



MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am. All welcome!

thirty other Principals and System Leaders to experience the journeys of St Paul

and his companions who established the first Christian communities. Greece and Turkey were amazing places, so steeped in history. We also journeved to

the Gallipoli Peninsula and Anzac Cove and had a beautiful mass at the Lone

Pine Australian Memorial where our Executive Director, Mr Greg Whitby, laid a

memorial wreath at the cenotaph in honour of the ANZACs.

Dear Parent, Carers, Students & Friends,

### 2014 - Celebrating 35 years of Catholic Education

#### DIARY DATES . . . . . . . . . . . .

Saturday 25 October Working Bee Enrolment Mass for Reconciliation

Wednesday 29 October Kinder 2015 Orientation

Friday 31 October Gymnastics Competition P& F Disco Bandanna Day

Sat/Sun 1/2 November Sat - All Saints Day Sun - All Souls Day 9.30 Mass – Stage 3 Mass Weekly Parish based lessons – Reconciliation

Thursday 6 Nov **Celebrating World** Teachers' Day at OLOW

Sat/Sun 8/9 November Weekly Parish based lessons - Reconciliation

Monday 1 December Christmas Concert led by Andrew Chinn, 7.00pm

Monday 8December 8.45 Celebration of Learning Award Assembly

**Tuesday 9 December** Year 6 Farewell Mass, 7pm

Friday 12 December 9.15 End of Year School Mass and Morning Tea

Year 6 Social Night

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Swimming Program Yrs K-4

Friday 12 December Year 6 Social, 6pm

> Sue Veling Principal

In Rome we visited St Pauls Outside the Wall where the tomb of St Paul is found and St Peter's Basilica where we were privileged to have mass in the crypt with the tombs of the popes and then a tour of The Scavi (discovered in 1940's) which holds various tombs from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC and later flanked by Christian Tombs including that of the Apostle St. Peter





Pilgrimage

The amazing art works of Michelangelo including The Sistine Chapel ceiling and the statue Pieta were standouts.

The most amazing moment was when we met the Holy Father Pope Francis. What an amazing man and leader. Here is a quote from the papal welcome we received:

"I offer an affectionate greeting to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present at today's Audience, including those from England, Scotland, South Africa, Denmark, Norway, China, Japan, Sri Lanka, Australia, Canada and the United States. May your stay in the Eternal City deepen



your love for Christ and renew the grace of Pentecost in your lives. May God bless you all!"

Finally we travelled to Assisi - the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Italy and founder of the Franciscan Order. Assisi's 13th Century Basilica di San Francesco contains the sacred relics of Francis and beautiful frescoes of his life. The town of Assisi has been preserved. and contains Roman ruins, winding medieval streets and sacred shrines.

I pray that one day you to will have the opportunity to follow in St Paul's footsteps. What a remarkable man he was...courageous, uncompromising,

humble and stubborn. May we exert the courage and energy to apply ourselves to his schoolroom of instruction and spread the Good News about Jesus Christ.

Have a great week. God Bless

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"To act justly, To love tenderly and To walk humbly with our God"





#### World Mission Month 2014

Last Sunday, in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, we celebrated **WORLD MISSION DAY**. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

# The theme is "When I grow up I want to be....alive!" Shocking, yet true for children in many countries of the world.

Jesus' mission of creating a world where all can live a fully dignified life is still a long way off and because this mission is central to the Catholic Church, the whole month of October has been dedicated to reflection in the hope that all the baptised will always be more committed to Christ's mission of salvation for the world.



At OLOW we are promoting mission in a manner appropriate and relevant to students, and to celebrate the wonderful fundraising efforts to support Catholic Mission's work with children worldwide. When we allow God to act through us in love for others, bringing the fruits of the spirit into the world—reconciliation, forgiveness, justice, peace, harmony, joy, and love—we build God's family and help everyone experience fullness of life.

We can all act to reduce poverty around the world and improve the quality of life for all our brothers and sisters of God's family. We can stand in solidarity with all who suffer exclusion, poverty and injustice and whose life is in some way diminished.

How can I be more like Jesus? How can I continue Jesus' mission? How can I share with others? FAITH MUST BE EXPRESSED IN ACTION!

### Higher School Certificate

Volunteers Needed

This week begins the second week of the HSC. Our thoughts and prayers are with all families and friends who have children/relatives sitting for this exam. Yesterday students sat for the Mathematics exam. The HSC final exams are on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



### Joint School & Parish Working Bee: 25th October 8am-12noon

On Saturday we will be holding our second working bee for 2014. Our maintenance person, Mat Sharp, cannot do every job in the school within his allocated hours (even though he tries to), so occasionally we have to ask for help to keep on top of essential maintenance and to make sure the school is safe, clean and presentable.



