Thank you
We have come to the end of a short but busy term. As well as our usual learning programmes and school activities we have had swimming lessons, a fun run, a camp, incursion, excursions, school and interschool swimming carnivals, assemblies and Easter celebrations. Thank you to all the OLC staff on their amazing dedication and time devoted to the students at our school. Thank you to all the parents who have assisted in and out of the classroom. You are fabulous models to your children, valuing and placing importance on their learning and participation in school events.

PUPIL FREE DAY – Change of date
Please note that Monday 20 April (first day of Term 2) will be a pupil free day. During this day the staff will be reviewing and accessing the ATSIL Teaching Standards.

Uniform Reminder
A reminder that all students must be in full winter uniform by Monday, May 4. At OLC we have always enjoyed a high standard of uniform presentation and it is important to ensure that the students are correctly attired at all times: This also strongly connects with our school value of Excellence. ‘Striving to be at our best in and out of the classroom’.

Parent Interviews
Please be advised that these will take place in Week 2.
New School Website
As from next week, OLC will have a new look website. Our web address remains the same but look out for some exciting changes!

Weekend Class Masses
Please see below for your scheduled weekend. Please make every attempt to get to Mass to help support this important school parish initiative.

- Year 5 Class Mass – Saturday 25 April.
- Year 4 Class Mass – Saturday 23 May (Please note corrected time).

The other classes will be allocated their weekend Mass later in the Year.

NAPLAN
Students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) from 11 - 14 May (Week 4). These standardized tests assess students’ reading, writing, language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy and are administered by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority [ACARA]. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html

Have a safe, happy and Holy Easter and a great holiday.

Cheers

Alan Morrison
Principal

Thank you to Georgie Valmadre, local super sleuth, for alerting us to the theft at school Friday week and for endeavouring to follow the criminal and get information for the police!

Congratulations to Carl, Barbara and Lara Murray family on the safe arrival of Leah.

A big thank you to Bernie Morrison, Anna Sidebotham and Mrs Delane for coordinating this year’s Easter Egg Raffle and also thank you to the year 6 students who help distribute the eggs! Almost $900 was raised, which will be donated to Mackillop’s team that are fundraising for Timor.

Today is World Autism Awareness day, please see attached a flyer entitled “Understanding Autism”.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate
Grace Bateman & Joe Chapman - Green Room (PPH)
Dior Blackburn, Jasper Edwards & Leandra Owens - Green Room (PPB)
Annabelle Phillips & Lucas Sorgiovanni - Orange Room
Zoe Hewson & Emilio De Chiera - Blue Room
Audrey Turner & Sam Jennings-Hopkins - Red Room
Jack De Marchi & Estella Marques - Yellow Room
Lil O’Connor & Jude Bowler-Wright - Purple Room
Quinn Williams & Natasha Antonio - Silver Room
Olive Vollprecht - Sport
OLC has now subscribed to Michael Grose’s Parenting Ideas. Michael is the author of 8 parenting books, including his new release Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change it.

His popular parenting columns appear in newspapers and magazines across Australia. He appears regularly on television including Channel 10’s The Circle, and is a popular & entertaining speaker as well as a frequent columnist for a variety of written media. He also has a regular fortnightly half hour parenting segment on ABC radio Victoria.

Michael has an education background, and holds a Master of Educational Studies with research into what makes healthy families tick. He has conducted over 1,500 parenting seminars over the last two decades.

Michael is married with three adult children who have all successfully flown the parent nest.

(Extract from http://www.parentingideas.com.au)

With each fortnight’s newsletter we will attach a different article that gives suggestions for some of the challenges that we parents face. At times there will also be short video links that can be viewed online. We hope that this is another way that OLC is supporting parents in our community. Please let us know of any parenting topics that feel will be useful to address.

This week’s article is titled “Lost in Concentration” (It’s more challenging than ever to be present with our kids, and so easy to get lost in concentration on a device. Here are 5 tips to really impact and make the most of every opportunity you have with your kids.)

Enjoy the reading and helpful tips.
Adrian Torrese
Assistant Principal

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Happy Birthday! -
Wishing you a very happy Birthday!

Ella Delane    Damon Clift    Ben Maatin
Taj Edmunds   Demi Buzee    Owen Murphy
Zander Penny  Matilda Manji  Altira Gigia
Sunny Clift    Jarrad Tutt   Sebastian Chandler
Kade Martin   Kai Gleson     Lolah Day
Justin Matthews  Lochlan Dartington Lahnli Dallimore
Charlie McGlenaghan  Max McGlenaghan Maddie Mooney
Thomas Meyer  Lochie Gillam
**Year 4, 5 and 6 Student iPads Clean-up**

Children often take many photos and videos on their school iPads just for fun. The school holidays is a good time for students and parents to do a clean-up of these photos and videos to ensure the iPad has enough free space for school work next term. Follow these simple steps to delete unwanted photos and videos.

1. On the iPad open the Photos app.
2. Tap on Photos along the bottom of the window.
3. Tap on Select in the top right hand corner of the iPad
4. Tap on the individual photos that you wish to delete. You can delete all photos from a particular date by tapping on Select on the right hand side of the date.
5. Tap on the Trash can symbol when you wish to delete the selecting items. Tap on Delete Photos when prompted.
6. When you have finished deleting all of the photos and videos you no longer want then you must clear the Recently Deleted album to completely remove them from the iPad.
7. Tap on Albums along the bottom of the window.
8. Tap on the Recently Deleted album.
9. Tap on Select in the top right hand corner of the iPad
10. Tap on Delete All in the top left hand corner. Confirm the deletion.

