



Many Hearts, One Voice
2 June 2017



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

Mon 5 Jun

- Public Holiday

Tues 6 Jun

- Catholicity Day
- School Closed
- Board Mtg 7pm

Thurs 8 Jun 10am – 1.30pm

- Winter Sports Carnival
Y5/Y6

Fri 9 Jun 8.50am

- Perf. Assembly 2H
- Little Seedlings 8.50am
(3yr old playgroup)
- Scholastic Orders Due

Sun 11 Jun 9.30am – 11am

- Garden Busy Bee

Tue 13 Jun 7pm

- P&F Meeting - Library

Fri 16 Jun 8.50am

- Prayer Assembly Y3
- Little Seedlings 8.50am
(3yr old playgroup)
- Eisteddfod – Y5/Y6 choir
1.30pm

Thurs 22 Jun 9.15am

- OLC Cross Country

Fri 23 Jun 8.50am

- Prayer Assembly PPL
- Little Seedlings 8.50am
(3yr old playgroup)
- P&F School Disco
K – Y 2: 4.30pm - 6pm
Sausage Sizzle – 6pm
Y3 – Y6: 6.30pm – 8pm

Tues 27 Jun

- OLC Grandparents Day
- Board Meeting – 7pm

*Dear God, You Are My Oz
this day, may I thank You for
all the love & blessings you
have given me: My loving
family, my caring friends, and
all the wonderful people I met
in my life's journey.
May I ask You to bless, protect
and guide them in overcoming
their challenges in life.*

Dear Parents,

Students and Community Members,

I was thrilled to see thirty one families at the Teddy Bears Picnic yesterday morning. It was a great chance for our established families to welcome new families into the unique community spirit of our school. It also allowed the children to meet and play together in the kindy yard in readiness for next year. I have to admit that when I knew that we had such an excellent response, I was a little nervous that there might be chaos unfolding, but the children were all so well behaved and so much enjoying their play.

My thanks to Kristie Leahy, Kylie Lamanna and Lauren Heitman for preparing and facilitating the morning with help from Mr Hogan, Mrs Marrell and Mrs O'Leary. Thanks also to Michelle Baker and Eloise Jennings for their work as members of our promotions committee.

I have had a lot of positive feedback from families involved, including this statement of appreciation and affirmation: "It was clear what a caring and nurturing school we really have".

Little Seedlings

The Little Seedlings playgroup will commence next Friday morning at 8.50am, concluding at 9.50am. These sessions will be a little more structured with an inside activity, as well as outside play, whilst our kindies are at library.



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Although aimed at 3 year olds, younger siblings are most welcome if it allows the 3 year olds to attend. Please spread the word that Little Seedlings is available to anybody in the community who would like to experience the wonderful learning environment at OLC.

Parent Satisfaction Survey

In order to qualify for Government Funding, we are required to publish a range of school performance data on our website by 30th June each year. Part of this data is a survey of parent satisfaction in the school.

We will be emailing an on-line survey in the near future and I would really like as many parents as possible to complete this survey. It will only take a few minutes to complete and it will give us invaluable feedback to consider when developing our future School Improvement Plans. The students and staff will also be completing similar surveys to help us with future plans.

Interschool Winter Carnival – Thursday 8th June

Parents of students in years five and six will have received a note regarding the winter carnival from Mrs Sinclair recently. Please complete the permission slip and return it as soon as possible.

This year we will have a football team, soccer team and two hockey teams. I wish our teams all the best for a day of enjoyable competition.



Faction Cross Country

Advance notice that the Faction Cross Country will be happening on Thursday 22nd June, starting at 9.15am and concluding before recess.

Fidget Spinners

Fidget spinners have grown in popularity at school and are now creating distraction in class and problems with break times. In keeping with our policy of not allowing toys at school, I ask that parents ensure that these toys do not come to school.

Stage Five Building Plan

The next building stage will commence in the next fortnight with construction of two new classrooms to the south of the senior block and an extension and refurbishment of the library. We will also be creating a surfaced car park in the current car park above the front car park.

One of the first works to be completed will be the construction of an access road parallel to Sloan Drive entering down near the basketball courts and exiting at the existing entry off Sloan Drive. **This road will initially be for the builder's access and parking, but once the build is complete, we will use this as an additional in-car pick up and drop off lane.**

As a result of this work there will be considerable disruption to parking. We are having a second start up meeting with the builders, Innovest, next Friday. At this meeting we will confirm the schedule of works and after this meeting I will need to communicate regarding parking changes necessary for the two weeks prior to the school holidays.

One of the first works we are doing is to create a gravel parking area in the clear space behind the tanks in the south east corner of our block. This will really help as an overflow car park at busy times.

Sloan Drive

Due to concerns from the general public, the Shire Ranger is now patrolling Sloan Drive before and after school. At the moment he is just talking with people to encourage safe and legal parking. To help to limit congestion, parents are welcome to park in any spaces left in the top car park. Those using Sloan Drive, please do not park in front of our neighbour's block to the north or use their driveway to turn around.

Kind Regards and God Bless,

Des Wilkie
Principal



Our Learning Culture

Classroom Walk-throughs

As part of our drive for continual and ongoing school improvement, a "Classroom Walk-throughs" program has been established.

Over the past few weeks of this term, Mr. Wilkie and I have routinely conducted classroom visits. These are slowly becoming part of learning culture at OLC.

The procedures and objective of these "walk-throughs" are to:

- Informally spend 10 minutes in classes each weekly.
- Gain insight into the instructional practices across the school.
- Have an opportunity to affirm great teaching and learning.
- Gather data on whether school curriculum goals are being implemented.
- Put student faces to their learning by interacting with students.

