Dear Parents,
Here we are already in the second week of the school year. The holidays are just a distant memory as we launch into the year with much enthusiasm and energy.

As a new comer to the school I am very much impressed by the great atmosphere that permeates Our Lady of the Way School. I am also thankful to the many parents and students who have introduced themselves to me and made me feel so welcome.

Sunday’s Gospel
Sunday’s gospel reading from St Mark tells us that Jesus taught with authority and that many were astounded by his teaching. What Mark was trying to tell his community is that Jesus not only knew the content of what he taught but he also lived it out in his daily life. People knew that what Jesus taught was worth listening to because they saw it exemplified in his own life. As teachers, and as the Church states most emphatically, parents are the first educators (teachers) of their children, what we say and do needs to be in harmony. To us is given a great responsibility and we need to remember that faith is caught as well as taught. Children are influenced as much if not more by example than by words. By giving us the story of Jesus healing the man with unclean spirits, Mark is telling us that in Jesus we encounter God. The challenge of this Gospel for us is to, through our life and our relationships with our children, show forth the face of God. It is then that we, like Jesus, will be deemed to have taught with authority.

Community
One of our four school pillars is that of community.

“We celebrate community by promoting a spirit of togetherness”

In promoting this spirit of togetherness, we aim to have a picnic on the school oval on Thursday 2nd February commencing at 5pm and concluding at 7pm. All families are warmly invited to come along and in a spirit of togetherness celebrate who we as a community and also welcome newcomers to our school. Please note that this event is if the weather permits. If it continues to rain or the ground remains too wet then we will postpone the picnic to a later date.

First Reconciliation
An enrolment and information night for parents who wish their children to be part of the First Reconciliation Preparation program will be held on Thursday 16th February at 7pm in the Parish Community Centre. If you wish for your child to be part of this program it is important that you attend this meeting.

Hoping to meet many of you on Thursday night.
Kind Regards
Bill Bemelmans
APRE

Scripture of the Week

“and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.
The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.”

(Mark 1:21-22)

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.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Well it has been a wet, wet, wet start to the year, and yet there has been a general sense of sunshine in the classrooms. Thank you to our wonderful staff, and also to every student for such a great start to our year. We did miss having a welcome to school assembly in our initial days, but it just didn’t prove easy to move 400+ bodies in the rain to the Dalaipi Centre. Interesting that Dalaipi was the rainmaker, and we couldn’t get to the Dalaipi Centre in the rain!

We are hopeful that we are going to have fine weather starting immediately and drying up all the mud so that we can have the picnic on Thursday. A reminder to BYO everything. We would like everyone to start thinking sunny thoughts! If the oval is not dry we will not have the picnic, it will be postponed to a later date, probably close to the end of term.

A reminder for existing families, and a note for new families, the ‘Stop - Drop - Go Zone’ is not for parking before or after school. If you wish to walk your child to class in these early days and weeks, you will need to park in the car park or down Armstrong St. There is parking available behind the Dalaipi Centre. When your child is capable of walking unassisted to class it is very important to allow them to do this, I know that the sense of independence is valued by all children.

Our OLW Owl finally has a name – Owlbert – thanks to Liam Power for his suggestion, and for the collective votes of the student body. Owlbert is an integral part of our behaviour management strategy and the implementation of our school rules: Respect, Responsibility and Safety. Owlbert will no doubt become a familiar mascot in school assemblies this year. If you haven’t already it might be good to talk about the school rules with the children, and to ask them about how they show the rules in all the different places in the school.

Some general reminders:
- School starts at 8.30am and finishes at 2.50pm.
- The ‘Stop - Drop - Go Zone’ is not for parking before or after school.
- Black leather shoes are part of both sport and formal uniform. ‘Volley’ and other fabric black shoes are not part of our school uniform.

Date Claimers:
Thursday 2

nd February – Family picnic 5-7pm
Wednesday 8

th February - Parent Teacher Information Night 7pm
Tuesday 14th February at 7pm - P & F AGM in the staff room

Have a happy week.
Yours sincerely,
Jo Scott-Pegum

AWARDS

PF
Isaiah Sunglao
PL
Whole Class
PC
Sam Kiss
1F
Imogen Nicholas
1L
Gianluca Pietropaola

2F
Dominic Lendvay
2L
Noah Nath-Wacuch
3F
Blair Spearritt
3L
Mackenzie Reynolds
4F
Bianca Wilson

4L
Patrick Lennon
5F
Luka Conway
5L
Baylee Patterson
6F
Tayla McKeown
6L
Laurence Harris

7F
Jesse Whitehead
7L
Caitlin Blackshaw

KOALA AWARD
CONGRATULATIONS
DID YOU KNOW???

