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Week 5 Term 1

27th February 2015

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

"For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matt 7:8

Why choose a Catholic School?

I received this letter from a mum earlier this week...

My daughter competed in her backstroke event and was very proud to come 'equal 4th', and was very nervous leading into the day and event, as swimming would be behind dancing in terms of preference and talent.

When we walked back to the car we talked about feeling proud of her effort and that it was great experience to compete in events such as today's. It was the next statement from her that keeps playing in my mind, and one that reminds me of the great work you do at OLA.

My daughter said, "Mum, while I was sitting in the chairs waiting for my race, I got really nervous". I told her that was very normal. She then said "Yeah, I prayed to God while I was waiting. I said the Our Father then I said thank you for getting me to the zone carnival and if you can help me get through this race I'd appreciate it"...or words to that affect!

I think it is so great, that in a moment of need, she knew that she had God within her to settle and guide her. What a fine example you have been giving to her throughout her time at OLA, that this has become part of her nature.

You know I am a strong advocate of OLA, but it is instances such as this that reinforce the choice of a catholic education, as the best one we could have made for our children. In times when many are quick to question and challenge, I wanted to take the time to share this with you, I am grateful indeed.

It is always special to receive such affirmation from the parent body. However, I did remind this mum that school is a partnership and, without the good parenting and modelling, these moments don't happen. The child put in her best effort and prayed to God for help and God saw that it was good and allowed it. We know this does not always happen. In fact, sometimes we despair that, despite every effort, things don't turn out the way we hoped. This is where our faith is put to the test, to trust that God knows what is best and that all will be good. I am sure that, for many of us, we can see where this has happened. Keep the faith and trust in God. 'Ask and you shall receive', perhaps not always the way you expect.

Novena to St Joseph

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Novena (nine days of prayer) with the special intention of receiving the funds to complete the school building project. The novena can also be dedicated to include your own special petitions.



**PLEASE NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAY - MONDAY 2ND MARCH.
There is no supervision for students on this day.**

Dates to Remember

**Mon 2nd Mar – Staff Development Day – No school for students on this day.
Mon 9th/10th Mar – Stage 3 Overnight Excursion to Bathurst**





Gospel Reflection

Mark 9:2-10 Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2015

This year Project Compassion focuses on food. Caritas is working with people who are less fortunate to establish food sources that give and continue to grow for the communities that Caritas work with. By participating in Project Compassion we are helping communities to build a better future. I encourage students and families to support this appeal and donate weekly to their class mission box and family mission box. All families should have received their own mission box this week.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Coordinator ☺

Saint of the Week: St. John of God



"If we look forward to receiving God's mercy, we can never fail to do good so long as we have the strength. For if we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever he has given to us, we shall receive, according to his promise, a hundredfold in eternal happiness." -St. John of God

Parent 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. An example is – Week three - this space is sponsored by the Smith Family and there might be a small posy of flowers, a set of Rosary Beads and maybe the photo of someone for whom the Smith family is seeking prayers. This is the family's choice. There are only two small shelves 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, even if you sponsored the space last year, we look forward to receiving an email from you to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. We will then advise you which week you have been allocated.

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Monday, twenty-five students from Years 3 to 6 competed against 13 other schools in the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival at the Hawkesbury Oasis Centre, Windsor.

It was a day filled with on and off rain, humid weather, laughter, lots of highs and achievements. This group of students represented OLA with pride, exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. Throughout the day, students broke their own personal records and strived to do their best at all times.

Mrs Byrne and I would like to congratulate all the students on their wonderful achievements throughout the day. A special mention goes to Hudson Galvin, Paige Cunneen, Jesse Eldred, Jordyn Eldred and Tomas Blazevic on making the Diocesan Swimming Carnival team, representing the Hills Zone, held today at Blacktown Swimming Centre.

Congratulations to Jesse Eldred for being the 9 Year Boys runner up Age Champion.

