

Dear Parents,

As the last day of term, today is only a brief Newsletter. As the term comes to a close, so do we come to the end of the season of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday marking the first event of Holy Week leading into Easter. Easter is the most important event in the season of the church year as it is a time we remember the supreme sacrifice made by the Son of God so that we can have the promise of salvation. In the past few weeks we have been reflecting on prayer, abstinence and good works. From all these things come salvation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your contribution in so many ways to make this one a very happy and successful one for our students.

*Have a very Happy and Holy Easter
and a wonderful holiday with family and friends.*

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Principal's Morning Tea

Sharing morning tea with Mrs La Rocca, congratulations go to



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| Kinder B | Harrison Fiorio |
| Kinder G | Marcus Farrugia |
| Kinder W | Lucy Tapley |
| Year 1B | Mia-Bella Trifiro |
| Year 1 G | Lucy Taylor |
| Year 1W | Leila Balangon |
| Year 2 B | Alicia Dersch |
| Year 2 W | Felix Beegan |
| Year 3 B | Antonia Manago |
| Year 3 G | Millie Edwards |
| Year 3 W | Juliana Constantino |
| Year 4 B | Emilia Beegan |
| Year 4 W | Jai Turner |
| Year 5/6 B | Sharmayne Gibson |
| Year 5/6 W | Dillon Adhihetty |

These students have consistently displayed good effort in their school work and being kind to others throughout Term 1. Well done! It was a pleasure to have morning tea with you. ☺

New Privacy Laws.

Some of you would be aware of the new related to the Privacy Legislation that came into effect on March 12. Most of the issues are around the collection of information and the process for retaining and disposing.

Attached are key documents – **Privacy Statement, Volunteer Collection Notice and Standard Collection Notice-** for your information and reference.

Dates to Remember

Mon 28th April First day of Term 2; Easter Liturgy at 8.50am; ANZAC Ceremony at 10.50am.

Please receive Term 2 Calendar attached to this Newsletter email.



FROM THE P&F

The children have thoroughly enjoyed special treats each Friday. A special thank you to all of the helpers for their flexibility and enthusiasm!

We will be putting together a roster for Terms 2 and 3. No experience necessary, just a friendly smile and a small amount of time.

The weeks are:

Term 2:

Week	Date
1	2/5
2	9/5
3	16/5
4	23/5
5	30/5
6	6/6
7	13/6
8	20/6
9	27/6

Term 3

Week	Date
1	18/7
2	25/7
3	1/8
4	8/8
5	15/8
6	22/8
7	29/8
8	5/9
9	12/9
10	19/9

If you are able to give 45 minutes of your time to help from 1.30pm, please forward your *name, contact number and date preference (if any)* to Annemarie Bond at mnabond@bigpond.com

We all know that the children really look forward to having a special treat each week and it is a great opportunity to get to know some other parents at OLA.

Thank you for your contributions so far and we look forward to meeting you in the near future!

Second Hand Uniforms

At this stage we do not have enough stock to open the Second Hand Uniform shop. This is based on kind donations of uniform from our families. If you are going through uniforms during the holidays and find they no longer fit, please consider donating them to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop. Clean items can be sent into the school office in a plastic bag. Hopefully next term we can have another day where these items will be available for purchase.

Mother’s Day Stall

Please see the letter attached to this newsletter regarding the Mother’s Day Stall.

Have a Happy and Holy Easter!
OLA P&F Committee

Dressmakers/Sewers Wanted – Creative Arts Expo

We will need some sewers to create costumes for our creative arts performance. If you are a seamstress and would be able to assist, can you please email me at the school email address. Thank you. Mrs Byrne

Winter Uniform

For those new to school life, the children wear their winter uniform in terms 2 and 3. However, we do normally allow a period of two or three weeks where the children can wear either uniform (must be complete summer or winter – not parts of both) due to the constant changing weather. We will advise you in week 1 of term 2 the date for the complete changeover.

Project Compassion Boxes

Please return any project compassion boxes in week 1 next term and this will be sent off to Caritas.



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 **Muscat/Scerri** Family who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Buxton Family**.

We are looking for families for Term 2. Please consider being part of this initiative.



