Dear Parents and Community Members

We started this week with a well attended Family Mass where our First Communion candidates and their parents made a commitment to the program of preparation. It was also an opportunity for the parish community to support the candidates and to pray for them. Thanks must go to Mrs Godwin, Miss Dillon, our parish music ministry members and the parishioners who also supported Fr Tony in celebrating the Eucharist with us. Thanks also to the parishioners who received a prayer card helping to focus some prayers for each of our young people.

School Climate Survey
A final reminder to those sixty families selected to participate in the School Climate Survey. We need to send the completed surveys tomorrow, so please return any outstanding surveys.

Modifications to In Car Pick Up
The changes to the route used in queuing whilst waiting for In Car Pick Up is working really well. Thanks must go to families for adopting the changes so readily.

Support for those in Nepal
Once again we had a generous response from the students to our free dress day today raising funds to send to Caritas to assist those in dire need in Nepal. We will combine the $205 raised from the money chain in term one with the funds raised today to offer some substantial support.

Electronic Newsletter Options
We have had an excellent response to the electronic newsletter options with over seventy families already returning the reply sheet. For this week ONLY we will still send both the email options for those registered and a paper copy to EVERYONE, so we can be sure everyone receives a newsletter whilst we check that the emails are working. If you have elected for an emailed newsletter and it doesn’t arrive, please call the office.

From next week we will send either the email or a paper copy for those who have elected for this. We need the rest of the forms returned so we can ensure that everyone is covered. A reminder that families can access the newsletter at any time by accessing our website at www.ololdard.wa.edu.au and by clicking on the Newsletter quick link.

If you have misplaced your note to state your preference, extra copies are available in the office.

NAPLAN Assessments
NAPLAN testing will take place commencing on Tuesday of next week for students in years 3 and 5. The testing will happen over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with Friday set aside for any make up tests. Could parents reassure your children that these tests are only a part of our much wider assessment and feedback to students and parents. With the preparation completed there is no need for them to be overly concerned. All we require is for them to do their best. Since so many judgments are made based on these high stakes tests, we do need all students to be present for the assessments. The results do
provide valuable feedback to assist teachers to plan future interventions and learning experiences.

**Dardanup Art Spectacular**
Our wonderful P&F Volunteers are busily preparing for the Art Spectacular which happens in the Dardanup Hall over the weekend of the 16th and 17th May. Our community supply and serve the food at the Opening Function on the Friday night. We also help with door sales on the Sunday.

Thanks must go to Sonia Stenhouse and Tammy Clift for their work as co-ordinators. They have had a great response from families to help with this already. We could still use a couple of volunteers for the Sunday. If you can help please call or text Sonia on 0400 233 292.

We have also had a good response from families in completing the P&F helper planner for the year. There are still a few planners missing. Please return ASAP so we can spread the load and ensure all families are contributing to our school.

**Playground Equipment Safety**
The goal of our new Early Childhood playground is to provide some aspects of nature play and creative play. We have recently spent some time as staff to create a set of play guidelines for the students so we can develop a balance between adventure and safety with opportunities for students to learn self-management skills.

The introduction and integration of the new playground has been excellent with the children loving the expanded play opportunities, and staff providing supervision and direction to avoid accidents.

There is an area of concern with the use of playground equipment in the school in general after school. We have several staff on duty for bus organization and for In Car Pick up. We do not have the resources to supervise the playgrounds after school, as teachers are often in meetings or liaising with parents and other staff. Children sometimes think that when the bell goes, and if their parents are present, the safety rules and procedures no longer apply.

A strong feature of our school is that parents feel most welcome and love catch up after school. I don’t want to impact on this community spirit, but ask that parents do not allow their children on the playground equipment after school. My thanks in anticipation of your support with this.

God’s blessing to you all
Des Wilkie

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**ALTAR SERVERS THIS WEEK**

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**Virtue of the week**

**Respect**

*What is Respect?*
Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

*How do you Practice Respect?*
Think about how you would like others to treat you and treat them with the same dignity. How would you like others to speak to you, treat your belongings, and your right to privacy? If you want to use someone else’s things, ask and then take good care of them. Express even your strongest feelings in a peaceful way. Treat yourself as you feel others deserve to be treated. You deserve it too!

