



Our Lady of the Rosary School

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Newsletter - Week 4, Term 2, 21 May 2025

OUR SCHOOL VIRTUES: Whakapono - Faith, Tūmanako - Hope, Aroha - Love, Manaakitanga - Charity

Kia ora koutou, Fakafeiloaki, Ni Sa Bula, Kia Orana, Welcome, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Nǐ hǎo, Namaskaram, Huānyíng, Kumusta,

This evening at Our Lady of the Rosary Church we celebrate with 32 of our tamariki as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is always very special to be part of the faith journey of our tamariki. Thank you to Sarah Saunders for preparing our tamariki to receive the Sacrament.

THANK YOU- OUR SUPPORT STAFF

Last week we thanked our dedicated support team with a morning tea and special cards from our tamariki. A huge thank you to the team; Bronwyn, Laura, Katrina, Dana, Kathryn, Chantelle, Lisa, Don (our caretaker) and Nasly (our cleaner). They truly help us in so many ways!

Lit Quiz: Last week we had two teams, a year 5/6 team and a year 7/8 team, represent our school at the Literacy Quiz held at Wellesley College. They competed against many other school teams from the Wellington region, having to answer 100 questions based on literature! We are really proud of the way they represented OLRs. A huge thank you to Jen Long who organised the teams and ran the practice sessions. Congratulations to: Lily, Coco-Rose, William, Sienna, Raphaella, Eva, Harleen and James.



Catholic Schools Day is on Wednesday 28th May

The theme for Catholic Schools Day 2025 is *Shine like stars in the world: E tīaho ana koe hei rama i te ao.*

We are joining with the schools within our Kahui to celebrate the day together; Sacred Heart College, St Bernard's College, St Claudine's and Sacred Heart Petone.

Next Wednesday 28th May, children in Year Levels 3-8 will travel by bus to the following schools to celebrate with a liturgy and shared activities for the morning. Please ensure your Year 3-8 tamariki are at **school by 8.40am** so they do not miss the bus and celebrations.

Host School	Our Lady of the Rosary	Sacred Heart Petone	St. Claudine Thévenet	St Bernard's College	Sacred Heart College
Year Levels	Year 0 to 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6	Year 7 and 8 Boys	Year 7 and 8 Girls



CSD25
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY
WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025

Update from the School Board



Kia ora e te whānau,

We had a great board meeting last night and we are very thankful for how well the kura is doing and the intensive way we are able to support our students to learn.

School board elections are coming up in September and we will be looking for new board members. You are more than welcome to come along to any board meetings and see what we do. It has taught me an amazing amount about governance and there is a lot of training available.

My experience on the board has really helped in my career as well and opened up new doors and opportunities. I have served as board chair since 2013 and I am passionate about education governance and the difference the school board makes.

The Institute of Directors recommends it as a good way to get good governance experience so I encourage our school community to think about it, I think school boards make a big difference and it is vital we have a range of voices around the table. If you have any questions then please reach out to me: natasha@olr.school.nz

This year we are working on our strategic plan as a board and we want to hear from our school community. We are about to embark on a process of deep listening and we are really hoping to hear from voices that we don't always hear from. We will be doing this in a variety of ways including surveys and also more importantly with in person sessions. As a school board we want to ensure our vision and what we want for kura is also what our community wants so please share your thoughts with us. You will be hearing more about this shortly.

We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you soon.

God bless

Natasha Watson

School Board Presiding Member

Enrolments for 2026 close on 29th August 2025. If your child is turning 5 years old in 2026 and you are planning to enrol your child at OLRS, please pop in to the school office to collect an enrolment form. If you do not have a child currently attending OLRS and would like to enrol your child for 2026, please contact us to make an appointment.

Virtue Award Winners



Signmee - We are no longer using the Signmee programme for communications to families. Instead we will be using Google Forms. Please keep an eye out for these in your email.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to past pupils of OLRs, **Keilani Orupe, Teiva Maui-Kea and Niamh Sio** for their selection into the **U15 NZ Softball team**.

The team are touring Queensland, Australia in July.

We wish you all the very best for your games.

An outstanding achievement!



Tuesday 3rd June– Teachers Only Day

A reminder that we have a Staff Curriculum day (teacher only day) on Tuesday 3rd June, the day after King's Birthday. The staff will be receiving PD from the Ministry of Education based on the newly implemented Maths and Statistics Curriculum.

