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Week 6 Term 3

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

After about four months of almost no rain, God has blessed us with this vital liquid from Heaven. *The best things in life are free* – rain and sunshine, gifts from God, provide us with the essentials.

It was amidst this wind and rain that the staff gathered for their annual Formation Day at the Benedictine Abbey on beautiful Jamberoo Mountain. The Benedictine motto is '*Listen to the ear of your heart*'. The theme of the day's reflection was on prayer and who is God? The day was facilitated by Michael Dyer, a seminarian from Wollongong Diocese. Michael alluded significantly to our school motto, '*Faith seeking understanding*' and was the basis for much reflection.

Staff members were invited to reflect on their relationship with God. We were reminded that each of us is created in the 'image and likeness of God'. Therefore, our relationship with God begins with our relationship with one another. It was a timely and welcome opportunity to stop the 'busyness' and take time for one's self. I would like to thank Fr Warren for taking time on his day off to spend with the staff on this very significant occasion. To have the opportunity to share and learn from our Parish Pastor is, indeed, a privilege. Above all, I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Callaghan who spent countless hours organising the event, even visiting the venue on a weekend prior. It all ran very smoothly thanks to the careful planning and the spirit into which the staff entered the day. Thank you, Emma Kate.



Tree Removal.

In response to the tragedy at Pitt Town Public School earlier this year, the CEDP has commissioned an arborist to carry out a comprehensive report on all trees on school properties. This has resulted in the advice that the gum tree in our COLA area has to be removed. While it is unfortunate to be losing this school 'icon', but the safety of the students and others in the community comes first. This work will be done in the school holiday break. I hope to look for solutions to provide shade over this area as soon as possible afterwards.

Voice of Youth

On Tuesday, two of our Year 6 students represented the school as finalists in the cluster Voice of Youth. Along with eight other finalists, Sebastian Kurcubic and Sharmayne Gibson presented their speeches in front of a crowd of over 200 people. We were very impressed with the way they presented themselves – Sebastian with his unique style of humour and Sharmayne with clear enunciation of words – they did our school proud. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Hey who worked with them over many lunchtime breaks to help prepare them. Well done and congratulations to you all!



Farewell, for now, and good luck!

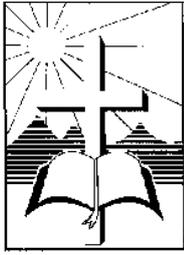
Today, we farewelled Mrs Meyer who is going on maternity leave. Mrs Meyer (Miss Tempamy) began her teaching career at OLA almost three years ago. Emma's extraordinary talent and professionalism has been a valuable asset to the teaching staff. We wish her all the very best as the next phase of her life begins as a mum. Her little baby is one lucky girl to have such a quality person as mum. Next week, we welcome Mr O'Rourke who will commence his role as replacement teacher for 2W.

Book Week and National Literacy and Numeracy Week

This week, OLA celebrated Book Week through a variety of activities and next week will be engaged in a range of activities to promote National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Please refer to further in this Newsletter for more on these events.

Dates to Remember

Mon 25 th Aug	Full Dress Rehearsal for Creative Arts Expo
Wed 27 th Aug	Creative Arts Expo – Evans Theatre Penrith
Thurs 28 th Aug	Father's Day Stall



Gospel Reflection

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

In this Gospel today, Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Something to reflect upon with your children...

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. As you gather together as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church. It may have been a leader from a Church or just someone else with a lovely singing voice. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus.

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

Relax in the sunshine this 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 **Lesar Family** for sponsoring this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Bollard Family**.



Congratulations to the Arora Family (Makiah in Year 1) on the birth of their new baby girl Milahniah. We can't wait to meet her.

Saint of the Week: St. Pius X Feast Day: August 21 Born: 1835 Died: 1914

This great Pope was born in Riese, in Italy. His father was a mailman and named him Joseph Sarto, although he was affectionately called "Beppi." Joseph felt that God wanted him to be a priest and had to make many sacrifices to be able to study so he could be a priest. But he didn't mind. He even walked miles to school barefoot to save his one good pair of shoes. After he became a priest, Father Sarto laboured for the people in poor parishes for seventeen years. Everybody loved him. He used to give away everything he had to help them. His sisters had to hide his shirts or he would have had nothing to wear.

