

"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth;" Matthew 5:5

Dear Parents

Today we continue to the next like of the Beatitudes, above. Many assume the term means weak, tame, or deficient in courage but the biblical understanding of meekness is to allow God to have control over us. This control means that we should not inflate our own self-estimation and assert ourselves for our own interests or personal gains. Meek people see themselves as servants of God, not thinking more highly of themselves than they ought to think. To be meek is to accept our strengths and limitations for what they truly are, instead of constantly trying to portray ourselves in the best possible light. However, it does not mean that we should deny our strengths and abilities. These are the talents God has given us to live our lives in service of bringing about the Reign of God – a world of justice and love.



Maths Workshop

Thank you to the handful of parents who attended the morning workshop. I understand that some were disappointed that having toddlers restricted them from attending. The reality is that, in the past, teachers have stayed behind till late at night and still only a small number of parents attend. We will continue to do what we can to offer such opportunities for parents.

Thank you Mrs Hey for organising and presenting, along with Mrs Macare, Ms Grima, Ms Pepin and Mrs Giglio. This is a letter received from one of those who attended...

"Thankyou so much to you and your fellow teachers who were involved in the maths workshop on Tuesday morning. I found it to be so informative and gave me the confidence and tools to help my children with some simple maths games while still learning. Despite years of tertiary education trying to help my children understanding fundamental maths concepts can be quite challenging. I'm glad I took the time off work to attend."



**SEE YOU ALL AT THE FIESTA,
THIS SUNDAY COMMENCING AT 11 AM AND FINISHING
WITH FIREWORKS AT 6PM!!**

Dates to Remember

Sun 14 th Aug:	OLA Fiesta – Parish Mass 11am + procession
Mon 15 th Aug:	8.00am Maths Olympiad Preparation
	Feast of the Assumption – 9am Whole School Mass
Tues 16 th Aug:	Maths Olympiad Contest
Thurs 18 th Aug:	Hills Zone Athletics Carnival
Fri 19 th Aug:	Staff Development Day – No school for students on this day
Mon 22 nd Aug:	Author Visit
Wed 24 th Aug:	Father's Day Stall
Fri 26 th Aug:	Book Fair

Sunday, 14 August 2016: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 12:49-53)

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Gospel Reflection

Jesus declares to His disciples, "I came to cast fire on earth." In Luke's Gospel Jesus is not just speaking to His disciples but to all of us. After severe bushfires, eventually we see new growth. The fire allows seedpods to burst open, cleanse the soil smothering undergrowth and return all the nutrients back to the soil so seeds can be germinated. It is this fire that Jesus brings to earth. The questions we can ask ourselves, is if we have opened our own hearts to Jesus and they burn with the love of God and the love of others. Do we set the hearts of others on fire with the love of God and love for one another? I reflect on my WYD experience and I was blown away at the openness of the youth to express their faith and declare their love for God. The home of Pope John-Paul II was a place of great inspiration, as I listened to a catechesis, where the bishop shared how Pope John-Paul II set the Polish peoples' hearts on fire at a time of such anguish. He spoke to the people not about war and sadness but about God. The people who had attended this Mass, responded after his homily with three simple words, 'WE WANT JESUS!' WYD pilgrimage was truly a journey to see the 'FACE of MERCY' and set our hearts on fire, to feel and experience the love of Jesus and the strength of our faith across the world.

