The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews for kindergarten to year 6 will be in week 9 of this term (week beginning, 24th June). At these 15 minute interviews, parents will receive their child’s school report which explains his/her progress in the first half of this year. Years 1-6 will use the E-A scale.

The process for booking your child for an interview is outlined below:
- Please go to:
  www.schoolinterviews.com.au
- Enter school event code: 57PQQ
- Enter your details: Full Name
  Email Address
  Child’s name and surname
  (this is the only information required for your child)

Please ensure you book an interview time with the correct classroom teacher and allow 15 minutes (1 time slot) between bookings if you have more than one child.

Year 5 Family/Parish Mass
All parents are invited to our next family Mass which is scheduled for Sunday, 16th June at 9.30am.

Staff
As part of our focus on mathematics and technology this year, teachers are currently attending various professional development seminars. They are also undertaking extensive assessment of the students in their class. For the remainder of this term, several casual teachers have been engaged on a temporary basis. At present, there are also a number of prac students from the ACU and several staff members have been ill.

Welcome back Mrs Borak as she returns from her holiday next week. Best wishes to Mrs Attard who will be on leave from week 8.

Supporting Cerebral Palsy
In support of Cerebral Palsy rehabilitation aids we are asking parents to collect tea bag tags and bread tags.

Once the weight of the manual wheelchair is matched in tea bag and bread tags, the manufacturer will present the disabled person with a brand new wheelchair. To date there has already been one wheelchair donated. If you have tea bag tags and bread tags please collect them and give them to your child’s class teacher.

OLOL Parent Group
The second Parent Group Meeting for the year will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 11th June in the school learning centre. Come along and hear the news for the coming school term. This is an opportunity for you to raise any general business/ issues or concerns you may have. The agenda for the 11th June meeting is attached. Look forward to seeing you there. The Minutes from the previous Parent Group Meeting are now available at the school office for your perusal.

Pizza-Cheeseburger Day – 27th June 2013
It’s time for our annual end of term pizza day. This year we have added the option of a McDonald’s Cheeseburger to the menu. This event is a treat for the children to have something different for lunch and participation is optional. It will happen during the children’s normal lunch time on Thursday 27th June 2013.

Order forms have gone out with the children this week and must be returned by Friday 21st June 2013.

As always to make these events a success we are looking for volunteers to help distribute the food for an hour or two on the day. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Carina Morales on 0414 412 422 or Christine Coorey on 0421 611 030.

Once again thank you for your continuing support. The Social and Fundraising Committee.
**Enrolments**

There are still a few places for kindergarten, 2014 if you have not yet returned your enrolment form to the office. Letters of acceptance have been sent home by mail this week.

**School Band**

On Thursday evening, 30th May, our School Band held its annual ‘Evening of Music’ in the Learning Centre. It was great to see the enthusiasm of our talented musicians, who performed small group, as well as ‘whole band’ songs for parents, grandparents and friends. This year, Molly Abbott also performed ‘The Cup Song’, as well as the Boffa family who also performed a popular song together. Everyone received a huge applause for their talents!

Children in our Junior Band are progressing steadily on their chosen instrument. In term 1, they learned how to care for/put together their instrument and how to read and play many musical notes and rhythms. This term they have progressed to listening to each other playing different parts of music as a whole band and we are now ready to begin learning many new band pieces.

I would like to thank Mr Haskins for all his support, as well as the parents who do a wonderful job bringing their children to early morning band rehearsals on time every Thursday, especially as the weather is now getting so cold. I would especially like to thank the children in Junior and Senior Band for their dedication to band each week. All enjoy being a part of a great school band playing their music together beautifully.

Jenny - band teacher

**National Plan for School Improvement**

Please read the attached letter to the Hon. Julia Gillard re the recent agreement by the Australian and NSW Governments.

**NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook**

The Child Safety Handbook has been produced by the NSW Police Legacy, in consultation with The Protective Behaviours Consultancy Group of NSW. It aims to raise awareness about the risks to children and the steps that can be taken to protect them and keep them safe. Parents will receive a copy of the handbook in the next few weeks.

