

# NEWSLETTER

*"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find".*

Dear Parents,

It is human nature to have preconceived ideas of the world around us and the people who live in it. These 'world views' are influenced by our past experiences – what we hear, see, read about etc. I know I am guilty of generalising (my children tell me so ☺).

Have you ever stopped to think of what others' views are of 'Catholics'? That's us – you and me. This came to my attention during the homily at a Sunday Mass I attended at Sacred Heart Church in Morningside Heights, an area of New York City. The priest raised the question about others' world view of Catholics. He proposed the idea that, generally, Catholics are viewed those that 'don't allow this' and 'don't allow that'. How can we change this view to be a people that 'do' rather than 'don't'?

The Hebrew Scriptures in the Old Testament preach loving your neighbour. In John's Gospel, we read about Jesus telling His disciples, *'A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.'*

(John 13: 34-35). Many of us have sung the popular hymn, 'They will know we are Christians by our love'. Jesus' new commandment challenges us to love all people, not just our neighbour. I ask myself what I can do to ensure that 'others' see Catholics as people of love are caring and considerate. I pose the same question to members of my school community, more importantly, what can I *do* to help you. Let us work together so that others will know we are Christians by our love for one another.



***"Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee."***

Along this same theme, today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart, a movable feast. Having grown up in and received all sacraments in Sacred Heart Parish, I have particular devotion to and great faith in the Sacred Heart. Remember to pray and place your trust in God's hands and have faith in His plan for us, especially when 'things go wrong'.

## Winter has arrived.

*This week we felt the arrival of cold weather – at last. It certainly was hard to get out of a warm bed and get to work on time. Quite a number of staff members, in fact arrived late for work, around 9.15am or so. When questioned their response was, 'Oh, it was cold and it was just too hard to get out of bed'. What should I say? What would your boss say if you were late for work and that was the reason, day after day?*

None of this is true, of course. However it is true of many of our students and the excuse given by parents. School is a training ground, preparing young people for the 'grown up world'. It is parents' responsibility to be the parents. Insist that your children are up and ready and at school on time.

Only 64 children out of 475 have been on time for school every day this year. DO NOT allow for television or iPad or PC, or any other distractions in the morning. You are the parent. Please do the parenting. It is your responsibility and your child/ren will thank you.

## Pyjama Day

Speaking of cold weather, there are many people who do not have the comfort of a roof over their head or a warm bed. Many are in our own neighbourhood. Thank you to Mrs Byrne (acting REC) and the Mini-Vinnies students for organising pyjama day and highlighting the plight of others. Thank you to all of you who donated warm bedding etc. Members of this school community are known for their generosity and the Vinnies men were astounded at the amount and good quality of your donations. Your actions means there will be many people a whole lot warmer this winter. Thank you.



## IMPORTANT.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE FLIER ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER EMAIL  
REGARDING THE LATEST REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND  
CONTRACTORS WORKING IN AN EDUCATIONAL SETTING.**

## Dates to Remember

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June Athletics Carnival

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY –NEXT FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY**

## Gospel according to Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Young man, I say to you arise.*

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.



### Reflection

*This Sunday's Gospel according to Luke, Jesus is helping those in need as He resurrects the young man. This miracle was witnessed by many people and they in return spread the Good News about Jesus. Jesus saw a need and felt empathy for the mother and in return helped her. We are able to live Luke's Gospel through our willingness to help those who are vulnerable around us. We can help those who are denied basic necessities, like food, shelter and love. It is our compassion to others and our capacity to restore someone to life in the way Jesus restored the life of the widow. In life, we will encounter those who have been cast out by life circumstances or by the cruel actions of others and we have the opportunity to restore them to a fuller life throughout actions. We restore life when we restore dignity; when we refuse to participate in crushing someone down and instead extend a hand to help them up. (Liturgy Help-Homilies and Reflections © Greg Sunter)*

### THANK YOU from St Vincent de Paul

As a community we have shown extreme generosity through the giving of warm clothes and blankets. It is amazing looking at the kindness of our OLA families. Through this kindness we have lived out Sunday's Gospel, by providing warmth to those who have nothing. Sometimes it is not just the items supplied but the willingness to work together as a community to provide for the less fortunate. By seeing a need, we are thinking of those people that encounter hardships and therefore in one way we are praying for them. This is the true gift, that God's love has been reflected through actions and words.

