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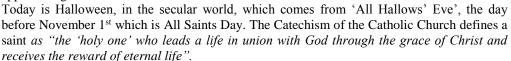


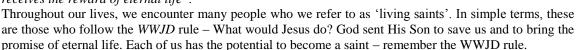
31st October, 2014

Week 4 Term 4

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the midpoint of the term and the year's end is fast





All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation where all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. However, this is not the case when it falls on a Saturday. The following day, November 2nd, is All Souls Day when we are asked to remember and pray for all those who have died but are not privy to eternal life with God. The following prayer was prayed by our staff this morning (thanks Mrs Hey) and I share with you:

A Prayer Meditation for All Saints Day

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses Where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, Strong hands and those gnarled with age Holy hands, used as wave offerings across the land.

> We thank you, God, for hardworking saints; Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, Head ragged or aproned, Blue-collared or three-piece-suited

They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Please refer to the notice further in this Newsletter from our local police regarding Halloween. On the topics of saints...

It was delightful to welcome all our 2015 Kindergarten angels to Kinder Orientation last Wednesday. How quickly that time has come around again. Amongst them were 45 siblings! In our first year here, only five years ago, we had one sibling. We have come a long way. We will welcome them again next Wednesday.

A message to the 'not so new' mums of Kinder 2015 - the P&F have organised to meet for coffee at Oliver Browns from 9.15am while the new kinders are in class. This is an opportunity to welcome the new parents to our school and to put their minds at ease over any of those 'big school' worries. Your experience is greatly valued. Toddlers welcome.

Dates to Remember

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

Tues 11th Nov: Stage 3 Oztag League Gala Day

Mon 17th Nov: Stage 3 CPR training

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Gospel Reflection

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to

reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

The guide for this week's Mass allows for a number of different Gospel readings for All Souls Day. Each year, All Souls Day is celebrated on the 2nd November. This year, it happens to fall on a Sunday and we celebrate it as part of our Sunday celebration. Father Warren has selected the reading above for the Gospel. You or your child might like to ask him why he has selected this particular reading from the choices.

This weekend with your family...

As you gather as a family, remember the names of family members or friends who have died. Talk about these people, sharing memories of their lives and their influence on your family. Recall that today is All Souls Day. On this day we remember all those who have died, and we pray for them. Talk about Jesus' promise of eternal life and our hope of eternal life for all those who have died. Conclude by praying for all those who have died, naming in particular family members and friends. After each person is named, pray together "Lord, have mercy."

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

Take time to remember your loved ones in heaven this weekend!

Mr Andrew Baker ©

All Saints Day! Feast Day: November 1st



This feast day grew out of the love and devotion of God's people. The Church chose this feast to honor God in His saints, in whom He has shown Himself so wonderful. We thank God as the creator of all holiness and for the graces He has showered upon them.

The communion of saints is made up of all true children of God. They may belong to:

- · The militant Church on earth
- · The suffering Church in purgatory or
- · The triumphant Church in heaven

Some saints needed to pass through purgatory to be purified before they were fit for the Lord's presence. They stayed there until they were ready to see God. They are with him now forever. A few saints have their own feast day but as there are not enough days in the year we cannot celebrate a special day for each of the saints. Some stayed close to God all their lives. Others found Him along the way. Some led good lives without too much difficulty. Others made big mistakes, but were truly sorry for their sins and drew close to God. They made it! We celebrate their journey that led to eternal happiness with God. We celebrate our own family members, relatives, neighbours and friends whom we believe are in heaven.

This week we can rejoice in our hearts with all the saints in heaven. We can make up our own prayer to them, thanking them for the witness of their lives. We can thank them too, for helping us overcome our difficulties and temptations. We ask them to help us on our own journey through life so we can be saints like them and go to heaven.



Family Sacred Space.

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

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

From the P&F - Melbourne Cup Trifecta Guessing Competition

Thank you to all parents who have taken tickets to sell for the Melbourne Cup Trifecta Guessing Competition. As Monday and Tuesday are the main days to sell tickets, if anyone would like to collect more tickets on Monday, please contact the office and we will send them home with your child, or alternatively, come into the office and pick some up. Thank you.

