

## Dear Parents,

This week we find ourselves at the start of the new liturgical year, the season of Advent in which we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ at Christmas. We are all very familiar with the Christmas story and the many characters involved and the roles they played. One which we don't think about often is the innkeeper. He was given the opportunity to accommodate the Christ child but, instead, turned him away. Which character of the Christmas story do we resemble? Are we too, sometimes, like the innkeeper and have no room for Jesus in our lives?

**Congratulations** to many are due today...

To this term's recipients of the Principal's Award. These are:



Emily Prnjak	Caleb Xuereb	Julie Bolina	Sarah Cleary
Sienna Galea	Steve Wang	Malachi Rangan	Parker Galvin
Ava Phelps	Alexandra Terzo	Emma Quijano	Brendan Ewer
Ella Ciantar	Jordan Holden	Ben Roffmann	Ella Owen
Amelia Gutwenger	Isabella Smith	Georgia McQuaid	Olivia Lincoln



Earlier this week, all students from 2019 Years 1- 6 voted for School Captains and Vice Captains as well as Sports House leaders. These are:

### School Captains for 2019:

Bowen Cleary and Leila Balangon

### School Vice Captains:

Roman Bizzanelli and Sienna Mooney

### Sports House

Francis (Green)  
Marian (Blue)  
Gabriel (Gold)  
Clare (Red)

### Captain

Lachlan Hollier, Ivana Edelinski  
Eva Sultana, Hayden Lavercombe  
Lucas McLuskey, Georgia Nemitsas  
Angelica Manago, Brendan Ewer

### Vice Captain

Lauren Eyles, Drew Sammut  
Bailey Knowels, Mia-Bella Trifiro  
Sarah Cleary, Zac Nicholls  
Jericho Cirera, Akeesha Gunesakara

*Our new captains telephoning their parents with their good news.*



### Dates to Remember

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

DanceFever – Students to wear their sport uniform  
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Swimming Carnival Years 2 – 5  
Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm  
Year 6 Wet'n'Wild Fun Day  
Meet the 2019 Teacher (not the 10<sup>th</sup> as in the calendar)  
End of Year Mass 9.00am Andrew Chinn 6.00pm  
Last Day of School for Students – MOTIV8 Fun Day

## GOSPEL REFLECTION-SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YEAR C LK 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
**All people shall see the salvation of God.**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

#### Reflection

*Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.*

*But we have to allow God to prepare our hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.*

*Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.*

*The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.*

*Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!*

*We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God.*

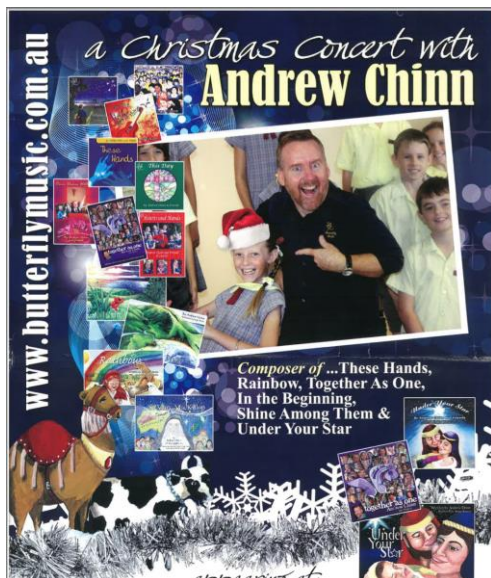
*(LiturgyHelp.com, Fr Michael Tate)*

#### **Living the Gospel-Make way!**

Today's gospel is a reminder to us that Advent is a season of preparation. In this case, the preparation is all about making way for the love of God in our lives. The love of God surrounds us all the time. It's like a rapidly flowing stream and sometimes we have placed boulders in the stream that send the water flowing around us. The call to make a way for the Lord is a call to clear the rocks out of the stream; to remove the obstacles that are directing the love of God around us and allow it instead to flow directly through us.

