

*"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find".*

Dear Parents,

Last week, Pope Francis appointed the Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta. He has been the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 2011. Bishop Long succeeds Anthony Fisher OP. The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in Vietnam in 1961. His family came to Australia as refugees in 1980. After his ordination in 1989, Bishop Long went to Rome to further his studies.

Bishop Long was Parish priest at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville from 1998-2002 and so is no stranger to the area.

We welcome Bishop Vincent Long to the Diocese of Parramatta and pray for him as he begins his work in our diocese.



Next week we welcome back Mrs LaRocca who has been on long service leave. Thank you to Mrs Byrne, Mrs Hurst, Miss Grima, Mrs Goldsworthy and all the OLA staff who have been a wonderful support to ensure a smooth start of the term.

God bless,  
Cathy Hey

## **UNIFORM REMINDERS**

Please ensure children come to school in **full winter uniform** from Monday. Boys and girls both need to wear ties (girls wear the small tab ties) and boys need to make sure their shirts are tucked in.

A reminder that boys are not to have lines or other extreme hair cuts.

Thank you for your support in ensuring uniform expectations are followed.

## **Dates to Remember**

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Students return in FULL winter uniform Kindy excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> May	ICAS Digital Technology Competition. 7.55am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Cyber Safety – 6.00pm Presented by Constable Rob from Castle Hill Police. Parents Welcome 7.00pm P&F AGM – All parents welcome
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	OLA Bootcamp 8.00am. All welcome

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

### Gospel according to John (Jn17: 20-26)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them,

“Peace be with you.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”



The season of Easter concludes with the feast of **Pentecost**. On **Pentecost** we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The account in the Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

**Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church.** The Gospel for **Pentecost** reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and we learn to accept forgiveness. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting all to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting upon the concern and how your family might address it. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace.

Mrs Lisa Hurst, Acting REC

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### Literacy News

#### Reading Afternoon

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of reading with their child. Our next afternoon will be next **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2:15pm**. Please bring your picnic rug and a book to share with your children.

#### Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book.

This means one picture of dad/grandpa/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading.

**Bug Club** will begin next week for the students on levelled readers. These students will receive a username and password in week 4. All students however, will have access to Bug Club at school. Here is the link for students to log on. Students will need to sign in and then click on the 'Bug Club' icon.

<http://www.pearsonplaces.com.au/>

For more information, please see link below.

<http://home.bugclub.com.au/MyPasses/pdf/parents-help.pdf>

Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator

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### ICAS competition

The first of the 2016 ICAS competitions (digital technologies) will be held on Tuesday morning (17<sup>th</sup> May), beginning at 7.55am sharp in the Year 3 classroom. Please ensure participating students bring a lead pencil and an eraser. It is not possible for extra time to be allocated if a child is late so please ensure punctuality.

## From the Office

### Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (Change of Date)

Notes went home this week for the athletics carnival to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please return all forms as soon as possible.

Please note that all children must come to school on the morning of the carnival and walk across with their teacher, unless they are competing in the 800m. No siblings are to be left at the oval as there will not be any supervision.

**Book covering** – if any parents could assist us in covering books for the library, please call into the office. We will provide you with contact. Thanks.

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## Cyber Safety Talk

In this week's newsletter we have an information sheet about Minecraft. Over the next few weeks a new information sheet will be attached to the newsletter. There are original copies of these fact sheets in the office foyer for you to take, if you wish.

**Cyber Safety Talk for Parents on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6pm.** Please come along and learn more about Cyber Safety and what you can do at home.

### Parent meeting on cyber safety and P & F meeting

We have arranged for Constable Rob Patterson to give a parent Wednesday night at 6pm about cyber safety. He will provide some practical tips on how to ensure your children are safe while using technology. I'm sure it will be a worthwhile talk.

Following this, at 7pm, will be the Annual General Meeting for the P & F meeting. At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant and elections will be held. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the P & F executive please email the school by Monday. We hope to see many new faces on Wednesday night.

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### Debating team success

This week the members of our debating team travelled to Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville for our first ever debate. Melissa Preston Carys Fitzgerald, Phoebe Strykowski and Mia Sprowles did a fantastic job of arguing that *Laughter is Not the Best Medicine*.

