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Week 5 Term 2

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

In last week's Newsletter, I referred to Pope Francis and his fervent efforts in sustaining the family.

LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS TO FAMILIES

Dear families,

With this letter, I wish, as it were, to come into your homes to speak about an event which will take place at the Vatican this coming October. It is the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which is being convened to discuss the theme of "pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelization". Indeed, in our day the Church is called to proclaim the Gospel by confronting the new and urgent pastoral needs facing the family.

This important meeting will involve all the People of God – bishops, priests, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful of the particular Churches of the entire world – all of whom are actively participating in preparations for the meeting through practical suggestions and the crucial support of prayer. Such support on your part, dear families, is especially significant and more necessary than ever. This Synodal Assembly is dedicated in a special way to you, to your vocation and mission in the Church and in society; to the challenges of marriage, of family life, of the education of children; and the role of the family in the life of the Church. I ask you, therefore, to pray intensely to the Holy Spirit, so that the Spirit may illumine the Synodal Fathers and guide them in their important task. As you know, this Extraordinary Synodal Assembly will be followed a year later by the Ordinary Assembly, which will also have the family as its theme. In that context, there will also be the World Meeting of Families due to take place in Philadelphia in September 2015. May we all, then, pray together so that through these events the Church will undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel.

I am writing this letter to you on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. The evangelist Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, in keeping with the Law of Moses, took the Baby Jesus to the temple to offer him to the Lord, and that an elderly man and woman, Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, went to meet them and acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah (cf. Lk 2:22-38). Simeon took him in his arms and thanked God that he had finally "seen" salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigour and began to speak to everyone about the Baby. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the one who brings together and unites generations! He is the inexhaustible font of that love which overcomes every occasion of self-absorption, solitude, and sadness. In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. He offers us his word, which illuminates our path; he gives us the Bread of life which sustains us on our journey.

Dear families, your prayer for the Synod of Bishops will be a precious treasure which enriches the Church. I thank you, and I ask you to pray also for me, so that I may serve the People of God in truth and in love. May the protection of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph always accompany all of you and help you to walk united in love and in caring for one another. I willingly invoke on every family the blessing of the Lord.

*From the Vatican, 2 February 2014
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

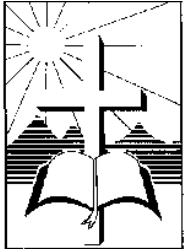
FRANCIS

Last Monday was Pyjama Day. This has become an annual event that draws out attention to those in need – those who sleep outside in the cold without the comfort of a warm bed. This year, this event aligned with the Diocesan Works Fund Appeal with students bringing to school their family's donation to support this drive. On behalf of the needy in the vast area of Parramatta Diocese, I would like to extend a very big 'THANK YOU' for your generosity. This community raised a total of \$2,530.00. This money will go to support numerous projects run by the diocese, some of which were featured in this Newsletter over the past few weeks.



Dates to Remember

Tues 3 rd June:	OLA Athletics Carnival
Fri 6 th June:	Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY
Mon 9 th June:	Public holiday
Fri 13 th June:	Mass: Yr 3
Fri 20 th June:	Mass: Yr 2
Tues 24 th June:	Principal's Morning Tea: Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Wed 25 th June:	USA Visitors: Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Fri 27 th June:	Last day of School
Mon 14 th July:	First day of Term 3



Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 17: 1-11A

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples. Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

Together with your family: Gather together as a family and think about the tradition of praying for other people. Who do you pray for? What do you ask for in your prayers? In today's Gospel we find an example of Jesus' prayer to the Father. Read together today's Gospel, John 17:1-11a. Think about Jesus' prayer for his disciples. We know that Jesus continues to intercede for us at the Father's right hand. What might Jesus' prayer be for you and your family? Conclude by praying together in thanks for the great love that Jesus shows you. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the First Eucharist

This Sunday is the last week we have students from our school completing their First Holy Communion. If you are able to we encourage you to attend the 12:00 mass. This is a great way to show support for these students as part of our role as members of this faith community. Staff from the school will be attending as a way of showing our support. We hope to see everyone there! Thank you to all the staff and families who have attended the masses over the last few weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend and see you at mass!

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan

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

Family Sacred Space.

In the office foyer, we have a display cabinet of which two shelves are devoted to prayer. This is an invitation to OLA families to 'sponsor' this sacred space. This means that each week, one school family is responsible for decorating this space with some small items of their choice and relevant to them. There is one small shelf and nothing elaborate is expected. This is an initiative to bring community prayer to the fore in our school and to make it more personal and meaningful. I or someone else at school will be happy to assist you if needed. If you are interested in participating, we look forward to receiving an email from you to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. Thank you to the **Mander Family** who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Taylor Family**.



