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Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Parent Teacher Interviews: Time is passing quickly and it is already nearing the end of Term 1. One important event for you is the opportunity to meet with the teachers regarding your child's settling in to the school year and class and their learning achievements to date. Please make the most of this opportunity. It is a time for you to think about your child and their very unique learning journey as well as the goals you and your child have for the 2010 school year. Enjoy the experience!

Gospel: On Sunday we listened to a very familiar gospel often referred to as 'The Prodigal Son' and sometimes 'The Loving Father.' We reflect on this reading in a number of ways, sometimes siding with the Father, sometimes with the elder brother, and occasionally with the younger brother. Often life experience at the time of being presented with this text, or experience in the past will cloud our view point. Maybe we have at times felt more like one of the characters in the story, or know someone in our family or friendship group facing a modern day version of these events. In the Gospel reflection from week 4 of the Lenten program the writer asks us to think about the line in the text where the younger son starving and homeless 'comes to his senses.' The son repentant and remorseful returns home seeking forgiveness. The father takes time to invite his elder son to 'come to his senses' also, in recognising all that is his. We then can respond to the invitation too, how do I need to 'come to my senses?' What matters are not at rest in my life because I fail to realise all that I have..... the people in my life, the love in relationships, the elements that make life easier for me, and importantly the never ending love of God.

Prayer: Again an excerpt from the Lenten program, some interesting food for thought regarding prayer. *'Nothing in all nature is so lovely and so vigorous, so perfectly at home in its environment, as a fish in the sea. Its surroundings give to it a beauty, quality, and power which is not its own. We take it out, and at once a poor, limp dull thing, fit for nothing, is gasping away at its life. So the soul sunk in God, living the life of prayer, is supported, filled, transformed in beauty, by a vitality and a power which are not its own. The souls of the saints are so powerful because they are thus utterly immersed in the Spirit: their whole life is a prayer. The Life in which they live and move and have their being gives them something of its own quality. So long as they maintain themselves within it, they are adequate to its demands, because fed by its gifts. This re-entrance into our Origin and acceptance of our true inheritance is the supernatural life of prayer, as it may be experienced by the human soul. Far better to be a shrimp within that ocean, than a full-sized theological whale cast upon the shore.'*

Shave/spray for a cure: Thank you for the great support. Over \$530.00 raised on the day. Read more inside. Well done Mrs Robinson, Jesse Whitehead and Mr Bayly.

Art Auction: Please help us locate artists to donate original works for the auction. Please contact me with the names of people committing to helping in this way. Also we are on a wine drive for the event, read more inside. Book the date September 11th in your diary.

Mass: Thank you to Year 5 for the lovely mass last week. Our next Friday Mass will be on March 26th at 9am. Year 3 will be our host.

Have a lovely day

Jo Scott-Pegum, APRE.

Scripture for the Week

"Son you are with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." Luke 15:32

Dear Parents / Carers

Last Sunday a very successful Working Bee was held and I thank all of the parents who were able to help. We worked on improving gardens and the surround to the senior playground. We are proud of our school and this is reflected in the way the gardens are respected by the students.

Next week we will be holding parent interviews. I hope that you will book a time to see the classroom teacher. We have decided to hold these earlier this year because it is important that you have a chance to talk to the classroom teacher as to how your child has settled into the new year. Take time to look at your child's Portfolio with them and ask them to tell you what they are doing.

Last week the National Curriculum was released for consultation. The four core curriculum areas of English, Mathematics, History and Science were released for consultation. The re-drafting will be completed by September of this year and the four core curriculum areas will be introduced in 2011.

We have already commenced our work on the Mathematics curriculum. We have taken our results from Naplan 2009 and from the Waddington Diagnostic Tests administered recently to map our needs against the new curriculum. Our pupil-free day on April 12th will be directed towards developing and finalising our implementation plan for introduction in Term 2. Our initial analysis of the Mathematics curriculum tells us that there will be a movement of some content, usually to lower grades. This should begin to align the Queensland curriculum to the national scene.

Don't forget the P & F meeting tonight!

Have a great week

God Bless

Jeff Hall

Principal

DID YOU KNOW???

