



"In All Things May God Be Glorified"

Our Lady of the Nativity School

In the Parish of Our Lady of the Nativity

Term 3 Week 6

Monday 19th August 2013

OLN Parish Administrator

Fr Paul Slyney



The Core Value for this term is *Justice*.

Dear Parents of OLN,

On Thursday and Friday last week, I joined the Principals and the senior leadership team from Catholic Education Office, Parramatta at the Principals' master class. This gathering, which is held annually, brings together noted local, national and international educators who speak about the way in which they are transforming schools. A feature of each master class is the opportunity to hear how Principals in our own diocese are embedding diocesan initiatives in their schools. This year, we heard about the use of student achievement data, case conferencing and the importance of Principals being "visible" in the learning spaces.

The two international speakers this year were George Couros, a divisional Principal from Canada and Laurayne Tafa, a Principal from New Zealand. George spoke passionately about the use of technology in education and reminded us all that the current generation of children are leaving us behind in their use of social media to exchange information and knowledge. Laurayne spoke convincingly about building a culture of success in schools being a number-one priority.

Our prayer, which I have included below, is not just relevant to leaders but to all who serve in Catholic education. It captures, in a few short phrases, our whole purpose as Catholic educators.

*Lord, we thank You
for calling us to serve.
A call to educate to the light
of the Catholic faith.*

*Enlighten our hearts and minds
with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit,
that our work today
might help us, as Catholic educators,
spread the truth of Your son's Gospel,
by our words and in our example
in all that we say and all that we do.*

We ask this in the name of Christ, Jesus.

Amen.

Just a reminder about the meeting with the Blue Mountains Bus Company representative that is scheduled for Monday 26th August at 7.00pm. We had a very positive response to the initial letter about the meeting and parents raised a number of important issues. We now need to commit to getting our message across to the Bus Company and also hear their concerns. To do this, we need to have a good turnout of parents at the meeting. So far, we have only received a commitment from about one third of the parents who responded to the initial letter.

If we don't have an increase in participation, we will need to re-schedule the meeting for next term. Please give thought to attending the meeting.

In Week 4 we held our annual **Voice of Youth** public speaking contest. Each year, Year 6 students research, prepare and deliver a speech on a topic of their choice and compete for a position in the cluster final. I am very proud to announce that Hamish Wallace, Aisling Tufrey and Zac Briggs will represent OLN at the next level of the contest, where they will join students from St Canice's, St Thomas Aquinas and St Finbar's at the cluster final. Congratulations also to Ryan Skinner who was chosen as our reserve speaker.

Once again our small community has demonstrated its generosity in donating to a social justice project. For the last three years, OLN has been supporting education in East Timor through the Mary MacKillop East Timor Mission, which is an initiative of the Sisters of St Joseph. In previous years, we have raised money and also donated stationery items. This year, we were asked to donate sporting goods and I would like to thank the children and their families for the huge amount of equipment that was donated. For a small school, our contribution to social justice initiatives often exceeds that of much larger schools. Well done everyone and my thanks to Mrs Le Breton for organising the fundraiser.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

First Communion: Congratulations to the children and their families who made their First Communion yesterday. They are to be congratulated on their participation throughout the mass which was respectful and reverent. It was lovely to see the children being so well supported by their families, not only yesterday but throughout the program. Thank you to Brenda Pono and Nicky Leverton who generously were the group leaders throughout the program.

Our thanks to Fr Paul who celebrated our mass, to Mark Sattler and the boys who provided the music also to Paula who organised the certificates etc and also organised the beautiful First Communion cake. Thank you to Alex and Eliza who looked after the powerpoints. May God Bless You:-

Tyller Arcus	Hazel Bignon
Cassidy Chambers	Claudia Coco
Tom Debien	Olivia Fraser
Ned Jeffrey	Paige Leverton
Jeremy Moore	Declan Pajtler
Nicholas Parkinson	Damon Pono
Meghan Williams	

East Timor Appeal: Once again we are overwhelmed by the response to our appeal for sporting equipment. You have donated such an amazing collection of sports gear, the children of East Timor will have many happy hours playing with their equipment. We have also purchased equipment with the generous donations of gold coins. Sr Maureen is organising delivery of our goods. Thank you once again for your generous "hearts".



