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OLSH *news*

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TERM 2 WEEK 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of OLSH School Community,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful break over the past two weeks and that you and your family had a great Easter long weekend.

It was an extraordinary ending to Term One with the cancellation of school due to the weather event that the south east corner of Queensland experienced. I have not heard of any member of our community adversely affected by this event but I hope that everyone was safe. Thank you to everyone for their cooperation and understanding during this time. While as a school I feel we handled the unusual situation well, there were some communication issues. The two most notable issues being; from the time the announcement was made in the media until we received official notification and the failure of the SMS system. The concerns with these issues have been passed on.



The cancellation of school did mean that our two traditional events, the Easter Liturgy and the Easter Raffle, that conclude Term One were delayed to the first day of this term. Thank you to Sandra Regano and Luisa Laughren who gave of their time on Easter Monday to ensure that the Easter Raffle could take place on Tuesday.

For me, the Easter Liturgy was a conclusion to the end of a special weekend in our Church year. Before Holy Week, a good friend told me that she finds the whole experience of Holy Week and the Easter liturgies/celebration quite emotional. For me, the whole experience could be summed up in the reaction of people at the church services I attended.

On Palm Sunday there was awe and amazement at how beautiful the church looked. The church at Jindalee looked spectacular with all the Palms on the pews. As Fr Carroll entered and left the church, you could imagine the view as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. You could also feel the tension of Holy Week as we read the Passion of Our Lord. At the Holy Thursday liturgy, as the Blessed Sacrament was taken from its place in the church over to the hall and people left in silence, you could feel the solemnity of the whole night and the anguish Jesus would have felt as he was abandoned by his friends, arrested and condemned to death. The silence as I entered my parents' church for Good Friday told me that it was day of remembrance. There were emotions of tension, solemnity and silence as we remembered Jesus passion.

However, Sunday, what a difference!!! I could feel the difference as I walked into be greeted at Mass. While people were praying before Mass, there was a joyful feeling amongst the congregation. Afterwards, there were people stopping and talking. The joy of the Risen Jesus and his message of repentance, acceptance and peace were felt amongst us all.

My friend was right, it's an emotional time. For us to fully understand Jesus message, we need to understand his last living days on Earth and his death and passion. However, the joy of the resurrection give us great joy and greater meaning. I hope you feel the joy of the Risen Jesus this week.

God Bless *John*



FETE NEWS - FETE MEETINGS

Only five weeks until the OLSH Fete. There is a detailed Fete newsletter also being sent home today. Our next fete meeting will be held on Monday, 24 April at 9:00 a.m. following the ANZAC day liturgy and another meeting that evening at 7:00 p.m. The fete meeting in the evening will be preceded by the Term 2 P & F meeting.

OFFICIAL OPENINGS – BUILDINGS WORKS

We received confirmation in the last two weeks of Term 1 that the official opening of all the building work will be held Monday 24 April at 1:00 pm. The buildings will be blessed by Fr Carroll and officially opened by Senator Barry O'Sullivan. I apologise for the short notice but we were waiting for confirmation from the Australian Government. The whole school community is invited.



2017 PREP ENROLMENTS

The formal process for Prep enrolments for 2018 has begun with letters being distributed to those people who have applied for enrolment this week.

Children who are born from July 1 2012 to June 30 2013 are eligible for Prep in 2018. Therefore, if you have a child that is eligible for Prep for 2018 or you know of any families that are considering OLSH for Prep for their child, please ask them to contact the office to have their name added to our list. Our facilities and staff are outstanding and our program is well implemented with the flow on effects for children benefiting them greatly during their early years of primary education.

Please note that School Principals now have discretion in allowing children born in July 2013 enrolment in Prep for 2018. There will be a process to ascertain readiness for school. Parents will play an important part in this process. If you have a child born in July 2018 and wish to be considered for enrolment, please contact the school office. **A reminder that enrolment is not automatic for these children; the final decision is the Principal's.**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 2 May (please note that this date is not the one in the school calendar). Full details of payment have been sent home earlier this week.

