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# OLSH *news*

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## TERM 2 WEEK 7, 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of OLSH School Community,

I remember recently at the Official Opening of the building works, showing Senator O'Sullivan around our school and explaining to him the history of OLSH School. I remember, in particular, I pointed out to him the Church and explained how the original school was held there. I discussed the relationship that the school had with the Parish and how we are part of the wider Church Community. We are very lucky at OLSH to have a healthy relationship between our Parish and our school. Fr Carroll is an enthusiastic supporter and a regular visitor of our school. It is a relationship that we should acknowledge and celebrate.



I remember once when the Archbishop spoke to Principals and leaders of Catholic Education. He commented on the great success of the Church with regards Catholic Education in Australia. This was built initially on the works and dedication of the Religious Orders and now on the work of the laity. The Archbishop challenged us all to ensure that we continued to build the Kingdom of God and ensure the message and story of the risen Jesus continued to be proclaimed.

The message and the story of Jesus that the Archbishop gave that day has continued to resonate with me. It is one of the key components of why it is important to have Catholic education in a continuing secular world and how we need to maintain the relationship between our wider parish community. Jesus' message was intended to be destroyed by his brutal death on the cross. However, the fact is, he still triumphed over death and His is a message that we need to continue to proclaim. In everything we do, we need to ask, "Where is the risen Jesus?" It is emphasised even further this weekend when we celebrate the feast of Pentecost.

At Pentecost the first reading is from the Act of Apostles. It starts with the disciples huddled and frightened in the room. It ends with them loudly proclaiming the Good News. Their message was so clear that, despite the language difficulties amongst the large crowd that gathered, they understood the message of the risen Jesus. His message and triumph are for all people irrespective of their creed, colour or standing. We need to proclaim this to all we meet everyday.

If we need further reminding, the Gospel continues with this message when describing Jesus' first appearance to his disciples after his resurrection. His opening words, "Peace be with you," are all words that we should remember as we deal with the challenges of life. They are the first words we say to the children every day. I often wonder what would happen if these words were the first words that our world leaders would use when they greet each other.

This week I hope God's peace is with you, in all the challenges and celebrations that you experience.

God Bless, *John*



## FETE

I just wanted to say thank you once again to everyone who contributed in any way to making our School Fete the success it was. I am still hearing how great the day was from so many people, not just in our School Community but also the Parish and the wider Darra-Jindalee community. Full details of the final fete profits will be available asap.

A special thank you to all the stall convenors once again

Cent Auction / Mega raffle	Sandra Roe / Leah Rea / Elaine Allan / Lisa Watson
Lebanese	Maggy Lagos
Asian	Thao Tran
Samoan	Leo Samailia
Devonshire Tea	Maddie Jessett / Michelle Marshall
Lob – a- Choc	Cath Focken
Craft, Tombola & Plant Stall	Tina Blake
Side show alley / Show bag	Luisa Laughlin
Bar	Monique Burns
Pandora's Box (Trash & Treasure)	Carol Chalk
Sweets / Cakes/ Jams	Anita Gabbett / Julie Lomax / AnneMarie Comerford
BBQ	Alex Crowley
Book Stall	Nadine Dewberry
Drinks	Trish Cattell
American BBQ	Trinity Bond
Fairy Floss / Snow Cones	Deanne James
Crazy Hair	Aimee Tia
Face Painting	Jane Vidler
Haircuts	Danielle Permerl
Coffee	Leah Rea
Potato Slinky	Cybele Koning
Platters	Leanne Moran

Thanks to the following people who assisted with the administrative side of the Fete

Promotions	Melissa Diaz
Ride Pass Collection	Emelie Watson
OHS	Paula Hamilton
Money Counters	Dot Lawson, Guido Cantonilli, Ruth Harrison and Glenda Lovatt

## BEFORE SCHOOL

A reminder that school supervision does not begin until 8:10 in the mornings.

We are seeing a large number of children who are arriving well before this time, including some before 7:30. These children are not supervised. Before School Care exists for this reason.

## CHILDREN LATE TO SCHOOL

If your child arrives late to school, they are required to get a Late Pass. Children, after receiving a late pass are to make their own way to their classroom on their own. That is, no parents are to go to classrooms. It does disrupt the learning process.

