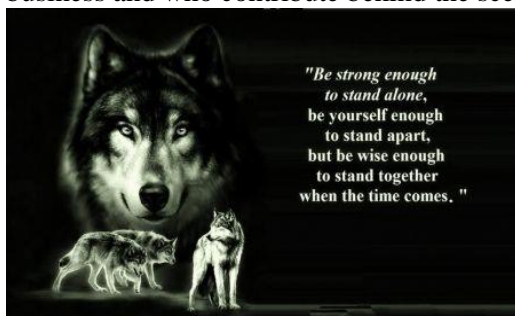


NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

During the recent holidays I was reading a book about wolf packs. It talked about how, in a pack of wolves, each member has a specific and unique role to play and that if any member of the pack is unable to fulfill their role, then the other pack members temporarily step up to assist. This ensures that the wolf pack can continue to function coherently as a whole. Each wolf knows its role and they all do what they do for the greater good of the organization.

I was fascinated by the sophistication of the wolf pack and it got me thinking about the many and varied roles in society that make the 'cogs turn' in our daily lives. Many of the tasks that enable us to function go unseen and un-thanked. This is the same in any group of people. This week I am making it my mission to take the time to thank some of the 'unseens' - those who quietly go about their business and who contribute behind the scenes.



Walkathon

I'd like to extend a thank you to the team of parents who have worked tirelessly over the past weeks to ensure the success of today's Walkathon. Just like the 'wolf pack' mentioned above, there have been many parents and grandparents who have worked behind the scenes to decorate, gather prizes, count money, organize lunch etc. I'm amazed at the talent and resourcefulness that was on display today. They have worked cohesively as a team and their meticulous planning and communication have been wonderful. THANK YOU.



Dates to Remember

Tues 28 th July	ICAS English 8.00am	Japanese Students Leave
Sun 2 nd Aug	OLA Feast Day and Fiesta	
Wed 5 th Aug	Stage 3 Antarctica Inc	
	P&F General Meeting 7pm	
Tues 11 th Aug	ICAS Maths 8.00am	

John 6:1-15 'Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand'



Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the sign he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Gospel Reflection

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus prepares a meal for His people. When we celebrate the Eucharist in Mass, we are at the table of the Lord, watching Him break the bread and share the wine. Jesus prepares food for our soul as we receive nourishment of His word and nourishment of His body and blood. The miracle performed by Jesus in Sunday's Gospel, is Jesus taking only a few loaves of bread and fish and sharing the food amongst His people, where no one went home hungry and there were leftovers to share. The boy was willing to give up the small amount of food he had to share it with others. Such a small act of kindness can have such an impact on others lives. To live out The Word in Sunday's Gospel we can also be generous through simple acts of kindness. Just like the boy in the Gospel, we can be willing and ready to share with others and reaching out to the poor and the needy.

Mrs Katrina Byrne, Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator



Parent 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. If you are interested in participating, even if you sponsored the space last year, we look forward to receiving an email from you to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. We will then advise you which week you have been allocated. Thank you to the Palmer-Burton family who sponsored the prayer space this week. The **Labbad family** will be sponsoring the space next week.



OLA Feast Day

Next week we celebrate OLA Feast Day with some fun lunchtime games on Friday, organized by the SRC and co-ordinated by Mrs Byrne. The main celebration happens at the Fiesta on Sunday. We hope to see many of you at Mass and throughout the day.

Feast of St Anne & St Joachim

ST. Anne & Joachim

Saint Joachim and Anne are two hard working saints that worshipped and served lots of people who then served God. They did this because they wanted a child that was blessed by God.

They became saints by serving to their limit and never gave up

They are examples of people who tried their best

- These Saints are Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents
- Their Feast Day: July 26th
- This is an example to us and
- They decided to use their lives for other people

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St Anne and St Joachim

Who are Sts Anne and Joachim?

Sts Anne and Joachim are the Grandparents of Jesus and the parents of Mary. St Anne was old when she had Mary. St Anne actually prayed and prayed to have a child and made a covenant with God that she would consecrate the child to him.

How did they become saints?

St Anne and St Joachim became by being the parents of Mary and the Grandparents of Jesus.

They also became saints by giving up their daughter to God and always doing the works of God.

What important role did they play in the Holy Family?