- ◆ **FEES: URGENT PLEASE READ.** We have received a Bank Cheque at the office to pay for school fees but no name has been given. Please contact Helen Low (Finance Secretary) on 3285 2977 Option: 3 if this cheque belongs to you. *Please remember to place all money in a sealed envelope with your Child's name, Class and details of what the money is for, marked on the front. Thankyou!*
Term 1 school fees are now overdue. It's not too late to set up a direct debit, please phone Helen or call into the office for a direct debit request form.
- ◆ **LIBRARY BAGS:** Library bags are now available from the office for \$10 each.
- ◆ **2011 ENROLMENTS:** Prep enrolments for 2011 are now open. Current families need to collect an enrolment pack from the office for siblings attending next year. If you are aware of families outside of our school community that will have children eligible for enrolment in 2011, please advise them to contact the school for an enrolment pack.
- ◆ **RECORDS:** A Family Update sheet has been sent home. Please make any changes if necessary. **ALL SHEETS ARE TO BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 16TH MARCH.....WHETHER THERE ARE CHANGES OR NOT.....THANK YOU!**
- ◆ **CHILDREN ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL:** School commences at 8.30am and students arriving later than 8.40am are to be taken by parents to the office to be issued with a LATE ARRIVAL SLIP. This will avoid students being marked absent for the morning session. Thanks for your assistance.
- ◆ **REID STREET PARKING:** Parents are reminded that Reid St is not a drop off or pick up point. The neighbours in this street are concerned that several parents are still doing this and causing congestion in the very narrow street. OSHC staff have been granted permission by the residents to park at the end of Reid St.

ITALIAN NEWS

Ciao!

During lessons in Prep G, Tyler Fratus asked if I would read the children a story in Italian. Last week I read the story: "The very hungry caterpillar" in Italian: "Il piccolo bruco maisazio" to all the classes. The Year One children recognized some of the words in the story: il sole – the sun, una casa – a house, as well as the days of the week. When introducing all the food, il cibo, that the caterpillar ate, we revised the names of the colours in Italian.

Ci vediamo Ana e Grace

TUCKSHOP

Eileen Butlin Ph 3205 1240 or Mob 0403 584 595

WED 17TH MARCH

Diane Pope
Jacinta Kerrigan
Tracey Harper

MON 22ND MARCH

Sally Dowd
Astrid Kelleher
Gina Carter

WED 24TH MARCH

Tracey Harper
Jacinta Kerrigan
Kate Mather

MON 29TH MARCH

Linda Dallas
Gina Carter
Paula Boyce

Eileen Butlin, Tuckshop Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS WEEK 8

Children can **borrow before school and at lunchtimes Mon-Thurs**. They also have a **class borrowing** time.

Monday -2B

Tuesday- 5C

Wednesday – 6P Prep G 7H 1G 7GA 1W 4N 3Y 6S 2S 4O 5R

Thursday – 4B Prep A Prep B 3B

Children are asked to return their books the day before they borrow so the books can be re-shelved.

Happy Reading,

Sandra Driver Teacher-Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Hours of Trade:

Wednesday 2-30pm to 4pm Friday 8-00 to 9-30am

Other times by appointment

Email olwuniformshop@gmail.com Phone 3285 2977 ext 7

Urgent Contact 0401 622 522 (Jacinta) or 0417 631 561 (Deb)

We are currently taking orders for **winter uniforms**. This can be done via email, order form from website or personal shopping. A deposit will be required to secure order. We would appreciate your prompt attention to this to avoid disappointment, as we do not intend to hold a large stock of our winter range. An order needs to be placed with our supplier early next week.

By now you should have received hats that were on order with us. If you have not received any ordered goods, please contact us.

We have negotiated a price for embroidery of surnames on hats. We encourage you to get together with friends to receive a discounted price. The business is Wicked Stitches at Shop 8/611 Robinson Road West, Aspley. They have given us a price of \$6-50 for 5 or more hats. Please contact us for more details.

We are looking at extending our range to include raincoats that fit over school bags, art smocks to protect our lovely new uniforms and hair accessories for our young ladies. We want to know what you would like to see in our store and if you would be interested in purchasing from our new range if we proceed.

