Dear Parents,

It is interesting the habits we get into! Recently an esteemed colleague asked me why the Principal message was not the first message parents received in the Our Lady of the Way primary school newsletter, and (as a past APRE and holder of the front page) my only response was, ‘this is how it has been in my time here...’ And then I thought, this is not how it needs to continue to be, and despite the importance of the APRE message for the school community, we could do something about it, starting this week!

I would like to share with you one of my personal and professional priorities as Principal of Our Lady of the Way in 2012 - engaging in the LEARNING journey with the children! I have set myself a goal to have time for every child in our community across the year to personally talk learning with me, and these meetings start this week! I have told the children that I will visit their rooms each week or fortnight, and name two students who can come and share some of their learning with me. Each child when chosen has been asked to think about something they are currently learning, or have just learned that has caused them an AHA! moment. This can be across any of our Learning Areas (what each syllabus area is called in the Australian Curriculum) or Key Learning Area (the name used in the Queensland Syllabus). I am looking forward to sharing the joys of learning with the children. Don’t forget to ask your child to tell you when they are chosen to share. I have asked them not to be disappointed if their special time is not till Term 3 or 4. In support of this idea, I would like to suggest that one great item for nightly family dinner conversation is ‘were there any aha! learning moments today?’ and it would be good if the adults in the family shared their own learning times.

Tomorrow night - Wednesday 8th February at 7pm in Dalaipi Centre we have our Parent Teacher Information Night. It is an important meeting for you to attend. You will receive a general overview of the year from key people in our community, and then have the opportunity to go to the classrooms for a presentation by the classroom teachers. Please understand this is not the time for individual interviews with the teachers, but it may be the opportunity to set up a time to meet and talk about your child in the coming days and weeks. The formal opportunity for interviews is at the end of Term 1 and you will receive notice of this in the weeks prior to interviews. Also on parent teacher night it can be difficult for parents who want to visit more than one year level, my advice is to choose one class, and then ask for the information from the other year level/s to be sent home. I realise that this can be difficult as your children will want to know if you saw their teacher.

So, this is the National Year of Reading! We should all be celebrating that an essential life and learning skill is named in this way. There is a lot of information and many ideas regarding reading on the website http://www.love2read.org.au/about-us.cfm. One of the ways that families can promote reading is to have a set time in the day or week when everyone reads. One opportunity may be on Sunday morning when the parents read the paper, sometimes the children do too, or they read the cartoons. Parents modelling reading has a significant impact on the value children place on reading. Think about booking your family time – then commit to it!

Date Claimers:
Wednesday 8th February - Parent Teacher Information Night 7pm, Dalaipi Centre
Friday 10th February – Opening School Mass 9am, Dalaipi Centre
Tuesday 14th February at 7pm - P & F AGM in the staff room

Have a wonderful week.
Yours sincerely,

Jo Scott-Pegum
Principal

"The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.” - John Powell
Dear Parents and Carers,

**Gospel Reflection**
In Sunday’s Gospel, we have the story of Jesus healing Simon Peter’s mother-in-law. Jesus is shown as one who heals people and in so doing transcends all boundaries. In the gospel account from Mark we read that Jesus takes the woman by the hand and helps her to stand. In doing so Jesus violated two taboos. The first being that he touched a sick person immediately meant that he chose to make himself unclean as the sick were considered unclean themselves. But Jesus also takes the hand of a woman and this too would have caused consternation. Jesus shows us that in order for us to be a healing presence, we too need to transcend our own prejudice and boundaries. This reading challenges us to ask the question for ourselves; “What boundaries do I need to transcend in order to be a healing presence in the home, at work, at school and in the community?” It is when we go beyond our fears and prejudices that we can, like Jesus, bring about healing and wholeness to those around us.

**Whole School Mass**
Our whole school Mass is this Friday at 9am in the Dalaipi Centre. All are warmly invited to attend as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year. We ask God to bless us and help us to be open to the myriad of possibilities for growth that will be ours during the year. Our year 7 students will be commissioned as leaders of the student body. As well as this the staff will also make a statement of commitment in their role as catholic educators at Our Lady of the Way Primary School. As we share in the Eucharist we commit ourselves to be the Body of Christ in our community today.

**Staff Commissioning Sunday Mass**
This Sunday the staff will be commissioned by the parish at the 8am Mass. Our Lady of the Way is a parish school and so in front of the Sunday gathering of the faith community, the staff make a commitment to take on the role of Catholic educators on behalf of the Church. Fr Peter, as pastoral leader of the faith community, will pray God’s blessing on the staff in their work this year. Again all are warmly invited to attend this special celebration.