Garden Club- worms wanted

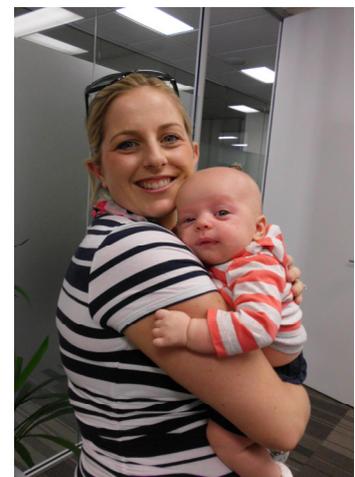
We are after some compost worms for our garden club. If you have compost worms at home and could spare a small container of them we would be most grateful. We don't need many as they multiply quickly!



Farewell (for now) and good luck...today we farewell

Mrs Lenane who is going on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best with the arrival of her new baby and hope that she has a restful time at home with her newly extended family. Mrs Lenane has been teaching music for two days a week this term. Next term we welcome Mr Mark Quirk who will be replacing Mrs Lenane while on leave. Mr Quirk comes highly recommended and is very experienced. We wish him a happy and productive time at OLA.

On the topic of baby, looked who dropped in today? It was lovely to see Mrs Irwin and baby Marcus. Our OLA family is growing bigger. ☺



Head Lice

The holiday period is a good time to check and maybe treat your child's hair for head lice. We have had a few cases of head lice at school recently and so would appreciate your vigilance in this area.

From the Office of the Bishop

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Diocesan position

Director of Family and Life Office: full time, located in Parramatta. For position description visit the Employment section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website: www.parra.catholic.org.au Applications close on 6 April.

Grace & Silence Retreat Day: 12 April

Young women aged 17-30 years who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. From 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost \$20 includes lunch. The Schoenstatt Shrine is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com

Palm Sunday Procession & Youth Mass: 13 April

This year Palm Sunday is also World Youth Day with the theme: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' (Mt 5:3)

Everyone is invited to gather at 5pm at Parramatta Town Hall for the start of the Palm Sunday Procession, which starts at 5.30pm with the Blessing of the Palms. The Street Procession will move through the Parramatta CBD to St Patrick's Cathedral for the Palm Sunday Mass at 6pm. Mass will be followed with a shared meal in the Cloister.

An initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. Find us on Facebook catholicyouthparra RSVP 9 April to Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS tel 04 8844 8844, youth@parra.catholic.org.au www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

Music of JS Bach and Sacred Readings for Good Friday: 18 April

Offering choral and organ music of JS Bach together with special readings featuring: The Blue Mountains Chamber Chorale, Robert Ampt – Conductor and Organist, Amy Johansen – Choir Accompanist, and Readers from St Finbar's Parish and Uniting Church, Glenbrook. Time: 7.30pm. Where: St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. There will be a retiring collection; suggested donations \$10 (\$5 conc). Inquiries: (02) 4758 6067.

Good Friday Walk & Talk with the Lord: Friday 18 April

Last year more than 1000 young people participated in the overnight Good Friday Walk. The Stations of the Cross will be made in the parishes at Blacktown, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Westmead, North Parramatta and Parramatta. Starts 10pm at St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, and ends early Saturday morning at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Bring your rosary beads and walking shoes.

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Download a check-list and permission form for under 18s at: www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 26 April

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'Spirituality on the Threshold' with Catherine Hammond. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. From 10am-1pm. Entry by donation, morning tea provided. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

Divine Mercy Sunday: 27 April

At Kellyville: Starts 1pm with street procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Relic of St Faustina, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass at 3pm. Images banners and statues welcome. Confessions, veneration of the relic after Mass. Novena of Mercy from Good Friday to 26 April. Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville. Inquiries: Steve Boland 0405 206 695.

At Penrith: Starts 2.30pm. Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Homily and Benediction, Reconciliation till 4pm. Afternoon tea 4.15-5.15pm. Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm. St Nicholas of Myra Church, 326 High St, Penrith.

