

Dear Parents,

What an extraordinary week this has been, as well as very emotional. On Wednesday night we celebrated our Year 6 Graduation. This group of students included the eighteen foundation students who, in 2008 enrolled as 'kinder students of the proposed new school. They and their parents took this leap of faith and, this week, are the first group of students to have completed seven years of primary schooling at OLA. How fitting it was to have their graduation in our new church, also another 'first'.



The ceremony was beautiful with thanks to go to so many people who made it so – to Fr Warren and Fr John for concelebrating the Eucharist; to the Y6 teachers Mrs Byrne (acting REC), Mrs Giglio and Ms Pepin for preparing the students so well, to the Year 5 parents and students for supporting the singing and to their parents for providing the beautiful supper; and the singing!! I said at the beginning of my address that we could easily be mistaken for Our Lady's School *for* Angels as the singing was perfectly

angelic! However, the singing would be nothing without the music accompaniment and a very big thank you goes to **Mark Domars** who has given much of his time to practise and play on the night.

Awards presented went to:

- *Sportsperson of the Year -The inaugural recipient Nicholas Cutroni.
- *The Rotary Award for Recognition of Consistent Application to Learning and Showing Justice and Love - Elise Ewer and Joseph Awadalla
- *NSW State Government Encouragement Award - Jack Hudson
- *Hills Shire Council School Citizenship Award for 2015 goes to Samuel Vecchio.

We thank all our sponsors of these awards.



Farewell...

As we say goodbye to our Year 6 students we also farewell a few staff members. To Mrs Monks, Ms Thomas, Mrs Long, Mr Quirk and Mrs Lombardi and families, we thank you for your contribution to OLA School Community and wish you the very best success and happiness in what the future will bring.

Welcome

Today, your child may have met their new teacher for 2016. To our new staff members – Mrs Cheadle, Ms Meyer, Ms Maccarone, Mrs Zuvic, Mrs Macare Mrs Vella and Mrs Reid– we extend a very big welcome. We are very fortunate to have such excellent practitioners join our already fantastic staff. Please refer to further in this Newsletter for the full 2016 staff list.

Dates to Remember

Mon 14 th Dec:	Year 6 Fun Day
Tues 15 th Dec:	10:00am End of year Mass 5.30pm Community Picnic/Carols
Wed 16 th Dec:	Last day for students – Motiv8 Mufti Fun Day; 2.30pm: Year 6 Farewell

2016 Staff List (as at this date.)

Principal:	Mrs Eva La Rocca
Assistant Principal:	Mrs Cathy Hey
Religious Education Co-ordinator:	Mrs Katrina Byrne (acting)
Primary LTST Co-Ordinator:	Ms Pina Grima (acting)
Literacy Coordinator:	Mrs Lisa Hurst
2016 Class Teachers	
KB:	Ms Gabrielle Meyer
KG:	Mrs Leanne Vella
KW:	Mrs Abby Buckley
1B:	Mrs Terina Macare
1G:	Mrs Sarah McBrien
1W:	Mrs Nicole Arayon
2B:	Mrs Jacqueline Cheadle
2G:	Miss Clare Crozier
2W:	Ms Jessica Maccarone
3B:	Ms Kimberley Marchant
3G:	Mrs Cherie Lopresti
3W:	Mrs Lisa Hurst
4B:	Miss Pina Grima
4W:	Mrs Maria Cannavo
5B:	Mrs Katrina Byrne
5G:	Mrs Samantha Zivic
5W:	Miss Samantha Pepin
6B:	Mrs Kyra Giglio
6W:	Mrs Vesna Jurcevic
Learning Support:	Mrs Jan Schroder
RFF (2DAYS):	Mrs Rebecca Moulton (PDH)
	Mrs Michelina Micallef (Italian)
	Mrs Kelly Reid (Music)
RFF/Exec release (2DAYS):	Mrs Emma Meyer
Release Various:	Mr Andrew Baker
Counsellor:	Ms Lauren Forwood
Reading Recovery/L2:	Mrs Frances Eisenhuth and Mr Baker;
EMU Specialist:	Mrs Buckley, Mrs Hey, Mrs Giglio
Teacher's Aide/ Library:	Mrs Sara Wagner, Mrs Jacinta Aspinall
Secretary:	Mrs Helen Goldsworthy
Office Assistant:	Mrs Tracy Hunt
Grounds person:	Mr Meinardo Benitez

School Representative Council for 2016

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers into these leadership roles:

School Captains: Seronique Taylor and Javier Silva

School Vice Captains: Emily Odd and Rex Finch

Green House Riley Price-C; Darci Buxton -VC

Red House Ashton Stacey-C; Rebecca Charlesworth VC

Blue House Ella Sievwright-C; Claudia Coombes- VC

Gold House: Tiarne McLusky- C; Daniella Lopresti- VC

Class SRC voting will occur in the new school year. Commissioning of the SRC members will be at the opening school year Mass.