The team used their excellent powers of persuasion, and clear well thought out arguments to convince the adjudicator to agree with them, and as such won the debate!

We are very proud of the work that the whole debating team has done to help prepare for this debate, and are grateful to the parents who came to support the children. Our next debate is in Week 5 against Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill.

Mrs Schroder and Mrs Leach





# P&F NEWS

**P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY  
MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – 7PM**

## AGENDA

- Fiesta
- Mothers' Day Stall / Mothers' Day Morning Tea
- Year in Review
- Positions vacated – Voting

*No need to RSVP or even speak on the night. We will hear what the P&F (as part of the parent body) have been up to. It is also an opportunity to hear from Mrs La Rocca all the wonderful things that will be happening with our children and school. If you would like to add a general business item please submit to [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>.*



An enormous thank you to the P&F team 2015-16! I'd like to personally acknowledge and thank this extraordinary group who have given so generously to our school community. Thank you for your hard work, commitment and enthusiasm.

Kellie Owen – Vice President

Rebecca Galea – Treasurer

Lee-Ann Wallis – Secretary

General Committee: Jo Gladwell, Kelly Cleary, Alison Streater, Nicole Brown and Ela Hudson

*Thank you to our wonderful school staff and everyone who has supported the numerous events the P&F have been involved in over the past 12 months. With such a dynamic group there has been little time for rest. We have raised a significant amount of money for our school and have had loads of fun!*

*See you at the AGM!*



Kind regards  
Annemarie Bond  
President

**SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – MAY 20:** The roster for next week... Jo Gladwell, Kelly Cleary, Belinda Connellan, Angela Camilleri and Rebecca McDonald. Thank you!

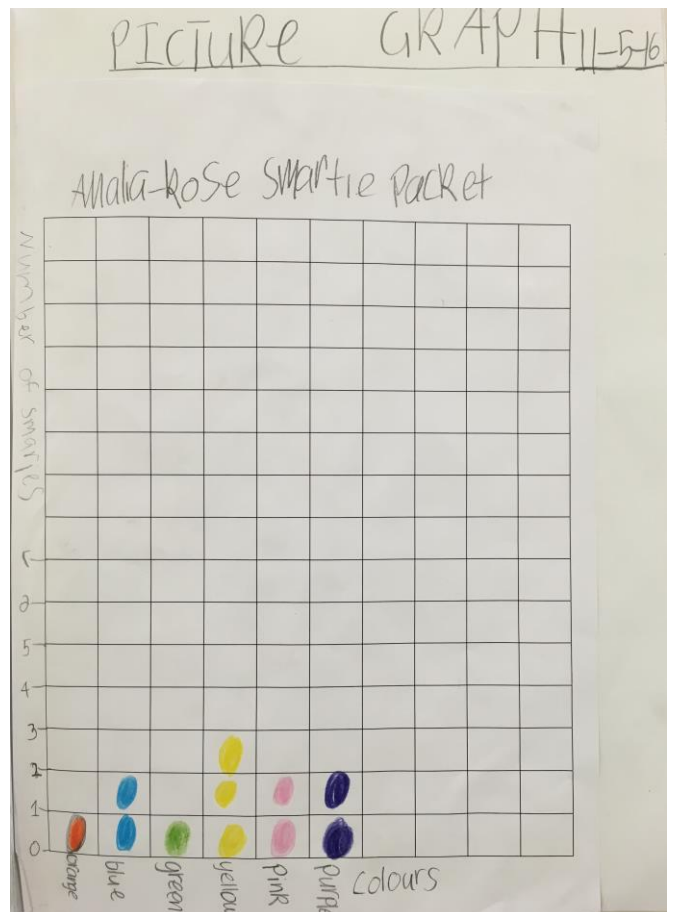
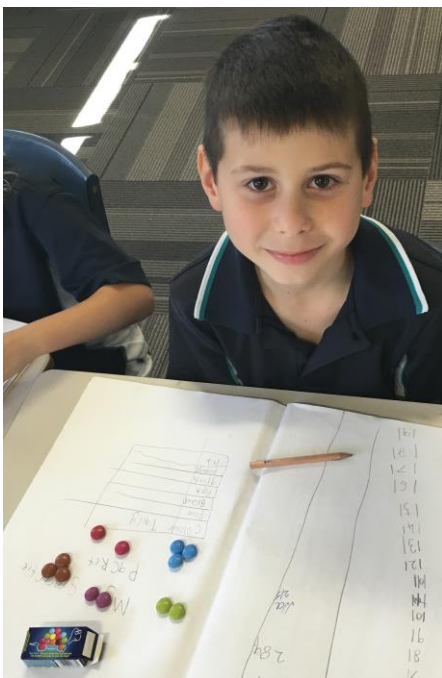
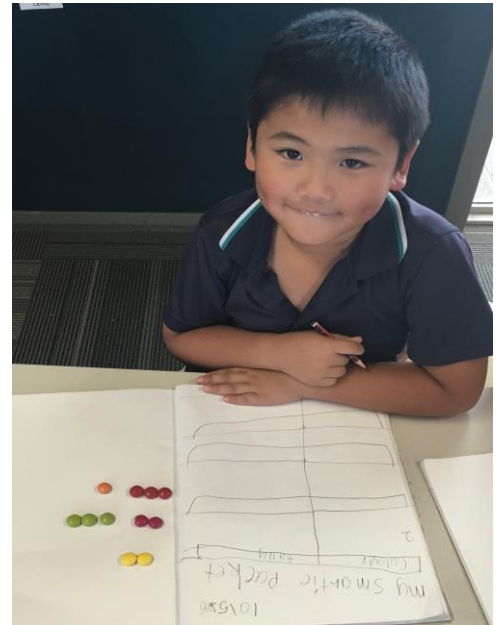