Even when Father Joseph became a Bishop, and later a Cardinal, he still gave away what he owned to the poor. He kept nothing for himself. When Pope Leo XIII died in 1903, Cardinal Sarto was chosen pope. He took the name of Pius X.

He became known as the pope who loved the Holy Eucharist. Pope Pius X encouraged people to receive Jesus as often as they could. He also made a law permitting young children to receive Holy Communion too. Before that time, boys and girls had to wait many years before they could receive the Lord.

He believed in and loved our Catholic faith and taught the people more about the faith. He wanted every Catholic to share in the beauty of the truths of our faith. He really cared about every single person and their spiritual and material needs. He encouraged priests and religion teachers to help everyone learn about their faith.

This weekend go to church with your family to receive the special gift of the Eucharist, remembering how much St. Pius X wanted people to receive Jesus as often as they could. Have a happy and holy weekend 😊

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan

Creative arts Expo

There are only 5 more sleeps before the Creative Arts performance. I would like to comment the students on their commitment in coming to rehearsal and willingness to be fitted for costumes. We now have all our costumes ready and backdrops completed. I would like to send a huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who have spent endless hours shopping, sewing and gluing to create wonderful costumes. I would also like to say thank you for the support of the staff throughout this process and giving up their time for rehearsals and backdrop painting.

The students will have a dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon and a note will go home today with a few reminders about the afternoon. The students will receive another note on Monday, outlining the organization of the performance.

Wishing all our performers lots of luck on Wednesday night.

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

We may have been the smallest team representing the Hills Zone today at the carnival, but we have the biggest hearts. Our 7 students were enthusiastic competitors today and represented our school with pride. I would like to congratulate the students on making to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to Tyler S who will represent the Parramatta Diocese at the next level.

Stand up to Bullies!

Last week Stage 3 were lucky to have a visit from Nathan Hindmarsh from NRL He spoke about Bullying and being a Bystander. The students engaged in a discussion around the topic and found it quite worthwhile. They were then given strategies to assist when they are faced with a bullying issue.

Book Fair Readings

This week the teachers have been reading a story to the children during the breaks as part of our book week activities.





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

Premier's Reading Challenge – Books must be entered by **TODAY 22nd August**

Congratulations to Emma C, Lachlan C, Matilda W, Sarah C, Sienna G, Tahlia A, Tamsyn B, Jacob C, Rebecca C, Elysia C, Cooper B, Jordyn E, Lara K, Ryanna R, Juliana C, Patricia C, Giaan L, Alyssia S, Nathan C and Brock C who have recently completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. There are still 30 students who have registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge and who have not yet completed the online book register. **Today is the last day!**

Social Skill

The social skill for this fortnight is ACCEPTING CONSEQUENCES

- Decide if you were wrong
- Say to yourself, "I have to accept the consequences and be responsible for my behaviour"
- Say to the person, "Yes I did... (describe what you did)"
- Say, "Sorry"

Book week

Our Book Week celebrations have been a big success. The children enjoyed many great stories read by the teachers throughout the week and lots of students purchased a special book or two at the Book Fair. The commission from the sales will be used to top up our library books. Thank you.

ICAS Writing

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the recent ICAS Writing competition. Our school performed above the national average in most grades. A special mention to the following students:

Credit – Juliana C, Karl F, Aaron R, Jacob D, Patricia C

Distinction – Melissa P

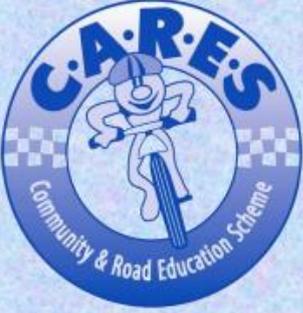
Online maths tutorial

The first in our 2014 series of maths video tutorials has been produced this week. This video shows how to play a fun addition game called "Toss up". The students in the video demonstrate how to play the card game and describe the benefits of it. It is suitable for all age groups and can be made easier or more difficult to suit your child. To access the video go to the school website and look under curriculum. Thanks to Joshua P-B, Anthony C and Nicola T who assisted with the production of the video – it's well worth a look! We will have more of these in the coming weeks.