Religious Literacy Assessment

Over the next few weeks Year Six and Year Four students will be taking part in an online assessment of their religious literacy knowledge, the assessment is conducted by the CEO, Parramatta.

Liz LeBreton (REC)

*OLN Parish Mass Times -
Saturday 5pm & Sunday 8:30am*

UPCOMING EVENTS & REPORTS

Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 9th August a team of 26 children competed in the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival held at Blacktown International Sportspark, Rooty Hill. Mrs Brown and I were thrilled with the children's excellent behaviour and competitive spirit. All of the children competed well and we had many excellent results.

Congratulations to **Ryan Skinner, Jack Hamblin, Toby Hamblin** and **Kienan Brown** who will continue to compete at the next level at the **Diocesan Athletics Carnival** to be held on Friday 23rd August. We wish them all the very best!

We would like to thank the parents who were able to drive children to and from the event: Juliet Macken, Dale Brown and Kerri Staton. Thanks also to the parents who were able to stay and support not only their own children but all of our team.

Well done everyone, what a fabulous community we belong to!

Lauren Maund

Primary School Indoor Soccer Gala

On Friday 9th August two teams from Stage 2 participated in the Mountain Majik Futsal Primary School Indoor Soccer Gala at Katoomba. The students were transported to the event by the generous assistance of parents and Mrs Hanigan. Ms Helen Shields supervised the teams on the day and has reported that they were exceptionally well behaved, and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship. The children are to be congratulated for the way they have represented our school.

Last Friday 4 teams from Stage 3 attended the Mountain Majik Futsal Primary School Indoor Soccer Gala at Katoomba. It was a very successful tournament for OLN with the Under 12 Team A winning in the Grand Final against our Team C; and our Girls team taking out the Grand Final 2-1 against Steiner school. Our Team D also came a commendable 3rd. Congratulations to all the players on their performances and their exceptional behaviour on the day, and special mention to **Ciara J Griffin** and **Kienan Brown** who were both awarded **Player of the Tournament** in their age groups. Thanks to the parents who transported the players to Katoomba and supported all the teams throughout the tournament. Also thanks to Mr Hortense who supervised our children.

Our particular thanks to Mrs Sue Kondek who was the organiser of both Gala Days on behalf of Mountain Majik Futsal. We greatly appreciate the enormous effort required to run these events and congratulate her on another successful year.

Helen Chaloner



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Tuckshop is open each Monday and Thursday. Support our Tuckshop and help keep it operating at our school.

Menus are available from the School Office.

The Winter menu will be used in Terms 2 & 3.

School Fees

Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for Term 3.

The school fee statements for Term 3, 2013 have been mailed out. The due date for payment is **Monday 19th August 2013**.

The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, please contact the school office and arrange an appointment to discuss payment options.

Please note: as part of this process you may be required to complete a Statement of Financial Position so that the Principal is aware of your current financial situation. All information provided is treated with complete confidentiality.

School fees can be paid by Postbillpay, Bpay, Direct Debit, EFTPOS, cash or cheque.

All outstanding fees will be forwarded to the Catholic Education Office for their attention.

Book Week
Week 7

Tuesday 20th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking • Music • Adult Seasons for Growth
Wednesday 21st August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Stage 3 • <i>Life Education Visit</i>
Thursday 22nd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Stage 2 • Class Mass 9am Year 2 • Children's Seasons for Growth Program 1pm • Whole School Assembly 2:15pm Year 1 • Focus 160 Visitors to OLN • Tuckshop Open
Friday 23rd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport K, Yr 1, Yr2 • Japanese • Drama/Gross Motor • DIOCESAN Athletics Carnival, Blacktown
Monday 26th August (Week 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuckshop Open • Kids & Carers Group 8:45-11am • OLN Book Fair Week commences • <i>Life Education Visit</i> • Bus Meeting with BMB Co and OLN Parents (To be confirmed)
Tuesday 27th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking • Music • Adult Seasons for Growth 9am • <i>Life Education Visit</i>
Wednesday 28th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Stage 3 • Spiritual Reflection Time 9am
Thursday 29th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuckshop Open • BOOK CHARACTER PARADE • Author Visit by Nadia Wheatley • Sport Stage 2
Friday 30th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport K, Yr 1, Yr2 • Japanese • Drama/Gross Motor • Voice of Youth Cluster Final
Monday 2nd September (Week 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuckshop Open • Kids & Carers Group 8:45-11am • Stage 3 Visit to Bodington • Parent Bulletin Issued



Yes It's Finally Here 2013 OLN Book Fair !

