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Week 4 Term 2

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

This week, my husband, who clearly has too much time on his hands, has been posting snippets of old family movies on the family *Whatsapp*. What a joy it is to look back at those times and share in the memories of days I can hardly remember. For me, it is a reminder that our children are our most precious gift; new lives grown as a product of an expression of love between two people.

Those years have gone all too quickly; kids grown up and the cycle begins again with the first grandchild. What a great privilege but what an awesome responsibility. People say to me, 'You've got good kids. You're lucky'. I am sure many of you are told the same. My thoughts are, 'Luck has very little to do with it. It is mostly very hard work and lots of prayers'. I left full time work, teaching a class of 44 students to have my first child followed by three more over the next five year. I soon became acutely aware that teaching a class of 44 12 year old students from 9am to 3.30pm was far easier than one child for twenty four hours a day, the reason being parenting requires being consistent and persistent for the whole time.

When parents offer a 'threat' (for want of a better word) a consequence of misbehaviour, it is vital that they follow through. Be careful of what is threatened. Children quickly learn that 'you don't mean it' (does this mean you cannot be trusted?) and it will take much more effort to rectify the behaviour. I was recently listening to a child psychologist who said that children of parents who don't follow through are less likely to go to them if they need help or something important done for them because the children see them as weak and not reliable. I had never thought of it that way but I can see how that can be.

It is not easy being a good parent but that is the job. Be present and talk to them. Playing a violent computer game in competition with your six or seven year old does not constitute 'being present'. Ask any child and they would rather spend time with their parents - kicking a ball in the back yard, baking cakes, rumbling on the floor - than having some expensive 'thing'. Resist 'spoiling' them for the simple pleasures in life. Having been given too much 'stuff' leaves them bored later as adolescents and then presents the danger of them in search of something 'else' to give them a thrill.

Teachers have consistently expressed their concern over the exposure our students are having to inappropriate programs on the television, on computers and in particular violent games. How can they not become desensitised to the violence and naturally tend to bring it into their play? The other concern is the late bedtime for a lot of our students. According to the Australian Parenting Website, 6-9 year olds need an average of 10-11 hours' sleep a night. It is also important that the period before sleep is calm - reading in bed for 15-20 minutes is perfect.

I am proud to say I have pretty good kids and I and my husband will take a lot of the credit for it, just as I often give credit to many of you. They are not perfect and they certainly weren't always good. My youngest (soon 31 years old) sent us both a text recently thanking us for not giving them everything they wanted and for making them work for what they wanted. He also reminded me of the time, years ago, when we were travelling along the Atherton Tableland, our destination being the mysterious Crystal Caves. After numerous incidents of 'pushing the boundaries', (pretty normal for him) I warned him that there would be no Crystal Caves for him if it continued. Sadly, I had to follow through. We reached Atherton and my other three kids and my friend and her three got to visit the caves but he and I sat. He still remembers the day and the lesson taught. I hope it holds him in good stead when he is a parent himself.

I will climb down from my soap box. Have a lovely weekend with your children - hug them, fly a kite with them (perfect weather for it), pray with them but mostly be really *present* for them.

Congratulations!

To the new OLA Parents and Friends Committee. (Details on page 3). I look forward to working with this vibrant and energetic group of parents.

I would especially like to acknowledge and thank the outgoing committee, Natalie, Glenda, Kim and Carol for the excellent work and generosity over the past two years. These are surely big shoes to fill. All the very best.

Dates to Remember

- Tues 19th May:** ICAS Competition - Computers 8.00am
- Thur 21st May:** Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
- Fri 29th May:** Kindergarten Excursion to Featherdale Park
- Mon 1st June:** Pyjama Day - Donation of Warm Clothing & Blankets
- Tues 2nd June:** Athletics Carnival

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday May 17th



After Jesus rose from the dead, He "presented Himself alive" to the women near the tomb, to His disciples, and to more than 500 others. In the days following His resurrection, Jesus taught His disciples about the kingdom of God.

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven.

It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Jesus, a cloud hid Him from their view, and two angels appeared and promised Christ's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go".