Melbourne Cup High Tea - On Tuesday 4th November the P & F will be holding a Race Day High Tea at school in the Music room from 1pm until 3.10pm. Light refreshments will be served, so come and enjoy great company whilst we wait for the race at 3.00pm.

Dress code is casual race day attire but as we will be having hat or fascinator of the field parade, we would like everyone to get into the spirit and be adventurous with their hats or fascinators. There will be great prizes for those lucky winners.

For catering purposes if you would like to join us please email **olapandf@hotmail.com** asap with numbers attending. Toddlers are welcome.

Spread the word to friends and family and we look forward to seeing you on the day for what promises to be a lot of fun!

Kind Regards, P&F Committee

Social skill

The new social skill for this fortnight is "Staying out of fights."

- Stop
- Count to 10
- Think about your choices
 - o Walk away
 - Talk to the person in a friendly way
 - Ask someone to help you solve the problem
- Act out your best choice

Creative Arts DVD

If you child participated in the Creative Arts Expo and you would like to purchase a DVD of the night (approx. cost \$5-\$10), please email the school requesting a copy, by Wednesday 5th November. Thanks

Boot Campers of the Week

Congratulations to Jordyn Eldred & Brock Crook 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 Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

Changes to Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Enrolment Policy

In September 2014, a new enrolment policy and procedures were approved for use by Catholic systemic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta.

What has changed?

Under the previous enrolment policy, Catholic families were asked to enrol their child/ren in their local parish or 'feeder' school. Recognising the changing nature of work and family life, the new policy allows Catholic families greater choice, by removing the concept of 'feeder' parishes and schools.

Catholic families may now apply for enrolment in a Catholic school anywhere in the Diocese.

Where places are limited, priority will be given in order to:

- Catholic children who live in the local parish
- Catholic children from other parishes
- Children of families who actively participate in the life of the school and local parish community (e.g. siblings)
- Orthodox children
- Children from other Christian faiths
- Children of non-Christian faiths

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Who makes decisions regarding enrolment of students?

The principal of each school has the delegated authority to accept enrolments. The Principal must consult with the Parish Priest and Catholic Education's Director of System Performance to ensure the enrolment policy and procedures are given effect.

2. How is enrolment determined?

The principal determines if the student meets regular enrolment criteria by:

- a. conducting enrolment interviews as necessary in consultation with the parish priest
- b. reviewing all enrolment applications using the CEDP enrolment process

3. Will siblings of children already enrolled have preference?

Siblings of children already enrolled in the school are considered by the same criteria above. However, within each of these categories, a sibling of a child already enrolled will have preference over an applicant who does not have a sibling enrolled in the school.

4. Is enrolment guaranteed for existing primary students?

A child who has completed primary education in a Catholic Diocesan primary school will usually be offered continuity of enrolment in a Catholic Diocesan secondary school. If no places exist at the school of choice, contact Catholic Education's Director of System Performance to assist the family to enrol in another Catholic secondary school in the Diocese.

The policy and procedures are available via www.parra.catholic.edu.au - go to 'About Us' menu and click 'Policy Central'.

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FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

Should Christianity still have a voice in the public square?

Presented by John Cleary, host of Sunday Nights on ABC Local Radio 702. John is a member of the ABC's specialist Religion & Ethics Unit and is often heard as a commentator on religious issues for ABC Radio and TV. Don't miss this special presentation – all welcome.

Date: Saturday 1 November, from 10.30am-noon.

RSVP: Thursday 30 October tel (02) 9847 0448, (02) 4332 9825, registrations@dbb.org.au

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (entry from City View Road).

Upcoming Lecture Series: 'Who Do You Say I Am? Discipleship in Mark's Gospel'

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four gospels we have, and yet through a reflection on its 16 chapters, readers are challenged to answer the question that Jesus asks of His disciples, "Who do you say I am?"