Please advise us by end of term if you want second hand uniforms returned to you. Second hand uniforms will be donated to a worthy cause after this date.

Uniform Committee

INTERNATIONAL DAY

ATTENTION: Parents/Grandparents who can share with the children something about another culture...

We are looking for eager people who are keen to share their cultural heritage with the children, in an endeavour to educate them in cultural diversity and give them an understanding of the cultures within our school community. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested.

Please email expressions of interest to Beth at: enightingale@bne.catholic.edu.au

Stay tuned for further updates regarding this day of cultural celebration!

Keep smiling,

Beth Nightingale

Year 4 Teacher

AWARDS

PREP A

Rohan Sweeney

1G

Daniel Ferguson

3Y

Quinn Sweeney

5R

Emmerson Cooper

PREP B

Brandon Hanousek

1W

Jack Farley

4B

Tyler Howells

6S

Luke Dunbar

PREP G

Amy Slogrove & Samantha Wills

2B

Keely Dowling

4N

Emily Neville

7CA

Kyle Buchanan

2S

Madeline Seaton

4O

Shaylee Farmer

7H

Jordan Bowen

3B

Annalise Hall

5C

Jack Gleeson

ITALIAN AWARD

Rebecca Potent

KOALA AWARD

Murdoch Hogan

CONGRATULATIONS

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

Our Lady of the Way is fortunate to be able to offer the Seasons for Growth program to students at our school and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

Seasons for Growth is a successful program that explores the effects of change, loss and grief. The program recognises that change often hurts and that it can be confusing, frustrating, or threatening. Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives and that when changes occur in families, children may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

Seasons for Growth is an opportunity for young people to learn that these issues are a normal and valuable part of life. The program provides participants with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to understand and manage their individual experiences.

The program is run by a specially trained 'Companion' who will facilitate small groups of participants through an experiential learning process.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from the program please contact me in the Enrichment Centre.

Janet Spann

OLD UNIFORM NEWS

If you currently have old uniforms on consignment please contact Kathy Cassidy on 3204 4307 or 0411 243 592 to arrange collection or to advise if you wish to donate them.

ENRICHMENT CENTRE NEWS

The University of Queensland's Parenting and Family Support Centre is offering **FREE** access to an online Parenting Program as part of a research project. The program is based on the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program and will help participants to build positive relations with their children and prevent misbehaviour. For more information phone Sabine on (07) 3365 8870 or email s.joachim@uq.edu.au

Have a great week!

Joyce, Paula and Amber

The OLW Parent Support invites you to a **WELCOME MEET AND GREET EVENING**

on Thursday 25th March from 7pm-8:30 in the Church Foyer area.

Come along, meet other parents, make new friends and enjoy a relaxed social evening. Tea, coffee and refreshments provided.

Special Guest Speaker: Rachael Harris is a counsellor specialising in Asperger's Syndrome, providing a unique contribution from her perspective as a woman who, herself, has been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome and as the mother of a son who is also on the Autism Spectrum. Rachael will give an introduction to Asperger's Syndrome, Asperger's in childhood, differences in learning, parental expectations and Asperger's in the media.

SPORTS NEWS

The BIG news in sport this term is Cross Country! Classes will be in training now for the big event on

THURSDAY THE 25TH OF MARCH

Years P-2 will compete at school

Years 3-7 will compete at Sweeney's.

Classes will be rotated out to the oval throughout the day for their big race.

We are currently looking for a sponsor to provide oranges for the athletes on our cross country day. If anyone knows a business who may like to help out with a donation for the day, please let the office know so we can hopefully provide the children with a healthy snack at the end of their run.

Healthy tip of the week: A good night's sleep followed by a good breakfast in the morning helps your child to stay active and concentrate at school.

