

NEWSLETTER



Week 3 Term 4

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Dear Parents,

It is very good to be back on board after having some time away recuperating. I am always so grateful to the very capable and grounded members of staff that keep 'the ship on course'.

Monday is a pupil free day. The staff will gather off site to spend time reflecting on the last (and first) five years of our school. When I tell people about 'my job', the reaction is often along the lines of how lucky I am and I can build the school the way I like. In fact, that's not true. The school is not 'mine' but 'ours'. We hope that the day will be one of celebration for all we have achieved and provide the guidance needed to define and clarify for all those members of our school community in the future - just what is our culture and practice.

Mrs Rizk led our staff prayer this morning and it was based on the Hebrew Scripture, the story of Noah, around following God's instructions and being open to receiving His signs. In the Bible story we see that God gave very precise instructions to Noah in the elaboration and construction of the ark. Noah followed the instructions just as God had given and he was blessed and salvation came to him and his family.

As followers of Christ we learn that God gives us instructions too and that's how we know how we can follow God. God hasn't changed. He guides us just like he guided Noah. God asks us to obey and follow the instructions we've been given.

Let us pray:

Lord, we come before you as we are.

We ask you to take away from us, all that makes us less human.

*Strengthen us with the power of your Spirit that our attitude and outlook may develop,
and our "way of looking" may become more like yours.*

*Help us to remain positive - encourage and appreciate one another, looking upon people in
the same way that you do.*

Amen

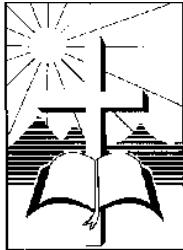


*Students, how good is your power of perception?
Can you match the socks to the staff member?*

Dates to Remember

Mon 27th Oct Pupil Free Day – No school for students on this day

Wed 29th Oct Kindy 2015 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am
Wed 5th Nov Kindy 2015 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am
Mon 10th Nov Swimming Program commences for Years 1, 2 & 4



Gospel Reflection

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. The question considered in today's Gospel is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

This weekend with your family...

Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbours by showing everyday acts of love, generosity, and kindness—our own expressions of our love for God. These acts, small and large, are the expression of what Jesus identified as the two greatest commandments: love God and love neighbour. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40. Talk about how Jesus taught us that our love for God is revealed in the love that we show to other people. Pray together that your family will continue to express your love for God by loving others.

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

Make someone feel special this weekend!

Mr Andrew Baker ☺



Family Sacred Space.

Thank you to the **Cleary Family** for sponsoring the Family Prayer Space this week.

Next week the sponsor family will be the **McLuskey Family**

Crazy Sock Day – SOCK it to Poverty

Today was crazy sock day to raise money for Catholic Mission. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. The students looked fantastic and had a great day! Thank you to all members of the SRC for all their hard work and organisation. All money raised will go towards Catholic Mission and to help people living in poverty.



Saint of the Week: ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

Feast Day: October 20; Born:1644 - Died:1775



Paolo Francesco Danei or Paul Daneo was born at Ovada, in northern Italy, into a family of merchants. He was a good and pious Christian who practiced his faith. When he was nineteen years old, Paul decided to become a soldier, but after one year he left the army. During the summer of 1720 Paul had three visions (in his dreams) about starting a new religious order. He couldn't understand what was happening, so he went to his bishop for guidance. The bishop studied his case and believed that the visions were real. He told Paul to go ahead and do what he was being told to do in this special call from God.

Paul spent forty days in prayer and penance. He then started the order called the Barefoot Clerks of the Cross and the Passion

(Passionists). Paul was joined by his brother John and two other young men. Paul and John were ordained priests by the Pope. Ten years later, they started the first Passionist monastery. The Pope approved the new order. He also agreed to the new rule St. Paul added, a short time later. Besides the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Paul of the Cross added a fourth vow: devotion to the passion of Christ. By 1747, the Passionists had three monasteries. They were preaching parish retreats everywhere in Italy. Paul was a preacher of such power that even tough soldiers and bandits cried when they heard his sermons. St. Paul asked people to imitate the patience of our dear Jesus because this is the height of pure love and to practice heroic goodness through patience that has been strengthened by courage. He wanted people to live in such a way that others may see in them Jesus crucified, the model of all gentleness and mercy. Before he died in 1775, Paul of the Cross also started a congregation of Passionist nuns.