Jobs to be completed: Mowing and edging; removal of bark, leaves and debris; planting of 150 shrubs and restoration of garden beds around new fences; removal of weeds and a general tidy up of the school.

We do understand that many parents have sporting and work commitments on Saturday morning. However, all we ask is an hour or two of your time. Refreshments will be available and a sausage sizzle will be provided.

### World Teachers' Day

At OLOW we will celebrate World Teachers' Day on **Thursday 6 November** (not 31<sup>st</sup> October). This is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. It is a day to celebrate teachers and the central role they play in nurturing and guiding infants, children, youth and adults through the life-long learning process.



This day provides an opportunity to draw attention to the important role of teachers within our

community. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. Everyday in millions of classrooms, the universal endeavour of teaching and learning takes place. The gift of literacy is passed from one generation to the next, along with a love of learning and thirst for knowledge. When knowledge is shared and skills developed, lives can be changed.

There will be a special treat for our teachers and teacher assistants on the day and all students and parents are invited to help make this day an extra special way of saying 'thank you' to our great teachers. Perhaps a personal drawing or card would brighten your teacher's day.

If any parents would like to contribute to a morning tea treat for staff, please contact Julie in the office. There will be a short prayer before school on the Thursday run by our school leaders that you are most welcome to attend.

### Swimming Program Kindergarten – Year 4

OLOW's swimming program for all children in Kindergarten to Year 4 will be held from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of this 10-day program is covered in the school activity fee.

The swimming program (Aquatics) is a compulsory component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum and all students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 are required to attend.



### The Sacrament of Peace and Reconciliation

At the weekend masses, Year 3 students and parents made a commitment to participate fully in the program leading up to the sacrament of Reconciliation. Our thoughts and prayers are with each family as they prepare for this beautiful sacrament.

### Year 5 Leadership Camp

On Monday, our Year 5 students accompanied by Mrs Henson, Mrs Day, Mrs Scott and Mrs McKeon went on a three-day leadership camp to Berry Sport and Recreation Camp. Besides having fun, the students were given many leadership challenges that they had to solve. Our Year 5 students stepped up to each challenge and displayed courage, initiative and resilience throughout the three days. We are so proud of our Year 5 students....they will certainly be great Year 6 leaders in 2015.

### **Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Morning**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October we begin our Kindergarten 2015 Transition-to-School Program. This is a chance for new children to familiarise themselves with 'big school' before the school year begins and a sharing time for parents. Our program begins at 8:45am in the hall.

### NAPLAN Results 2014

Over the last month, staff have spent their professional learning time analysing our NAPLAN results, celebrating achievements, developing learning plans for individual students and discussing school programs to meet the identified areas of need. We take this opportunity to share the following information with you:

YEAR 3, 2014		
	At Minimum Standards: Band 1	Top Proficiency Level: Bands 5 & 6
Reading	2%	59%
Writing	9%	24%
Spelling	0%	48%
Grammar & Punctuation	2%	46%
Numeracy	0%	33%

YEAR 5, 2014		
	At Minimum Standards: Band 3	Top Proficiency Level: Bands 7 & 8
Reading	0%	35%
Writing	2%	6%
Spelling	0%	33%
Grammar & Punctuation	2%	47%
Numeracy	4%	8%

Though we have many students sitting comfortably within the middle bands, our resolve at OLOW is to extend all students so they are working at their very best in everything they do. NAPLAN is only one small snapshot of achievement. At OLOW we look at the whole child teaching them skills and processes needed for life's learning journey.

#### 2015 Students Return to School



On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015, OLOW staff will be taking two Staff Development Days to assess students in Years 1-6 in the Mathematical Interview Assessment (MAI). This is a one-on-one interview style assessment led by a teacher. Each assessment takes a minimum of 30 minutes. Even though teachers won't be able to test every student within the two days, they should be able to get the majority completed. More details and an interview on-line booking schedule will be organised for later this term.

School will resume for students in Years 1-6 on Thursday 29th January 2015.

