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Week 3 Term 2

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

"It is in giving that we receive;"

Over the past few weeks, the Newsletter outlined the focus of this month's fundraising for the **Diocesan Works Fund** and how the school will be involved in supporting this drive as part of our Social Justice Program. Today, the eldest child in each family received an envelope for money to support the DWF. Please refer to the story further in this newsletter as yet another example of the kind of work you will be supporting.

Our New Church

The parish priest of my first parish (he is now deceased) used to stress that the structure in which we gather is the church 'house' and not the church because the 'church' is the people. We are those people and for a few months now, we have witnessed, with excitement, the building of our new parish church 'house'. It continues to be a privilege to be part of the development of our parish school and, now, we are all part of the history of this new church.

This week, Fr Warren and the building committee released a range of features of the new building available for donation. One of the impressive features will be the many stained glass windows. I am thrilled to announce that the beautiful window depicting the Annunciation, Our Lady being taken into heaven by the angels, is the one chosen to be donated by OLA School in conjunction with the P&F on behalf of the whole community. The dedication will state that the window was donated by Our Lady of the Angels School Community. I trust that this news, our part in the history of Rouse Hill and the Catholic Church in Parramatta Diocese, is met approvingly by all.

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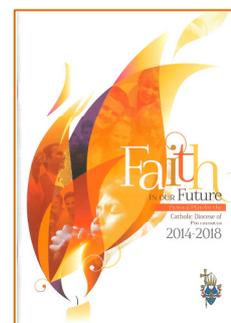
This week, the Year 3 and Year 5 students at OLA joined thousands of students from across the country to sit for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, better known as NAPLAN. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

Quality Catholic Schools Survey

In March, all staff members, Stage 3 students and sixty randomly chosen parents participated in the Quality Catholic Schools Survey – QCS. This week, we received the results from the survey. At a glance, it is pleasing to note that 85-100% of the respondents answered favourably across all areas. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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. ☺

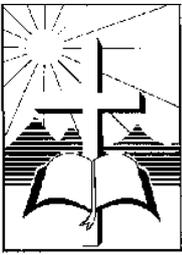


Dates to Remember

Week 4:

- Tues 20th May: 8am ICAS testing IT;
- Thurs 22nd May: Year 1 Powerhouse Museum;
- Fri 23rd May: Walk to School Day
- Mon 26th May: Pyjama Day
- Tues 27th May: Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
- Tues 3rd June: OLA Athletics Carnival

Note the Pupil Free Day on 6th June. There is no supervision for students on this day.



Gospel Reflection

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father. The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus. Young children can be introduced to the mystery of the Trinity using metaphors drawn from their life experience.

This weekend with your family....

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father?

Celebration of the Sacrament of the First Eucharist

Over the next few weeks we have many students from our school completing their First Holy Communion at 12 p.m. each Sunday (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May and 1st June). In place of a School/Parish Mass this term, we are encouraging all students to attend one of these First Holy Communion Masses. 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 each of these Masses as a way of showing our support. We hope to see everyone there in the next few weeks!

Have a great weekend!

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 **Colosimo** Family who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Sweeney** Family.



THERE ARE 250 FAMILIES IN THE SCHOOL. WE HAVE HAD 16 FAMILIES SPONOR SO FAR. WE NEED FAMILIES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WITH YOUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU. ☺



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.

THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED. WE STILL NEED FOUR FAMILIES TO HOST STUDENTS. IF YOU HAVE A SPACE TO HOST TWO STUDENTS, DO NOT MISS THIS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS RICH EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR FAMILY.

We hosted Japanese students last year and it was a fabulous experience for the whole family. We still keep in touch and are planning to visit them in Japan as soon as we can! I'll be having them again this year!
Year 5/6 parent

Fitness Fresh

I'm pleased to announce that we have teamed up with Woolworths for our Boot Camp program, Fresh Fitness. The aim of this program is to encourage students to take responsibility for their own health and well-being by promoting a healthy diet and exercise.

Woolies are on board and helping us by sponsoring the program and providing us with training gear and a weekly breakfast to follow the students Tuesday and Thursday morning fitness training session. Some of the proceeds will also go towards purchasing cooking equipment and utensils to start up a cooking club for students to try new foods through experimentation and cooking their own meals.

We are really excited to be able to launch Fresh Fitness in partnership with Woolworths and look forward to updating you on the students' progress.