Parents and Friends Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the OLA P&F was held recently. I would like to acknowledge the outgoing committee who, as usual, had done a sterling job of supporting the school in many, many ways- from scones, to special treats to speed humps. Your generosity of self and time is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to congratulate the newly elected executive committee of the P&F. These members are:

President: Natalie Spiteri

Vice President: Carole Maisetti

Treasurer: Glenda Vecchio

Secretary: Kim Palmer Burton

PRC Parent Liaison:

I wish you a happy and productive year ahead.

Creative Arts Expo

The next creative arts meeting will be held on Friday 13th June at 9.00am in the music room. At the meeting we will be discussing the making of costumes, costume design, sourcing of material etc.

Fitness Fresh

Each week we will be giving one student a Woolworths gift card as an encouragement award for their outstanding effort during Fitness Fresh. We would like to thank Woolworths for their kind generosity.

Netball Gala Day

The annual St Bernadette's netball gala day will be held on Tuesday 22nd July. To ensure all students who have nominated to be part of a team are able to participate, we need coaches and managers for each team on the day. If we do not have volunteers then it will be necessary for us to trial to students and reduce the number of teams attending the gala day. If you are not able to coach, but are willing to be a team manager on the day, we would love to hear from you. If anyone can assist us, please email the office next week, as we need to start training the students. Thank you.

Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 3rd June

A reminder that the Athletics Carnival is being held next Tuesday at Centenary Park from 9.30am. All children are to come to school as normal and will walk across to the oval with their class teacher. We will have a police car at the intersection to assist with the crossing of the road. Children who have nominated for the 800m race need to be at the oval at 8.30am for marshalling and the 800m races will commence at 8.45am. These children are NOT to arrive before 8.30am as there is no supervision. If your child is at KTOOSH and they have nominated to participate in the 800m, please let us know on Monday by email and a teacher will walk them across. No other children (ie, siblings) are to be dropped at the oval at this time.

A reminder for the students to bring plenty of water, wear sunscreen, they must have their school hat and food for the day. There will be limited treats for sale, like chocolate crackles, chips etc. The students are to wear their sports shorts with a t-shirt of their house colour.

Parent helpers – if you have nominated to help at the primary carnival, please be at the oval at 9.00am for a short meeting. We are in need of 8 volunteers for time keeping for the 800m. If you are able to assist, please let us know on Monday.

Premier's Reading Challenge

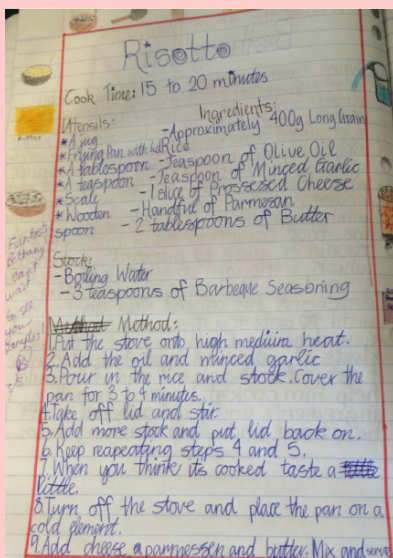
By now, all students doing the 2014 PRC should be starting to log their books read online. Congratulations to the following children who have recently completed the required reading: Alicia G, Emma Q, Zane B, Gemma G, Ava M, Ebony M, Bethany D. If you have any problems with logging on to the website, please contact Mrs Hey.

ICAS –Science

A reminder to those children who have nominated to participate in the ICAS Science competition that you need to be at school by 7.55am on Wednesday 4th June. Please bring along your pencil and eraser.

From the Class room... Year 5/6W

Stage 3 have been doing lots of things relating to FOOD this term. Our art unit is titled "Made with Love" and we've brought in a cherished recipe which is going to be made into an artwork as part of a grade cook book! We have participated in Food Revolution Day where we further learned about food made from scratch and why it's important to do so. We have written cover stories of our lives and experiences with good as we've grown up. Below are a few examples of some clipart which shows off the recipes we're sharing with one another. We are experimenting with real life tools including acrylic and watercolour paint, as well as watercolour pencils. We will also be experimenting with art making on the iPads. Take a look at our progress below:-



From the Office of the Bishop

DWF Appeal during May

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic schools during the month of May. This appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 1-8 June

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches has produced resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which has the theme: 'Has Christ been divided?', a reference to 1 Cor 1:1-17. These resources have been adapted for use in Australia by the Faith and Unity Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia. They include: Ecumenical Service of Worship outline; Daily Prayers and Biblical Reflections; Prayer Cards. These resources can be downloaded and ordered from www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au

10th National eConference on Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter: 11 June

This eConference will be streamlined live over the internet – all are welcome to participate at no charge. Presenters: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth; Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph; Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney; Selina Hasham, Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney; and Fr Noel Connelly SSC, Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute (BBI). This FREE eConference is presented by the BBI in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

The Institute for Mission in Blacktown is a host site. Time: 10am-3pm. Please contact them to register your attendance: tel (02) 9831 4911, office@instituteformission.com.au

For independent registration contact Rhonda Andersen tel (02) 9847 0726, econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au

Further details: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference

Japanese Students –



Thank you to all the parents who have generously offered to host Japanese students visiting our school in July. All students have now been placed. They are very fortunate to be placed with such lovely families and I am confident it will be an enriching and rewarding experience for all.

