Dear Parents,
Welcome back, I feel sure that the children will be at a much greater advantage in their learning for term 2 because of their longer holiday.
Last term I shared with you two of the four elements in our school strategic implementation plan. Here is the next.

**Broad Strategic Goal: Priority 3 - Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships**
We aim to recognize and value all members of the school community.

**Goals for 2012-2016**
1. To develop and strengthen partnerships between the school the home, the parish, other schools and wider community.
2. To provide opportunities for the professional learning and personal well being of our staff.
3. To develop as an effective professional learning community
4. To provide a safe and supportive school environment.

**Actions for 2012**
- Enact processes for Professional Learning Teams toward building our professional learning community
- Continue the leadership forum
- Continue the leadership formation group
- Continue the use of Professional Learning Plans for teaching and support staff
- Implement an induction process for all new staff members
- To continue to deepen the school rules: respect, responsibility, safety across the whole school community.

**School Roundabout**
Thank you to all parents who show patience every day at the busy times that begin and end the school day. Our school roundabout continues to be a place of concern. One of my current concerns, and yours, from the reports I have received, is the low tolerance and patience of some parents and carers coming to drop off or pick up their children. I have had reports of swearing and abuse and this is absolutely unacceptable. Like all schools pick up time at OLW is generally a 20minute busy zone. We supervise the children at the roundabout for 30 minutes – from 2.50-3.20. The council have been approached to audit our roundabout and to make some recommendations. Whilst we wait for that report we need to consider alternatives that lessen the load on the roundabout at pick up time.

**Things that can make a difference**

**Be patient**
Be respectful of one another
**Time your pick up (after 3pm tends to be much quicker)**
**Park in the car park and walk to collect your child**
**Carpool with another family**
**Park down Armstrong St or around the block and walk up and collect your child.**
**If there are no Stop, Drop, Go spaces, park in the car park and walk to collect your child**

Have a wonderful week.
Kind Regards,
Jo Scott-Pegum
Principal

“Each person must live their life as a model for others.” - Rosa Parks
Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter!

Welcome back. I hope that you had a restful break and that Easter was a time of celebration for you. It is interesting to note that Easter is not just one day in the Church’s year but a whole season lasting for fifty days and culminating with the Feast of Pentecost. Easter is a time to celebrate new life and the fact that not even death in all its stark reality can ever separate us from the life and love of our God. I was listening to the homily last Sunday on the gospel reading and it was pointed out that Jesus appeared amongst the gathered disciples and that he never left them. Easter is the celebration of the everlasting presence of Christ in our community. One of the great symbols of Easter is the Paschal Candle. Each year at the Easter Vigil a new candle is lit as a sign of the light of Christ guiding the community and of our call to follow the light and in turn to be a light for others. The Service of Light is immensely rich in symbol. From out of the darkness of night the Easter candle is lit from the fire and carried into a darkened Church. From this candle, other candles are lit, as we acknowledge the fact that it is through our following of Christ that we can be his presence in our community and indeed the whole world. On the candle is the letters Alpha and Omega – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This calls to mind that Christ is with us and indeed is our particular place in time. The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet), an ancient hymn of the early Church is then proclaimed. An excerpt of this is below.

This is the night of which it is written:
The night shall be as bright as day,
dazzling is the night for me,
and full of gladness.
The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,

Caritas
Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion appeal. Your generosity will work for the freedom of people living in poverty, challenge unjust structures, and empower people to work for a sustainable way of life.

Please return all Project Compassion boxes or envelopes to the school office by the end of this week, or make a donation online via the Caritas website at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

If you are wondering how you could continue to make a difference beyond Lent in the struggle against poverty, visit [www.bemore.org.au](http://www.bemore.org.au) and take up the challenge to BE More!

A happy and holy Easter Season to all
Bill Bemelmans - APRE

Scripture Passage

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favour was accorded them all.” (Acts 4:32-33)

OLW SCHOOL PRAYER

Our Lady of the Way,
Lead us in our Christian mission.
Guide us through prayer to faith.
Teach us to honour the diversity in our community.
Inspire us as we learn each day.
Be with us as we walk together, united in faith.
Holy Spirit sisters, pray for us.
Our Lady of the Way, pray for us.
Saint Mary of the Cross, Pray for us. Amen
DID YOU KNOW???

