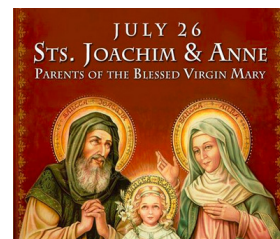


## Dear Parents,

This week has been so busy with a range of events that I find it hard to know where to begin. Today, of course, was the special dedication to grandparents. It was wonderful to see so many of our grandparents come along to this event. Thank you to Kindergarten students and teachers for presenting the opening Liturgy. To the P&F, and in particular to the 'baking crew', thank you for the yummy morning tea. To all the teachers and students for opening up their learning areas to share all the great things happening and for their performances. To everyone who came along, young and old, we hope you had a lovely morning and enjoyed this wonderful opportunity to spend school time with your precious grandchildren.



### *A Grandparents' Prayer*

*Good Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, parents of Mary and grandparents to Jesus, be with me and all grandparents that we may be wise and loving, may share our time and stories and sense of humour, and may enjoy and not spoil too much the grandchildren who are close to our hearts, for they are the sign of God's life to us.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, be with our grandchildren and all other grandchildren that they may love and respect their grandparents and all older people, may remember to call, visit or write, and grow in wisdom, age and grace before God. Amen*

## Welcome.

On Wednesday, we welcomed 31 Japanese school students and their teachers to our school. They are thoroughly enjoying their time at OLA and are very grateful for your hospitality and especially their host families. This afternoon before the regular assembly, we were treated to a cultural presentation by these students which was delightful. These will be our guests until we farewell them on Tuesday afternoon when we say, 'Sayonara'.

## iLearn Project

You might remember that OLA is one of 8 schools involved in a pilot iLearn Project involving Year 4 students. On Wednesday, we had a visit from the iLearn Project Officer who was astounded by the growth and increased skill set demonstrated by the students since her last visit. Well done, boys and girls, and well done MsGrima and Ms Pepin for all your hard work. Please check out the segment 'From the Classroom' for more on the iLearn Project.

Amidst all of this was a visit by the **Daily Telegraph**, accompanied by the communications officer from CEDP, covering a story on the use of digital devices vs handwriting. There was some interesting discussion around that topic but, mostly, they were very impressed with the ease with which our students operate amongst a range of medium. This story is expected to be in Saturday's edition.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> IS SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY.** Students are to be in full school uniform. Please avoid any apparel that is not school uniform, eg fancy hair ties, etc. Payments this year can be done online.

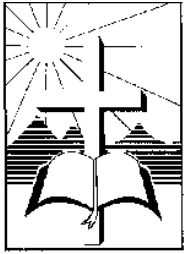


## Dates to Remember

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July - School photos**

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 5/6 & Japanese Students excursion to Australiana Pioneer Village**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug - OLA Feast Day Parish Mass 11.00am follows by procession & fete**



## Gospel Reflection

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58

*Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'*

Throughout the last couple of weeks, we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. He continues to use Parables to help us in our understanding.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. Both refer to valuable things - treasure and pearls. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. The third parable refers to the judgement of all of us at the end of time, using the familiar and regularly referred to concept of fishing.

This Weekend at Home...

As we work to bring about God's kingdom through our actions and words, we pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven. Talk together with your family about the things that you value – the essentials – family, friends, faith, trust and love.

Thank God for the gift of family and for the things that we value in our lives. Say a special prayer to God showing your faith in Him and asking Him to guide you and your family through difficult times. We must pray with strong faith that God will help each one of us in our pursuit for the Kingdom of God.

(Sourced and modified from: <http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm>)

Have a lovely weekend spending time with each other!

Mr Andrew Baker ☺

### **Saint of the Week:**

Each week we will be looking at the life of a different Saint. At the end of the term I will create a quiz for students to complete to win a prize. Look at the Saint of the week each week with your children and talk to them about ways in which they can live their life like the Saints did.

Saint of the Week: St. Mary Magdalene

Feast Day: July 22

Born/Died: (around the time of Jesus)

Mary Magdalene was from Magdala near the Sea of Galilee. She was very beautiful and very proud and was well-known as a sinner when she first met Jesus. But after she met Jesus, she felt great sorrow for her evil life and made up her mind to live a good life. When Jesus went to supper at the home of a rich man named Simon, Mary came to weep at his feet. Then, with her long, beautiful hair, she wiped his feet dry and anointed them with expensive perfume.

