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Week 3 Term 2

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.'

John 19:26-27

Some years back I watched Mel Gibson's production of 'The Passion'. I didn't watch it all because some part of me felt an element of something like disrespect – the Hollywood production of this sacred story. I did, however, sneak an occasional peek. One of the parts that I saw, in fact, touched me very deeply. This was the when Jesus, in His suffering and pain on the road to Calvary, meets His mother. That scene depicts Jesus remembering back to when He was a child, about eight, and He has fallen over and Mary, His mother, comes to Him with open arms to comfort her child. Credit goes to this production of capturing the 'humanness' of Jesus Christ, God become man. It certainly reflects the importance of His mother in His life, the source of comfort she was to Him. The reading above is from some of the last words spoken by Jesus before His death. In this, He decrees Mary to be the heavenly mother of us all and we are her children.

This morning, the school community gathered to celebrate the Eucharist at Mass in honour of our mothers. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a beautiful liturgy, particularly Mrs Callaghan and Geraldine Farrugia. I doubt there was a dry eye during the moving reflection at the end. For those wanting to see the reflection again, here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyZaOQu9chQ>

Mass was followed by a lovely morning tea supplied by our hard working P and F. Thank you.



Last Friday night saw the official opening of the new church. Many staff members were privileged to attend this evening and commented that the symbolism and tradition of the ceremony was moving.

Dates to Remember

Week 4: NAPLAN on Tues, Wed and Thurs for Year 3 and 5
Wed 13th May: Year 1 excursion to Aquarium & Wildlife Park
Thur 21st May: Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Saint of the Week: Saints Philip and James

Feast Day May 3rd

Phillip and James were two of Jesus' Apostles. Phillip was a follower of John the Baptist, who was telling people to prepare their hearts for the coming of the Jesus. When Jesus told Phillip to "Follow Me", he was ready to go right away, because he had already prepared his heart for Jesus' coming. He was so happy to be following Jesus that he invited his friend Nathaniel to come and follow him too. After Jesus died and rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, Phillip travelled to Greece and Asia Minor to spread the Good News. He died a martyr because of his faith in Jesus; the Emperor of Rome during that time, did not let anybody believe in Jesus. James, was Jesus' cousin. After Jesus ascended into heaven James was made the Bishop of Jerusalem. St. James forgave the people that hurt him and even when the enemies of Jesus came to crucify him, James prayed that God would forgive them. He was also killed because of his faith in Jesus and died a martyr.

Get the Saint of the Day for Kids App at <http://saintofthedayforkids.com>



Gospel Reflection John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, Just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

Have a great weekend with your family. Happy Mothers Day to all of the mums.
Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Coordinator ☺





From the P&F.....

Mother's Day Stall & Morning Tea

A huge thank you to all the lovely mums who helped with the stall. It ran very smoothly and we finished in record time. It is always fun & rewarding to see how excited Kindy get to take part in their first stall.

Also a thank you to the group of helpers at the Mother's Day Morning Tea. This year we had the pleasure of using the new kitchen in the church which made it a breeze to organise.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 13th May at 7.00pm in the year 4 ground floor space. All positions are vacated and open for nominations. We hope to see you there.

New P&F Email Address

We would like to advise that we have a new email address. Could all enquiries please now be sent to:

olapfc@gmail.com

Kind Regards, P&F Committee

Social Skills

The social skill for this fortnight is all about making friends. Have a discussion with your child about the qualities of a good friend, what they look for in a friend and ways they can demonstrate friendship. Look for examples of healthy friendships and ways to develop these. This important skill in relationship building is one that, if developed early, will last a lifetime.

Uniform

We have had a number of parents looking for lost jumpers and jackets. Could parents please check the names on these items over the weekend, and if they are not your child's, please return to school next week. It is very easy for a child to put their jumper in the wrong bag or pick up the wrong one off the floor. We have had quite a few brand new jumpers and jackets with NO NAMES in the lost property tub. Thank you.

Safety of Children After School

We understand that the afternoon parking situation can be challenging and encourage parents, wherever possible, to delay their arrival time at kiss & drop until about 3.20pm to disperse the traffic.

Some parents are opting to park in Centenary Park across the road and this is helping with traffic congestion. It is advisable, particularly with the younger children, that you walk over to school and collect the children. If your children walk unaccompanied, please remind them regularly of appropriate road safety behaviour. It has been noted recently that some of the unaccompanied walkers are not being mindful of road safety and this is of concern.

Please be vigilant when driving near the school as children can be unpredictable and their safety is of primary importance.