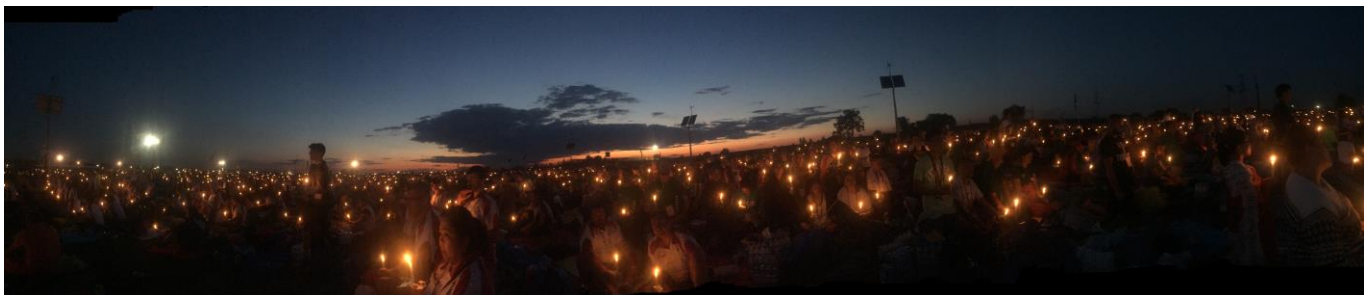


Image taken of the Saturday night Vigil, where we prayed as one with Pope Francis during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (WYD 2016)

The feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-15th August (9am Parish Mass)



On the 15th of August, we celebrate Mary's Assumption into heaven. The feast day is a day of Holy Obligation. The Blessed Virgin Mary, was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. The Gospel recall Mary's willingness to say yes to God, after the visit from the angel Gabriel and her visit to her cousin Elizabeth who was also expecting a child. The Gospel reminds us of the importance of Mary, being born without original sin, the Immaculate Conception, who could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. We remember Mary's faith and her willingness and openness to God, to allow God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. (Loyola Press 11-8-2016)

Way of Mercy Parish Celebration

Families from Rouse Hill are invited to attend the **Regional Parish Celebration of the Way of Mercy** to be held on Sunday 16th October at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill. Our Lady of the Angels will be blessed to receive the cross and two relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Mother Teresa on the Monday 17th October from 9-11am. More information about this liturgy will be available in the upcoming weeks.



MINI OLYMPICS @ OLA



OLA will be holding a Mini Olympics event on the 25th August 2016, during both lunch breaks. We ask students to dress in their favourite country or flag colours to represent all the colours of our world. School captains and SRC will be running a variety of activities so OLA students will feel like they are at the Olympics. All we need is a gold coin donation to support the Diocesan Works Fund (Donations benefit ministries that are supported by the Diocesan. Funds provide support for Catholic Care Social Services, Ephpheta, Parramatta Institute for Mission, Aboriginal Catholic Services, Hospital, Prison and University Chaplaincies are a few groups your donations will support). AUSSIE! AUSSIE! OI! OI! OI!



Mrs Katrina Byrne

Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator



www.bebrave.help Our new online resource to **inspire, reassure and encourage students, targeting Years 3 – 6**. If you are on facebook you might like to share this exciting short promotional clip with your families which was filmed at Holy Cross Primary Glenwood.

Created in partnership with Western Sydney University and featuring video messages from;

- Western Sydney Wanderers players
- GWS Giants players
- NSW Swifts player
- Young Australian of the Year Drisana Levitzke-Gray
- TV personality Kayne Tremills

ICAS News

The last ICAS competition for 2016 will be MATHS on **16th August**. Students need to be at school ready to start the competition at 7.55am and must bring a pencil and eraser.

The results of the Science Competition were announced at Monday morning's assembly.

Congratulations to:

Credit: Joyce Ghobrial, Janiya Deacruz, Aidan Vilathgamuwa, Madison Zahra, Max Fischer, Caitlyn Palmer-Burton, Harry Taylor, Remi Ferdinands

Distinction: Eoin Trainor

High Distinction: James Apap

The results of the Spelling Competition were announced at today's assembly. Congratulations to:

Merit: Georgia Domars

Credit: Caitlyn Palmer-Burton, Lucy Taylor, Alicia Dersch, Juliana Constantino, Remi Ferdinands

Distinction: Roman Bizzanelli, Phoebe Strykowski, Manessha Gunasekara

Premier's Reading Challenge – Congratulations to the 52 students who have completed the required reading for the PRC and have had their online reading logs validated. There are 24 registered students who still need to complete the online record. This needs to be done by next Friday **19th August**.

Maths club – There will be no Maths Club next Thursday 18th August due to the zone athletics carnival. Maths Club will resume Thursday 25th August at 8.20am.

