End of Year Reflection
At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our schools, both in and out of the classroom For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed For the respect and care that has been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown for the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles for the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days and for the love that has kept us going. We give thanks for the community that we are and we ask you Lord - bless our students as they approach the end of the school year, may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness, bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Today is the last time our children will officially enter into our school gates for 2014. It has been a very busy year and one that has been filled with successes as well as challenges. Throughout the year there have been many opportunities for parents staff and students to work together. Through these partnerships our school community has helped create a safe and happy environment for our children to reach their full potential. I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing commitment throughout the year and look forward to the exciting new year that lies ahead.

Last Friday we celebrated our End of Year Mass. I would like to thank Father Joe for creating the opportunity for our families to come together as a Eucharistic community and celebrate the year that has passed. A big congratulations to the following children who have been elected as our new School Captains for 2015;

Isaac Fletcher  Teagan Hickey  Isabelle McArdle  Declan Sutton

Thank you to our outgoing School Captains; Harry Law, Fergus Sinnott, Kasey Ward and Breeanan Butcher. These children have made a wonderful contribution to our school and I have thoroughly enjoyed working closely with them.

Last night we had the Year Six Graduation. This was a wonderful celebration and tribute to the children’s time at OLR. We wish this terrific group of children all the best as a new chapter opens in their lives.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TESTING
Could parents please ensure they have booked a time for their child’s interview at the beginning of the school year?
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Event Code N32DL
CONGRATULATIONS
Our congratulations go out to Courtney and Patrick Daly who are expecting their first baby some time in May next year. Courtney will be working for two days a week in Term One as a support teacher P-6 and will then be taking maternity leave for the rest of the year.

KYNETON CARNIVAL
We have now finalised income and expenditure for the Carnival. The last of the wine orders have been delivered this week. The final profit for this years Carnival was $4,000. This money will go towards re planting of trees along the south boundary of the school and revegetation needed to beautify this area. We are keen to build on some innovative ideas from this year’s committee and look at a path forward in planning the 2015 Carnival. Karen Brown and Cameron Aitkin’s have resigned from the committee and we thank them for their contribution this year. Joedy Brown has offered to coordinate this event in 2015 and is keen to form a new committee.

We will be looking for any interested parents who may like to be a part of this and welcome parents to our first meeting on March 5, 7pm at the Presbytery.

Children’s Family Mass on Christmas Eve
We warmly invite everyone to join us as we celebrate Christmas at our Christmas Eve Children’s Family Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kyneton.
Time: 6.30pm Christmas Carols 7.00pm Mass

COURTNEY FAITH KEAST
There will be an opportunity for friends, family and members of our school community to gather in memory of Courtney on Friday at 12.30pm. Please see attached flier for details.

Thank you once again everyone for a wonderful year. May God Bless and keep you safe over this holiday period. Enjoy your time with family and have a happy and holy Christmas.
Jenny

Beginning of School Dates for 2015
Teachers return: Wednesday January 28
Literacy testing: Thursday January 29 & Friday January 30
All Children begin Term 1 on Monday February 2
Beginning of School Year Mass on Thursday February 5 - 6pm followed by a picnic tea in the church grounds

All dates are on our school calendar at www.olrkyneton.catholic.edu.au Go to News & Events
ITEMS WANTED:
Dear Parents,
We are on the hunt for some “things” for our Prep rooms next year. Can you please help?
We need:
* Monkey Pod Bowls (See pic). Often these can be found at the back of Grandparent’s kitchen cupboards!!
* Old Scrabble games (we are after the letter tiles you find in Scrabble games).
If you have any of these items, could you please drop them off at the office or give personally to Mrs Mac or Mrs Eames.
Thank-you so much.

Cuddles from Courtney Thank you
I would like to take this time to thank everyone that has contributed to our Cuddles From Courtney Adventure.
Your generous donations, thoughtful words and kind gestures have gone a long way towards getting us all through this year.
Have a safe Christmas and hug Your loved ones a little bit Harder and a whole lot more.
With love
Jodie, Courtney and Madi Keast

Prep Traffic School
Bug-A-Lugs Enrolment forms for After School Care 2015 are now due.
We are also taking expression of interest for before School Care and Wednesday Prep Free Days

**P & F Important Dates for 2015**

**Major Fundraiser & Social Event**
Saturday March 21

**AGM**
Thursday February 12

A huge thank you to all our Parents & Friends Committee for all the hard work and fundraising they have been a part of in 2014.

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Kyneton

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**Twilight Markets**

**KYNETON. 6th Dec, Piper St**

**WOODEND. 13th Dec, High St**

**GIBSORNE. 20th Dec, Aitken St**

Time: 4pm to 8pm

Market Stalls • Live Music
Beer & Wine • Kids Activities