9 Board event. As about 400 children compete in this event, she had to get through a number of heats, semi-finals and eventually the final. This is an amazing feat of sportsmanship and we congratulate her on her achievement. With the wonderful skills she gains from Nippers, we know that one day she will make us all feel much safer when swimming at the beach. Well done Sienna!

## Canteen Update

CANTEEN ROSTER				
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar
Vanessa C Kerryn T	Christine E Jane H*	Kevin G-B* Jasmin S	Sally G	Amanda O'R* Siobhan M
26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Sarah F* Travis R	Karen S Mel B	Joan C*, Amy P Gillian R	Dani H	<b>Good Friday</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>Easter Monday</b>	Katie D Kirsty M	Jackie P^, Kylie B Desley G-B*	Kylie S^ Kathryn C	Jenny H, Sandy G Jessica S

Hi All

We will be celebrating Easter in the canteen on Thursday 29th at recess, make sure your child has some money to get a treat! Please make sure you have a copy of the new Menu as some deleted items are still being ordered, it is available on the school website or come and get a copy from the canteen.

Have a happy and safe Easter, enjoy the break.

Amber—Canteen Co-Ordinator