



Opening our Hearts and Minds

Catholic Education Week 2018
Friday 25 May – Friday 1 June

Monday – Reconciliation Week Focus.

Today students learnt about the importance and value of Dreaming stories, being one of the most important aspects of Indigenous culture. The Dreamtime is the Aboriginal understanding of the world, of its creation, and its great stories. The Dreamtime is the beginning of knowledge, from which came the laws of existence. For survival these laws must be observed. Dreamtime Stories are the 'Sacred Scripture' for Indigenous culture just like our own bible is sacred scripture for our Catholic traditions.

Tuesday - Get Kozy and Komfy for Kiribati.

OLOR is raising awareness and funds to support the families of Kiribati. Students and staff are encouraged to attend school dressed in their Kozy and Komfy pyjamas for a gold coin donation. **Students are to still bring along their sandshoes for their sports lesson and a change of clothes if their p.j.'s are difficult to play sport in.**

Kiribati is one of the world's smallest and lowest lying countries, located in the central Pacific Ocean. Quality of life in Kiribati has been greatly impacted upon by the effects of climate change. Many families have had to relocate due to extreme weather phenomenon like king tidal waves.

Wednesday – Combined Catholic Schools Day

We will join together with our sister Catholic Schools in the Riverland region to celebrate Mass at the Berri Stadium, followed by a day of celebration and fun. Mass will begin at 10.30am. Children will need a packed lunch, water bottle and snacks. Uniform for the day will be their Sports Uniform. Please make sure all jumpers are labelled. Hats are not required.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE RETURN THE REPLY SLIP ATTACHED

If possible, parents are asked to drop off their children at the Berri Sports Stadium at 10am and pick up their children at 3pm, again from the stadium. This will assist with us not having to hire a bus and reduce our costs for the day. The reply slip is important for us to calculate which students will be arriving at the Berri Stadium and who we will need to transport to the stadium from the school.

Thursday – Switches off Day

'OLOR Switches Off', supports our precious world and attempts to reduce our carbon footprint on the environment. Throughout the day the classes will be 'switching off' all electricity to experience what it is like without this resource in our daily lives and to help save our world by using less energy.

Friday - Walk to School Day & Gratitude Gala

We are hosting a Gratitude Gala to show our Gratitude to our loved ones. This will be a fun way at the end of our week of celebrations to express our gratitude to our nearest and dearest loved ones and friends. Please join us.

8:00 am: Meet at the Riverland Plaza - in front of Subway for an 8:10 departure.

9:00 am: Gratitude Liturgy – Senior Year 6/7 classroom.

9:40 am: Gratitude Gala — Please join us in a range of activities hosted by the students of Our Lady of the River School.

10:30 am: Gratitude Gala Morning Tea / Close of Day.

We are all looking forward to an exciting week of activities to celebrate the wonderful opportunities we have, attending Our Lady of the River, Catholic school.

Ros Oates
Principal

IMPORTANT: please return the reply slip TOMORROW. (29th May)

Name of Family: _____ *Please tear off above.*

Wednesday 30th May – Combined Catholic Schools Day

If possible, parents are asked to drop off their children at the **Berri Sports Stadium, Glassy Park** at 10am and pick up their children at 3pm, again from the stadium. PLEASE indicate below if this is not possible and you require another arrangement.

(please tick your preference below)

☐ **Our children can be dropped off at (10am) and picked up (3pm) from Berri Sports Stadium.**

☐ Our children can be dropped off at (8.45am) to the Berri Sports Stadium and picked up (3pm) from the Berri Sports Stadium.

☐ Our child/ren will need to attend OLOR's early morning care (7.30am – 8.30am) and after school care (3pm – 5pm). I give permission for my child/children to be transported to and from OLOR to the Berri Sports Stadium by Mrs. Oates in her car.

If you have any difficulties with the above, please feel free to call Mrs. Oates on 0417787843.

Parent Signature: _____