Kindergarten students will have a separate testing schedule for literacy and numeracy and this will take place from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

# VERY IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM!!!

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.30am - Stage 3 Mass (Yrs 5 & 6)	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am - Stage 2 Mass (Yrs 3 & 4)	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am - Early Stage 1/ Stage 1 Mass (Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2)	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Advent/Christmas Celebration, 7.00pm	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration of Learning Awards Ceremony	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell Mass, 7.00pm	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass	
	Year 6 Social Night (courtyard/hall)	
Thurs/Fri 19/20 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Days	
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	Staff Development Days – Student Assessment for Years 1 - 6	

# Celebration of Learning Award Assembly 8.45am - Monday 8 December

At this assembly each of the following categories will be awarded to students in each class.

> Love of Learning Award Mary MacKillop Award Most Improved Award Positive Attitude Towards Learning Award Music Award Japanese Award

# P&F NEWS



# Our Lady of the Way School Disco

# Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Kinder – Yr 2 - 5.00pm – 6.30pm Yrs 3 – 6- 7.00pm – 8.30pm \$5.00 entry includes soft drink or popper

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Sunday Stage Masses

Father PJ has invited the children at Our Lady of the Way to celebrate Sunday Mass with the community in the coming weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a community to celebrate Mass together. The first Mass will be a Stage 3 Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.30am. The Stage will be responsible for many parts of the Mass including: Altar Servers, Prayers of the Faithful, Offertory Procession and a Communion Hymn. The Stage 2 Mass will be on Sunday 16th November and finally the Early Stage 1/ Stage 1 Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 30th November. We encourage all children, parents, family and friends to join with us as we celebrate as a Catholic faith community.

Dear Parents,

Below is an outline of how we have been running the program for the past few years. Lessons are done as a group on the weekends in conjunction with attendance at Mass on either Saturday evening or Sunday mornings.

**First Communion** TERM 1 For children in Year 4 or above who have already made First Confession (Reconciliation) Preparation runs from February through March with the celebration made after the Easter school holidays

Confirmation

For children in Year 5 or above who have previously made First Communion Preparation begins in June and follows on after the school holidays into July and August

Reconciliation

**TERM 4** For children in Year 3 or above who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation Preparation runs from October through November

**TERM 2/3** 

If the timing does not suit your family due to other commitments or holidays then it is absolutely acceptable to postpone the celebrations until the following year. Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office if you have any gueries or concerns. My direct email is: sacraprog.olowpar@eftel.com.au

Thank you. Kate Turner Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator

# LEARNING NEWS

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Write a Book in a Day both at McCarthy and OLOW last term. Together all of Stage Three raised \$1184.15 for the Westmead Children's Hospital. This is an outstanding effort and on behalf of OLOW and McCarthy, we would like to say thank you to all the children and their families who helped raise money for such a great cause.









The Write a Book in a Day competition which the children competed in at McCarthy, was held nation wide and the final book was submitted for judging after the long 12 hour day. These children wrote and illustrated the book "A Journey Through Time" and have won the NSW Primary School Category Best Illustrations. Congratulations to Kyal Risse, Jack Prendergast, Maddison McCarry, Mikayla Flanagan, Josh Patterson, Kayla Barnes, Emily Savic, Alanah Eisenhuth, Jerry Crumpton and Ellie Tsahtarlis, who will be attending The NSW Award presentation on Wednesday 29th October, 2014 at Westmead Children's Hospital at 10am.

# YEAR 4 CSIRO Incursion, Friday 17th October



On the CSIRO incursion I loved the fact that we got to use Lego and build simple machines. In this picture Ollie, our instructor, is showing us a ramp out of a flag and what would happen if you crossed it over. Ollie said why we need ramps and how they work. Another word for

ramp is an inclined plane. I loved the incursion and hope we can have another one. By Olivia Boulous

# Something exciting about the CSIRO



incursion was that if you

open a can of Milo with a spoon you use less force than using your hand. The spoon is a lever. By Montana Clifford

This picture is about when CSIRO came to tell us about simple machines. CSIRO stands for Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. In this picture we wanted to tell you that there is even Maths in simple machines. Here you can see we were using cogs. If

> we spin the big cog once the little cog spins 5 times. By Ashleigh Hurley and Talesha Spooner





At the CSIRO Incursion my partner and I enjoyed building Lego together. We discovered that it takes a lot of agreements and teamwork to complete a Lego machine. There was lots of Maths involved including counting and sizing. Altogether we had fun and we learned. By Maddy Godfrey



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By Brandon McCann

# Year 1 Writing - Should we wear hats?

Sienna 1B:

To begin with sweat can be annoying because if it's a hot day and you're running around, sweat can get under your hat. The next reason why children should definitely not wear a hat is it could blow off and get lost in the playground.

Asha 1T:

Firstly we don't want to get skin cancer. It is bad because we could die. Secondly, you can run on the playground so you don't get bored. Hats help you.

