Dear Parents,

This week I would like to share with you our goals and strategies for 2012 under Priority 2 of the Strategic Renewal Framework.

**Broad Strategic Goal: Priority 2 – Learning and Teaching**

At Our Lady of the Way School we aim to implement quality school curriculum programs that support and encourage lifelong learning and global citizenship.

**Goals for 2012-2016**

1. To use a variety of data to inform curriculum planning, teaching and assessment
2. To implement and review literacy and numeracy practices utilizing data and research
3. To continue to implement each phase of the Australian Curriculum
4. To continue the implementation of a curriculum planning model for differentiation of learning
5. To create teaching and learning environments utilising technologies to enhance student learning
6. To develop and implement programs that support the growth and emotional well being of all students, promote the pastoral care of all students, and educate for care of self and others

Our school community pass our sincere condolences to the family of Mr Luke Mather who recently passed away. Our prayers are with Tamika (Year 6) and her immediate and extended family. Three families in our school are devastated by this sad loss.

Have a lovely week 10. I hope that you have a lovely holiday break with your children and find time to rest, relax and rejuvenate together. A happy and holy Easter to all.

Kind Regards,

Jo Scott-Pegum
Principal

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**Actions for 2012**

- Finalise the IEP Review: Student Support Process - continue the implementation of changes to planning and assessing toward program differentiation for all students – use a team planning approach for students with special needs
- Plan differentiated curriculum that specifically targets mid-range achieving students
- Consolidate work on Numeracy/Maths blocks
- Continue to update Mathematics resources
- Embed use of ICLT’s in classrooms
- Review literacy and literacy blocks across the school - use an action research project to facilitate this review
- Facilitate opportunities for teachers to model literacy and numeracy teaching for one another
- Continue the AGQTP project for differentiated curriculum
- Implement the Australian Curriculum English and History
- Articulate our school Vision for Learning - including layers of learning: surface, deep, conceptual
- Plan for class and year level celebrations of learning at the end of each term / semester
- Classes publish learning on school website
- Explore use of ‘LIFE: Learning Management System’
- Continue to publish the school learning story in the year level curriculum folders
- Engage teachers in a plan toward greater teacher leadership – Professional Learning Teams
Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the term already. It is timely to look back over the term and discern about what were the highlights and some of the challenges of the term for you and your family. Where were there opportunities for growth?

As we move into Holy Week and the end of Lent, we have the opportunity to reflect on our faith and on the immense love that God has for us shown through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

**Project Compassion**

As this is the last week of Lent that we are at school, could you please return your Project Compassion boxes that were sent home with your children at the beginning of Lent. This money will be sent to Caritas Australia for the work of development in the third world. Below is a story about one of the communities that is assisted by Caritas Australia.

**Caritas Project Compassion, Week 5**, brings you the story of Judy.

Judy, 39, lives in Peru. Her shanty town on the outskirts of Lima has no running water, sewerage or paved roads and little access to healthcare. Judy’s daughter, Vania, was suffering from malnutrition. Now Vania attends a childcare centre run by Caritas Australia’s partner. She receives two free meals a day and regular health checks.

Your donation to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to continue aid and development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ, in more than 30 countries.

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**First Reconciliation**

Last week on Thursday 22nd March, at 7:00pm, a number of students from the parish and our school celebrated, for the first time the Sacrament of Penance Rite of Reconciliation. Congratulations to the following students...

- Mia Ambrosi
- Jasmine Rogers
- Laurey Evans
- Emmerson Cooper
- Charlotte Scells
- Liliana Robb
- Georgia Scells
- Maddison Sivyer
- Jack Rogers
- Chloe Tonks
- Grace Kummerfeld

**Holy Week and Easter at Our Lady of the Way Parish**

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On Saturday 31st March, a number of students of Our Lady of the Way School will be performing at the Pine Rivers Easter Festival which is to be held at Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine. The Festival which is run by the combined churches of the Pine River region will be filled with entertainment, food stalls, rides etc.. Please feel free to bring the family along and celebrate at the Festival.

**Holy Week Story & Stations of the Cross**

Year 7 students will present the Holy Week Story and Stations of the Cross commencing at 8.45am in the undercover area on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

May Easter be a time of joy and peace for you all. Enjoy the break.

Bill Bemelmans (APRE)

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**Scripture Passage**

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

(Jn. 12:24)

**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
CELEBRATE LEARNING YEAR 7

ENERGY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FUTURE....