The holidays are also a good time to do updates.

1. Apple recently released iOS 8.2. If this update is available for the iPad then a small red circle with a ‘1’ inside will appear on the top right hand corner of the Settings app icon. To update the iPad
   a. Tap on the Settings app.
   b. Tap on General on the left hand side.
   c. Tap on Software Update on the right hand side.
   d. Follow the prompts to install the update. It is wise to do this when the iPad is plugged into the power.
2. Update the school apps using the App Store app. Tap on Updates along the bottom of the window and update the required apps.

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**NEWS FROM THE FOOD GARDEN**

Firstly, many thanks to those families who helped out with checking on and ‘top-up’ hand watering the garden during the school holidays. Your support is much appreciated! A big thank you to Michael Tutt for fixing the retic and also to Neale Roberts for helping out with a few extra checks and watering of the garden.

On Saturday 21 March 2015 we held a busy bee in the food garden to clean up after the ‘summer rest’, carry out repairs and to prepare garden beds for the Autumn Plantings in Term 2. A big thank you to Neale & Prue Roberts (Monotti) for donating a large wine barrel for use in the garden. A fig tree has now been planted into one of the wine barrels. We will also be adding to the garden a mandarin and mango tree in the coming weeks with special thanks to the Clift and Carter families for these donations. This will add new visual interest into the garden, create shade and hopefully provide some bumper crops in the years to come.

A very big THANK YOU to the following who attended the busy bee. Your help and support is always greatly appreciated and valued.

*Neale & Prue Roberts (Monotti)*
*Mitch Hayhow*
*Anne-Marie Clift*
*Mitchelle Carter*
Nadia Murphy
Rob Allison

Classroom activities will begin in Term 2 including the Growing Food for the Community Program (Year 6).

Thank you to Amanda Prestipino for joining our merry crew of volunteers and generously donating her time and support to the Food Garden Program. Thank you Amanda. Your support is much appreciated!

If you are new to the school and interested in helping support this rewarding program please contact me on 0448 567 369 for further information. We are also still currently looking for someone to take over the role of Food Garden Co-Ordinator. Please contact me for further information.

Looking forward to a great year ahead in the food garden.

Alisa Allison
FOOD GARDEN CO-ORDINATOR

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE – TIMOR 2015 – GLAD WRAP FUNDRAISER

Please support this very worthy cause and be assured that every fundraising dollar goes directly to meeting the needs of those less fortunate in Cambodia and Timor.

The Year 12 students (who will visit Timor in their July holidays as part of the College’s Service Learning Program) pay all their own expenses, with considerable support from their families, and commit to raising funds for the Sisters of St Joseph East Timor Mission (health and education projects) as well as continuing our long-standing commitment to funding the education of poor students and teachers in Timor. We also continue a financial commitment to organisations in Cambodia visited by MacKillop students from 2007 – 2011, when civil unrest prevented our students from travelling to Timor.

An order form is attached.
MOPS (Mothers Of Pre Schoolers)
Held Friday fortnightly (next being Fri 24th April) at Baptist Church Busselton (opp Geographe Leisure Centre) from 9.30am - 11.30am. Cost $7 each time.

A great place for mums to get together, have a cuppa and yummy morning tea, enjoy guest speakers and fun activities. Creche is available to occupy the little ones so mummy can relax and enjoy uninterrupted adult conversation...a nice change!

Suzuki Early Childhood Education - Baby Music
Baby music is a unique music programme which has been available in Busselton for 15 years. The parent is involved in the weekly class and nurtures their little one in a supportive fun filled music programme. All equipment is provided. Places are available for term 2. Please contact Sheryl Manning for any queries or you would like to know more on 0408 082 158.

The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will be holding open astronomy nights for the public at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury, during the middle weekend of the April School Holidays. The Observatory will be open on Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of April each night from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, weather permitting.

Cost: - Adults $10.00; Children $7.00; Family - $25.00.

Further Information, Phone: Cameron on 9795 8204
Megafauna Funshops, run by the Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association, explore the world of prehistoric giant animals which have strong links with the South West - where three previously unknown species were uncovered in Mammoth Cave. Imagine wombats the size of cows and echidnas the size of sheep! The funshops offer families an exclusive opportunity to participate in an interactive presentation about the extinct Megafauna of Australia and the 10,000 fossils found in Mammoth Cave.

The funshops start at Caveworks (located at the Lake Cave precinct), then move over to Mammoth Cave. Price includes the funshop and a tour of Mammoth Cave. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and parents must provide own transport between Lake and Mammoth Caves. Funshops run for approximately two hours.

**Dates:** Tuesday 7/4, Thursday 9/4, Tuesday 14/4, Thursday 16/4.
**Cost:** $15 for adults and children (each)
**Start time:** 10:00 am - 12:00pm ; 2pm – 4pm
**Where:** Starts at Caveworks (Lake Cave) – Contos Rd, and ends at Mammoth Cave
**Phone:** 9757 7411

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Our fun run is offering a $200 prize to a local school for showing outstanding 'School Spirit' in entering the fun run as a school team. Nominations close Friday 5th June and there will be NO RACE DAY NOMINATIONS.

**Booking Travel**
For any OLC Family or Staff Member who makes a new booking from 1 MARCH to 31 DECEMBER 2015, the Team at helloworld Dunsborough will donate 1% of the booking value (excluding taxes) to the OLC P&F.