Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Hopefully everyone in our community will be aware by now that I have been appointed as the new Principal of Our Lady of the Cape. I am looking forward to working with the staff, parents and the community to ensure that the students thrive in all areas of their development. I would like to thank everyone for their welcome and best wishes and ask that you keep all of the staff at this excellent school in your prayers as we work together towards continual improvement and development.

Reflection for the Week – First Eucharist

Mr McSevich and Fr Ian recently hosted the parent meeting for the First Eucharist families. Part of the meeting was a sharing of the featured extract from a homily given by Pope Francis. In a school and community where we value helping others, it was good to see this linked to the Eucharist. We had an example of this on Wednesday when we celebrated Book Week and raised $643 to donate to the Indigenous Book Council for the purchase of reading books to be used in Aboriginal communities across Australia.

Please keep the candidates for First Communion in your prayers as they complete the preparation to receive the Sacrament in the Parish Mass on Sunday 13th September.

Australian Primary Principals National Conference

I will be joining Principals from all sectors and states at the annual National Conference in Hobart from Tuesday 15th to Friday 16th September.

The theme of the conference is “The Heart of Leadership”. In addition to key note presentations from world renowned speakers on education leadership, there will be opportunities to attend practical workshops on specific aspects of leadership. It is also an opportunity to network with leaders from throughout Australia on innovations in schools. Some of the key note presentations include:

- “The Role of Leadership in Building the Capacity of Schools to Meet Student Needs”.
- “Positive at Heart: The Role of Positive Psychology in School Leadership”.
- Heart Smart: ‘Fit for Purpose’ Leadership in Fast Times.
I will also be taking a week of long service that had been arranged prior to the opportunity arising for leadership of OLC in the last week of term. Mr Torrese has been appointed as Acting Principal for the last nine days of term.

Catholic Assistant Principals WA Conference (CAPA)— August 27th and 28th.
This year’s CAPA conference was once again a great opportunity to connect with current educational approaches as well as networking with peers.
Both days had significant relevance to our current approaches at OLC.
Stephen Dinham is a colleague of Professor John Hattie, from the university of Melbourne, who leads education globally with his current and thorough research. Stephen presented on instructional leadership and “what works in education” based on the Hattie research. Despite being familiar with Hattie’s work it was inspiring to learn further about strategies or influences that we thought had significant impact on student learning but actually had only moderate to low effects. And of course vice versa.
Day 2 was presented by Robert Marshall from ACER (Australia Council of Educational Research). Robert presented his work in reviewing schools based on the National School Improvement Tool and developing school improvement plans. OLC is currently developing our 2016 school improvement plan and also using this tool (as outlined by CEOWA). Robert emphasised the importance of an explicit school learning agenda that all staff are coherent with, the influence of leadership, the importance of analysing and acting on student assessment and ensuring differentiation of student learning occurs everyday in our classrooms.
Two incredibly productive and inspiring days. We are really fortunate in Catholic Education to have such organisations as CAPA providing such quality professional development and events. If you would like further explanation on the content covered at the Conference please let me know.
Adrian Torrese, Assistant Principal

Staff Professional Development Day
Advance notice that the staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day on the first day of term four, on Monday 12th October. Students will commence the term on Tuesday 13th October.
We were also scheduled to have the Staff Catholic Day on Monday 19th October. Since this is only a week into the term, and the students will already miss a day of instruction on the Monday before, we are moving the Catholic Day to mid term, Monday 9th November.

Celebration of Book Week
Please refer to the Library blog for a report on the Book Week celebrations that happened on Wednesday. It was such an enjoyable day with huge engagement from the students. Every child in the school was dressed as a book character and they all spoke of their characters with confidence. It was great to see the very young students so respectfully encouraged by the older students to be part of the day.
Congratulations and thanks to Mrs Meyer and all her staff helpers for organising everything. Thanks also to all the parents who helped with the costumes and attended the parade in such numbers. It was great to hear from David Wirrpanda in an address to our school on the importance of reading and books in indigenous communities.