## SCHOOL JUMPERS

We are beginning to have excessive jumpers in lost property or worse, left around the school in different places including the hall.

*The children have been constantly reminded that the jumper needs to be on their back or in their bag. This will be enforced. Please remind your child of this.*

## 2018 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are currently busy making the final offers for Prep for 2018. We still have siblings of current families who are still coming into the office applying for enrolment. If your child is eligible for Prep in 2018 (i.e. born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013) please ensure that your application is in as soon as possible. Also, if you know anyone else who is considering OLSH for Prep, please remind them to apply ASAP.

**STAFF NEWS**

Mariah Gall will be taking Maternity Leave from 1 June 2017 until the end of the year. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing her news. Melinda Craig will undertake Mariah's Enhancement role for this time.

Anita Weston is currently on Long Service Leave for the remainder of Term 2. Paula Hamilton will be in the office during this time. Aimee Tia will be the School Officer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday doing Paula's timetable for this time.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to those people who have finalised their school fees account for May. They are due this week. Please assist us in meeting our financial commitments. If there are any queries about your account please contact me. June fees will be sent home this week.

**YEAR 6 CAMP**

In the past fortnight, the Year 6 children attended their Leadership Camp at Emu Gully. There is a more detailed report elsewhere in the newsletter. However, I really enjoyed my time with the Year 6's, especially our night walk!!! Special thanks to the staff members who gave of their time to accompany the children, Jessica Warnick, Libby Banks, Olivia Gierich, Anna Tuttiett, Damien Williams and Greg Kraemer. Thanks for your efforts.

**GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

You will no doubt have read recently about the proposed change to the Australian funding model for Catholic Schools. The whole funding for Catholic Education is more complex than is sometimes reported. Executive Director of BCE, Pam Betts, has written a letter for all parents and caregivers that I have included here. Please read the letter carefully and in its entirety. Please feel free to share this letter.

Key points are:

1. There will be no major increase in school fees in Brisbane Catholic Education schools for 2018 and at OLSH
2. Raw federal funding figures listed on the website are not reflective of the actual amounts received by each Catholic school, now, or in the future
3. BCE believe the government's current plan does disadvantage Catholic school in comparison with Independent and State Schools.



Prep R	Aiden Trinh Kallen Nguyen
Prep W	Chloe Christensen Kiet Phung
Prep B	Archie Seng Chloe Vu
1R	Xerena Brazier Felix Cheng
1W	Charvik Gopathi Tayla Knaggs
1B	Justin Phung Reya Geering
2R	Harper Seng Khang Nguyen
2W	Taylor McCoy Elliot Rea
2B	Elizabeth Burns Ethan Ton
3R	Robert Burns Charlotte Carter
3W	Ryan Lowe Bella Vincent
3B	Selina Chu Johannelia Smith - Hill
4R	Francesca Gilbert Lidija Vlasisavljevic
4W	Emma Watson Ruben Stansfield
4B	Issa Fontanilla Tomiko Le
5R	Baylie Lowe Eli Gearing
5W	Emily Pham Lucas Andersen
5B	Keira Stuart Dominic Ton
Year 6 were on camp	

**Care and Concern Cuppa. Thursday 8 June at 8:30 a.m.**

*The Parish Care and Concern group invite parents to a relaxed morning tea in the OLSH School Hall immediately after school commences on 8 June.*

We hope this will become a regular event so that parents from the school and Parish can get to know each other for friendship and support. Preschool aged children are most welcome to attend with their parent or carer.

**For further information phone Kate Doyle on 0413 548 626**

**SPORTS NEWS**

**OLSH SPORTS CARNIVAL**

The OLSH Sports Carnival for P-6 is on Friday 16th June at the Jindalee Church Sports Field. Please return all travel arrangement forms to your class teacher.

**DISTRICT SELECTIONS:**

Congratulations to Alex Schumacher and Semisi Fa'au on being selected in the District Schools Rugby Union Team to compete in the Met West Carnival.

Congratulations also to Bredon Diaz who won the District Tennis Championships and has also been selected to compete in the Met West Tennis Carnival.

