



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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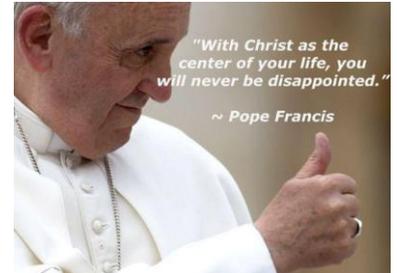
Week 3 Term 3

31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We are indeed a blessed community with Christ at our centre. Prayer is central to our school and who we are. We pray as a school community several times daily and the OLA staff also gathers together each week to pray. This morning Mrs Giglio led the staff in a beautiful reflection about God's dreams for us. It encouraged us to lead kind, forgiving and loving lives and to accept God's plan for us. In our busy lives let's make prayer a priority for our family so that we are open to hearing God's dreams for us.



This week has been a busy week full of wonderful celebrations of learning. Each day as I've walked around the school and visited classrooms I'm proud of the excellent standard of teaching and learning that is evident.

Our Japanese visitors were delighted with the hospitality shown and connections made. They ended their visit with a lovely gift giving ceremony on Tuesday morning and a few tears were shed as the bus departed on Tuesday afternoon.



On Thursday, I was privileged to attend the Voice of Youth cluster final at Marayong where OLA representatives Jacob Domars and Joseph Awadalla presented excellent speeches. The quality of speeches was high and we were proud of both speakers. Jacob was awarded the 'Social Justice Award' for his speech titled 'A boy'. This was a moving speech comparing his life to that of a boy going to war in Ypres 100 years ago. Congratulations Joseph and Jacob!

Yesterday also saw the Kinder children celebrate '100 days of Kinder'. This exciting initiative celebrated the learning so far in Kinder this year and involved parents and grandparents. Well done to the Kinder teachers for their excellent efforts in preparing for this day. Thanks must also go to Mrs Wagner whose behind the scenes assistance in Kinder is immeasurable. (One of the quiet achievers I wrote about in last week's newsletter).

Next week we welcome back Mrs LaRocca who has been on Long Service Leave.

I hope you have a wonderful week. See you on Sunday.

Cathy Hey  
Acting Principal

## Dates to Remember

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| <b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>    | <b>OLA Feast Day and Fiesta</b>   |
| <b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>    | <b>Stage 3 Antarctica Inc<br/>Parent Workshop for Maths 3.30pm – 4.15pm<br/>P&amp;F General Meeting 7pm</b> |
| <b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>    | <b>Government Census Day</b>  |
| <b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>ICAS Maths 8.00am</b>  |
| <b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> | <b>Zone Athletics Carnival</b>  |
| <b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>Feast of the Assumption – 9.00am Whole School Mass</b>   |



## GOSPEL (John 6:24-35)

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do?" Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

## Reflection

Even though the crowd in today's gospel had enough faith in Jesus—they got into their boats and went looking for him, still they had the small doubt in who He was. The crowd wanted another sign so they might truly believe in him. Jesus tells the crowd that the sign is in their midst, and has always been in their midst. For it was God who gave the bread from heaven to their ancestors in the desert, and it is God who gave them the true bread from heaven, Jesus himself the bread of life.

A familiar phrase used by children and adults alike is, "Prove it to me." In a sense, this is what the followers of Jesus are saying to him on Sunday's Gospel, "Prove it to us, Jesus. Give us a sign so that we might believe in you." Every day we see signs of God; He is in our hearts and listens to us when we talk to Him. We just need to open our eyes and our hearts to the signs of God's presence.

*Mrs Katrina Byrne  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator*

### Our Lady of Angels Feast day celebrations

Today our School captains, Sports captains and SRC representatives organised, set up and ran a variety of activities for the OLA students. I would like to congratulate them on their effort and organisation. The students had a great time participating in the activities and there were lots of excited and happy children. We were blessed with great weather and a fun atmosphere.

On Sunday, we will be celebrating the feast day of Our Lady of the Angels. The day begins with Mass and a procession at 11am, followed by the Fiesta at 1pm. We look forward to celebrating this day with the Parish and School community.



### Parent Sacred Space.

Thank you to the **Labbad family** who sponsored the prayer space this week. The **Falzon family** will be sponsoring the space next week.