St Anne and St Joachim were the parents of Mary and the Grandparents of Jesus. St Anne begged God for a child although she was old when Mary was born. Saints Anne and Joachim made a covenant with God to consecrate the child to him.

Today let us pray for the gift of our Grandparents as we wish them a happy feast day.

Reflection!

By Michael BAZEY

Saint Anne and Joachim

Feast Day: July 26th

Saint Anne and Joachim are Mary the Mother of God's parents. Anne is Mary's beloved mum and Joachim is Mary's lovely dad. Anne and Joachim were married for many years before Mary their first and last child. The family of three lived in Jerusalem.

Saint Anne and Joachim were declared Saints in 1970 when they had already passed away. They were declared as Saints by Pope John VI. As Mary grew up she was known as 'Mary the Mother of God' so they were considered as 'Mary the Mother of God'.

Joachim and Anne are mentioned together because they are husband and wife. That's why they were both declared saints because they were both Mary's parents.

By Kaitlin Wagner

From the Bishop's Office

3rd 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 Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

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

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back

From 15th July until 8th 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.

Partial absences

*Please be conscious in limiting the number of partial absences of your child. All partial absences (arriving late or leaving early) are recorded on your child's report. If your child arrives late, you **MUST** come into the office to sign them in. When children are habitually late it not only impacts on their learning but also the learning of the class. Wherever possible, please avoid making appointments during school hours.*

ICAS

Congratulations to all students who participated in ICAS Digital Technologies competition last term. A special mention to the following:

Merit – Eoin Trainor, Bethany Dersch

Credit – Alicia Dersch, Felicity Scott, Harry Taylor, Charlotte Garcia, Alissa Sweeney, Maneesha Gunasekara, Jacob Domars

Distinction – Joshua Palmer-Burton, Karl Fischer

English ICAS competition is next Tuesday 28th July. Please be at school at 7.55am ready to start at 8am sharp. Students need to bring a lead pencil and an eraser.

Book week- (Week 7) 24th August- 28th August – We have some exciting plans for Book Week this year. More details will follow in the coming weeks but we thought advance notice that we will be having a dress up parade (Friday 28th August) would be useful. So get those creative juices flowing and start thinking about a book character costume.

Save the Date - Grandparents' day – This year we will celebrate Grandparents' Day on Monday 24th August with Mass, morning tea and a mini concert.



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!

Year 1 Walking Excursion

On Monday 20th July Year One went on a walking excursion to Rouse Hill Town Centre. We walked along the walking track between OLA and RHTC. Our aim was to observe all the different workers in the community and the different kinds of transport that are present in our community. Children went to the RSPCA, Reading Cinemas, Medical Centre, Library, Coles, Food Court, Butcher, Bakery, Bank, Post Office and many other fantastic places. We finished off our walking with a little snack of doughnuts in front of the lake. It was a wonderful experience and we would like to thank all the parents who gave up their time to accompany us on the walk.

Voice of Youth

Over the last few weeks and during the holidays Stage Three students have been busy writing their speeches for the Voice of Youth contest. The cluster final will be held next Thursday, 30th of July at St Andrews, Marayong. This week we had the pleasure of listening to the speeches that our Year Six students had prepared.

The calibre was very high, which made it hard for the teachers and Mrs Schroder to decide on our final two contestants. The two finalists for VOY are Joseph Awadalla, with his speech 'Can't join them, confuse them,' which left us all puzzled and Jacob Domars, with his speech 'A Boy,' that made his audience really think. Our reserve is Tamzin Naidoo who wrote her speech about embarrassing moments. All three students will be presenting their speeches on Monday morning in front of the school during assembly. We wish all the candidates the best of luck.

Netball Gala Day

On Tuesday, July 21, one hundred students, five teachers, seven parent coaches and numerous spectators attended the Netball Gala Day at Kellyville Netball Courts. We had six boys and six girls teams participate and our students were wonderful representatives of our school. Many accolades were received from the coaches praising the students' on their manners and sportsmanship. The aim of the day was to have fun whilst representing the school and that was certainly achieved despite the foggy and slippery start to the day. Players stepped up and helped out when others were injured. Thank to the teachers and parents who coached in the weeks prior and on the day and to the parents who assisted with injured students.

CONGRATULATIONS to one of our Junior Boys teams, who were placed 'equal first' in their division.

