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Week 10 Term 3

18th Sept, 2015

Dear Parents,

The end of another busy term has arrived- I think we all need a rest. It is a shame that the feast of our patron, St Francis of Assisi, falls in our Spring break – October 4. I leave you with the words of his humble and powerful prayer. May God bless you all and have a lovely two weeks with your family.

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

Congratulations to this term's
Principal Award recipients
enjoying morning tea

Dates to Remember

Tues 6th Oct: First Day for
Term 4 – **Children return in
their full summer uniform**
**See Parent Calendar for T2
Attached**



Gospel Reflection Gospel, Mark 9:30-37



After leaving that place they made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of man will be delivered into the power of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he got into the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing, because on the road they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child whom he set among them and embraced, and he said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes a little child such as this in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Reflection

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is once again predicting His passion, death and Resurrection to his disciples. Jesus and His disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a place where Jesus had experienced difficulty with the Pharisees. Jesus indicates in the Gospel about the dangers they will face. This is His way of preparing the disciples for His passion and death. Once again we hear in the Gospels, of the disciples confusion in Jesus' words and their unwillingness to ask Jesus what he meant. In the Gospel the disciples are arguing and Jesus asks them what they were arguing about. Once again the disciples are afraid to speak up and Jesus notices their hesitation. He then summons the Twelve and tells them, that those who would be first to God's kingdom must be servants of all. Jesus then teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. By using the example of the child, one who has no power or status, Jesus is teaching His disciples that when we serve people who are defenseless, lower class or low status, we are serving Jesus Himself.

The message for us is to think of others who need help. Jesus is calling us to serve. Are we willing to serve people without power or status in our society?

St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles, is the author of the first Gospel. He was the son of Alphaeus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. Before his conversion he was a publican, i.e., a tax collector by profession. He is to be identified with the "Levi" of Mark and Luke.



His apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Palestine. Nothing definite is known about his later life. It is uncertain whether he died a natural death or received the crown of martyrdom.

St. Matthew's Gospel was written to fill a sorely felt want for his fellow countrymen, both believers and unbelievers. For the former, it served as a token of his regard and as an encouragement in the trial to come, especially the danger of falling back to Judaism; for the latter, it was designed to convince them that the Messiah had come in the person of Jesus, our Lord, in Whom all the promises of the Messianic Kingdom embracing all people had been fulfilled in a spiritual rather than in a carnal way: "My Kingdom is not of this world." His Gospel, then, answered the question put by the disciples of St. John the Baptist, "Are You He Who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=84

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the following student in Year 6, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this Term.

11th September 2015

Ana Basic

Alex Bennett

Alana Berry

Michael Blazey

Patricia Constantino

Nicholas Cutroni

Angelina Cutuk

Bethany Dersch

Jordyn Eldred

Elise Ewer

Olivia Farrugia

Bryan Manago

Luke Robertson

Krisitian Skoljarev

Creator Spirit,

Strengthen these children with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence.

Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

Amen



18th September 2015

Jacob Domars

Jake Eyles

Shanyce Gibson

Jack Hudson

Olivia Scott

Blake Tickell

Jordan Vargas

Samuel Vecchio



From the Classroom – 2W

On Thursday the 17th of September, Year Two had an amazing Camp Out Day. We got to make scrumptious damper and learnt how to pitch tents. We listened to stories like Waltzing Matilda and then we got to make a beautiful campfire art with paint and glue. We also had a sausage sizzle for first break. After lunch we got to go outside and participated in an orienteering trail. We also played the best games including parachutes, sack races and stilts. We had an awesome day, but we couldn't have had it without the help from our parents, the Year Two teachers and our beautiful principal Mrs. La Rocca. Thank you for this amazing experience, it is one we will remember for a long time!!

By Kiara and Janelle





P&F NEWS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 7PM: **BOOK NOW!**



This year we will be holding a social BINGO night... unlike any you have been to before! It will be in the PARISH HALL (aka the old church).

It promises to be a great night of fun and a fantastic opportunity for you to socialise with other parents and friends with a splash of fundraising! Tickets are available to all teachers, parents, family and friends so get your teams together, 8 per table and come along and join in the fun! Come in glam wear and break out the *OTT BLING!*

If you can't get a whole team together, don't worry, we will pair you up with others and put you on a team. Tea/coffee will be available to purchase on the night. Please BYO other drinks.

Come prepared with lots of gold coin BLING to be a part of the fun and games!

TICKET COST AND HOW DO I PAY?

