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Week 4 Term 2

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the day that is recognised as the birthday of the Church on earth. Before He ascended into Heaven, Jesus promised the disciples that He would send a helper to continue God's work, to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven, the reign of God, a world of justice and love. This helper, the Holy Spirit, came upon the disciples and Mary and gave them the gifts -knowledge, wisdom, strength, wonder, right judgement, courage and understanding – that enabled them to go out into the world and proclaim the good news. This good news (Gospel) is that our God is a loving and merciful God and that each of us, through Baptism, are invited into eternal life with Him.

God so loves us that His saving plan began immediately after the Fall of Adam and Eve. He asked Abraham to prepare the people for the Saviour. God sent His Son to be born human and die for us to bring the message of salvation to all. This message has continued to be passed on by the people of the church for 2000 years. Today, it is we, members of the Catholic Church that, through our Baptism, are called to continue to bring this message to others in the things we do and say. At the end of each Mass, we are asked to 'go forth and spread the news' and continue Jesus' message and build a world of justice and love. The Old Testament taught us to love our neighbour. Jesus, in the New Testament, teaches us to love our enemy – quite a challenge.

*Spirit of Light; you who shed your radiance on us
Come Sacred Spirit, light up our hearts
Spirit of Comfort; you who console the broken and the poor
Come Sacred Spirit, your peace bestow
Spirit of Strength; you who heal our wounds
Come Sacred Spirit, our strength renew
Oh Refreshing Spirit, you fall as the freshness of dew
Come fall on all that is dry and parched in our hearts and in our world
Oh Warming Spirit, you melt the frozen and bend the stubborn will
Come warm the chill that pains our lives
Oh Holy Spirit, Come visit us with your grace and your light
Come Holy Spirit, Come.*



Congratulations all you great parents out there! I was overwhelmed by the support and positive response to last week's Newsletter. Those of you who noted and took the time to contact me in agreement with the points made about...

- Making sure your child has enough sleep each night – there is a clear correlation between sleep and children's performance at school
- Being vigilant when it comes to the kinds of games they play and TV they watch - not violence
- Spending time playing and interacting with your children
- Following through with consequences – they will learn that you can be trusted
- Not spoiling them with too many material things – allowing them to still get a thrill out of the little pleasure in life
- Look at them when they speak to you and listen – be conscious of the 'other kids' interrupting and taking over; the message you could be giving is that the other is more important than them

Most of all **be present** for them!

...I thank you, the teachers thank you and, most importantly, your children will thank you.



Dates to Remember

Fri 29 th May:	Kindergarten Excursion to Featherdale Park
Mon 1 st June:	Pyjama Day – Donation of Warm Clothing & Blankets. Student wear their pj's to school
Tues 2 nd June:	Athletics Carnival
Wed 3 rd June:	Photo make-up day
Thur 4 th June:	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Mon 8 th June:	Public Holiday

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 – KRAKOW

TODAY, THE OLDEST CHILD IN EACH FAMILY WILL BE GIVEN RAFFLE TICKETS TO RAISE MONEY FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016. EACH SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO RAISING A CERTAIN AMOUNT THAT GOES TOWARDS THE COST OF SENDING A PILGRIM TO KRAKOW. THIS YEAR WE ARE HOPING TO SEND ONE OF OUR OWN STAFF TO KRAKOW. THANK YOU, IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Saint of the Week: Saint Phillip Neri Feast Day May 26th



As a child Phillip was called “Good little Phil” because he was always happy and friendly to everyone – everybody loved Phillip. When he got older he went to study in Rome with the Dominican priests. He was a good student and a very good Christian. He did everything he could to bring people closer to Jesus. When he turned 36 years old he felt like God was calling him to become a priest. As a priest Fr. Phillip really helped everyone around him. He would listen to confessions for hours a day and no matter how many people lined up to come and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he was always patient, kind and gentle with everyone. At one point he thought maybe he should go to a far off land to be a missionary; but a wise monk told him that Rome was his mission field and he really did so much to bring the people of Rome closer to

God. A few years before he died he started working with young people, finding them safe places to play and becoming their friend, so that he could lead them to God.



Gospel Reflection John 20: 19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation. As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the Sign of Peace.

Have a great weekend with your family.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Coordinator ☺



National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 22nd May 2015

Despite the rainy weather children still walked to school for National Walk Safely to School Day. As School and Vice Captain we were surprised and proud of how many people walked through the gates for us to give a sticker to this morning. We didn't think that on such a freezing morning so many children (and parents) would be committed to participating in the Walk to School Day to raise awareness for Road Safety. Well done everyone!

Angelina Cutuk and Blake Tickell



Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

On Thursday 21st May, some of the boys from stage 3 represented OLA in the soccer gala day at Jamison Park, Penrith. There were two teams and we both had to play seven games with 11 players. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed the day. For some of the students it was the last time they would represent OLA in soccer. All of us 20 boys were proud to say they represented OLA at this day.



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.

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.

Makeup Day for School Photos

The date for the makeup photos is Wednesday 4th June, so if your child was away on photo day, they will have their photo taken then. I will send a separate email home for those children.