Beginning next Mon 26 August, concluding Thurs 29 August (Week 7)

Book Fair by Glee Books

On Monday students visit and complete a 'wish list'

Tues- 8.15 -9.10 Hanna from Glee Books will take money/orders

Note Ordering a book for purchase means paying for the book as well

Wed – 8.15-9.10 Hanna from Glee Books will take money/orders

Thurs 8.15 onwards

At 2.45pm Hanna will return to take last minute purchases/orders. Book Fair concludes.

We invite all parents to attend the **parade** at 8.45 and visit the library with their child (with their teacher's permission) to purchase/donate books during the morning session of school.

Morning tea for parents will be from 9.30 until recess in the Care Group Room

At 2.45 Hanna will return to take last minute purchases/orders. Book Fair concludes.

Book Fair concludes, Book Character Parade (Theme -Read Across the Universe) & Author Nadia Wheatley Thurs 29th August

Our Book Fair is an important fundraiser for our school as it assists with resourcing our beautiful library with much needed quality literature. Books make beautiful gifts and can be purchased/picked up by parents confidentially. We receive 15% in books of all sales from the Book Fair. They also give us 3 book vouchers as prizes for the fair for the amounts of \$75.00, \$50.00 & \$25.00.

This is how you can win one of these prizes-

If you purchase books for your child and/or donate books to the school your name goes in a lucky dip several times. This is where I select winners for the prizes. I encourage you to donate a portion of the cost of a book if you are unable to pay for a complete book on top of purchasing books for your child. No matter how small your donation, everyone will be acknowledged on a sticker inside the donated book and your child will be the first to borrow it. If this isn't enough incentive to buy books, this year the child from each class who raises the most money for the school will win a beautiful book package just for themselves and could of course still win any or all Glee Book vouchers.

So you have to be in it to win it.'

Thank you so much for your support

Maree Crawford Teacher/ Librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO THE LACK OF STOCK ON HAND AT OUR UNIFORM SHOP, TRADING HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AND CAN BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Book Week

READ
ACROSS
THE
UNIVERSE

Week 7

FROM SR MAUREEN

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Voice of Youth: I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of each student in the Graduating Class. The "Voice Of Youth" asks students to choose a topic (preferably something about which they feel passionate) and then to prepare a 3 minute speech. Last week as Mr Lievore and I were listening to each individual, I could not but admire the courage, the amount of research and the efforts of every student.

Mary MacKillop: I would also like to thank Cherie Carlino and Ciara J Griffin, who put so much time and effort into practices for the Feastday of Mary MacKillop on 8th August. When dressed in a replica of the Religious habit Mary wore, they truly took on the role and inspired us with stories from her life both in the church and in the classrooms.



First Communion. I would like to add my congratulations to the First Communion Group & thank the group leaders & parents for helping the children to prepare for First Communion – First of many.

Josephite Associates: The Associates' gatherings last week were really enriching, thanks to the organisation and preparation by Lorraine Phillips and the presence of everyone.

Reminders. Reflection Time on Wed. 28th August.

God Bless each of you and your lovely families. The Fair is getting close now. It is incredible to see and hear of all that is going on in preparation – such generosity and hard work!

Go gently and God Bless
Sr Maureen

WEEK 7 IS BOOK WEEK! THE THEME IS *READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE*

(See Mrs Crawford's Library News for more details)



Electronically Accessing the Parent Newsletter

The OLN Parent Newsletter is available for parents to access via the Internet.

Log on to olnlawson.catholic.edu.au

On the main page, use the News & Events drop down box to reveal the *Newsletters* heading. Click on *Newsletters* and you will be taken to a page that shows the latest Newsletter, by date.

