Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord, you set your face towards Jerusalem and walked alongside those who suffer.
Be our vision that we too may walk the way of the cross and extend a hand to those we meet.

Lord you stopped to heal the sick, cure the lame and give sight to the blind.
Be our vision that we too may give time to others and respond to their needs.

Lord, you said, “The first shall be last and the last first.”
Be our vision that we too may listen to the despised and rejected and value their lives.

Lord, you ate with tax collectors and sinners and heard their stories.
Be our vision that we too may listen to the despised and rejected and value their lives.

Lord, you took time to pray and time to be silent. Be our vision that through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving we too may draw closer to you and find your way.

Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.
Be our vision that we too may desire peace where others desire war, And may work for justice where injustice reigns.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
The Open Day on Tuesday was very successful with our Year Six leaders welcoming and escorting our visitors around the school. We asked the visitors for some written feedback on their visit. Amongst much positive feedback everyone commented on the impressive manner in which the student guides promoted our school. Thanks and congratulations to our leaders, staff and students for the embracing the process of sharing the wonderful work happening throughout the school.
Our school is available for inspection at any time, so please encourage any friends or contacts to call to arrange a visit. My personal thanks to all the staff and students for showing such pride in the school, and for always presenting our classrooms and general learning and play environment so positively.

**P&F Meeting Feedback**

The Wish List meeting on Tuesday evening was very well attended by parents and staff. The main business of the meeting was the presentation of the class and learning area wish lists. I am pleased to report that the outstanding support from the P&F of our students has commenced for 2016 with significant funds being provided to support learning.

The other exciting innovation the P&F is supporting is the development of a nature playground to be located south of the Pre Primary classes around the existing playground, extending part way down the slope. The P&F have committed the $8,000 raised from the Slayers vs Dragons ladies football game last year to the purchase of equipment for this very necessary new play space.

The Nature Playground Committee have engaged the services of Terry Farrell to help with the planning and construction of this playground. Terry brings many years of experience and considerable expertise to the planning and building of nature play areas. I encourage everyone to consider attending the next P&F meeting on 10th May when we hope to be able to share the master plan and unveil plans to complete stage one before the end of the year.

**Parent Meetings**

A communication will arrive home early next week outlining the times each teacher will be available for parent meetings in weeks 9 and 10. Parents can enter dates and times that suit on timetables outside each classroom. If none of these dates are suitable, parents need to speak to the teachers to organise alternative dates. These meeting are really important to share progress and to set goals and strategies for future learning and development.

**Interschool Swimming Carnival**

The Interschool Swimming Carnival will take place at the South West Sports Centre in Bunbury on Wednesday 23rd March between 10am and 1pm. Parents of those selected should have received a note with details of the carnival, together with a programme, today. Good luck to our interschool team.

**Twentieth Anniversary Update**

The twentieth anniversary is only a fortnight away. My thanks to the organising committee for all their work in planning this significant day. The committee members are: Georgie Valmadre, Sandra O’Leary, Kristin Wilson, Fran Marrell, Julie Birch, Christine Derickx, Deb Young and Maureen Horrocks. The programme for the day will be:

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All current families will receive an invitation via the students next Tuesday. Please check school bags and come along to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the last 20 years.
Lots of Socks Day
Next Monday is World Down Syndrome Day. We are going to use “Lots of Socks Day” to raise awareness of Down Syndrome and to create conversations about diversity, uniqueness, inclusion and acceptance.

To achieve this we are inviting all students to wear crazy, zany socks on Monday to celebrate the day. Socks of multi-colour, different colours, different lengths, odd socks – anything goes. Why socks? …. All types, shapes, sizes can be unique in their own way, and yet do the same thing. Children understand what socks are, how they look and what they are for; and no two socks are the same. This is also the case with people, each person being unique, different and special.

Prayers Please
Could all families please keep Mrs Peacock, her family and in particular, her son Ethan, in your prayers. Ethan is currently in Princess Margaret about to undergo open heart surgery.

Sympathies
Our sincere condolences to Bec, Anton, Cooper and Isabella Smith on the loss of Bec’s mother.

HOLY WEEK
At tomorrow’s prayer assembly Year 2 looked at Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week was the last week in the life of Jesus prior to His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. During their assembly, Blue Room challenged us to make a difference in our world by making good choices and living as Jesus taught us.