Well done to Tara Burns who recently competed in a combined Catholic Schools Rugby League Carnival.

**FITNESS CLUB:**

It's been great to see around ninety students participating in our Friday morning Fitness Club. They have been having fun while engaged in healthy exercise and fitness games. Thank you to the teachers who make themselves available to help out.

**YEAR FOUR**



Alex, Bredon and Semisi



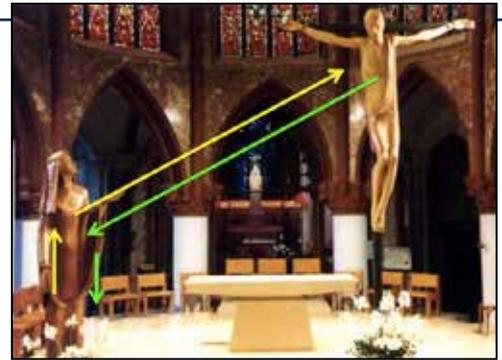
Tara



Year Four Scientists investigating absorption and capillary action in different types of paper.

**HAPPY OLSH FEAST DAY**

On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Each student participated in a prayer experience to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on Monday afternoon and we celebrated as a school community at Mass on Tuesday. Every student was given an ice block and prayer card for our special day. At the opening of Mass the students heard about how Mary become known as Our Lady of the Sacred Heart:



*It all started with a man named Jules Chevalier. Jules was a priest who lived in France. He was born in the year 1824. Jules Chevalier started a large group of priests (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) and years later, a large group of nuns (Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart) to work with the people in his community and all around France.*

*Jules was passionate about letting everyone know how much Jesus loved them. He used a heart as an image to tell people and placed it everywhere! He had it around the heads of the nuns, and on T-shirts of the priests, he even tried to build his church in the shape of a heart.*



*God gave Jules a special message. The message is that God loves us so much. His heart is overflowing with love for us. This love can help us to get through anything. Jules wanted everyone to know how much love was in God's heart for them so he spread the message everywhere.*

*Jules had prayed to Mary to help him spread his message and so he wanted to do something to honour Mary and thank her. He decided to give Mary a special name that had his image of the heart in it. He decided on, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. 'Sacred' means special and holy.*

*He then founded a group of nuns called the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Over the years, many women have joined this congregation. It was the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart who started our school over 80 years ago. Sr Margaret who serves our community is part of this congregation.*

*Mary was one of the closest people to Jesus when he was alive. She loved him and understood him. Jesus understood too that Mary loved him greatly. We pray to Jesus through his Mother Mary. She tells him our prayers and he listens to his Mother. And in return, Jesus often speaks to us through Mary telling her how much he loves us.*

*When we look at images of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart we always see Mary and her son Jesus, sometimes we can see Jesus' sacred heart. Mary and Jesus might look different in each picture and that's okay, the message is always the same. Jesus' heart is full of love, He loves us more than we can ever imagine!*

**FAMILY MASS**

Next Sunday, 11th June is our combined Parish and School Family Mass (9am at Darra Church). We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to participate in this Mass as either a reader or greeter, bringing up the offertory or joining in the choir. Please let the office know if you are interested. We'd love to see you there!

**HAPPY PENTECOST!**

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles. After Jesus rose on Easter Sunday, he appeared to the apostles over the next 40 days, teaching them the significance of what had happened to Him. They listened, but didn't really understand, so Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would enlighten them and give them everything they would need to carry the Good News to people all over the world.

Then Jesus ascended into heaven, and the apostles were more confused than ever. They gathered in an upper room with the mother of Jesus to pray. Ten days later they heard a loud noise, and the Holy Spirit descended upon them in tongues of fire. When that happened, they received spiritual gifts that transformed their lives and gave them the power to touch the lives of other people.

They ran into the streets and began to tell people about Jesus. Each person in the crowd understood the apostles in his or her own language. Thousands became believers that day. Today we celebrate **Pentecost as the birthday of the Church.**

**PREP** This fortnight in Prep we have been watering and observing the grass heads that we made for science. It has been very exciting watching them grow. Some of the grass is getting very, very long! We put some of the grass heads in the cupboard without sunlight or water. They have not grown at all! So now we know that living things like plants need water and sunlight to survive and grow! Last week we were learning all about the letter/sound "Tt". To celebrate learning about the letter "Tt" we had a Teddy Bear picnic. We invited our teddy bears to school and shared a lovely morning tea with them. We had lots of fun.