Thank you to the following teachers and parents/ grandparents who were coaches: Abby Fredericks, Lisa Hurst, Kimberley Marchant, Samantha Pepin, Jan Schroder, Sue Eveston / Belinda Mc Ardle, Jill Johnston, Jo Tapley, Renee McLuskey, Rebecca Price, Kristy Anderson, Megan Bennett and Natalie Spiteri. Without your generosity of time, our children would not have this experience. A special thank you to Mrs Schroder who co-ordinated the day.



Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day.

On Thursday, thirty-eight Year 4 boys and girls represented OLA at the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day held at Jamison Park, Penrith. The day started with grey clouds. As the day progressed, the sun shined on the soccer fields and produced a gorgeous, sunny day. All four teams throughout the day worked well as a team and communicated well to get the ball into their goal area.

For many girls, this was their first experience of playing soccer. The girls scored a lot of goals and defended well throughout each game. They experienced lots of wins; some loses and even drew a few games. Overall, the girls played well and even laughed at their own mistakes.

The two boys teams also had a wonderful day. Each team played well, showed lots of skill and great sportsmanship. Both teams came second in their draw and after eight matches they all went home a little muddy and exhausted.

A special thank you to Mr Dimech who helped out with the second girls team. To all those who helped prior to the start of the day with setting up goal posts, during the day, transporting students and assisting the teachers, it was greatly appreciated and we hope you had a wonderful just like the teachers did.

Year 4 teachers (Miss Grima, Mrs Lopresti and Mrs Rizk)



Parent workshop for Maths - 5th August 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Several times a year we run parent workshops based on various curriculum areas. The purpose of these workshops is to keep parents in the loop of how we do things and what learning looks like at OLA. We have found recently that these sessions have not been very well attended by parents, although those that have attended have found them useful. This term we have decided to trial a change of time for the maths session to see if this is more suitable for parents. It will now be on Wednesday 5th August from 3.30pm-4.15pm. Childcare will be available.

Origami club

At OLA, origami club runs on Thursday afternoons for students wanting to learn this very creative art of paper folding. This week students were very lucky to be shown how to do this by the Japanese teachers visiting the school. It was a fun afternoon for both teachers and students.





Walk-a-thon




An **ENORMOUS THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful parent and grandparent volunteers! Tireless efforts, endless enthusiasm and uncapped creativity! So many people have helped out in so many ways both in the weeks leading up to the Walkathon and today from the dark hours of the morning! We are so lucky to have such talented and generous families working together for our children! Days like today really do bring us all together as a school community and make a memorable day for all!

We would also like to thank all of the generous OLA families and friends who have sponsored the children to raise money for the school and to all the businesses for their support in making today a special day for our children.

MAJOR PRIZE DRAW JULY 31st ASSEMBLY

Don't forget to return your sponsorship card!

Today each child received a special treat and a certificate to acknowledge their participation in the OLA WALKATHON! Thank you to all the children for their enthusiasm today!



Winning Colour House to be announced on July 31st!



TOTAL MONEY RAISED FOR OUR NEW SCHOOL PLAYGROUND WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK!



Don't forget next Sunday August 2nd is the Parish Fiesta. We know that this is yet another enjoyable day for our community.... **CAN YOU HELP?**

If you are able to BBQ sausages for 1 hour anytime from 1-6pm we would LOVE to hear from you. Please send us and email if you haven't already done so.

Have a great weekend and thanks again!

OLA Parents and Friends Association

olapfc@gmail.com

FROM THE CLASSROOM...Year 4B

This term in Year 4, we have been learning about the purpose and structure of a persuasive text. The main aim is to change the reader's point of view. We have been focussing on using good persuasive language in our arguments. In each argument, we need to have a reason and some supporting evidence. We hope you enjoy reading our texts.

Monday, 20th July 2015

^{shouldn't} I wonder if this title matches your text and arguments.

Children (should) be able to go home for lunch


Many kids are allowed to go home for lunch from around the world, in the middle age group. Though I do believe, Australian kids shouldn't be allowed to accept this advantage. ✓✓

Well done Nadia. To begin with, ^{a lot} this wastes a lot of learning space. Our parents send us to school so we can learn, if our learning is wasted on eating we don't get enough time to learn. I love the way some of your sentences are worded. This could affect our lives. ^{is} The future. Effecting. ✓✓ 2017.