FAMILY MASS
Palm Sunday is officially celebrated at Mass this weekend, and fittingly Saturday night’s Palm Sunday mass is a Family mass hosted by Year 6. We would like to extend an invitation for all families at OLC to join in the parish mass at 6.00 pm at Our Lady of the Southern Cross to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week. Families are also invited to stay behind after mass to share a pizza snack with each other and members of the parish. Many thanks to the OLC P & F, who have generously funded our pizzas to encourage school and parish interaction, and to Warren and Katinka Boyes at Big Pig Pizza who are providing the pizzas at a discount to the school.

MASS OF THE OILS
Next Tuesday sees our Year 6 class head to Bunbury to participate in the Mass of the Oils with Father Ian, Bishop Holohan and other Confirmation candidates from around the diocese. Please keep Silver Room in your prayers as they begin the journey toward the sacrament of Confirmation later in the year. Unfortunately we have had to reschedule the planned reconciliation for years 4-6 next week due to a clash with this event. New dates will be advised as soon as possible.
HOLY THURSDAY
Next Thursday we will be celebrating Holy Thursday and Good Friday prior to the Easter break. Our Year 3 class will be leading us in this celebration. Parents are invited to join us from 9.00am in the hall. Upon returning to school after the Easter break, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus lead by Year 1, and following that, our Pre-Primary classes will conduct an Easter hat parade. These events will occur on Wednesday 30th March from 9.00am in the hall if you would like to attend.

ALTAR SERVERS
This fortnight’s altar servers:
Saturday March 19, 6.00pm: Sam Phillips and Daniel Hall
Saturday March 26, 6.00pm: Coco Morris and Alix Ness
Sunday March 27, 8.00am: Jarrad Tutt
Please arrange a swap with someone else on the roster if you are unable to attend.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS
This week, Year 3 shares with us the ways in which they have been celebrating Lent throughout the term. Many thanks to Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Hunt for the following summary:
The Year 3 students have been busy learning during our Religion activities. We have viewed documentaries regarding Lent and Easter. We then read and discussed Bible stories. Students chose six personal Wonderings to help them with their understanding of this special time in their lives. Some of these Wonderings included: Why Lent is important to me, How can I give to others?, What things can I go without?
We then used these Wonderings to create our own personal quilt posters.

Mrs Amie Meyer, OLC Religious Education Coordinator.
Our Learning Culture

Supporting Teacher Learning
Over the past two weeks I have had the privilege of individually meeting with all our teaching staff to discuss their teaching and learning approaches as well as the support they may require and opportunities for future professional development. This has been a wonderful opportunity to have some sharing and discussion about the innovative and effective teaching and learning occurring in our classrooms.

Classroom Extension Learning Support
As teachers we endeavour to personalise learning for our students, differentiating the learning and aiming to ensure that all students are being challenged and showing progress. Support and assistance is often greatly appreciated by us as teachers.

This year we continue our support for high achieving students by moving directly into the classrooms and aligning directly with the Australian Curriculum.

Each day I have the great opportunity to go into different classrooms (PP-6) and work with students needing extension and further enhancement in the English and Maths learning areas. The students are chosen according to need and may change each week. The classroom teachers direct and identify the concept and students for extension work prior to the session. Already we are seeing students extending beyond their year level and above the expected standards.

This is part of our commitment we have to “raising the bar” in student learning at OLC.

Innovative and Effective Teaching – Punctuation Ninjas!!
A wonderful example of a terrific learning strategy is happening in our Year 2 class with Mrs. Murphy. “Punctuation belts” enables our year 2 students to have clear success criteria and to work towards achieving mastery in using correct punctuation in their writing. Needless to say this has been very motivating for the students as well as providing clear expectations about improving writing and achieving the levelled belts. Feel free to visit Year 2 to learn more.

Adrian Torrese
Assistant Principal
Are you looking for something for your children to do on Sunday mornings? Little Church (Sunday School) runs every week during school term at Our Lady of the Southern Cross and is a time for children to learn more about Jesus and enjoy a craft activity. We would love for your child to join us! Parents and caregivers are welcome to stay with their child of course. For more information, please contact Sherylee Tutt on 0400 240 679/ tuttsa@westnet.com.au or come along to any Sunday mass.