Some people were surprised that Jesus let such a sinner touch him. Our Lord who could see into Mary's heart said, "Many sins are forgiven her, because she has loved much." Then to Mary he said kindly, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." From then on, with the other holy women, Mary humbly served Jesus and his apostles. When Our Lord was crucified, she was there at the foot of his cross. She stayed with the Blessed Mother and St. John, unafraid for herself. All she could think about was that Jesus was suffering. No wonder Jesus said of her: "She has loved much."

After Jesus' body had been placed in the tomb, Mary went to anoint it with spices early Easter Sunday morning. She was shocked when she saw that the tomb was empty. Not finding the sacred body, she stood outside the tomb and began to weep. Suddenly she saw someone she thought was the gardener. She asked him if he knew where the body of her beloved Master had been taken. Touched by her deep sorrow, the man spoke in a voice filled with love that she knew so well: "Mary!" It was Jesus, standing right there in front of her. He was risen from the dead. And he had chosen to reveal himself first to her. The Gospels tell us that Mary was sent by Jesus himself to announce the Good News of the resurrection to Peter and the apostles.

*St. Mary Magdalene was a sinner, yet Jesus forgave her. He could see that she loved much.*

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Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan



### **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](mailto:ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Lavercombe Family**.

### ICAS English Competition

The English competition is next Tuesday at 8.00am. Children must be at school by 7.55am with a pencil and eraser.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Max K, Kiara W, Charlotte Z, Karl F, Owen H, Nicholas S, Chalie H, Nicholas H who have recently completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students have until the end of August to have their books validated.

### Social Skill

The new social skill for the next fortnight is Being a Good Sport

- Play to have fun
- Play by the rules
- Take turns
- Encourage and support others
- Keep trying hard
- Congratulate the winner
- Shake their hand and say, "You played a good game".
- Encourage others by saying, "You're getting better".

### Book week

This year as part of our Book Week celebrations in week 6, we will be having a Book Fair. This is an opportunity to nurture children's love of reading by purchasing them a good quality book. More details will follow shortly. Please note there will not be a dress up character parade this year.

### Garden Club update

Our garden club students meet twice a week at lunch times. We currently have spinach, eggplant, tomatoes, lettuce, beans, celery and peas growing. We would love to start growing some fruit trees and would happily accept any donations of these. We are also looking for a small container of composting worms to add to our worm farms. We now have four worm farms and use the "worm tea" to fertilise our crops, so if you know anyone with worms to spare please send them our way.

**Cathy Hey**



Welcome, this week, to the team from **Woolworths IT Department**. This was their first week working with the students and they *loved* it! I met with them to hear a proposal from the team which was very generous and exciting. More news to come. ☺