School Fees

For the families that are not paying their school fees by the FPP, term 2 school fees are due to be paid next Monday 25th May. If you have not already paid your fees, we would appreciate payment next week. If you would like an extension on your fees, please contact Mrs Goldsworthy next week.

OLA’s SKOOLBAG App

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag App. To install it, just search for our school name "Our Lady of the Angels Primary Rouse Hill" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.



The following link <http://www.skoolbag.com.au/app/admin/parentinstructions.pdf> will provide you with information on how to install Skoolbag on your smartphone or Android devices.

There are many benefits to having this app on your device:

- You may select to receive notification for your child’s grade only.
- **Absentee notes** can be completed on this app.
- Access to newsletters and news events linked directly to our school website.
- **Instant notification when excursions are postponed, assemblies cancelled due to bad weather, delays during excursions and other important information.**

This will be used along with emailing to receive important information in 2015.



From the P&F.....

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms so far. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to *donate* to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the *clean* items to the school office in a plastic bag.

SPECIAL TREATS 2015

The children thoroughly enjoy special treats each Friday. A special thank you to all of the helpers for their flexibility and enthusiasm!

We are organising the roster for Terms 3 and 4. Are you able to give 45 minutes of your Friday from 1.20pm once or twice a term? No experience necessary, just a friendly smile and a small amount of time. Toddlers are welcome!

If you are already on the roster, please let us know if you would like to be included again. Please forward your *name and contact number* to Annemarie Bond at olapfc@gmail.com. We all know that the children really look forward to having a special treat each week and it is a great opportunity to get to know some other parents at OLA.

Thank you for your contributions so far and we look forward to meeting you in the near future!

Kind Regards, OLA P&F Committee

Walk-a-thon Change of Date

Please note that the walk-a-thon will now be held in term 3 on Friday 22nd July, 2015 and **NOT** Friday 5th June. More information will go home about the walk-a-thon at a later date.

Help Needed

We have a lot of readers and bibles that need to be covered and so we are asking for any parent who can spare an hour or so on Tuesday morning (26th May) to come to the music room and have a 'book covering morning'. Tea/coffee will be provided and toddlers welcome.



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 KB

In Kindergarten we have been learning about Natural environments. This week our focus has been on rainforests and the students showed a particular interest in the birdlife found in this environment. We decided to create a peacock artwork using water colour paints and oil pastels. The students displayed great painting techniques and were very careful with their sketching. As you can see below, they turned out beautifully!



From the Parish Office...

Attention all Mums/Dads and Bubs - Playgroup

All Parents 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.

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.

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!!

Scripture Reflection

Every Wednesday, Fr Warren will be holding Scripture Reflection - *Understanding the Gospel* which will be heard the following weekend. A great way to receive a deeper meaning of each week's Gospel. Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Old Sacristy. Everyone welcome.

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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Literacy Hint -



Beginning readers need to know that what they are doing is right so they can keep doing it. We can tell them with simple, specific praises. When your child is pointing to each word as he reads say, "I like how you're pointing to the words. That's just what good readers do." When your child looks at the pictures to help figure out what a new word is say, "I like how you're looking at the pictures to help figure out that new word." When your child stops at a new word because it's too hard say, "I like how you stopped at that tough word. That says _ (tell them the word)." When your child starts to sound out new words say, "I like how you're looking at the letters in that word." When your child sees an exclamation mark and makes his voice louder, say, "I like how you made your voice louder when you saw that exclamation mark." Do the same thing for question marks. By using specific praise, you're helping your child develop good reading habits. This will help him become a stronger reader.

God bless and keep you safe over the weekend.

Eva La Rocca,

Principal

**Student
of the
Week'
awards**

Term 2 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Jake Brown	Mackenzie Molloy	Isabella Smith
Kinder G	Sienna Jacobs	Matthew Kamber	Malachi Rangan
Kinder W	Max Luther	Aidan Attard	Deagan Hopkins
Year 1B	Ava Carney	Roxie Pace	Riharna Pacella
Year 1 G	Joyce Ghobrial	Amity Oxspring	Logan Hayden
Year 1W	Amity Galea	Lily Trimboli	James Apap
Year 2 B	Christian Vargas	Peter Giovas	Lucas Buda
Year 2 G	Bailey Knowles	Chloe Huber	Sienna Mooney
Year 2 W	Sienna Gibson	Ivana Edelinski	Chanel Johnston
Year 3 B	Zachary Signorelli	Olivia Hudson	Harry Taylor
Year 3 W	Gabriella Bond	Sienna Achis	Nathan Osborne
Year 4 B	Rebecca Cleary	Carys Fitzgerald	Jayden Ormsby
Year 4 G	Thomas Dobaj	Jade Richardson	Ailbhe Gannon
Year 4 W	Nicholas Zahorsky	Amber-Lilly Baker	Sienna Farrugia
Year 5/6 B	Jake Eyles	Oliva Scott	Gary Parizian
Year 5/6 G	Ryan Muscat	Sophie Rudek	Jacob Domars
Year 5/6 W	Francesca Marino	Ana Basic	Tomas Blazevec