**Friday Mass**
Starting next week on Friday, there will be a weekly Mass for half the school in the Church. These will commence at 9am. One week the Year 4 to Year 7 classes will celebrate the Eucharist and the following week Prep to Year 3 will have Mass. Each year level will have a turn to host the Mass. They will prepare and take on the various ministries in the Mass such as reading, singing etc. These Masses will be advertised in the newsletter (school and parish) and all are welcome to attend.

Have a wonderful week and I hope to see you on Wednesday at the parent information evening

Kind regards,
Bill Bemelmans (APRE)

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**Scripture of the Week**
“*He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.*”

(Mark 1:31)

**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*
**TUCKSHOP - ROSTER/NEWS**

Volunteers are needed. Please drop in and see the ladies and let them know when you can offer any assistance even an hour in the morning is a help.

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Thank you
Jacqui Cooper
Cath Tonks

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**DID YOU KNOW??**

**FEES:** My apologies for the delay in sending out school fees. Term 1 school fees have been sent home today via your eldest child’s school bag and are due next Friday 17th February. Please contact me if you do not receive yours. Please note there is a minimum payment of $50 required when paying through BPay. Thank you.

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 [http://www.petriecatholic.com/school/content/view/97/149/] or go to [www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au](http://www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au) click on Parent info and then School fees.

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**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE**

Can you please contact the office if you have changed any of your contact details: mobile and home phone numbers, work numbers, home address, emergency contacts (if not you) please let the office know ASAP.

**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.

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**KOALA AWARD:** Jessica Pinto

**ITALIAN AWARD:** Dillon Gommers

**CONGRATULATIONS**
UNIFORM SHOP

A big thank you goes out to Debra Dalton, Michelle Grieve, Debbie Visser and my two daughters who volunteered their time in the uniform shop during the year and over the holiday break without their support and help the uniform shop would not run as efficiently as it does.

It has come to my attention that the amount of school hats lost or misplaced during the year is a frustration for all. As a suggestion we are offering the name of a local business at Brendale to embroider your child's name on their hats, jackets and/or bags. Please note this is not compulsory but a mere suggestion. It is up to you as parents or care givers to choose if this is what you may wish to do. We have a display of three items in the uniform shop which have been embroidered by 'Gold Star' so you can see their work.

The prices for each item you may wish to embroider with your child's name are as follows:
Hats: $4.00
Jackets: $5.00
Bags: $5.00

If you wish to contact them the details are as follows:
Gold Star Embroidery— Ph 0403 150 857
Unit 7
256 Leitchs Road, Brendale

If you have any queries, feel free to contact me through the uniform shop.

We do have the hat cord and toggles back in stock at $3.00 each. Bottle green stockings will be for sale a little later in the year. We will be looking into stocking bottle green bike pants (which will be optional) for the girls to wear under their uniforms. That's all for this week.

Thanking you
Kim.

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)

OLW PLAYGROUP!

Every Friday morning in the after school care building, for children younger than school age

Fun activities
- Play dough
- Story time
- Sing-a-long
- Make and do
- Craft
- Painting

Join us for a fun morning together from 8.30 - 10.30am. BYO morning tea and please sign in at the school office. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Please call Sinead Neville on 38860942 or 0411988742 for any queries

PARISH NEWS
Sacrament of Reconciliation 2012
If your child has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist and would like to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation please complete the form that was sent home and return to the parish office by the 10th February.
Angela Smith
**LIBRARY NEWS wk 3**

It has been wonderful to see the children who are so keen to start borrowing. They have reserved the books they want so they can be ready to borrow. They will need to have their library bags with them. **Children can also borrow before school Mon--Thurs at lunchtimes on the same days.**

Happy Reading Sandra C Driver

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**Enrichment Centre News:** Parent workshops coming up:

Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Workshop - Autism & Aspergers Syndrome in Brisbane NEXT WEEK - Tuesday 14th Feb 2012, For more information & flyer click this link:


Pathways to Success with ADHD and other Challenging Behaviours by Sue Suchocki. EFFECTIVE, USER FRIENDLY TOOLS AND INFORMATION TO ASSIST ALL THOSE INVOLVED WITH ADHD AND CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS. For more information click on the link below:


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Have a great week!
Joyce, Paula and Rachel

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**School Banking**

Just to let you know, School Banking will continue to be on Tuesday.
All you need to do is send your deposit book to me via **Tuesday morning’s class message bag.** School Banking is designed to encourage saving and every time you deposit some money you get a token – once you get the right amount of tokens you can trade them in to redeem a reward. The School also benefits by receiving a commission on deposits made. I will send out the 2012 Reward Redemption Cards when they arrive to all pre-existing bankers when they come to hand and if you would like to know more about the programme you are welcome to collect an Information Pack from the Office.

