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Week 1 Term 3

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I hope you enjoyed the school holiday with your children and took advantage to spend some quality and fun time with them.

One of the most special times to share with family – adults or children- and friends is prayer. Last term, it was a privilege to be part of the celebration of First Communion for most of our Year 3 students. They were very excited and truly glowing from having received Christ within themselves. It is important to impress that this is not a 'one off' occasion. The second and third and so on Communion is just as special and available to them. As children, they are reliant on the adults in their lives to ensure that they have this opportunity.

Imagine someone we love dearly going to a great deal of effort to prepare the most wonderful feast for us. Imagine us turning our back to them in refusal of their offering. How hurtful and offensive would that be! Instead, we join in the feast, laud the effort made in preparing the feast and join in with the celebration.

In the same way, God offers us His Son through this Sacrament meal. How many times do we turn our backs, disregard, refuse? Receiving the Eucharist is our way of showing appreciation and saying 'thank you' for the love, pain and suffering.

Bishop Anthony's recent Pastoral Letter in celebration of 750th the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) is titled 'This Wonderful Sacrament'. This is available at your church or online at

<http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/bishop-of-parramatta/most-rev-anthony-fisher-op/the-bishop-s-messages.aspx/2014/this-wonderful-sacrament---corpus-christi-2014.aspx>

Feast of Anne and Joachim.

Next Friday, OLA School will be celebrating Grandparents' Day. The 26th of July is the feast of Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. This day is an opportunity to show our appreciation for these very special people in the lives of our students.

The day will begin with a Liturgy, hosted by Kindergarten and starting soon after the morning bell at 8.50am.

This will be followed by morning tea provided by the P&F.

Classes will be open for grandparents to visit from 9.40am till morning break at 11am.

Over this time, the various grades will be performing a brief and simple item in their learning space. The following is the timetable:

9.45am: Year 4

10am: Kinder

10.15am: Year 1

10.30 am: Year 2

10.45am: Year 3

Year 5/6 will be open throughout this time to drop in and join into a range of activities.

We look forward to seeing lots of grandparents here. Please be reminded that parking is limited and more is available at Centenary Oval across the road.

Welcome

This week we welcome Ms Devine who has replaced Mrs Love in her role of RFF teacher (Wednesdays) and Executive Release (Fridays). Ms Devine has come highly recommended and we wish her all the best during her time here at OLA school.

Visitors...

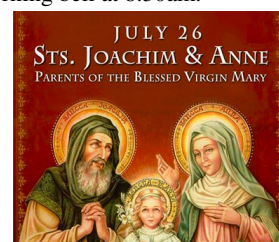
On Thursday, we welcomed a group of people from Woolworths IT Department, headed by Mrs Corey. This team of fourteen men and women will be working across the school with the students in a range of activities. They will be working in a volunteer capacity and we will have the advantage of their expertise to further develop a range of skills among our student. We look forward to seeing how this exciting partnership unfolds.

On Monday we welcomed our second group of students and teachers from the USA.

Once again, they were thrilled to spend a day in our great school and have gone home with some excellent ideas about the 'way we do things' at OLA. We hope to be able to continue the connection through collaborative projects on line.

Next Wednesday, we will be receiving a group of students from Nanzan Christian School in Nagoya, Japan. Last year, we acted as host to ten students and to Mr Matura (deputy of the school). They were thrilled with the outcome and so, this year is coming with a group of 31 students. I extend a very big 'thank you' to the fifteen families providing billets for these students.

There will be a stop work meeting Wednesday 23 July 2014 for 3 hours from the commencement of school. The action involved members of the Independent Education Union (IEU) to discuss concerns regarding the proposed new Enterprise Agreement. We do not expect any interruption to school attendance and supervision will be provided.



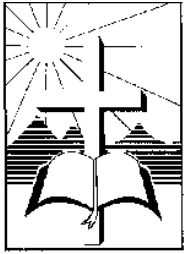
Dates to Remember

Tues 22nd July – Netball Gala Day

Wed 23rd July – Japanese visitors arrive

Fri 25th July – Grandparents Day

Mon 28th July - School photos



Gospel Reflection

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field?"