# *The Feast of Our Lady of Angels*

**August 2:** Our Lady of Angels, Assisi, Italy (13th Century)

Our Lady of Angels, or have the Portiuncula, is located six hundred yards from the city of Assissium, in Italy. It was a desolate locality, and apparently an unsettled one where robbers and the lawlessness flourished, for the Benedictines who had lived at the monastery felt it was too hazardous to remain there. They abandoned the monastery, relocating to Mount Subasio, which was a fortified monastery.

The original chapel is thought to date from the 4th Century, and was built by holy hermits who had come from the Valley of Josepha. It is said that they brought relics of the Blessed Virgin with them to the region when they constructed the chapel.

When Saint Francis chanced to come upon the little, run down and abandoned chapel of Our Lady of Angels, or Santa Maria degli Angelis, in the year 1208, it was almost completely hidden in shrubs and brush. Saint Francis entered the hidden church, which measured only twenty-two feet by thirteen feet, and saw the ancient fresco that had been placed above the main altar. It was an image of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin surrounded by angels. Some say that this is why the chapel was named Our Lady of Angels, although there are also legends that angels could often be heard singing there.

## A prayer to Our Lady

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,  
We believe in your triumphant assumption onto Heaven  
Where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen.  
We join them in praising you and bless the Lord  
Who raised you above all creatures.  
With them we offer you our devotion and love.  
We are confident that you watch over our  
daily efforts and needs, and we take comfort  
from our faith, in the coming resurrection.  
We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
After this earthly life, show us Jesus,  
The blest fruit of your womb,  
O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Amen



### **Walkathon**

Today we finalized the Walkathon prize draw. Congratulations to the RED house who raised the most money and will have a free pizza lunch at first break next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. We are sure to have some very happy prize winners after today's assembly. Thanks again to the P & F for their work in co-ordinating this. Please see the report later in the newsletter for announcement of the funds raised.

**Fathers' Day-** Look out for the order form for the Fathers' Day gifts that went home yesterday. Please note that all correspondence/ questions regarding this must go through the P & F email address, [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com). The P&F will be keeping records of orders and payments, not the school office, so any enquiries need to be directed to the P&F. We thank the hardworking members of the P&F for their ongoing support of the school. We hope to see many of you at the P&F meeting on Wednesday night 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Please find attached to this newsletter the Minutes from last term's P&F meeting for your perusal.

**Approaching children -** Please remember that if your child is having a problem with another child, it is never OK to approach that child directly. All concerns need to go through the school – the class teacher is the first port of call.

**Office procedures –** All correspondence to the office should be through the class office bag. Teachers collect notes etc each morning and send them to the office collectively so there is no need for parents to bring notes in personally. This helps to streamline the office procedures and promotes responsibility in your child. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

**Maths club- A** reminder that Maths club is continuing this term for children in years 3 and 4. It is held in the Year 4 classroom each Thursday morning at 8.20am. Please there promptly at 8.20. All welcome.

### **ICAS- Science**

Congratulations to all students who participated in ICAS Science competition last term. A special mention to the following:

Merit – Max Fischer,

Credit – Caitlyn Palmer-Burton, Thomas Lenane, Thomas Dobaj, Karl Fischer, Joshua Palmer-Burton

Distinction – Harry Taylor, Eoin Trainor

**Book week- (Week 7) 24<sup>th</sup> August- 28<sup>th</sup> August** – We have some exciting plans for Book Week this year. More details will follow in the coming weeks but we thought advance notice that we will be having a dress up parade (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August) would be useful. So get those creative juices flowing and start thinking about a book character costume.