Due to the low students numbers during our growing years. Year 2 students in the past, held the role of House Vice-Captains. However, numbers in the senior grade are high and, since Year 2 students do not participate in any of the Zone and Diocesan Sports events, the position of House Captain and Vice-Captain goes to the nominee in Year 6 with the most and second most votes respectively, as chosen by other students in that house.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
To these students who receive this terms'
Principal's Award.
Well done.

Term 4	Georgia Nemitsas
Jake Brown	Rylan McGrady
Lachlan Heaney	Julian Vargas
Alysha Balangon	John-Paul Colosimo
Katia Lesar	Jessica Bollard
Stella Signorelli	Chiara Fallone
James Apap	Rebecca Charlesworth
Sienna Fallone	Angelina Taleski
Eva Sultana	Aidan Williams



Thomas Gutwenger is only five years old but is already showing an amazing talent for drawing. Thomas, who is in Kindergarten, was recently named Finalist in the Young Australian Art Awards with his drawing titled, 'Ape'. The same drawing earned Thomas first prize - a Blue Ribbon - at this year's Royal Easter Show. Well done, Thomas. We are proud of you!

Italian Day

What a great time we had yesterday with lots of sensational food provided by the community – your generosity of time and hard work is astounding! From lasagne, to cannoli and cannelloni to gelato!!

Everyone, yes everyone, had a marvellous time grabbing a bargain at just 50c-\$1 an item. Money raised (\$865) will go towards WYD 2016 project of rebuilding a school and church in a village in the Philippines that was destroyed by earthquake. We hope to send two of our staff members to attend. Special thank you to Mrs Micallef for organising this event and to Amelia Granturco who provided the Italian atmosphere of music on her piano accordion. Grazie tutti!!



GOSEL REFLECTION

Gospel, Luke 3:10-18



When all the people asked him, 'What must we do, then?' he answered, 'Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors, too, who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than the appointed rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to wonder whether John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, who is more powerful than me, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' And he proclaimed the good news to the people with many other exhortations too.

Sunday's Gospel continues to prepare us for the coming of Christ. During the third week of Advent, we light the candle for JOY. John the Baptist is preparing the way for Christ by baptising the crowd. The Gospel encourages us to prepare for the coming of Christ through our actions and words, to wash away our sins and take care of the poor.

I lift my heart up to you, Lord, to thank you for the blessings you shower on me each day.

You are the 'joy of my soul.'

I know that in your great love, I am held and protected by you.

I pray and listen to the good news you send; I ask and feel the healing.

I am freed by You from the things in this world that let me hide from you.

I rejoice, I rejoice, down to my soul.

Help me to prepare my heart to be open and able to receive your immense love. Amen



OLA Christmas Story

I would like to thank all the parents for letting me know that your family will be at the Christmas Eve 5.30 mass and your children are available to take part in the retelling of the Christmas story. The children who have been selected will receive a note today outlining organisation and their costume for Tuesday 15th and Christmas Eve.

NEXT TUESDAY is the end of school Mass at 10 am and, in the evening, we will gather for a casual Christmas social as well as a visit from Santa. This starts at 5.30pm with Santa arriving at approx. 6.15pm. This year our Nativity and Carols will be held in the church (thank you Fr Warren) commencing at 7pm. Students of OLA will be called to go to their class teacher at approximately 6.45pm where they will be given an LED candle (OLA School students only). Any students in Year 4, 5 and 6 are asked to sit in the front right hand side of the church. The special choir will go to the gallery with Mr Quirk. All other students may sit with their families inside the church or gallery. We ask that the candles are NOT turned on until invited which will be towards the end of the carols. We ask that everyone leave the school grounds after the carols please. We look forward to a wonderful celebration of Christmas together as very special way to end a great year. Thanks everyone.



To all the P&F, parents and other members of our community who have helped us throughout the year. It would not been possible to enjoy the great success at so many levels without your assistance.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to the whole community that donated to this drive. It was generously supported and many people will be a lot happier this Christmas as a result. A special thank you to our 'Mini Vinnies' team who were responsible for driving this worthwhile cause.