FEES: Term 1 school fees are now **well over due. Please pay as a matter of urgency.** Fees for Term 2 will be sent home in the next few weeks. If you have any questions in regards to school fees please contact Helen Low (Finance Secretary) 3285 2977 Option: 3

2012 School Fee information can now be accessed from the school's website. Click on this link [www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au](http://www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au) click on **Parent info** and then **School fees.**

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

There is a lot of sickness at the moment. If your child is unwell please make alternative arrangements as we do not have the staff or facilities to look after them.

We have had a number of incidences regarding not being able to contact parents when children have been hurt or unwell. Can you contact the office if you have changed any of your details: mobile and home phone numbers, work numbers, home address, emergency contacts (if not you) please let the office know ASAP. Toward the end of last Term a form was sent home to update family details. If you have not returned this form please do so as soon as possible.

**LATE SLIP** - It is a legal requirement for parents/carers to complete a late slip for your child/ren if they arrive late at school.

**NUT PRODUCTS:** A reminder that Our Lady of the Way has a number of students enrolled with severe life threatening allergic reactions to nut products. Please ensure that such products are not sent to school. These include - peanut paste, nut bars and Nutella. Cakes and biscuits are fine as long as they do not contain nuts or nut products.

**FOUND** - WE HAVE FOUND AN IPOD ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. IF YOU HAVE LOST ONE PLEASE SEE THE LADIES IN THE OFFICE

ENROLMENTS FOR 2013 NOW OPEN

**CURRENT FAMILIES ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS NOW DUE**

Download the application form from the school website [www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au](http://www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au) click on Parent Information then enrolment. A copy of child’s birth certificate and baptism certificate needs to be attached to the application form. **Return by Friday 20th April.**

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CONGRATULATIONS
TUCKSHOP ROSTER

The Tuckshop operates with the support of volunteer parents
We welcome new volunteers at any time.
Thanking you, Jacqui Cooper & Trish Proctor – Conveners

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TUCKSHOP HELPER ROSTER

NAME: ______________________________ PHONE NO: __________________

EMAIL: ______________________________ MOBILE NO: __________________

CHILD’S NAME (eldest): ______________________________ CLASS: __________

DAY PREFERRED:

0 Monday 0 Wednesday 0 Friday 0 I am able to assist on any day

TIME PREFERRED:

0 8:30 – 9:30am 0 Other __________________
Half Day 0 8:30am – 11:30am 0 11:30am – 2:30pm
0 FORTNIGHTLY 0 MONTHLY
Enrichment Centre News

The Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge is an inclusive team challenge which EMPOWERS participants to THINK, CREATE & COMMUNICATE. It is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning & problem solving to showcase their skills & talents in an exciting, vibrant & public way.

THE CHALLENGE...

Teams are required to work together on a Long Term Challenge for up to six weeks without assistance from anyone outside the team. Participants are encouraged to explore possibilities & experiment with ideas as they endeavour to produce their best possible solution. They develop creative & original ways to communicate this solution to others, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex Challenge criteria & the deadlines of The Challenge Day. Opti-MINDS’ aim is to enhance the potential of all participants by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management & the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging & demanding environment.

OLW will be entering 3 teams in the OPTIMINDS Challenge in 2012 and will be working with teachers to nominate students whom we feel would be suitable. We are excited about the opportunity that this will be for our high performing students and creative thinkers! If your child is nominated, you will receive a letter and consent form outlining the program. Teams will meet weekly during school time to learn skills through practice challenges starting in Week 2 of this term.

If you have any queries, please contact Lee Misra, Rachael Gaudry-Cassar or Paula Robinson at the school.

LIBRARY NEWS WK 1

I have enjoyed the documentary PLANET WORD recently on the ABC. The last program was on literature and I liked this quote.

“Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled thought and speculation at a standstill.” B. Tuchman

Just a reminder that children start borrowing this week and will need a library bag.

Happy Reading Sandra Driver

UNIFORM SHOP

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
After hours 0409 493 826 (Kim)

FUNDRAISING NEWS

It is that time of year again when we are getting ready to celebrate Mother's Day. We are seeking donations for the Mother's Day Stall. Perhaps you like making jewellery, cards, bookmarks or some other craft items that you would like to donate. Any items that you are able to donate for the children to purchase would be greatly appreciated. If you have any items, please leave them in the office clearly labelled 'Mother's Day Stall' so that they are able to be collected.