Loving God,  
We give you thanks for the blessings of this holy Advent season.  
You are the source of life, of hope, and of all good things.  
We look forward to the coming of the light of Christ at Christmas. Help us to turn toward that light in our lives.  
We rejoice at the gift of your Son who taught us to love in your name. May we be people of peace and justice all the days of our lives.  
Your kingdom come and your will be done now and forever.  
Amen





## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, students will be working with Andrew Chinn throughout the day to prepare for the Christmas concert that night. The Christmas concert will be held in the church and will start at 6pm. Students need to be in the church at **5.45pm** and will be sitting in their grade groups in the church. They will be then called up to sing their songs.

Below are the costume ideas for each grade.

### **Kindergarten-Christmas shirts**

#### **Year 1-Christmas shirts**

**Year 2-Nativity-Mary** (blue or white dress) and Joseph(dressing gown, rope to tie dressing gown and tea towel for head) outfits

**Year 3- Black pants/tights and red or green top** (No Christmas motif) Optional Akubra or wide brimmed hat

#### **Year 4-Christmas shirts**

**Year 5-black pants/tights/jeans and plain green shirt**

**Year 6-Jeans/tights, red, white or green shirt.**

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Each year, we select students to present the Nativity story before the 5.30 Christmas Eve Mass. If you know you are attending this Mass can you please email the office with Attention Mrs Byrne-Christmas Eve Mass, to let me know your children will be available for selection of characters in the short play. Students selected will be notified and receive a note. If you are available to assist on the day, can you please add this in your Email.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Katrina Byrne



### **Archangel Awards**

Congratulations to Timothy Z and Gabriella B who received their Archangel Award this week.

### **Art Awards**

We also congratulate Malenna G, Emily G who came first place in their age category at the Aberdoon House Art Competition and Olivia H who received the award from Ray Williams MP.







**The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is back on for 2018!**  
**Students throughout the Diocese of Parramatta have the chance to win one of four iPad Mini's!**

The Summer Reading Challenge is all about discovery and new ideas - whether it's a new book, character or genre that you enjoy, we want to hear about your love for reading. This year, we're hoping to see more entries than ever before!

### HOW DO I ENTER?


All you need to do is read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them in **50 words or less**, and you could win one of four iPad minis!

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win! Submit your entry by clicking on the button below and completing the form.


**Enter Now**

### MORE INFORMATION

The competition opens on 3 December 2018. You can enter as many times as you like BUT you must describe why you liked a different book, e-book, animated novel, comic, play or piece of poetry each entry. The more you enter, the more chances you have to win. You can read anything you enjoy to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel. For more information, please contact Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta by emailing [competitions@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:competitions@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Entries close at 5pm on 4 February 2019.  [Terms and Conditions](#) apply.

Don't forget, students can access our online library (e-library) to borrow books. This is a great way to keep up your reading throughout the school holidays!

For instructions on how to access e-library,  [click here](#).