Our lives as, taking important test in high school.

A further argument, ^{is} this doesn't only effect us. It effects our guardian or parent as well. It is already hard and struggling for them. It would make it even harder, if they had to pick you up and drop you off two times a day. Some parents or guardians work in the city, so they would have to leave two hours early before your break. The second hour for traffic use. ✓✓ Impressive arguments Nadia.

Overall, I know this prevents bullying and all, but if no one bullies you, how are you going to stand up for yourself? Trust me, in high school there's a lot of bullying. ✓✓ 22/17.



Children should be able to go home for lunch


Many schools in Australia don't allow their students to go home for lunch but I think they should. ✓✓ 22/17

I strongly believe that children should be able to go home for lunch because schools are not allowed to give out medication so you can go home and have medication.

I personally believe that children should be able to go home for lunch because of a few reasons. Some people are allergic to nuts and etc but going home for lunch ^{can} prevent these symptoms from happening. ✓✓

Most people say children should stay at school for lunch because they can make friends and have social conversations with people. I disagree because you can do all these things when you go home for lunch and invite or go out with your friends. ✓✓ 22/17.

I'm impressed with your argument. Very clever using the idea constructed in class and changing it to your view point. Keep it up!! ✓✓



From the Parish Office...

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 2 August

Please note Mass on Sunday, 2nd August will be at 11am and NOT 10am and due to the Fiesta there WILL NOT be a Mass at 5.30pm on that Sunday afternoon. Sorry for any inconvenience.

All Year 3 Students who received their First Communion in 2015 are invited to join our procession after the 11 am Fiesta Mass and LEAD this procession. This is to a tradition to acknowledge those in our community who have received their Sacraments this year.

Thank you to all the Parents and Families of the School Community for your continued support with our Parish's Fiesta.

With one week to go don't forget that we are selling the **Pre-Paid Wrist Bands** at the special price of \$25- for the Dodgem Cars, Slide, Swings, Tea Cups and many more exiting rides. These can be purchased after every mass or contact the parish office.

A very big thank you to all those who have generously donated items to our White Elephant stall and who have taken home boxes for the Cake Stall.

If there are any Dads who are electricians and can assist on the day of the Fiesta - could you kindly contact Geraldine in the Parish office, *thank you*.

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: Tonight there will be a Movie Night 7-9 pm in the OOSH room.

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

Literacy Hint



Show your child how you use reading. Comment frequently on how handy it is to be able to read a recipe, follow instructions and read road signs.

From the Office....

Please remember that if you are removing your child from school, a term's notice in writing needs to be given otherwise a term's fees are payable. It is also a government requirement that we are advised of the new school that your child will be attending.

I hope you have a wonderful week.

*Cathy Hey,
Acting Principal*

Term 3 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Patrick Doueihy	Francesca Topic	Jelena Tolentino
Kinder G	Amber Kim	Jessica Bowen	Lachlan Heaney
Kinder W	Ethan Streater	Danielle Vella	Hudson Baker
Year 1B	Amelia Bond	Joshua Robertson	Gemma Haynes
Year 1 G	Daniel Knowles	Mikayla Edwards	Marcus Mileto
Year 1W	Maya Cauchi	Janiya De La Cruz	Emma Quijano
Year 2 B	Madeleine Wilson	Levi Stacey	Hayden Lavercombe
Year 2 G	Chloe Huber	Iris Tsang	Leila Balangon
Year 2 W	Georgia Nemitsas	Channel Johnston	Sienna Gibson
Year 3 B	Matthew Geoghegan	Alannah Lock	Gemma Gladwell
Year 3 W	Charli Molloy	Cody Tickell	Julian Vargas
Year 4 B	Phoebe Strykowski	Karl Fischer	Kenny King
Year 4 G	Thomas Dobaj	Tatum Crook	Bella Masters
Year 4 W	Elysia Connellan	Juliana Constantino	Hollie Ford
Year 5/6 B	Ashley Graham	Madison Lee	Alex Bennett
Year 5/6 G	Remi Ferdinands	Miko Basic	Ashton Stacey
Year 5/6W	Luke Robertson	Sebastian Cauchi	Kaitlin Wagner

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