SEE OUR WEBSITE www.olnlawson.catholic.edu.au Email: oln@parra.catholic.edu.au

OLN SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Spring Fair Karaoke

A reminder for those students wishing to sing at Spring Fair.

Mr Munro will be holding auditions at lunch this **Thurs**. Please bring your backing track to the audition.

DONATIONS

Thanks to all who donated. The stall co-coordinators and helpers now have a busy time ahead getting the goods ready for sale. Thanks to those who helped at Storage King – especially Brenda, Naomi & Megan.



- ◇ Requests for donations were given to Yr 2 girls, Stage 2 Blue boys and Kinder last week.
- ◇ Caketastic *entry forms* were sent home last week.
- ◇ **Raffle tickets** are due back ASAP to allow the draw to take place this week.



OLN Shopping Trip Sunday October 27th 2013.

Last year's bus trip was a huge success – raising nearly \$2000 for the school.

Everyone is welcome - friends, family and anyone you feel may like to join us. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch. Numbers need to be in before the end of the term.

Please contact Louisa Harrison to book your seat geofflou@bigpond.com

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS *TERM 3 & TERM 4* 2013

Friday 20th September 2013, last day of Term 3, will be a Staff Development / Pupil Free Day. The staff will be continuing their work on Literacy, and therefore there will be NO SUPERVISION for students.

Tuesday 8th October 2013, first day of Term 4, will be a Staff Development / Pupil Free Day. The staff be working on RE formation. There will be NO SUPERVISION for students.

SARAH - Safer Australian Roads & Highways

'Run4Sarah 2013' team

Last Sunday the City2Surf was run in pristine conditions. The 'Run4Sarah 2013' team did the run, both

in honour of Sarah Frazer and also in support of the ongoing work of the **Safer Australian Roads and**

Highways Group (also known as SARAH Inc.), which has been set up by the Frazer family.

As SARAH Inc is now a registered "not for profit" road safety organisation, a supporter page via the Everyday Hero site has been set up, which links up with all the various organisations doing fundraising through the City2Surf event each year.

Please go to the links below for further information and the opportunity to contribute to this very worthy cause.

1. The SARAH Group Website for further information <http://www.sarahgroup.org/> and

2. The link to the Run4Sarah 2013's Team Supporter Page for this year's City2Surf fundraiser event?

<https://city2surf2013.everydayhero.com/au/Run4Sarah>

Sarah Frazer's life was tragically cut short in an horrific accident last year on the Hume Highway, after her car broke down on her way to begin a university course at Charles Sturt University in Wagga. Sarah along with her four siblings, Jessica, Rebecca, Ben and Daniel, all attended the local mountains Catholic schools from K-12 at both St. Thomas Aquinas Springwood and St. Columba's Springwood over a period of 21 years.



SAFER
AUSTRALIAN
ROADS
AND
HIGHWAYS



PRIMARY FOCUS EVENING: Restorative Practices: Building and maintaining healthy relationships in and around your home (THIS IS A PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP)

As a parent, have you ever asked yourself:

- I don't know what to do when things go wrong at home?
- I feel like my relationship with my child isn't what it used to be?
 - Why is everyone always yelling?
 - Why won't my child learn from their mistakes?

Come along and listen to some strategies to help you build a more long lasting and healthy relationship

Cluster presentation venues:

- **MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2013** – Cerdon College
Sherwood Rd, Merrylands West NSW 2160
- **TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2013** – Patrician Brothers' College
100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148
- **TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2013** - St Mark's Catholic College
160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768
- **THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2013** - St Dominic's College
Gascoigne St, Kingswood NSW 2747

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – email your name, school, contact number and venue choice to prcparraevents@hotmail.com

This is a **FREE** workshop open to all our parents, teachers and staff in the Parramatta Diocese

How do teachers assess reading?

When teaching a young reader the basics, it's easy to forget that "learning to read" is not the same as "reading comprehension." By "learning to read", most parents mean that their child is decoding words. "Reading comprehension" requires understanding, which comes after learning how to interact with the text.

With this in mind, teachers approach the assessment of reading in two ways.