***Save the Date – Grandparents Day***

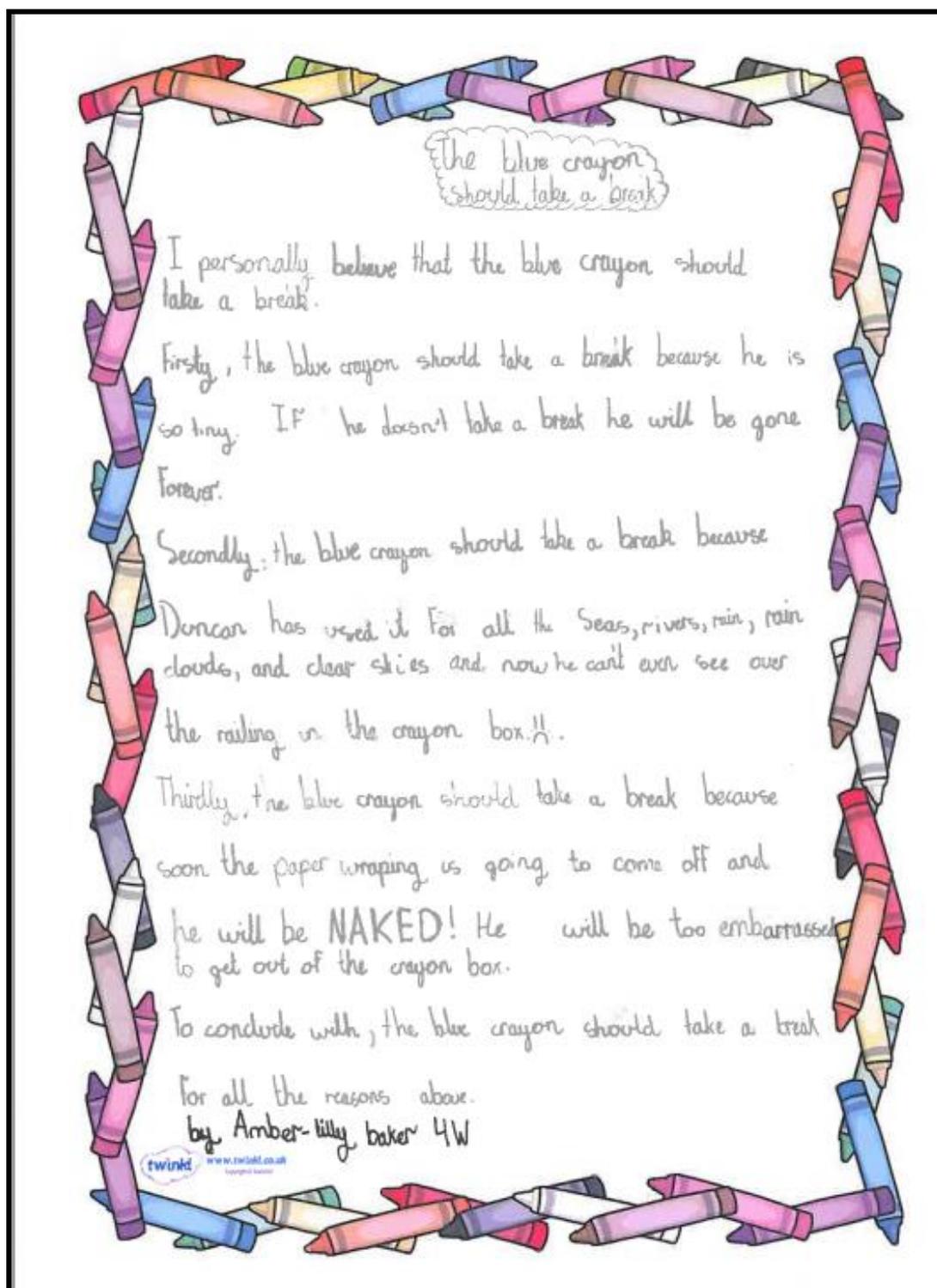
*This year we will celebrate Grandparents' Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August with Mass, morning tea and a mini concert. Please let grandparents know to keep this date free.*

## FROM THE CLASSROOM...Year 4W

This week in Year Four we have been reading a book called, "The Day the Crayons Quit." This book is about a boy named Duncan who loves to use his crayons. In this book each crayon writes a letter to Duncan to explain why they have quit.

Year Four has also been learning about writing persuasive texts. Some of the children wrote a persuasive text about why the Crayons should quit.

Here are a few below. We hope you enjoy reading them.



The blue crayon should take a break

I personally believe that the blue crayon should take a break.

Firstly, the blue crayon should take a break because he is so tiny. IF he doesn't take a break he will be gone forever.