#### From the SRC



On Thursday 2nd June, OLA had Pyjama Day. We got to wear our favourite PJ's to school. We were asked to bring in some warm things like scarves, blankets, gloves and other clothing for those who are poor and cold during the Winter Season. At first break we got to organise some fun games for the school to enjoy! We did races, relays, guessing competitions and many more. We had two competitions which were a Jelly Bean and a Skittle competition. For the competitions you had to guess how many Jelly Beans or skittles were in the jar. (Year 5 SRC-Tyra A, Beatrice E and Millie E)

#### From Mini Vinnies Group...

"I am very happy to say that our social justice program has been a great success and that we have had a lot of donations over the last week. Pyjama Day does not just mean we have to dress up in our pyjamas at school. In fact, on pyjama day we think about all the people in the world who live on the streets or are not wealthy but poor. Thank you for your clothes, blankets, scarves and other items you have donated."

Phoebe Strykowski







Tap into your child's creative side!

There are some amazingly talented artists among our student body. They might be interested in entering the School Competition at this year's Orange Blossom Festival. Please refer to the attachment in this Newsletter email.

## Can you help??

### Athletics Carnival – Race Starters Needed

Thank you to all those parents who volunteered to help out at the carnival on Tuesday. We need a few parents, who are willing and comfortable to use a Starter gun to start the 100m and 200m races. Please Email or phone, to let me know if you are able to help.

Katrina Byrne

### Literacy News

#### Vocabulary building tips

1. Focus on kid-friendly definitions and examples of new words rather than complicated dictionary-style definitions.
2. Keep track of the words your child knows. List them. Categorize them. Play games with them. Revisit them. Kids often need multiple exposures to words in order to really learn them.

<http://homeliteracyblueprint.com/building-vocabulary/>

Next week's 'words of the week' are: Infants- **freeze**      Primary-**ignite**

#### Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book.

This means one picture of dad/grandpa/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading.

Thank you to these wonderful role models!

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator





## **OLA's Got Talent**

Have you got Talent? Can you dance, sing, act or play an instrument? Are you a magician, comedian or a jump rope skipper extraordinaire? Then we want you!!!

This term we will be holding grade heats for our first ever 'OLA'S GOT TALENT! Heats will take place in class time in week 8 with semi-finals to take place in week 9 on the Wednesday and Thursday during second break.

The big grand final will take place at the OLA Fiesta- so you must be available to perform there if you enter. (14<sup>th</sup> August 2016)

Register your interest by the end of week 7 on a Registration Form (Attached with the newsletter) and the OLA'S GOT TALENT Committee will inform you of when your heat will be. Performances need to be less than 3 minutes in length and can be a solo or group performance.

(It will be student's responsibility to organise, transport and provide all relevant props or music needed for performances).

We look forward to seeing all of your amazing talents.

The OLA'S GOT TALENT Committee

### **OLA'S GOT TALENT Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other people in your performance and class:- \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of performance:- \_\_\_\_\_

Type of performance (eg dance): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list anything you may need, ie music \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# P&F NEWS

## Calling bakers and helping hands ...

On Tuesday, the P&F will be running a small canteen with baked goods and light refreshments for parents at the OLA Athletics Carnival. We would like to ask for support from anyone who is able to donate a baked treat. Suggestions include **nut-free** sliced cake, slices, cupcakes, cookies and other baked treats that can be sold *individually*. Refrigeration at the park will not be available so please avoid any cream or butter icing that may spoil in the heat. Please wrap items individually / small packs in glad wrap or clear cellophane bags for hygienic handling. Also, could you please include a sign/label on the sweets with the ingredients listed.

If you can help out by donating a baked treat or offering an hour of your time on the day from 8am -2pm, please contact Nicole Brown or Ela Hudson as soon as possible.

Nicole  
0412 001 250  
[nicb210@gmail.com](mailto:nicb210@gmail.com)

Ela  
0414 431 534

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms so far. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to **donate** to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the **clean** items to the school office in a plastic bag.



*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*

### Introducing the School Opal card

The School Opalcard gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

#### Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants)  
There's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary)  
1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary)  
2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking.

#### Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

Parents whose children already have a School Opal card and are changing schools or campuses will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at [apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/rats](http://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/rats).

#### How to apply

Applications for 2017 open at the start of Term 4, 2016.

##### Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed the student's enrolment, complete the application at [transport.nsw.info/school-students](http://transport.nsw.info/school-students)

##### Step 2

Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the student's new school for endorsement.

##### Step 3

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



#### Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

##### Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Free travel after eight paid journeys each week\*
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more and apply at [opal.com.au](http://opal.com.au) or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find one in your area visit [retailers.opal.com.au](http://retailers.opal.com.au).

**i** If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

**i** A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

**i** Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from school and TAFE offices.

\* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

Please refer to the flier about PARENTLINE attached to this newsletter. This is a great support service for parents in distress.



