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Week 6 Term 2

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# NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents,

Each week, we celebrate the birthday of the students in our community. This Sunday is a very important birthday for us, as Catholics, as it is the Feast of Pentecost, the first day of the Church on earth.

Jesus came to bring us the message of love and justice as the Kingdom of God. He brought us the hope salvation and eternal life through His teachings, His works, His suffering and death but most significantly through His resurrection. After forty days He ascended into Heaven, remembered last Sunday.

Jesus asked that His disciples continue His work to spread the Word and bring the message of hope for eternal life to all people. Jesus knew of the fears and apprehensions held by the disciples and, for this reason, He promised to send 'a helper' to assist them with this task.



*"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."*  
*John 14:16-17*

On Pentecost Sunday, this helper came in the form of the Holy Spirit rendering the disciples with the courage, wisdom, right judgment and many other gifts and fruits to continue the work left to them by Jesus.

For over two thousand years, the 'baton has been passed' to all those baptised to continue and today that baton is in our hands. Through Baptism, the Spirit abides in us also. It is an awesome responsibility but one that brings hope and great joy to others.

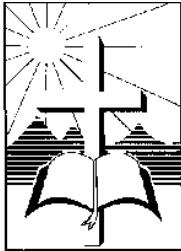
### Priest's, Principals' and RECs' Conference.

On Thursday, a large gathering was held at Parramatta as part of the Faith in Our Future, Five Year Plan for Parramatta Diocese. The main topic was examining the findings from the survey conducted recently. This was to gather feedback from a cross-section of members across the diocese- teaching staff, parishioners, students and clergy. The good message was that, in Parramatta, we do what we do very well in terms of developing Catholicity compared with other diocese across the country. Children were able to express their connection with God and their faith.

Having said this, there are key concerns such as school, not the family, being the place where faith development occurs. For many, when they leave school, there is a void and a decline in lived faith when not connected with practising community. This reiterates the importance of the connection between parish, school and family.

### Dates to Remember

Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June:	Mass: Yr 3
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Mass: Yr 2
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> June:	Principal's Morning Tea: Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June:	USA Visitors: Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June:	Last day of School
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	First day of Term 3



## Pentecost Cycle, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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."*

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The actual recount of the Pentecost event is told in the First Reading for this Sunday,

from the Acts of the Apostles. Our Gospel also recounts how Jesus gave His disciples the Holy Spirit after rising from the dead. He was fulfilling His promise to send a helper to be his witness throughout the world.



**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!**

**Acts 2:4**

**Talk to your children...**

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 our families, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Encourage your children to be the witness of Jesus in today's world through their forgiveness. It would be a great opportunity for everybody in the family to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

### Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist

Thank you to all the families that have shown their support to those students completing their First Holy Communion over the last few weeks. I know these students were thankful to see their teachers and friends attend this special event in their lives.

See you at Mass!  
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. If 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](mailto:ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) with

*Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. Thank you to the **Taylor Family** who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Goldsworthy Family**.



### **Creative Arts**

Meeting Friday 13th at 9am in the music room.

### **NSW Cross Country State Champions**

Our Lady of the Angels would like to wish Nicholas C, Seronique T, Ella S and Marc Z the best of luck at the NSW Cross Country Championship. We are extremely proud to have representatives from our school at this event. Thank you to Miss Grima who will be attending the Cross Country to support the students.

### **Diocesan Cross Country**

For those students who attended this event, you were given numbers to pin on at the beginning of the day. These numbers are in a set and needed to be returned at the end of the day. If students still have these numbers can you please return to the office as we will need to pay for replacement numbers for any lost or damage numbers.

### **Fresh Fitness**

Thank you Woolworthes for this weeks donation of fruit for our Boot campers.

Mrs Byrne

### **Athletics Carnival**

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day, for the children to participate in our annual Athletics carnival. The children were full of smiles and all had a great day. I would like to thank the many parents who volunteered to help, cheer on the students and their kind words to me after the day, commenting on what a great day was had by all. Results and ribbons will be presented next week and House and age champions will be presented at next week's assembly. Thank you to the OLA staff who supported me throughout the day. I must congratulate the parents for winning the student/staff and Parent relay. I must say that I was going to cancel it and looked over to see the parent team warming up and stretching and didn't have the heart to let them down. Don't worry the Staff team will come back stronger next year to take back the trophy!!!!



### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to Alicia D who has recently completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Some parents have been experiencing difficulty logging on to the new PRC portal. This is an issue with the PRC website and once it has been rectified we will advise you via the newsletter. In the meantime, continue to keep track of the books read and they can be entered later.

### **New Social Skill – weeks 7 and 8**

Taking Turns – Say to yourself, “Have I had a turn?”

