



Many Hearts, One Voice
9 February 2017

Our Lady of the Cape Primary School Our Lady of the Cape Primary School is a community where each child is valued as an individual and nurtured spiritually, by many hearts working together as one voice to fulfil their overall potential.

Important Dates

Fri 10 Feb

- Swimming Lessons Commence Y 1 – 6

Fri 17 Feb 9.30am

- Whole School Mass (at the church)

Wed 23 Feb 10am

- Swimming Carnival

Fri 24 Feb 8.50am

- General Assembly

Fri 25 Feb 6pm

- Year 5 Family Mass Church

Wed 1 Mar 9am

- Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass (at OLC)

Fri 3 Mar

- General Assembly 8.50am
- School Clean Up Day
- Leadership Retreat Y6

Mon 6 Mar

- Public Holiday

Lord Jesus,

We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends.

Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

As mentioned in the newsletter update of last week, we have had a fantastic start to the year. The students have settled into their classes quickly and there is a really positive working tone both in the classrooms and in the playground.

I am really pleased to report that in my conversations with new parents, I am hearing so much appreciation of how effectively the students are reflecting our school values in welcoming our new students.

A warm welcome to all new families who have commenced in kindergarten and other year levels at OLC this year.



We also welcome our two new teachers, Miss Amy Rundle (Y1R) and Mr Nick Jones (Y3).

Parent Meetings

These meetings have been very well attended with parents appreciating the efforts of the teachers to clearly outline the goals, procedures and support that will be offered to provide differentiated learning experiences. What is also obvious is the consistent teamwork and commitment amongst all staff to support, encourage and extend each student towards a level of excellence that is achievable. My thanks to all teachers for all the work and responsibility necessary in communicating so clearly and thoroughly with the parents.

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I encourage all parents to remain in close communication with the teachers so that we can all work as a team to ensure that all students thrive. Thanks also to the parents who have volunteered to be P&F Class Reps for this year. The class reps fulfil a really important and valuable role in linking all families with the work of the P&F.

Swimming Lessons

Hopefully all the emails regarding organisation for the lessons commencing tomorrow have arrived and everyone is clear on what is happening. My personal thanks to Mr Torrese for the hours and expertise necessary to complete some complex planning to fit everything in. Thanks also to the staff for stepping up to cover the extra playground duties necessary with staff being at the pool over break times.

Faction Captains

The students and staff are currently involved in the election of our faction captains. All of our leadership badges will be blessed and presented at the whole school welcome Mass next Friday 17th February at 9.30am in the church.

I encourage all members of the community to come along to ask God to bless everything we do in our school and community this year.

Welcome from the Executive Director of Catholic Education WA

We emailed a letter of welcome from Dr Tim McDonald earlier in the week. Please join with our Director in appreciating the great job our Catholic schools are doing to provide a quality education with a strong faith base and a Catholic ethos and culture.

Update of Family Details

All families will receive a form asking for an update of all details. We need this so we can contact families promptly if necessary. **Please sign and return the form even if your details have not changed.** There are some permissions on the forms that we need parents to read and sign to facilitate the operation of the school without constantly seeking permission for children to participate in school events.

Parents and Friends 2017

Our new P&F Executive members are meeting tomorrow afternoon to plan for an exciting year ahead and to create an agenda for our first meeting scheduled for next Tuesday 14th February at 7.00pm in the library.

I thank the following members of our community who have accepted election to the Executive and to the key committees:

President:	Ben Huxtable
Vice President:	Garry Hodge
Secretary:	Anna Sidebotham
Treasurer:	Nadia Murphy
School Board Representative:	Lauren Bidesi (re-elected for a second term)
Pastoral Care:	Prue Monotti and Deb Brice
Food Garden:	Sally Gray, Sherylee Tutt, Amanda Prestipino, Lisa Annert (School liaison person)

This year we have a reasonably unique situation with a complete change of the executive team members. Please come along to support our leaders and to hear of our plans for another year of outstanding support from the P&F. This is also a good opportunity to welcome any new members of our community who are able to attend the meeting. At this meeting we will share an initial wish list for items that tie in with plans and initiatives to be introduced to the school this year along with approval of funds to subsidise the costs of school camps and bus travel. I am also hoping that the

P&F can help with the provision of some extra play options for the children in years one and two in the "big playground".