ANZAC DAY

Once again this year, we will be participating in the services here at the local Darra RSL. Last year we joined the local Darra community and it was a wonderful service. This will take place on Tuesday 25 April with our school assembling outside Darra Tyres on Westcombe St at 8:15 a.m. for the March and Ceremonies. The street will be closed to traffic this year. This ceremony should be concluded by 9:30. Children are to wear their blue uniform. Prep children will wear the red uniform. It would be great to see as many children as possible to participate in this ceremony.

P & F MEETING TERM 2

The P & F meeting for Term 2 will be held next Monday 24 April at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy. The tests will run over three days 9 – 11 May 2017 and involve children in Year 3 & 5. There will 4 tests, Language Conventions and Writing (Tuesday), Reading (Wednesday) and Numeracy (Thursday).

What may make the questions on NAPLAN difficult for students is often not the content at all, but instead the way the question is written. NAPLAN is primarily Problem-Solving tests. Students require problem solving skills and content knowledge.

Students have participated in NAPLAN preparation activities throughout Term One. This will continue in Term Two. Teachers have some samples of questions if you require them. There are free practice tests

available on the internet through the Google search engine and copies of last years test if people wish to pursue them.

HOT TIPS FOR STUDENTS

1. Fill bubbles in completely (no squally lines or ticks).
2. Only fill in one bubble (except for questions that ask you to fill in two).
3. Use only HB or 2B pencil not coloured pencils or pens.
4. Only fill in bubbles or write answers in space provided, do not write/draw in the margin or on the bar codes.
5. If you need to change your answer use an eraser, do not cross it out.
6. Put up your hand and ask if you are not sure about what to do.
7. Only write on the lines provided in the writing test booklet.
8. Don't assume you know what the answer is. Read the questions and information carefully.
9. If you have time, check your answers.
10. Make sure that you don't accidentally skip questions.
11. Read all multiple choices carefully. Don't assume the first one to make sense is the correct answer.
12. If you are finding a question to be difficult, move on and come back to it at the end if you have time.
13. Make sure you are refreshed the night before and have a good breakfast.
14. Relax, do your best.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Year 6 Leadership Camp will be held on May 17-19 at Emu Gully Adventure Camp at Helidon. Full details have been sent home today.

REMINDERS

As it is the start of term, here are a few reminders of some school procedures and policies:

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

In the morning, supervision for children does not commence until 8:10 at OLSH. Any children that arrive before this time are not supervised. Any children who arrive before this time are to sit quietly in the courtyard. If your children are at school consistently before this time, Before School Care should be used for families.

Children are supervised at OLSH in the afternoon until 3:20. Any children after this time are unsupervised. If work commitments etc. consistently mean that your child is at school constantly after this time, your family should really access after school care.

Thank you for your support.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL – ALLERGY AWARENESS

We have children attending OLSH who suffer from an anaphylactic reaction to peanuts/tree nuts. These reactions can be serious and even life threatening. The most dangerous symptoms are breathing difficulties or a drop in blood pressure, which can be potentially fatal.

As a school, we need to be aware of these allergies. No food is allowed to be shared between children at lunchtime. Awards of food/sweets will not be given that contain nut ingredients e.g. chocolates. In the classroom there will be education for students on food allergies and healthy foods is incorporated into the school curriculum. Pictures of children with a health plan are displayed in the staffroom, classrooms and other appropriate areas.

We also ask parents to assist us. This can be done by ensuring that birthday cakes are peanut and nut free. We ask parents not to send peanut butter on sandwiches, or Nutella (to minimize the risk from person to person contact). We also ask you to emphasize the importance of hygiene when eating food at home and at school – washing hands. While we can never entirely enforce or regulate what comes from home in each child's lunch box, nor where foods contain traces of nut oil, we hope people will assist in working toward minimizing the risks and looking at alternatives from nut products.