**Principals/Citizenship Awards**

Parents are invited to our next assembly on 18th June at 2.20pm.

**Long Weekend**

A reminder that Next Monday, June 10th is a public holiday.

**OLOL Social Club Movie Day - Despicable Me 2**

You are invited to the annual OLOL Social Club Movie Day on Sunday, 23rd June at 11am, Events Cinemas, Castle Hill. Tickets are $10 each for both adults and children. As always, tickets are limited and sell out fast, so please get in early to avoid disappointment. **Please note:** this is an unsupervised social event. Children **must** be accompanied by an adult. For further information please contact Joanne McGirr on 0419 177 312.

**Discover OLMC Parramatta**

Discover Contemporary Learning, Academic Excellence in the Mercy Tradition at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta at the College Open Morning Tour on **Tuesday, June 18, 2013**.

The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015. Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.
Friday 31st May, 2013 saw the annual Parramatta District Rugby League Knockout held at Kellyville Park. Our Lady of Lourdes sent four teams to participate in the rugby league knockout. The under 8's team played well in all their pool matches but unfortunately did not progress to the finals.

The under 11's and Opens's won through to the final after playing strongly throughout the day and were courageous in defeat against eventual winners in both their respective pools. The under 9's were successful in winning the North side of the draw and now await the winner of the South of the draw to play in the Grand Final. A date for that match has yet to be determined. We congratulate the Under 9's and wish them the best of luck in their upcoming Grand Final.

Well done to all boys on the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. A huge thank you to Mrs Walker, Mr Boland, Mr Bowry, Mr Whittaker, Mr Mooney and Mr Esh for giving of their time to prepare and train the boys for the rugby league knockout as well as coaching them on the day.
3 June 2013

The Hon Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter regarding the National Plan for School Improvement.

I welcome the recent agreement by the Australian and New South Wales Governments and appreciate your enthusiasm as our Prime Minister in making education a priority on the national agenda.

Despite this new agreement, the detail is still unclear and Catholic schools lack sufficient clarity about the level of funding we will receive in real terms. With only six months left until the end of the current funding arrangement, it is virtually impossible for us to plan with any certainty for the years ahead without knowing how much funding we will receive.

I ask that you please clarify the following outstanding issues, namely:

1. When will the final financial outcomes for each of the six years of the rollout, 2014 to 2019 inclusive, for each Catholic school (both Catholic Education Commission and non-systemically funded) be known?
2. Can your explain your claim on Sunday 19 May that the average non-government school in NSW will lose $800,000 if the new funding model is not adopted?
3. What guarantees do we have that the full funding for the model will actually be found, or delivered, by 2019?
4. How can the Commonwealth predict funding for 2016 at this stage, given the 2015 review of indexation?

I am regularly meeting with our local member, Mr Alex Hawke, who assures us that he is also raising these critical issues with you.

I welcome your response to the above questions to share with my school community.

Yours sincerely

Ms Helen Kingsley
Principal
Parent Group Meeting
Tuesday 11th June 2013, 7.30 pm

Agenda

- Welcome Prayer
- Apologies
- Confirmation / Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Business arising from previous minutes
- Correspondence In / Out
- President’s Report – Rebecca Newton
- Treasurer’s Report – Erin Laws
- Principal’s Report – Helen Kingsley
- Assistant Principal’s Report – Steve Haskins
- Sub-Committee Reports
  - Pastoral Care – Di Farrell
  - PRC (Parent Representative Council) – Sonia Nesci
  - Parish Liaison – Stefan Boffa
  - Canteen – Carol Asimus
  - Fundraising & Social – Carina Morales
- General Business
- Close Meeting
OLOL Social Club Movie Day

You are invited to attend this year’s movie day

**DESPICABLE ME 2**

Sunday 23rd June at 11:00am

Events Cinemas, Castle Towers

Tickets $10 each

(Last ticket sales Monday 17th June)

Please note this is an unsupervised event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information please contact Joanne McGirr on 0419 177 312

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Please complete details below and return with payment to: OLOL Movie Day – Joanne McGirr

Eldest child’s name: ___________________________  Eldest child’s class: ________________

Tickets required: ___________________________  Money enclosed: ___________________________