

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone for the last term on the year. As usual, it was delightful to see all the students and their fresh faces. Some have grown over the two weeks! The start of this term finds us in October, the month of the Holy Rosary and a significant month in our Marian tradition.

The Rosary is believed to have begun being prayed in the thirteenth century. It is widely believed that the Rosary began as a simple devotion and grew increasingly complex slowly over time. Meditation became a feature of the devotion when Dominic of Prussia (1382-1460), St Dominic, suggested reflecting on the life of Jesus during the prayer.



In fact, that is why the Rosary is meant to be prayed while reflecting on the great mysteries of the faith - the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries. Now we also have St John Paul's contribution, the Mysteries of Light. Those mysteries focus on the public life of Jesus. The Rosary is usually prayed in sets of five decades --that is one full recitation of a standard Rosary featuring fifty recitations of the Hail Mary. After each set of ten, the petitioner should pause and meditate. Which mystery is meditated upon depends on the day of the week, which determines whether the set. Over time, the Rosary has proven to be a powerful prayer and source of special intentions being answered. Whichever way you choose to pray, please find time to say a decade of the Rosary with your family this October.

By now you should have received this term's calendar which highlights the important dates, especially those at the end of the school year. Please note these dates, including the intensive swimming program which is a critical part of the Sport and PE curriculum.



Congratulations!!

...to Mrs Callaghan on the arrival of her baby daughter, Grace Lillian. We wish her and her family all the very best and look forward to meeting baby soon.

Dates to Remember

Fri 16 th Oct	Diocesan Mass P&F Blingo Night
Fri 23 rd Oct	Crazy Hair Day – Gold coin donation towards DWF
Wed 28 th Oct	Stg 3 Taronga Zoo incursion P&F General Meeting 7.00pm
Thurs 29 th Oct	Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am
Mon 2 nd Nov	All Souls Day – Liturgy
Thurs 5 th Nov	Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am

Gospel Reflection

Mark 10:17-30



The Rich and the Kingdom of God

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!" "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

Reflection

'How to inherit an eternal life'.

Mark's Gospel this Sunday, discusses the question of 'how to inherit eternal life'. A man approaches Jesus and wants to know what he needs to do to enter God's Kingdom. Jesus tells the man that he must follow the Ten Commandments. The man responds, that he has been following these laws since he was young. Jesus then responds to the man and tells him he needs to give away all his material possessions to the poor and follow Him. The man is sad at this news because he is a rich man with many possessions and he is not willing to give his wealth away. In the Old Testament, wealth was seen as a sign of a blessing from God and the poor people were regarded as being cursed by God.

Mark's Gospel is a story of vocation. Jesus uses this event to teach his followers about the dangerous trap of earthly possessions. To not judge a person on how much they earn, but how they treat others. He reminds his followers that salvation is a gift from God and to reach eternal life, our arms must be empty of materialistic possessions so we can receive God's gift of grace and salvation.

*Mrs Katrina Byrne
Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator*

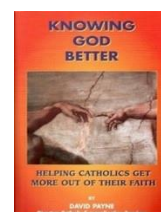


We are running the first CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) course titled on Tuesday, **10th November 2015 in the old church building.**

Knowing God Better is a series of stimulating talks aimed at helping us understand our faith more fully and so become more enthusiastic about God's action in our lives.

Set in a café style environment, CaFE is fun and, at the same time, prayerful. There is opportunity for reflection and group discussion.

So, if you would like to enrich your knowledge of our Catholic faith, come and join CaFE.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

- St Ignatius was converted to Christianity as an adult.
- He died at the age of 110 on the 17th October.
- He was a martyr.
- St Ignatius became a successor to St Peter.
- On the way from Antioch to Rome, he wrote seven letters to the Christian communities as he passed. The communities would encourage him as the soldiers dragged him through the communities.
- He got thrown into the Coliseum (Rome) and was fed to the lions.



"I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power other the farthest limits of the Earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."

BY JOHN PAUL, JOHN,
AMELIA and MONTANNA.

