Dear parents,
Welcome to Term 3 at OLA.

Please remember in your prayers Mrs Wilhelmina Prins, the mother of our own Mrs Janet Dyer (school officer) who passed to her eternal reward last Saturday. May she rest in peace. Janet will return to her normal school duties next Monday.

**Catholic Education Week**

We will commence celebrations of Catholic Education week on Sunday the 27th July when some of our school student leaders will attend a special mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral to represent our school.

On Monday morning the 28th at 9.00 AM Fr Patrick will lead the school in a special prayer liturgy to ask for God’s blessings on the work of Catholic Education at OLA.

At this ceremony we will be announcing the ‘Love and Learn Award’ winners for 2014. For a number of years now the year 6 children, at the end of the year, have voted for whom they consider to be worthy recipients of ‘Maddison’s Award’ and to have this honour during their year 7 year.

With the change of year 7 to Secondary from 2015, the school has decided to keep this tradition alive by introducing the ‘Love and Learn Award’ for the final year of primary schooling which will be year six next year and present Maddison’s trophy to them at the final mass of the year.

The current year six class voted at the end of last term for the classmates that they consider to have the qualities deserving of the ‘Love and Learn Award’ for 2014.

Each of the year 6 and 7 leadership ministries have organized an activity for Catholic Education week.

The **Prayer Ministry** will present a **litrurgical movement** at the liturgy on Monday.

The **Environment Ministry** will conduct an environment quiz for year 4 students in Pender Hall on Monday 28th.

The **Social Justice Ministry** will have a games rotation of soccer, **circus gymnastics and Hip Hop** for the year 2 students on the **oval** and in the **Good Sam Activity Centre** on **Tuesday** 29th at lunchtime.

The **Sport Ministry** will have board games for year 5 students in **Pender Hall** at lunch time on Tuesday.

The **Community Ministry** will have a year 3 **Spelling Bee** in Pender Hall on **Wednesday** 30th at lunchtime.

The **Service Ministry** will conduct a **Talent Show** for Prep and year 1 in the school grounds at lunchtime on **Thursday 31st**.

The **Arts Ministry** have organized a **Talent Show** for all year levels in the **Good Sam Activity Centre** at 2.00 pm.

The **ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL** committee are encouraging the children to be part of the **OLA CONGA Line** on **Wednesday 30th JULY** : We will depart from the Mt Maria playing fields at the end of Mott Street promptly at 8:10am and wind our way safely to OLA arriving before the first bell. All children who take part in the Conga Line will receive double stamps that week. Parents are welcome to join us for the walk to school. Hope to see lots of Active Travellers.

**Administration Housekeeping**

Parents, if your contact details have changed please notify the office so we can update school records. You can email the school at penoggera@bne.catholic.edu.au. Alternatively, log onto the Parent Portal to make any changes.

School Accounts will be emailed out this week. If you do not receive your account by
Friday please contact Clare Hewston. If you have paid the Building Fund component of the fees, receipts will be sent out this week.

Have a great week

Gerard

**Tuckshop**
Volunteers are urgently needed to assist at Tuckshop on Monday’s, Wednesday’s & Friday’s. If you can help out, please email penoggera@bne.catholic.edu.au.

**Defence News**
I hope you had a wonderful holiday. I had a really special holiday, spending the last two weeks of my mums life with her, caring for her and just being able to love her. She passed away on Saturday morning 12th July, nearly making it to her 88th birthday on the 26th. We were so blessed to have such an incredible mother, mentor and role model. She is the reason I can love your children as I do, giving them my all. I will return next week. This photo is of the Family Tree that was made by the children at our party before the holidays. This lovely Family Tree will be hung in the reception area for all to see. Till next week take care be safe.

Janet Dyer DSTA

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**Health & Hygiene**
It has been a cool start to term 3. With the cooler weather there are lots of flus and colds therefore it is important to teach our children the importance of hand hygiene. The classrooms have a non alcohol hand sanitizer for children to use when they enter the classroom. However it is important that children wash their hands:

- after toileting
- after eating
- after play
- after coughing or blowing nose

Children who are unwell are best kept at home to reduce the spread of any virus. If your child has a cough, it is important to teach coughing etiquette to help reduce the spread of the virus.

As children are playing in the dirt and sandpits it is important to have a chat with your pharmacist or doctor and discuss how often your child should be wormed. It is a topic parents are embarrassed to talk about, but is important as children can become unwell and it can spread through the entire family. Signs and symptoms to look out for are:

1. itchy bottom, redness and inflammation in that region
2. irritability or being out of sorts
3. tiredness and not sleeping well.

Finally, parents should regularly check their child’s hair for head lice. Whilst the school will notify parents if there has been a reported case in the class room, parents are ultimately responsible for regularly checking their child’s hair and, if required, treating the hair prior to the child returning to school.

**Plastic Bags**
If you have any plastic shopping bags that you are not going to use please donate these to Mrs Rowsell. A box will be made available in the school office for any donations.

**Raffle—Tuition Vouchers**
The raffle was drawn on the last day of school and the winners notified. Thank you everyone who purchased a ticket.