AUSIP – Australian Schools and Industry Partnership

Recently Mrs Schroder and I have been investigating the role of AUSIP in schools and considering some of the projects in which they are involved. One of the projects at one school is the Boys' Shed. This is modelled on the idea of the Men's Shed with which you might be familiar. A small group of boys are 'invited' to join in the designing, planning and execution of an agreed project. At the particular school in question, the current project was pulling apart discarded pushbikes to make one good bike. The project is overseen by a teacher with assistance, whenever possible, from dads, grandads and men from the local Men's Shed. Projects like these have a win/win outcome for all concerned – especially in the ever challenging area of boys' education. It provides opportunities for authentic learning in all KLAs as well as building self-esteem. In the interest of being inclusive, OLA's project will be called the 'Kids' Shed'.

I would like to thank Mrs Schroder for offering to facilitate this project and to the teachers for their cooperation.

While we are in the process of getting 'the shed' happening, a few boys have started on a garden project. Their report is below...

Bush garden

We are creating a bush garden in the little patch adjacent to the library and near the Year 2 building. We are going to shift the grass to other dirt patches in the playground. The bush garden will have paths, small hills and some trees and plants. We need some items to complete this project and are asking for your help. If you are able to donate bark/wood chips, timber edging or plants we would love to hear from you. We also welcome any help or advice on how to do our job. Thank you.
By Luke R, Bailey C and Caleb M.





Tim is a 19 year old university student. He enjoyed a close relationship to his own grandfather who passed away two years ago and always encouraged him to “better himself”. Tim decided to look into the Blacktown Neighbour Aid and became a friend to Norman. Norman is a 70 year old widower, who lives alone. Although he has a daughter, her work and young family mean he sees her rarely, so Norman looks forward to his fortnightly visit and cup of tea with Tim. “It’s wonderful that he visits me. It gives me companionship” says Norman. “We enjoy each other’s company” says Tim and “It gives me a really good feeling, I think my grandfather would be proud”.

Blacktown Neighbour Aid is run by CatholicCare Social Services and has existed for around 20 years. They currently have around 70 clients and 30 volunteers but they would like to double their client base and triple their volunteers.

Your gift to the Diocesan Works Fund will make a difference to the life of Norman and thousands more who participate in the programs and services offered by the Church’s social outreach agency, CatholicCare Social Services. It is faith at Work! Please show you care with a gift to the Diocesan Works Fund. CatholicCare makes a critical difference in the lives of for tens of thousands of women, men and children across Western Sydney through practical and compassionate support to the elderly, unemployed, bereaved, homeless, people living with disabilities and mental illness, young people and families in crises. Please donate via the gift envelope or on line via www.parra.catholic.org.au



NSW/ACT Bishops’ Survey of *Crossroads* Outcomes for Parents of Students in NSW Catholic Primary Schools

Parents of students in Years 2 and 6 are invited to participate in a survey on Catholic identity and Religious Education in Catholic schools. The survey has been commissioned by the NSW/ACT Bishops. Schools from selected parishes across NSW have been chosen for this survey, including Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill. In addition to parents of students attending the schools of the parish being offered the opportunity to complete the survey, a number of parishioners without children currently at school will also be invited to complete the survey. Given the importance to all Catholic schools of Catholic Identity, Mission, Evangelisation and Religious Education, the NSW/ACT Bishops have asked the Catholic Education Commission NSW to supply to you the link to an online questionnaire with this invitation to participate. All participants’ data is de-identified, which means no-one will know how you have answered any of the survey questions. No-one will even know the school your child attends. The survey process itself protects the identity of all participants.

If, upon reading the survey, you choose not to participate, there will be no negative consequences. You can stop taking part in the survey any time you like and it will not affect you in any way. However, the NSW/ACT Bishops value parents’ opinions in this vital area of Catholic schooling and will be most grateful for your voluntary participation.

In summary, your participation in the NSW/ACT Bishops’ Survey of *Crossroads* Outcomes is voluntary and, should you participate, your anonymity is assured and your survey responses will remain confidential.

The link to the survey and instructions for parents of students in Year 2 or Year 6

is http://stage.cecnsw.catholic.edu.au/2014/parish_survey.asp

You are asked to ensure that you have completed the online survey by Thursday 22nd May 2014.



Parents and Friends

The AGM was held on Wednesday night, thank you to all who attended. Firstly I would thank the outgoing committee Glenda, Simone, Carol, Melissa Tanti, Melissa Eldred, Kelly, Renee & Ainsley. It has been a pleasure working with you over the last year. Your time & effort given is greatly appreciated by all. Lastly welcome to our new Committee members. I am looking forward to a busy year with our ongoing projects and exciting new fundraising ideas.

O L A P & F Committee



1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at Our Lady of the Rosary School

6 Diana Ave Kellyville

on Wednesdays 28th May, 4th June, 11th June at 7pm.

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration Fee?

The course is provided free of charge by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Register for this course contacting your School Office or speaking to your child's Principal.

