

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope you had a lovely two week break from school with your children and that it was an opportunity to celebrate the joys of Easter with family and friends. On our return to school, the Year 6 students led the community in an Alleluia Liturgy – Alleluia for Jesus has risen to life. Through His suffering and death, He has brought us the possibility and hope of salvation and everlasting life.

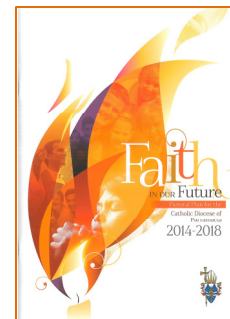
This week we find ourselves in the month of May, traditionally the month devoted to Our Lady. This has significance for us as a Marian school, Our Lady of the Angels being our patron. We remember to pray to God, through Mary our heavenly mother.



Of course **Mothers' Day** is also part of May celebrations. The P&F are holding a Mothers' Day stall next Wednesday. On Friday, Kindergarten will be leading the Mothers' Day liturgy at 8.50am. This will be followed by morning tea and then open classrooms from 9.30am to just after 10am. Due to the increase in numbers, we ask that this is for mothers only, where possible. There will be a Grandparents celebration later in the year. Please refer to the P&F section in this newsletter.

This month is one of particular significance in Parramatta Diocese. There is a focus of fundraising for the **Diocesan Works Fund** and the school will be involved in supporting this drive as part of its Social Justice Program. There is full information on this further in this newsletter.

As you would know, St Francis is also our patron of our school. For this reason, last year's Year 6 class donated a statue of St Francis for our grounds. This has now been erected in our garden on a stone base donated by the Topic family (Nicola and Ante pictured left). Thank you, once again, to the families in our community for their generosity.



First Communion

Over the next four Sundays, many students from OLA, mostly Year 3, will be receiving the blessed Eucharist for the first time. Please remember to keep these children in your prayers as they enter into this very special relationship with God. It is not reasonable to expect all teachers to attend each First Communion Mass but I am pleased to say that there will be a number of staff attending each Mass to show school support for the students partaking in this special event.

At OLA, the Sacramental Programs are parish based. Any enquiries and directions come from the parish. There have been some enquiries about attending Reconciliation before First Communion. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their child has had this opportunity before the day. Reconciliation is available in OLA church every Saturday at 9am.

Welcome...

To Mr Mark Quirk who has replaced Mrs Lenane who is on maternity leave. We welcome Mr Quirk and the expertise he brings in the area of music. As part of his role, Mr Quirk will be forming an **OLA Special Choir**. This choir will attend choir practice every Thursday on second break and is for any students in Year 2 to Year 6 that are interested. A significant part of this commitment is attending the Sunday school/parish Masses once a term and for some other special occasions. Please speak to your child about this. If he/she are interested, please send an email to the school office ola@parra.catholic.edu.au (NOT hgoldsworthy) with 'special choir' in the subject line and your child's name and grade in the body of the email. Please send this in by next Wednesday. Welcome also to Ms Thomas who will be replacing Mr B. supporting Year 1, Kindergarten and Year 6.

Reminder:

Every effort is made to support all members of the community in the interest of all stakeholders, especially the students. Inevitably, there are times when concerns of some kind arise. Please be reassured that my office is always open and I welcome your call to discuss any such issue. This can often avoid any unnecessary angst if left unaddressed. Thank you. ☺



Dates to Remember

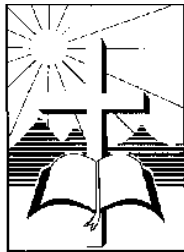
Week 2: Wed 7th - Mothers' Day Stall; Friday 9th - 8.50am – 10.10am - Mothers' Day Liturgy followed by morning tea and open classrooms.

Week 3: NAPLAN Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings

Week 4: Tuesday 8am ICAS testing IT; Thurs 22nd - Year 1 Powerhouse Museum; Fri 23rd: Walk to School Day

Please receive Term 2 Calendar attached to this Newsletter email. Note the Pupil Free Day on 6th June.

There is no supervision for students on this day.



Gospel Reflection

Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle A

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

"That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,

"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,

but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

Christ appears in children's lives in various forms. Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, however, young children may not yet recognize Jesus' presence in their lives. As teachers and parents we can help children to recognize Jesus in the Scriptures, the Eucharist, and the people around them, and we can invite them into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Could all families please return their project compassion boxes to school as soon as possible so that the money can be collected and sent to Caritas. Thank you for your generosity.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan



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 **Buxton Family** who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Di Lorenzo Family**.