**YEAR 1** This fortnight in Year One, we have had great fun with Science. We created our own musical instrument from collage materials and explained to our teachers how they create a sound. We have also explored the changing properties of spaghetti when it goes from being dried to being cooked.

In Religion, we have looked at the importance of prayer in Jesus' life. We have looked at ways we pray as a community and individually.

In Maths, we have been exploring number lines. It was great fun being able to step on a role out number line mat and physically move more than or less than a given number. We have also enjoyed investigating the measurement of length. We have measured items in our classrooms and in our text books using unifix cubes and compared if they were shorter, longer or about the same size.

## **YEAR 2**

Year Two children enjoyed the puppet show presented by Camp Quality. We have also celebrated Our Lady of the Sacred Heart feast day with a special Mass focusing on Mary. The students also worked cooperatively to collage some big OLSH letters using blue coloured paper. In English, we all carefully followed a procedure to make some yummy fairy bread, which we devoured as a lunch treat. In Maths, we are solving addition and subtraction problems using a range of mental strategies and drawing and describing two-dimensional shapes.

**YEAR 3** The last couple of weeks have flown by in Year Three. In Religion, we are learning about why Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah. In Maths, we have been representing and writing four digit numbers in words. We have also been estimating the length of objects and measuring them in meters. In English lessons, we have listened to a novel by Roald Dahl named The Enormous Crocodile. We have been looking at the many characters in this story and the words and phrases that the author has used to describe them. We are using the many examples that we have found to

help us to create our own character descriptions. In Technology we are planning and constructing objects that can be used in future classrooms to help improve learning.

Surely we are all agreed the "Fabulous Fours" brought smiles to their families' faces with their Fete dance performance. Back in the classroom the students have been upsizing their sentences incorporating noun groups, verb groups and phrases to create compound and complex sentences. The Maths extension activity, planning a dinosaur theme park, requiring students to be creative and mathematically skilful is drawing to a close, as is the student's narrative works of original fiction. Global overpopulation has been replaced by the many other environmental issues facing our planet including acid rain. The students have been reverent in their religious studies and church attendance. They are working hard and doing their OLSH community proud. Go the fours!

**YEAR 5** In Religion, we are learning about the wisdom of the Saints, in particular Mary of the Cross MacKillop, (Australia's first Saint) and how she helped children of the poor by establishing the first Catholic schools in Australia. In English, we are learning about the structure of biographies and have discovered some interesting facts about famous people of our times through their biographies. We have enjoyed exploring the 3-D shape net model on the iPads as it really helped us to see how 3-D shapes are made, and we were able to create our own nets and make our own 3-D shapes. In HASS, we have been learning about the early Australian goldfields and have explored what life was like for the Chinese miners in those early times. We are looking forward to our Eureka Goldfields experience when we go on our excursion next month.

**YEAR 6** The sensational Year 6's have been having a wonderful 'Wellbeing Week' writing positive affirmations for their peers and bringing in photos of happy memories to share with the class. The students have also been reflecting on their recent Emu Gully fun camp experiences as part of their Health assessment. The teachers and instructors were very proud of the OLSH students who displayed leadership skills, mateship and courage while completing all of the course challenges. Many new friendships were formed and the highlight was definitely 'The Kododa Track'!



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Just mention this flyer when you call Alex for a chat.



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## Alterations and Sewing

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# INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - No. 1 parenting educator



## Easing children's anxiety

***“Anxiety is normal and part of everyday life. There's no better time than childhood for learning how to cope with anxiety.”***

For those with no personal experience of anxiety it can be hard to understand how debilitating it can be. “Come on, get on with it,” seems so obvious.

Of course, this response is nowhere near adequate.

Most kids experience some anxious moments or have fearful thoughts and feelings from time to time about certain events. These thoughts and feelings prompt them to proceed with caution.