DARKNESS TO DAYLIGHT CHALLENGE 2017

Libby Banks and myself have registered as a team to participate in this event. We are inviting other members of OLSH community to join us. The event is held on the 3rd and 4th May 2017, at the start of Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month. The Challenge symbolises those lives lost as a result of Domestic and Family violence and those left behind. We will be joining the the 3km walk at 6:00 a.m. at SouthBank to represent the support, community and services available to help those faced with danger and despair. It is our way of speaking out against domestic violence.

If you wish to join Libby or me please feel free or wear crazy socks to school to work on 4th May for a gold coin donation. Together as community lets speak out against domestic violence.

FREE DRESS DAY
this Friday 21st April. Funds raised for Caritas.

REMINDER!!!

Spring Rolls for the Asian Stall for the fete, Thao Tran, would like to remind famkilies that orders are due this Friday 21st April.

They are making them up this Saturday.

Pork Spring Rolls @ \$10 per pack

Thao Tran 0413779059

thao21@ymail.com



EASTER RAFFLE

winners



FIRST MAJOR PRIZE – LARGE EGG BASKET & \$150 COLES MYER GIFT CARD

Winner: Charlotte Focken

SECOND MAJOR PRIZE – BROKEN EGG BASKET

Winner: Callum Barber

THIRD MAJOR PRIZE – BROKEN EGG BASKET

Winner: Oscar De Vries

1 Aurelia Jessett PR	26 Sofie Maron 5R	59 Ryan Vidler 4B	84 Emily Pham 5W
2 Maddy Tobin 5W	27 Tenae James 2B	60 Xzavier Le 1W	85 Charlee Nguyen 2W
3 Adrian Mandic 2B	28 Melissa Evans 1R	61 Sam Pippia 3B	86 Ella Dunn 4W
4 Chloe Nguyen 4R	29 Lydia Corliss 5B	62 Hong Sheng Yan 6R	87 Sahara Seng 4R
5 Samantha Kumar 2W	30 Abbey Moran C/-Mrs Moran	63 Lilijana Hesse 1B	88 Owen Tanner 6W
6 Hayden Stower PB	31 Darcy Goldsmith PW	64 Anneliese Lagos 6R	89 Nita Misi 3W
7 Hayley Buenvendia 5R	32 Aurelia Jessett PR	65 Mink Gardener 3B	90 Lachlan Legrady PB
8 Genevieve Gabbett 3W	33 Sam Habchi 3R	66 Liliana Hesse 1B	91 Ozzie Lawler 4B
9 Darryn Ton 6W	34 Petra Gardner 1B	67 Mackenzie Gunn c/ Addison 2W	92 Latham Rogers PR
10 Elizabeth Phillips 4W	35 Maddy Tobin 5W	68 Felicity McMahon 4W	93 Daiden Clark 3B
11 Daiden Clark 3B	36 Amaliyah Tia PR	69 Jacob Bingham 3B	94 Kevin Matthews 4B
12 Tara Burns 5W	37 Jai Hennen 6R	70 Bridget Flynn 4R	95 Isobel Diep 3B
13 Justin McCormick 6R	38 Robert Burns 3R	71 Soorya Kumar 4B	96 Monica Turner 2B
14 Bianca Regano 6R	39 Hayden Rogers 4W	72 Sahara Seng 4R	97 John Phillips PR
15 Tara Burns 5W	40 Dylan Le PB	73 Keira Onoruah 3R	98 Jaden Nguyen 2W
16 Callum Barber 2R	41 Bailey Pearce 2B	74 Ryan Vidler 4B	99 Beau Pearce PB
17 Archie Seng PB	42 Monique Burns	75 Sebastian Simonelli 2R	100 Caitlin Gabbet 6B
18 Eliza McInnes 4B	43 Miss Warnick 6W	101 Matisse Gardener PB	126 Maureen Ryalls C/- Grace Pippia PR
19 Summer Le 5W	44 Cruz Learmont 1B	102 Aziha Le 2W	127 Lam Dang PR
20 Robert Burns 3R	45 Loan Pham Vu 3B	103 Nick Carney 5B	128 Amber Blair 3R