**Happy Birthday! - Wishing you a very happy Birthday!**

- Noah Love
- Piper Huxtable
- Stellan Marruffo
- Siena Torrese
- Leila Campbell
- Ruby Drmota
- Jack Gordon
- Brody Edwards

**MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

**Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate**

- Amelia Slottje-Pick - Green Room (PPL)
- Joel Peterson - Green Room (PPB)
- Max McClenaghan, Lolah Day, Orlando Gianoncelli, Tara Tutt - Orange Room (Y1P)
- Cielo Howard, Lucy McKess - Orange Room (Y1L)
- Jasper Torrese & Sienna Vernon - Blue Room
- Olive Vollprecht & Matilda Lambert - Red Room
- Orlando Prestipino & Lilly-Mae Phillips - Yellow Room
- Sunny Clift, Sydnee Howard & Jack Demarchi - Purple Room
- Jeremy Rolfe & Sofia Prestipino - Silver Room

**Easter Egg Raffle**

For our Mission fundraising item this Term, we will be conducting an Easter egg raffle which will be drawn on **Thursday, March 24**. I ask that every family please provide/supply the school with an Easter egg or eggs that we can raffle. The more eggs we receive, the more prizes we will have to give away. Please send in eggs to your classroom teacher by **Monday, March 21** and return Raffle Tickets to the School Office ASAP. Thank you for your support.
**Apple Charging Adapter Recall**

Apple have determined that the wall plug may in very rare cases cause an electrical shock and have initiated a recall and replacement program for the adapter.

**Students with iPads in Year 5 and 6, and Year 4 students with older iPads (ie not provided through the school this year) should bring in the adapter to school before the end of next week (which is Easter) for exchange. After this date, exchange of the adapter will be the family’s responsibility.**

The adapter that requires exchanging looks like this.

On the reverse side of the adapter, an affected wall plug has 4 or 5 characters or no characters on the inside slot. The redesigned adapters have a 3 letter regional code (AUS) and do not need to be replaced.

**Personal iPad, iPod and Macbook chargers can be exchanged at Computer West in Busselton - see the notice below.**
Caltex, The West Australian and Channel Seven are giving West Australian Schools the chance to WIN a share of $20,000 to help buy the things you need that make learning just that more fun!

Our Lady of the Cape has registered, so on the weekends of March 5 - 6, 12 - 13 and 19 - 20 an entry coupon will appear in The Weekend West. To be in the running to WIN, collect as many entry coupons as possible through your friends and family, and drop them off at the school office. ALL COUpons MUST BE IN BY 25th March. GOT TO BE IN IT, TO WIN IT.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES
VOLUNTEER URGENTLY REQUIRED………………… - Anyone interested in handling the sale of the Entertainment Books this year. It is a very simple process. You get a free book yourself for your troubles. Everything pretty much done for you. There is one day (about 21st May) where you help distribute the books to the classes; then the following week you just tick them off as they get returned back to the office. Please email tverhoef@bigpond.net.au if you are interested.

Can families start saving their second hand toys and books for our fete this year. The items must be in good condition and no pieces missing. We will have a drop off point for these items in term 3.

Also looking for donations of prizes, wine and vouchers or anything you think would be suitable for use at the school fete. We will be sending out letters to businesses later in the year but just getting in early so you can all start thinking about it.

Still looking for a music/entertainment co-ordinator. Can be a shared role. It is a behind the scenes role so don’t be shy, we have most of the ideas it just requires someone to manage it.

Looking for any graphic designers or marketing people who can assist with our fete designs.

Please contact Jordy Rock or Lauren Bidesi if you can help with any of the above.
**TOWELS AND APRONS**
Hi all, there are still a few t-towels and Aprons left over from last year. If you missed out last year and would like to purchase one, please call in at the office. T-towels are $12 and Aprons are $8.

**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 (LOOP 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 includes gifts.

**Important:** Please also note that if you are ordering specific Easter themed books in this issue, they will not arrive before the Easter break.

Thankyou, Sharonne Douglas

**Free to a Good Home**
If you are interested in this play equipment, please call Fran at the office.
A small donation to the P&F would be appreciated.

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Dr Jenny Brockis explains the 4 main ingredients for creativity and why creativity is so important for whole brain development in our kids.

"If you're not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything original."
Sir Ken Robinson - author and advisor on education in the arts.

Creativity and imagination help us to better understand our world. A creative mind looks for ways to do things differently; we see things with a fresh pair of eyes.

Creativity adds value to and enriches lives and our kids have wonderful fertile minds just brimming with ideas. The problem is we can stifle that creativity, particularly during those upper school years when sticking to the demands of a busy curriculum takes increasing priority.

Research tells us that those kids who continually access creative outlets are the more successful students, because creativity is linked to whole brain development. Brain wise, creativity is important for the development of language, problem solving, reasoning skills, understanding and learning.

Being able to think "outside the box" is what makes for a better brain. Rather than pushing your child to spend hours doing their piano practice, spending some time in unstructured creative play may pay far greater dividends in the form of them being better at problem solving and finding alternative ways of doing things.

