Dear Parents,

Reflection
Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, his parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose … your heart, and all it holds?    Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The end of the year and the end of an era
On Friday at 10.30 am the whole school will gather to pray, to give thanks, to share eucharist and then say goodbye to the school year of 2014. Leaving OLA on Friday will be the last class of year 7 in Primary school and the first year 6 class to move to secondary school for year 7.

Tonight in the activity centre at 6.00pm we are holding a special ceremony to present all of our year 6 and 7 students with certificates and to wish them well next year as they ‘Soar to Secondary’

On Friday we will be saying fare well to a number of families who have had a long and rewarding association with OLA over many years. To all of these I express on behalf of the school community our gratitude for your support of the school and wish you well in the future. Don’t forget we will be 100 years old in 2018, so come back for the celebrations.

A special thanks to Rhona Bardini and Maree Walsh who stepped into the breach with Sue Smith to keep the tuckshop running for the latter part of this year. Sue will be the sole convenor in 2015. Thank you ladies.

Our string teach, Mrs Angela Batch, will be on maternity leave next year. Bronwyn Gibbs, a very experienced strings tutor, will keep the programme running in 2015. (Bronwyn is Angela’s mum). Best wishes for the future, Angela.

Mr Matthew Hobbs will be finishing as the band tutor at OLA, due to other work commitments. We have a very suitable replacement ready to get things happening for the band programme in 2015. Thank you for your efforts this year, Matt.

We are also farewelling Mrs Petra Ohlrich and Mrs Simon Donnelly who will both be adding to their families in 2015. Thank you for your wonderful contribution to OLA this year as Phys Ed teachers and early years intervention teachers. You will be missed.

Miss Alicia Lowry will be teaching at OLR, Kenmore in 2015. Thank you Alicia for your significant and much valued contribution to OLA this year. Beat wishes for the future.

It has been a good year, made even better by a very talented school staff and supportive parents. The children at OLA are amazing. No one pretends that we are all perfect, but if we work together, step bravely into the unknown, treat each other with respect, compassion and genuine regard then we can all make our world a better place and learn an amazing amount.

School will finish at 12 midday on Friday.

May all the joys and blessings of Christmas flow abundantly for all our families.

Have a great holiday.

God Bless,

Gerard
Defence News
What a wonderfully busy year we have had. So many fantastic achievements and friendships have formed and continued. How amazing are your beautiful children. I’d like to say thank you for the wonderful support you have given me throughout the year. Next year will be another fantastic year. To all those families leaving, thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us. I wish you all the best in your moves and much peace in the coming year. I hope you all have a fantastic holiday and I look forward to seeing you and your children next year. Take care and be safe. Janet Dyer, DSTA.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will be closed on Friday 5th December. We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the tuck shop this year and have provided home baking. We wish you and your families best wishes for a safe and Happy Christmas. Sue Smith, Maree Walsh and Rhona Bardini.

School Banking
School Banking will be every Tuesday in 2015, starting in Term 1 Week 2. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Any tokens that were not used in 2014 will carry over to 2015. Sue Smith.

OLA INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMS 2015
We are currently taking expressions of interest for both the String and Band programs for 2015.

OLA provides private instrumental music teachers to teach the children how to play their chosen instrument. Lessons are conducted in small groups (3, 4 or 5 children per group). The children will be grouped according to ability and instrument.

Lessons are available for the following instruments:
Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass (Years 1-6).
Band (Woodwind, Brass and Percussion): Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone and Percussion (Years 3-6).

Please contact the office or talk to Eve Brown if your child is interested in learning an instrument next year.

Could all expressions of interest forms for strings in 2015 please be returned by tomorrow.

Year 3F Fundraiser
Where - outside the tuckshop
When - tomorrow at First break (lunch)
What are we selling? Rainbow looms of all kinds, goodies, trash and treasure and lucky dips!
We hope to see you there!

For Sale
Marist Junior Uniform
Sports Uniform
1 x yellow shirt
3 x blue shorts
$20—call Anne (Prep B) 0421 271 210

SEMESTER REPORTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN TO TAKE HOME TODAY.
FOR 2015 CLASS LISTS REFER TO PARENT PORTAL
**Wonderful Carols Night**

What a wonderful carols night - perfect weather made for a lovely relaxed bbq and market stalls, and a fantastic evening of carol singing. The P&F would like to sincerely thank the many parents, children and teachers who helped out in the planning, set up and on the night. All the help made for a great event. We wish everyone a relaxed, safe and happy Christmas and New Year period.

OLA P&F

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**Christmas 2014 Mass Times**  
Wilston, Gordon Park, Enoggera, Everton Park

**24th December**  
5:30pm Carols followed by 6:00pm Mass Enoggera  
5:30pm Mass Wilston  
7:30pm Mass Gordon Park  
7:30pm Carols followed by 8:00pm Mass Everton Park  

**Midnight Mass** Wilston

**25th December**  
7:30am Mass Everton Park  
8:00am Mass Gordon Park  
9:00am Mass Enoggera  
9:30am Mass Wilston

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**OLA Mums in Real Estate**

**Thinking of Selling?**

*Talk to Katrina or Simone*

Katrina Gibbons
Simone Ossington

Professional & passionate Real Estate Agents who are part of your local OLA Community. We’re here to help with all your real estate needs.

Harcourts Solutions Mitchelton  
**Boot Camp at OLA 6 Days Per Week**

Why not reward yourself this semester and join many other OLA Mums and Dads by benefiting from increased energy, fitness, and a leaner body composition by Xmas. Boot Camp Enoggera has established itself over the last few years and is now conducting 6 fitness sessions per week at OLA.

Our former military trainers goals are simple....

Create a supportive environment where all fitness levels are welcomed by existing Boot Campers

Program each exercise session for maximum return on investment

Have lots of fun training and acknowledge all achievements from Boot Campers

The 25 week initiative "Spring into SUMMER" allows plenty of time to create a healthy, fit, and energetic YOU just in time for summer.

All new boot campers receive 1 FREE week of training (go to the website below to take advantage) to ensure that the environment and training suits your needs. There is no obligation to sign up after your free week.

Contact: Mat Skate Mob: 0414474040
Email: contact@weightoflife.com.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/fitnessinthe公园
Website: http://www.fearlesshealth.com

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**Boys' and Girls' Brigades**

**Prep - Grade 2**

Boys: Wednesdays 6:30-8pm
Girls: Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm

Boys' and Girls' Brigade encourages kids to make friends, help develop physical and social skills, achieve awards and learn about God. This vibrant community is based in local churches and supports all the fun and adventures Brigade offers.

PS. Your older siblings can join too!

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**Padua College SCHOLARSHIPS**

28 February 2014

At least two Academic scholarships are offered for Years 7, 8 & 9/2016-2018 and at least two Academic scholarships are offered for Years 10, 11 & 12/2016-2018.

Registration via our website – www.padua.qld.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships

Cost: $120

Closing Date: Monday 9 February 2015

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**Kindy Spots Available at Gaythorne Kindergarten**

**Play - Explore - Learn**

Nestled in a quiet, tree-lined pocket of Gaythorne, backing up to the Enoggera Military Barracks, Gaythorne Community Kindergarten provides early childhood educational programs for children aged 2 years to 5 years.

Our professional and dedicated teachers provide a program that enables children to learn through exploration and stimulating experiences. We aspire to create an environment that provides enjoyable and creative learning. This is achieved through activities designed to support your child in all areas of growth.

For further information please contact the kindy on 3355 6181 or www.gaythornekindy.com