But anxiety and fear can be paralyzing. Some kids simply can't stop their 'bad thoughts and feelings'. They can't silence the voice of fear that whispers to them continually.

### **Staying calm**

Anxiety is a normal part of life and can be managed, but it takes time.

It's also contagious so it's the job of parents to stay calm, think clearly and role model confidence when kids get anxious.

**Calm** is created through your words, voice and facial expression. When children become anxious, help them recognise what's happening. Some kids get angry, some become upset and others withdraw. Work out the pattern for your child and help them recognise when they are anxious.

**Accept** your child's anxious feelings. Your child needs to trust that you are with them, and then they will be more willing to let you help them cope. It's hard sometimes to differentiate between what may be a bad case of negative thinking and true anxiety.

Is a child being negative when she doesn't want to join a new club because she thinks no one will like her, or is there something more going on? Try to confirm whether there is any validity in their fears. If not, point out diplomatically, that they may be catastrophising. If you feel there is reason for concern, help them to overcome their anxiety.

**Challenge** the validity of your child's fears and anxiety, using logic and rational thinking. Don't allow kids to wallow in self-

pity. Move their thoughts towards the future rather than allow them to mope around.

### **Making a plan**

**Encourage** your child to overcome their anxiety through action. Vanessa came up with a creative solution to help Ruth, her seven-year-old daughter, overcome her reluctance to attend birthday parties without her. Initially Vanessa attended parties with her daughter so she wouldn't miss out, but Ruth was becoming too reliant on her, so it was time to make a change.

The next time Ruth was invited to a party, Vanessa put a plan into action. First, she set up a little birthday party scenario at home using dolls and teddies as friends, so her daughter would know what to expect. Vanessa explained that she would leave her at the party for a short-time. Vanessa let her daughter know that she had no doubt that she'd cope.

The little plan worked a treat. Vanessa arrived at the party an hour after the start to find Ruth involved in a game. She acknowledged her mum, but she didn't leave the game. Later, at home Vanessa made a fuss over her daughter for being brave. Ruth agreed that next time she was invited to a party she would go for the whole time without her mum.

**Anxiety is normal**, and part of everyday life. However, it can be debilitating unless it's managed. Anxiety management takes time for kids to learn, but it's one of those valuable life skills that parents can teach their kids.

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# Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane

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Dear parents and caregivers

I would like to assure you that – despite what you may have seen reported in the media – there will be **no major increase in school fees in our Brisbane Catholic Education schools for 2018.**

Earlier this month, the Federal Government released figures outlining its planned funding allocation for schools in 2018 and beyond. It also produced a calculator on its *Quality Schools* website which purported to show funding figures for each school for 2017 and 2018. These figures are **not** an accurate reflection of the money **actually received** by each school. This is because – as the government’s website itself notes – the amounts listed **do not take into account the impact of the Catholic Education system’s “group funding” arrangements.** (Under this system, all federal funding for Catholic schools is pooled together, and then redistributed according to a needs-based formula which reflects locally-identified areas of need.)

Thus, the raw federal funding figures listed on the website **are not reflective of the actual amounts received by each Catholic school**, now or in the future. Some schools will receive more than the figures listed on the website; others will receive less.

Next year, Brisbane Catholic Education, as a system of schools, will receive a federal funding increase which we currently estimate to be around 3%. We will receive an **increase** in government funding, not a reduction. We thank the Federal Government for its continuing support and for its commitment to providing fair and equitable funding over the next decade.

Catholic schools have not as yet begun the process of budgeting for 2018, so cannot give you a definitive fee schedule for next year at this time. However, I can assure you that **next year’s fees will be similar to this year’s, with a projected increase of somewhere around the 3% mark**, in line with the increase in our operating costs.

If you would like to see accurate funding figures for each school, these are available on the My School website, and show the amounts contributed by federal and state governments, as well as your contribution through school fees.

In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to work with the federal government to finalise a funding arrangement which is fair and equitable to all sectors, and to all students and families. We believe the government’s current plan does disadvantage Catholic schools in comparison with independent and state schools. We are hopeful of a satisfactory resolution of these issues, so that all students across Australia receive a fair share of government funding.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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