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9th March 2016

"What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad" (**Psalm 125:3**)

Dear Parents/Guardians

Catering to Difference

Many, if not most, aspects of being human can vary widely between individuals. A quick scan of any class of children will confirm that 'one size does not fit all'. The teaching and learning programs at OLG aim to include appropriate challenges for all students in the class, to support them to achieve a level of success comparable to their knowledge and skill levels.

There are many factors that will each impact on how well a child does at school and what level of support that child might require. Some of these are: attitude to learning, breadth and depth of relevant experiences; parental expectations; work ethic; perseverance; where the student is on the continuum of learning compared to their classmates; intelligence and ability to sustain focus.

The vast bulk of students in any class fit within the "average" range in terms of learning needs and are well and fully catered to by the teacher's standard class program which differentiates curriculum delivery to address the needs of all. One would expect to find three or more 'needs-based' groups operating in Literacy and Numeracy lessons to cater to the needs of all, including those needing either extra support or extension.

There are times though when extra, small group support is worthwhile and for this we have: Reading Recovery, EMU, Levelled Literacy Intervention, Rainbow Reading and Special Needs Education Assistants. At Year One the focus is on the lowest 20% in the cohort but as we go up the grades this gradually narrows to the 5% most needing support.

There is also a place for bringing "like minds" together for extension activities and for this we have the Stretch and Extension courses. These focus on those students in the top ten percent of intellectual ability at OLG. To identify these students we use the results of psychologists' assessments, ACER's General Ability Test (AGAT) and Test of Learning Ability (TOLA) which assess a child's strength in abstract, general and syllogistic reasoning. We also look at standardised test scores including NAPLAN and teacher nominations.

As it is known that students with high intellectual ability often conceal their gift and present as poor classroom achievers AGAT, TOLA and the psych reports carry considerable weight in selecting participants in extension courses.

As a school we are fortunate to have many students who have a great work ethic and combined with quality teaching, they do very well in typical class and NAPLAN-type assessments but this does not necessarily imply superior intellectual ability. It probably does mean that those students will do very well academically both at school and beyond but in the rarified air of 'very high' and 'superior' intellects they may well find themselves struggling to cope.

For this reason, our Stretch and Extension groups, as are the support programs, are fairly exclusive, as we attempt to meet the needs of each and every one of our students.

Spiritual Ministry

Last week's Free Dress and Activity Day in support of Project Compassion raised almost \$800. This is a wonderful result and a great credit to Sr Joseph and the Ministry.

God bless

Chris Kenworthy
Principal

Discovery Kids will be open on Easter Tuesday. We will be going to Rotary Park.

If anyone is interested in booking to please email us discovery_kids@outlook.com

Jessica [0408 320 266](tel:0408320266), Josephine [0408 835 560](tel:0408835560)

Thanks Josephine

Rottnest Fast Ferries.

Kids travel free in April, July and Sep/Oct school holidays for day return trips to Rottnest Island.

One child free per paying adult. Kids up to 12 years old. Subject to availability and conditions apply.

Bookings: www.rotnestfastferries.com.au Phone: 9246 1039

IMPORTANT DATES

9 MAR 1B to attend Mass	14 MAR Swimming Carnival—Claremont Pool
10 MAR Confirmation—Faith Formation Mtg— 7pm Church	Yrs 1-3 9am—10.30am
11 MAR 4B Assembly	Yrs 4-6 11am—2.30pm
11 MAR Yr 5 Cake Stall	16 MAR 2B to attend Mass
	18 MAR School Assembly

Canteen

Mon 14 Mar Canteen closed

Tue 15 Mar Deb Tasker, Tania Paccanaro

Wed 16 Mar Antonella Stapff, Tracey Musca, Kerry Peard

Thu 17 Mar Carolyn Halleen, Angela Todd

Fri 18 Mar Janelle Garcia, Annalisa Grubisa, Melissa Ecseri, Carla Christou

Please contact Pip Kent on 0439 091300 if you can help out.

CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 14TH MARCH DUE TO SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

While the online ordering email confirmation is being rectified, once you place your order, please check in your “active orders” to ensure that your order has been captured correctly.

Assembly: This week’s assembly will be presented by the students in 4B. Parents of 4B children are invited to the staff room after the assembly for a cuppa with Mrs Caress Heal. Congratulations to the students who received merit awards at last week’s assembly.

Class Names

PPB	Chess Alford
PPG	Brodie Davey, Juliet Leach
1B	Zac Luca, Hannah Griffiths
1G	Mackenzie Bryant, Bronte Krajcar
2B	James Sheehy, Samuel Bernacki
2G	Gabe Randall, Amelia Cassetai
3B	Stella Woods, Luke Smelter
3G	Antonio Crupi, Jackson Tasker
3W	Harley Grey, Isabel Niven
4G	Amelie Flynn, Sebastien Low, Riley Burns
5G	Emma Carney, Charlie Robinson
6B	Olek Tindall, Liam Felstead
6G	Oscar Trehella, Scarlett Sciberras

Easter Egg Hampers

It’s that time of year again, when we celebrate Easter with family and friends. It is also a chance for us to help those who might be alone or not able to afford Easter. Each year the school community gives Easter Egg hampers to those in need. We join with Saint Vincent De Paul to give out hampers to families, couples, refugees, elderly in our community.

