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Week 4 Term 3

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Last Saturday, 2nd of August was the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels, our patron. On Sunday, a high Mass and procession was a fitting honour to Our Lady and the Fiesta that followed was fulfilment of this celebration.

Thank you goes to Anthony Saliba who organised the event but would not have had the success without the many helpers including those from the school community. In the words of Drew in Year 1 put it nicely...



I would like to acknowledge the staff who attended Sunday's celebration, and it was all of them. Fr Warren commented that it is rare to have all teaching staff members at a school attend an event outside school hours yet those of OLA regularly do so.

Congratulations go to the winners of the *Build a Model of the Church Competition*. These were Blake Tickell, Aiden Williams, Aaron Rebutan and Darci Buxton (not pictured). Each of these received a Certificate and \$100 cash. There were many impressive entries and for this reason an extra First Prize was give as well as movie tickets to all those who entered. Well done, to the students.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY – FRIDAY AUGUST 15TH

The word 'holiday' comes from *Holy Day* as it was that on Holy days, people had a day free from work. There used to be seven 'Holy Days in the Liturgical Year but now, apart from each Sunday, there are only two – Christmas Day and the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th

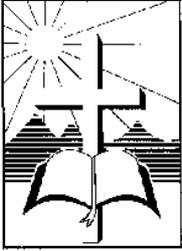
Our Catholic tradition teaches us that Mary, the Mother of Jesus was taken body and soul into heaven as a reward for her faithfulness. Her life and devotion should be an example for us. On Friday 15th August the school community will be celebrating this special feast day at 10am mass. I encourage our families to join us on this Holy day of Obligation.

For this reason, there will be **NO CLASS MASSES THROUGHOUT NEXT WEEK.**



Dates to Remember

Thurs 14th Aug Hills Zone Athletics Carnival
Fri 15th Aug Feast of the Assumption – 10am whole school mass
Mon 18th Aug Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY
Tues 19th Aug Book Week



Gospel Reflection

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus calls the disciples and calms their fears. They are seeking proof that it is actually Jesus before them. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him but Jesus reaches out and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, the wind stops and the disciples confess Jesus as the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus allowed the disciples to do His work. Peter walked on water. Thousands of people were fed with five loaves and two fish. When Peter has doubts about Jesus, he falters in his service of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just like Peter, we need to ensure that our Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah. We must put complete faith in Jesus and allow him to come alive within our hearts and our interactions with people.

This weekend with your family... The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too. Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbours and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven – like I'm sure he already is!

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

It was great to see you at the Fiesta last weekend! Have a fun-filled weekend!

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 **Tjhin**



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

RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Over the next couple of weeks, Year 4 and Year 6 students will be participating in the Religious Literacy Assessment. This is a diocesan wide assessment and we wish them luck. Thank you to the Year 4 and Year 6 teachers for preparing them so well for this.

Saint of the Week: St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Feast Day: August 8th

“Never see a need without doing something about it”



Each week we have been looking at the life of a different Saint. This week we are celebrating the feast day of a saint close to our hearts. St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop is Australia's first saint. She did a lot of work setting up Catholic Schools for children to attend. At the start of the week I challenged the children to live their life like Mary MacKillop and to 'not see a need without doing something about it'. Even the smallest acts of kindness and charity can make a big difference. Please continue to encourage your children to reach out to others and this is best shown with you leading by example. Thank you Mrs Hurst and Mrs Myer and all of Year 2 for preparing such a beautiful liturgy for us this afternoon. Learn more about Mary MacKillop with your family on this website <http://www.marymackillop.org.au>

On January 15, 1842 Mary MacKillop was born of Scottish parents in Fitzroy, Victoria. A plaque in the footpath now marks the place of her birth in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

Mary, the eldest of eight children, was well educated by her father who spent some years studying for the priesthood in Rome but through ill health had returned to his native Scotland until 1835 when he migrated to Australia with his parents. Unfortunately, he lacked financial awareness, so the family was often without a home of their own, depending on friends and relatives and frequently separated from one another. From the age of sixteen, Mary earned her living and greatly supported her family, as a governess, as a clerk and as a teacher at the Portland school. While acting as a governess to her uncle's children at Penola, Mary met Father Julian Tenison Woods who, with a parish of 22,000 square miles/56,000 square kilometres, needed help in the religious education of children in the outback. At the time Mary's family depended on her income so she was not free to follow her dream. However, in 1866, greatly inspired and encouraged by Father Woods, Mary opened the first Saint Joseph's School in a disused stable in Penola.