If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." "Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ."

The parable found in today's Gospel reminds us as Christian people about the Kingdom of God and encourages us in our daily life. As the wheat and weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgement. This helps us to remember we must always act in a prayerful way that will be consistent with God's plans. We ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

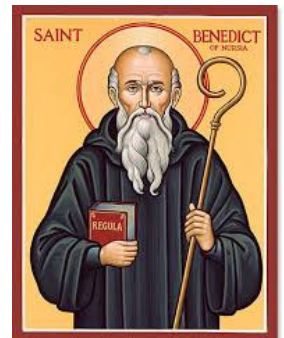
Share a meal with your family this week. Jesus teaches us in the Gospel that God can work wonders from even the smallest things. The littlest of things we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What can we do as a family to make things better for others? Pray that God will use your family to make a difference in the world.

Have a special weekend!
Mr Andrew Baker ☺

Saint of the week: St. Benedict

Feast Day: July 11
Born: 480 :: Died: 547

St. Benedict was born in Italy. Coming from a rich Italian family, his life was full of adventure and wonderful events. As a boy, he was sent to Rome to study in the public schools but was troubled by the bad behavior of the other students. When he was a young man, he became disgusted with the terrible lifestyle of pagan Rome (Romans who believed in false gods). Benedict left the city and went looking for a place where he could be alone with God. He found the right spot. It was a cave in the mountain of Subiaco. Benedict spent three years there alone. The devil often tempted him to go back to his rich home and easy life. But Benedict prayed and did penance and did not give in to these temptations.



Benedict became the leader of many good monks. He started twelve monasteries. Then he went to Monte Cassino where he built his most well-known monastery. It was here that St. Benedict wrote the wonderful rules for the Benedictine order. He taught his monks to pray and work hard. He taught them especially to be humble always. Benedict and his monks greatly helped the people of their times. They taught them how to read and write, how to farm, and how to work at different trades. St. Benedict was able to do good because he prayed all the time.

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"Put Christ before all else." - the Rule of St. Benedict

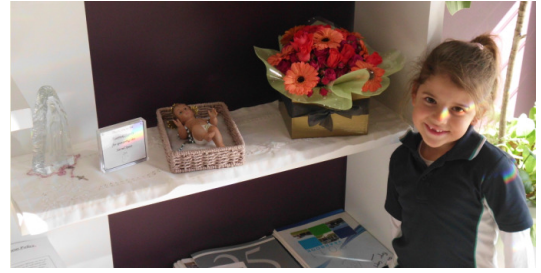
Saint of the Week:

Each week we will be looking at the life of a different Saint. At the end of the term I will create a quiz for students to complete to win a prize. Look at the Saint of the week each week with your children and talk to them about ways in which they can live their life like the Saints did.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan

Family Sacred Space.

In the office foyer, we have a display cabinet of which two shelves are devoted to prayer. This is an invitation to OLA families to 'sponsor' this sacred space. This means that each week, one school family is responsible for decorating this space with some small items of their choice and relevant to them. There is one small shelf and nothing elaborate is expected. This is an initiative to bring community prayer to the fore in our school and to make it more personal and meaningful. I or someone else at school will be happy to assist you if needed. If you are interested in participating, we look forward to receiving an email from you to



ola@parra.catholic.edu.au with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. Thank you to the **Edelinski Family** who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Scoulou Family**.

ICAS – computer results

OLA performed well in the recent ICAS computer competition. A special mention to the following students for their excellent results:

High Distinction – Joshua P-B

Distinction – Charlie C

Credit – Karl F, Maneesha G, Ana B, Jacob D, Alana W

Merit – Charlotte G, Raphael B, Anthony P

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Thomas C, Sophia D, Chloe H, Braith M, Lucas M, David P, Emily B, Anthony C, Thomas D, Bradley W, Tiarne M, Anthony P, Alana W, Brianna A, Zac L, Jesse E, Alissa S who have recently completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Social Skill

The new social skill for the next fortnight is Ignoring distractions.