It was a pleasure to spend time with this wonderful group of students and they should be proud of their achievements. Thank you to all the parents who were able to support the students throughout the day.

Miss Grima



Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Paige Cunneen, Jordyn Eldred, Tomas Blazevic and Jesse Eldred for representing OLA in the Diocesan Carnival today. It was great to see the children support each other throughout the morning.

We would like to congratulate Jesse Eldred on his efforts today and he will go on to represent the Parramatta Diocese in the NSW CPS Swimming Carnival in four events.

Well done everyone!!





Japanese students.

As part of the study of Japanese language and culture, OLA has acted as host for Japanese students over the past two years. While we no longer have Japanese study, the organisation has requested if we would again host this year. The details are:

Wed 22 July 2015: Group arrives at OLA, 3.30pm
Thurs 23 July– at school

Fri 24 July– at school

Sat 25 July: Free time with host families

Sun 26 July: Group will visit church in Marsfield (10:00-14:00) host family drops at 9.30am and picks up at 2pm.

Mon 27 July – at school

Tue 28 July: at school and 3.30pm Farewell and depart.

It will be 6 nights homestay with 4 days integration at the school. There is a \$40 per night per child to the host family (twin share). That is \$80 a night \$480 total for hosting two students.

There is a minimum of two students per family and they must have their own room. The expectation is that they become part of your family, doing whatever is the norm from day to day. This includes preparing lunch and snack for them at school.

These students, aged 11/12, are from NANZAN Christian School and have been, from our experience, very well behaved and respectful.

If you are interested in hosting two students, please email the school at ola@parra.catholic.edu.au with 'Japanese' in the subject. Only ten families are needed this year so it will be a case of first in.

OLA P&F

On Wednesday of last week, the P&F held with general meeting. The minutes of this meeting can be viewed at:-

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/SiteData/182/UserFiles/NewsletterPDF/Minutes%20from%2020150218.pdf>

Social Skill

The new social skill for this fortnight is “Good Listening”.

- Look at the person
- Sit still
- Think about what is being said
- Say, “Yes” or nod your head
- Ask a question to find out more
- Don't speak while someone else is talking.

Bus Times:-

Hillsbus have advised that there has been a change to the morning bus times as follows:-

Route 610 Ex Castle Hill was 8.16am NOW 7.48am

Route T66 Ex Rouse Hill (Adelphi Street) was 8.30am NOW 8.25am

Route 610 Ex Rouse Hill Town Centre was 8.34am NOW 8.31am

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2016 Catherine McAuley

Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 17 March 2015 4.00 - 6.30pm

Tour our school grounds, visit classrooms and view displays. A Year 7 2016 Information Night will be held following at 7.00pm with presentations from the school leadership team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 27TH MARCH 2015.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

Bishops Office

Catholic Outlook Readership Survey – Have Your Say

Our diocesan monthly magazine, Catholic Outlook, is conducting a readership survey for you to provide valuable feedback about the publication. Top 50 responses – \$50 vouchers

We want to know what you like about the publication? What would you like to see more or less of?

How relevant is the editorial content? How can we best improve Catholic Outlook?

To answer these and other questions in the 10 min survey go to: www.parra.catholic.org.au/catholicoutlook

Deadline for submissions: Sunday 1 March.

Position Vacant: Parish Advisor

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the position of Parish Advisor. For a confidential discussion please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, tel 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au Further detail about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Applications close Sunday 22 February 2015.

Called by Name – Discernment Weekend Retreat

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer weekend retreats for women aged 18-35 who want to discern their vocation to religious life. This retreat is a one-to-one encounter. It includes prayer times, talks and accompaniment. It is a great opportunity to have a lived experience with the sisters. “Is God calling me to religious life?” If this is a real question for you, this retreat is for you.

Date: last weekend of every month. RVSP a week before the retreat. Cost: donation.

Venue: Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong.

