

## Dear Parents,

This week, Grades 2 and 4 held a liturgy in celebration of the end of their RE unit – one on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the other on the Eucharist. Parents were invited and, on both occasions, the response was wonderful. For each, the parents met with the teachers for brief input and discussion on the focus scripture and to talk about what we so often balk at talking about – God, Scripture, what we believe and being Catholic. Children in the classroom talk openly about God; amongst the staff we do the same. The question and the challenge posed to the parents present, all parents in fact, is how comfortable are you with doing the same? The intention of having parents share in the Liturgy was that it would hopefully provide the ‘springboard’ for further conversation at home. I asked one mum if she tried it and I was delighted to hear that she did! They had a good chat about the liturgy, the Bible reading and what it meant. ‘Dad’ was a bit in awe of what was going on but that was a brave step to make in the direction of what we hope will become part of makes our homes a happier and more spiritual place. Overall, the feedback was very positive and we look forward to more opportunities to do this again next term.



## Farewell and good luck

Today, we farewell Mrs Callaghan who is going on twelve months maternity leave. We wish Mrs Callaghan all the very best and look forward to that ‘special news’ on the arrival of her baby. As previously announced, Mrs Byrne will be Acting REC in Mrs Callaghan’s place. Miss Grima will be acting Primary Coordinator for the twelve months. I also am happy to announce the shared coordinator roles of Mrs Schroder and Mrs Giglio who, over the next twelve months, will lead a special project in reviewing the Whole School Behaviour Policy. I will be taking three weeks’ long service leave at the beginning of next term. I leave the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Hey as Acting Principal and Mrs Hurst as Acting Assistant Principal. I wish everyone a happy, restful and safe holiday and leave you with the words that a parent raised at one of the liturgy meetings, the words of St Francis,

*“Go and preach the Gospel; if you must, use words.”*

## Congratulations!!

to the following students who received this term’s Principal’s Award and had morning tea and a chat on Tuesday.

Cameron Muscat	John Paul Doueihy
Matthew Kamber	Austin Turner
Giancarlo Mazza	Nadia Gruca
Amelia Bond	Marko Rangan
Lara Kelly	Anthony Kamber
Sophia Dobaj	Madison Lee
Lachlan Hollier	Nicholas Sweeney
Zachary Nicholls	Jordan Sanborn
Rafael Ira	



## Dates to Remember

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July: First day of Term 3

**Please refer to the Term 3 Calendar attached to this email.**



Congratulations to these OLA students who recently participated in receiving their First Holy Communion. This is a very special time but one that can and must be repeated each week with a second and third, etc for the rest of their lives. Apologies for the two names accidentally omitted last week.

Alisa Adhihetty	Zachary Sprowles	Pierre-Antoine La
Felix Beegan	John Stafford	Giaan Lee
Gabriella Bond	Heidi Papandrea	Thomas Lenane
Mikayla Bowden	Jasmyn Robertson	Zach Lesar
Tamsyn Brown	Ella Owen	Alannah Lock
Natasha Charlesworth	Kalan Oxspring	Austin Turner
Jacob Connellan	Sabrina Marino	Julian Vargas
Nathan Cook	Charli Molloy	Charlotte Zahra
Matthew Dalton	Gabriella Muscat	Raphael di Lorenzo - Boussard
Alicia Dersch	Ariane Maher	Marcus Odd
Charlotte Zahra	Christian Garofano	Ailbhe Gannon
Kenneth Tjhin	Gemma Gladwell	Isaac Swinden
Eoin Trainor	Nicholas Gomez	Ashton Galea
Rylan McGrady	Ethan Graham	Georgia Domars
Zachary Signorelli	Alexander Harrod	Ebony McNichol
Sofia Silva	Olivia Hudson	Callum Galway
Jada Scoulou	Isabella Rose Iori	Harry Taylor
Matthew Geoghegan		



### Gospel Reflection Mark 5: 21-43

*When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.*

*There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."*

*While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was.*

*He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.*

Young children know how important it is to have someone who cares for them when they are sick. We can teach them about the Church's ministry to those who are sick and invite children to participate in this ministry through their prayers. Watching other people suffer when they are sick can leave us feeling helpless. Our prayer for those who are sick is a way for us to ask for Jesus' healing presence and to participate in the Church's ministry to those who are sick. Caring for the sick is an important way that Christians follow Jesus' example. With faith in Jesus' power to heal, we pray for those who are sick and for all those who care for them.

