Dear Parents and Community Members

The majority of our families will be accessing this newsletter by email or via the website today. Thanks must go to Leanne and Clair for organising this and to all parents for the excellent response. Accessing the newsletter saves us time and expenditure on paper and photocopying.

Class Pages
Whilst on line please go to our website www.ololdard.wa.edu.au and view the class pages sharing what is happening in all classrooms. The teachers are preparing the next class pages at the moment in an effort to showcase the progress happening across the school.

Leadership Change
I have been appointed Acting Principal of Our Lady of the Cape school in Dunsborough, commencing on Monday, 8th June until the end of the year. The Principal of the school is going on a combination of Long Service and Principal Renewal Leave for the rest of 2015. I submitted a registration of interest for this position and have been selected and appointed for this temporary position.

The Catholic Education system of WA is working on a systems initiative encouraging schools and leaders to see themselves as part of the wider Catholic Education system. Part of this initiative is the concept of substantive Principals, who are well established in successful schools, considering applying for acting positions in other schools when the Principal is on leave.

Mr Godwin has been appointed as Acting Principal of our school for the rest of 2015. Our priority now is to organise this change in a manner that continues the excellent work happening at all levels in our school. This change will have no impact on the learning program of the students in our school.

I thank everyone in anticipation of your support and understanding with this. I also ask that you keep the whole process in your prayers as we look to new experiences and growth.

P&F Meeting
The morning P&F meeting for this term is scheduled for next Tuesday 19th May. The morning meetings are scheduled to cater for families who cannot attend in the evening meetings. You are welcome to bring toddlers along. Drop your children to class and then come to the staff room for a 'cuppa’ prior to the meeting. There is a lot happening in our school and community so please take this opportunity to become informed and to participate in our school improvement and community building.

Kindergarten Interviews
I have commenced Kindergarten interviews and will have completed them before I commence my leadership at Our Lady of The Cape. We have a few vacancies left, so please encourage any friends who may be interested to enquire and register for an interview.
Caritas Funds
We are so blessed in our school to have so many families who are so generous in helping those in need. We were able to send $1490 to the Lenten Appeal and a further $602 to Caritas specifically for those in Nepal.

Values Definitions – For Our Strategic Plan
Our School Board and staff have been working on defining our core values of Integrity, Respect, Justice, Compassion and Courage.

I will share the definitions at the P&F meeting on Tuesday and explain the process that the staff are going to apply to create simple actions statements for the students to make the values real and accessible.

We will canvas some ideas from the meeting of possible student friendly expressions of the values. This is a great way for a wide cross section of parents to be involved. Our goal is that families can reinforce these values at home so we are all working together to encourage the students to reflect Jesus in everything they do.

God’s blessing to you all
Des Wilkie

Virtue of the week
Confidence
What is Confidence?
Confidence is having faith in something or someone. It is a kind of trust. When you have self-confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and confide in them.

How do you Practice Confidence?
Practicing confidence is knowing you are worthwhile whether you win or lose, succeed or fail. You feel sure of yourself and gladly learn from your mistakes. You don’t allow doubt or fear to stop you. You try lots of new things and discover what you are best at. You think positively. You have confidence in life, trusting that all things work together for good.

Canteen News

Tomorrow - Friday 15th May
Helpers:
Leaders: Denise & Julie
Helpers: Cath Billi & Michelle Borlini

Next Week - Friday 22nd May
Helpers:
Leaders: Jasmine & Danni
Helpers: Ellen Barbetti

Recess:
Apple & Cinnamon Muffin
Lunch:
Shepherd’s Pie
Extra: Ice-cream Smooze
P&F Helpers
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to provide food for the opening night on Friday 15th May.

Food can be dropped at the Dardanup Hall on the Friday between 8.30 - 10.30am or 2.30 – 4.30pm.

MILO AND MUFFIN NEXT WEEK!!!
Wednesday 20th May
Next week to help fundraise for the year 6 camp we will be holding a ‘milo and muffin’ day at recess.
Bring your $3.00 on the day and go to the canteen at recess. Enjoy!