FOUND

A story book has been found in the school....if your child has recently lost a large nursery rhyme book could you please contact the office

PARISH NEWS

Easter Festival—Saturday 27th March **NEEDED URGENTLY**

We are two weeks away from the festival and in need of support so that our parish community can play its part along with the other churches in the Pine Rivers area. There is a need for a ute/trailer and a couple of men to help load at the church [7 a.m.] and to unload it at the park and to reverse the process [about 3.30 - 4 p.m.]. Helpers for (a) serving in the refreshment tent (b) being Grannies and (c) the Prayer Tent are needed. Offers of help can be communicated directly to Bernie Bartsch 3204 4053 or to Lesley Reid 3886 1824. Please note: **Donations of homemade food should be packed in a container with the ingredients listed on its outside.**

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group is holding a Cent Auction in May and we are asking for any donations of hand made craft items and auction items. All monies raised will go towards the Seniors Christmas Lunch and to buy catering equipment for the Community Centre. Should you wish to help or donate any goods, please contact Rosemary Bravo 3285 1720 or Ann Smith 3882 3923

Palms Needed

We are in need of palms for Palm Sunday, if you are able to help with this please let us know in the Parish Office by **Thursday 25/3**. Palms to be left in front of the church on Saturday 27/3 by 9am.

FREE PIZZA!!

13 – 19 year olds - Sunday 21st March 6.30 – 8.00pm The Leadership Team invites YOU! New Youth Ministry starting soon! Come & share your ideas!

EASTER CELEBRATIONS TIMETABLE

RECONCILIATION:	Wednesday 24th March	7.30pm at Petrie
HOLY THURSDAY:	Thursday 1st April	7.30pm Mass at Petrie
GOOD FRIDAY:	Friday 2nd April	3.00pm at Petrie
EASTER VIGIL:	Saturday 3rd April	7.00pm Mass at Petrie
EASTER SUNDAY:	Sunday 4th April	8.00am Mass at Petrie 10.00am Mass at Dayboro

Please note there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Wanted: Bottles of Wine

Do you have bottles of wine at home that you do not want? Perhaps unwanted gifts? Or just bottles sitting in the cupboard collecting dust? If so we need your generosity, we are starting to collect wine for our Art auction. If you can help please drop the bottles of wine into the school office. Thank you for your help. Any inquiries please contact Carolyn or Peter Dow on 0418870080 or email pcjdow@bigpond.com.au

P & F NEWS

Chocolates have arrived and are currently being sorted.....distribution will be tomorrow (Wednesday).

P & F MEETING TONIGHT...ALL WELCOME!

	DATE CLAIMERS		
16th March (Tuesday)	P & F Meeting	7pm	Staffroom
17th March (Wednesday)	Bookclub Closes		
24th March (Wednesday)	School Board	6pm	Admin
25th March (Thursday)	Cross Country		
26th March (Friday)	School Mass	9am	Church
29th March - 1st April	Holy Week		
1st April (Thursday)	End of Term 1		
2nd April (Friday)	Good Friday		
12th April (Monday)	Pupil Free Day		
13th April (Tuesday)	Start of Term 2		
19th May (Wednesday)	Under Eight's Day		
9th June (Wednesday)	International Day		

Invitation to all parents and carers – have your say on your child’s education

An invitation is extended to all parents and carers in Pine Rivers to discuss the future of education in Queensland.

Learn more about the planned reforms to Queensland schools outlined in the State Government’s discussion paper, *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*, at one of the special forums in our community.

Date: Monday 22 March

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Location: Pine Rivers State High School, Auditorium, Gympie Rd, Strathpine

Items on the agenda include the Government’s plan to integrate Year 7 into secondary school in 2014 and other initiatives such as the “Queensland Ready Reader” volunteer program.

The State Government wants to know your views on a range of proposed education initiatives and it is important that parents and carers provide feedback.

Don’t miss out on having your say. Secure your spot at the forum by emailing your RSVP to aflyingstart@qld.gov.au or free call 1800 452 056.

For more information about the discussion paper, *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*, visit the Queensland Government website at www.qld.gov.au

THE BUS FARE ASSISTANCE

AND

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME APPLICATIONS FOR 2010

A Parent or Guardian of the student can apply online from

1 May 2010

to

31st May 2010

For Semester one 2010, the weekly family threshold for Bus Fare Assistance is \$30 per week.



Full details of the scheme and who can apply, are available at:

www.schooltransport.com.au

If you need assistance when applying online,

Phone: [07 3336 9192](tel:0733369192)

or

Email: schooltransport@gcec.qld.catholic.edu.au