Encouraging curiosity matters, and we as parents and educators can do much to promote the engagement, fun, focus and perseverance required to provide an innovative environment.

There are four main ingredients required for creativity:

- Mess
- Mistakes
- Make-believe
- Mucking in together

**Creativity is messy**
So the kitchen looks like a bomb has gone off, the lounge suite has been completely disassembled and the dog is wearing an outfit that looks mysteriously like your best jacket! But, all that activity has resulted in that first cake being made, the princess’s castle being refurbished and the dog being an active participant in a rehearsal for that very important play.

**Creativity is full of mistakes**
If we don’t get things wrong, how can we tell when they are right? There is no room for perfectionism in creativity. Allowing our kids to get things wrong and discover what doesn’t work is just as important as discovering what does. It teaches them to deal with
failure and to realise that finding out the wrong answer matters far more than never starting to look in the first place.

It was Thomas Edison the inventor of the light bulb that said, “I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”

**Creativity is make-believe**
Stories are a great way to transport our children’s minds to far off and magnificent places. It allows them to create their own visual images of the people, characters and places. Manufacturing creative artistry allows saucepan lids to become cymbals, modelling clay to become teacups and saucers, boxes and tin foil to become knights on horseback, and colourful artworks the latest masterpiece destined for the fridge door.

It’s not about a pretend reality; kids know the difference. Their make-believe world allows them to explore possibilities and options.

**Creativity is mucking in**
Creativity can be a solo performance but is often a collaborative piece. Joining young minds together amplifies the creative process.

Mucking in is about using an array of different (and sometimes unusual!) materials that can be repurposed or used to create new objects.

Whether your child is six or sixteen, managing their creativity starts with sharing the value we hold for the arts and new ideas. It’s about taking trips to an art gallery, a science show or museum. It’s about travelling to different places, trying different foods and learning about different cultures. It’s about reading and sharing books, and talking to our kids to encourage an ongoing sense of wonder and curiosity about their world.

**Top tips for fostering creativity**

1. **Give permission for freedom of expression.**
   It’s not about you or what you think is the right way to create something. Encourage your child to explore, and create on their own terms while having fun.

2. **Encourage play**
   Encourage active unstructured play that takes them away from the TV, tablet or computer for a while.

3. **Celebrate your child’s creative expression**
   That’s what fridge doors, corkboards, and mantelpieces are for! It’s not to reward the masterpiece itself (that’s a quick way to stymie any future creative activity!), but to celebrate the process of exploration and discovery.

4. **Foster originality by being accepting of difference.**
   While some rules are important to keep our children safe, being allowed to do things their way when developing ideas, is what helps shape their individuality.

Dr Jenny Brockis is a Medical Practitioner, speaker and author. She specialises in brain health and the science of high performance thinking. Her new book *Future Brain* (Wiley) is available in all good book stores and online. www.drjennybrockis.com
DUNSBOROUGH JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS MUST close this WEEKEND. Teams are currently being compiled. Boys and girls aged from 5 years to 17 years are welcome to join.
For online registrations go to myfootballclub.com.au.
Any queries please contact dunsboroughjuniorsoccerclub@gmail.com.

Dunsborough Hockey club enrolments
Dunsborough hockey club are looking for new and existing members to enrol for the 2016 hockey season.

The season is due to start on 30 April 2016 and usually runs until late August, all games will be played in Busselton on Saturday mornings at the hockey stadium.

We are currently taking enrolments for two age divisions, pre primary - year 3 and year 4-6. Trainings will be in Dunsborough, time and place to be confirmed.

You can either contact Lara Currie, Dunsborough co-ordinator for enrolment details or you can attend the hockey muster at the Busselton hockey club on Sunday 20 March from 10am-1pm.

We would love to see some new faces at the Dunsborough Hockey club and look forward to hearing from you.

Lara Currie, glenayrfarms@bigpond.com, 0427611622
Learn To Swim School Holiday
Short Program
Monday 11th - Friday 15th April

Cost: $65 per child
Cost will include pool entry plus 1 parent / spectator
Lesson duration: 5x 30 minutes
7 Children per class
Lesson will run at same time Monday to Friday

Enrolment Dates: Tuesday 29th - Thursday 31st March
Geographe Leisure Centre – Recreation Lane, Busselton.

For more information call: 9754 8600
Or email:
info.geographe@busselton.wa.gov.au

Stages 1—9
Ages 5 +