



Many Hearts, One Voice
31st January

Our Lady of the Cape Primary School is a community where each child is valued as an individual and nurtured spiritually, by many hearts working together as one voice to fulfil their overall potential.

Important Dates

Thurs 1 Feb – Wed 7 Feb

- Swimming lessons
Y1/Y5/Y6

Thurs 8 Feb – Wed 14 Feb

- Swimming lessons
Y3/Y4/Y2

Thurs 8 Feb 7pm

- P&F Meeting

Weds 14 Feb 7pm

- Board Meeting

Weds 21 Feb 6pm

- AGM

Thurs 22 Feb

- OLC Swimming
Carnival

Fri 23 Feb 9.30am

- OLC Opening Mass
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For more dates, go to
http://www.ladyofcape.wa.edu.au/pdf/calendar_yearly.pdf

Note: dates are subject to change and the calendar should be checked regularly.

Dear Parents and Members of Community,

The school year started this morning with the children all excited to be back at school and ready to start in their new classrooms. There was also a real “buzz” amongst the parents who were happy to be back as part of the wonderful community spirit at OLC. We have 16 new students from 13 families joining us, along with our new kindies, so please make them welcome and included in all aspects of our school life.

Please make sure you pop into our new classrooms and refurbished and extended library. The finish and functionality of these rooms is outstanding. Once again, I would like to thank Innovest for their attention to detail and for the extra efforts to reach the deadlines for the start of school. Thanks also to our architect, Garry Holland. He developed our brief to design and supervise the buildings that have finished exactly as we had hoped.

Preparations for the School Year

All of our staff have worked hard over the holidays to have the school and classrooms presenting so well to start the year. My thanks to all on staff for your efforts and thanks to Mr Hogan for his work on the grounds, and to help supervise the build.

We have also had significant contributions from our uniform volunteers (Carla Patterson, Loren, Kirby, Eliza Blackburn and Chelsea Torrese) for sourcing and providing the uniforms so the students could start the year with very high uniform standards. *Confirming the text sent this morning, our supplier sent us faction shirts without logos printed on them and some of these were inadvertently purchased by parents. If you have recently made a purchase of a faction shirt, please check it for a logo today and bring it in the school for replacement.*

Thanks also to Sara Drmota for her work over the holidays to ensure everything will be ready for the canteen to commence next Tuesday, 6th February. A new menu will be loaded on to our website today.

Enrolment Vacancies

Vacancies still exist in most classes. Please encourage any families you encounter who may be interested in the Catholic ethos and the values based community approach to education that we offer to enquire.

Newsletter of Last Week

We sent a newsletter last week with many important items of organisation for the year. If you didn't receive this, please call or email Fran so we can send it if needed.

Emailing Staff

Please be aware that as staff and teachers are busy with the running of classes and of the school, messages relating to pickup, etc for that day should be rung through to the school. We cannot guarantee your email will be attended to before school finishes.

Little Seedlings

Little Seedlings playgroup will commence next Friday, 9th February in the Kindy classroom and will be offered on all Fridays of term. The details are:

- It will operate from 9.30am -11.00am.
- It will be a playgroup focussed on socialisation, play and fun activities as a means of preparing the children for kindergarten.
- Parents need to stay with their children but they do not have to arrive or stay for the whole sessions.
- There is no charge for the sessions, but we ask for a gold coin donation to help cover the cost of consumables.
- Younger siblings are welcome, but must be cared for by the parent.
- Everyone is welcome whether they are considering OLC for kindergarten enrolment or not.
- It is an opportunity for the children and parents to meet and establish relationships prior to kindergarten.

Please spread the word and invite any families and friends from the wider community to attend. We are hoping to establish a committee of helpers to help supervise and facilitate the program. If you can help, or know of anyone who might be interested in helping, please contact Fran, Lauren Heitman or Julia Thompson.

Swimming Lessons (Years 1 – 6)

Swimming lessons will be conducted over two weeks, this year at the Geographe Leisure Centre (Busselton).