ANZAC Day

Each year, ANZAC Day is when Australians remember all those who have fought and given their lives so that we may live in a country that is free and where people are allowed a voice. During the holidays, OLA was represented at the wreath laying service at Castle Hill, accompanied by Mrs Hey. Thank you for giving your time so generously for this important occasion. (Pictured below left)

I would like to thank the students who led our ANZAC Day service on Monday. These were students who are members of the Scouts and Girl Guides. A special thank you goes to Mr Lynch who attended in full uniform and spoke to the community gathered about the importance of Anzac Day. Finally, a very special thank you goes to Mrs Schroder who coordinated this event. (Below middle)

There is quite some excitement as we approach the centenary of this very sad but significant event in 1915. At the end of last term, the student leaders and I attended the launch of the ANZAC Centenary Education Kit sponsored by Castle Hill RSL. (Below right) This will be a valuable resource in the lead up to the centenary.



1-2-3 MAGIC!!

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching is a program designed to teach parents ways to manage their children's behaviour that also builds their children's emotional resourcefulness. It encourages a calm approach to parenting, even in those tough moments, and shows parents how to improve their relationships with their children.

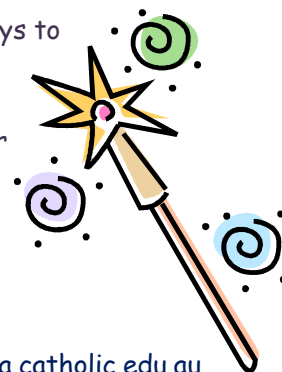
Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary School - 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville

Course time-7-9pm

Dates-28th May, 4th June and 11th June

Cost- There will be a \$10 cost for the parent workbook

If you are interested, please send an email to the school office ola@parra.catholic.edu.au (NOT hgoldsworthy) with '123 magic' in the subject line and the names of those attending in the body of the email. Please send this in by next Wednesday. Numbers are limited.



Japanese Students.



As part of the Asian Studies Program, OLA has been fortunate to secure a grant to support the teaching of Japanese language and culture since the beginning. Last year this program was supported and enriched with the hosting of Japanese students. These students, aged 10-12 years old, were billeted by OLA families and spent the days at school. This was so successful last year that the school has again requested to visit and there are many more students excited to spend time at OLA, and an Australian school. There are 31 children in total with 23 girls and 8 boys to be hosted in twos with one group of three girls. The details are:

Dates: 23 July (Wed) until 29 July (Tue) for 6 nights

Host families will be paid \$40 per night per child and will provide 3 meals a day and return transfer to/from school.

The guests will spend the day in class with their host 'brother/sister'. The weekend is spent with the host family. However, on the Sunday, the guests are to be dropped at OLA school where they will travel with their group to their church in Marsfield. They will need to be collected at 4pm from OLA school.

These students are from Nanzan Christian School located in Nagoya, Japan. They are very well behaved students from good families. If you think you have the room to host, please send an email to the school office ola@parra.catholic.edu.au (NOT hgoldsworthy) with 'Japanese' in the subject line and your child's name and grade in the body of the email. First come first served. Thank you.



Diocesan Works Fund

During the month of May, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund. Over the coming weeks we will learn about some of the ministries and people it supports. Also known as faith@work this fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions.

On Friday, 16th May, we will send out collection envelopes with letter to parents about the Appeal These envelopes will need to be returned on Monday, 26th May. This day will be a ???fun day

Bishop Anthony Fisher has written his letter on the back of the Giving Envelope to you and other members of the Catholic community across Western Sydney to ask for everyone's support.

The faith@work appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Of particular interest is Blacktown Neighbour Aid service, which assists the frail, aged, people with a disability and their carers in our community; and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) which trains religious education teachers who give witness to their faith in public schools in Western Sydney.

Your contribution enables services such as Blacktown Neighbour Aid, CCD and Catherine Villa (supporting homeless mothers aged 16-25) to respond to more people in need. Please be generous so these good works can continue.

Did you know?

- Did you know that CatholicCare Social Services responds to more than 20,000 calls for help each year? There are many requests for relationship or gambling counselling, or for assistance in dealing with a disability, mental ill health or ageing.
- Did you know that DWF supports the 13 seminarians in training and more than 1000 Catechists working in state schools in Western Sydney?
- Did you know that DWF Appeal provides funds for Youth Ministry and Faith Education in Western Sydney too!

Your donations will be Faith @ Work!



FROM THE P&F

Lollypop Person – We still require few volunteers to fill the remaining time slots to assist traffic flow by acting as a ‘lollypop’ person. If you are unable to make every week but can be on a reserve list please email your Name and contact no. to olapandf@hotmail.com.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am-8.55am		Kelly Cleary	Kelly Cleary		Marina Cutuk
2.55pm-3.20pm	Natalie Spiteri		Dharshan Adhihetty		Sandra Doueihy

Mother's Day Stall

Due to the holiday period, we have extended acceptance of the mother's day stall note and money until Monday. If you still wish for your child to purchase, please send it in on Monday. If you forget, gifts can still be purchased on the day, however all children that have pre-ordered will be given first selection.

