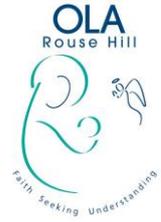




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Week 10 Term 3

19th Sept, 2014

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

This week brings to a close Term 3.

I was recently reading an article and thought it would be timely to share some of it as we approach the holidays. The main focus was about how downtime and boredom can be good for children. As a society we have become fearful of idle time and through our many devices, gadgets and toys, have “developed an expectation of being constantly occupied and constantly stimulated”. As a first response to idleness many of us reach out and turn on a screen. In fact, reaching out for a screen short circuits our ability to deal with boredom creatively, because we don’t know how learn to amuse ourselves.

Boredom breeds creativity as the agony of boredom can drive us to extend our mind and can lead to unexpected discoveries. It encourages not only a change of pace, but also an opportunity to discover things we don’t know about ourselves or the world. The more bored you get, the greater your capability for imagination. So, during these holidays don’t forget to schedule some ‘downtime’. Perhaps even try a technology free day and see what happens.

While on the subject of devices, gadgets and toys... a reminder to be vigilant in monitoring what your children view and send via email, the internet and social media. We are constantly reminding the students about their responsibilities in the appropriate use of technology and the dangers of it if not used correctly

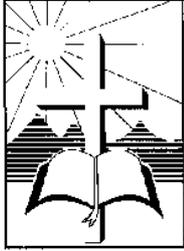


The parent calendar for Term 4 is attached. Please note that Monday 27th October has been set aside for a Staff Development Day and students do not attend on this day.

Have a great holiday
Cathy Hey, Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember

Tues 7 th Oct	First day of Term 4 – Summer Uniform
Fri 24 th Oct	Silly Sock Day – Gold coin donation
Mon 27 th Oct	Pupil Free Day – No school for students on this day



Gospel Reflection

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he

saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified. The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others.

This Weekend with your Children...

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

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

Have a wonderful two weeks! See you next term,
Mr Andrew Baker ☺

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 **Scoulou Family** for sponsoring this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Gannon Family**.



ICAS ENGLISH

Congratulations to all children who participated in the recent English ICAS competition.

A special mention to:

Merit – Jayden O, Harry T

Credit – Charlotte Z, Eoin T, Thomas L, Jacob D, Karl F, Georgia D

Distinction – Joshua P-B

These certificates were distributed during the week.

Social Skill

The social skill for this fortnight is saying sorry:

- Decide if you should say sorry
- Think about whether you will say it in person or write a note
- Choose a good time or place
- Look at the person and use a clear voice

Morning Drop Off

A reminder that morning supervision begins at 8.20am. Children should not be left at school prior to this time.

Summer Uniform

The students will return in term 4 in their full summer uniform. Please remember that they are only to wear their jumper with their summer uniform, not their sport jacket (unless it is sport day).

Congratulations to Mrs Flemming and her husband on the birth of their baby boy, Hudson Flemming.



Boot Campers of the Week

Congratulations to Imogen Lane and Rebecca Charlesworth for being our boot campers of the week.

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 Office.....

Swimming Program

Thank you to everyone who has completed the swimming survey for K- Yr 4. The response was fantastic. A letter will be sent out early in Term 4 detailing the program and what the children are required to bring. Please note the dates for the swimming program this year:-

Weeks 6/7 10-21st Nov
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4

Weeks 8/9 24th Nov-5th Dec
Kindergarten and Year 3

Late Arrivals/Early Leavers

Whilst sometimes it is unavoidable, it is really important that wherever possible appointments are made out of school time to ensure uninterrupted and consistent learning time is maintained. All partial absences are recorded on the class roll which is a legal document. School hours are from 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Skoolbag App

Please look out for a letter attached to this newsletter about this new app that we will be using as an additional form of instant communication.

Hair

As the holidays is a time when many students get their hair cut, please keep in mind that hairstyles should be appropriate (no severe shaving or designs within the haircut). Long hair must be tied back at all times and the correct school colour accessories.

Kindergarten W Week 10

In kinder we have been learning about 'Places we Know' and 'What's Alive' in those places. As part of our Creative Arts lesson this week the children completed a directed drawing of under the sea.

The children did such a great job and they loved it!
Check out some of their fabulous work below 😊



From the Parish Office...

Free Movie Night

The Karate Kid: Saturday, 20 September. There will be a bbq from 6.30pm and then the movie will begin at 7.15pm. The class from OLA with the most attendees will win an ice-cream party. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations and God's blessings upon those children who are today receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Following the footsteps of St Paul

Fr. Warren will be on leave (1 month) following in the footsteps of St Paul through Turkey, Greece and Malta. All masses will be as normal. Please keep Fr. Warren and his fellow pilgrims in your prayers.

Support the Building of Our Church

Please support the building of our church by clicking this link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyOKzIuSHmE> and watching this short video. Once you have done this please forward this email to your friends and family in Australia and around the world. Our goal is to have as many people as we can watch this video and make a donation. If you help us achieve this, it will ensure that our church is completed and that it will stand as a testament to the world that our faith is alive and well. This is one simple and small thing that you can do that could have a great impact on our community.

Reconciliation

An enquiry night was held on Tuesday. Your next session will be on Tuesday, 7 October at 7.30pm. This is for parents only.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to a fun night of Bingo on Saturday, 27 September starting at 7pm. There will be a \$300 cash jackpot.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are presently inviting any adults who would like to become a Catholic to participate in our formation program leading up to being baptised and received into the Church at Easter. There will be an **ENQUIRY NIGHT** on **Wednesday, 29 October at 7.30pm** at the Church. Please inform those that may be interested to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Fr Joby on 8883 4063.

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



Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday.

Garden Club News

This week we planted our spring crop of corn, lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers. We also harvested spinach, lettuce and fresh peas (none of the peas made it home as we ate them fresh from the garden).

Term 3 Week 10			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Tyrone Lee	Lachlan Banovic	Gemma Haynes
Kinder G	Joyce Ghobrial	Ava Carney	Jericho Cruz
Kinder W	Solomon Montgomery	Jonathan Teo	Mitchell Ross
Year 1B	Jared Cleland	Xavier Joseph	Ante Topic
Year 1 G	Hayden Shak	Jonathon Fuda	Braithe Mander
Year 1W	Grace Bennison	Cooper Lynch	Natalie H
Year 2 B	Jackson Jacobs	Bridget Wall	Austin Turner
Year 2 W	Callum Galway	Melissa Brooke	Felix Beegan
Year 3 B	Bradley Wooldridge	Trinity Johnston	Jack Bowden
Year 3 G	Nicola Topic	Amber-Lilly Baker	John-Paul Colosimo
Year 3 W	Mia Sprowles	Anthony Cutuk	
Year 4 B	Milly Beegan	Sophie Rudek	Cooper Brown
Year 4 W	Brady Wall	Alexandra Mercado	Lachlan Monks
Year 5/6 B	Bethany Dersch	Jordyn Eldred	Jack Hudson
Year 5/6 W	Alexander Bennett	Ashley Graham	Olivia Farrugia