## Netball Gala Day

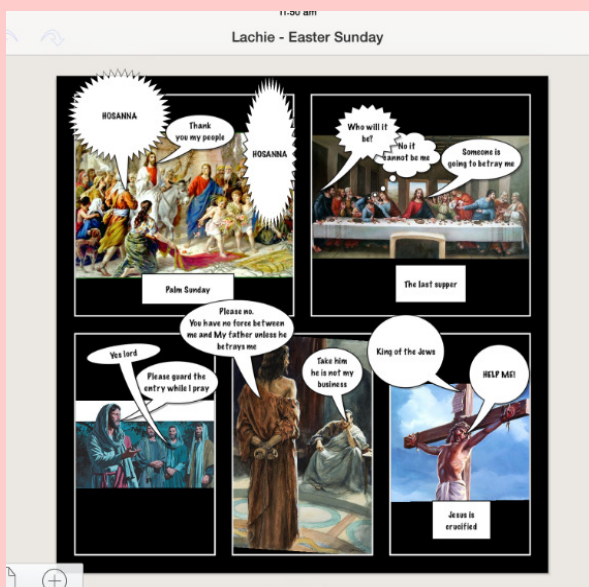
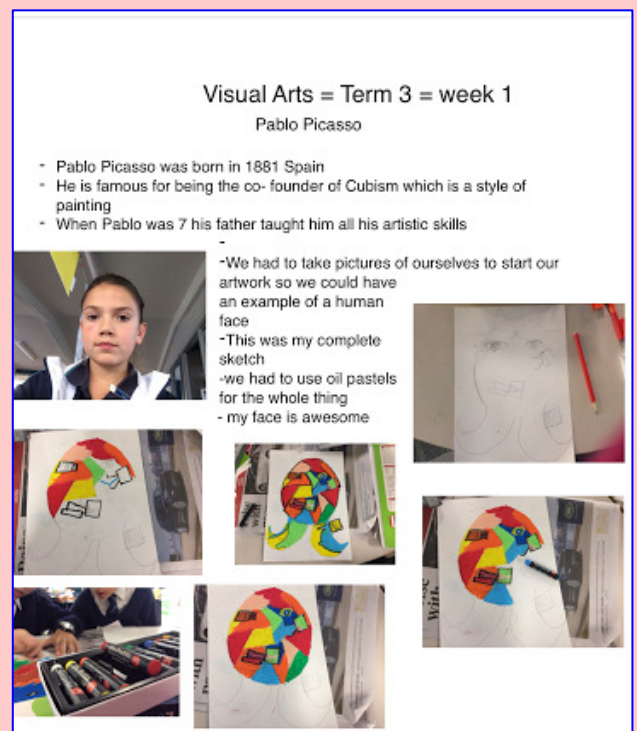
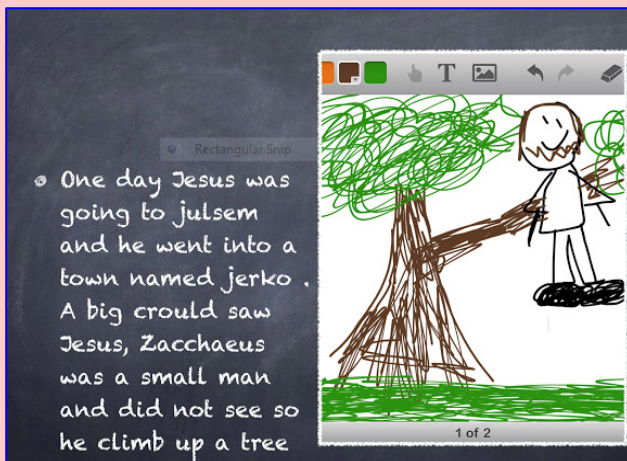
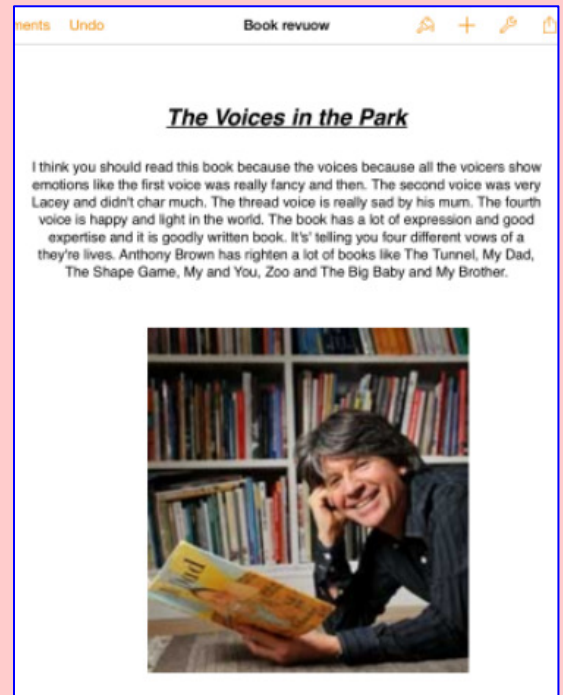
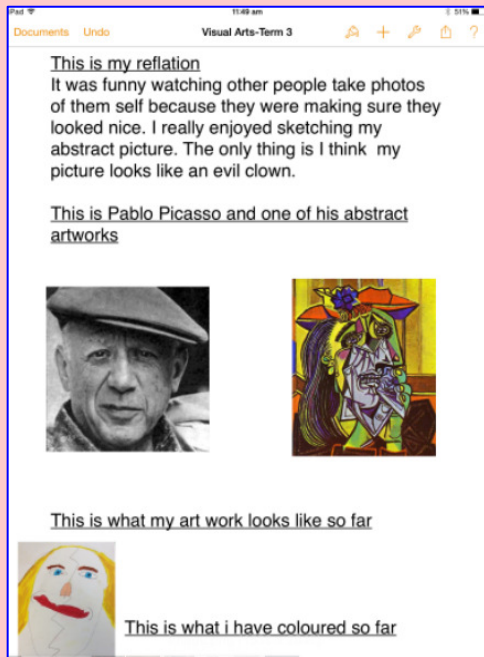
On Tuesday, over 100 of our students participated in the Netball Gala Day at Kellyville Netball Complex. Everyone had a great day, throwing and catching and intercepting passes. Students improved greatly in their skill and accuracy throughout the day. Congratulations to all those who showed great OLA spirit and sportsmanship. HUGE thank you to the parents who gave up their time to coach or manage teams. A day like this cannot take place without this support. We appreciate the support of umpires from Marian College and to the parents who came along to cheer!