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?

The presenter for this course is [presenter's name] with completed Parents' 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training on [date trained].
[Describe your relevant experience]

For more information contact Anoushka Houseman at AHouseman@parr.catholic.edu.au

- An end to the arguing and yelling!
- It saved our lives
- Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentallop® licensed practitioner. www.parentallop.com.au

ICAS – A reminder that the computer ICAS competition will be held on Tuesday 20th May at 8.00am for those children in years 3-6 who have nominated to participate. Please be at school by 7.55 with a lead pencil and eraser.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge: Sienna J, Akeesha G, Kobe O, Caitlyn PB, William W, Alicia D, Breanna D, Jayden O, Joshua PB, Maneesha G.

From the Class room... Year KW

All About Me!

Kindergarten's integrated unit this term is- "All About Me". KW has bought in posters all about themselves. We have learnt many interesting things about each person in our class. We have learnt about their families, what their favourite sport is, what their favourite food is and also holidays they have been on.

Have a look at some of their creative, colourful and amazing posters they made with their parents, all about themselves.



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

Discernment & Decision Retreat: 17 May

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite Catholic women aged 18-35 to explore the Lord's call, especially a call to religious life. From 9.30am-6.30pm at the sisters' convent, 116-132 Quakers Rd, Marayong. For more information contact Sr Margaret tel 0420 754 727, margaretcfn@gmail.com or visit www.cfn.org.au

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 17 May

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'The Book of Lamentations and Our Own Personal Laments' with Jennifer Washington. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. Entry by donation, no need to book, morning tea provided. From 10am-1pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

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 Cathedral hall afterwards. Book with your parish office or contact Lyn Keane at CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0222.

Annual May Pilgrimage at Mount Schoenstatt: 18 May

All are welcome to celebrate Schoenstatt's centenary at the Annual May Pilgrimage. This is an outdoor event – BYO chairs or picnic rugs. The celebrations commence at 10am with a pre-program including Confession. Pontifical High Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP at 10.30am followed by lunch. Food stalls available or BYO picnic lunch. There will be a jumping castle and games for children during the lunch break. The Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the Shrine will commence at 2pm. Children are encouraged to wear white and strew rose petals. There is an alternative program with the Anointing of the Sick at the Shrine at 2pm. Mt Schoenstatt is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For more information tel (02) 4773 8338 or visit: www.schoenstatt.org.au

Kenthurst Country Fair: 18 May

St Madeleine's Parish is holding its Annual Country Fair with fun for the whole family from 10am-4.30pm: animal farm, pony rides, rides for all ages, show bags, face painting, café, pizza, pancakes, yummy gluten-free food and much more. Proceeds to benefit CatholicCare's Emmaus Disabled Persons Catholic Services in the Diocese of Parramatta: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

Christian Meditation: 18 May

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am start. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, alomax@bigpond.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 18 May

Winners are Grinners: a curious tale of episcopal one-upmanship. Speaker: Dr John De Luca, historian, musician and former Parish Priest of Maroubra Parish. Starts 2.30pm, admission free, no membership required. Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Heal the broken-hearted – Rwanda 20 years on: 19 May

"He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3) Everyone is invited to morning tea with Fr Emmanuel Nsengiyumya, parish priest for the Nyamata community in Rwanda. Fr Emmanuel will share his personal journey of loss and reconciliation in the 20 years since the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which claimed as many as 1 million lives. Catholic Mission is working in partnership with Fr Emmanuel to support the community of Nyamata as they build a new church to help restore life to their community. Time: 10.15am for 10.30am start, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP: Anita Lee tel (02) 9919 7800 alee@catholicmission.org.au

Theology on Tap: 20 May

Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to this public conversation on 'The Pope, the Church and the Modern World' with Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and Catholic philosopher Prof John Finnis. They will be chatting about some of the most controversial and topical issues facing Catholics all around the world. From 6.30-8.30pm at the Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St, Parramatta. No age range for clergy & religious. Details: www.TheologyOnTap.com.au

Grace & Silence Retreat Day: 24 May

Young women aged 17-30 who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. Cost \$20 includes lunch. From 9.30am-4.30pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Details and registration: Sr M Julie 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 25 May

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's vocation discernment afternoon. Starts at 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary, 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director tel 0409 172 700 or email: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au Visit: www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations and www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

An evening for couples: 29 May

Do you find it difficult to make decisions as a couple?

Does one or both of you end up feeling compromised and without an equal voice?

Do your discussions often result in unpleasant arguments or cold wars?

Come and learn a method for making couple decisions. This unique Values Based Decisions Making framework will help you to learn how to connect with your deepest values for love and unity so that your choices become true couple decisions.