The first assessment tool used by teachers to determine reading accuracy is something called a Running Record. This involves a student reading to a teacher one-on-one, while the teacher analyses errors, self-corrections and the reading behaviours used to decode words. This is an opportunity for teachers to determine future teaching points to assist the child. Running Records are used to identify suitable texts for each student, which are at an **instructional** level.

The second element of reading that teachers assess is comprehension. Comprehension is the understanding and interpretation of what is read. Readers who have strong comprehension are able to draw conclusions about what they read – what is important, what is a fact, what caused an event to happen, which characters are funny. Thus comprehension involves combining reading with thinking and reasoning.

Parents tend to use the level of books sent home to interpret how their child is progressing. This is not an accurate measure of growth, as a student who may be capable of decoding words fluently at a Level 25 text may be unable to comprehend texts at this level. As a result, **teachers may move students backwards and forwards through different levelled texts**, selected to focus on certain aspects of comprehension.

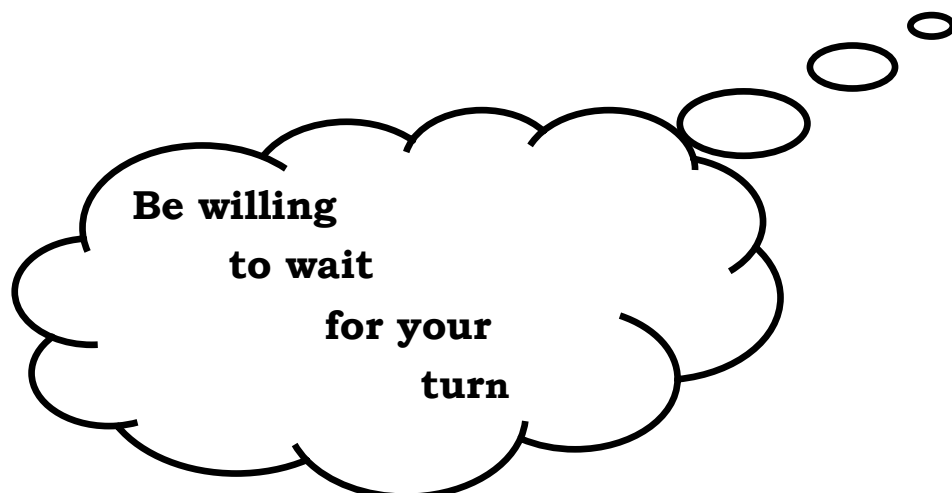
Next newsletter: What can I do to help my child with reading at home?

FROM MRS MELANIE BROWN

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AT OLN

We are a **Restorative Justice** school, where we create a safer school around teaching children to engage in quality relationships.

This week we will concentrate on using our manners, especially ...



CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY

Couples who were married in 1988 (25 years) and over, are invited to celebrate their journey with other couples and family members during a special Mass at: St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta on Sunday, 15th September, 2013 at 11 a.m.

Bishop Anthony Fisher is hoping that those celebrating anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and over be his special guests at this event. He will be the Principal Celebrant and will host lunch following Mass. Please contact your Parish Secretary on 47591034 to register your names by Monday, 26th August or call CatholicCare Social Services: 9933 0222.

FAITH IN MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

A Conference about Marriage for couples. The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society.

Sunday, 15th September, 2013 – 8.45am – 5.00pm. Cost \$25 single, \$50 couple, includes light lunch.
Where: Our Lady of Mercy College Hall, Ross Street, Parramatta (free parking surrounding Streets only)
Guest Speakers: Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP; Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University; Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College and Robyn Moore.

See flyer in foyer for more details.

Book early to avoid disappointment: By email marriage@ccss.org.au or telephone 9933 0222.



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HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

** Life Education - orders to be by Monday 26th August - please include money / order written on the front of an envelope -*

Product description	Price Incl. GST	Product description	Price Incl. GST
Tattoo	\$0.50	Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00
Harold Sticky Note Pad	\$2.00	Harold Keyring	\$3.00
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NB Harold Products are subject to availability

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Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

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Getting children to help without paying them a cent

Children generally belong to their families in two ways– either through positive contribution or through self-centredness, which often shows itself through misbehaviour or helplessness.