- Count to five
- Say to yourself, "I won't look. I'll keep working."
- Continue to work
- Say to yourself, "Good for me. I did it!"

Cathy Hey

Creative Arts Expo

The next creative arts workshop will be next Thursday at 9.00am in the room of the Year 2 block. If you have any of the following items, please bring them with you:- hot glue gun, material scissors, needle and thread.

The tickets have gone on sale to those families with children participating in the expo. In about two weeks time, the balance of the tickets will be open to the general public, so keep your eye out for this news.

Netball Gala Day

Good luck to all the students attending the netball gala day next Tuesday. Please remember to apply sunscreen before and throughout the day, take plenty of water and food, and you must have your hat. Please be at the netball complex by 8.30am to meet Mrs Eisenhuth, as per your netball note.

From the Class room... Year 3W

Last term Year 3 had the opportunity to visit and explore Cockatoo Island as part of our Science and HSIE units. We travelled by bus and river cat to the Island. We all agree that it was the best excursions ever!

Here are some of the photographs of our fantastic day.





Second Hand Uniforms

Thank you for your generous donations of uniforms.

The Second Hand uniform shop will be open tomorrow **next Thursday July 24, from 8.30am to 9.15am**. There are both Summer and Winter items available. Please be prepared for cash transactions only as card facilities will not be available.

If you would still like to **donate** to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the clean items to the school office in a plastic bag.

OLA Parish Fiesta

Welcome back to Term 3! In case you missed the message in the newsletter, the OLA Parish Fiesta is coming up very soon, on August 3rd, and we really need support for the school's contribution, which is the coffee stall. At this stage we only have one volunteer, which would make the coffee queues really long! We are asking for only an hour of your time; if we get enough volunteers from each year group we may even be able to do shorter sessions. The volunteer timeslots are as follows:

Kindergarten: 1:00-2:00pm
Year One: 2:00-3:00pm
Year Two: 3:00-4:00pm
Year Three: 4:00-5:00pm
Year Four: 5:00-6:00pm
Year Five/Six: 6:00-7:00pm

It will be really simple, the coffee machines are just the pod machines and hot chocolate and tea will also be on offer. Remember that the money we raise from the Fiesta will go to the building of our beautiful new church – I'm sure we're all looking forward to being able to fit in for our school Masses! If you are able to help, please email Kim Palmer-Burton kim_pb@iprimus.com.au as soon as possible. Thankyou in advance for your assistance – many hands make light work!

Thanks, Kim Palmer-Burton and the P & F

From the office.....

School Fees:- The term 3 school fees were sent out in the holidays. If you are on the flexible payment plan then you would not have received an account.

Please note: The swim program (K-4) of \$100 and CPR program (Yr 5/6) of \$10 have been billed on the term 3 account. This amount has not been included in the flexible payment plan or the salary sacrifice plan, and so a separate payment will need to be made directly to the office. Please attend to this at the end of your plan.

Kindergarten 2015 – Please ensure that all sibling acceptance forms for 2015 are sent to the office by Friday of next week.

Bookclub – Bookclub is going home today. Please remember that all payments must be made **online**. No cash will be accepted. It will be sent back home for you to complete on line. All bookclub orders must be returned to school by next Thursday, 24th July.

Banking – All bank books need to be sent to school on a Wednesday and they are returned to the students on Thursday. If your child's book does not come home, then often it is not received at the office until after the banking has been completed on a Thursday and it is kept here until the following week.

School Photos – School photos will be taking place on Monday 28th July. A note and envelopes will go home next week. This year there is the option to pay online, as well as cash and cheque. All money is to be sent to school on **MONDAY ONLY**, not beforehand, as we are not allowed to keep any money on the premises. Also the correct money needs to be in your envelope as no change will be available at the office.

FIREWORKS AT 6.45PM

OLA
FAMILY FIESTA

RIDES

MEET PEPPA PIG

ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday 3rd August 2014

OLA Church Grounds, 1 Wellgate Ave
Cnr Withers Road, Rouse Hill



FREE ENTRY

1PM - 7PM

A great time for all!