Thank you.


faith at the FIDDLER

5-7pm Thursday 21 May 2015
THE MEAN FIDDLER CNR WINDSOR & COMMERCIAL RD ROUSE HILL

WORLD YOUTH DAY for teachers

Main speaker
Selina Hasham Chair Australian World Youth Day Committee

■ An informative evening for teachers interested in World Youth Day Krakow 2016
■ A panel of speakers with a variety of insights into the World Youth Day experience

 **fun friendship faith**
For more information please contact:
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ALL WELCOME
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

CAPTIVATE is inviting primary and secondary students in the Diocese of Parramatta to showcase their talents at

CAPTIVATE'S got talent MASTERCLASS

Are you a dancer, musician or actor?
Students will gain valuable feedback and mentoring from entertainment industry professionals.

MUSIC & DRAMA AUDITIONS Wednesday 22 July
Nagle College - 58A Orwell Street Blacktown South

DANCE AUDITIONS Friday 24 July
St Agnes Catholic High School - Evans Road Rooty Hill

PERFORMANCE Thursday 13 August
To register go to www.captivate.catholic.edu.au
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11-19 June

The annual CAPTIVATE Showcase presents the culmination of the work of the various combined Parramatta Diocesan Catholic schools' ensembles in music, drama and dance.

Dance Showcase

Annual presentation of the Combined Schools' Dance programs in Parramatta and surrounding schools from 11-19 June 2015.

Combined Primary & Secondary Contemporary Dance Ensembles
Feature performances by selected secondary and primary schools.

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM
VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown NSW

Drama Showcase

Annual presentation of the CAPTIVATE Drama groups with secondary students from across the diocese who will perform selected and self-chosen works.


FRIDAY 12 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM
SATURDAY 13 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM
VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown NSW

Music Showcase

Annual presentation of the Parramatta Catholic ensembles including Primary Choir, Secondary Choir, Secondary Orchestra, Concert Band, Chamber Choir, Chamber Ensemble, and Wind Ensemble.

MONDAY 15 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM
TUESDAY 16 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM
WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM
THURSDAY 18 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM
VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown NSW

Best of Showcase



FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY

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| Combined Primary Choir | Contemporary Dance |
| Combined Secondary Choir | Combined Concert Band |
| Combined Secondary Orchestra | Wind Ensemble |
| Chamber Choir | Individual Student Performances |
| CAPTIVATE Voices | |
| Drama Ensemble | FRIDAY 19 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM |
| Commercial Dance | VENUE: JOAN SUTHERLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE 597 High Street Parrish |

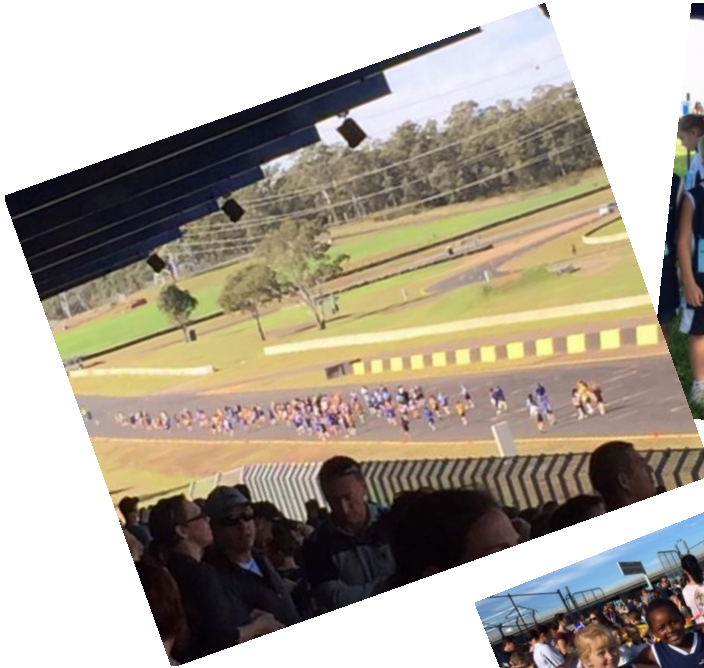
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Tickets \$15 (adult) \$10 (concession) available from: www.trybooking.com/HHSX
Family passes and season passes available through (02) 9840 5649

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Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday, the 5th of May, 48 students from years two to six represented OLA in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country at Sydney Motorsport Park. All those who participate are commended for their efforts, with many achieving their personal best. The children represented the school with pride and illustrated camaraderie through their team spirit and cheering those racing. Special mentions go to Sebastian Mileto, who received first reserve in the Boys Under 9s; Ailbhe Gannon, who came 7th in the Girls Under 9s; Seronique Taylor, who came 4th in the Girls Under 11s, and Nicolas Cutroni who also came 4th in the Boys Under 12s. A big thank you to all the parents who helped in training the children and on the day.