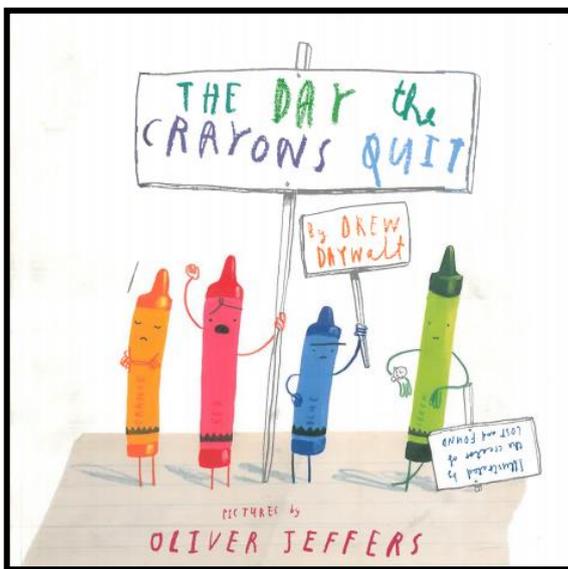
Secondly, the blue crayon should take a break because Duncan has used it for all the seas, rivers, rain, rain clouds, and clear skies and now he can't even see over the railing in the crayon box!!

Thirdly, the blue crayon should take a break because soon the paper wrapping is going to come off and he will be **NAKED!** He will be too embarrassed to get out of the crayon box.

To conclude with, the blue crayon should take a break for all the reasons above.

by Amber-lilly baker 4W

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I personally believe that the blue crayon should take a break.

Firstly, it's my opinion that the blue crayon should take a break because Duncan used it for the oceans, lakes, rivers, rain drops, rain clouds, and all of the BLUE clear skies.

Secondly, the blue crayon should take a break because he is so short and stubby that he can't see over the railing of the crayon box anymore. Also because all of the other crayons are much, MUCH, MUCH, taller than him.

Thirdly, the blue crayon should take a break because it's unfair that he's been Duncan's favourite colour for three years in a row. The blue crayon thinks Duncan should have another favourite colour instead of him.

To conclude the blue crayon should take a break for the reasons listed above.

By Hollie Ford 4W

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# P&F GENERAL MEETING

*Next Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - School grounds*

No need to RSVP or even speak on the night. We will hear what the P&F (as part of the parent body) have been up to. It is also an opportunity to hear from the school all the wonderful things that are happening with our children. There is also time to discuss any general business items, these can be added to the agenda by submitting them to [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>. ALL WELCOME!

## AGENDA

- Walkathon - Summary of the day and funds raised
- Grandparents' Morning Tea - August 24
- Fathers' Day Stall and Breakfast
- Excursion Bags
- Representative Sports Shirts
- The NEW Playground
- Social Bingo Night
- Tea Towel Fundraiser



**Congratulations RED Colour House!!!**

Next Friday you will enjoy a yummy pizza lunch proudly supported by Pizza Hut Rouse Hill.



At this stage the approximate amount the WALKATHON has raised is ... **\$21 025**



*Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great day of fun and fundraising!!*

## An **ENORMOUS THANK YOU**

to all these businesses in our local community who have generously supported the OLA WALKATHON 2015.

Woolworths, Big W Rouse Hill, Aldi Rouse Hill, IGA Rouse Hill, McDonalds Rouse Hill, Western Sydney Giants, Sydney Swans, AMF Bowling Castle Hill, Reading Cinemas Rouse Hill, The Edge Rock Climbing, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Taronga Zoo/Western Plains Zoo Hungry Jacks Rouse Hill, Rouse Hill Rams, The Hills Shire Council ,Yogurtland Rouse Hill, BOOST Juice, MASTERS Home Improvement, Hills News / Rouse Hill Courier, Perfect Automation, Pizza Hut Rouse Hill and Rouse Hill Town Centre.

*Have a great weekend and see you at the FIESTA!*

OLA Parents and Friends Association [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com)

## From the Bishop's Office

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Faith in Marriage Conference: 23 August

This year's conference has the theme: Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage. This conference is aimed at married couples, engaged couples and individuals interested in marriage. Speakers include the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Fr Peter G Williams, Jonathan Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Brought to you by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. From 9am-3pm at Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: \$25 per person (\$50 per couple) includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea. On-site child minding for participants available for \$30 per family must be booked prior to the conference. Registration: CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au) Join us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta](http://www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta)

### Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal: 22-23 and 29-30 August

Can you spare a few hours of your time to be a volunteer collector for the Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal in the Diocese of Parramatta? Funds raised will support much-needed services including the Caroline Chisholm Centre for Social Justice in Mt Druitt. To find out more please contact Alison Bryett, Doorknock Coordinator, tel (02) 8861 9700, [alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au](mailto:alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au)

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### Woolworths Earn and Learn is back

From 15<sup>th</sup> July until 8<sup>th</sup> September, for every \$10 spent at Woolworths you can collect stickers to place on sticker cards. When your sticker card is full, send it into school. We will then redeem these for some exciting resources for the school. Please pass this on to neighbours and grandparents who can collect on your behalf. Thanks for your support.