*Thank you to everyone for all your well wishes and thoughts as I start my maternity leave today. It means a lot to my family and I and we would like to say a big thank you. Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan*  
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## From the Bishop's Office

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Faith in Marriage Conference: 23 August

This year's conference has the theme: Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage. This conference is aimed at married couples, engaged couples and individuals interested in marriage. Speakers include the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Fr Peter G Williams, Jonathan Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Brought to you by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. From 9am-3pm at Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: \$25 per person (\$50 per couple) includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea. On-site child minding for participants available for \$30 per family must be booked prior to the conference. Registration: CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au) Join us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta](http://www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta)

#### Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 28 June

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](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

For further information visit:

[www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations)

[www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary)

#### Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal: 22-23 and 29-30 August

Can you spare a few hours of your time to be a volunteer collector for the Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal in the Diocese of Parramatta? Funds raised will support much-needed services including the Caroline Chisholm Centre for Social Justice in Mt Druitt. To find out more please contact Alison Bryett, Doorknock Coordinator, tel (02) 8861 9700, [alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au](mailto:alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au)

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### Woolworths Earn and Learn is back

From 15<sup>th</sup> July until 8<sup>th</sup> September, for every \$10 spent at Woolworths you can collect stickers to place on sticker cards. When your sticker card is full, send it into school. We will then redeem these for some exciting resources for the school. Please pass this on to neighbours and grandparents who can collect on your behalf.

Thanks for your support.

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Check out the report on Page 18 about our smiling Katie Buxton! ☺

<http://newslocal.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

### Well Done Boys' Shed!!!

From this to .....finishing touches laying the path ..... to this!!



Their thanks go to the parents in the school and local businesses – Charlie Spiteri, Turtle Nursery, Mrs Darmanin who donated items/services and especially *Masters Hardware* who sponsored the project. What now for Boys' Shed? They have already started to think about their next project which is making a new bicycles out of old scraps and parts of old bikes. Firstly, though, they need a slab of concrete and a real shed in which to work. Any support from out there would be very appreciated. When they see what they have achieved with their garden, they are confident they can make anything happen.

What about a Girls' Shed? Rotary have generously offered to donate a chicken shed to OLA School – a perfect project for *Girls' Shed* perhaps? Watch this space next term. ☺



In July Fresh Fitness @ OLA will have their name on one of the jars at **Grill'd Rouse Hill**. We would love your support, so if you go in add a bottle top to the OLA jar!

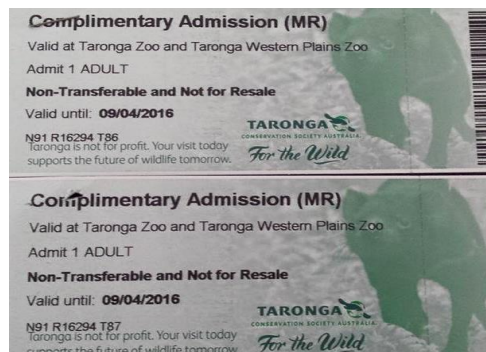
From the P&F.....



More prizes.....

Remember for every \$20 raised, you will get a ticket to enter the draw!

Thank you to **Featherdale Wildlife Park** and **Taronga Zoo/ Taronga Western Plain Zoo!**



*Don't forget to ask family and friends to sponsor you for the big event! The more money you raise, the more chance you have to win!*

**Promote your business .... Help our Kids!**

**Would you like to sponsor a check point?**

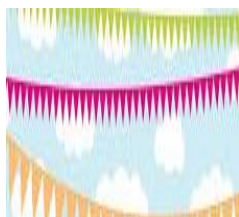
Do you own a business????