**Book Club**

Book Club orders are due back TOMORROW Friday 8th May. Credit Card payments are preferred. Thank you.
Canteen News

Tomorrow - Friday 8th May
Helpers:
Leaders: Helen & Jasmine
Helpers: Sally Barnden & Danelle Allpike

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

Recess:
Cheesies!!! Cheese, Ham & Cheese, Spag & Cheese or Vegemite & Cheese
Lunch:
Ham & Cheese Slice
Extra: Milk Drinks

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.

Faction Volleyball Competition
Last Term Mr van Kampen encouraged us to organise a faction volleyball competition at lunch time on Wednesdays. Each faction of six team members played the other factions in a ‘round robin’ format. The results of this determined who played in the finals.

The playoff for 1st and 2nd position was between Green and Blue with Blue team of Zoe, Pierina, Geordie, Jack, Declan, Emmaline and Ella finally being the victors in the replay of the final as the first final was a tie.

Thanks to all Yr 6 and Yr 5 students who participated in such a cooperative and sportsman like manner.

Thanks to our Sport Leaders Emmaline Barbetti and Jack Monkhouse for their leadership in co-ordinating the volleyball games.

Mr Otto Van Kampen

Under the leadership of Mrs Godwin, we are hoping to enter a ‘team’ in this years Nina’s Women’s Triathlon. Our team ‘Ladies of Lourdes’ is open for ANY female parents, teachers or staff of OLOL. If you think you are up to the challenge (if I can do it you can do it) please register your interest in the office.

So far we have recruited...
- Mrs Addy Godwin
- Mrs Rebecca Mifflin
- Ms Jo Buemi
- Mrs Clair Panetta
- Mrs Heelan
- Mrs Brady

Registration opens on 1st August – with cost normally around $40. The Triathlon is taking place on Sunday November 15th.

The course is a 200m swim, 10k bike ride and 2km run! YOU CAN DO IT!!!

AFL Auskick
Reminder that Auskick starts TODAY at the Recreation oval in Dardanup starting at 3.30pm. This will run each Thursday at this time.
Thank you to the parents who attended the First Eucharist Commitment Mass and Parent Meeting on Sunday. As discussed at the meeting, after the First Eucharist celebration, there will be coffee and cake. A contribution of $5 is required towards the cake, which the parish will organise. Please send into Mrs Godwin asap and she will tick your name off the list. For those parents who were not at the parent meeting, you will need to see Mrs Godwin for the information.

幸福母亲节

Happy Mother’s Day to all the beautiful mums in our school.

Miss. Natalie Dillon

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**Dates to remember**

- **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

**6th Sunday of Easter**

John 15: 9-14

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

**Reflection of this week’s reading**

This week’s gospel reading is often read at weddings and the reading reminds us of something so powerful - love. We are called to love one another as Jesus loves us. Sometimes, this can be a difficult commandment to follow. We know that all people are God’s children. Unfortunately, it is often hard to see God in them – especially when they are rude, or don’t think the way that we do.

Mother Theresa comes to mind when I think of those that showed love to others. Her way of life was to do everything with love, to see the face of Christ in everyone. Perhaps this coming week, look at how you can live this commandment. Looking at the recent crisis in Nepal, we are called to help and love one another. So, how will you choose to live this commandment?

**Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice**

Founder of the Christian Brothers and Presentation Brothers, Edmund Rice, opened schools for poor children. His feast day is 5th May.

While Blessed Edmund Rice is not yet a saint, there are a series of events that are paving the way.

A miracle occurred in 1976 when a man had been given 48 hours to live. A family friend gave the man a relic of Edmund Rice. A mass was held and friends prayed for a miracle through the intercession of Rice. He survived and fully recovered after a few weeks.

**Happy Mother’s Day**

On Sunday we will celebrate Mothers’ Day. We remember our mothers with love for the tender way they care for us. Let us pray for our mothers and for the generations of mothers before them.

You care for us, O God, as a mother cares for her children.

Bless, protect and strengthen all the mothers of the world. Amen.
**YEAR 6**

On Wednesday we played the Grand Final for the Faction Volleyball Tournament. Over the last few weeks we have had round robin matches where all factions played against each other. Green played against Blue in the final. We were so excited when Blue won!! Thanks Zoe, Pierina, Geordie, Jack and Declan for playing.

Emmaline & Ella

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**YEAR 1**

This week in Year One we have been learning all about alliteration. We had to come up with some sentences that showed alliteration. "Amelie alligator ate an arm!" and "Max made mum mad!". We have also been impressing everyone with our counting skills and patterns with numbers.