Details: Sr Margaret tel (02) 9626 9200, 0420 754 727, margaretcsfn@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for Chisholm Cottage, Westmead

Chisholm Cottage provides ‘a home away from home’ for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women’s League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers who assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please contact Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator & Educator, tel 02 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au

Theology on Tap: I Drink, Therefore I Am: “A Philosopher’s Guide to Wine from De-Vine” with Professor Hayden Ramsay

Date: Monday 2 March.

Time: 6.30-8.30pm.

Venue: Le Pub, 66 King Street (cnr York St).

Details: www.theologyontap.com.au

World Day of Prayer on 6 March

The theme for the World Day of Prayer is ‘Jesus said to them “Do You Know What I Have Done to You?”’ (John 13:1-17). This year’s worship celebration was prepared by the women of the Bahamas. For more information and to download free resources visit: <http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/>

Lent Retreat Day on 14 March

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer retreat opportunities for women aged 18-35 who are seeking to deepen their spiritual life. Join the sisters for a day of Lenten reflections and prayers followed by a social gathering. Lunch/dinner will be provided.

Date: Saturday 14 March, from 9.30am to 5pm. No charge but RSVP essential by 11 March.

Venue: Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong

Details: Sr Margaret tel (02) 9626 9200, 0420 754 727, margaretcsfn@gmail.com www.csfm.org.au

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL (10 school days or more)

Schools in the Parramatta Diocese have been informed that when families request to take their child/ren out of school for 10 days or more during the term, it is necessary for them now to complete an Application for Extended Leave form (PRIOR to taking your child out of school). This form can be downloaded from the school website. On completion, the form is to be sent to the school office so that a Certificate of Exemption can be issued to parents.

Parents are advised that when this certificate is issued they will need to have this with them during the period of exemption that has been granted. This certificate is a legal document. All applications for leave must be sent to the office 2 weeks prior to departure.

(Any overseas travels will require a copy of the itinerary to be attached to the application)

School Fees

*A reminder that school fees are due and payable by Friday 6th March unless you are taking up the FPP option. Please note that these forms needed to be back at the CEO **TODAY** so if you haven’t sent it off, please post today and they should receive them on Monday. If you have any queries at all regarding the fees, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

Mrs Goldsworthy

faith at the FIDDLER

5-7pm Thursday 5 March 2015
THE MEAN FIDDLER CNR WINDSOR & COMMERCIAL RD ROUSE HILL

FAMILY EVANGELISATION

Practical Strategies to Bring Disconnected Parents and Youth Home



Kevin and Helen Wagner
Directors of the Emmanuel School of Mission Rome 2010-2013

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For more information please contact
Steven Bubagjar Tel 9848 5743 Email sbubagjar@parra.catholic.edu.au

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Mount St Benedict College




HILLS SPIRIT FC

REGO 2015 – SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT KELLYVILLE PARK, MEMORIAL AVE, KELLYVILLE. BETWEEN 11AM & 1PM

WHEN?
There will be two more registration days in 2015, dates will be advised via our website & Facebook page. Alternatively you can register on-line at any time via our website. See below.

WHERE DO WE PLAY?
Kellyville Park, Memorial Ave, Kellyville

WHY?
The Hills Spirit Football Club has a proud 37 year tradition of building teams from the local Catholic Schools to compete in the NSW Churches Football Association. The Club was created from OLOR Kellyville and was joined by St Angela's Castle Hill, then Our Lady of the Angels Rouse Hill & now John XXIII Stanhope.

The club is non-graded and works to build the school community by encouraging classmates to play together, building life long friends between themselves and the parents.