Voice of Youth – Voice of Youth is a diocesan wide annual speech competition in which our Year 6 students participate. This year the cluster final is being held on Wednesday 17th August. We congratulate Tiarne McLuskey and Emily Odd who will be representing OLA at this event and wish them luck. The primary students were lucky enough to hear their speeches at this afternoon's assembly.

School Banking

Next week school banking will be done on **Wednesday morning** (the day the books are due in). Please remember to send your bank book in on Wednesday.

Uniform

We now have woollen vests for boys available at the uniform shop. Cost: \$55.00 Sizes 6-14

CHANGE OF DATE

Maths Olympiad

The next Maths Olympiad contest was due to be held on Wednesday, August 17, but due to the Year 6 Voice of Youth it will now be held on **Tuesday, August 16**.

Extra preparation sessions will be held at 8am on **Monday, August 15**. It has been suggested that the students car pool if transport is a problem and they wish to attend.

Jan Schroder

Maths Olympiad Coordinator

Literacy News

Vocabulary building tips

Play games with homonyms – words that sound alike but are spelled differently and mean something different, as in “sun” and “son.” For example, on the versatile refrigerator door, post train rain- or “reign-rain” or “pray-prey” or “flower -flour.” Ask family members to add to the list. You’ll be surprised at how many homonyms they will uncover.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/vocabulary/>



Whole School Writing Task

This week all students completed another ‘Whole School Writing Task’. Students viewed an animated short film, *The Present*, and then wrote an imaginative or informative text. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96kI8Mp1uOU>

Our literacy focus this year is for all students’ writing to reflect an increase in the use of richer vocabulary. Well done to all students!

2016 Book Week (22-26th August) **Theme-Australia! Story Country**



Author Visit



During Book Week in week 6, **Jess Black** will visit our school on Monday 22nd August to talk to all grades about what it is like being an author. Students will have the opportunity over the next few weeks to view some of her work and become familiar with her writing style. Jess Black is an Australian author of children's books. She has written over twenty-five junior fiction books and has two picture books coming out in 2016. Jess is the co-author of the hugely successful *Bindi Wildlife Adventure* series, the *RSPCA Animal Tales* series and *The Kaboom Kid* series with David Warner. Jess has a new four book series called *Keeper of the Crystals*. Book one, *Eve and the Runaway Unicorn*, is available from June 1st.

Students will also have the opportunity to buy her books and have it signed by Jess during her visit. **The order form is attached to this week’s newsletter. Last chance for orders, Monday 15th August**

Book Fair

On Friday 26th August, The Children’s Bookshop will be displaying books in our school for families to purchase. Parents are invited to purchase books with their children from 8:30-12:30pm. There will be a staff member from the Children’s Bookshop to assist in recommending books for your child/ren. Prices range from \$5-\$20. If you are unable to attend on the day, you may like to send money in an envelope for your child to purchase with their class.

Cash, cheque & eftpos facilities will be available.

Reading Afternoon

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of reading with their child for our book week celebrations on **Thursday 25th August at 2:30pm.**