CRAZY HAIR DAY 23rd OCTOBER 2015



This Term will be holding a CRAZY HAIR day. This will be our last fundraising event for the year. Gold coin donations will go towards the DWF Appeal. Students can dress up their hair or wear a crazy wig to get into the spirit of Crazy Hair day. Students will still wear their summer uniform on the day. Thank you for your ongoing support and donations for this appeal.

OLA SUPERSTARS

On the 15th October 2015, Our Lady of Angles will have students represent our school and NSW Catholic Schools in the Junior Girl's Relay team, at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival. We would like to wish **Hollie Ford, Jade Richardson, Seronique Taylor and Claudia Coombes** lots of good luck and best wishes. We are extremely proud of the girls' achievements!

ICAS- English

Congratulations to all students who recently participated in the University of NSW English Competition. A special mention to the following students:

Merit – Sienna Mooney, Lucy Taylor, Eoin Trainor, Remi Ferdinanz

Credit – Phoebe Strykowski, Jacob Domars

Distinction – Kiara Wijaya, Harry Taylor, Giann Lee, Karl Fischer, Joshua Palmer- Burton

High Distinction – Max Fischer, Caitlyn Palmer-Burton

Social skill –weeks 1 and 2

Safe Play in the playground-

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Stay in areas where teachers can see you
- Use equipment safely and fairly
- Walk on concrete areas