Mrs Hey

Congratulations to

Jacob Domars for achieving 1st place, third year in a row and Georgia Domars who also received 1st place, for her first time - both competing in the Bible Reading section of the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. Well done!

Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

24 SEPTEMBER 2014
10AM - 3PM

Bring your own helmet & bike

- Road Safety Information
- Safety Checks & Skills Course
- NSW Push Bike Squad
- Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting
- Participant Show Bag

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au





Literacy activities — information and ideas for parents

Read for Australia – ‘Sunday Chutney’ by Aaron Blabey

- On Friday 29 August at 2pm AEST teachers, students and parents at schools across Australia will participate in the Read for Australia activity.
- ***At OLA we will be participating in this activity in a very special way. Mrs La Rocca will read the book in front of a camera and this will be broadcast on the Internet. This will occur at 2:15 p.m. Children will be watching the live broadcast from their classrooms and parents are invited to join in as well. A link will be provided via email on the day.***

Poem in your Pocket

- Discover the joys of poetry by taking part in the activity A Poem in Your Pocket. It is an easy and fun way to practice your reading and writing skills.
- Poem in Your Pocket has been celebrated each April in New York City since 2002. Each year, venues burst with open readings of poems from pockets. Even the Mayor joins in and reads a poem on the radio!
- To participate, children should write a poem in any form they choose. The poem writing will need to be done at home. **Then children keep the poem handy (in their pocket, diary, school bag) to read the poem to classmates, teachers and parents throughout this year’s National Literacy and Numeracy Week.** Children can also choose to print off a familiar or favourite poem to share if they do not feel comfortable writing and/or sharing their own.
- The poem can be in any form including haiku, diamante, cinquain or blank verse! For inspiration, why not start with the book that has been selected for this year’s Read for Australia, Sunday Chutney by Aaron Blabey? The book explores many themes such as friendship, self-reliance and the importance of family. This is a great place to start to think about your ideas for choosing a pocket poem topic.

Numeracy activity—information and ideas for parents

It is essential that Australian students have sound numeracy skills. Parents have a pivotal role in their children’s numeracy development, through encouragement, support and exposure to the use of mathematics in everyday activities. National Literacy and Numeracy Week offers opportunities for parents and the community to become involved.