21 Sam Habchi 3R	46 Molly and Hannah Mcgee 5W/5B	104 Sarah Hagstrom 3W	129 Braith Harris 4B
22 Amelia Alequin 1W	47 Michael Faau 3B	105 Charlie Nguyen 2W	130 Isaac Corliss 1W
23 Mia Flemming 4B Corliss 1W	48 M. Corliss C/- Isaac	106 Miss Lambkin	131 Jaydin Denton 6B
24 Cian Par 4B	49 Hongsheng Yan 6R	107 Aidan Tobin 1R	132 Lydia Corliss 5B
25 Justin McCormick 6R	50 Eli Gearing 5R	108 Wyatt Rogers 2B	133 Addison Gunn 2W
51 Ethan Walker 3W	76 Ben Hagstrom 6W	109 Draven Vennix 5B	134 Erin Cabili 5R
52 Cooper Kehoe 1B	77 Sophie Commerford 3B	110 Isabella Vincent 3W	135 Soorya Kumar 4B
53 Isobel Kowalonek 5R	78 Selina Chu 3B	111 Alex Jones 4B	136 Liam Gallagher 2W
54 Molly & Hannah McGee 5W &5R	79 Aiden Gunn 6W	112 Dan Nguyen 1B	137 Obi Luu 3R
55 Amy O'Connor 6W	80 Elyas Wescombe PB	113 Michael Chalk 6B	138 Jacob Bingham 3B
56 Darren Johnson c/ 1R	81 Caitlin Gabbet 6B	114 Bridget Chalk 3W	139 Isabella Vincent 3W
57 Keisha Mills PR	82 Dylan Le PB	115 Teleilah Tia PR	140 Isabella Allen PR
58 Kiera Onoruah 3R	83 Terrance Ma 5W	116 Amy O'Connor 6W	141 Dominic Curtis 5R
		117 Ethan Chavez 1W	142 Dan Nguyen 1B
		118 Isaac Paisley PB	143 Nathan Fitzgerald 6B
		119 Sam Pippia 3B	
		120 Isobel Diep 3B	
		121 Ella Nguyen 5B	
		122 Jordan Russell 3W	
		123 Ashla Jordan-Marx 2B	
		124 Justin McCormack 6R	
		125 Eliza McInnes 4B	



ONLY 5 WEEKS TO GO

The fete will be held on
SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2017.

Thank you to everyone who has
offered to assist so far.

#3 news

FETE MEETINGS

Fete meetings will be held every Monday at the following times:

- Morning meeting from 8.45 am to 9.30 am; and
- Evening meeting from 7.00 pm

It would be appreciated if all Stall Conveners would be able to attend one of the meetings above.

STALL CONVENERS AND HELPERS

Thank you to everyone who has offered to assist so far. If you would like to help out in any way please contact the school office.

FETE! CRAZY HAIR!!

Is a fun easy going stall!

Volunteers needed on the day!

1.5 hours time slots...3 volunteers per slot...

11.30am - 1pm

1pm - 2.30pm

2.30pm - 4pm

Past OLSH students are welcome to help!

Please contact Aimee on 0402552053 or aimeer@bigpond.net.au if you are able to help!

RIDE PASSES

A separate flyer has been sent home with full details. Rides will operate from **10 am - 3pm**

Rides include:

Super Sizzler – loads up to 60 kids 110cm high can ride

NEW Tribal encounter Castle – all ages and up to 13 years (we separate the sizes)

Tea cup ride 4 years and up

Giant obstacle course

Giant Slide all ages and with a adult

Laser skirmish 4 years and up

NEW Thomas the tank ride
4 years and up to 12 years

This year there are the following options:

(1) Pre-sold Armbands - \$27.00

(2) Armbands on the day - \$32.00

There is also the option of purchasing single rides on the day - \$5.00 (all rides listed below with the exception of the Super Sizzler) and \$6.00 (for the Super Sizzler).