- Thursday 1st February – Weds 7th February (from 10.15am – 1.05pm) for Years 5, 6 and 1, and
- 8th February to 14 February (from 10.15am – 1.05pm) for Years 3, 4 and 2.

Week 1 – Starting Thursday 1st February Concluding Week 2 - Wednesday 7th February Years - 6, 5 and 1

Classes	Leave OLC	Lesson Times	Leave Pool	Return to OLC
Year 5 and 1P	9:40am	10:15am 10 mins break (class teacher to supervise) 11:05	11:55am	12:30pm
Year 6 and 1S	11:40am	12:15pm 10 mins break (class teacher to supervise) 1:05pm	1:55pm	2:30pm

**Week 2 – Starting Thursday 8th February Concluding Week 3 - Wednesday 14th February
Years - 4, 3 and 2**

Classes	Leave OLC	Lesson Times	Leave Pool	Return to OLC
Year 3s (both classes)	9:40am	10:15am 10 mins break (class teacher to supervise) 11:05	11:55am	12:30pm
Year 4 and 2s (both classes of Year 2)	11:40am	12:15pm 10 mins break (class teacher to supervise) 1:05pm	1:55pm	2:30pm

The children will travel by bus each day.

Parents please note:

- Sports uniform, including sports shoes, are to be worn to school on all days during swimming. Bathers should be worn to school under their sport uniform. After swimming, the children will get changed back into their sports clothes **at school**. We will not be using the toilets at the pool to get changed. Teachers will supervise the students if they need to attend the toilets whilst at swimming.
- Students may wear thongs on the way to the pool but must wear sports shoes to school as usual and put the shoes back on when they return to school.
- Students are required to bring:
 1. A change of clothes
 2. Towel
 3. Rashie (optional)
 4. Have sunscreen applied before they arrive at school.
(This will also be provided by the classroom teacher).
 5. A pair of thongs to wear to swimming lessons.
 6. Underwear to change back into with their sports uniform when they arrive back at school.
 7. Plastic bag for wet clothes/towel.
 8. Snack and water for break time.



Operation of Pick Up Lanes – After School

As from Monday 5th February, we will be providing two pick up lanes for after school collection.

Sloan Drive Pick Up Lane

This should be used by students in years 4, 5 and 6 and their younger siblings (**only**). When the first bell rings at 3.00pm, any students with younger siblings need to go to the classrooms, collect their sibling/siblings and take them to the red brick paved area outside the undercroft area below the new year 5 and 6 classrooms. The pick up procedure will then be supervised by the staff on duty. Students without siblings to collect, who wish to use this lane go direct to the pick up area.

This means that parents with children in years 4, 5 and 6 who wish to use the in car pick up must do it in this area and not in the Cape Naturaliste Road lane, even if they have younger siblings.

Cape Naturaliste Road Lane

This will operate as for previous years for parents of children in pre-primary to year 3 (unless they have siblings in years 4, 5 and 6). These children line up on the verandah outside the administration block.

Parents of Children in Pre Primary to Year 2

A registration form will be available each day outside the Early Childhood block for:

- Naturaliste Road pick up lane.
- Sloan Drive pick up lane (only for students with older siblings in years 4, 5 and 6).
- Goodstart bus.
- Brian's/Wayne's bus (orange).
- Quedjinup/Yallingup bus (orange). Leaves 3.20pm from OLC.
- Town bus (green).

Parents must register on the correct form so the staff can check where the children need to be. It should also be written in each classroom diary as a double check.

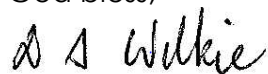
This may seem complex initially, but I have seen it work well in a very large school, provided the parents of younger children (Pre Primary – Year 2) always complete the register. It is also helpful if parents make the instructions on pick up clear to the children each day to avoid confusion and anxiety.

Assemblies

Due to swimming lessons, the first assembly for the term will be a Merit Award assembly, happening on Friday 16th February.

Thanks again to all for an excellent start to the year.

God bless,



Des Wilkie
Principal