Crushes

When my daughter had a crush on a boy, I asked her to place his name in 1 Corinthians 13:4-6.

She did. "Sean is patient and kind; Sean does not envy or boast; Sean is not arrogant or rude. Sean does not insist on his own way; Sean is not irritable or resentful; Sean does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth."

She frowned. "I saw him pick on another boy in the hallway. I guess he wasn't very kind." She began to rethink her interest in him.

This verse has not only given my daughter greater discernment about others, but it also has helped her reflect on her own behavior. I asked my daughter to substitute her own name into that passage. Then I explained that when we become more like Jesus, we become the right type of person for someone else to like.

—Diane Stark

FROM THE CLASSROOM... Year 1W

This week 1W started a science experiment in class. The students planted a borlotti bean in cotton wool to see what will happen. The students have ensured that their bean has exposure to sunlight and it receives water each day.



BookClub

The new way to order and pay online is through the new LOOP online ordering system, parents can no longer just pay online with credit cards and send their forms in. If you wish to pay by credit card, parents now need to set up an account for themselves on the scholastic website. This allows you to order your own books and pay. If you wish for us to order for them, then you will need to pay by cheque only.

The new online LOOP ordering system is easy to use.

- **Simply grab your Book Club Catalogue**
- **For a quick start, just click on ORDER above**
- **OR Register first to save your details for next time (existing Scholastic Store customers can simply log in)**
- **Select your school and your child's class (Our Lady of the Angels, KELLYVILLE – scroll through the long list)**
- **Add your child's first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)**
- **Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue**
- **All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date**
- **Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!**

Please remember that you do not need to send us your **online order forms**, and definitely do not send us back your filled in forms (if they have completed online). Orders will be collected on Monday, so if you are going to order, please do it over the weekend.

Also no CASH please.

From the Parish Office...

We're fundraising with Entertainment

The Parish are also fundraising with the Entertainment Books. You can now purchase the books as a hardcopy or an electronic copy. This can be purchased through the link on our Website or you can contact the parish office office.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on Saturday, 16 May after the 5.30pm Mass. If you are interested, just email me back and I will add your name to the list. Cost is \$10 for 3 books. BYO: nibbles & drink.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

For those children who will this year be receiving their First Holy Communion, please remember that you will need to attend mass to receive your Prayer Book.

Your next session is a Parent and Child session on Thursday, 21 May at 7.30pm. All sessions are compulsory.

Save the Date:

The date for the Parish Fiesta has been set for Sunday, 2 August. Make sure you keep that date clear in your dairy!!

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

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

Literacy Hint -

Praise your child's early writing and drawing attempts. Remember how excited you got about their first words? Even though you can not recognise their attempts at writing, it is proof that they are attempting to communicate in a different way. Make sure there is plenty of scrap paper and a good selection of writing material.



'Student of the Week'

God bless and keep you safe over the weekend.

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

| Term 2 Week 3 | | | |
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| Student | Academic Merit Award | St Francis Award | Einstein Award |
| Kinder B | Patrick Doueihy | Kobe Coombes | Francesca Topic |
| Kinder G | Jessica Bowen | Keira Mooney | Thomas Gutwenger |
| Kinder W | Alysha Balangon | Chloe Holden | Jett Fiorio |
| Year 1B | Joseph Abdallah | Amelia Bond | Isobel Clarke |
| Year 1 G | Ella Dimech | Ava Camilleri | Lucas Monks |
| Year 1W | Harrison McQuaid | Janiya De La Cruz | Raymon Chayban |
| Year 2 B | Rachael Perillo | Hayden Lavercombe | Parker Galvin |
| Year 2 G | Bailey Knowles | Dante Merrin | Marissa Farrugia |
| Year 2 W | Bryce McDonald | Kiara Wijaya | Akeesha Gunasekara |
| Year 3 B | Jada Scoulou | Gabriella Muscat | Alisa Adhihetty |
| Year 3 W | Mathew Dalton | Jacob Connellan | Sabrina Marino |
| Year 4 B | Tyra Abdallah | Anthony Cutuk | Montana Burt |
| Year 4 G | Emily Bennison | Sophia Tapley | Max Kelly |
| Year 4 W | Alissa Sweeney | Joel Webb | Hollie Ford |
| Year 5/6 B | James Darmanin | Caden Naidu | Caleb McGrady |
| Year 5/6 G | Ivana Kamber | Daniella Lopresti | Jordan Vargas |
| Year 5/6 W | Aidan Williams | Joseph Awadalla | Brock Crook |