Up Coming Events

- 21 May Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6pm, OLRs Church
- 23 May Mass, Rūma 1 & 8, OLR Church, 9.30am
- 26 May OLRs Rosary Week
- 27 May South East Zone Cross Country, Sladden Park
- 28 May Catholic Schools Day
- 29 May Ascension of Jesus Christ
- 29 May School Mass, 9.30am, OLR Church
- 2 Jun Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa (Language Week)
- 2 Jun King's Birthday (school closed)
- 3 Jun Staff Curriculum Day (school closed)
- 6 Jun Mass, Rūma 2 & 12, OLR Church, 9.30am
- 10 Jun Interzone Cross Country
- 12 Jun Sacred Heart College Open Morning 9-10.30am
- 13 Jun Mass, Rūma 3, 10, 4 & 11, OLR Church, 9.30am
- 15 Jun Trinity Sunday
- 17 Jun School Photos
- 19 Jun Matariki Celebration, breakfast, star gazing
- 20 Jun Matariki (school closed)
- 26 Jun Hutt Fest, OLRs performance @ Walter Nash Centre, 6.30pm
- 24 Jun Regional Cross Country
- 24 Jun OLRs Board Hui, 6.30pm
- 27 Jun End of Term 2

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Term Dates for 2025

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October to Wednesday 17 Dec

Term Dates for 2026

Term 1: Wednesday 4 February to Thursday 2 April

Term 2: Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 Dec

SPORTS FEES: If you are yet to pay your sports fees for this term, please organise payment as soon as possible.

Indoor Bowls:

"Below is a list of contacts for local clubs should any of your children wish to further their game. Only stipulation is that they must come with an adult as they are not children's classes. They are more than welcome though. Anne"

Affiliated Clubs:

Club	Contact/ Venue	Telephone/ Venue Address	Email/ Club Night and Time
Hutt Boulcott United	Kim Laird Knox Presbyterian Church	(04) 564 5259 574 High Street LOWER HUTT	Kim.Laird001@msd.govt.nz Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
St Peter and Pauls	Anne Pringle Hutt Valley Bowling Club	(04) 564 8192 6 Myrtle Street LOWER HUTT	anne.pringle@xtra.co.nz Wednesday 7:15 p.m.
Waiwhetu Catholic	Marcus Trlin Avalon Public Hall	(021) 116 1110 14 Mabey Road Avalon, LOWER HUTT	sparkymarkyt@gmail.com Tuesday 7:15 p.m.

Next week (Week 5), we have our **Rosary House Celebrations!**

This is a fun week for all of the ākonga in Rosary House (Green) to show their house pride.

Monday (26th May) - Hot Chocolates

Our Rosary House Captains will be serving hot chocolates for all Rosary ākonga in the hall during Morning Tea.

Tuesday (27th May) - Shared Lunch

Rosary ākonga will join together in the hall with their kai.

Thursday (29th May) - School Miha (Mass)

*9:30am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.
All are welcome!*

Friday (30th May) - Green Day

Rosary ākonga are encouraged to come to school wearing green.

Thank you to our Rosary House Captains
(Harper, Lucia and Peyton) for helping to organise such a fun week!

Whakapono Fundraiser



This term, **Rosary House** will be supporting the **SPCA** as their chosen charity.

The SPCA helps to protect over 30,000 animals in Aotearoa New Zealand every year who are sick, injured, abused or vulnerable.

As your child is in **Rosary House** they will get the opportunity to support in this fundraising effort by donating to the

Whakapono Fundraiser

Ākonga in Rosary House are all asked to donate (at least) one item from the following list:

- Towels
- Sheets
- Duvet covers
- Blankets (especially polar fleece)
 - NO duvet inners
 - NO pillows
 - NO pillow cases
 - NO mattresses
 - NO bean bags
 - NO electric blankets

All items collected will be delivered to the SPCA Wellington Centre. All donations can be left in the boxes in the kura office at any time throughout the week (Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May).

Thank you for your support!

Harper Brannigan, Peyton Yaxley and Lucia Fernandez Jones (Rosary House Captains)
Emily Wilson (DRS)

OLRS Intermediate Hub Camp 2026 Fundraiser - Pizza Tuesday

As a part of our fundraising efforts for 2026, the Intermediate Hub will be selling Dominoes Pizzas for lunch on each Tuesday.

Pre-order your child's Tuesday Pizza lunch by **Monday** to ensure that we order the correct amount of pizzas.

Order forms for the next week come home with each child on a Wednesday.