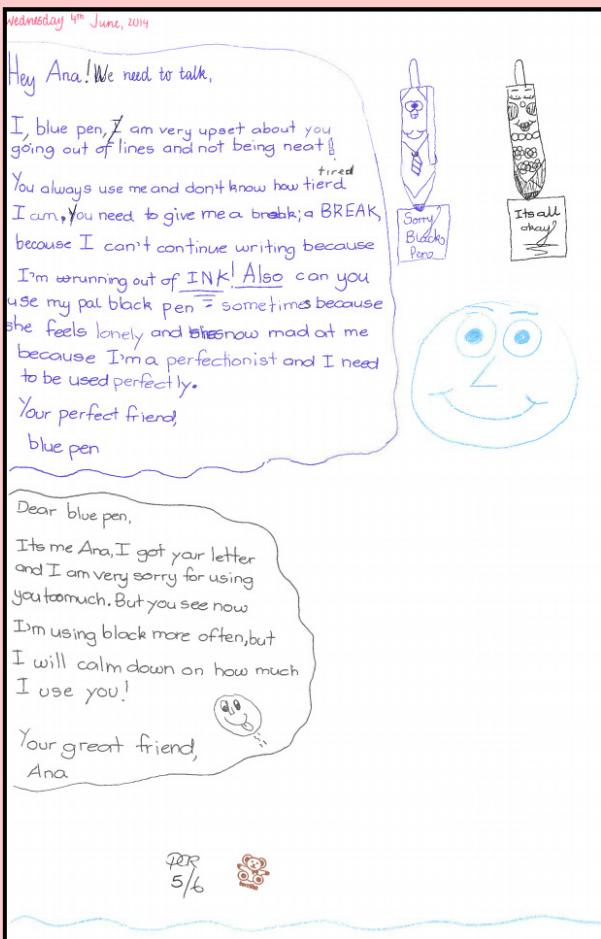
Think and say out loud, “Whose turn is it now?”

Let someone else have a turn.

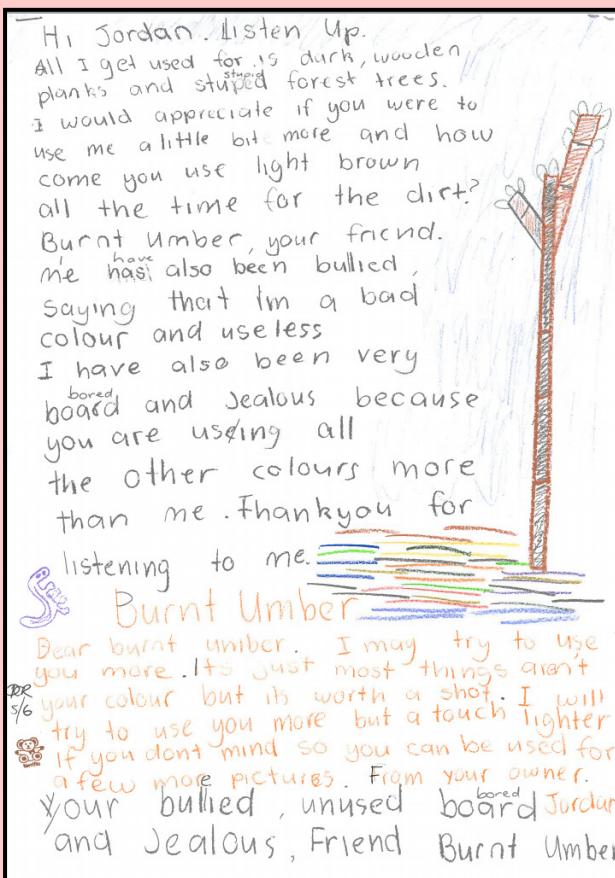
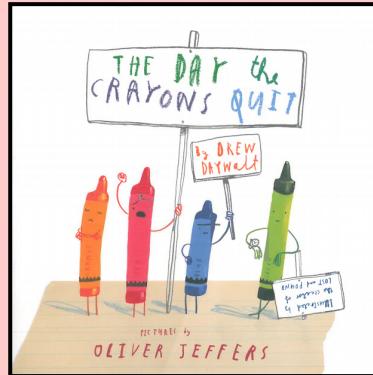
### **ICAS**

The Writing competition will be held at 8 am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June and the Spelling competition at 8 am on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure that the children are at school by 7.55am with a pencil and an eraser. Please note that if your child is not there for that morning session, they will not be able to participate.

## From the Class room... Year 5/6B



We read 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Students showed personification in their writing by selecting a piece of stationary and sharing the emotions of how that item felt.