This term in science we have been learning about Earth and Space sciences. One of the areas in particular we have been investigating is clean or renewable energy. At present coal, oil and natural gas make up the bulk of the world’s energy sources. These are considered non-renewable as they take so long to regenerate that they will be exhausted if they are consumed at the rate they are being used.

The types of renewable energy we have investigated include:

- Solar farms use energy harnessed and stored in photovoltaic cells from the sun which is converted into electricity
- Hydroelectricity is electrical power through the use of tides and the gravitational force of falling/moving water
- Wind power converts wind power into electricity by using a wind turbine
- Geothermal energy is when the heat from the inner core radiates to the crust and pipes are drilled to channel water to this which creates steam and then the pressure of the steam powers the turbines which is connected to a generator to store the electrical energy
- Biomass is the combustion of biological material from living and non-living organisms
- Biofuels are a type of fuel whose energy is derived from biological sources and example of this is bioethanol fuel the bi-products of sugar cane farming) to produce cleaner fuels.

DATES TO REMEMBER

27th March - Canberra meeting 7pm tonight in Multi Media Room
28th March - Years Prep - 4 dance presentation 2pm in Dalaipi Centre
29th March - Sausage sizzle day (see last page for information)
30th March - Last Day Term 1 Finish at 2.50pm
31st March - Pine Rivers Easter Festival, Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine
16th April - First Day Term 2
19th April - CyberSmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation 7pm . (See info in newsletter)
24th May - Patrons Day

CANBERRA NEWS

MARK YOUR DIARIES  TUESDAY 27TH  MARCH 7PM TONIGHT

All parents of children going on the Canberra trip this year are required to attend the meeting on TONIGHT the 27th March at 7pm in the Multi Media Room (near Library).
**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.

**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.

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**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) Parent Information, 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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**KOALA AWARD**: Amber Robinson

**ITALIAN AWARD**: Emily Baigrie

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**OWL AWARD**: 1. Liam Chesire  
2. Lizelle Eugenio  
3. Jacqueline Cashman
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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Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Convener - Jacqui Cooper

Friday
Convener – Trish Proctor

A Special Thank You

As the Term comes to an end a big thank you must go to our wonderful Helpers. They are all volunteers and willingly give up their time so that our students can enjoy healthy, affordable lunches. The tuckshop cannot function without the willing assistance of parents and grandparents donating their time to helping out with the roster each week. We are very lucky to have you and look forward to seeing you back in Term 2.

Our Wonderful Helpers

Julie Bowman, Angy Delaney, Esperlinda De Leon, Karla Farrell,
Mark Freeman, Sue Hyde, Jacinta Kerrigan, Angela Rigby,
Victoria Sutton, Gaye Thomas,
Meegan Berry, Fiona Dasey, Kate Mather, Louise D’Cruze & Cheryl
ENRICHMENT CENTRE NEWS

FREE COURSE FOR PARENTS at OUR LADY OF THE WAY!
A program was advertised in the newsletter a few weeks ago, called “Kids Skills for parents” which was being offered at the Australian Catholic University Campus at Banyo. We have been able to arrange for the facilitator of this course to run the same course for parents of our school at the OLW Community Centre in Term 2. This course is FREE and will be run on Wednesday afternoons for 5-6 weeks starting on the 18th April from 1:15-2:45pm. The sessions will provide practical skills to improve the quality of family relationships and is a wonderful opportunity for the families of OLW.
If you are interested in securing a place in this course or would like more information, please complete the tear off section of the form attached to the newsletter and return to the school office or email Joyce Lafferty – jlafferty@bne.catholic.edu.au.

SOME WEBSITES TO KEEP BRAINS ACTIVE  AND LEARNING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

www.bbc.co.uk/schools  www.coolmath-games.com  www.pbskids.org
www.funbrain.com  www.friv.com

LIBRARY NEWS WK10

Congratulations to 3L and 5F were the first classes to return their library books for the holidays.

Thank you to Mrs Jean Power for her help once again this term in the library. What a treasure!

Thank you also to Mrs Allison Heathwood who has volunteered to help with Bookclub.

I hope you have a relaxing break and read some books.
Sandra C 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)

DANCE NEWS

During dance class this term students in years Prep – 4 have been working on a dance to present to an audience. We have had a lot of fun and would like to invite you to come and be our very special audience.
The display will take place in the Dalaipi Centre on Wednesday 28 March (TOMORROW) at 2pm sharp.
All students from prep – year 4 will be involved.
We hope to see you there.
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, teachers and students, 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

A big thank you to all the ladies that helped distribute cookie dough yesterday, Angela Fratus, Tamarah Garrett, Gaye Thomas, Karen Robinson, Jacinta Kerrigan, Hayley Crowley and also to the other ladies who come and asked if we needed help. Also a big thank you to the office staff for all their help and support.