P&F NEWS

THANK YOU

A special thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us this year. Your time, effort and enthusiasm has been very much appreciated and is invaluable! We look forward to an exciting 2016, meeting new families and supporting our school community for the benefit of all our children.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and a well deserved break with your families. See you in the new year!



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

THANK YOU TO THE DEDICATED TEAM OF TEACHERS WHO GIVE UP THEIR TIME TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS SUCH AS BOOTCAMP FOR OLA STUDENTS. YOUR GENEROSITY HAS MADE AN AMAZING DIFFERENCE TO THESE STUDENTS' LIVES. THANKS ALSO TO THE PARENTS WHO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE HEALTHY BREAKFAST. THANKS ALSO TO MRS SCHRODER FOR THE BOYS' SHED PROGRAM AND TO TEACHERS FOR THE LUNCHTIME CLUBS. OLA STUDENTS ARE VERY LUCKY.

Annual Boot Camp Christmas

On Thursday morning, forty-five students were at school extremely early to celebrate the end of another successful year of boot camp, with their annual boot camp Christmas breakfast and water play. Students and some of the parents participated in 10 different stations building on a variety of fitness skills. The stations the majority of the students loved were the ones involving water, especially the slip and slide. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate a year of exercise and healthy eating.

A special thank you to all the parents who assisted in cooking the breakfast and helping with the clean up. Thank you to our breakfast mummies who helped out every week. We couldn't do it without you. We look forward to another fantastic year of boot camp in 2016!

We would also like to thank the dedicated teachers who arrived early to school to set up Boot camp activities every Tuesday and Thursday during the year. We appreciate all your help!

Mrs Byrne and Miss Grima



Motiv8 Fun Day

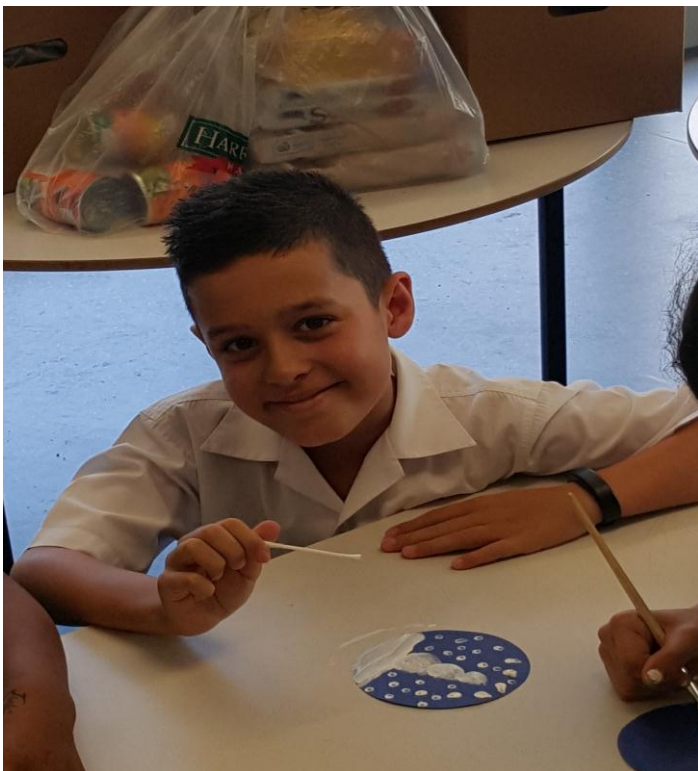
A note was sent home earlier in the week regarding the Motiv8 day on Wednesday 16th December. Please keep the outfits simple and inexpensive. If you have any questions regarding this please see Mrs Hey.

Swimming Carnival

OLA Primary swimming carnival will be held in Term 1, Week 2 in 2016. All children in Yrs 2-5 received a note last week. Please ensure that you have returned the permission slip to help us get organised for this event.

From the Classroom... 4W

In 4W we have been busy getting ready for the Christmas season with some craft activities. The children have been working on special Christmas cards and snow globe art. They are very excited to share their creations with their families. Merry Christmas from Year 4!



From the Parish Office...

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Children's Mass.

12.00am Midnight Mass with Christmas Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day

8.30am & 10.00am **NOTE: There will be NO 5.30pm mass on Christmas Day**

Parish Christmas Party - Sunday 13 December 11am

Thank you to all those who advised they are coming to the Parish Christmas Party this year. Santa's workshop is now closed!! BYO Food/Drinks/Good Cheer!

Need some Christmas Present ideas? The Parish are organising 2 outings at the Capitol Theatre to see **The Sound of Music** on Sat. 13 February 2016 at 2pm Tickets are \$100.00. Payment required by December 13th. We also have Fiddler on the Roof in 30 April 2016 at 8pm Tickets are \$120.00. Please contact the Parish office for ticket details.