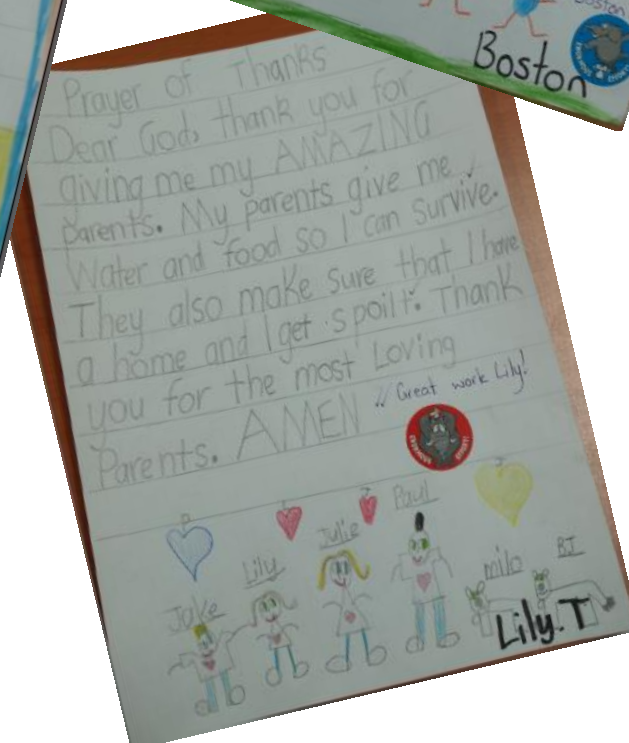
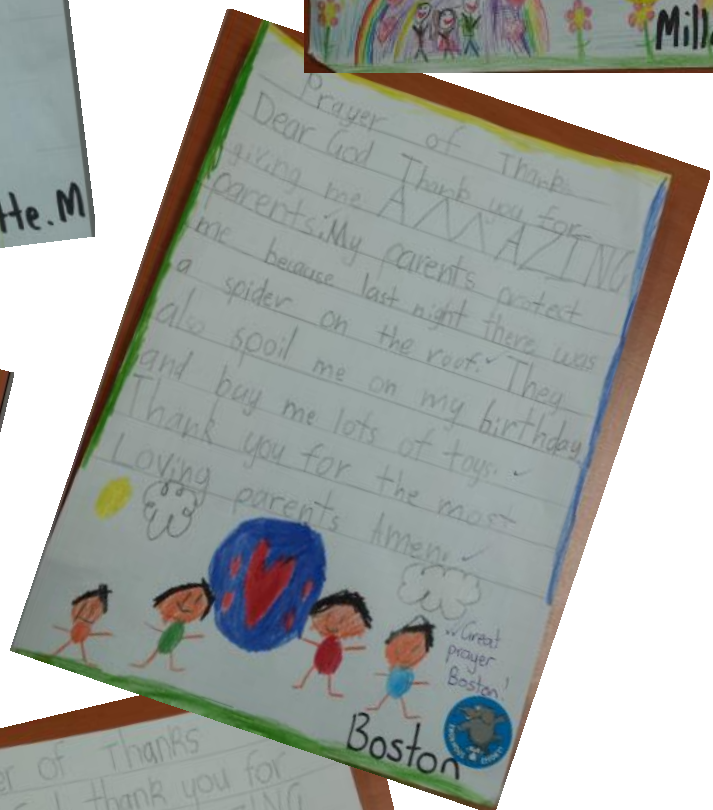
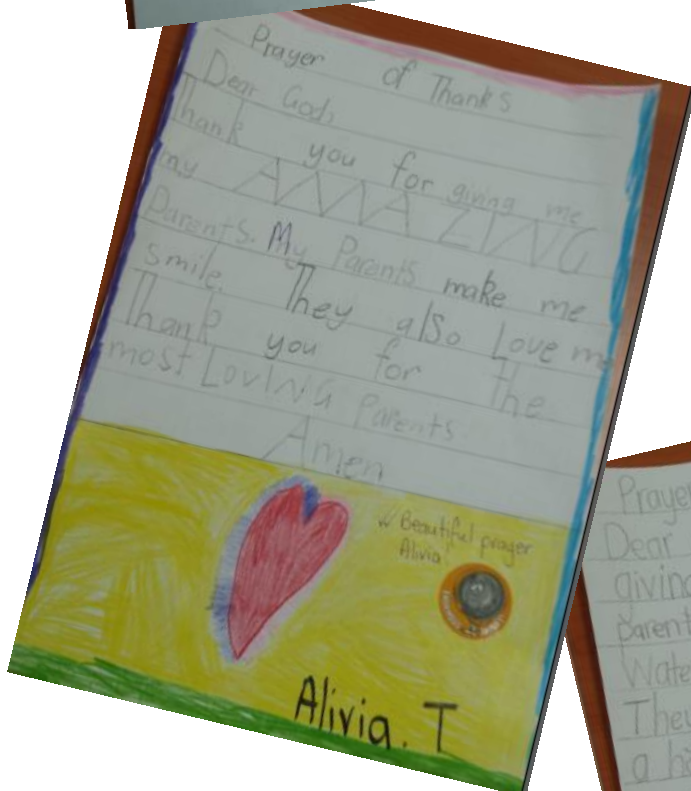
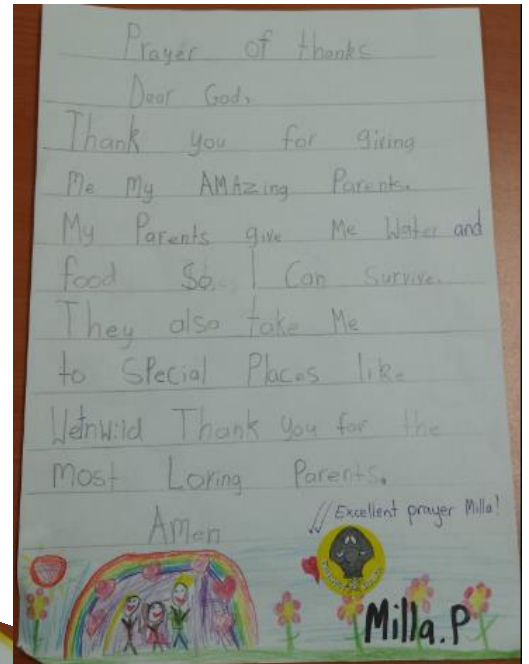
Lunch time clubs

This term our lunchtime clubs include garden, craft, chess, photography and 'Mini Vinnies'. Once again we thank the teachers who use their lunch breaks to offer these opportunities to our children. Children need to listen out at the morning assembly to find out the details of the clubs each day.