To encourage the children as they walk the 2.4km distance, we are asking local businesses for their support by sponsoring a checkpoint along the route.

This can include:

- Signage at the checkpoint
- Promotional material for distribution
- An option to man your own checkpoint to cheer the children along

We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Annemarie at [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com)



## LUCKY DIP STALL

Thank you for 'LUCKY DIP' novelty item donation so far! We will continue to collect these next term! This is the OLA school contribution to the fiesta! Items may include hair clips, stamps, stickers, art and craft items, toy cars, bouncing balls, bubbles or anything appropriate for a boy or girl!



## FROM THE CLASSROOM...Year 1



As part of Year 1's Science & Technology Unit this term 'Our Living World', the students have been researching and making models of animals and their habitats. They have been creating an enclosure in pairs for their animal they have been researching. On Thursday 25th June, the Year 1 classroom was set up just like a zoo with entry doors, tickets, tour guides, animal experts, café



and the animal enclosures. The entry fee and any food available at the café was available for a gold coin donation. This money will be donated to the World Wildlife Fund, as decided by the students.

The day was a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their learning to the wider community. We would like to thank the parents and families of the Year 1 students, who were so supportive in their children's learning, not just on the day but in the weeks leading up to the day. The whole process was so rewarding for both students and teachers - it was wonderful seeing the students take ownership in their learning and being so engaged in its purpose.



*"I made a Leopard Gecko enclosure. It had fireflies and stars because it is a nocturnal animal. I liked seeing all the parents coming in to see our work." Jaden*

### *From the Parish Office...*

#### **Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 2 August**

Save the date for our 2015 Fiesta!! Beginning the Friday 17 July - we will be selling Unlimited Ride Wrist Bands.

#### **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 throughout the Holidays. Pop into the Parish office between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

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 support to the success of our Parish Fiesta.

#### **Attention: Year 6 Students!!**

**Confirmation:** Confirmation Forms need to be return on or before August 6 when we have our Enquiry Night at 7.30pm in the Church.

**Youth Hangout:** There will be NO Hangout tonight!!

**Youth Co-ordinator:** Welcome to our new Youth Co-ordinator - Faith. Faith will be organising some awesome Youth Events in Term 3 - watch this space!!!

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

#### **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

### **Numeracy Hint**



Cooking with your child is a great opportunity to discuss measurement of ingredients and to count items. Using a timer can help your child to understand concepts of time.

#### **From the Office....**

**MATHS CLUB** will resume in Week 1 of Term 3.

**School Fees** – all term 2 school fees need to be paid by the end of next week, unless you are on the flexible payment plan. If you are unable to pay the fees by this day, please contact me as soon as possible.

**WYD Raffle Tickets** – please return any WYD raffle tickets, sold or unsold, by the end of the term.

**Lost Property** – *Please, please, please* check your child's jumper/jacket etc to ensure that they have not brought home another child's clothing. We have had many parents asking for clothing that have names on it, and they cannot find it either in lost property or in the classroom. We have quite a few 'no named' jumpers in the office, which is a shame when they are so expensive to buy. At the end of the term they will be donated to the second hand clothing shop.

Someone was telling me about a school that had pyjama day recently but principal and staff didn't dress up. I reflected on what a fabulous staff I have – WE have. Not only do they dress up but go shopping to have matching themed PJs. This is a very tiny example of the wonderful spirit in which everyone at OLA works. I keep telling you how lucky we are and it's true! Have a great holiday, everyone, and a well-earned rest.