OLA P&F Committee

Winter Uniform

Full winter uniform is to be worn from the start of Week 3, ie Monday 12th May. Students can still wear either uniform next week however it must be the complete summer or winter – not parts of both. Please ensure all clothing items have names on them.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT!!



postponed!

Parish Family Fun Movie Night

Saturday, 3rd May, 2014

Food starts at 6.00pm and movies at 6.30pm.

The class with the highest percentage of attendance wins an ice cream party, which will take place during this term. The winning class will be announced on the night.



Thank you, Parents and Friends!

On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend our thanks to the P&F for providing speed humps (installed before each of the pedestrian crossings) and for a new grounds sweeper. Your ongoing work in partnership with the school continues to ensure the safety and health of everyone in the school.

From the Office of the Bishop

DISCOVER Weekend for Young Women: 2-4 May

Young women aged 18-35 years are invited to DISCOVER – a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sister M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com

Craft Market and Antique Valuations: 3 May

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, is holding its popular Craft Market and Antique Valuations event again this year to raise funds for the Salem Association, India. This association helps with the education of poor and orphaned children. The stalls sell a diverse range of speciality goods including quality Christmas decorations and gifts, babywear, homemade decor, kitchen goods, edible treats, embroidered items, jewellery and much more. A unique drawcard is the professional Antique Valuations where your special treasures, family heirlooms, military items and paintings will be valued. Each valuation costs \$5. Open from 8am-2pm in Camilleri Hall, OLQP Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Details: events@olqp.org.au, or www.olqp.org.au

Mass to celebrate the feast of St George Preca: 4 May

5pm at Holy Family Church, Willowdene Ave, Luddenham. Light supper afterwards.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 15 May

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. 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

Celebrating the Early Years of Marriage: 18 May

Couples are invited to attend a special Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 11am. This Mass will recognise, celebrate and be offered for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries between one and 20 years. Those celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th wedding anniversaries will be given a commemorative certificate. Couples and their families are invited to a light lunch in the parish hall afterwards. Book with your parish office or contact Lyn Keane at CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0222.

PRC NEWS!!!

The World in our Face:

How do people of Faith download the Best and Leave the Rest?

The Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese will be holding a Reflection Day at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa on Sunday 18 May 2014, 9.30am to 2.30pm. A relaxing Day is planned with a Presentation by Fr Richard Leonard - The World in our Face: How do people of Faith download the Best and Leave the Rest? Cost is \$20/person and includes tea & coffee on arrival, lunch and mass. Please email prcparraevents@hotmail.com for registration.

Registrations and payment must be received by 7 May 2014. All are welcome!

Sibling Enrolments 2015

Could all enrolment forms be sent back to school by next Friday for siblings for 2015. We will commence the interview process the following week, and will send out the link for the interviews during next week.

Creative Arts Festival

Dressmakers/Sewers Wanted

We will need some sewers to create costumes for our creative arts performance. Costume meeting will now be held next Friday 9th May at 2pm in the Music room. This will replace the morning meeting, due to Mother's Day celebrations.

Help Wanted-

At our last Creative Arts Festival we were fortunate to have four large backdrops built. We need assistance in removing one scene from the backdrop and then replacing it with new calico. The Calico needs to be staple-gunned to all four backdrops. If you are able to assist, please send an email to the school office ola@parra.catholic.edu.au (NOT hgoalsworthy) with 'creative arts in the subject line and your child's name and grade in the body of the email. Thank you. Mrs Byrne

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to the girls who took part in the Soccer Gala day on Tuesday. The girls won their pool, winning all seven games. It was a positive experience for the girls who played with enthusiasm and displayed great sportsmanship. Thank you to all the spectators who cheered and encouraged the girls on the sideline. A big thank you to Mr Baker who assisted me with the weekly training sessions. Well done girls! The OLA community is very proud of you! Mrs Lisa Hurst



Mackillop Girls Soccer Team- Well done!!

*This year, we have been fortunate to have one of our students **Imogen Lane** selected to represent Parramatta Diocese in Soccer. Imogen goes to Canberra next week for the competition. We are extremely proud of her sportsmanship and wish Imogen all the best throughout the competition.*

Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday 6th May OLA will be represented by 40 students in the Diocesan Cross Country. We would like to wish these children the best of luck. If there are any parents attending that could assist Miss Grima and Mrs Callaghan as age managers on the day, please Email using school Email address.



Boot Camp

This week we continued our Thursday Boot Camp. Children who attended last term have all signed up for another term. We are proud of their commitment and enthusiasm. Today the students completed a fitness test. We would like to congratulate the children in their efforts, as their fitness has improved and their confidence has sky rocketed. Well Done Fresh Fitness Team!!!!