NAPPA Pastoral Ministry Conference: 2 May

The NSW Association of Pastors & Pastoral Associates is holding its annual one-day conference to explore issues pertinent to pastoral ministry, mostly in the parish setting. This conference is open to all who are working in Pastoral Ministry in some capacity. It is open to ordained and lay ministers. This includes: Pastoral Associates, CCD & Sacramental Co-ordinators, Youth Ministers, Chairs of Pastoral Councils & those with a passion to see the development of pastoral ministry as a cooperative venture between ordained and lay ministers. Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24-28 John St, Lidcombe. Registration closes 9am on Thursday 24 April. Cost: \$55. Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/ECLM>

DISCOVER Weekend for Young Women: 2-4 May

Young women aged 18-35 years are invited to DISCOVER – a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sister M Julie Bracar: juliebrcar@gmail.com

Craft Market and Antique Valuations: 3 May

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, is holding its popular Craft Market and Antique Valuations event again this year to raise funds for the Salem Association, India. This association helps with the education of poor and orphaned children. The stalls sell a diverse range of speciality goods including quality Christmas decorations and gifts, babywear, homemade decor, kitchen goods, edible treats, embroidered items, jewellery and much more. A unique drawcard is the professional Antique Valuations where your special treasures, family heirlooms, military items and paintings will be valued. Each valuation costs \$5. Open from 8am-2pm in Camilleri Hall, OLQP Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

Details: events@olqp.org.au, or www.olqp.org.au

Mass to celebrate the feast of St George Preca: 4 May

5pm at Holy Family Church, Willowdene Ave, Luddenham. Light supper afterwards.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 15 May

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Celebrating the Early Years of Marriage: 18 May

Couples are invited to attend a special Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 11am. This Mass will recognise, celebrate and be offered for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries between one and 20 years. Those celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th wedding anniversaries will be given a commemorative certificate. Couples and their families are invited to a light lunch in the parish hall afterwards. Book with your parish office or contact Lyn Keane at CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0222.

From the Classroom.....this week featuring Year 1W

In 1W we have been learning about the events of Holy Week and Easter. We have been talking about the different things that we do to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We are all so excited about Easter and have really enjoyed making Easter baskets for all of our tasty Easter treats.



App of the Week

Reading Eggs Sight Words

This is a free app designed to help children recognise and learn their sight words.



Parish Family Fun Movie Night Saturday, 12th April, 2014

This is a great way to spend the evening on the first day of the school holidays. Movie TBA

Food starts at 5.30pm and the movie starts at 6.30pm.

The class with the highest percentage of attendance wins an ice cream party, which will take place after the holidays. The winning class will be announced on the night.

Until next term may God bless and keep you safe. Have a Happy Easter and a lovely holiday.

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*



From the Parish Office...

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday: normal mass times
Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm
Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am
Confessions available after the stations
The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday evening 6.30pm (please note the time change!)

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm
After Mass, there will be a special morning tea and Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny!
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!

Family Fun Movie Night

Join us for a Family Fun Movie Night on the oval at OLA on tomorrow, Saturday, 12 April at 6.30pm. You can watch the latest Movie on the big screen under the stars for free. You are purchase sausage sandwiches and popcorn on the night. **The class with the most attendance to the movie will win an ice cream party and the winners will be announced on the night.**

Parish Fundraising Drive - Hot Cross Buns

Support our Parish Fundraiser by ordering your Easter Hot Cross Buns through us. With the support of Bakers Delight Stanhope Gardens, we will have available all the different flavours of buns, fruit, fruit-less, mocha, choc-chip. Cost is \$6.50 per half dozen. Grab a form from the Church or Parish office by Sunday, 13 April. Orders will be available for collection after Holy Thursday Mass and after the services on Good Friday and Easter Saturday.

Preparing for Easter:

Stations of the Cross ~ Tonight is the last Friday evening for Stations of the Cross. Next Friday, Good Friday, the Youth will present the Stations of the Cross in the school oval at 10am.

Reconciliation~ every Saturday at 9.30am at OLA. **NOTE:** There will also be 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at Blessed John 23rd, Stanhope Gardens on Fri. 11/4 at 7.30pm and St Monica's, Richmond on Mon. 14/4 at 7.30pm.

Wishing all our Parish School families a very Happy and Holy Easter. We look forward to seeing you over Holy Week.

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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