FEES: Term 1 school fees will be sent out by the end of this week via your eldest child’s school bag. We would like to encourage each family to use the Direct Debit facility to pay school fees. This is a great way to pay your school fees and an efficient way for the office to process your payments. Please contact Helen Low (Finance Secretary) on 3285 2977 option 3 for a direct debit form or to discuss payment plan options. Please note: a new direct debit form needs to be completed each year.

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 click on Parent info and then School fees.

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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Tuckshop’s new menu and price increase for 2012.
Over the holidays the tuckshop prices were reviewed and due to a lot of items being under cost price and also having received the 2012 suppliers price increases, we have had no option then to increase our prices. The new menu showing new prices have been sent home via your eldest child’s school bag, if you need a copy please pick up one from the office.

Thank you
Jacqui Cooper
Cath Tonks

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)

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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.
LIBRARY NEWS  wk 2
The borrowing days are as follows
MONDAY  -  7L, 7F 3L, 5F
TUESDAY-  PREP F, 1L, 4L, 4F, 3F
WEDNESDAY- 6L, 1F, PREP L,
THURSDAY- 6F, 5L, 2L, 2F, PREP C

Remember that children need to have a waterproof bag to carry their books to and from school.
Happy Reading Sandra Driver

SUN SAFTEY
Our school rule “NO HAT NO PLAY” is to protect the children from our summer rays (that have finally come out).
Please put sun lotion on your child in the morning before school and make sure your child/ren checks that their hat is in their bag each morning.

ENRICHMENT CENTER NEWS
Welcome back to all families and new families to OLW. Enrichment Centre staff work as a team with class teachers to ensure that all learners are supported to access the Australian Curriculum. If you have a concern about your child’s progress, the first port of call should always be your child’s class teacher, however we are always happy to make an appointment with you if you need further information to support your child. You will find listed below contact details and year level allocations of each Support Teacher. We look forward to working with you in 2012.

Joyce, Paula and Rachel

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School Banking
Just to let you know, School Banking will continue to be on Tuesday and will start again this week.
All you need to do is send your deposit book to me in Tuesday morning’s Internal Mailbag. 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

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 last Wednesday and return to the parish office by the 10th February.
Angela Smith
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 then 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
lmisra@bne.catholic.edu.au

BOOK CLUB
The first issue of the book club has been sent home via your child’s school bag. Any orders are due back 10th February.

P & F NEWS
Welcome to all our new families to Our Lady of The Way School community.
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

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

ZUMBA CLASSES.
Due to teachers being unavailable there will be no Zumba classes after school on a Wednesday this Term.
I will let you know at the end of this term about Zumba classes for term 2.

Thanks
Amy Hutchinson, Dance teacher.
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.

North Pine Baptist
Soccer Club
Sign On 2012

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 10.00 AM – 3.00 PM

NORTH PINE BAPTIST CHURCH
OGG RD MURRUMBA DOWNS
AT THE CHURCH HALL
(OPPOSITE THE UNDURBA STATE SCHOOL)

OPEN TO ALL MALES & FEMALES
FROM UNDER 6 THRU TO OVER 35’s.

Note Under 6 players must have turned 4 years of age by 31st December 2011

ALL NEW PLAYERS MUST attend sign on day to sign QCSA Registration Form. & Photo Taken

For More Information Contact
Neil Storey: ph 0413 394 160 or Greg Olive: ph 0401 962 982
E-mail: registrar@npbsc.com
Registrations Forms
Can be downloaded from www.npbsc.com
Click on REGISTRATION.

TENNIS LESSON

Tennis lessons are held here at OLW on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. 3.10pm - 4pm. Class is limited to 8 students. Start date 6th February 2012 running for 8 weeks. Cost is $80 for the term or $10 per lesson. Please ring Chris on 0415 342 009 to reserve your place or pick up an enrolment form from the office.
KIDS LOVE DRAMA
PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

Our unique drama system develops confidence and communication skills in children and teenagers. Dynamic and structured, our programme covers speech, movement, creative drama and language development with all students participating in an end-of-year production. Our acclaimed drama programme is implemented by dynamic teachers who work enthusiastically to bring out the very best in your child.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs!
Lower Primary (5-8), Upper Primary (9–12) and Youth Theatre (12–18).

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy
Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed.
3353 0555

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

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
World Marriage Day 12 Feb: Celebrate the Christian Marriage Vocation and renew your Marriage Vows in the presence of family and friends. 2pm Mass at Stella Maris, Church St, Maroochydore.”

Marriage Encounter Weekend
Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date : 27-29 April,2012
Venue : Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD
For bookings/details contact: Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au