



Our Lady of the Rosary School

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Newsletter - Week 7 of Term 2, 11 June 2025

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

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

Congratulations to all our Interzone Cross Country competitors from yesterday's event. Well done to you all. Many thanks to Matt, Mattea and Alicia for your support with transport and supervision and to Clinton Johnson for organising our tamariki for the event. [Here is a link to photos at the event.](#)



Nau mai, Haere mai



Jhai

Talent show last week- Thank you to the Intermediates for organising the talent show for our syndicates. You all shone like stars!

A huge shout-out THANK YOU to our amazing students who do **Road Patrol** each week. We really appreciate your dedication to this task. *Justin, Lucia, Eshen, Dawn, William, Teuila, Andy, Emma, Cera, Frankie, Kade, Henry, Mya, Liam, Abigail, Viiga, Milan, Lagimaina, Noema, Wolfie, Jonti, Sione, Makalio, Dylan, Seulata, Athistwinny, Ava and James.*

Thank you to **St Vincent de Paul, Waiwhetu and Eastbourne Conference** for your generous donation of winter pyjamas for our tamariki for the cold winter months. Thank you, Thank you!

We welcome you to join us tomorrow evening **Thursday 12th June 2025 at 5:30pm** in the staff room for our deep listening session. The purpose of the session is to receive feedback from you to support our Strategic Planning. Please see further information within this newsletter. We will focus on:

- What are we doing well as a kura?
- Where can we improve as a kura?

Kia ora OLRS whānau,

We are currently conducting an **Internal Evaluation of Catholic Special Character** here at Our Lady of the Rosary School.

The purpose of this internal evaluation is to improve the outcomes of all ākonga.

This year, we are focusing on how effectively our kura encourages and facilitates the development of the personal relationship between ākonga and Jesus Christ - the one who reveals the transforming love and truth of the living God.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could take the time to complete this survey to provide additional information for us as we conduct this internal evaluation. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

<https://forms.gle/Uv34ySJKXTkGPnTt7>

Ngā mihi nui,

Emily Wilson (DRS)

Choir and Ukulele Concert - our ukulele learners and our choir (Ngā Manu Waiata) would like to share with you their progress to date this year.

Please come and support them.

When: Thursday, 12th of June @ 2.15pm

Where: In the School Hall

St Vincent De Paul Waiwhetu and Eastbourne - If you or someone you know could do with a hand up at the moment, please get in touch with the Vinnies by emailing

vinnieswaiwhetu@gmail.com, or texting/calling on 027 329 7840. All enquiries and confidential.



Spirited is on again, this Sunday 15th of June. 11:30-1pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. All youth aged Intermediate and older are more than welcome to come along. Please bring your instrument and a koha towards our pizza lunch. Contact Lucy 0226539525 for more info.

Term Dates for 2025

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

Up Coming Events

- 12 Jun Sacred Heart College Open Morning 9-10.30am
 - 12 Jun Choir/Ukulele group Concert, 2.15pm, Hall
 - 12 Jun Whānau feedback session, 5.30pm, staffroom
 - 13 Jun Mass, Rūma 4 & 11, OLR Church, 9.30am
 - 15 Jun Trinity Sunday
 - 17 Jun School Photos, 8.50am start
 - 18 Jun St Bernard's College Open afternoon
 - 19 Jun Matariki Celebration, breakfast, star gazing
 - 19 Jun Book Club issues 4 closes
 - 20 Jun Matariki (school closed)
 - 24 Jun Regional Cross Country
 - 24 Jun OLRs Board Hui, 6.30pm
 - 26 Jun Hutt Fest, OLRs performance @ Walter Nash Centre, 6.30pm
 - 27 Jun End of Term 2
 - 27 Jun Feast of the Sacred Heart
 - 14 Jul Term 3 begins
 - 14 Jul Powhiri at 9am
 - 15 Jul Whānau meeting sessions, bookings will open next week
 - 16 Jul Whānau meeting sessions, bookings will open next week
 - 18 Jul Year 7/8 Technology begins, Avalon
 - 21 Jul 2026 Yr 7/8 Camp Information evening, 6pm
 - 23 Jul Book Character Day
 - 23 Jul Scholastic Book Fair begins
- Our school website: www.oler.school.nz
- [SPORTS DRAWS](#)
- [Te Wairua Tapu Holy Spirit Newsletter](#)

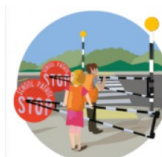
ROAD PATROL HELP PLEASE - If you are able to assist with road patrol on any of the follow days/times, please contact Georgia Smith, Rūma 2, georgia@oler.school.nz - THANK YOU.

Monday afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday morning.

Thursday morning or afternoon.



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.

School Photo Day is on **Tuesday 17th June**. Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform, including shoes. Ākonga who are in sports teams for Term 1 and 2 need to bring their PE uniform for their photos. Please ensure all clothing items are named. Here is the link for **pre-ordering** photos on the photographer's (Scott Photographers) website. You have the option to pre-order photos online [here](#) or you can order photos online after the day. Families will receive a postcard with a 'shoot key' to login and order. There are envelopes in the office if you do not want to order online. Please note that **family/sibling photos must be pre-ordered before photo day** to ensure the photo is taken. The photo groups that will be taken are:

Class group photos, sports team photos (including, touch rugby, floorball, netball, basketball and badminton), choir and ukulele group, cultural group, student council, house captains and road patrol.

Please note that we are experiencing a few issues with **links** within our newsletter which our IT team are working to solve. It seems that the links are working for some people but not others.

Golden Tickets awarded to the Middle Syndicate



Golden Tickets awarded to the Junior Syndicate



Congratulation To Emmie and Georgia who won the draw.

Virtue Award Winners





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29 May 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

We hope this finds you well. As I have stated in the school newsletter, this year the school board is required to look at our strategic plan for the next three years, and we are currently looking at our goals and priorities, to assess whether they are reflective of the aspirations, vision and values from our community.

We are hoping to really embark on a process of deep listening to our community to ensure our goals reflect what you tell us. We are doing this in a number of ways, with both in person sessions, and also a survey that is attached to this letter. We are hoping to especially hear from the voices we don't always hear from.

Our current strategic goals are:

- For all our ākonga to develop a relationship with Christ through a deeper understanding of our faith and virtues in their daily life.
- Nurture high expectations for ākonga to become confident engaged learners.
- For all our ākonga to live to their full potential, accepted for who they are and safe to become who they will.

The deep listening session will be held on the **Thursday 12th June 2025 at 5:30pm** in the staff room. For this session can you please let Bronwyn know in the office on admin@olr.school.nz if you are able to come by the morning on 11th June for catering purposes of nibbles and refreshments.

We will also be at the Kura Matariki breakfast on the 19th June 2025.

Both of the in-person sessions will be focused around the questions:

- What are we doing well as a kura?
- Where can we improve as a kura?

On the 12th June we will be ensuring that we hear from everyone that attends. We will also be serving some nibbles and drinks and will be held in the school hall.

The survey link is available [here](#) and will close on the 20th June.

You are very warmly invited to attend one of our in-person sessions. We look forward to meeting you.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Natasha Watson
School Board Chair

MATARIKI

BREAKFAST

Please come and join us in
Celebrating the Māori New Year
with our annual breakfast.

When: Thursday 19th of June

Time: Breakfast from 7am

Where: Hall

All students **HAVE** to be
accompanied by their whānau
until **8am**.

We will have stargazing weather
permitting from 6:30am

Any donations of bread, spreads
and Milo will be greatly
appreciated.