Register online @ www.hillsspiritfc.com.au

FEES
\$170.00 – NEW PLAYERS (PLEASE BRING PROOF OF AGE)
\$150.00 – RETURNING PLAYERS
\$300 SENIOR MEN
SIBLING DISCOUNTS APPLY

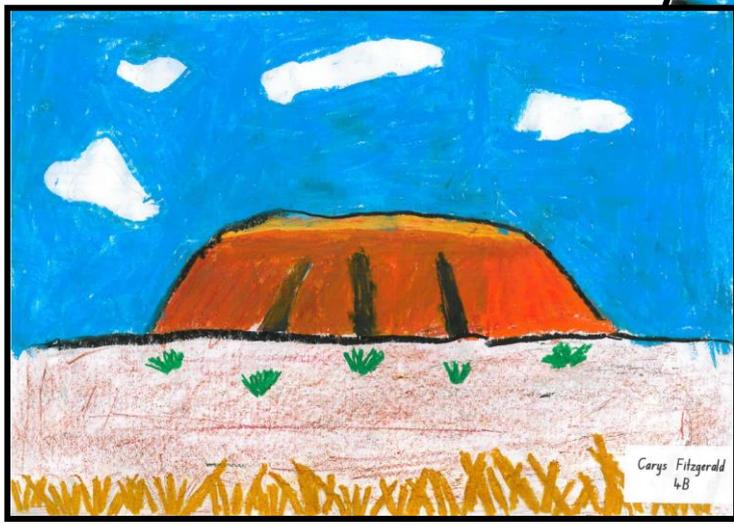
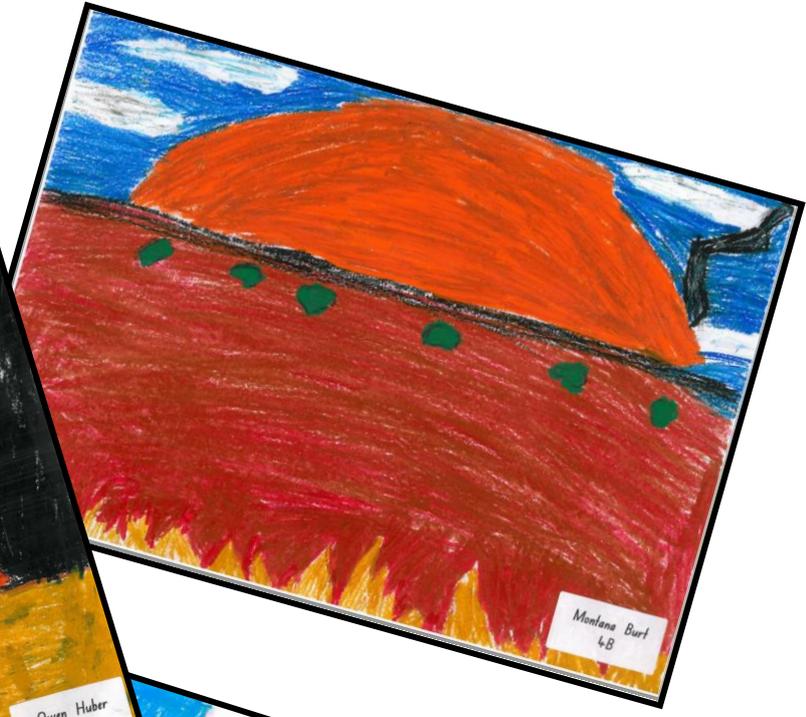
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Under 6's (boys and girls turning 6 between 1 January 2015 and 31 December, 2015), 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's and All age Division 1 & Reserves competitions in 2015.

FIELD SIZES
UNDER 6 & 7 – 6 a side mini fields against other clubs
UNDER 8 & 9 – 9 a side, ¼ fields with Semis and Grand Finals
UNDER 10 & UP – 11 a side and Full field with Semis and Grand Finals played at Marconi Stadium.

FURTHER INFO
REGISTRAR - Sean Murphy
registrar@hillsspiritfc@gmail.com
0448830328
PRESIDENT John Kalocsai
president@hillsspiritfc@gmail.com
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FROM THE CLASSROOM... Year 4B

In Year Four, our HSIE theme is Australia. We are enjoying learning new facts and information about our beautiful country. This term, our artworks are based on Australia. Our first artwork was about Uluru. Before we started sketching, we viewed different images of Uluru focussing on perspective and colour. Here are some examples of our work... We hope you enjoy them!!