Please refer to attached form for additional information. Completed forms and money need to be returned to the office by **Friday 13 May 2017.**



#3 news

SPONSORS

A huge thank you to our Gold/Silver/Bronze sponsors

GOLD SPONSOR

JUST POPPY'S, RIVERHILLS - These guys were super keen to get involved and support our school by donating a range of prizes and incentives that have really gone a long way in helping our fundraising efforts. Just Poppy's are local, good value for money and family friendly place to get Burgers with Attitude!!!



DONATIONS PLEASE!!

Lob-A-Choc Stall

Lob-A-Choc is one of the kid's favourite stalls at Side Show Alley. The kids try to land a 20c coin on a chocolate bar. If it lands on top, they get to keep the bar of chocolate. It's easy, but we need lots of donations of chocolate of varying sizes, from Kit Kat size, Aero to family block size, even packets of Maltezers are good. Basically anything a 20c piece can land on.

Pandora's Box

We are very grateful for any donations for the fete, in particular items for Pandora's Box (formerly known as Trash and Treasure). **Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure.** More Drop off this Saturday from 9:00 – 10:00.

Mega Raffle

Each family has been given one book of 30 tickets to sell by Thursday May 4th 2017. Our Mega Prizes are awesome – a holiday, cash prizes, a bbq, some cool tech, and family food and entertainment prizes! You can sell tickets to your friends, neighbours, work colleagues, and family. We only have a short time to sell tickets, so we're happy to announce from our generous sponsor, *Just Poppy's* ----->>>

All ticket books (SOLD & UNSOLD) must be returned to the office by Thursday May 4th, 2017. Thank you for all the support you have already offered or given. We are well on the way to having a great day in May!!

Receive a complimentary
\$5 voucher

for Just Poppy's at Riverhills.

Return your fully sold
raffle ticket book & money

to OLSH office by Thursday May 4th 2017.
(one voucher per family, while stocks last)

The first 120 families

returning their fully sold
raffle ticket book & money

to OLSH office, will go into the draw to win

a further **\$50 voucher to spend
at Just Poppy's at Riverhills.**

Date drawn Monday 8th May



#3 news

SILVER SPONSORS

MATTHEW BOURKE MP - Huge thanks to Matthew Bourke MP, who has made a very generous donation for us towards the running of our school fete. We are humbled by your support of our school and look forward to having you visit our school.

GREEN DENTAL, OXLEY - Close by, in the Medical Centre based at Canossa Hospital is Green Dental, an OLSH family business. These guys have made a generous donation of a cash prize for our Mega Prize Raffle. So, if you need a family dental check up and want to try a local dentist, give Green Dental a call.



PHOTOGRAPHY BY DEEP GREY - Donating three Photography Portraiture Gift Prizes and offering beautiful and relaxed portrait prints. Thank you, Deep Grey for your kind donation for our school fundraiser.

BRONZE SPONSORS

CORNERSTONE DENTAL, DARRA - Dr Emma and Dr Alice are happy to donate a super cool electric toothbrush for our Mega Prize Raffle and are always keen to be involved in Darra Community events. Cornerstone Dental is located at Monier Shops, Darra.



ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP - Many thanks to Annastacia Palaszczuk MP who knows what kids and families like, by donating an Apple ipad Mini to our Mega Prize Raffle. Our Premier has already visited our school and we look forward to another visit in the future.

TARNYA SMITH MP - Tarnya Smith MP was quick to support our school Fete by donating a Webber Baby Q BBQ for our Mega Prize Raffle - a great prize! We look forward to seeing Tarnya Smith MP at our school fete.

