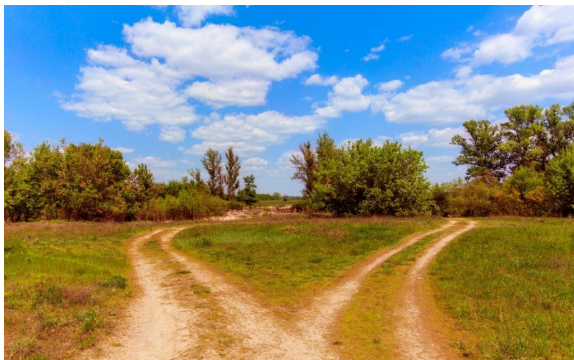


Absence is part of the journey....

When a child grows up and leaves home, for a parent it can feel like a loss, a grief. Yet it is a necessary 'letting go' in the circle of life. The story of the Ascension is a bit like that. After all the amazing resurrection encounters with Jesus, there comes a time when the disciples must say 'goodbye'. Scripture tells us that Jesus is 'taken up into heaven' and his disciples are left staring after him. (Acts 1:1-11) Their lives are changed forever. Yet they must move ahead without the immediacy of Jesus' earthly presence, assured of his Spirit-filled care and glorious return.



Suggestion for home...

Share memories

Over a meal, share memories of "those whom we miss, and the good things they have left us, taught us."

Pray at home

Teach your child this simple act of Easter faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Remember

'Letting go' can be painful, but Jesus reassures us, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).



Religious Education Co-Ordinator's Update

Mothers Day Liturgy & Morning Tea

Please join us in the Chapel on Friday 11th May at 9:15am for our Mothers Day Liturgy to celebrate all the special women in our lives.

This will be followed by a yummy morning tea!

Parish Mass

OLR Children will be leading the music this Saturday night 12th May, 6pm at OLR Church. Please complete the Google Form emailed earlier this week ASAP if your child is wishing to be involved in the Choir, Prayers or Offer tory. We would love to see lots of OLR families there.

ANZAC Day

Thank you to all the children and their families who got up very early in order to participate in the Anzac Day Dawn Service at The Entrance during the holidays.

We had a total of 27 children and four staff members there representing our school and standing guard around the cenotaph. It was a very moving ceremony, made even more special by the presence of our beautiful students.

Please read our student's reflection on page 4



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Principal's Message

Pupil Free Day

Please be advised that Friday 8th June is a pupil free day as the staff attend a professional learning opportunity focused on developing their understanding of the Mass, celebrating liturgies and how we can engage our students better in the planning and celebration of our liturgies.

Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for the care of their children on this day. (Please note that Monday the 11th June is the Queen's Birthday Holiday - this will give our students a 4 day week-end).

Annual Walk-a-thon

Our Annual Walk-a-thon will be held on Friday 18th May - "Walk Safely to School Day", commencing at about 1:30 pm (**please note the change of time**). Sponsorship forms have been sent home for students to complete. This is our major fundraising event for the year and all monies received will support the updating of our aged iPads for student use in classrooms.

Electronic permission notes will be available early next week.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent / Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 16th May from 12:30pm, as well as other times during the week that teachers have made available. Please ensure you make your booking this week.

[Bookings Online](#)

Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss their progress and help set learning goals for the remainder of the year.

PCN Meeting

Our first PCN meeting for this term will be held on Tuesday 15th May at 2:00pm in the Viv Simnett Room. All parents are invited to attend this meeting and discuss issues concerning our great school. The agenda includes:

- ◇ Spending priorities for 2018.
- ◇ Broken Bay Learning Principles
- ◇ Technology at OLR - Where are we headed?

Gonski 2.0

You have probably heard quite a lot about Gonski 2.0 that was published last week. In this report 3 priorities were expressed in the recommendations for schooling in Australia.

- 1. Deliver at least one years growth in learning for every student every year.**
- 2. Equip every child to be a creative, connected and engaged learner in a rapidly changing world.**
- 3. Cultivate an adaptive, innovative and continuously improving education system.**

To support these three priorities, the report also made recommendations across five areas to support them.

1. Laying the foundations for learning

- a. Promote high quality early learning and seamless transition into school
- b. Engage parents and carers as partners in their children's learning.
- c. Ensure all students have the opportunity within schools to be partners in their own learning.

2. Equipping every student to grow and succeed in a changing world

- a. Introduce new reporting with a focus on learning attainment and learning gain

b. Revise the structure of the Australian Curriculum to present the learning areas and general capabilities as learning progressions

c. Prioritise the acquisition of foundation skills in literacy and numeracy in curriculum delivery in the early years

d. Give more prominence to the acquisition of the general capabilities, eg critical and creative thinking, personal and social capabilities

e. Review senior secondary school to equip students with skills for the future

3. Creating, supporting and valuing a profession of expert educators

a. Create the culture and conditions to enable and encourage more professional collaboration, observation, feedback and mentoring amongst teachers

b. Develop an online and on demand student assessment tool for teachers for the purpose of formative assessment and tailoring teaching

c. Provide teachers with high quality professional learning

d. Develop a comprehensive national teacher workforce strategy

e. Implement effective induction strategies for early career teachers

f. Create meaningful career pathways which value and utilise teaching expertise and keep excellent teachers teaching

4. Empowering and supporting school leaders

a. Review and revise the Australian Professional Standards for Principals to prioritise leadership of learning and include accountability for individual student growth

b. Ensure Principals have the autonomy required to lead their school on the improvement journey most relevant to their starting point

c. Provide school leaders with high quality professional learning

5. Raising and achieving aspirations through innovation and continuous improvement

a. Enhance school and system internal review and external quality assurance processes for the purposes of monitoring and reviewing student learning gain

b. Accelerate the introduction of a Unique Student Identifier

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Gonski continued

c. Establish an independent institution to coordinate, source and generate the development of a national research and evidence base that can be easily accessed and implemented to improve student outcomes.