From the Parish Office...

Fr Joby

Upon his return from leave, Fr Joby was advised that he will be moving to St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. We were extremely lucky to have had Fr Joby here assisting in our Parish for the last 18 months. At this stage we have not yet been appointed a new assistant priest. We wish Fr Joby well in his new parish.

Sacrament at OLA

For those children doing their Sacraments in 2015, please note that Anthony Saliba no longer works in our parish. All enquiries can still be directed to the email sacramental@ourladyoftheangels.org.au or to our parish office email address.

Christine Leahy will now take on the Co-ordinator role.

Lent - How are you preparing for Easter

Fr Warren will be presenting a **Lenten Reflection** every Wednesday night throughout Lent at 7.30pm. You are very welcome to come along and listen and learn more as Father reflects on the Gospel of the coming weekend.

Every Friday night in Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 7:00 pm.

High School Enrolments

For parents preparing to enrol their child in a Catholic High school, please note that you will not have a copy of a Reconciliation Certificate as no certificate is ever issued at Reconciliation. The High Schools have advised that they will amend their forms to not request a copy. They will however, ask you for the date of Reconciliation. If you are unsure of this date, just contact the parish office for this information.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on Saturday, 21 March after the 5.30pm Mass. If you are interested, just email me back and I will add your name to the list. Cost is \$10 for 3 books. BYO: nibbles & drink.

Entertainment Books

OLA Parish will be organising this fundraiser in 2015. The launch of the 2015/2016 books will be in March, but expressions of interest are being taken now. If you are interested, please let the parish office know.

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday:

normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday:

Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross 10am

Confessions available after the stations

The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil:

Saturday evening 6.30pm

Easter Sunday:

8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

After Mass, there will be a special morning tea and Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny!

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!



Numeracy Hint -

Look for opportunities to talk about numbers. For example, read speed signs as you are driving along the road, talk about the patterns in house numbers, look at and read phone numbers and number plates on cars.

Blue Consent Form

Yesterday a blue form was sent home from the CEO regarding parental consent. Due to the new Commonwealth Government's privacy laws that came into effect last year, this is now something that we need to do every year and record it on our new admin system.

Please assist us in completing and returning this form by next Friday 6th March. Thank you.

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

Eva La Rocca,

Principal

'Student of the Week' awards go to:

Term 1 Week 5	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Mackenzie Molloy	Jelena Torentino	Zac Ormsby
Kinder G	Keira Mooney	Solomon Sloane	Paige Mitrovich
Kinder W	Charlotte Ives	Hudson Baker	Danielle Vella
Year 1B	Dylan Lopresti	Gemma Haynes	Marcus Farrugia
Year 1 G	Ben Roffman	Emma Cleary	Caitlyn Williams
Year 1W	Celina Wassef	Harriet Preston	Raymon Chayban
Year 2 B	Bella Molano	Lachlan Hollier	Max Fischer
Year 2 G	Marissa Farugia	Zane Boatwalla	Bailey Knowles
Year 2 W	Charlie Da Rous	Sienna Gibson	Bryce McDonald
Year 3 B	Zach Sprowles	Kenneth Tjhin	John-Paul Doueihi
Year 3 W	Julian Vargas	Liberty Blount	Austin Turner
Year 4 B	Nicholas Hallal	Shanae Makumbe	Anthony Cutuk
Year 4 G	Marko Rangan	Max Kelly	Sophia Tapley
Year 4 W	Juliana Constantino	Hollie Ford	Dylan Stacey
Year 5/6 B	Cooper Brown	Bethany Dersch	Isabella Doueihi
Year 5/6 G	Kristian Skoljarev	Alexandra Mercado	Daniella Lopresti
Year 5/6 W	Bryan Manago	Aaron Rebutan	Samuel Vecchio