- Chocolate Wheel
- White Elephant
- Exciting Rides
- Dodgem Cars
- Cakes
- Lollies
- Jewellery
- Games & Novelty Stalls
- Pizzas
- BBQ
- International Food Stalls
- Lots, Lots More

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From the Parish Office...

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 3 August- Major Raffle

Last week every family received a book of raffle tickets. It has come to our attention that the Major Prize of a Sony Bravia LED Smart TV has been advertised on some tickets as 15". Our apologies for this error. The actual size is 50" or 125.7cm. Thank you to our sponsors who have generously donated these prizes. Tickets are \$2- each.

Confirmation

For Children: The Sacrament of Confirmation is soon to commence at OLA Parish. Children from Year 6 are invited to prepare and receive this Sacrament. Enquiry Night: Tuesday, 19 August at 7:30pm.

New Altar Servers Training

Children who have received their First Communion and would like to become altar servers are invited to attend three training sessions on Tuesday, 22 July, 29 July and 5 August from 3.30pm-4pm in the Church. Please collect an enquiry letter from the Church Entrance table. Completed forms can be handed back to Fr Joby or to the Parish Office.

Parish Fiesta - White Elephant Stall

Everyone loves an opportunity to clean out their cupboards, wardrobes and garages. Our White Elephant Stall will be accepting all things worthy for re-sale. If you have anything you would like to drop off, the Parish office will be accepting items from the beginning of Term 3. We will be receiving our storage container during the school holidays.

We are also accepting any donations of Lollies or Bottles of any type (so long as they are not out of date!!) Many thanks for your continued support to the success of our Parish Fiesta. Anthony Saliba, Fiesta Co-Ordinator 8883 4063.

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr Joby Kadambattuparambil Ittira

Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am Wed -7pm Novena Mass to St Joseph for special intercessions for the Building of our Church.

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Parish Fiesta!!

Rides:

Over the next coming Fridays at the school assembly, Geraldine Farrugia and Anthony Saliba from the parish are going to be present to sell wristbands at special pre-pay price of \$20 each in time for the Parish Fiesta. These will be better value than \$25 for sale on the day.

They will be taking cash on the day and have credit card facilities too.

Cake Stall:

Next week your child will be bringing home a cake box. Each family is asked to donate a cake/slice or biscuits – homemade ideally- with a brief summary of ingredients. This will be sold at the Fiesta cake stall on Sunday. It would be appreciated if all boxes are taken up to the parish office after noon on Saturday or on Sunday directly to the stall. Thanks for your support in our parish activities. It is greatly appreciated.

Term 3 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Lachlan Banovic	Lily Trimboli	Tyrone Lee
Kinder G	Marcus Farrugia	Clodagh Cowman	Acacia Sales
Kinder W	Mikayla Edwards	Emily Lenane	Lachlan Connellan
Year 1B	Charlie Da Ruos	Chanel Johnston	Lachlan Whitehurst
Year 1 G	Lachlan Hollier	Roman Bizzanelli	Caitlyn Palmer-Burton
Year 1W	Sienna Mooney	Chloe Hill	Leila Balangon
Year 2 B	Tahlia Armeni	Jackson Jacobs	Christian Garofano
Year 2 W	Liberty Blount	Marcus Odd	Jacob Connellan
Year 3 B	Rory McArdle	Carys Fitzgerald	Mikayla Muscat
Year 3 G	Hollie Ford	Rebecca Clearly	Patrick Bennet
Year 3 W	Isaac Swinden	Mia Spowles	Melissa Preston
Year 4 B	Raphael Di Lorenzo-Boussard	Ethan Kurcubic	Sophie Rudek
Year 4 W	Jai Turner	Kerlyia Brown	Brock Crook
Year 5/6 B	Jeremy Tjhin	Caleb Martinez	Emma Corey
Year 5/6 W	Bethany Webb	Olivia Farrugia	Kristian Skoljarev

Until next week, may God bless and keep you safe.

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*