### Words of the Week:

**Infants:** voyage

**Primary:** convoy

**Root Word of the Week:** voy- way

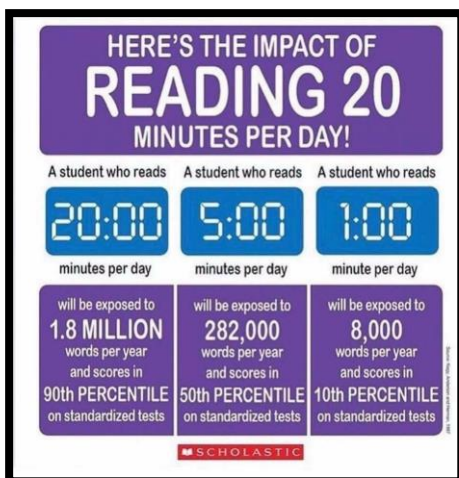
## Spelling Bee Final

This week we had our annual OLA **Spelling Bee Final**. It was an amazing competition where all finalists did themselves proud. Our 2018 'Spelling Bee Champion' was Aiden Vilathgamuwa, second place, Ireen Yoo and third, Eva Sultana. Congratulations to our Infants' finalists: Madison Ross, Natalia Ponturo and Ivy Sawkins. Congratulations to our other Primary finalists: Keira Mooney, Isabella Smith, Aidan Attard, Kiara Wijaya, Janelle Mensah, Nicholas Kamber, Charlotte Zahra and Alicia Dersch. We are very proud of your achievements. We will conduct Spelling Bees again next year as we continue to promote effective strategies to use when spelling unknown words. A BIG thank you goes to the staff, parents and of course our students who worked hard in learning a variety of words.



## Rug Reading

We held our last 'Rug Reading' for the term. Thank you parents for attending these great, school events. We will continue to have these events once a term next year.



*Lisa Hurst,*  
*Literacy Co-ordinator*

### Library Books and Home Readers

Could you please check at home for any library books and home readers that need to be returned to school. Mrs Wagner has requested that all books be returned by next Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December so that she can undertake a stocktake.

*AN ENORMOUS 'THANK YOU' to all the staff, students and parents involved in the special photo shoot which took place today. I am grateful for all your efforts and inconvenience that was needed to showcase our beautiful school.*

## Swimming Carnival – Years 2 – 5

This is a reminder that the school swimming carnival will be held next Wednesday 12th December.

**Venue:** Hawkesbury Oasis Pool, Cnr Church & Drummond Streets, South Windsor.

**Time:** Carnival will commence at 9.30am and finish at approximately 1.30pm.

**Transport:** All students will be transported to and from the pool by bus. Please be at school by 8.40am.

**Bring:** Towel, hat, sunscreen, recess, lunch, water, goggles.

**Wear:** Swimmers underneath your sport uniform.

Students competing in the 100m Freestyle events will need to be dropped at the pool and marshalling will be at 8.45am for 9am event starting times.

### Acceptable Hair Styles for Boys.

There are some secondary schools that employ a hairdresser on the first day of the school year to ‘correct’ the hair styles of some boys’ who the school deems as inappropriate. We would not consider any such action as we believe we have a relationship of mutual respect and a parent body that, on the whole, observes the rules of the school. This is a condition of the enrolment process. The following is a passage in the parent handbook that refers to this...

*“Hair is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of the styles that are unacceptable include: ridges, undercuts, steps, any excessive shaping with products, and any shaving cuts.”*

Sadly, much of this has been ignored among some parents. This includes boys’ long hair in pony tails. Please take this into consideration in the count down to the start of the new school year in 2019.



### Uniform Shop

Please note that the last day that the uniform will be physically opened is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We will continue to fill any emailed orders up until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**NO ORDERS WILL BE FILLED DURING THE LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL.**

We will be closed for stocktake and end of year procedures and nothing can be processed until we are advised by CEDP at the end of January.

### SCHOOL SHOES

As you prepare to purchase shoes for your children for next year, please note the correct shoes that need to be worn. Black leather upper school shoes and predominantly white joggers (no fluoro/solid colours). Your support in helping your children be respectful of school rules is appreciated.





# From the Classroom of 6B

## Year 6 Earth Changing Experience

This term, Year 6 have been learning about Earth and Space, focusing on the Earth's place in the solar system, changes on its surface that are caused by natural disasters. Early in the term we went to the Sydney Observatory to learn about our Solar System and how the sun and the moon affect the seasons. We also learnt about how the Aborigines use astronomy to help with different aspects of their culture. We concluded our unit by creating earth changing experiences, that affect the earth's surface. Here are some of our experiments-