I hope everyone has a safe, happy and holy weekend.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan ☺

From the P&F - Melbourne Cup Trifecta Guessing Competition

Hello Parents

You should have received a note last week and an email this week in regards to the Melbourne Cup Trifecta Guessing Competition tickets. As this is our major and only fundraising for the year we are seeking the support from all of our OLA families to get behind this event. So if you have not sent your notes into the office please do so ASAP as the more we distribute and sell, the more money is raised for the school. Our goal from this fundraising drive is to raise enough funds so we can erect a permanent cover over the COLA from where the tree has recently been removed. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who attended out stapling parties. It was a mammoth task but made very easy with your help.

Kinds Regards

P&F Committee

Social skill

The new social skill for this fortnight is "Responding to teasing."

- stop – count to 5- ignore the teasing- say, "STOP IT. I don't like it" – walk away – tell an adult if it doesn't stop.

CLUBS IN TERM 4

This term our lunch time clubs include: garden club, chess club, lego club, google club, prayer club (adoration and rosary), games club, choir, golf club, sewing club and boot camp. We thank the teachers for generosity in providing these extra-curricular activities.

Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day

Last Friday the OLA stage 2 touch football teams competed in the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day. We had a fantastic day and finished with great results. The boys team played 6 games and won 5 out of those 6. The girls team played 5 games and won 4 out of those 5. At the end of the day, both teams came in 2nd place in their pools, with both teams missing out on first place by only one point. I am so proud of the way the students played and conducted themselves on and off the field, showing great sportsmanship and team work at all times. Thank you to all the parents who came to show support on the day, and a big thanks to Mrs Price who took the time to train and coach the boys team.

Congratulations and well done everyone!



STEPPING BEYOND

A Support Group for Separated or Divorced Adults



STEPPING BEYOND is a Process/Personal Exploration Group. It is a monthly gathering for men and women who are separated or divorced. Through facilitated group interaction opportunity is given to individuals to address issues that arise as a result of changed life circumstances and ongoing adjustments. Emphasis is on personal awareness and self-development.

Facilitators: Eileen Quade
Rita Chater

Date: Last Tuesday of each month

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Fee: \$5.00

Venue: CCSS Centre Blacktown
51-59 Allawah St
Blacktown

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Solo Parent Services
Phone 9933 0205
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Focus Questions for Personal Exploration and Sharing

- How well are you "stepping beyond"?
- What do you want to "step beyond"?
- What are you currently "stepping beyond"?
- What is stopping you from "stepping beyond"?
- What have you learnt as you keep "stepping beyond"?