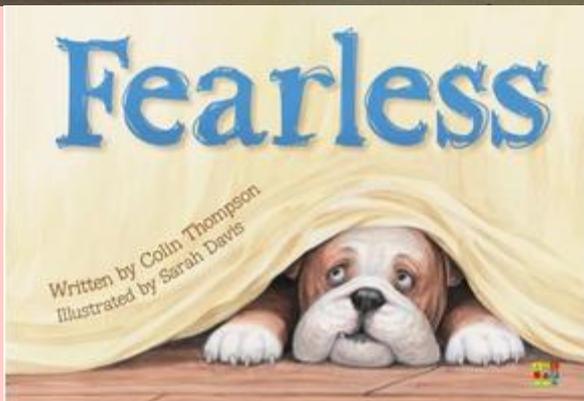
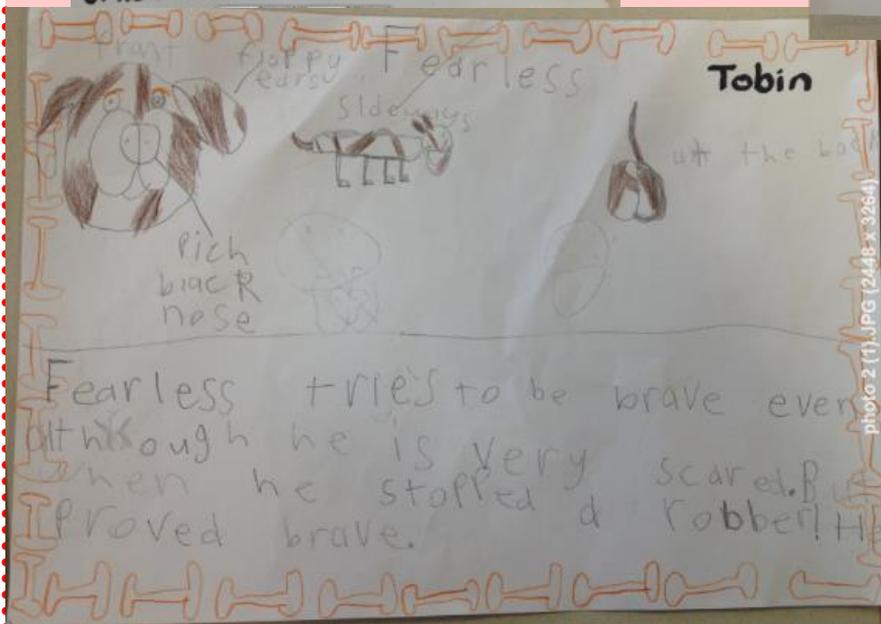
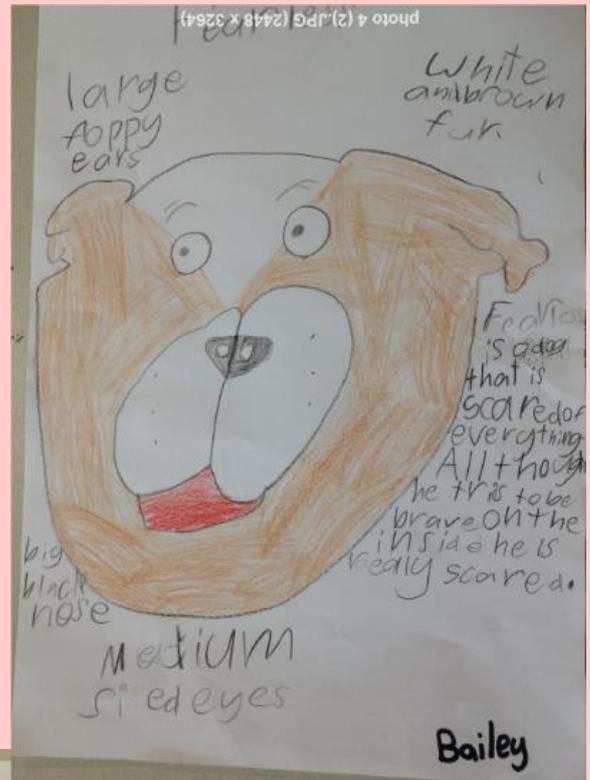
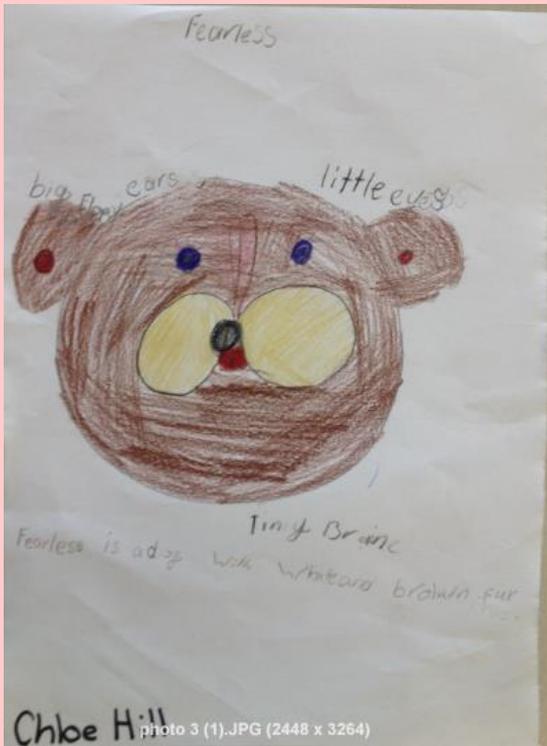
The Reach for the Stars numeracy activity will allow parents and caregivers to actively participate. In 2014 we are asking students to collect data on drinking water. We look forward to hearing about your wonderful investigations at home!