Words of the Week

Infants- steep

Primary- replenish

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

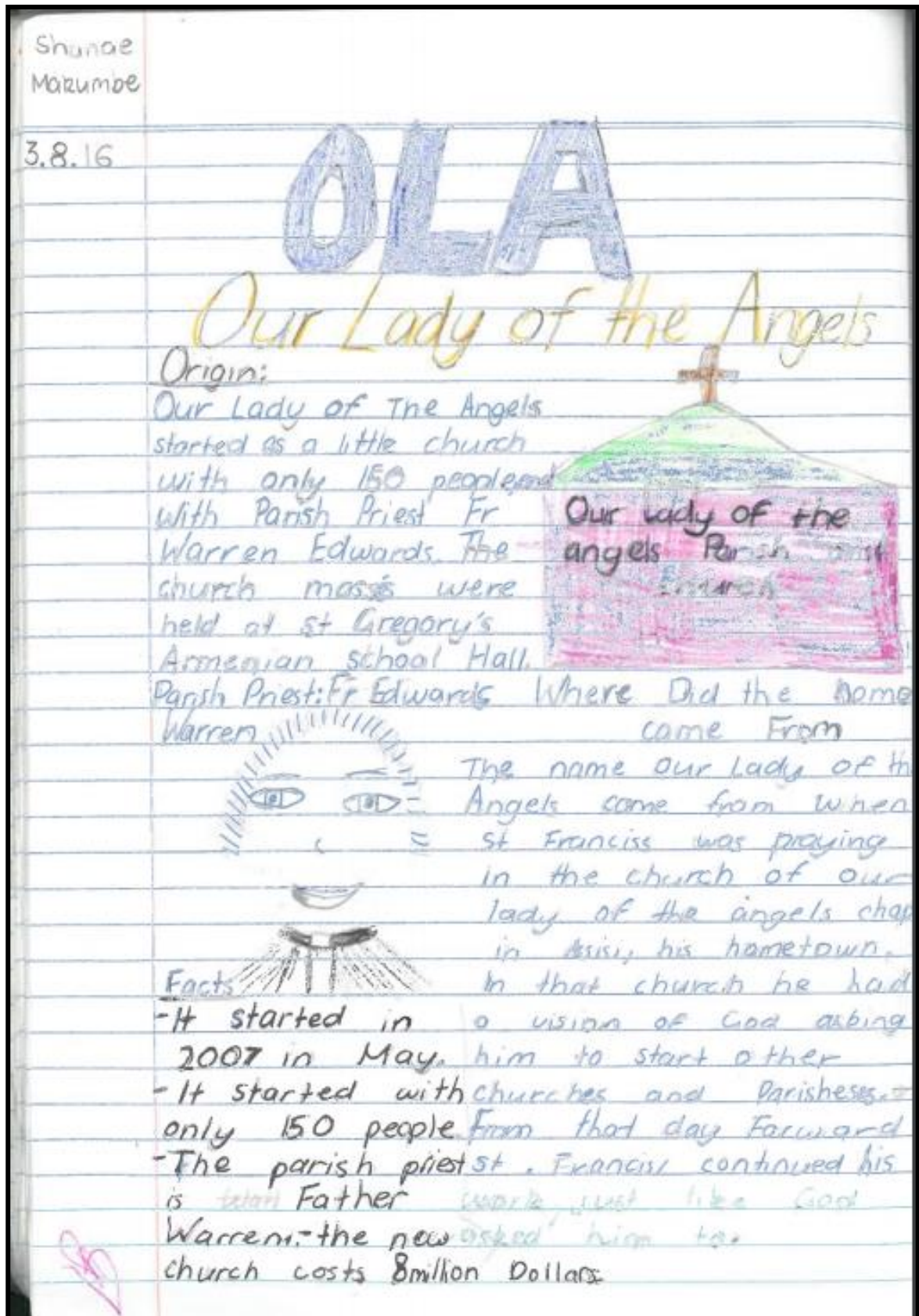
HILLS ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday the 18th of August, OLA will have 46 students from years 3-6 represent OLA at the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival. We wish all these students the best of luck, may they achieve their personal best and represent OLA with lots of pride and sportsmanship.

From the Classroom....

5B

This term Year 5 are learning about their own parish and the many people who make up our church community. The students have created a brochure with information about how our parish was established.





P&F NEWS

The 'OLA Family Fiesta' weekend has arrived!

**Come down and visit the AMAZING Art Hall!
Can you spot your child's art? Make a donation and take it home 😊**

Come and watch the local talent ... including our very own OLA's GOT TALENT finals.

Visit the great stalls and try some delicious international foods! A fun-filled day for all...



Thank you in advance to all those who have spent many months preparing and organising some part of the OLA FAMILY FIESTA. This promises to be an enjoyable day for our OLA families and local community.



PLEASE RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS TO THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP BEFORE THE DRAW ON SUNDAY!



SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction items are amazing! Bids have already been placed. Come and check them out on the day near the Chocolate Wheel.