Maths Club will recommence for Term 4 next Thursday morning at 8.20am (promptly) in the Year 4 classroom. This is for students at all levels in Years 3 and 4 to play some maths games.

From the Classroom – 1W

This week 1W has been talking about why our parents are important to us and wrote a prayer of thanks to God, thanking him for the things they do.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms so far. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to **donate** to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the **clean** items to the school office in a plastic bag. Items will be on sale later this term.

UPCOMING EVENT..... We will be holding a Tea towel fundraiser this term, with the children's own design. These will be perfect as a gift for family and friends for Christmas. More info to come...

*See you next **FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 7PM –**
SOCIAL BINGO and GAMES NIGHT!!*

(If you would still like to attend, we have a few tables left or spaces on existing tables that you could join. Please contact the P&F for any last minute bookings)



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

*** *If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email olapfc@gmail.com*

2016 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2015 and Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch (B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 30th October as these trials will be held in November 2015. All other sport registrations will open on 2nd November for 2016 trials.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Bishops Office

Diocesan Family Sunday: 18 October

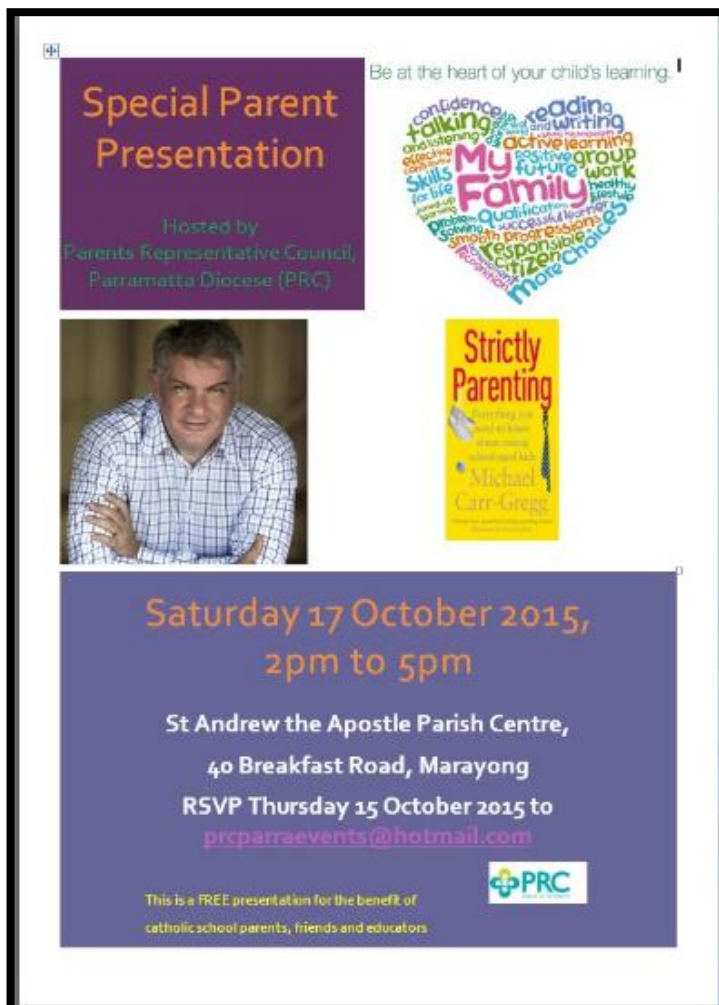
Theme: 'Love is Our Mission'. The afternoon family gathering from 2.30pm – 6pm will include: testimonies from our diocesan delegates to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, update on the Family Synod in Rome and a talk on Blesseds Louis and Zelie Martin (parents of St Therese of Lisieux), who will be canonised on 18 October. Children's activities and sausage sizzle. MacKillop Centre, cnr Swanston & Collins Sts, St Marys. Inquiries: (02) 8838 3440, famlife@parra.catholic.org.au

Parramatta Youth Rally: 24 October

All young people aged 16-35 are invited to celebrate the young Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta with an outdoor concert and festival on the feast day of St John Paul II, founder of our Diocese and father of World Youth Day. From 7pm-9.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral precinct, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 25 October


All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with a shared meal at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary is at 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au



Be at the heart of your child's learning!