Vacancies for Extra Enrolments

Although we are enjoying consistent growth, we still have vacancies at several grade levels. If you know of families who are interested in the unique Catholic and community based education we offer, please encourage them to make an enquiry.

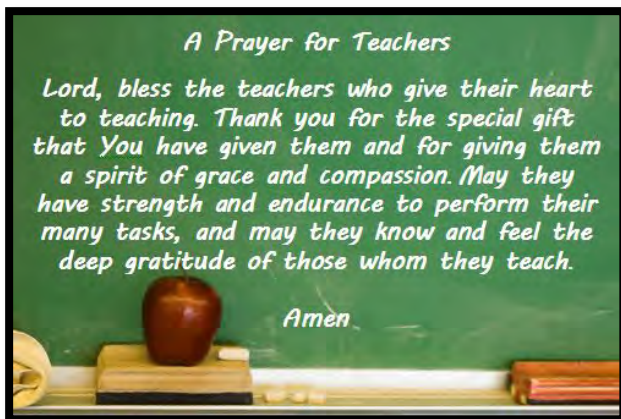
God bless,

Des Wilkie
Principal

OLC Catholic Community Corner

OPENING STAFF MASS

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. Our staff began 2017 with a beautiful outdoor mass of thanksgiving with Father Ian prior to the students commencing the year. We took time to thank God for the blessings of our environment and each other and to ask for guidance over the coming school year. Please pray for our teachers over 2017.



WHOLE SCHOOL OPENING MASS AT OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Next Friday we will celebrate the beginning of the school year with an opening mass at **Our Lady of the Southern Cross Church**. Year 1 to Year 6 will be walking to the church to commence the mass at 9.30 am. During the mass our student leader and house captain badges will be blessed. These will be presented to the students following Mass. We would like to extend an invitation to all OLC families to join us in this joyous occasion. Later in the day, Father Ian will join Mr. Jones and the Year Three students to bless their new classroom.

ALTAR SERVERS

A number of our Year 6 students are trained and regularly volunteer to help at mass in the role of Altar Servers. We are now looking to recruit some new volunteers, and Fr. Ian will soon be visiting the Year 5 class to explain the nature and importance of this ministry. Following the visit, we will be looking to students who express an interest to undertake a short training course. We are looking forward to having some new helpers.

FAMILY MASS

Our first family mass of the year will be hosted by Year 5 on Saturday the 25th February at 6.00pm. All families are welcome to attend and to stay for a pizza snack following mass. We hope to see you there.

God Bless.

Mrs Amie Meyer, OLC Religious Education Coordinator.

Fees

Prompt payment is appreciated. If you would like to pay fortnightly by direct debit, a form can be collected from the school office. Anyone with outstanding fees will be contacted shortly by the office.

Can all families that currently pay their school fees on Bpay please amend their online banking Bpay Code for the school to **100230** as the previous number 79954 is to be discontinued shortly.



_____ **Biller Code: 100230**

Reference:

Health Care/Concession Cards

If you have a HCC and wish to apply for a fee discount, we **must** have a copy of a **CURRENT** card, otherwise standard fees will be applied. Please provide this at the school office by tomorrow. (An application form, available at the office, will need to be completed).



Medications

If your child holds requires medications for a health condition, please contact Fran in the school office if you have not already advised the school. All medications need to be held by the office and an Action Plan completed. Please note, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure all medications held at the school are kept up to date.

UNIFORM ORDERS

A reminder that the uniform shop is open from **8.45am – 9.15 on Wednesdays** during school term and the first Monday of each term (as of term 2) from 9am – 9.30am.