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### Parent workshop for Maths - 5<sup>th</sup> August 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Several times a year we run parent workshops based on various curriculum areas. The purpose of these workshops is to keep parents in the loop of how we do things and what learning looks like at OLA. We have found recently that these sessions have not been very well attended by parents, although those that have attended have found them useful. This term we have decided to trial a change of time for the maths session to see if this is more suitable for parents. It will now be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 3.30pm-4.15pm. Childcare will be available.

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*From the Parish Office...*

## Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 2 August

A very big thank you to Mrs La Rocca, the OLA School Community and the OLA P&F Committee for your support for our Parish Fiesta on Sunday.

### Your Invitation

You, your family and friends are invited to come along and celebrate Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day on Sunday.

Mass starts at 11am followed by a procession.

Rides, food stalls and entertainment will commence at 1pm and we will conclude with fireworks at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Please note that there **WILL NOT** be mass at 10am and 5.30pm.

**All Year 3 Students who received their First Communion in 2015 are invited to join our procession after the 11 am Fiesta Mass and LEAD this procession. This is a tradition to acknowledge those in our community who have received their Sacraments this year.**

### Confirmation

Confirmation Forms need to be returned on or before August 6 when we have our Enquiry Night at 7.30pm in the Church.

### 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 **Tuesday, 15 September at 7.30pm** at the Church. Please inform those that may be interested to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Shelly on 0421 610 826 or the Parish office at [parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au)

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

### Mass times:

**Sat vigil:** 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

**Weekdays:** Mon -Sat: 9 am

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## Numeracy Hint

Regularly practise counting by 2, 5 and 10. This can be done both forwards and backwards. For children who master this quickly, count off the decade. This means instead of counting 10, 20, 30... start at 13 and continue 23, 33, 43. This helps them to see the patterns in

Term 3 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Zoey Chown	Nicholas Achis	Logan Cleary
Kinder G	Michael Fuda	Willow Johnston	Maddison Dyke
Kinder W	Seth Orton	Madison Saward	Pippa Rosano
Year 1B	Luke Garofano	Justin Medjumurac	Jett Laborte
Year 1 G	Logan Hayden	Tayla Buxton	Taylor Cummings
Year 1W	Michelangelot La	Aidan Vilathgamuwa	Macy Owen
Year 2 B	Lachlan Hollier	Nate Davis	Rachael Perilla
Year 2 G	Dante Merrin	Bowen Cleary	Patrick Leach
Year 2 W	Kimberly Mabhena	Drew Sammut	Ivana Edelinski
Year 3 B	Alisa Adhihetty	Jada Scoulou	Nicholas Kamber
Year 3 W	Taleah Kingcott	Heidi Papandrea	Gabriella Bond
Year 4 B	Rory McArdle	Jayden Ormsby	Connor Knowles
Year 4 G	Sophia Tapley	Max Kelly	Jade Richardson
Year 4 W	Holly Ford	Malachi Cauchi	Antonia Manago
Year 5/6 B	Nicholas Cutroni	Jordyn Eldred	Caden Naidu
Year 5/6 G	Michael Blazey	Ivana Kamber	Michael Blazey
Year 5/6W	Joseph Awadalla	Aidan Williams	Angus Misek

**FIREWORKS AT 6PM**

**OLA**

**FAMILY FIESTA**

**RIDES**

**MEET THE MINIONS**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015**  
 OLA Church Grounds, 1 Wellgate Ave  
 Cnr Withers Road, Rouse Hill

**1PM - 6PM**

**A great time for all!**

- Chocolate Wheel
- White Elephant
- Exciting Rides
- Dodgem Cars
- Cakes
- Lollies
- Games & Novelty Stalls
- BBQ
- International Food Stalls
- Lots, Lots More

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