### Premier's Reading Challenge – keep reading

*A reminder to those students who have registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge that you have until 19<sup>th</sup> August to log the books you have read onto the website. Some students have already finished the required reading and their logs have been validated.*

### **Maths Olympiad**

Solution to the problem two weeks ago

PIE + TIE = KEPT

P:6 I:3 E:4 T:8 K:1

$634 + 834 = 1468$

Notice for our Olympiad participants:-  
*Maths Olympiad Contest 2 will be held on Wednesday June 8.*

### **Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day**

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Last Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May a team of enthusiastic girls participated in a Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park. It was a freezing cold day but we all got through the seven games. The team went amazing - winning 3 games, losing 1 and drawing 3 games. It was tough competition but we carried on and showed great teamwork. At the end of the day we came close to winning but the most important thing is we had fun!

Congratulations to the following girls who participated in our soccer gala day. Ella Sievwright, Seronique Taylor, Tiarne Mcluskey, Claudia Coombes, Darci Buxton, Daniella Lopresti, Elouise Gomez, Paige Hayden, Montana Burt, Amber Lily Baker, Antonia Monago, Amelia Dimech, Shanae Makumbe and our coach Miss Crozier.

By Tiarne McLuskey, Seronique Taylor and Ella Sievwright



# From the classroom...1G

This week the children in 1G have been exploring Fractions!



The children have cut up shapes, worked with a Fraction Number Line and made amazing Fraction Artwork where we explored  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and a whole.

We even discovered that  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the same as  $\frac{2}{4}$ !! Isn't that clever?! Here are some pictures of our learning...





### From the Parish Office...

**First Communion** Next Thursday, 9 June Fr Rizzo will be holding an Instructional Mass. This mass is also open to the General Public. Fr Rizzo will explain why certain prayers are said, particular parts the congregation stand, sit or kneel. All are welcome. 7.30pm in the church

### Finding Dory with OLA!!

The OLA WYD'16 Pilgrims are holding a Special Event Night at Reading Cinemas, Rouse Hill on Friday 24 June at 6pm. Tickets are \$16 per person or there are options of Family Deals. Call the parish office 88834063 or email Faith, OLA Youth Co-ordinator e: youth@ourladyoftheangels.org.au to reserve your tickets.

### We're fundraising with Entertainment

#### The 2015/2016 Edition has now expired.

The 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book and Digital Memberships are here and features over \$20,000 worth of valuable up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for some of the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more **for only \$65**. So take advantage of the great offers available with your new Entertainment™ Membership now! Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from **Our Lady of the Angels Parish** again to support our fundraising efforts. Contact the Parish office for further information if needed.

### Attention all Mums/Dads and Bubs - Playgroup

All Parents and Bubs are invited to come along to OLA Playgroup on every Friday morning at 9.30am in the OOSH room. For further information, please contact Piaf on 0403 486 477.

### Save the Date:

The date for the Parish Fiesta has been set for Sunday, 14 August. Make sure you keep that date clear in your diary!!

### Scripture Reflection

Every Wednesday, Fr Rizzo will be holding Scripture Reflection which is based on the Gospel of the following weekend. A great way to receive a deeper meaning of each week's Gospel. Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the OLA Hall "Old Church". Everyone welcome.

### 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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Assistant Priest:** Fr John Rizzo

**Parish Secretaries:** Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:** Christine Leahy

**Email:** parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Website:** www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au



What people are saying about our wonderful school:

*"All the extra time and efforts put in by the teacher's, is greatly appreciated. Our children are so blessed to have such dedicated teachers who are willing to give a lot of their own time to ensure our children can be involved in a variety of experiences."* Name provided.

Please see attached flyer on Cyber Safety, this week on *Instagram* as well as a sample parent/child agreement when using the internet. Also, *Youtube* resent with both sides ☺

*Until next week, God bless and stay safe.*

*Eva La Rocca,*

Term 2 Week 6			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Christian Medjumurac	Luka Kurcubic	Raylin Chetty
Kinder G	Declan Leach	Saoirse O'Neill	Luciana Salib
Kinder W	Patrick Pacella	Noah Lavercombe	Ethan Mihalic
Year 1B	Charlie Mileto	Julie Bolina	Lucas Cleland
Year 1 G	Paige Mitrovich	Claire Seivwright	Natalia Zahorsky
Year 1W	Aiden <u>McGrady</u>	Orlaith McManus	Max Luther
Year 2 B	Solomon Montgomery	Lily Quinlan	Joel Amoh-Morgan
Year 2 G	Celina Wassef	Georgia Parsell	Cohan Sommer
Year 2 W	Lachlan Connellan	Lara Kelly	Tayla Buxton