ITEMS INCLUDE:

- 2 x Bledisloe Cup Tickets
- 2 x NFL College Football Cup Tickets
- Russell Hobbs Performance Food Processor
- Showboat Harbour Cruise for 2
- Body and Beauty Luxury Haircare Pack
- Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise for 2
- Unique Framed Wiggles Memorabilia
- Crestell Wool Queen-Size Quilt

3 Night Stay – Family Suite
 Northpoint Waterfront Apartments
 Port Macquarie (Ocean-view Room)
 Lynwood Country Club Golf Package for 4
 Nuts Galore Large Basket
 Tooheys Esky and Entertaining Package
 Hair Warehouse Large Giftpack
 The Sebel Hawkesbury Resort and Spa: Overnight Stay for 2 inc Breakfast



Ride Wrist Bands

FINAL PRE-PURCHASE AFTER SATURDAY NIGHT MASS.

Thank you for your help and support in our school parent community. We can be contacted via email olapfc@gmail.com or our Facebook page.



*Our Lady of the Angels
 PELF Association*



CatholicCare

is here for you

Below are just some of the services we provide;

- Disability services under NDIS
- Keeping Kids in Mind and Rollercoasters – programs for separated parents and their children
- Cool Kids - a skills based program that teaches children (6-12yrs) and their parents how to better manage the child's anxiety
- Counselling services – for all stages and circumstances of life, including grief, gambling and financial counselling
- Triple P and other parenting courses
- Marriage counselling and support
- Natural Fertility Services



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  www.ccss.org.au

 us on
  CCSSParramatta

We run a number of other social services in the community which include

- Family Daycare
- Refugee Settlement Services
- Homelessness service for teen mothers
- Indigenous community hub
- Volunteer based service for the elderly

We have created www.inspir8.com.au which aims to inspire, reassure and encourage primary age children in Years 3 – 6

OFFICE LOCATIONS: Blacktown, Emerton, Orchard Hills, Parramatta, Penrith, Springwood

From the Parish Office...

OLA Family Fiesta - Sunday, 14 August

A very big thank you to Mrs La Rocca, the OLA School Community and the OLA P&F Committee for your help for the OLA Family Fiesta.

Your Invitation

You, your family and friends are invited to come along and celebrate Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day on Sunday, 14 August.

Mass starts at 11am followed by a procession.

Rides, food stalls and entertainment will commence at 1pm and we will conclude with fireworks at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Please note that there **WILL NOT** be mass at 10am and 5.30pm.

We are also selling Pre-paid Wristbands for \$25- for unlimited rides.

These can be purchased prior to August 13!

Thank you

Thank you so much for your help in selling the Raffle Tickets to your family and friends. We are now collecting these back for the most fantastic Raffle ever!! Wishing you all good luck with this draw.

All Year 3 Students who received their First Communion in 2016 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.

The Feast of the Assumption

Monday, 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption. This is one of two remaining Holy Days of Obligations where you are obligated to attend mass. Our Parish will be having mass **at 9am and 7.30pm.**

Confirmation

There will be a Parent Only session on Thursday, 18 August at 7.30pm.

For further enquiries, please contact the parish office directly.

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

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Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

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Until next week, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca,

Term 3 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Makiah Arora	Lucas Buda	Natalie Holopikian
Year 3 G	Chanel Johnston	Caitlyn Palmer-Burton	Kimberly Mabhena
Year 3 W	Akeesha Guneseckara	Roman Bizzanelli	Georgia Nemitsas
Year 4 B	Zac Lesar	Nathan Cook	Jasmyn Robertson
Year 4 W	Ethan Graham	Thomas Lenane	Mikayla Bowden
Year 5 B	Isaac Sultana	Sascha Strykowski	Kylan Ewer
Year 5 G	Olivia Jones	Sienna Farrugia	Nicola Topic
Year 5W	Karl Fischer	Ariane Maher	Sebastian Mileto
Year 6 B	Alexandra Mercado	James Darmanin	Kristiana Blazeovic
Year 6 W	Daniella Lopresti	Brock Bailey	Ashton Stacey