Francine Pirola, an experienced marriage educator, a director and founder of the Smart Loving series courses, will give this presentation. From 7.30-9pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion St, Blacktown. Admission is free. Bookings: Karin at CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, Marriage@ccss.org.au

Faith at the Fiddler: 29 May

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. The speaker is well-known journalist Miranda Devine. Topic: Communicating Virtue – How young people are hungry for meaning in an amoral age. From 5pm-7pm at The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.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 I 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

Reunion of Catherine McAuley High School Westmead Class of 1972: 9 August

Seeking ex-students and teachers who were at McAuley from 1969 to 1972 for a reunion. Don't be shy! We have located about 50 of our classmates and would love to find 100% of the girls in our year. Please pass on this message to your daughter, other family members or friends if they attended the school. Email Trish.Lohantlohan@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook:

Catherine McAuley Westmead Alumni Association



Next Friday, the 23rd of May is Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD). This is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. This community event aims to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Parents are encouraged to park 5-10 minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way. They will be met by teachers (Mrs Hurst and Miss Pepin) at the gate and given a sticker for their participation.

Parents are encouraged to download the 'Walk Safely App'. With this app parents can then register and have their child's participation recorded on the national database.

Pyjama Day – Monday 26th May

Each family will have received an envelope for the Diocesan Works Fund and on Monday 26th May we will be having a day where the children can wear their pyjamas to school and return their envelope with the donation towards the Diocesan Works Fund. Please ensure that your child is warm and has appropriate closed in footwear.



From the Parish Office...

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Nicole Claire Bugeja, Jordan Sanborn, Charlie Hallal, Nicholas Hallal, Jenson Jay Perry, Ashley Lee Cummings, Jack Cameron Bowden, Riley Andrew Price, Sophia Tapley, Owen Anthony Huber, Chiara Fallone, Max Peter Kelly, Thomas Janez Dobaj and Sebastian Carmelo Mileto.

Should you wish to purchase a gift for any child receiving their First Holy Communion, why not visit our Parish Piety Store. There are a number of items available to purchase.

Bloke's Night

Fr Warren and Fr Joby invite all the Men of the Parish to their place (18 Milford Drive) for "Bloke's Night" on Friday, 16 May at 7.30pm. No Ladies or Electronics (including phones) allowed!!

Pilgrimage to a Shine - This Sunday!

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: nibblies.

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.

**From the Office:-
Notes to the Office.**

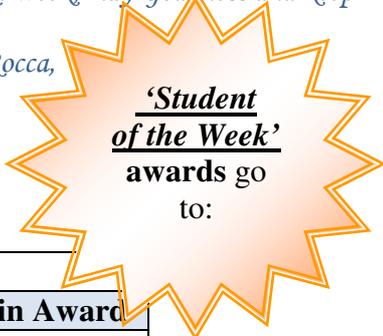
Please do not drop notes into the office or send your child to the office in the morning to drop notes in. When we ask for notes to be returned to the office, we mean, through the class notebag. Just remind your child that they need to empty their communication folder and either put the note in their class letterbox, or hand it to the teacher.

Winter Uniform Headbands.

If your child is not wearing the winter headband or scrunchie and you don't want to keep them, we would love to have them back. As we do not have any spare girls' tab ties, we convert the headbands and scrunchies into tab ties. Please keep this in mind if you don't want them at home.

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

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*



Term 2 Week 3	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Luke Garofano	Sophia Dobaj	Daniel Knowles
Kinder G	Ella Dimech	Sahara Knipler	Julia Zammit
Kinder W	Harrison McQuaid	Alicia Gladwell	Isobel Clarke
Year 1B	Jared Cleland	Mia-Bella Trifiro	Chanel Johnston
Year 1 G	Joshua Streater	Sarah Cleary	Kimberly Mabhena
Year 1W	Tobin Kroeger	Cooper Lynch	Denzel Chang
Year 2 B	Jasmyn Robertson	Gabriella Bond	Luke Awadalla
Year 2 W	Sofia Silva	Thomas Lenane	Gabriella Muscat
Year 3 B	Nicholas Hallal	Carys Fitzgerald	Jack Bowden
Year 3 G	Owen Huber	Tea-Elise Kroeger	Tatum Crook
Year 3 W	Paige Hayden	Nicholas Zahorsky	Lucas Lesar
Year 4 B	Aaron Rebutan	Jacob Garofano	Tiarne McLuskey
Year 4 W	William Anderson	Anthony Parada	Aidan Williams
Year 5/6 B	Ben Molano	Angelina Cutuk	Mirabai Rangan
Year 5/6 W	Olivia Farrugia	Shanyce Gibson	Imogen Lane