If anyone has a problem with their order please phone me after 2.30pm any day.

At the P & F meeting last Tuesday, we had an excellent turn out thank you to all those who attended. It was decided that this year we will be having a Mother’s Day and Father’s Day morning tea with a liturgy rather than the breakfast. I know the breakfast is always popular and may be disappointing to you that it has been cancelled, however, the reason for this is that it is a lot of work behind the scenes and we simply do not have enough volunteers to organize this. We also discussed other issues such as the toilets, bike racks, sunglasses for the students, fund raising ideas, traffic issues, play grounds, landscaping etc.

I wish everyone a fantastic holiday, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Have a great week.
Kind Regards
Carolyn Dow P & F President
Ph 0418870080

FUNFRAISING COMMITTEE

Mother’s Day is fast approaching which means that time of year has come around where we will be running the Mother’s Day Stall. We are seeking donations of gifts that can be sold at the stall. Perhaps you make jewellery, or bookmarks/cards? Every little bit helps. If you have any gifts that you would like to donate, please leave them in the office for collection, clearly marked ‘Mothers Day Stall’.

Our main fundraiser for next term is the Entertainment book - flyers will be coming home shortly regarding this.

Have a great week!
Fundraising Committee
ITALIAN NEWS - PREP TO YEAR 4

Students in Years 3 and 4 are continuing to follow the cartoon story about the Danieli Famiglia who are planning and preparing for their overseas trip from Italy to Australia. In the chapter called Le Fotografie, Carlo teases his sister Luisa about her passport photo and says that it is Che brutta – How ugly. However her mother assures her that she is beautiful – Sei bella. Then Luisa comments about his big ears: che orecchie grandi. Reading the emails sent within the story, the students were asked to identify certain parts of the text as a listening exercise. Some words and phrases were very similar to the English meanings, e.g. Buona idea – good idea; Buon viaggio – have a good trip/voyage; costumi di bagno – bathing costumes – swimmers.

Students in Years Prep, Years 1, 2 and 3 have been listening to the story about La Colomba which is a dove representing the peace of Christ, especially at Easter time. In Italy, bread is made in the shape of a dove and shared with friends and family during Easter celebrations. Leila thought that the dove may bring messages from God. In the story, La Colomba flies because someone is chasing her. She lands on a tree – sul’albero; on the roof – sul tetto; on the car – sulla macchina. The children listened to a CD of other children telling La Colomba to fly away/escape – Scappa via. Where is she? (Dove) No, non c’è. No, she’s not there. They enjoyed participating in the echo round. They also listened to the story of Fra Martino who slept in and nearly forgot to ring the bells on Easter Sunday to remind everyone about Jesus’ Resurrection.

Here are the masks that the children enjoyed creating. It was great to see so many creative, individual designs. Wishing you and your families, a happy and Holy Easter: Buona Pasqua.

Ciao, Grace Bone.

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

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 __________________
CROSS COUNTRY FUN DAY. WELL DONE TO ALL OUR RUNNERS AND THE STAFF AND YEAR 7’S FOR HELPING. Here are a few photos

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.

PADUA COLLEGE
OPEN DAY
Sunday, 29 April 2012
11am – 2pm
www.padua.qld.edu.au
CAROL’S CHILDREN’S CANCER BIKE RIDE

“Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life”
Our Vision
100% Survival for kids with cancer

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
PLEASE SUPPORT CAROL’S CHILDREN’S CANCER BIKE RIDE.

This Thursday 29th March will be a sausage sizzle day. All orders need to be in the office by 9am tomorrow morning Wednesday 28th. No late orders will be accepted. Sausage sizzles will cost $2 each. A brown paper bag has been supplied (similar to tuckshop orders). Please mark clearly on the bag the amount of sausages, onion if wanted and sauce, BBQ/tomato. Money to be enclosed in the bag provided. Sausages will be delivered to classrooms for 2nd break.

- Every year in Australia more than 600 children are diagnosed with cancer.
- On average, three Australian children die from cancer every week.
- Cancer is the largest killer of children from disease in Australia
- Childhood cancer represents a significant number of life years lost, second only to breast cancer.