# Cooper 1T:

To begin with, children should wear hats because they could get sun burnt and when you get older you could get very sick like get skin cancer. Another reason why we should wear hats to school is that it protects your eyes and that is very important to us.



Firstly, children should wear hats to school because it is part of their uniform. Secondly it's bad (if you don't) because you can get sun cancer. Hats are wonderful and everyone should wear them.

Aimee:

Firstly if you wear a hat you will be safe. Secondly, it protects your eyes. Hats are the best, everyone should wear a hat.

Ayden:

Children shouldn't wear hats because you could lose it at school. It would be bad if you lost your hat because your parents would get angry. Secondly you could lose it on a windy day.



# Year 1 have been learning about what a Mission is and

have listened to the story of <u>Jesus feeds the 5000</u>. We discussed how we could be like Jesus in our own lives. We have learnt that is important to share with others who don't have what we have. We can be missionaries in our own communities by sharing what we have with the poor.

Olivia took the message home to her family and created a retell of the story by using props to help her. She also wrote a diary as one of the people in the scripture story.

Today in Year 4 the CSIRO came to our classroom.

They shared some amazing information with us. We learnt that a small kid can actually lift an adult because they used a massive lever and that an adult can push a 10 year old kid with just his finger!





# <u>OLOW CURRICULUMSPOT</u>



Our Lady of the Way is a Sun Smart School. We endeavour to make sure all students, parents and teachers Slip. Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide all year round. The following information will convince you about why being Sun Smart is vitally important for all of us.

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Two in three Australians (2 in 3 men and 3 in 5 women) will develop some form of skin cancer before the age of 70. Over 440,000 Australians are treated for skin cancer and more than 1800 Australians die each year from skin cancer.

But this doesn't need to be the case. Nearly all skin cancers can be prevented by protecting yourself from the sun and most skin cancers can be cured if they are diagnosed and treated early.

# Be SunSmart

Always protect your skin when UV levels are 3 (moderate) and above. <u>Find out today's UV levels</u>.



Protect yourself in 5 ways:

- Slip on <u>clothing</u> that covers your shoulders, arms and legs. Choose shirts with collars, high necks and sleeves and trousers or longer shorts and skirts that come below the knees.
- Slop on SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant <u>sunscreen</u>. Apply generously 20 minutes before going outside and re-apply every 2 hours. Never rely on sunscreen alone.
- **Slap on a broad-brimmed** <u>hat</u> that protects your face, ears and neck. Broad-brimmed, bucket and legionnaire style hats provide good protection. Baseball caps are <u>not</u> recommended, as they do not protect the ears, cheeks or neck.
- Seek <u>shade</u> whenever you can especially when UV levels are highest between10am and 2pm (11am and 3pm during daylight saving).
- Slide on <u>sunglasses</u> that meet Australian Standard AS1067 and that fit your face well.

For more information: www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart

# OLOW has a 'No Hat No Play' policy.

All students are to wear a school hat when they are outdoors. (Sporting activities, Before school, First Break, Second Break & After school)

We also encourage all parents to be <u>Sun Smart</u> by wearing a hat when you are dropping off or picking up you children, and also during any outdoor activities.

# **SPORTS NEWS**

## Stage Two and Year Six Basketball Gala Day



On the 21st of October a group of Year Six boys had the opportunity to participate in Basketball Gala day held at Penrith Valley Sports Stadium. We would like to thank all the parents that came and cheered us on and scored for us on the day. And a BIG!!!!!!!!! thank you to Mrs Scott and Miss Reynolds for organising and helping on the day. On behalf of the boys team we would like to say a BIG thanks to Mrs Mangan for coaching us and taking the time to train us. Thank you Mrs Mangan!!! We couldn't have done it without you.

Jeremy Skinner

On the 21st of October Stage 2 and 3 participated in a "Basketball Gala Day". With 52 teams competing, it was a great day. The Year Six teams were split into three mini teams and were coached by either, Joshua Nardi (An ex-Our Lady of The Way student), Mrs Procter (Alyssa Procter's mum), Mrs Mangan (Kenny and Brianna Mangan's mum) or Miss Reynolds. Every child played at least a full game and had a great time. By the end of the day the girls had won a total of 4 games. The Year Six girls did a fantastic job and finished in 2nd place. We all made sure we had lots of fun as it was Year 6's last "Basketball Gala Day" in primary school.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported us including Mrs Scott, Miss Reynolds, Mrs Grima-Starkey and Mrs Khalifeh and how fair and encouraging everyone was, without the help of you all we would not of been able to give the children this wonderful opportunity. Isabella Nardi







Stage 2 Basketball

Basketball was really fun competing against other schools. On the day we played 5 games and I enjoyed playing with new people.