Please nominate a *King or Queen of Bling* to organise your table and be your team contact person. Complete the online booking by clicking on the link <http://goo.gl/forms/LfWZsZu6OY>

Tickets will be \$35 per person and this will include:

- Securing your seat
- 'All you can eat' Wood fired pizza (entrées, mains and desserts)
- Bingo card
- Bingo dabber

Cash/Cheque payments:

Please send in your cash or cheque payment to the school office **ASAP** to confirm your booking.



*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

SKIPPING EXPO!! It was great to finish our term of skipping this way with students, teachers and parents skipping their hearts away! Big thanks again to the Dance Fever Team!!



Bishops Office

29th Annual Parramatta Diocesan Golf Day: 21 September

Ambrose Competition for Clergy, CEO Staff and Parents & Friends. Cost \$60 per head (includes GST) if prepaid by 16 September. Includes hot buffet breakfast, drinks, green fees, trophies, mystery prizes: Richmond Golf Club – tee off 8.30am sharp! 'Shot Gun Start' (be there by 7.30am). Limited to 30 teams – book early to avoid disappointment. Ian Jordan 0408 219 942, ijordan@parra.catholic.edu.au

Social Justice Sunday: 27 September

This year's Social Justice Statement by Australia's Catholic bishops is entitled: For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers. The statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned His back on those who were lost or suffering. To obtain copies of the statement and to download supporting resources at no charge visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council's website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 27 September

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

Vocation Discernment Weekend for Women: 2-4 October

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women aged 18-35 discerning their vocations to Come and See! Join them for a weekend retreat at their convent in Plumpton, beginning at 6pm on Friday 2 October and ending on Sunday 4 October. The retreat will include prayer, talks, time for individual accompaniment, and joyful fellowship. All meals are included, and the only cost is a donation. For more information contact Sr Margaret tel (02) 9626 9200, 0420 754 727, or via email to margaretsfn@gmail.com Come and see where God may be calling you!

Mamre Festival: 25 October

The Mamre Festival face painting, rides, market stalls. Fun for all ages. Will be held on Sunday 25 October from 9am-3pm at 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. Mamre House and Farm is part of CatholicCare Social Services Diocese of Parramatta.

NSW PSSA Championships

*Congratulations to **Tyler Spiteri** who has been representing MacKillop at the NSW PSSA Championship this week.*

Playing a total of 9 games over 3 days they finished 2nd winning 7 & losing 2.

Also congratulations to Miss Marchant for doing a wonderful job as their coach.



From the Parish Office...

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

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From the SRC.....

This term we have done heaps of exciting things such as Book Week, OLA day, the soccer gala days and the Eisteddfod. Why don't you have a look at our newspaper. OLA day was a day that had fun games at first break. The games were photo booth, relays, bowling and ball target. OLA day celebrated the birth of our school.

By Sophia T (4G)

This term, Year 1 and 2 went to the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod to recite their poems. Year 1 came 'Highly Commended' and Year 2 came 4th. Year 4/5/6 also went to the Eisteddfod for singing. They sang "You can't stop the beat" and a song call "Al Sho Sha". We came 3rd. Years 4/5/6 had an a3 concert. We sang a song from Matilda. We were introduced by Alana W and Domenico L and we sang the songs from the Eisteddfod. We had a great time. We also had an awesome pizza party. Thanks to Miss Grims, Mrs Giglio and the a3 team for the work.

By Ashley C (4W)

This term we had Book Week. We dressed up as awesome book characters that we loved. They were fun to look at and amazing to discover. The teachers made a snow white play and the school loved it!

By Nicola T(4B)

At the soccer gala day, it was raining in the morning, but luckily it was ok to still play. One of the boys team came second. They had a great day.

By John-Paul C (4B)

Thank you for reading our newspaper and we hope you have a great holiday and see you next term.

By Jesse Eldred (4G)

Literacy Hint -



If your child has trouble reading words, you can help in several ways:

- have your child skip over the word, read the rest of the sentence, and ask what word would make sense in the story;
- have your child use what is known about letters and the sounds they make to "sound out" the word;
- or supply the word and keep reading: enjoyment is the main goal.

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

School Holiday Program @

Mary MacKillop Place!

28, 29 & 30 September

- Come and discover the story of Mary MacKillop - Australia's first Saint!
- Follow the Kids' Trail with Mary's pet dog 'Bobs'
- Listen to stories
- Enjoy art and craft activities
- Explore Mary's home and the School house
- Discover Mary's Travelling Trunk

Session runs from 10.30 – 12.30

\$8 per primary school aged child

Address: Mary MacKillop Place Museum, 7 Mount St, North Sydney

Enquiries & bookings: 02 8912 4883 or mackillop@sosj.org.au

Kinder students taking time to stop and read with older students.