KINGSTON PARK RACEWAY - What great prizes! 4x double passes for some Go-Karting Fun at Kingston Park Raceway. Buy a ticket in our Mega Prize Raffle or go to the Cent Auction Stall on the stage on Fete Day for your chance to win!!!



KEY HOME SERVICES - Key Home Services is a local family owned business offering a wide range of handyman and yard services. Great for preparing your home for sale or getting some serious weeding or trimming done! These guys have donated 3x vouchers to the value of \$75 each for work done at your home. Get to the Cent Auction Stall for your chance to win one of these prizes.



DUNLOP SWIMMING POOL, CORINDA - A great local pool! For your chance to auction for one of two vouchers from Dunlop Pool, Corinda, go the Cent Auction on Fete Day!



Q PILATES, JINDALEE - Many thanks to Q Pilates at Jindalee for their generous donation towards our school fete! Q Pilates are a popular and professional Pilates Studio found at Jindalee Homemaker Centre.

Q Pilates
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RECLAIM HEALTH & REHABILITATION, MIDDLE PARK - A generous donation for our school fete was made by Reclaim Health & Rehabilitation at Middle Park. This local business offers Physiotherapy and Massage Therapy as well as Professional Exercise and Nutrition Advice. Many thanks to this great business!



2017 fete

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

#3 news

SOME OF OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS:



Jamboree Heights Scouts.

We are seeking new members.

Joey's meet Thursdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm Boys and Girls 6 - 8 years

Cubs meet Sunday afternoons 4pm - 5.30pm Boys and Girls 8 - 11 years.

Scouts meet Thursday evening 7.00pm - 8.30pm Boys and Girls 11 - 15 years.

Contact Carolyn Holt mobile: 0431 477 786.

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Darra is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Thursday**. Each week you need to **bring in your banking books and give to your teacher**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - No. 1 parenting educator



Coaching kids in social situations



"Kids are born with L plates when it comes to social skills. Boys, in particular, need a little help and prompting about how to act appropriately around other kids."

A mum approached me after a recent seminar with an interesting question about her son's behaviour amongst his peers.

She said her son is lovely but loud. He was a little too enthusiastic with his friends. So much so, that his buddies felt downright uncomfortable around him and sometimes gave him the cold shoulder. He also liked to be the boss, and didn't like being a follower in social situations.

Here was a perfect opportunity for this mum to do some coaching to help her son negotiate social situations.

Sure, it's great to get excited but kids from 2 to twenty-two need to learn that they have to **tone their enthusiasm down around certain people and in certain situations**. That's what the socialization process requires. Besides, popular children generally know when to follow the lead of others, how to share their possessions and that they won't always have their own way. This ability to share comes with maturity, but sometimes children need some gentle parental help in this area.

Here are three techniques to use to help your child to behave well around others, and maintain friendships as well.

- ✓ **Remind:** Be pre-emptive with your teaching. Before they visit their friends give them a couple of pointers that are relevant to them about their behaviour. *"Remember, to say hello quietly and ask them if they'd like to play with you."*
- ✓ **Rehearse:** It's useful to practise with kids how they should act in social situations. *"Okay, Jeremy tell me what you will say when you go to Grandma's. Let's practice saying hello."*
- ✓ **Revisit:** Give kids feedback after the event but keep it positive and upbeat. *"That was great the way you let the other kids lead the way. Your friends love it when you let them be boss."* Kids benefit from being told what works well in terms of their social behaviours, even if their attempts at being good only approximate what you are after. **It takes a little time for some kids to get things right!**

Effective parents are teaching parents. A lot of the lessons kids pick up from their parents are through mimicry. That's why modeling is one of your greatest allies. They need to spend some time with you so they can pick up good manners, the

importance of sharing and other social niceties. Boys, in particular, need a little help and prompting about how to act appropriately around other kids.

There are times when parents need to make sure their lessons hit home and that includes when you coach kids how to be social and consider the needs of others.



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