Students selected to start Boot Camp on Tuesdays received a note today and need to return this Tuesday morning before Boot Camp. We have has an overwhelming response to Boot Camp and appreciate the parental support we are receiving.

Spare Tyres????

We would like to use some tyres as part of fitness. If you have any old tyres that you can donate to our Boot Camp equipment, we would be very grateful. Please email the school to let me know. Many thanks for your continued support. Thank you...

Thanks to Mr Wagner.

A while ago, Mr Wagner made two sets of goal posts for the students use. Through misuse and abuse - some of which was by 'visitors' out of school hours- these were broken. In the holidays, Dave has again given his time to repair and make them usable for the students. The students have been reminded that these are not meant for climbing on or swinging from. This is both unsafe and irresponsible.

From the class room... Year 1G

In Week 11 of last term, Year One completed their discovery time projects. They were to plan, design and create playground equipment that blended in with our environment. These are some of 1G's discovery time projects.



From the Parish Office...

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Amelia Maree Dimech, Anthony Ivan Cutuk, Beatrice Faye Espejo, Bradley Allen Stephen Wooldridge, Charlotte Patrice Garcia, John-Paul Anthony Colosimo, Karl Christian Fischer, Lucas Jure Lesar, Montana Peita Burt, Patrick Jonathon Bennett, Teá-Elise Sophia Kroeger and William Nicholas Blazey.

Family Fun Movie Night

After careful consideration, the Movie Night scheduled for Saturday 3rd May 2014 has been POSTPONED. The primary reason is due to the pending weather forecast and the high likelihood of showers. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Pilgrimage to a Shine

You are invited to join members of our Parish as we journey on a Pilgrimage to a Shrine of Our Lady at Kenthurst Study Centre. We will be meeting at the Church at 2.45pm to depart together at 3pm sharp. WE will finish the pilgrimage with afternoon tea. Please rsvp by email to the parish office.

BINGO!!

Saturday, 24 May at 7pm. Cost: \$10 for 3 books. If you would like to come along for a great night of prize winning and laughter - this is the evening for you. Children are welcome to come along! BYO: nibblys.

Sunday School

There will not be Sunday School over the weekends when we have First Communion. It will resume on Sunday, 8 June.

Save the Date:

The date for the Parish Fiesta has been set for Sunday, 3 August. Make sure you keep that date clear in your dairy!!

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

Reminder...in keeping with the Enrolment Policy, a term's notice is required, in writing, before leaving a school. As with all fee paying schools, if a student leaves before this period, the term's fees are still payable. Thank you.



Congratulations!!

Today, the school undertook the annual finance audit. Each year a team of auditors scrutinise the accounts and book-keeping of the school. As you can imagine, this has become a massive job as the enrolment has grown from 66 to 401 in four years. As in the past, the audit report was very favourable. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Goldsworthy for her diligence in her role as Office Manager. She wears many hats, works well over the expected hours and, in general, beyond the call of duty – all with a smile and good humour. I keep saying it, and it's true – we at OLA are very lucky. Good job, Helen. ☺.

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

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

**'Student
of the
Week'
awards
go to:**

Term 2 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Alivia Turner	Ava Camilleri	Morgan Tasca
Kinder G	Logan Hayden	Maya Cauchi	Ben Roffmann
Kinder W	Jett Laborte	Amalia-Rose Trifiro	Lucas Monks
Year 1B	Christian Attard	Sienna Fallone	Xavier Joseph
Year 1 G	Lucas McLuskey	Braithe Mander	Jonathon Fuda
Year 1W	Isabella Sanborn	Max Fischer	Levi Stacey
Year 2 B	Liam Doyle	Tahlia Armeni	Alexander Harrod
Year 2 W	Zac Lesar	Jane Whelan	Charli Molloy
Year 3 B	Charlotte Garcia	Connor Knowles	Jessica Bollard
Year 3 G	Amber-Lily Baker	Beatrice Espejo	Malachi Cauchi
Year 3 W	Melissa Preston	Lucas Lesar	Jayden Ormsby
Year 4 B	Corey Brooke	Dante Marashian	Brock Bailey
Year 4 W	Bradley Girdham	Madison Lee	Chelsea Lynch
Year 5/6 B	Jack Hudson	Jake Eyles	Ana Basic
Year 5/6 W	Cormac King	Bailey Christoffel	Samuel Vecchio

Players Wanted

The Hills Spirit U8 Blues are looking for 2 more players. The club has agreed to waive the membership fee for these 2 players. Please contact Sean Murphy 0448 830 328 or Darren Tickell 0401 585 585 for more details.