Young women came to join Mary, and so the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph was begun. In 1867, Mary was asked by Bishop Shiel to come to Adelaide to start a school. From there, the Sisters spread, in groups to small outback settlements and large cities around Australia, New Zealand, and now in Peru, Brazil and refugee camps of Uganda and Thailand. Mary and these early Sisters, together with other Religious Orders and Lay Teachers of the time, had a profound influence on the forming of Catholic Education as we have come to know and experience it today. She also opened Orphanages, Providences to care for the homeless and destitute both young and old, and Refuges for ex-prisoners and ex-prostitutes who wished to make a fresh start in life.

Throughout her life, Mary met with opposition from people outside the Church and even from some of those within it. In the most difficult of times she consistently refused to attack those who wrongly accused her and undermined her work, but continued in the way she believed God was calling her and was always ready to forgive those who wronged her. Throughout her life Mary suffered ill health. She died on August 8, 1909 in the convent in Mount Street, North Sydney where her tomb is now enshrined. This great Australian woman inspired great dedication to God's work in the then new colonies. In today's world, she stands as an example of great courage and trust in her living out of God's loving and compassionate care of those in need.

Have a happy and holy weekend.
Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan ☺

Building Resilience.

The issue of 'bullying and harassment' is constantly raised and addressed in a whole range of arenas. For our students, the most important thing we can do as educators, and you as parents, is to build their resilience. OLA School, along with a select few other schools, has been chosen to participate in a research study around this issue. Please refer to the following message:



PAVe
Preventing Anxiety and Victimisation through
education



Our school has agreed for your school to take part in PAVe, an exciting new research project taking place in NSW and WA primary schools. The purpose of the project is to evaluate two interventions that enhance students' social and emotional learning and foster the prevention of bullying behaviours (*Friendly Schools Plus* and *Cool Kids: Taking Control*). **Grades 3 and 4 students** are being invited to participate by completing a **confidential** survey on four occasions over the next three years. Your school will implement *Cool Kids: Taking Control*.

[Read about the PAVe project in the Daily Telegraph](#)

Further information can also be found at <http://www.centreforemotionalehealth.com.au/pages/PAVe.aspx>

This project will be coordinated by Mrs Boerma, our school counsellor, and I would like to thank her for taking on this very worthwhile initiative.

ICAS – A reminder that the ICAS Maths competition is next Tuesday morning at 8am.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Joshua R, Lachlan H, Jasmyn R, Nicholas Z, Emily L, Thomas L, Lucas L and Jack H who have recently completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. There are still 47 students who have not logged their books for validation. You have until the end of August to do this.

Social Skill

The social skill for this fortnight is DEALING WITH LOSING

- Say to yourself, "Everybody can't win, it's okay that I didn't win this time"
- If you didn't win think about what you should now:
 - ask someone to help you do better
 - do an activity that you like and is fun
 - relax and have another go
- Act out your best choice

Book week

This year as part of our Book Week celebrations in week 6, we will be having a Book Fair. The children will have the opportunity to look at the books prior to this and the book fair will be open for parents to purchase books on Wednesday 20th August from 8.15am-9.30am and 2.30pm-3.30pm and on Friday 22nd August from 1pm-3pm. As a special part of our Book Week celebrations each teacher will be reading their favourite picture book to students either before school or at one of the lunch breaks throughout the week. *Please note there will **not** be a dress up character parade this year.*

Mrs Cathy Hey



Kindy said 'goodbye' to their ducklings today. What a great experience for the children to watch them hatch and then grow so quickly within the space of two weeks.





OLA Fiesta

Thank you to all the parents who helped out at the Coffee stall last Sunday. Despite all the troubles we had with the machines the afternoon was successful. A very big thank you to Kim Palmer-Burton who did a great job organising the roster for the day and herself who worked tirelessly all afternoon.

Father's Day

We will be holding our stall and breakfast again this year so if you are able to assist in any capacity please email olapandf@hotmail.com.

Kind Regards, P&F Committee

Creative Arts Expo

Our Lady of Angels is part of a Creative Arts Expo to be held in August with 4 other schools in the Parramatta Diocese. The Expo will be held at Evans Theatre, Penrith Panthers on Wednesday, 27th August. If you would like to come and support the students from OLA performing, below are the details to purchase tickets.

Tickets will cost \$15 each. There are no concessions available.

No tickets are available through the school.

Tickets can be purchased by:

1. Ticketek website: www.ticketek.com.au (booking fees will apply)
2. Ticketek call Centre: Phone bookings 132 849 (booking fees will apply)
3. Penrith Panthers: Reception Desk In person - 9am to 10pm daily - (no booking fees for cash or Eftpos transactions)

Creative Arts Expo update

Costumes are being finalised, backdrops almost completed and the children are practising their dance routines. With only a few more weeks to go, we are all getting a little excited!