Special Parent Presentation

Hosted by
Parents Representative Council,
Parramatta Diocese (PRC)



Strictly Parenting
Michael Carr-Gregg

**Saturday 17 October 2015,
2pm to 5pm**

**St Andrew the Apostle Parish Centre,
40 Breakfast Road, Marayong**

**RSVP Thursday 15 October 2015 to
prcparraevents@hotmail.com**

This is a FREE presentation for the benefit of
catholic school parents, friends and educators

PRC



Friday 30 October 2015

**An Apple for
the teacher!**

**World
Teachers'
Day**

To enter the competition, take a selfie with your teacher and
tell us in 25 words or less how your teacher inspires you!
You can enter the competition at www.parra.catholic.edu.au

**WIN A \$200 ITUNES VOUCHER FOR YOU AND AN
APPLE MINI IPAD FOR YOUR TEACHER!**

Follow @CatholicEdParra on Facebook to see if your selfie is featured as a finalist
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ENTRIES CLOSE 29 OCTOBER 2015

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Literacy Hint -

Do your children like to read the same book over and over? Great! Encourage them. Do they use more expression each time they read? Do they read more smoothly each time they read? Wonderful. Children need to learn to read fluently. This is difficult the first time they read a book but becomes easier the more times they read the same story. Teachers often say to children, "Read like you're talking" One way for a child to do this is by becoming more familiar with a book, which is done by re-reading. So, when your child wants to read the same book again and again, smile and give praise. Your little reader is become more fluent.

From the Parish Office...

Reconciliation

Reconciliation for children in Year 2 and older will occur in Term 4. There will be an information night on Tuesday, 13 October at 7.30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration has commenced. We have opened this to other parishes in our Diocese. If there is a particular time that you wish to spend one hour with Our Lord, please let us know. There is a register on the Foyer Table. More than one person can register at a particular time span.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are still interested or someone you know would like to become a Catholic, please have them contact the Parish office as we begin our next process of RCIA.

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Mass times:

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

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603

*Have a lovely holiday
and stay safe.
God bless.
Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

Term 3 Week 9			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Logan Cleary	Zoey Chown	Patrick Doueihy
Kinder G	Lachlan Heaney	Camryn Sammut	Tahniah Arora
Kinder W	Aidan Attard	Charlotte Ives	Kristian Cajic
Year 1B	Lucy Tapley	Marcus Farrugia	Riharna Pacella
Year 1 G	Mitchell Ross	Amity Oxspring	Tayla Buxton
Year 1W	Jack Winn	Milla Price	Georgia Parsell
Year 2 B	Levi Stacey	Rachael Perillo	Kayleigh Naidoo
Year 2 G	Sal Colossimo	Natalie Holopikian	Max Cutroni
Year 2 W	Kiara Wijaya	Lauren Eyles	Makiah Arora
Year 3 B	Gemma Gladwell	Zachary Sprowles	Christian Garofano
Year 3 W	Ethan Graham	Charlotte Zahra	Sofia Silva
Year 4 B	Anthony Cutuk	Joshua Maisetti	Nicola Topic
Year 4 G	Sebastian Mileto	Sophia Tapley	Mikayla Muscat
Year 4 W	Antonia Manago	Ashley Cummings	Mia Sprowles
Year 5/6 B	Darci Buxton	Claudia Coombes	Domenico Lopresti
Year 5/6 G	Patricia Constantino	Angelina Taleski	Elise Ewer
Year 5/6 W	Brock Crook	Joseph Awadalla	Jai Turner