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Dean of the Blue Mountains Deanery and Parish Priest of St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, will offer a three-part lecture series at two different sites.

Dates: The lectures will take place on Tuesdays 4, 11 and 18 November in the morning from 10.30am-12.30pm at St Finbar's Parish (46 Levy Street, Glenbrook) and in the evening from 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Thomas Aquinas Parish (168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood).

RSVP 31 October: tel (02) 4739 8928, secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Information: This lecture series is an initiative of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Faith in Our Future, which aims to offer faith formation, resources and social support services closer to our people. For more information,

see www.faithinourfuture.org.au

Marriage and Pre-Marriage Education Survey

Couples who are engaged or who have married in the past 12 months are invited to participate in a Marriage and Pre-Marriage Education Survey being conducted by Catholic Care and Relationships Australia through the Australian Catholic University (ACU). The research project investigates the attitudes, beliefs, values and understandings of couples entering into marriage, about marriage itself and pre-marriage education. Your answers will help provide a rich insight into the attitudes, values, beliefs and understandings of couples entering into marriage.

Participate: You can participate in the online survey via the link on CatholicCare Parramatta's

website: www.ccss.org.au or on ACU's website:https://acu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_esPaDb8EDLPn4jP&Q_JFE=0 Closing date: Friday 31 October.

Further details: Jennifer Perrott TB0107149@myacu.edu.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Invest in your most precious asset ... your marriage!

Dates: Friday 7 November to Sunday 9 November 2014.

Venue: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

 $Inquiries \& bookings: Ardell \& Bill Sharpe \ tel \ (02) \ 4283 \ 3435 \ or \ wsharpe @bigpond.net.au \ www.wwme.org.au Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit$

St Philomena Association Holy Mass

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker".

Date: Saturday 8 November 2014. Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am.

Venue: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share.

RSVP: Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, epeoples9@gmail.com

Use of Electronic Visual Displays in the Liturgy

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission has developed a policy for the use of electronic projection in the liturgy. The Office for Worship is holding a workshop on the policy and how parishes might best use such technology to support their liturgical celebrations. This workshop is the same as last month's Visual Displays Workshop and is for those who have not had the opportunity to attend previously.

Date: Thursday 13 November from 7pm-9pm.

Venue: Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP: Adelle tel (02) 9831 4911, ofw@ifm.org.au

St Patrick's Cathedral 'A Spring Affair' Fundraising Dinner

Tickets include pre-dinner drinks & canapés, 2-course dinner with wine & soft drinks, entertainment. Dress code – cocktail.

Date: Friday 14 November, 6.30pm for 7pm.

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall & Cloister, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Tickets: \$65PP (seniors' discount \$60PP). Tickets available after Mass at the Cathedral. For credit card purchases contact the Cathedral Office tel (02) 8839 8400.

Christian Meditation Day

This Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. All welcome.

Date: Sunday 16 November, arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm.

Venue: Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318.

Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium

This month's topic is Making Hymns with James McAuley: liturgical change in Australian Catholic life. Speaker: Richard Connolly, composer and former head, ABC Radio Drama and Features. Admission free, no membership required.

Date: Sunday 16 November, starts 2.30pm.

Venue: Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks.

Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Holy Hour for Vocations on 20 November

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Date: Thursday 20 November, from 7pm-8pm.

Venue: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.

Faith at the Fiddler

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. This month's speaker is Sherry Weddell. Topic: 'Forming Intentional Disciples – The Path to Knowing and following Jesus'. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. Date: Thursday 20 November, from 5pm-7pm.

Venue: The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill.

Details: Steven Buhagiar - Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat

This weekend retreat is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Dates: Friday 21 November to Sunday 23 November.

Venue: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills.

Inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

Write to: PO Box 317, St Peters, NSW, 2044. Visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Recollection and Prayer Day

Nurses, doctors, allied health workers, carers and all who have a loving heart for the sick are invited to a Recollection and Prayer Day. The aim of the day is for those in the caring professions to have a time of prayer and recollection and be renewed in their professional calling. It is hoped that by coming together with others your first love of your profession will be rekindled and the fire reignited.