*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*



## From the classroom...2G

This week Year 2 has been investigating Data. One of our activities involved discovering how many colours were in each individual Smartie box. Students then needed to record their results in a tally, create a picture graph and a column graph to represent the data.



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

#### **We're fundraising with *Entertainment***

The 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book and Digital Memberships are here and features over \$20,000 worth of valuable up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for some of the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more **for only \$65**. So take advantage of the great offers available with your new Entertainment™ Membership now! Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from **Our Lady of the Angels Parish** again to support our fundraising efforts. Contact the Parish office for further information if needed.

#### **Sacraments of Initiation**

**First Communion** For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation in 2016 First Communion will take place in June 2016. The first Parent-only session will be held on **Thursday, 19 May at 7.30pm**.

If you have a child in Year 3 or an older grade who has completed their Reconciliation and is not registered for First Communion, we ask that you contact the parish office for further information.

#### **Mass times:**

**Sat** vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday**: 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm. **Weekdays**:

Mon -Sat: 9 am

#### **Confessions:**

9:30 am Sat

**Baptisms & weddings:** By appointment

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Assistant Priest:** Fr John Rizzo

**Parish Secretaries:** Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:** Christine Leahy

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

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

**Contact information:** O.L.A. Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Rouse Hill

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#### **What people say about our wonderful school**

Last week a grandparent called the office and congratulated our school children on their wonderful behaviour and respectfulness whilst in church for the Mothers' Day Mass. She said that it was an absolute pleasure being part of the Mass and she was very pleased that she attended.

***Congratulations to Riley Price on making it through to the Mackillop Team for rugby league. This is a huge achievement so well done Riley.***

***Congratulations also to Ella Sievwright who make it to the top 24 in the girls soccer tryouts.***

## **Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning**

9.15 – 11am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Enrolments for Year 7 2018**



Term 2 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Bailey Knowles	Natalie Holopikian	Ivana Edelinski
Year 3 G	Amelia Novelli	Sarah Cleary	Dante Merrin
Year 3 W	Jonathon Fuda	Brayden Stoddard	Marissa Farrugia
Year 4 B	Ashton Galea	Austin Turner	Giaan Lee
Year 4 W	Harry Taylor	Felicity Scott	Jada Scoulou
Year 5 B	John-Paul Colosimo	Chiara Fallone	Lily Cassar
Year 5 G	Anthony Cutuk	Tyra Abdallah	Natasha Eyles
Year 5W	Millie Edwards	Emily Bennison	Arine Maher
Year 6 B	Kaitlin Wagner	William Anderson	Rebecca Charlesworth
Year 6 W	Elouise Gomez	Claudia Pacella	Seronique Taylor