Second Hand Uniforms

Our stock of second hand uniforms is running very low. If you have some items to donate, please make sure they are washed and in good condition. They can be dropped in the donations bin next to the second hand uniform cabinet in the undercover area. Don't forget second hand uniforms can be accessed by collecting the key from the School Office at any time during school hours. Many good quality items for a fraction of the price.

Uniform Shop Volunteers

Thank you to Bec Smith, Alison Martin and Carla Patterson who have kindly offered to continue to run the uniform shop again this year. We appreciate your willingness to contribute to OLC in this way!

Lost Property

Please check the lost property for any items your child may have lost. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled. There is a large amount of lost property from last year. Items not collected by the end of the month will be donated.

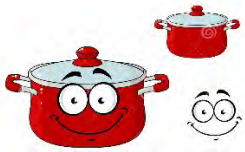
Canteen

Please see attached the Canteen Menu for Term 1 – this can also be accessed from our website. Thank you to those who have handed in your forms for volunteering. **More Volunteers still required** – please put your form in the letterbox outside the school office or contact Sara on sndrmota@westnet.com.au or 0438 919 378.

Note: **Canteen commences Week 4 due to swimming lessons.**

News from the P&F

Pastoral Care



Dear OLC Parents, The Pastoral Care Freezer has been emptied of stock from last year so if you could kindly donate any home-cooked meals or other food to the freezer that would be greatly appreciated. The freezer is located in the wet area for years 4/5/6 and is for families at the school who, for whatever reason, need a helping hand. **You should receive an email soon**

from your class rep with more details. Please contact Prue Monotti (Years 2H & 3) 0412 776 726 or Deb Brice (Years 2H & 4) 0411 547 462 if you need to discuss further. **THANKYOU!!!!!!!**

Scholastic Book Club Orders

The first issue of the Scholastic Book Club will be in your childs' school bag very soon. The books are well priced and can be ordered online or paid by cash or cheque. Details are on the back of the catalogue.

Please note that 20% of the value of your book order comes back to our school in rewards which are utilised for Class and Library resources , benefitting our kids.

If you are purchasing books as a gift for your child and would like to collect your order from the office, please text Sharonne 0477 550 502 or email: scdouglas@inet.net.au and I will send you a notification when your books arrive.

Issue 1 orders are due back by Friday, 17th February.

"Happy Reading"



School Directory

A reminder to get your forms back to the school (please put in the letter box outside of reception).

If you would like your information to be included in our 2017 directory you will need to return your forms ASAP. Thank you



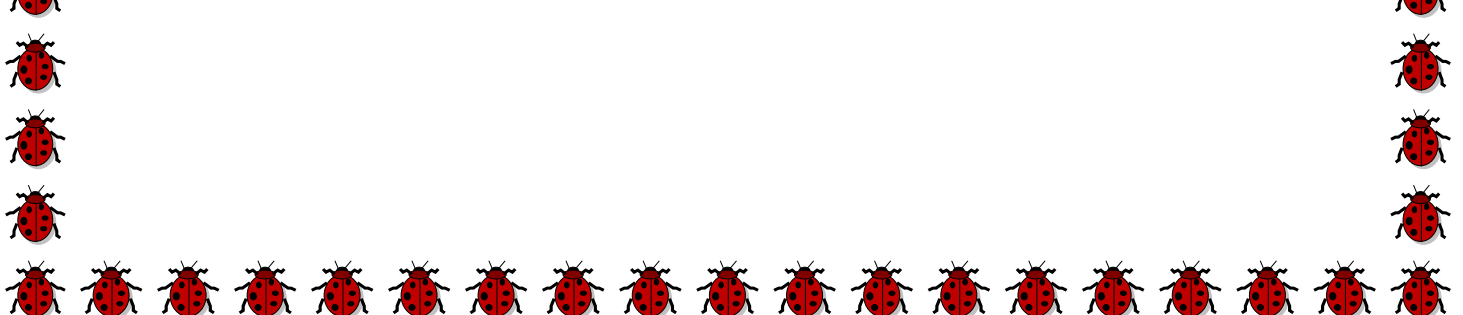
Early Childhood Corner

Week one has seen a fabulous beginning for all of our little people. It was wonderful to walk around on last week on the Wednesday morning and see smiles, hear laughter and feel a general buzz of excitement amongst the children and their parents. The classrooms are all looking lovely and very inviting thanks to time and effort put in by the teachers and the education assistants.