Graduating Class of 2015

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2015. A beautiful mass was held on Wednesday night to farewell the Year 6 students. May God Bless all these students in their next step in life.

Reconciliation - Year 2

This weekend, is our last weekend for the children doing their First Reconciliation. Congratulations to all 118 children. These children will continue in 2016 to then receive their First Holy Communion.

New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, 31 December at 5.30pm following by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10pm.

A great way to end the year 2015!

New Year's Day Mass

Friday, 1 January at 9am

House Blessing As we begin this new Liturgical Year, in this season of Advent, you are invited to think about having your house blessed. Fr Rizzo is available to attend to your family home and bless it. For all appointments contact Fr Rizzo on 8883 4063.

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

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Term dates for 2016 for students

The school year consists of four terms that run over two semesters.

Term 1 Year 1-6 students return Thursday, 28th January 2016

Kinder students start school on Monday, 1st February 2016.

Easter break Good Friday 25th March to Easter Monday 28th March 2016

Term ends Friday, 8th April 2016

Term 2 Students return to school Tuesday 26th April 2016

Term ends Friday, 1st July 2016

Term 3 Students return to school Monday, 18th July 2016

Term ends Friday, 23rd September 2016

Term 4 Students return to school Monday, 10th October 2016

Term ends for students on Friday 16th December 2016



Term 4 Week 10			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Mackenzie Molloy	Cameron Muscat	Jelena Tolentino
Kinder G	Sienna Jacobs	Lucious Cappello	Tahnia Arora
Kinder W	Ethan Streater	Orlaith McManus	Maddix Laborte
Year 1B	Joshua Robertson	Georgia McQuaid	Amelia Bond
Year 1G	Joyce Ghobrial	Lucas Monks	Solomon Montgomery
Year 1W	Maya Cauchi	Harriet Preston	Amity Galea
Year 2 B	Rachael Perillo	Levi Stacey	Amelia Novelli
Year 2 G	Dante Merrin	Marissa Farrugia	Max Cutroni
Year 2 W	Christian Attard	Janelle Mensah	Makiah Arora
Year 3 B	Eoin Trainor	Natasha Charlesworth	Jackson Jacobs
Year 3 W	Jacob Connellan	Tamsyn Brown	Charli Molloy
Year 4 B	Carys Fitzgerald	Isaac Swinden	Rory McArdle
Year 4 G	Patrick Bennett	Melissa Preston	Natasha Eyles
Year 4 W	Juliana Constantino	Ashley Cummings	Anthony Kamber
Year 5/6 B	Brandon Yeow	Rebecca Charlesworth	Claudia Coombes
Year 5/6 G	Ivana Kamber	Caleb Martinez	Mirko Basic
Year 5/6W	Shanyce Gibson	Angelina Cutuk	Ana Basic

*Until next week, God bless and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca,
Principal*



HILLS SPIRIT FC

**REGO 2016 – SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT
KELLYVILLE PARK, MEMORIAL AVE.
KELLYVILLE. BETWEEN 11AM & 1PM**

WHEN?

There will be two more registration days for the 2016 season, dates will be advised via our website & Facebook page. Alternatively you can register on-line at any time via our website. See below.

WHERE DO WE PLAY?

**Kellyville Park, Memorial Ave,
Kellyville**

WHY?

The Hills Spirit Football Club has a proud 38 year tradition of building teams from the local Catholic Schools to compete in the NSW Churches Football Association. The Club was created from OLOR Kellyville and was joined by St Angela's Castle Hill, then Our Lady of the Angels Rouse Hill & now John XXIII Stanhope.

The club is non-graded and works to build the school community by encouraging classmates to play together, building life long friends between themselves and the parents.

Register online @ www.hillsspiritfc.com.au

FEES

\$180.00 – NEW PLAYERS
(PLEASE BRING PROOF OF AGE)

**\$160.00 – RETURNING
PLAYERS**

\$300 SENIOR MEN

SIBLING DISCOUNTS APPLY

AGES

Under 6's (boys and girls turning 6 between 1 January 2015 and 31 December, 2016), 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's, 14's and All age Division 1 & Reserves competitions in 2016.

FIELD SIZES

UNDER 6 & 7 – 6 a side mini fields against other clubs

UNDER 8 & 9 – 9 a side, ¾ fields with Semis and Grand Finals

UNDER 10 & UP – 11 a side and Full field with Semis and Grand Finals played at Marconi Stadium.

FURTHER INFO

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