**Tsunami**-a long, high sea wave caused by an earthquake or other disturbance.  
(Mikayla/Klaudia)



**Cyclone**-a system of winds rotating inwards to an area of low barometric pressure, with an anticlockwise (northern hemisphere) or clockwise (southern hemisphere) circulation  
(Charlotte/Alisa/Jane)



**Earthquake**-a sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great destruction, as a result of movements within the earth's crust or volcanic action. (Jasmyn/Ella)

**Volcano**- mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapour, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust. (Matthew, Olivia, Harry and David)



**2019 Team Sport Trials Parramatta Diocese 2019 Information For Parents of current Year 4 and Year 5 students** – Registration window open only for AFL, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball & Touch Football ONLY

Please see the new note attached to this newsletter.



# From the P&F...



## Swimming Carnival - 12<sup>th</sup> December

We are after some volunteers to help provide refreshments to the volunteers on the day. Usually from 9am till 2pm. If you are able to help, please contact the P&F via email or on Facebook.

## Secondhand Uniform

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.

## Christmas Carols - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas Carols night is almost here and we are looking for a special someone, who might be able to provide a little cheer to the children when they leave the church. If you know someone who might be able to provide a Ho Ho Ho to our special night, we would love to hear from you.



## Special Treats - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you to our volunteers for this week -

Annamaria Farrugia, Christine Zimmerman, Kylie Ross, Sarah Cleary, Brooke Dyke and Sarah Jeffries.



Thank you to everyone who helped with special treats in 2018. The children's faces say it all! We will be putting together a special treats roster for Term 1, 2019. If you would like to be included, please send us an email

If you would like to help with any P&F activities, we would love to hear from you. Contact the P&F on Email, Facebook or see one of the P&F representatives.



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*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*



## From the Parish Office...

### Ordination to the Priesthood

Next Friday ....

Deacon Christopher Del Rosario, a founding Parishioner of Our Lady of the Angels, will be our first Ordination to the Priesthood. This is a very special occasion for the whole parish. You are invited to attend his Ordination Mass on Friday, 30 November at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7.30pm. Chris will then say his first Mass here at Our Lady of the Angels on Saturday, 1 December at 10am. All parishioners are invited to attend this historical mass.

### 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

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

Sacrament Co-ordinator: Mark Robinson

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Term 4 Week 8- Whole school			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Hailey Ocampo	Alexander Gobran	Hudson Jones
Kinder G	Olivia Hartz	Connor Hitchen	Xavie
Kinder W	Sienna Ng	Nate Sloane	Jennifer-Rose Murphy
Year 1B	Ethan Dyke	Max Nevene	Grace Lincoln
Year 1 G	Olivia Iori	Liam O'Connor	Kaley Chown
Year 1W	Luca Signorelli	Erica Sommer	Zachary Dixon
Year 2 B	Ethan Mihalic	Abbey Buxton	Maddison Younes
Year 2 G	Axel Pace	Jack Austin	Sybellah Arora
Year 2 W	Ivy Sawkins	Grace Wallis	Bryyden Kingcott
Year 3 B	Zachary Ormsby	Harrison Ko	Alysha Balangon
Year 3 G	Olivia Cutajar	Malenna Graczyk	Mya Bassili
Year 3 W	Ileesha Gunasekara	Georgia Dolahenty	Matthew Kamber
Year 4 B	Sienna Jeffriess	Georgia Reid	Justin Medjumurac
Year 4G	Lily Quinlan	Alicia Gladwell	Solomon Montgomery
Year 4 W	Thomas Cutuk	Sienna Dixon	Taylor Cummings
Year 5 B	Ivana Edelsinki	Lucas Buda	Kimberly Mabhena
Year 5G	Salvatore Colosimo	Eva Sultana	Jericho Cirera
Year 5W	Akeesha Gunasekara	Lucas McLuskey	Christian Vargas
Year 6 B	Marcus Odd	Jane Whelan	Natasha Charlesworth
Year 6 W	Charli Molloy	Rylan McGrady	Ava Grace Bennett