Also, if you have any shopping bags laying around, they are also greatly appreciated so that we can put the children's treasures in as they purchase them.

Have a great week.
Fundraising Team
CYBERSMART— This Thursday 7pm

To help your children stay safe online, Our Lady of the Way is hosting a CyberSmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation on Thursday 19th April from 7pm in Dalaipi Centre (or MultiMedia lab, depending on numbers). Designed for parents, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyber bullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge. The parent presentation will complement the information given to students during their presentation in the afternoon of the 19th April. The information given in both sessions will make for interesting and insightful family discussions regarding cyber safety.

If your child has access to the internet and other technologies, this presentation is a must! As we need to meet minimum numbers please register your attendance, with Shanyn Pfaffel (spfaffel@bne.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible.

Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

P & F NEWS

P & F Meeting tonight at 7pm in the Staff Room.

CROSS COUNTRY

Queensland all Schools Cross Country Championships, Saturday 5th May.
An invitation to school aged athletes to participate in this years Cross Country Championships.

Go to www.qldathletics.org.au, download a form. Bring your entry form and entry fee to the office. Please see the attached flyer on our website with this weeks newsletter.

Any questions please email Deidre Oates doats@bne.catholic.edu.au

PADUA COLLEGE

OPEN DAY
Sunday, 29 April 2012
11am – 2pm
www.padua.qld.edu.au
SCHOOL BANKING ......$$
Welcome back to Term 2 and I hope you had a wonderful rest in preparation for a busy time ahead. As previously mentioned, the Commonwealth Bank is running the **Dollarmize Yourself Competition** this term for our Savers and what a competition it is. I will be sending out flyers when they come to hand.

**Here’s the lowdown:**
They’re giving one lucky School Banking student the chance to be the face and name of a completely new Dollarmite character. What’s more, the new character will live in COINLAND for a whole year. Plus, there are some fantastic prizes for the student’s class and their school.

**Here’s how they can win.**
To be in the running, students simply need to make a minimum of 5 deposits into their Youthsaver account through our school between 16 April and 30 June 2012 and give their best savings tips in 25 words or less at commbank.com.au/beadollarmite.

If the winning entry comes from our school, the school will benefit too. That’s because the first prize package includes 25 brilliant Apple iPads, along with $1,500 towards a school excursion. There are other prizes and runner up packs so keep a lookout for the flyer coming home for more details.

Happy banking......................Jean Power – School Banking Co-ordinator

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**Pauls Collect-A-Cap is back!**
Please send in all your **CLEAN** Pauls milk caps to the office. We will be collecting the caps for the rest of the year. Pauls Collect-A-Cap has no end date yet.

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**ANY KEEN PHOTOGRAPHERS?**

The Heritage Bank has an Acquisitive Photographic Award which is free to enter!
Theme: **Olympic Values-Excellence, Respect and Friendship**
Group 2: 10-13 years of age
Group 3: 7-9 years of age

Enter by emailing photo to [HeritagePhotographicAwards@heritage.com.au](mailto:HeritagePhotographicAwards@heritage.com.au)

Entries close 18th May 2012
Entry forms available on line!
Poster on Staffroom door (facing the church)
Lee Misra
Sewing Club term 2

We would like to invite children (yr3-yr7) who would enjoy learning basic sewing skills to join our sewing club.

We will meet each **Wednesday afternoon in the Library** between **2.55pm -4.15pm.**
The club will cost $5/ class. This will cover the cost of all the fabric, pins, ribbons etc.
This is a chance to learn some skills that will provide hours of pleasure now and in the future. The children sit and chat and create something that they can be proud of.

If your child/children are interested please fill in the form below and return to the school. Classes will start week 3 term 2 on Wednesday 2nd May and finish week 7.
(It is a good idea for a small snack to be provided).

The children will be in the care of Mrs Driver, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Nightingale and Mrs Yeo.

_________________________________________________________________________

I/we give permission for ___________________________ class ______________
To participate on Wednesday afternoon
I/we agree to paying $5 for each lesson and to collecting my child by 4.15pm promptly.

Signed __________________________
Contact Number ____________________