## From the class room... iLearn Project- Yr 4

In Year 4, we have been working on various projects as part of the iLearn Project. Here are some samples of ways we have used iPads to present our work. These are Bible retell, Art Journal, Book Review and Maths. Learning is FUN in Year 4!! Thank you to our teachers and the iLearn Team. ☺  
by Rebecca C, Raphael, Emily, Seronique, James and Lachlan.





### **OLA Parish Fiesta**

Welcome back to Term 3! In case you missed the message in the newsletter, the OLA Parish Fiesta is coming up very soon, on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we really need support for the school's contribution, which is the coffee stall. At this stage we only have one volunteer, which would make the coffee queues really long! We are asking for only an hour of your time; if we get enough volunteers from each year group we may even be able to do shorter sessions. The volunteer timeslots are as follows:

Kindergarten:	1:00-2:00pm
Year One:	2:00-3:00pm
Year Two:	3:00-4:00pm
Year Three:	4:00-5:00pm
Year Four:	5:00-6:00pm
Year Five/Six:	6:00-7:00pm

It will be really simple, the coffee machines are just the pod machines and hot chocolate and tea will also be on offer. Remember that the money we raise from the Fiesta will go to the building of our beautiful new church – I'm sure we're all looking forward to being able to fit in for our school Masses! If you are able to help, please email Kim Palmer-Burton [kim\\_pb@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kim_pb@iprimus.com.au) as soon as possible. Thankyou in advance for your assistance – many hands make light work!

**Thanks, Kim Palmer-Burton and the P & F**

### ***From the office.....***

**School Fees**:- The term 3 school fees were sent out in the holidays. If you are on the flexible payment plan then you would not have received an account.

*Please note:* The swim program (K-4) of \$100 and CPR program (Yr 5/6) of \$10 have been billed on the term 3 account. This amount has not been included in the flexible payment plan or the salary sacrifice plan, and so a separate payment will need to be made directly to the office. Please attend to this at the end of your plan.

**Kindergarten 2015** – Please ensure that all sibling acceptance forms for 2015 are sent to the office as soon as possible.

**School Photos** – School photos will be taking place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July. This year there is the option to pay online, as well as cash and cheque. Every child needs to bring their photo envelope to school on Monday otherwise they will not get an individual photo taken. Also the correct money needs to be in your envelope as no change will be available at the office.

**Parish Raffle Tickets** – All raffle tickets, sold or unsold, need to be returned by next Wednesday at the latest.

Thank you



### ***Congratulations!!***

To Harrison Fiorio (kinder) on the arrival of his baby brother!!