Water at home

- Help your child conduct a home water audit.
- How many taps do you have inside and outside your home? Where are they? Are there any other sources of water?
- Help your child collect data on how many times water is used in a day at home (e.g. having a drink, bathing, toilet, filling the kettle, watering the garden, feeding animals).
- Help your child work out how much water is used at home.
- How much water does your bath hold? How much water is used in a half-flush and a full-flush of the toilet? How much water is used in your shower in one minute? How long do people shower for? Do you leave the tap running when brushing your teeth? How much water does your dishwasher use for a full load? What is the capacity of the kitchen sink? How much water does your family drink? Use in food preparation? How much water is used in the washing machine? Are there any dripping taps? What about water in the garden?
- Discuss how you could save water at home.
- How much water could you save? How much money could be saved?
- Your child may be interested in interviewing you, a grandparent or a neighbour on where their drinking water came from when they were at school.

From the class room... Yr 1W

1W really love reading. We are extremely excited about Book Week. We have been doing a few activities on some of our favourite books. One of our favourite books is 'Fearless'. 'Fearless' is written by Colin Thompson and illustrated by Sarah Davis. Here are a few of our descriptions of 'Fearless'



From the Parish Office...

Sacrament of Confirmation

A parent-only session will be held on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the OOSH room. If you have a child in Year 6 (or older) whom you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation for children in Year 2 will occur in Term 4. Anthony Saliba, Sacramental Co-ordinator will provide all class teachers with relevant documentation within the next few weeks. There will be an information night on Tuesday, 16 September.

Free Movie Night

Save the Date : Saturday, 20 September. There will be a bbq from 6.30pm and then the movie will begin at 7.15pm. The class from OLA with the most attendees will win an ice-cream party. We look forward to seeing you there.

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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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For Dads & Mums & Primary carers of children aged 0—12yrs

FREE GROUPS/WORKSHOPS WITH FREE CHILDCARE

→ Click [HERE](#) to download the 2014 - 15 calendar

To Book—call: 02 4588 3555 or email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au

Held at: Richmond Community Services Inc., Neighbourhood Centre
20 West Market Street, Richmond, NSW 2753

To download a pdf flyer for more information on any of these groups, just click on the name of the group.



WORKSHOP / GROUP	DETAILS:	DATE(S)	TIME(S)
Encouraging Kids Development & Self Esteem	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 30 TH JULY, 2014	6:30PM – 9PM
Kids Sleeping Well – Tactics for Parents	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 13 TH AUGUST, 2014	10AM – 12:30PM
Flying Solo Parenting Skills	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	3 X SATURDAYS 23 RD & 30 TH AUGUST, 6 TH SEPTEMBER 2014	10AM – 12:30PM
Tackling Sibling Rivalry	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014	6:30PM – 9PM
Developing Social Skills in Your Kids	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 15 TH OCTOBER, 2014	6:30PM – 9PM
Managing Your ADHD Child	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	3 X SATURDAYS 18 TH , 25 TH OCTOBER & 1 ST NOVEMBER, 2014	10AM – 12:30PM
Helping The Anxious Child	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER, 2014	10AM – 12:30PM

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

Eva La Rocca,

Principal

Term 3 Week 6	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Caitlyn Williams	Jack Winn	Ava Camilleri
Kinder G	Emma Cleary	Ella Dimech	Sahara Knipler
Kinder W	Emma Quiijano	Anthony Gomez	Jett Laborte
Year 1B	Madeleine Wilson	Bowen Cleary	Jared Cleland
Year 1 G	Peter Giovas	Hayden Shak	Jonathon Fuda
Year 1W	Marissa Farrugia	Bryce Mc Donald	Tobin Koegar
Year 2 B	Ella Owen	Ava Mander	Liam Doyle
Year 2 W	Eoin Trainor	Gabriella Muscat	Hudson Galvin
Year 3 B	Alissa Sweeney	Chiara Fallone	Elysia Connellan
Year 3 G	Phoebe Strykowski	Sienna Farrugia	
Year 3 W	Eva Earp	Kylan Ewer	Jayden Ormsby
Year 4 B	Darci Buxton	Caden Naidu	Marc Zammit
Year 4 W	Bradley Girdham	Maneesha Gunasekara	Elouise Gomez
Year 5/6 B	Mirabai Rangan	Jack Hudson	Joseph Awadalla
Year 5/6 W	Alana Berry	Michael Blazey	Patricia Constantino