Establishment of Online Student Assessment at OLC
This year OLC has purchased online standardised student assessments for students in Years 1-6. The Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT), by the Australia Council of Educational Research (ACER), are carefully administered by the classroom teachers, in small groups and/or whole class, and cover the learning areas of Grammar and Punctuation, Maths, Reading Comprehension and Spelling. The objective is for our teachers and leadership to be further informed on our student achievement and the implications for personalised student improvement, class and school based future planning. One of the advantages of students completing the assessments online is that teachers receive quality assessment feedback immediately after the students have completed the test. This then allows us to spend more time on analysing and acting on the data. The PATs are widely used across Australia and are in-line with National standards. Students at OLC are currently undergoing their assessments this term.

Sloan Drive
We now have a staff member on duty at the Sloan Drive gate after school to ensure safety. The students being picked up on Sloan Drive are now required to wait outside the Year Five classroom for the staff member to arrive before they cross the road. If parents need to collect their children immediately, they are asked to walk across and collect them. We do not want students crossing the road unsupervised. My thanks in anticipation of your support with this.

School Photos
Our School Photographs will be taken on Thursday, September 10 (and Friday 11th September for KGL) this year. All students need to attend school in full winter uniform, including the school jumper. Long hair needs to be tied back with a school scrunchie. Hair needs to be combed and well groomed. Girls need to wear the uniform white socks not black tights for the photos. Please ensure that all uniforms are in good order and children are well presented on the day. Please remember to give your child their order form to bring in on the morning of the photos.

Fathers Day
Best wishes to all the fathers for an enjoyable day on Sunday. Your contribution to your families and our school is much appreciated. Thanks to the staff who helped with the breakfast for 140 dads and children, an excellent attendance. Special thanks to Mrs O’Leary, Mrs Marrell and Mr Hogan for all their planning and organisation.
**Mission Markets**
The staff and students are busy preparing for the Mission Markets scheduled for the last day of term, Friday 25th September. Could families please send pre loved books and toys to Blue Room as this is a whole school part of this fundraiser.

**Yallingup Stage Door Theatre**
Please see a promotion in the community section of the newsletter of the stage production “Once a Pandora’s Box” happening on 4th and 5th September. Best wishes to three of our year five students who have parts in the play (Eva Davies, Abbey Hodge and Sofia Prestipino) and James Jensen (Year 6) who is the male lead.

Kind Regards and God bless,

Des Wilkie
Principal

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**24 Hour Accident Protection**
A reminder that each student, as part of their fees, is covered for injury whilst taking part in certain activities, through Catholic Church Insurance. For more information, see attachment or visit [www.ccinsurance.org.au/schoolcare](http://www.ccinsurance.org.au/schoolcare).

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**UNIFORMS**
As we near the end of term, it is a good idea to have your children try on their summer uniforms to see if you need to purchase more items before the end of term in preparation for Term Four.
Book Week and Indigenous Literacy Day were celebrated simultaneously on Wednesday with a whole school celebration.

The day began with a magnificent dress up parade where each class was able to share their favourite story character. There were certainly some very creative costumes! Many thanks to the parents for their enthusiasm in dressing up their children. They looked fabulous!

Students participated in a book quiz and were addressed via the internet by former West Coast Eagle David Wirrpanda, who explained the significance of storytelling in Aboriginal culture and emphasised the importance of reading in forging future success for all.

Staff collaborated to make a song parody encouraging students to read, and a great deal of fun was had in the creation of the video! It will be able to be viewed on the library blog in the coming days.

After recess, our year five and six students were visited by Guest Author Davina Bell. Davina has written several novels in the Alice stories in the series My Australian Girl. Students were captivated by her presentation which included tips for creating the perfect character and examples from her own personal experiences in publishing.

To end the day, students participated in a book swap where many of them got to take home a new (recycled!) book to read. Donations to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation were extremely generous and we raised over $600 for new books to be purchased for students in remote indigenous communities. We thank you for your contributions to a very worthy cause.

Many thanks for all the contributions by students and staff toward a most successful day.