## My Letters

Dear Alivia,

I know that I am your favourite pen, but you need to give me a break!! You use me in every subject, English, Literacy, HSIE and Science, Health, Creative Arts Homework and sometimes even in Maths! Here is an idea. Use black pen sometimes to give me a break!! You also press very hard on me. And sometimes I feel like I might break! It would be very appreciated if you would be neater when you write! Oh, and please tell your friends to stop calling me 'Blue Pen' when I am clearly 'Dark Blue Pen'!

Yours Sincerely,

Very Used Dark Blue Pen!

Dear Blue Pen,

To make you, Blue Pen, feel better, I mean Dark Blue Pen feel better I could use another pen for a week or two, to give you a break! I could use black pen for a few days and you guys can take turns for each subject too! I hope this helps your problem!

Yours Sincerely,

Alivia! 

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## **From the Office of the Bishop**

### **DWF Appeal during May**

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic schools during the month of May. This appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: [www.faithatwork.org.au](http://www.faithatwork.org.au)

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 1-8 June**

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches has produced resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which has the theme: 'Has Christ been divided?', a reference to I Cor 1:1-17. These resources have been adapted for use in Australia by the Faith and Unity Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia. They include: Ecumenical Service of Worship outline; Daily Prayers and Biblical Reflections; Prayer Cards. These resources can be downloaded and ordered from [www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au](http://www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au)

### **10<sup>th</sup> National eConference on Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter: 11 June**

This eConference will be streamlined live over the internet – all are welcome to participate at no charge. Presenters: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth; Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph; Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney; Selina Hasham, Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney; and Fr Noel Connelly SSC, Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute (**BBI**). This FREE eConference is presented by the BBI in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

The Institute for Mission in Blacktown is a host site. Time: 10am-3pm. Please contact them to register your attendance: tel (02) 9831 4911, [office@instituteformission.com.au](mailto:office@instituteformission.com.au)

For independent registration contact Rhonda Andersen tel (02) 9847 0726, [econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au)

Further details: [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference)

## **From the Parish Office...**

### **Sacraments of Initiation**

Congratulations to all those students who, over the last 5 Sundays, have received their First Holy Communion. We look forward to seeing you at Mass as you continue this new relationship with Our Lord.

For those students in Year 6 who have been Baptised and have received First Communion, there will be an information night on Tuesday, 19 August at 7.30pm. Further information will be provided in Term 3 via your class teachers.

For any parent or person over the age of 16 who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a chance for you to receive this Sacrament with other adults at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, 9 September. If this interests you or someone you may know, please have them contact Geraldine in the parish office for further details.

### **Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 3 August**

We are collecting Bottles and Lollies for the Bottle Lottery and the Lolly Stall. Donations are being accepted at the Church or Parish office. Please note we cannot accept any lollies containing nuts.

### **Parish Fiesta - Major Raffle**

This year will be holding a major raffle. Thank you to our sponsors who have generously donated as first prize a 50" Sony Bravia LED Smart TV with 3D and clear resolution enhancer. Second prizes is a 16GB iPad 2 and then third prize is a 16GB 5th iPod. Tickets are \$2- each.

### **Catechists Needed**

Are you at home on a Wednesday and have an hour to spare? Then this could be your calling to help evangelise students in our parish. We are in need of more Scripture teachers. You do not need to be a teacher or an experienced scripture leader. We will place you with another teacher who may need support in the classroom. OLA Parish covers 3 public schools: Beaumont Hills at 9.10am, Ironbark Ridge at 11.30am and Rouse Hill at 12.25pm. If you think that you would like to have a go, please contact Anthony in the Parish office to discuss. Thank you.

### **Our Lady of the Angels Parish - New Church**

#### **Window & Pew Sponsorship**

We are inviting benefactors to sponsor a window and/or a pew. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to be a special benefactor of our new church there are many pews and windows available. The cost of the pews range from \$700-\$2800 windows start at \$5,000. If your family or a group of families would like to be a part of this special chance, please contact Geraldine in the Parish office for further details.

**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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**Website:** [www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au](http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au)

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## **Welcome to**

**Hayden Shak (Yr 1)**

**Parker Galvin (Yr 1)**

**Kray Saison (Yr 1)**

**Hudson Galvin (Yr 2)**

**who have joined our school community in the last week.**

## **From the Office...**

**School Fees – Term 2 school fees are now due and payable. If you are not on the flexible payment plan, please attend to this as soon as possible. If you need to discuss the payment of fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.**

**Lost Property - With this weekend being the long weekend, it might be a good opportunity to check your child/ren's hat, jacket and jumper to make sure they have the correct one. I have had a lot of parents looking for lost items that do have names on them. It is very easy for the students to put their jumper in the wrong bag.**

**Thank you**

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

***Eva La Rocca,***

***Principal***