And to the Finch family of the (Alivia, Rex and Lucy) on their citizenship!  
Australia is all the richer. ☺





**FIREWORKS AT 6.45PM**

**OLA**

**FAMILY FIESTA**

**RIDES**

**MEET PEPPA PIG**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Sunday 3rd August 2014**  
OLA Church Grounds, 1 Wellgate Ave  
Cnr Withers Road, Rouse Hill

**1PM - 7PM**

**A great time for all!**

- Chocolate Wheel
- White Elephant
- Exciting Rides
- Dodgem Cars
- Cakes
- Lollies
- Jewellery
- Games & Novelty Stalls
- Pizzas
- BBQ
- International Food Stalls
- Lots, Lots More

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### Addict-a-Ball

Orders for Addict-a-ball have closed. If you would like to order one, you can try *Peter's of Kensington* or *Australian Geographic*. Please contact me if you have any problems with the balls purchased. They can be returned in original packaging. Return postage is \$8.50.

Jan Schroder



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

#### **Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 3 August- Major Raffle**

Last week every family received a book of raffle tickets. It has come to our attention that the Major Prize of a Sony Bravia LED Smart TV has been advertised on some tickets as 15". Our apologies for this error. The actual size is 50" or 125.7cm. Thank you to our sponsors who have generously donated these prizes. Tickets are \$2- each.

#### **Confirmation**

**For Children:** The Sacrament of Confirmation is soon to commence at OLA Parish. Children from Year 6 are invited to prepare and receive this Sacrament. Enquiry Night: Tuesday, 19 August at 7:30pm.

#### **New Altar Servers Training**

Children who have received their First Communion and would like to become altar servers are invited to attend three training sessions on Tuesday, 22 July, 29 July and 5 August from 3.30pm-4pm in the Church. Please collect an enquiry letter from the Church Entrance table. Completed forms can be handed back to Fr Joby or to the Parish Office.

#### **Parish Fiesta - 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 from the beginning of Term 3. We will be receiving our storage container during the school holidays.

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 continued support to the success of our Parish Fiesta. Anthony Saliba, Fiesta Co-Ordinator 8883 4063.

**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.

**Email:** parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Website:** www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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

### ***Parish Fiesta!!***

#### **Rides:**

Over the next coming Fridays at the school assembly, Geraldine Farrugia and Anthony Saliba from the parish are going to be present to sell wristbands at special pre-pay price of \$20 each in time for the Parish Fiesta. These will be better value than \$25 for sale on the day.

They will be taking cash on the day and have credit card facilities too.

#### **Cake Stall:**

Next week your child will be bringing home a cake box. Each family is asked to donate a cake/slice or biscuits – homemade ideally- with a brief summary of ingredients. This will be sold at the Fiesta cake stall on Sunday. It would be appreciated if all boxes are taken up to the parish office after noon on Saturday or on Sunday directly to the stall. Thanks for your support in our parish activities. It is greatly appreciated.

<b>Term 3 Week 2</b>			
<b>Student</b>	<b>Academic Merit Award</b>	<b>St Francis Award</b>	<b>Einstein Award</b>
<b>Kinder B</b>	Milla Price	Sienna Dixon	Thomas Cutuk
<b>Kinder G</b>	Maya Cauchi	Ethan Phelps	Olivia Scaf
<b>Kinder W</b>	Tayla Buxton	Roxie Pace	Ava Silva
<b>Year 1B</b>	Xavier Joseph	Christian Attard	Parker Galvin
<b>Year 1 G</b>	Lucas McLusky	Eva Sultana	Christian Vargas
<b>Year 1W</b>	Isabella Sanborn	Denzel Chang	Grace Bennison
<b>Year 2 B</b>	Alexander Harrod	Heidi Papandrea	Matthew Dalton
<b>Year 2 W</b>	Matthew Geoghegan	Harry Taylor	Giaan Lee
<b>Year 3 B</b>	Jessica Bollard	Nicholas Hallal	Max Kelly
<b>Year 3 G</b>	Nicola Topic	Tea-Elise Kroeger	Amber-Lilly Baker
<b>Year 3 W</b>	Anthony Cutuk	Imogen Lynch	Paige Hayden
<b>Year 4 B</b>	Seronique Taylor	Riley Price	Corey Brooke
<b>Year 4 W</b>	William Anderson	Bradley Girdham	Rex Finch
<b>Year 5/6 B</b>	Angelina Cutuk	Ana Basic	Luke Robertson
<b>Year 5/6 W</b>	Michael Blazey	Chloe Osborn	Shanyce Gibson

*Until next week, may God bless and keep you safe.*

*Eva La Rocca,*

*Principal*