For our parents and performers dates to remember
25th August-Full dress rehearsal at school (3-4pm)
27th August-Rehearsal at Evans Theatre (10am-1pm)
27th August-Creative Arts Expo Evans Theatre

Notes have gone home this week to all students performing in the Expo. Can you please send all notes back by the end of next week.

Fresh Fitness

If you have a Fresh Fitness Boot Camp shirt, can you please return it to Mrs Byrne or Miss Grima, so we can reissue shirts out next week.

Breakfast Mums

As part of Boot Camp, students receive a healthy breakfast after they have exercised. If you are able to help with breakfast please let us know. We are grateful for any assistance. A big thank you to Mrs Bennett who prepared breakfast this week!

Zone Athletics Carnival

We would like to wish the students representing Our Lady of the Angels in the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival next week.

From the class room... Yr 2W

Last Friday, Year 2 visited the Powerhouse Discovery Museum in Castle Hill as part of our "Transport" unit. We were very lucky to have so many amazing parents to help us, as well as the wonderful volunteers at the Museum who knew so much about transport of the past and present. The students had a great time creating their own travel tickets, experimenting with train tracks, viewing old steam trains and double-decker buses and many more exciting activities throughout the day!

We learnt a lot of new information which we documented in a 'Six Thinking Hats' activity when we returned back to school.

Take a look at some of the fun we had throughout the day!



From the Parish Office...

Parish Family Fiesta 2014

A very big thank you to Mrs La Rocca, the School Community and the P&F Committee for your enormous support of the 2014 Fiesta. We had a number of delicious cakes donated, some delicious coffees made and the success of the Fiesta Raffle was made even sweeter with Emma Cleary of KG winning first prize - Congratulations Emma!!

Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, celebrated on August 15, commemorates the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. This special feast of Mary is a holy day of obligation.

As well as the school mass there are also masses at 9:00am and 7:30pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

An information night will be held on Tuesday, 19 August at 7pm. If you have a child in Year 6 or older who has received First Communion and not yet received Confirmation please contact the Parish office.

Adult Confirmation

This is a community celebration for those who have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (Communion). For those who are over 16 years of age. The Office for Worship will hold an evening of catechesis and formation for all candidates. This will be on Friday, 5 September between 7-9pm in the Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. If this applies to you or someone you know, please have them contact the OLA Parish office for further information.

Installation of new Altar Servers

This weekend our Parish Community will install 25 new Altar Servers. Congratulations to these children: William Blazey, Malachi Cauchi, Angelina Cutuk, Anthony Cutuk, Kylan Ewer, Trinity Johnston, Connor Knowles, Tea-Elise Kroeger, Rory McArdle, Joshua Palmer-Burton, Luke Robertson, Isaac Sultana and their families for taking the initiative to join the Ministry of Altar Serving.

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.

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Thank you!!

Kate Anderson, the convenor of the cake stall, would like to thank the school community for the many delicious cakes/slices that were donated last Sunday. The stall was a huge success on the day.



Congratulations to Alexander H. in Year 2 on the arrival of his baby brother. We wish the whole family all the best at this special time.

Reminder: The school choir has up and started. If your child expressed interest in joining, please be at school on Wednesday at 8.20am for practice with Mr Quirk



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

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

Term 3 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Amelia Bond	Georgia McQuaid	Joshua Roberston
Kinder G	Amity Galea	Marcus Farrugia	Logan Hayden
Kinder W	Charlotte Muscat	Alicia Gladwell	Jonathan Teo
Year 1B	Isabel Williams	Dante Merrin	Hayden Lavercombe
Year 1 G	Madison Mihalic	Marcus Castellan	Lucy Taylor
Year 1W	Natalie Holopikian	Michael Eyles	Brayden Staddard
Year 2 B	Zachary Sprowles	Luke Awadalla	Mikayla Bowden
Year 2 W	Cody Tickell	Sofia Silva	Natasha Charlesworth
Year 3 B	Jack Bowden	Charlotte Garcia	Amelia Dimech
Year 3 G	Karl Fischer	Millie Edwards	Tatum Crook
Year 3 W	Dylan Stacey	Tyra Abdullah	Joshua Palmer Burton
Year 4 B	Sebastian Cauchi	Tiarne McLuskey	Cooper Brown
Year 4 W	Mirko Basic	Emily Odd	AJ Abdallah
Year 5/6 B	Maddelyn Grayson	Mirabai Rangan	Ben Molano
Year 5/6 W	Blake Tickell	Imogen Lane	Cormac King