Can you please bring in a donation of Easter eggs or Easter gift bags, baskets, boxes for us to put together for those who need a gift this Easter.

Bring the donations straight to the office. Anyone who is free to help put them all together, please contact me on carolynhallee@iinet.net.au we will do this on Thursday 17 March 2016, your donations and help is very much appreciated. Carolyn Hallee

Cake Stall: The Year 5 classes will be holding a cake stall in the Multi on Friday 11 March. Please come along and help support their fundraiser. A reminder to the Year 5 parents who will be baking for the cake stall that OLG has a Nut Free policy.

Mercedes College 170 Years of Quality Education

Mercedes College celebrates 170 years of quality education in the Mercy tradition. To register please go to: www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/open-day. Open Day 14 March (Monday) 9.30—11.30am
Telephone: 9323 1323 www.mercedes.wa.edu.au

Brian Mackie's Karate Academy North Beach—Classes for Kids

Connect with a range of positive role models, make new and meaningful friendships. Communicate with others to build positive relationships. Challenge yourself physically and mentally. Celebrate achieving your goals through hard work and determination.

Our Lady of Grace School, North Beach. 5 lessons for only \$55, no contracts. Benn Mettam, 5th dan, shihan

Www.karateperth.com Ph: 0422 987957 World Karate Federation, International Karate-do-Gojo-kai Association

A night at the movies with Our Lady of Grace Parish.

Movie: Risen starring Joseph Fiennes, **Date:** Thursday 10th March **Place:** Grand Cinemas Whitfords
Film Commences: 6:45pm **Tickets:** \$20 To purchase tickets or for further information contact Christine 0411 273 572

EASTER TWILIGHT MARKET STALL HOLDERS

The OLG Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be holding a market night on Friday 18th March at Our Lady of Grace School in North Beach.

We still have some stalls available for the night.

If you have a business or product/s you would like to promote please contact us on olgatrium.northbeach@gmail.com.au or call Assunta on 0417 951 579.

Netball News!!

OLGNC Coach & Managers Meeting - 9th March 2016

A reminder to all coaches and managers that there is a **compulsory** netball meeting tonight in the MPA from 7pm.

OLGNC Welcome Sausage Sizzle - Friday 11th March

Just a reminder that the OLGNC Sausage Sizzle will be held this Friday 11th of March at the new Charles Riley Reserve Swings from 3 to 4pm. Please remember to emailolgncregistrar@gmail.com if your child is NOT able to attend or has any specific dietary requirements. Siblings welcome but are to be catered for by parent.

Looking forward to both of these events. See you there!

OLGNC Committee.

Rottnest Ferries

We're running a 'Kids Travel Free' promotion during the April, July and September school holidays this year, where one child (aged 12 and under) can travel free with every full paying adult for day trips to Rottnest Island, departing Hillarys Boat Harbour.

Full information on the promotion is available here: <https://www.rotnestfastferries.com.au/articles/kids-travel-free-in-school-holidays/>

Wanted: Mrs Sherlock is after egg cartons. Please drop them off at the library. Thank you.

From Fr Patrick: Forgiveness is so important that the Church persists with the same theme two Lenten weeks running. This week's Gospel is not a parable but a real life event when the Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus who had been sinning and had been caught doing so. Jesus showed her such incredible mercy, whereas the others just wanted to condemn her. He will us also give the same incredible mercy to us if we but ask.

This also points to one of the ways we can be merciful to others by not judging them. Only the Lord knows their full story. Not being judgemental frees up our spirit greatly. Sadly it is the culture of our

times and we may need to be countercultural to be Christian today.

Next Sunday's Mass prayer says it best: "With your help, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in the same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death." **Fr. Patrick**

Dads Raising Girls

Find out how you can build a rewarding father-daughter relationship.

As the primary male role model in a girl's life, fathers play an important role in the development of their self-concept and self esteem. This affects how they relate to others, particularly to boys and men.

This workshop will discuss:

- common myths and mistakes around father-daughter relationships
- the importance of the father-daughter relationship
- what daughters need from their dads
- practical ways to improve and maintain a positive and rewarding father-daughter relationship.

JOONDALUP

Lotteries House, corner of Davidson Terrace
and Boas Avenue

Wednesday 6 April

WEST LEEDERVILLE

22 Southport Street, corner of Cambridge
Street

Tuesday 28 June

Time: \$25 per person

Fee: 6.30-9.00pm

Places are limited so please book now on 6164 0200