Happy Banking!
Jean Power – School Banking Co-ordinator

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**BOOK CLUB**

The first issue of the book club has been sent home via your child’s school bag. Any orders are due back this Friday 10th Feb.
PARENT HELP REQUIRED!
READING 2012
At OLW we are very keen to promote reading through the school. Teachers and school officers work very hard to ensure students are given every opportunity to read and understand texts. One way that has been very successful is the MULTILIT program.

MULTILIT program
The MULTILIT program is designed to **Make Up for Lost Time In Literacy** for students that might not have been ready to read when it was intensively taught in Prep and Year 1. I am keen to train OLW parents to administer the program to students as often as possible each week.

Last year trained parents were the backbone of the program and really made a difference to students’ reading levels. The training takes place over 2 hours and during the time you are working you are supported by trained school staff members.

If you are available during school time for a session or two please let the office know or email me
- Your name
- Contact details
- Availability for training

It is such a wonderful opportunity for you to support the literacy of our students.

Regards
Lee Misra
LNIT. imisra@bne.catholic.edu.au

P & F NEWS
The first P & F meeting for 2012 is the AGM on Tuesday the 14th February 2012 at 7pm in the staff room. Every parent or care giver in the school community is most welcome to attend.

We welcome all parents. We encourage you as parents to take an active interest in the activities of the school, the students and the school community. Involvement with your P&F will provide this ongoing contact in a stress free and friendly environment. If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like an item placed on our agenda for discussion, please contact me.

The Parents & Friends Association is an integral part of the Catholic school and provides a formal structure for parents and others interested in the welfare of the students to participate in all activities and inform decision making processes at the school and to work for the benefit of the school

Why are we here?
The main roles of the P&F are:
To encourage and provide opportunities for friendship and networking within the school Community.
To facilitate ongoing and constructive communication between the parent body, teaching and administrative staff at the school.
To raise money to provide facilities and resources for the benefit of our children, to enhance their learning opportunities within the school environment.

Look forward to seeing you all on the 14th

If your wish to bring an item of discussion to a P & F meeting, we ask you to submit it by the Friday before a meeting. This can be done via email pcjdow@bigpond.com.au or in writing in an envelope addressed to P& F President and sent to the office. We are starting this new procedure to make our meetings flow more efficiently.

Kind regards
Carolyn Dow
President of P and F.
Ph 0418870080 or pcjdow@bigpond.com.au

Dayboro Junior Rugby League Club
The Dayboro Junior Rugby League Club are looking for new players to join our teams at Dayboro.
Membership can be arranged through the President:
Debbie Sellin 0407 123 224 Or
Richard Hawkins 0418 735 626

TAE KWON DO CLASSES held at Our Lady of the Way on **Mondays** from 4.00pm to 4.55pm. All ages are welcome, please phone Daisy or Damian on 3886 0967 or 0438 860 967. Sign up for 2 months and receive a free uniform. All classes supervised by an Instructor with a blue card.
Do you have a daughter who will be in Year 7 or 8 in 2015?
Enrolments close 30 March 2012 and interviews for the 2015 intakes will commence in Term 2 this year. Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or the Mount Alvernia College website www.mta.qld.edu.au or contact our Enrolments Officer Jodi Walsh on 3632 8508.

ST RITA’S COLLEGE
St Rita’s is currently accepting enrolments for year 7 and 8 2015 (students currently in year 4 and 5) and Year 7, 2016 (Students currently in year 3). Applications for 2015 will close on 30th April, 2012.
Please visit St Rita’s web site for more information www.stritas.qld.edu.au

Pinecones Netball Club
Pinecones Netball Club is looking for players born in 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 to join our family friendly club. Our accredited coaches are ready to provide a quality netball skills to our up and coming players. Games and training are conducted at Les Hughes Park, Francis Road Lawnton.
For further information please contact Jo Aitken on 0408820247.