Gospel Reflection Mark 16: 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

It can be very important whom we sit next to. Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honour. Jesus has this place of honour seated at God's right hand, but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honour is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be helpful. Our children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honoured at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

Have a great weekend with your family.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Coordinator ☺

2015 School Implementation Plan

Each year, all CEDP schools set three goals as part of their year's Implementation Plan. These are informed by data of various sources, from the previous year. In turn, teachers set individual learning goals to develop the skills to assist them to deliver the school goals. Staff development days (pupil free days) are usually a focus of these days. Currently, staff members are focusing on the Literacy Goal and there will be a parent workshop in a couple of weeks on the Literacy block in classrooms- what it means and how you can help your child.

Religious Education: Students develop a deeper knowledge of the Catholic faith through an enriched RE pedagogy demonstrating the 3 levels of understanding.

Literacy: Students will demonstrate three levels of Reading Comprehension and growth reflected in PATR and NAPLAN and improved written responses.

Numeracy: For students to achieve accelerated progress beyond 'on the way' growth point and fewer students vulnerable in multiple domains as reflected in MAI results.



From the P&F.....

On Wednesday night, the P&F AGM was held and there was a wonderful turn out.

We would like to begin by thanking the outgoing committee - Natalie Spiteri, Carol Maisetti, Kim Palmer-Burton, Glenda Vecchio and Melissa Eldred.

We acknowledge and appreciate all that you have done in strengthening the relationship between our school, parent and the parish communities. We hope that we can build on all that you have contributed to the P&F Committee and to the OLA school community.

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new P&F Committee for 2015.

Executive Committee

President: Annemarie Bond
Vice President: Kellie Owen
Secretary: Lee-Ann Wallis
Treasurer: Rebecca Galea

Sub-Committees

Fundraising: Kelly Cleary and Alison Streater
Second Hand Uniform Shop: Kelly Papandrea and Joanna Gladwell
Catering: Ela Hudson and Nicole Brown
Parent Representative Council member (PRC): Sarah Whitehurst

We look forward to working together with Mrs La Rocca, Mrs Hey and Father Warren to create a bright and successful 2015 for OLA.

As we value everyone's contributions and suggestions, please feel free to approach us at any time. If you would like to help out in any way, big or small, please let us know. Your help is always appreciated. You can email us at olapfc@gmail.com

As a team, we are excited about having the support of our school community in working together for the benefit of all the children at OLA.

We look forward to a great year of fun and fundraising!

Kind regards, The P&F Committee 2015

Social Skills

The social skill for the next fortnight is "**Joining In.**" The focus is on deciding to asking politely to join a game and following along with the rules that have already been established.

ICAS competition

A reminder that the ICAS Digital Technologies competition is being held next Tuesday 19th May. Those students who have registered for this are asked to be at school by **7.55am ready for an 8am sharp start**. If students are late they will not be allocated extra time. The students are asked to bring a lead pencil and an eraser with them.

Maths club

Maths club commenced again at the beginning of the term on Thursday mornings at 8.20am. We regularly have between 20- 30 students from years 3 and 4 meet in the year 4 classroom to learn and revise tables and number concepts.

Uniform

Please note that we have been advised by our supplier that Red Robin are no longer making the navy long socks. Therefore, I cannot order any more for this year. The supplier is currently sourcing stock for 2016. We only have limited numbers of 13-3 and 2-8 in stock.

Absent Notes

Just a reminder to put your child's class on any email that you send to the office regarding their absence from school. This small thing makes our job so much easier. Also the Skoolbag app has an absentee note that you can use and this is sent straight to our email address.

faith at the FIDDLER

5-7pm Thursday 21 May 2015

THE MEAN FIDDLER CNR WINDSOR & COMMERCIAL RD ROUSE HILL

WORLD YOUTH DAY for teachers

Main speaker

Selina Hasham

Chair Australian World Youth Day Committee



- An informative evening for teachers interested in World Youth Day Krakow 2016
- A panel of speakers with a variety of insights into the World Youth Day experience



ALL WELCOME

fun friendship faith

For more information please contact Steven Dubedjar Tel 9840 5743 Email sdubedjar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

CAPTIVATE is inviting primary and secondary students in the Diocese of Parramatta to showcase their talents at

CAPTIVATE'S got talent MASTERCLASS

Are you a dancer, musician or actor?