**Father’s Day Stall**
OLA will be holding a Fathers’ Day stall on Thursday the 4th of September. To make this a success we need gifts for the stall so there is enough for all children. While you’re out please pick up a gift and drop it off at the office. Some ideas are: puzzle books, socks, lollies, chocolates, biscuits or anything similar on special. On the day gifts, will sell for $3, $5, $7 and $10. There will also be a raffle. Could all donations please be in by Monday the 1st September to give us time to sort and wrap. Please bring a donation in as the kids love to come and get something for their dad and it is a great fundraiser for the School.

Mara Fachin
Year 5 Camp (compiled from student responses)

At the end of Term 2, Year 5 went on camp to Tunnel Ridge Ranch which is in Landsborough, near Australia Zoo.

We participated in loads of fun activities including archery, canoeing, orienteering, horse riding, games on the oval, leather work, a scavenger hunt and a late night bush walk.

The food on camp was absolutely, positively AMAZING. We had seven meals a day so no one was ever hungry. We liked the lasagne, pancakes and ice cream the best.

The staff at Tunnel Ridge were all super friendly and they gave us loads of help in all the activities. They were very kind and considerate; it was a privilege to meet them.

Camp highlights:

- Horse riding (because a lot of us had never ridden before)
- Archery (because we learnt how to use a bow and arrow)
- Spending lots of time with our friends
- The delicious food
- We were free from our parents and staying with awesome teachers!

OLA’s Got Talent

Finally our special OLA’s Got Talent 2014 is coming up! It will be held in the Good Samaritan Centre on Friday the 1st of August in week 3. It will start at 2pm and end at 3pm. Parents and friends are welcome!

Our final contestants are:

- Cyrenas salute – Yr 7
- Lara – A girls – Yr 4A
- Talia – 3H
- Chloe & Grace – 5H
- Baxter – 4A
- Bananas in onesies - 5H
- Sarah & Mackenzie – Yr 7
- Seven Sultanas – Yr 7
- Maddy Connors – Yr 7
- Claire – Yr 6AR
- Malaz – Yr 4M
- Georgia – Prep Red

Our judges are:

- Mr Collins
- Ms Marrinan
- Ms Holden
- Mrs Patterson
Dads & delightful daughters

The father-daughter relationship is precious, and needs to be carefully nurtured. Girls learn many things from their dads including how they should be treated by other males.

The relationship that a man has with his daughter is very precious. Most dads, by nature, are protective of their daughters. They’ll often push their sons and be more critical than they are of their daughters. Daughters can be a soft touch for many dads, that’s not so bad.

The notion of a father who is at home and available affords a sense of security for girls, even if the only protective behaviours men actually indulge in are the removal of the occasional spider from the bedroom wall or reassurances that children are safe from things that go bump in the night.

There aren’t too many hairy mammoths roaming the ‘burbs these days, so a man’s capacity to protect his brood is severely limited. A man can only do so much!

The real value of fathers in girls’ lives is less tangible but more far-reaching. It’s from fathers that girls learn their major lessons about the world of males. In a sense, fathers teach their daughters how they should expect to be treated by males when they get older.

The message for a father is simple – be gentle, be respectful and allow your daughters to be assertive towards you (without being a pushover). This will help them form respectful loving relationships with other men throughout their lives.

Fathers can struggle with teen daughters

Fathers often have special relationships with their young daughters, but they can struggle when they move into adolescence. Interestingly, many girls describe how a previously close relationship with their father evaporates at this time. Coming to terms with a daughter’s sexuality is a problem for many dads which is often reflected in a lack of physical contact (many dads stop hugging their daughters once they reach puberty) and sometimes sheer panic (‘you’re not wearing that outside this house!’) if his adolescent daughter appears seductive.

Dads need to do two things

The language of fathering is often very physical. Many of the lessons we teach, and our interactions with both boys and girls are through games, play and shared activity. That’s great, but you are in trouble as a dad, if all your interactions are basically non-verbal.

Let’s face it, you can’t tickle your fifteen year-old daughter under the arm pits and wrestle her to the ground like you may have done with a five year old girl. Do that, and you’ll probably hear the term ‘wrack off’ sooner than you can shake a stick!

First thing to do: Make sure you get into the habit of talking with your girls before they reach adolescence. That means spending a little one-on-one time with them without being too playful.

Second thing to do: Make sure you have a shared interest so you have something to talk about when they move into adolescence and a whole different world than the one you inhabit.

The saving grace for me with both my girls during some turbulent teen years was our shared love of sport, AFL football, in particular. We’d sometimes go to a football game together, but more importantly, we had something to talk about, joke about (‘your team is so &%*!’) or put a friendly bet on when all my other attempts to connect failed. A common interest can give a dad an entry point into an adolescent girl’s world, and relieve you of the burden of having to find something to talk about.

I also believe that when a dad shares a real passion with his daughter she is more likely to adopt it than a son will.

But a girl will only adopt her dad’s passions if she respects him and he has played an active part in her life.

Being a dad of daughters can be tricky but active involvement, respectful treatment, the habit of talking as well as playing, and a shared interest are simple strategies that will help you stay in the game when your girls become teens.

Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn FUNdamental Basketball skills? Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™ 6eleven non-competitive skills development program from Saturday July 19 for 9 weeks. Now in its thirteenth season, over 450 children have participated in B.L.A.S.T.™ since inception.

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