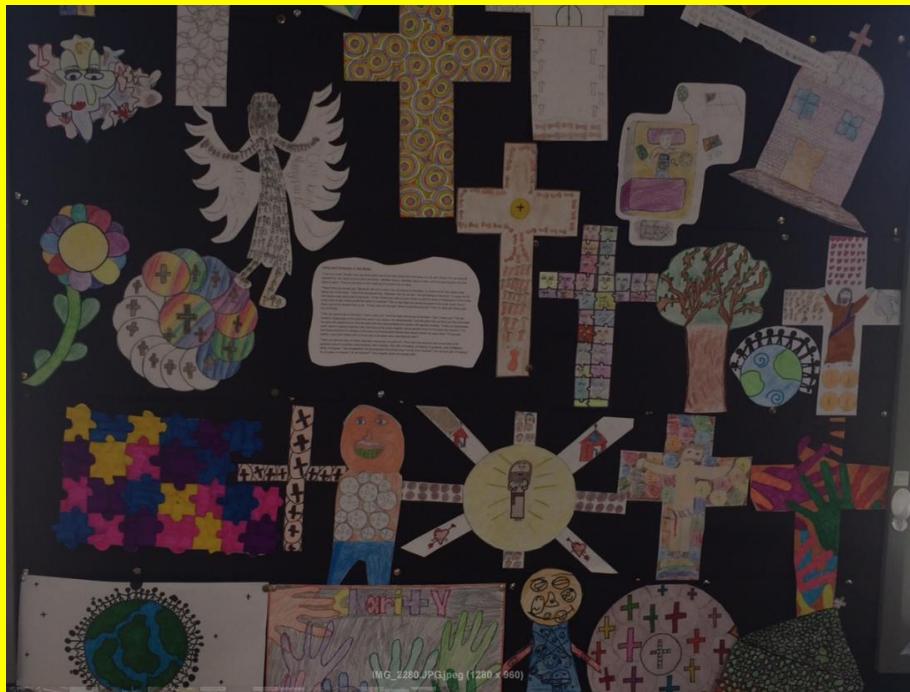
Boot Campers of the Week

Congratulations to **Ben Maher** and **Tiarne McLuskey**. Each week we will be looking for two students who show enthusiasm and determination during the boot camp session. They will be rewarded with a certificate and a \$10 gift voucher kindly sponsored by Woolworths IT.



From the Classroom of 5/6B...

Our religion unit this term in Stage 3, asks the students to learn about different Christian religions in our local area. They were asked to find out the differences and similarities these Christian religions have to our own Catholic faith. The students were then asked to reflect on the Scripture passage, 'One body, many parts' Corinthians 1:12-27. The students interpreted the story by saying we are all one in the body of Christ. God's family is made up of many parts, but all believe and follow Christ.



From the Parish Office...

Reconciliation

To all children who will be doing their Reconciliation this year, you are reminded that at any Mass this weekend, you will need to bring with you your Prayer Letter to be handed out to a parishioner (unknown to you) for their prayers for your journey.

Your next session is Tuesday, 4 November and will be a Parent **AND** Child session.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are presently inviting any adults who would like to become a Catholic to participate in our formation program leading up to being baptised and received into the Church at Easter.

There will be an **ENQUIRY NIGHT** on **Wednesday, 29 October at 7.30pm** at the Church. Please inform those that may be interested to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Fr Joby on 8883 4063.

Baptism Seminar

If you have a child that you wish to have Baptised here at Our Lady of the Angels, we ask that you first attend a Baptism Seminar. Our next Seminar is on this Sunday, 26 October immediately following the 10am mass in the OOSH room.

All Saints Day Mass

A special mass will be held on All Saints Day, Saturday, 1 November at 9.00am.

All Souls Day Mass

A special mass will be held on All Souls Day, Sunday, 2 November at 5.30pm.

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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Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Marcus Mileto	Thomas Cutuk	Caitlyn Williams
Kinder G	Taylor Cummings	Justin Medjumarac	Emma Cleary
Kinder W	Roxanne Pace	Charlotte Muscat	Madison Zahra
Year 1B	Chanel Johnston	Bowen Cleary	Jericho Cirera
Year 1 G	Marcus Castellan	Lucy Taylor	Sarah Cleary
Year 1W	Isabella Sanborn	Denzel Chang	Michael Eyles
Year 2 B	Luke Awadalla	Brayden O'Leary	Nicholas Gomez
Year 2 W	Giaan Lee	Harry Taylor	Jada Scoulou
Year 3 B	Antonia Manago	Max Kelly	Charlotte Garcia
Year 3 G	Owen Huber	Phoebe Strykowski	Malachi Cauchi
Year 3 W	Tyra Abdallah	Isaac Swinden	Bella Masters
Year 4 B	Claudia Coombes	Jordan Sanborn	Annalise Coelho
Year 4 W	Luke Hill	Maneesha Gunasekara	Jai Turner
Year 5/6 B	Angelina Cutuk	Ana Basic	Bethany Dersch
Year 5/6 W	Kristian Skoljarev	Bryan Manago	Ella Girdham