Students will gain valuable feedback and mentoring from entertainment industry professionals.

MUSIC & DRAMA AUDITIONS Wednesday 22 July

Nagle College - 58A Orwell Street Blacktown South

DANCE AUDITIONS Friday 24 July

St Agnes Catholic High School - Evans Road Rooty Hill

PERFORMANCE Thursday 13 August

To register go to www.captivate.catholic.edu.au

Enquiries: 9840 5640 captivate@parra.catholic.edu.au

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the spirit of expression

CAPTIVATE 2015 SHOWCASE

11-19 June

The annual CAPTIVATE Showcase presents the culmination of the work of the various combined Parramatta Diocesan Catholic schools' ensembles in music, drama and dance.

Dance Showcase



Annual presentation of the Combined Schools' Dance program at Nagle College and Nagle High School from 11-13 June 2015.

Combined Dance Ensembles:
St Agnes Catholic Community
Contemporary Dance Showcase
Features performances by selected secondary and primary schools.

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM

VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown NSW

Drama Showcase



Annual presentation of the CAPTIVATE Drama program with secondary students from across the Diocese who will perform selected and self-written works.

FRIDAY 12 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM

VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown NSW

Music Showcase



Annual presentation of the Combined Schools' Music ensembles including Primary Choir, Secondary Choir, Secondary Orchestra, Concert Band, Chamber Music, Chamber Choir, Chamber Ensemble and Wind Ensemble.

MONDAY 15 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM

THURSDAY 18 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM

VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown NSW

Best of Showcase



FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY

Combined Primary Choir

Combined Secondary Choir

Combined Secondary Orchestra

Chamber Choir

CAPTIVATE Voices

Drama Ensemble

Commercial Dance

Contemporary Dance

Combined Concert Band

Wind Ensemble

Individual Student Performances

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM

VENUE: JOAN SUTHERLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE 597 High Street Parramatta

Enquiries: 9840 5645 captivate@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.captivate.catholic.edu.au

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Tickets \$15 (adult) \$10 (concession) available from www.trybooking.com/HV53

Family passes and season passes available through (02) 9840 5645



PYJAMA DAY

Wear your pyjamas to school and help a great cause!!!

Monday 1st June

Bring in a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards DWF.
Remember to wear sensible footwear.



Thank you ☺
SRC and Mrs Callaghan

st. Vinnies Winter Appeal 2015



We are asking you to bring in donations of warm blankets to
help those in need.

Please bring your donations into your classroom in Week 6.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you ☺

SRC and Mrs Callaghan



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

*Holy Family Primary School,
Luddenham*

25th Anniversary

Mass & Morning Tea

Friday 12th June

9.15am in the Church

Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall

*RSVP - 22nd May to
Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office*

*For further information contact the
School Office on 4773 4485*

Email - Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE CLASSROOM... Year 1G

We have been learning about "Our Living World". We have been exploring the needs of living things and the habitats where they are found.

On Wednesday 13th May we visited the Wildlife Sydney Zoo and the Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. The Wildlife Zoo had exhibits of different habitats found in Australia and the creatures that live in these habitats. The Sea Life Aquarium had exhibits of different freshwater and marine aquatic environments. The students were able to see dugongs, platypuses, sharks and penguins.



Netball Gala Day Tuesday July 21

This gala day is to be held early in term 3. 100 students in years 4 - 6 have expressed interest in participating. Due to these numbers, this event is not being offered to year 3 this year.

This is a great event in which to participate as it has such a convenient location next to the school. However we can only enter teams where we have a coach, umpire and manager available. Therefore we are asking for parent helpers in these areas as we do not have enough teachers to cover all these roles on the day.

If you are reluctant to put your name down, due to not much knowledge of netball, then the manager's role would be perfect for you as you are there to support the coach and look after the team on the day. If you are able to assist, please email the school, ola@parra.catholic.edu.au, attention Mrs Schroder, and indicate whether you can assist with coaching, umpiring or being manager for the day.