WE DESPERATELY NEED A VOLUNTEER TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE ART SPECTACULAR THIS SUNDAY BETWEEN 2 AND 4PM.
IF YOU COULD ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT SONIA STENHOUSE ASAP ON 0400 233 292.

PARISH NEWS
‘Children’s Liturgy’
Thank you to those families who have returned forms for the ‘children’s Liturgy’. To assist with future planning, could any unreturned forms please be brought to the school office by Monday 18th May. Thank you

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
The parents of the year 6 camp students will be cooking the sausage sizzle at Bunnings on the 9th August.
Come on down to grab lunch or just a snack and support our year 6 students of their fundraising efforts.
The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven." During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially loving homage of prayer and veneration.

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
Mark 16: 15-20  
And he said to them, ‘Go out to all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.’ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

**Reflection of this week's reading**  
In this weekend’s reading, we are told to go out and tell the Good News to all. Have you done something to share the good news about Jesus? Evangelization is not only confined to sharing with your vocal words for you could also evangelize by the way you live. So go out and not only speak the Good News, but try to live like Jesus- a life of simplicity and humility.

**The Pope on Twitter**

I follow Pope Francis on Twitter. I like to think that the Pope himself writes his tweets but even if it is the people who work for him, he does endorse the words that are sent out to inspire Catholics and non-Catholics around the world. I encourage you to see what our Pope is saying by clicking on the link. With social media often seen as a waste of time and full of bad news, why not bring some good news to yourself and your family? For those of you that are not on Twitter, here are a few of his messages.  
https://twitter.com/pontifex

**Pope Francis @Pontifex**

Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us.

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| **Tuesday 26th May** - First Eucharist Banner Making  
3.15pm, School Hall |
| **Saturday 6th June** - First Eucharist, 6pm, Dardanup |
| **Sunday 7th June** - First Eucharist, 9am , Dardanup |

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**KINDY** In Maths, we are learning about counting on. We are trying to count on to 10. So if you ask us to count on from 6, we say “6,7,8,9,10”. It takes lots of practice, but we are getting better at it. We have also been doing some Creative Writing. We made a snow globe and used our imaginations to describe what it would be like to play in the snow in our snow globe.

**PRE-PRIMARY** What a lovely time we had with our beautiful mums celebrating Mothers Day last Friday. We painted, planted, and created with them. We even performed a little song which was met with much applause! This week we have turned our attention to the adventures of Grandma Poss and Hush in "Possum Magic" and the places they visited in Australia. We are writing letters and drawing pictures to our friends and relatives from different parts of Australia and we are looking forward to hearing back from them!

**YEAR 1** Do you know your animals?? In Year 1 this week, we have been researching animal features and used what we found to write a What Am I? riddle. We have also been getting very good at turnarounds in Maths. Did you know that if 3+4=7, then 7-4=3?

**YEAR 2** We have begun creating a book on the i-pads with Mr Skehan about our emotions. This week, we created the front cover of our books. which look awesome!

**YEAR 3** The Year Threes have been busy doing NAPLAN this week. In Art, we are doing silhouette art, we are doing Religious Education assessments and we are learning to use Book Creator to present our writing on the iPads.

**YEAR 4** This week we travelled to the African Savanna and we have painted sunset silhouettes with elephants and giraffes. We have also completed our biome reports and Mrs Godwin is so proud of our note-taking skills.

**YEAR 5** In year 5 we have been busy with NAPLAN testing. We completed our last test today, which was Numeracy. Everyone has been working hard and giving it their best go. We have also found time to work on our assembly item, which requires us to write our own songs. After the brain strain of the Numeracy NAPLAN we relaxed with a bit of Art, which we all enjoyed!

**YEAR 6** In Year 6 we have worked hard mastering fractions and decimals. We did some ‘sweet’ art with Mrs Johnston. They are displayed in our room, and look awesome!