Mrs. Amie Meyer
 SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Thank you to all parents and children who have ordered books through the Scholastic Book Club.
From each order Our Lady of the Cape receives 20% in reward vouchers/points which can be used to purchase Library and Teacher resources so not only are you receiving quality books, you are helping your school attain additional learning material for your child.
If you are purchasing books for gifts and don’t wish for your child to see them, please let me know by writing on your order form or for credit card orders you can text me on 0477 550 502 and I will leave your books in the office for collection. Orders usually take two weeks from the order due date to arrive so please take this into consideration if your order is for a gift.
Thank you, Sharonne Douglas

Canteen
Please check the Term 3 roster for the dates you have been allocated. If you are unable to make it on your allocated day, please swap with someone else. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Fflur on 0409 104 409. Thank you

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P & F News

APPOINTMENT OF DES WILKIE PRINCIPAL FOR 2016
The OLC School Board and P & F warmly and genuinely welcomes Des Wilkie as the new Principal of OLC. We look forward to working with Des & Adrian in establishing OLC as a fully double stream school; commencing the building programme; and with the dedicated and committed leadership team and teaching staff we are confident OLC will be regarded as the school of choice in the region.

NEXT CAKE STALL will be run by Silver Room. Friday 11th September from 8.30am outside school office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015 – Last week
If you have been collecting these stamps, you can do so until Tuesday 8th September 2015. Every $10 spent at Woolworths will earn you 1 Sticker. The stickers are then put towards boosting supplies in our classrooms and library. The school will then be able to redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for your school or Early Learning Centre. Thanks for participating.

On behalf of the P & F and school community we thank Des and all the staff who prepped for and cooked such a superb Fathers Day breakfast. Thanks to all the Dad’s who attended. It was great to see our wonderful school spirit on display as kids and dads alike enjoyed the morning.
Nurture Works Presents:

**Buz Bounce Camp**

An awesome camp for younger children to help them with the ups and downs of life.

WHO: Primary School years 1 - 3
WHEN: Mon - Wed 26th - 30th Sep
WHERE: Eaton Scout Campsite
BOOKINGS CLOSE 30th SEPTEMBER

**Buz Treasures Camp**

A 4-day camp where kids learn to treasure themselves and others through teamwork, adventure and community building.

WHO: Primary School years 4 - 6
WHEN: Tues - Fri 6th - 9th Oct
WHERE: Camp Long, Binnur, Harvey
BOOKINGS CLOSE 13th SEPTEMBER

CAMP REGISTRATIONS CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT www.buildupzone.com or call 9751 2435 or email buz@buildupzone.com

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Yallingup Stage Door Theatre Academy proudly presents...

**Once Upon A Pandora's Box**

By Monica Flory

Dates: Friday 4th September and Saturday 5th September

Time: Doors open at 6:30pm
Curtains open at 7pm

Venue: Old Dunsborough Hall
Tickets: $15 adults
        $10 concession
        Limited ticket sales at door
Ticket available from Little Leisure Dunsborough
OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2016 we will be receiving exchange students from Argentina, Bolivia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and the USA. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Below is a sample of students who will be arriving.

For 15 year old Canadian Meghan, coming to Australia and broadening her horizons is an exciting prospect. Whilst here, Meghan is hoping to continue her love of sports and being active and would be more than happy to participate in community sports. Describing herself as wanting to work in the field of Science one day, Meghan's also enjoys reading and is happy to contribute to the household chores.

Rosalyn is a 14 year old student from Denmark who likes to play the guitar and sing, in fact she says that her host family will hear her singing a lot. By coming to Australia, she hopes to improve her English and become more independent. Rosalyn enjoys kickboxing and would like to continue this whilst in Australia. Describing herself as a people person, her family say that Rosalyn will make you laugh.

Fifteen year old French student Ploum, playing piano, listening to music, doing theatre and spending time with her family and friends is what occupies most of her time. Ploum is looking forward to discovering the Australian way of life and developing her English language skills.

On September 6 at the Busselton Foreshore at 9am we will be asking all students to bring down their Jetties to go in an Exhibition and Judges and the Public will be on hand to choose the winners.

There will also be a free community sausage sizzle on the Jetty (as it is also Father’s Day) for Dads who bring their kids down with their sustainable 1mx1m Jetties.

Prizes will be awarded and the media will be in attendance.

We hope to see as many local students there to show us their version of the Busselton Jetty in our 150th Birthday.

Lisa Shreeve
Chief Executive Officer