*Until next term, may God bless and keep you safe over the holidays.*

*Eva La Rocca, Principal*

Term 2 Week 9			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Abbey Hollier	Zoey Chown	Sophia Iori
Kinder G	Amber Kim	Lucious Cappello	Dylan Halwani
Kinder W	Kristian Cajic	Deegan Hopkins	Aiden Attard
Year 1B	Sahara Knippler	Eva Merceica	Lucy Tapley
Year 1 G	Julia Zammit	Marcus Mileto	Ava Camilleri
Year 1W	Ayden Stewart	Jack Winn	Milla Price
Year 2 B	Roman Bizzanelli	Kayleigh Naidoo	Brayden Stoddard
Year 2 G	Max Cutroni	Marissa Farrugia	Joshua Streater
Year 2 W	Rafael Ira	Kobe Ormsby	Kiara Wigjaya
Year 3 B	Luke Awadalla	Rylan McGrady	Ella Owen
Year 3 W	Lucy Finch	Alexander Harrod	Charlotte Zahra
Year 4 B	Shanae Makumbe	Tyra Abdallah	Trinity Johnston
Year 4 G	Melissa Preston	Emily Bennison	Sascha Strykowski
Year 4 W	Juliana Constantino	Sienna Farrugia	Dylan Stacey
Year 5/6 B	Tamzin Naidoo	Domenico Lopresti	Ella Sievwright
Year 5/6 G	Milly Beegan	AJ Abdallah	Seronique Taylor
Year 5/6 W	Claudia Pacella	Timiya Naidoo	Ethan Kurcubic



### **Some holiday reading...**

A young man went to seek an important position at a large printing company. He passed the initial interview and was going to meet the director for the final interview. The director saw his resume, it was excellent. And asked, '

- Have you received a scholarship for school?'

The boy replied, "No '.

'It was your father who paid for your studies? '

'Yes,' he replied.

'Where does your father work? '

'My father is a Blacksmith'

The Director asked the young man to show him his hands.

The young man showed a pair of hands soft and perfect, 'Have you ever helped your parents at their job? '

' Never. My parents always wanted me to study and read more books. Besides, he can do the job better than me.'

The director said, ' I have got a request: When you go home today, go and wash the hands of your father and then come see me tomorrow morning.'

The young man felt his chance to get the job was high.

When he returned to his house he asked his father if he would allow him to wash their hands. His father felt strange, happy, but with mixed feelings and showed their hands to his son. The young man washed his hands, little by little. It was the first time that he noticed his father's hands were wrinkled and they had so many scars.

Some bruises were so painful that his skin shuddered when he touched them.

This was the first time that the young man recognised what it meant for this pair of hands to work every day to be able to pay for his study. The bruises on the hands were the price that he paid for their education, his school activities and his future.

After cleaning his father's hands the young man stood in silence and began to tidy and clean up the workshop. That night, father and son talked for a long time.

The next morning, the young man went to the office of the director.

The Director noticed the tears in the eyes of the young man when He asked him, ' Can you tell me what you did and what you learned yesterday at your house?'

The boy replied, ' I washed my father's hands and when I finished I stayed and cleaned his workshop '

- ' Now I know what it is to appreciate and recognize that without my parents , I would not be who I am today . By helping my father I now realize how difficult and hard it is to do something on my own. I have come to appreciate the importance and the value in helping the family.

The director said, "This is what I look for in my people. I want to hire someone who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the hardship of others to do things, and a person who does not put money as his only goal in life. You are hired'.

A child that has been coddled, Protected and usually given him what he wants, develops a mentality of " I have the right ' and will always put himself first, ignoring the efforts of their parents. If we are this type of protective parent are we really showing love or are we destroying our children?

You can give your child a big house, good food , computer classes , watch on a big screen TV but when you're washing the floor or painting a wall, please let him experience that too.

After eating have them wash the dishes with their brothers and sisters. It is not because you have no money to hire someone to do this it's because you want to love them the right way. No matter how rich you are, you want them to understand. One day your hair will have grey hair, like the father of this young man.

**The most important thing is that your child learns to appreciate the effort and to experience the difficulties and learn the ability to work with others to get things done.**