Keynote address by Fr Marcelo (Bong) Pamintuan MI, Camillian Priest and Chaplain to The Children's Hospital Westmead. The day will include discussion, prayer times, quiet time, group sharing and a closing liturgy. Reconciliation will also be available.

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish, 14 Ralph Street, Westmead.

Date: Saturday 22 November 2014 from 10am-3pm. There is a 9am Parish Mass preceding the prayer day.

Suggested donation \$10: BYO lunch, morning tea (tea & coffee provided).

Inquiries: Michelle tel (02) 4734 3150 (BH) or michelled95@hotmail.com

Vocation Discernment Weekend on 22-23 November

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Weekend. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director tel 0409 172 700 or email:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Faith in Our Future: A Day of Growth and Friendship

In keeping with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Faith in Our Future, Life Ascending Australia has chosen 'Fulfilment of Faith in our later years' as the subject for a reflection day. The day is aimed mainly at the over 50s however everyone is welcome. There will be two theme-based sessions, Mass, plus a presentation on the Church in Samoa, including a Samoan choir.

Date: Tuesday 25 November, commences 9.30am, concludes 2.30pm.

Venue: Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa.

Cost: Suggested donation of \$15 to defray costs, includes morning tea, BYO lunch, tea & coffee.

Details: Margaret Smith tel (02) 4753 1031, cliffmargaretsmith@hotmail.com

An invitation from the Good Sams

Is there something More to life? The Sisters of the Good Samaritan – the Good Sams – extend an invitation to young women to join them for a weekend of prayer, reflection and conversation. Experience the Good Sam story and explore the More to life for you. Does God make a difference? YES for Good Samaritan Sisters.

Dates: Friday 28 November 6pm to Sunday 30 November 5pm.

Venue: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills.

 $Further\ information:\ www.goodsams.org.au$

Festive Lunch at Gabby's at Berry

Travel with the Social Group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes to the small historic township of Berry on the picturesque South Coast. Gabby's, with its sweeping timber staircase and spectacular leadlight windows is the venue for our three-course festive feast. Entertainment included.

Date: Tuesday 2 December. Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am at the bus stop opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

Cost: \$65 including coach, morning tea & lunch.

Book now, places filling fast: Payment in full required at time of booking with Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119.

A message from our local police liaison officer....

Are you going 'Trick or Treating' for Halloween on the 31st October 2014?



NSW Police recommend you do not participate in this activity. However, if you choose to participate, here are some things you should consider:

- Is it safe to take candy, lollies, chocolate from strangers?
- Do I know the person whose door I am knocking on?
- Will I get into trouble from police if I play a 'prank' or damage property?
- What if a stranger talks to me?

Remember your safety tips from the NSW Police 'Keeping Me Safe' initiative:

- Safety in numbers! Walk in a group. Never walk alone. Ensure you have adult supervision.
- Hold hands and cross roads at safe locations such as marked crossings and/or traffic light intersections. Don't forget to 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think.'
- Do not take candy, lollies, chocolate from strangers.
- Do not talk to strangers other than the people nominated as 'Safe people' from 'Safe places'
- If you feel unsafe or unsure remember to tell a stranger 'No' 'Stop' and/or 'Go away'

If you would still like to celebrate the occasion, perhaps you could consider celebrating at home.

Police will not tolerate poor behaviour, particularly in public so remember your manners just like every other day of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Senior Constable Rob Paterson, Youth Liaison Officer from Castle Hill Police. Call 000 if you require immediate assistance or 9680 5399 for Castle Hill Police.

Thank you to Woolies IT Department for the donation of boxing gloves for our boot campers. As you can see, they loved it.