What we are looking for during our visits:

1. Classroom and Instructional Organisation.
2. Student Engagement levels.
3. Learning Intentions and Success Criteria are displayed and utilised.
4. Students are asked the 5 Critical Learning Questions. (We randomly ask individual students the following questions.)

What are you learning?

How are you going?

How do you know?

What do you have to do to improve?

Where do you go help?

- (Lyn Sharratt Learning Walks and Talks Training Materials, 2008-2015)

Already we are thrilled at the level of professionalism and quality of learning occurring in the classrooms. Both Des and I are taking an informal approach to the "classroom walk-throughs" and as opposed to sitting and observing, we prefer to interact and engage with the students and their learning. Learning intentions, success criteria and the purposeful display of student work have been particularly impressive.



As a leadership team we are essentially receiving vital feedback on ourselves and how the implementation of our school curriculum goals are going and what further support staff require.

Mr Adrian Torrese
Assistant Principal

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate

Harry McClenaughan & Allira Torr

Kye Godding & Oscar Todd

Theo Soares Carneiro & Violet Clift

Eva Paterson & Maisey Coyle

Noah Brice & Haylee Jordan

Nina Hutton & Holly Kerr

Sienna Vernon & Lucas Sorgiovanni

Jay Peterson & Coby Pes

Ella Delane & Cammie Duffau & Ben Maslin

Josh Allison & Sydnee Howard

- Green Room (PPB)
- Green Room (PPL)
- Orange Room (Y1R)
- Orange Room (Y1P)
- Blue Room (2H)
- Blue Room (2M)
- Red Room
- Yellow Room
- Purple Room
- Silver Room



Early Childhood Corner K – 2



The teachers in our Early Childhood classrooms recognise the importance of keeping themselves informed and up to date with current theory and practice. This is not always easily achievable when Professional Development is usually based in Perth. In a move to make new learning accessible to all staff we have worked with Jan Flemming, CEO consultant, to begin a South West Early Childhood Network. Our aim is to meet at least once a term to share and exchange knowledge. At these meetings we hope to have at least one guest speaker who has made significant contribution to Early Childhood Education. Each school that hosts will then present four sessions on what is working well for them.

Last night, at our first meeting, we met at Dymocks in Busselton. We were treated to an informed discussion by Beth Herbert on Functional Grammar and given some fresh ideas on using literature to achieve strong understanding of grammatical concepts.

Mary Murphy, a well-known children's author then spoke to us about her personal passion of making reading pleasurable for children. Reading for pleasure is a high priority outcome in our Western Australian Curriculum.

The meeting was attended by principals, teachers and education assistants from St Mary's in Bunbury, St Joseph's in Bunbury, Our Lady of Lourdes in Dardanup, St Mary MacKillop College in Busselton as well as by many of our staff. It was a strong turnout considering that teachers are presently spending a huge amount of time report writing. As time goes by we hope to include many more schools from our South West region.

Importantly.... It will be your children who will benefit directly from these meetings.

We hope that you all have a lovely long weekend and enjoy some special family time.

Julie Birch

Early Childhood Coordinator.

News from the P&F



SCHOOL DISCO Friday 23rd June 2017

We are in the middle of organising the OLC Disco and would love to hear from anyone who can help out on the night.

We will still need volunteers for each session, including the sausage sizzle. Also any child that has a medical condition will need to have their parent in attendance for their entire session. Please contact Leanne Verhoeff at tverhoef@bigpond.net.au if you can help.

Kindy to Year 2	4.30pm to 6pm
Sausage Sizzle	6pm
Year 3 to Year 6	6.30pm to 8pm

KITCHEN GARDEN BUSY BEE – June 11th



We need some DADS!

The Kitchen Garden is gearing up and we need to do an hour or so of heavy duty work to lay some carpet for weed and grass control. We need a few DADS to lend some "muscle" and bring a shovel on Sunday morning June 11th from 9.30-11.30., NO LONGER I promise. Text Sal on 0433 542 189 if you can help out, we will feed you cake and coffee!!!

We've got some fabulous produce growing beautifully and will be doing some more planting on the 11th if you are keen to be involved, we would absolutely love to have you there. Come and get involved in bringing "Pleasurable Food Education" to the OLC community and keep an eye out for the exciting projects we've got coming up...

TEA TOWEL and CARRY BAG FUNDRAISER



As part of our fundraising efforts, the P&F is again running the very popular tea towel and carry bag project. We are aiming for the early bird offers by ordering before June 30, so please get orders in ASAP ☺.

The limited edition design will be made up of self-portraits drawn by all our children and staff and screen printed onto the tea towels and carry bags. The pictures and names will be arranged all together as a commemorative design for the whole school.

We chose the tea towels and carry bags because everyone loves them. The children are thrilled to see their own artwork in print. They make a lasting memento to remember classmates, are amazing as gifts for parents, relatives and special friends and of course, super useful! Don't forget to order a few extras for family members and your keepsake box.

There is a sample tea towel in the school office (premium quality white cotton tea towels (50x70cm). The same design (half each side) will be printed onto the heavy duty cotton bags (40x45cm, 10cm gusset, 55cm handles).

Final orders are due before → Friday 23rd June 2017 (In mail box outside school office)
Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries please contact Louise De Chiera on 0407 193 132 or Lde41637@bigpond.net.au



Sat 9 Sept 2017

Run through wineries, farms and pretty bush trails.
Experience local food and wine as you run.
Choose from these events:

-  Marathon ➤  Half-marathon
-  Team marathon ➤  10km Challenge
-  2km Kids' event (6 - 12 year olds)



For *serious*
runners
& *fun runners*



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The theme is:
Wine, Grapes, Vineyards



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