Having read through the [Executive Summary \(available here\)](#), I believe that schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay are already well on the journey to meeting many of these recommendations in Gonski 2.0, especially if you compare them to the [diocesan Learning Principles \(available here\)](#)

[Premier's Reading Challenge—letter for parents](#)



Assistant Principal's Update

Morning Assembly

In order to help our students settle and prepare for learning and so that we can focus on the important announcements that are given at the morning assembly we have developed some expectations for all members of our community. These expectations are in line with our Positive Behaviour for Learning.

This week we started to introduce some of these expectations to the students and have already noticed improvement in their engagement at assembly and their preparedness for learning. We ask that you read the attached expectations which we

ask all members of the community to follow. There will be posters around the courtyard to help us all become familiar with the expectations. These expectations are still in draft form and we will be working to refine them over the next few weeks.

In advance I thank you for supporting learning at OLR, in following these expectations. Please access the links below to read the expectations for

[Teachers](#)
[Students](#)
[Parents/ Carers](#)

Uniforms

Last term we shared with you the

updated Uniform Policy. At the morning assembly I spoke with the children to inform them that from Monday we will be expecting all students to follow the policy, with the support from their parents and carers.

One thing to remember is that no matter whether your child is in the old or new uniform they need to be in all of one or the other, not a mixture of both. This is what we ask for the next 12 months.

Below is a link to the policy for your information.

[OLR Uniform Policy](#)

Mother's Day Stall—this week

We will be holding our Mothers Day Stall this week on Thursday 10th May so that the children can buy their mum (or another important female in their life) a gift for Mothers Day. Gifts will be \$5 each.

We need helpers on the stall on Thursday 10th May from 9am. If you can help, please come to the

Miriam Centre (the Hall) at 9am on Thursday.

A BIG thank you to all the parents who helped wrap the Mother's Day gifts on Tuesday morning. Because of your help and teamwork, we were able to finish the wrapping in record time. Thank you Kevin, Beata, Gillian, Kylie, Rachelle, Bev,

Libby, Alison, Vicky, Robyn, Sam, Helena, Sandy, Siobhan and Priscilla for being so generous with your time and wrapping skills!

A huge thank you to Alicia for all the ordering and organisation.

Star Point Awards



Term 1

Isabella O'N
Eva L
Taege C
Willow G
Pauline O'K
Noah S

Term 1

Raige O, Will McT,
Sketch W, James B,
Austin T, Ameilia G,
Aiden G, Aurora B,
Bodi B, Ethan McM,
Axle C, Nash R

REMINDERS:

- ◇ Mother's Day Stall, Thursday 10th May.
- ◇ Mother's Day Liturgy, Friday 11th May 9.15am in the School Chapel
- ◇ Parish Mass. 6pm OLR Church Saturday, 12th May
- ◇ 15th—17th May—NAPLAN

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Term 2

| Week 3 | | Week 4 | |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Monday 14/05 | Parent/Teacher Interviews Assembly 2.20pm | Monday 21/05 | Pentecost Liturgy 12.30 in the School Chapel |
| Tuesday 15/05 | Parent/Teacher Interviews Band NAPLAN | Tuesday 22/05 | Band |
| Wednesday 16/05 | Parent/Teacher Interviews Playgroup | Wednesday 23/05 | Year 6 to Canberra Playgroup |
| Thursday 17/05 | Parent/Teacher Interviews | Thursday 24/05 | Year 6 to Canberra |
| Friday 18/05 | Parent/Teacher Interviews Walk-a-thon | Friday 25/05 | Year 6 home from Canberra |
| Saturday 19/05 | | Saturday 26/05 | |
| Sunday 20/05 | | Sunday 27/05 | |



Anzac Day Dawn Service By Alex N and Chloe H - 6G

The Anzac Day dawn service held at The Entrance, really made us think about all the courageous people who lost their lives for our country. Carrying the wreath, for OLR, was an honour.

The young soldiers present were a special way to remember the Anzacs. Being a part of the guard of honour, gave us an excellent view of what was happening next to the flags. We could see the old veterans and people laying wreaths and we could also hear the anthem and the speeches being made.

Overall it was an experience of a lifetime.

Canteen Update

| 14 th May | 15 th May | 16 th May | 17 th May | 18 th May |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cindy G, Ella B | Christine E, Jane H* | Joan C*, Gillian R, Jodie G* | Katie D | Amanda O'R*, Carla F^, Jo M |
| 21 st May | 22 nd May | 23 rd May | 24 th May | 25 th May |
| Victoria G^, Alicia K-S* | Emma E*, Alison B^ | Kevin G-B*, Jasmin S | Cath Mac, Emma N^ | Libby B, Diane B Siobhan M |
| 28 th May | 29 th May | 30 th May | 21 st May | 1 st June |
| Travis R, Sarah F* | Lauren S | Joan C*, Robyn Mc Gillian R | Amanda B, Brianna D | Priscilla P, Megan J Shannon M* |

Hi All

After a bumpy start to Term 2 the canteen is back on track! Freezer is fixed and completely restocked, thanks for your patience last week whilst we muddled through the orders. Huge thanks to Christine E who has been a fantastic help.

Hope everyone loves the new painted canteen (again thanks Christine E for your help), I am looking for any members of the school community who are talented with a paintbrush???? I am wanting to paint some decorations on the front of the canteen and need someone with artistic skills. Let me know if you might be able to help!

Please remember that we DO NOT reheat leftovers or provide hot water for noodle cups due to WHS.

Amber

Forgiveness

Respect

Justice

Learning