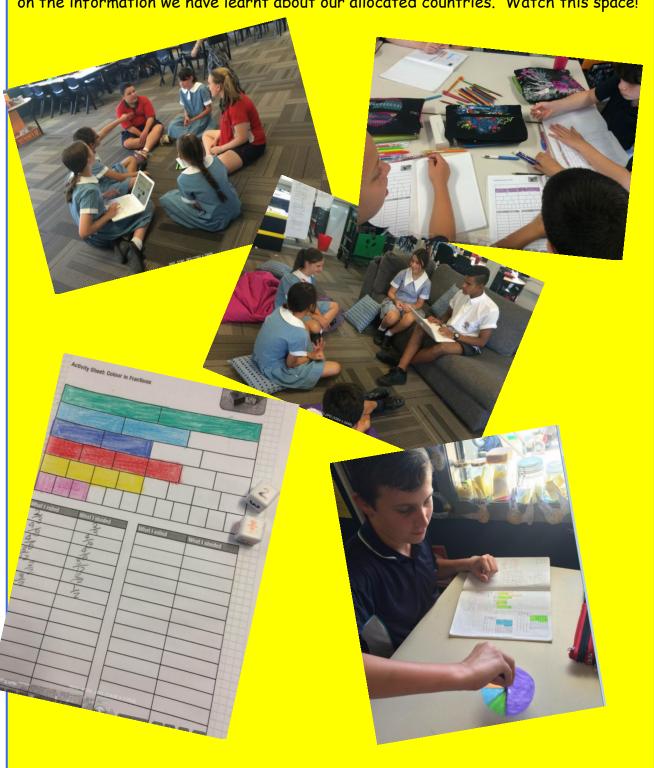




From the Classroom of 5/6W

Stage 3 has been investigating a variety of topics in Mathematics. We made our own spinners, predicted how many times they might land on a colour, then actually spun our spinners to see if our results were similar to our predictions. We've also been developing our knowledge of fractions by playing a fraction wall game. It's been a great challenge!

For the next three weeks, we also have some Year 8 Terra Sancta students working with us on a multicultural unit. We're going to be performing a dance with our Year 8 friends at the end of the study as well as participating in an 'Amazing Race' based on the information we have learnt about our allocated countries. Watch this space!



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 collect your Penance card.

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

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.

Christmas 2014!!

OLA Parish will be holding it's Christmas Party on Sunday, 21 December. Watch this space for further details!

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.

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Ph: 8883 4063 Fax: 9629 7603

Thank you to Mr Basladynski (Patrick 1W's dad) for the donation of a load of sand for our sandpit.

Bus Routes for OLA

We are currently looking into bus routes from school for 2015. We have attached some existing routes and also proposed routes from Hillsbus for your perusal. If you would like to apply for a bus pass for 2015, now is the time to do it. Please email the office, or send a note in for an application form to be sent home. They need to be returned to school as soon as possible so the passes can be processed for 2015.

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Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Jayden Thornton	Ava Camilleri	Marcus Kroeger
Kinder G	Sienna Jeffriess	Julia Zammit	Joseph Abdallah
Kinder W	Amalia-Rose Trifiro	Emma Quinjano	Emily Lenane
Year 1B	Akeesha Gunasekara	Mia-Bella Trifiro	Drew Sammut
Year 1 G	Anneliese Gutwenger	Kimberly Mabhena	Angelica Manago
Year 1W	Tobin Kroeger	Brayden Stoddard	Natalie Holopikian
Year 2 B	Matthew Dalton	Alexander Harrod	Tahlia Armeni
Year 2 W	Jane Whelan	Natasha Charlesworth	Marcus Odd
Year 3 B	Alissa Sweeney	Joshua Maisetti	Jessica Bollard
Year 3 G	Sophia Tapley	Hollie Ford	Tea-Elise Kreoger
Year 3 W	Shanae Makumbe	Melissa Preston	Anthony Cutuk
Year 4 B	Caden Naidu	Darci Buxton	Raphael Di Lorenzo Boussard
Year 4 W	William Anderson	Rex Finch	Mirko Basic
Year 5/6 B	Sharmayne Gibson	Jordan Vargas	Olivia Scott
Year 5/6 W	Cormac King	Blake Tickell	Dillon Adhihetty