Teams can train together so don't be concerned if you don't have great netball skills.

Thanks for your support which makes these days possible.

Mrs Schroder

Science Day

This term in Science and Technology, the students in Year Two have been learning about different material in a unit titled 'Material World.' This is a unit about how different materials are created, used and changed. We have been investigating both natural and man-made materials.

On Friday the 15th of May, Year Two had a Science Day. During the day children were able to participate in a number of Science experiments and watch a 'Big Science Show'.

The students in Year Two had fun whilst participating in a science incursion run by Fizzics Ed. They made slime, sherbet and even blew giant bubbles. They also investigated the effects of mixing water, oil and food colouring, as well as making mini pizzas where they saw the effects of heating and melting.

We learnt a lot about the different ways materials change or react when combined.



From the Parish Office...

We're fundraising with Entertainment

The Parish are also fundraising with the Entertainment Books. You can now purchase the books as a hardcopy or an electronic copy. This can be purchased through the link on our Website or you can contact the parish office.

Bingo

Don't forget tomorrow night all families are invited to come along to our Bingo Night after the 5.30pm Mass. Cost is \$10 for 3 books. BYO: nibbles & drink.

Playgroup

All Mums and Dads and Bubs are invited to come along to OLA Playgroup on every Friday morning at 9.30am in the OOSH room. For further information, please contact Piaf on 0403 486 477.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

For those children who will this year be receiving their First Holy Communion, please remember that you will need to attend mass to receive your Prayer Book.

Your next session is a Parent and Child session on Thursday, 21 May at 7.30pm. All sessions are compulsory.

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 on Sunday 31 May. We will be meeting at the Church at 2 pm to depart together shortly thereafter. We will finish the pilgrimage with afternoon tea. Please rsvp by email to the parish office.

Save the Date:

The date for the Parish Fiesta has been set for Sunday, 2 August. Make sure you keep that date clear in your dairy!!

Bible Studies

We will be starting up Bible Studies this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the OOSH room.

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Mass times:

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

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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Literacy Hint -

If your child comes across an unknown word during reading, **pause** before saying the word. This gives them the opportunity to work out the word. If they can't work out the word, provide **prompts** by asking what is in the picture, what sound the word begins with and what would make sense in the sentence. If your child still can't work out the word, say the word and ask them to read the sentence again. **Praise** your child's efforts. This is the "Pause, Prompt, Praise" method of helping your child to read.

God bless and keep you safe over the weekend.

Eva La Rocca,

Principal



Term 2 Week 4	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Jelena Tolentino	Georgia Dolahenty	Isaac Castellan
Kinder G	Willow Johnston	Maddison Dyke	Dylan Halwani
Kinder W	Charlie Mileto	Olivia Fallone	Isabella Stein
Year 1B	Gemma Haynes	Jericho Cruz	Katia Lesar
Year 1 G	Amalia-Rose Trifiro	Taylor Cummings	Sienna Dixon
Year 1W	Jayden Thornton	Harrison Fiorio	Denison Cu
Year 2 B	Marc Skoljarev	Madeleine Wilson	Grace Bennison
Year 2 G	Caitlyn Palmer-Burton	Iris Tsang	Sal Colosimo
Year 2 W	Lucy Taylor	Rafael Ira	Charlie Da Ruos
Year 3 B	Matthew Geoghegan	Gemma Gladwell	Brianna Arellano
Year 3 W	Austin Turner	Georgia Domars	Brandee Yeow
Year 4 B	Rebecca Cleary	Lily Cassar	Phoebe Strykowski
Year 4 G	Bella Masters	Jesse Eldred	Beatrice Espejo
Year 4 W	Juliana Constantino	Charlie Cutroni	Isaac Sultana
Year 5/6 B	Jordyn Eldred	Claudia Coombes	Madison Nohra
Year 5/6 G	Maneesha Gunasekara	Caleb Martinez	Nicholas Sweeney
Year 5/6 W	Aaron Rebutan	Olivia Farrugia	Elouise Gomez