I know that the Year 3 and 4 girls team (which I was in) won two games.

The teachers had everything organised and were very supportive.

I would like to give a thanks to all the parents who came and supported the kids who played.

A special thanks to Terryanne Dixon for coaching the Year 3 and 4 girls team, Michael Urquhart for coaching the Year 3 and 4 boys team and

Mrs Grima Starkey in Year 3, Mrs Khalifeh in Year 4 and Miss Reynolds and Mrs Scott in Year 6 who organised The Basketball Gala Day and training.

By Abagail Dixon Year 3

# 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2015 are invited to participate in the Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Primary School team sports trials during Term Four in 2014 and Term One in 2015. Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website <u>www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au</u>. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Please contact Miss Reynold our sports coordinator for any further information.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## Thank You Morning Tea

Our Lady of the Way Parish Pastoral Council would like to say THANK YOU for your contribution to the Life of our Parish Community, so they are having a Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Bring your family. A jumping castle will be provided for the children.

For catering purposes, kindly inform Julie Irvine at the School Office if you are able to attend. RSVP Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

# Enrolments For 2015

We understand that family circumstances change and that children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending OLOW in 2015 please advise Mrs Veling and complete a notification of leaving form that is available from the school office.

Please note that concerns regarding financial difficulties **are not** a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and Our Lady of the Way can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise.

We have very healthy enrolments for all classes in 2015, and some children on waiting lists, so in fairness to these families we ask you to let us know if you are changing schools.

If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child here at OLOW from 2015, in any grade, please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible to assist us with our planning for 2015.

### Parent Pick-Up

We would like to remind parents that school finishes at 2.55pm and children need to be picked up no later than 3.10pm. There are a number of children not picked up until well after this time. Students waiting for parents need to be seated on the seat outside the office not playing games while waiting for their parents.



# <u>CanTeen's Bandanna Day</u>

OLOW will be taking part in CanTeen's Bandanna day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Bandannas and pens can be purchased from the school office - bandannas for \$4 each and pens for \$3. The bandannas can be worn to school on National bandanna day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of October. All money raised from selling the bandanas goes to CanTeen an organisation which helps young people living with cancer. By buying a bandanna you will show your support for young people as they go the



bandanna you will show your support for young people as they go through the toughest and most distressing ordeal of their young lives.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**





Help save Dick Smith Foods from closing his doors and help MLCF with some much needed funds by:

- 1. Joining this event
- 2. Buy your Dick Smith Product
- 3. Take a selfie with the product
- 4. Text your photo to charity@dicksmithfoods.com.au nominating Mama Lana's Community Foundation

Don't let this great Aussie company close down! Support this true blue Aussie company and a true blue Aussie charity

Please join the event and share this post.

https://www.facebook.com/events/1510163635918122/



# beYOUnique

The theme for Mental Health Month this year is 'beYOUnique!' Be proud of who you are!

Let's celebrate our strengths and differences and be ourselves! This theme aims to encourage all of us to consider our strengths and challenges and nurture our own 'unique worth'. We should also take the opportunity to support the people in our lives and celebrate their own individual qualities that make them unique

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage!

Weekend dates: 7 – 9 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or <a href="mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au">wsharpe@bigpond.net.au</a>

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# 2014 PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST FAMILY DAY

Date: 8th NOVEMBER 2014 Location: 101 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains Time: 7:30am – 12:00pm Breakfast, clowns, face painting, toss the ball, raffles & special guests!

## **OLMC Mercy Scholarships**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2016 are invited to apply. Visit the College website <u>www.olmc.nsw.edu.au</u> for more information.

## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish & School Fete



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2014 10am – 3pm Rides, Jumping Castles, Face Painting and much more. Come along for a fun day.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM - SPRINGWOOD

CCSS Solo Parent Services is holding its fortnightly Bereavement Support Session on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>October for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is *"The Tasks of Grief"*. Venue: Springwood Baptist Church Macquarie St Springwood from 10.30 – 12.30. Details and Registration: <u>soloparentservices@ccss.org.au</u> or Ph. 99330205

### STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services invites those who have been separated or divorced to our monthly evening for sharing and support. The emphasis is on personal development, growth and goals for a hope-filled future. Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: <u>soloparentservices@ccss.org.au</u> or Ph. 99330205.