Effective parents provide real opportunities for children to contribute to their family's and their own well-being so they feel valued for what they bring to the family, rather than what they can take. We often call this contribution 'jobs' or 'chores', but it is better to call it 'help'. It is just a little rebranding, but the term 'help' better reflects what it is about.

“What does my child do around the house that other people rely upon?” is a question we need to ask ourselves constantly.

Training for contribution and independence starts from a young age and continues into adolescence. Developmentally, children are ready around two years of age to learn the skills of independence so it makes sense to begin these habits early.

Encouraging a positive contribution is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence. Parents who teach children to do jobs for themselves and provide opportunities for input into family decisions related to age, issue and interest send a powerful message that they believe that their children are capable. Actions speak louder than words.

Children are capable of doing complex tasks if we show them how. It is useful to break complex jobs into simple tasks. For instance, a young child can begin making a bed by arranging teddies and pillows, progressing to smoothing out a doona and so on.

Children will often make mistakes when they assume greater responsibility so expectations need to be in line with children's capabilities. Parents need to accept their genuine efforts and also be supportive when they make mistakes.

It is difficult sometimes to know when to allow children to assume more responsibility for their own well-being. Parents need to continuously assess their children's capabilities and consider letting go when they appear ready. “What am I doing now that my child can do for themselves?” is a challenging question for many parents.

The most effective way to promote responsibility in children is to give them responsibility. When we give them more responsibility we are making ourselves redundant, which is the main aim of parenting!

Try this... Putting it into practice

To give children the opportunity to contribute at home:

1. Establish a weekly **HELP roster**. Lists have the advantage of placing responsibility on to children to perform the helping task – without you reminding them. Involve your children in establishing the roster.
2. Think about what you are doing for children regularly that they can **do for themselves**. Identify one thing and give that responsibility to your children.
3. Ask children to make, prepare or help you make at least one evening or main **meal** a week.
4. Identify a helping task (e.g emptying the dishwasher, taking out the garbage) where your children can take turns being **The BOSS** for a week. They can make up the rules for that week about how the task is organised.

SCHOOL BUS CONCERNS AT OLN

I recently sent the following letter home to Parents and Carers about **Bus Concerns**, and so far, have had 13 responses, ten of which have indicated their availability to attend the proposed meeting.

I am taking this opportunity to raise the issue of the meeting once again, and asking **if you have not already replied to the letter, and you are interested in attending the meeting**, could you do so **IMMEDIATELY**.

8th August, 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will recall that in June I wrote to you regarding an offer from Blue Mountains Bus Company for a representative to meet with parents to discuss the on-going issues of student behaviour on morning and afternoon buses.

Thank you to those parents and carers who responded to the letter and who raised a number of issues that they would like addressed by the Bus Company.

A meeting has been scheduled for **Monday 26th August at 7.00pm** in the school library. Please indicate below whether you are able to attend the meeting and return the note to the school office as soon as possible so that the meeting can be confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

Cameron Lievore

Principal

BUS MEETING – MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 2013

Parent's Name: _____

Contact No: _____

I will be attending the Bus Meeting

I am unable to attend, however, I would appreciate the following issues being addressed

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BLUE MOUNTAINS BUS CO

Attention : Relevant Schools

Re: Great Western Highway Changes

Please be aware that there are changes this weekend with regard to the Great Western Highway upgrade through Woodford.

Over the weekend the highway will switch to the new northern side from Clearview Parade Hazelbrook to Station St Woodford. Other changes include:

- Closure of Park Road at Great Western Highway for up to 4 months.
 - Closure of Glen Street at Great Western Highway for up to 3 months.
- Reopening of Station Street at Great Western Highway (Station Street has been closed since June).

All relevant bus driver have been notified and services will use Railway Parade Woodford as a detour.

There should be a minimum of disruption to students services but changes to route and additional detour traffic may delay some services initially.

Any significant changes or extended delays will be communicated to the relevant schools.

The affected bus services are:

Morning Bus 352 - Springwood High

Morning Bus 521 - OLN and Lawson Public

Morning Bus 8 & 332 - Hazelbrook Public

Afternoon Bus 350 - St Columbas and St Thomas

Please don't hesitate to communicate any concerns or needs.

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