Dear Parents,

Last Sunday was the feast of Corpus Christi, the feast of the body of Christ. In other words it was the feast of the Eucharist. By celebrating the Eucharist at school and on Sunday we are in communion with the body of Christ.

The Gospel on Sunday was the wonderful story of the loaves and the fishes. With just five loaves and two fish Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand men, which would mean many more people than that if the women and children were counted. Just like at the Last Supper Jesus blessed the food before breaking it and feeding his followers. This Gospel connects the Eucharist to the ordinary act of eating a meal within a family or a community. Jesus shows us the sacred in the ordinary. I guess that’s where grace before meals comes from. We pray grace at school before sending the children to lunch and recess. How lucky they are to have food in their lunchboxes!

We have many people praying for a fine day for the athletics carnival tomorrow. Ms Critchlow has been working very hard with her team of helpers to get ready for the carnival. There will be no loaves and fishes but a great sausage sizzle provided by our Year 6 parents. I’m looking forward to the great community spirit always seen on a day like this, seeing our children having fun and seeing all our talented athletes trying their best.

Please pray for Rhiannon in Year 5 and Charlise in Year 2 who lost their mother this morning very suddenly. The children in Stage 3 and Year 2 have been made aware of this tragedy. As you talk with your children here is a prayer that you can say together:

Dear God,
Give the mother of our friend rest with you in heaven.
Let the light of your love shine on her and her children
May she rest in the peace of Your love
Amen

Regards,

Lesley Studans
GOLD AWARDS
Congratulations to this week’s Gold Award winners:
Kindergarten  Catherine
Year 1  Maya
Year 2  Tanish
Year 3  Lilly-Maree
Year 4  Jonathan
Stage 3C  Barbara
Stage 3M  Darcy
Mrs Studans  Victor

SCHOOL HOURS
Supervision on the playground commences at 8.10am each morning. If you need to leave your child at school prior to this time please contact OOSH (9676 7293) to arrange care.
Our school day commences at 8.40am. Children should be on the lines and ready for class when the first bell goes at 8.37am.
Recess is 10.40am – 11.00am
Lunch is 1.00pm – 1.50pm
Final dismissal time is 2.50pm.
Supervision finishes at 3.20pm and all children should be collected by this time. Thank you.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Tomorrow is our whole school Athletics Carnival at Gooden Reserve, Baulkham Hills. All parents and carers are welcome to join us. After the whole carnival has finished children are allowed to leave with their parents. Please ensure that you speak with your child’s teacher before leaving the grounds. If your child is going home with another adult please send a note advising their teacher.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Next Tuesday, 11th June, is our Staff Development Day and no students should be at school. If you require care for your child please contact Mary at OOSH -9676 7293.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES
COMMUNICATION
Parents are reminded that teachers are always available to discuss any area of grievance provided an appointment time has been established through the office staff or a note given to the teacher from the student. Please remember the first point of contact should be with the class teacher. If there is still a point of issue then please follow the school guidelines which outline the avenues of communication to follow. The teacher, the Stage Coordinator, The Assistant Principal, The Principal to the Diocesan Office where there is also an order of avenues to follow.

BOOK FAIR – TWO WEEKS TO GO!!
Our annual school book fair will take place from the 20th until the 27th of June. During that time the library will be open before and after school as well as at lunchtime and during the parent/teacher interviews, to allow children and parents to purchase quality books. The Book Fair also assists the school in that we receive a commission from each sale which then can be used to purchase resources for our library. A flyer advertising the fair will be sent home next week. If any parents have any queries in relation to the Book Fair please see Mrs Cividin.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
The Woolworths Earn and Learn program is due to finish this weekend. As previously mentioned the school last year was able to purchase many valuable resources using the points earned via this program. This includes classroom resources and resources for the children to use on the playground. Please continue to collect stickers. If you have any stickers at home please forward them to the school as soon as possible so that they may be included in our total. A big thank you to Trish Falzon who once again has been coordinating the collection and counting of stickers and keeping us up to date with our sticker tally.
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
A reminder that the Premier’s Reading Challenge is well under way. Individual reading logs may be completed online or if internet access is an issue paper logs are available from Mrs Cividin.

MEDICATION UPDATE
If your child has medication kept at the office please be aware of the use by date and replace when necessary. This can avoid giving ineffective medicine when your child is unwell.

PARENT GROUP NEWS...

PARENT GROUP MEETING
The Parent Group meeting will be held next Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00pm in the school library. All parents are most welcome. If there are any items for the agenda can they please be forwarded to Lynley Webb, the Parent Group Secretary, by tomorrow, either via the school office or via email to lynleywebb74@live.com.

STUDENTS’ CORNER...

YEAR 2 COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES

What do I know? What can I infer?
“I can tell she is being safe.”

What is the clue?
“because she is slowly turning.”

Jayden

What do I know? What can I infer?
“I can infer that she can ride her bike well”

What is the clue?
“The clue is she has no training wheels”

Ashiqca

Out and About at OLOL

Last Friday I was out on the playground at lunch time encouraging children to pick up rubbish. It seemed to me that my eyesight was better than I realised as I managed to see so much more rubbish than the children with much younger eyes who were helping me. As I asked a Year One boy to pick up another piece of rubbish he turned to me and said: “Wow, you are obsessed with rubbish!” I had to laugh. From his perspective I suppose I could understand.

On Thursday we held a special assembly to remind our students of some behaviour expectations at our school. On the whole the children are respectful and adhere to the guidelines that we set down but human nature being what it is they at times need reminding. The assembly covered expected behaviour before school, after school, at lunch time and during assemblies. Parents can assist us by supporting their children to meet these expectations. Before school we are asking that children congregate on the handball court, the basketball court, in the quiet area between Stage 2 and Stage 3 and around the picnic tables. This means that outside Kindergarten, outside the library and the grass area are out of bounds. Of an afternoon we are asking that children remain in the school grounds until they are collected by parents or are escorted off the grounds by a teacher. We reminded the children that they need to sit down and listen to teachers at this time to assist with order and student safety. We also talked about rubbish – that it belongs in the bin, not on the ground, hence the comment by my Year One friend. We reminded the children that hot chocolates are only to be purchased once the designated eating time has finished. The children were attentive and respectful during the assembly.

Over coming weeks we will continue to remind them of our expectations so that the high standards of behaviour that we have come to expect at OLOL will continue.

Carol Cividin
Assistant Principal
This term the students of OLOL are thoroughly enjoying our Dance Fever program and have learnt wonderful new dance skills as well as very good social skills. On Friday 21st June students from Years Three to Six will participate in the Interschool Dance event, at Homebush. This will be a very exciting event for the children as they have the opportunity of representing our school and perhaps winning trophies and prizes. Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will showcase their talents at an end of term Assembly in Week Nine.