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday 27th May, 13 boys from Stage 3 participated in a Soccer Gala Day at Blacktown. After 6 intense games, the boys walked away with 3 draws and 3 close losses. It was extremely tough competition and the boys competed to the best of their ability. It was obvious how dedicated the boys are to their soccer. Not only did they train for numerous weeks leading up to the day but on the day they spent all of their 'off field' time practising and warming up for their next game. They are to be commended for the way they worked as a team and supported each other on and off the field. Some of our students were even cheering on other teams in other games as they spectated. The true 'Our Lady of the Angels' spirit shined through in these fine young men as they represented our school. Well done boys! Thanks to Mrs Byrne for co-ordinating the team's entry into the Gala Day. Thanks also to the many parents who were able to come along and support their boys on the day – it means a lot to both teachers and students that you are so supportive.

Mr Baker



From the Parish Office...

First Holy Communion

Our last group of Candidates will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday. Please keep in your prayers the following OLA students: Juliana Constantino, Charlie Cutroni, Eva Francesca Earp, Jesse Jack Eldred, Natasha Josephine Eyles, Sienna Grace Farrugia, Isaiah Joseph Holvander, Joshua Joseph Maisetti, Mikayla Alicia Muscat, Jayden Reed Ormsby, Anthony Aidan Parada, David Emanuel Norberto Parada, Anthony Aidan Parada, Isaac Paul Sultana and Jackson Warren. Congratulations to all those students who have received Communion for this first time.

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 3 August

We are collecting Bottles and Lollies for the Bottle Lottery and the Lolly Stall. Donations are being accepted at the Church or Parish office. Please note we cannot accept any lollies containing nuts.

Parish Fiesta - Major Raffle

This year will be holding a major raffle. Thank you to our sponsors who have generously donated as first prize a 50" Sony Bravia LED Smart TV with 3D and clear resolution enhancer. Second prizes is a 16GB iPad 2 and then third prize is a 16GB 5th iPod. Tickets are \$2- each.

2014 Confirmation

For children in Year 6 or older, who have received the Sacrament of Communion, there will be an information night on Tuesday, 19 August regarding Confirmation. For any further questions you may have, please contact Anthony in the Parish office.

Confession

Confessions are held every Saturday morning after the 9am Mass.

Our Lady of the Angels Parish - New Church

Window & Pew Sponsorship

We are inviting benefactors to sponsor a window and/or a pew. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to be a special benefactor of our new church there are many pews and windows available. The cost of the pews range from \$700-\$2800 and the windows start at \$5,000. If your family or a group of families would like to be a part of this special chance, please contact Geraldine in the Parish office 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.

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A big thank you to Mrs Legrande (Tamsyn's grandma), Mr & Mrs Papandrea (Heidi's grandparents) and Mr & Mr Iori (Isabella's grandfather and great-grandfather) for volunteering their time to talk to year 2. The children learnt so much from your stories about life in the past.

Thank you.



Until next week, may God bless and keep you safe.

Eva La Rocca,

Principal



Term 2 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Sienna Dixon	Aidan Vilathgamuwa	Matilda Wallis
Kinder G	Lily Quinlan	Ayden Stewart	Ava Carney
Kinder W	Solomon Montgomery	Lara Kelly	Anthony Gomez
Year 1B	Makiah Arora	Brendan Ewer	Drew Sammut
Year 1 G	Anneliese Gutwenger	Hayden Shak	Amelia Novelli
Year 1W	Rafael Ira	Evie Cassel	Marcus Billyard
Year 2 B	John Paul Doueihy	Charlotte Zahra	Alicia Dersch
Year 2 W	Felix Beegan	Alisa Adhihetty	Isabella Iori
Year 3 B	Ashley Cummings	Trinity Johnston	Alissa Sweeney
Year 3 G	Thomas Dobaj	Lily Cassar	Rebecca Cleary
Year 3 W	Anthony Cutuk	Jesse Eldred	Sascha Strykowski
Year 4 B	Remi Ferdinands	Cooper Brown	Annalise Coelho
Year 4 W	Kalani Nobleza	Jai Turner	Madison Lee
Year 5/6 B	Emma Corey	Will McArdle	Bethany Dersch
Year 5/6 W	Elise Ewer	Sebastian Kurcubic	Isabella Coelho