A big thank you to all the parents who organised themselves to attend the Parent Information Sessions this week. These presentations are very important to the smooth running of our classrooms. If you were unable to attend your session then please check with your child's classroom teacher to see if there is any key organisational information that you have missed.

At Our Lady of the Cape we recognise parents as the first educators of the children. Please make sure that you keep your child's teacher up to date with any information that may affect your child's learning. It is the team work between home and school that will help to nurture your child and optimize their learning.



COMMUNITY NEWS



DUNSBOROUGH JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

will be held on the Dunsborough Playing Grounds (Blue Club Rooms), off Dunsborough Lakes Drive on **Tuesday 7th February 2017** from **3:30pm to 5:30pm**.

BOYS & GIRLS from **5 to 17** years are welcome with the season running through Term 2 & Term 3. *Enquiries to:* dunsboroughjuniorsoccerclub@gmail.com
Website: dunsboroughjsc.com

LET'S GET KIDS PLAYING SPORT



SPANISH COURSE for Kids

from 7 to 12 years old
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All levels are welcome. 10 weeks course per Term



Available days:
Thursday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

\$150.00 per Term

Please, email me your expression of interest with your preferred day and level required. Classes will be to groups of 8 max.

Venue: TBA
email : laumar.spanishteacher@gmail.com



NEW - Ukulele for Kids Classes

The ukulele is easy and fun to play.

Learn basic strumming & fingerpicking techniques, a handful of chords, a variety of songs and gain the confidence to play with family & friends.

Ages 5 – 7: Mondays 8.00am to 8.30am Dunsborough Hall

Dates: 13th Feb – 3rd April (excludes 6th March) Cost: Seven week course \$140

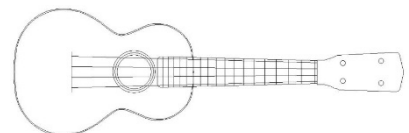
Ages 8 – 12: Thursdays 4.30pm to 5.15pm Naturaliste Community Centre

Dates: 16th Feb – 6th April Cost: Eight week course \$160

For further information contact Certified Simply Music Teacher David Pilpel

0424 645 316 or pilpel@westnet.com.au

Places are limited & registration essential



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For parents who need to buy their school aged children ipads/tablets/musical instruments/uniforms etc.....Did you know, if you are a low income family (ie eligible for a Health Care Card, Pension Concession Card, Low Income Health Care Card, Vet affairs HCC) you can apply for up to \$1,500 to purchase these items via the WA NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme).

Check out: www.wanils.asn.au and search the Approved Loan items.

This IS NOT a commercial lender, rather government funded.

You can purchase 2 items at once as long as you don't exceed the \$1,500 purchasing power you have. You DO NOT get cash.... Their tel: 9277 3000

Thanks and regards

Sandie Groves

Accredited Financial Counsellor – Busselton

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Music for Babies and Toddlers!



Give your child the gift of music to help with all learning experiences as they grow!

This small group of catholic community members will share time playing musical instruments, singing, dancing and laughing in an unpressured learning environment, open to all parents and toddlers!

Term 1 - 2nd February to 6th April, - 9.30-10.30am
at Our lady of the Southern Cross Catholic Church
Naturaliste Tce, Dunsborough

\$3 per adult, children are free, please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea!

(The cost includes tea, coffee and biscuits for parents)
Enquiries: Irene Hughes 0428 315 532 or Sue Merry 0417 947 232