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Week 6 Term 1

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,



Every morning, OLA parish community is privileged to have the opportunity to attend Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. What does this mean? Usually the Eucharist is placed into the Tabernacle (left) after Communion. The red sanctuary lamp is lit to indicate this. During Exposition, the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, is openly present on the altar, in the Monstrance (right). Whenever the Eucharist is present on the altar, it is an expectation to genuflect (the gesture of going down on one knee before entering the pews – seats in the church) on both knees as a sign of greater respect. This also applies to the period of Mass from the Consecration - when the bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ- until the tabernacle is closed. That is why the congregation is expected to remain kneeling until this time.



You may be aware that, each week on a Friday morning, our staff members gather for prayer. This year, it was decided that every second Friday morning will be spent in silent prayer attending church during morning Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We were fortunate to have Fr Warren spend the first morning with us to talk about silent prayer, what it looks like and what it does not look like. One of the suggestions was to take the Bible and open it at a random place. This morning was the first time I was able to attend with staff and I was astounded at the reading that spoke to me and was just what I needed.

Quiet time alone to speak to God is so valuable. Many staff members have expressed how special and beneficial this is to them. Please consider finding this time between you and God especially during this period of Lent.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK...

...is next week!! This is an opportunity to celebrate the great work that is done in catholic schools across the state but, in particular, your child's school. Please refer to the notice further in this newsletter about the events.

Quality Catholic Schools Survey

Next week, seventy parents will receive a letter inviting them to participate in the Quality Catholic Schools Survey. These parents were randomly selected by the Catholic Education Office and the names passed on to us. If you are one of these parents, we urge you to take the twenty minutes or so to complete the survey. This survey will be conducted over these two weeks and seeks to gather data from parents, staff and students (Years 5 and 6). We welcome the feedback received which we hope will affirm the sound and hard work carried out by a dedicated staff but, in the interest of improvement, more so welcome the opportunity to identify areas of growth and improvement.

2016 Enrolment Information Night - already!

We are fast approaching the very busy enrolment period with many enquiries coming in each day. If you know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child at OLA in 2016, there will be an

**Enrolment Information Night held in the Year 4 learning space
on Tuesday, 24th March starting at 7pm.**

This is a change of date. Please mention it to any family or friends that you know are interested in coming, as they may not be aware of the date change.

This is information for new families only – not for children

Dates to Remember

Mon 9 th /10 th Mar:	Stage 3 Overnight Excursion to Bathurst
Tues 17 th Mar:	St Patrick's Day – Green mufti, gold coin donation
Fri 20 th Mar:	Second Hand Uniform Stall 8.30am – 9.30am
Tues 24 th Mar:	OLA Cross Country 9.00 – 12.00pm
	Kindergarten 2016 Information Night – New Families Only 7.00pm

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DAY ONE OF TERM TWO WILL BE A PUPIL FREE DAY.
THIS MEANS STUDENTS RETURN ON TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL.**



Gospel Reflection John 2: 13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week with a liturgy on Monday morning at 8:50am. Come and join us and celebrate what it is that makes Catholic schools more than a Great Education- the community, our faith and the sense of family. Each grade will have Open Classrooms one afternoon next week.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Coordinator ☺



Saint of the Week: St. Joseph

Joseph was Jesus' earthly father and Mary's husband. He was a kind and gentle man who was courageous enough to say yes to whatever God asked him to do. When Mary told him that she was going to have a baby that was not his, he was kind and forgiving with her. When the Angel told him that he should take Mary as his wife and that her baby was God's son, he believed in God's messenger and did what he said right away.

Even though Jesus was God's son, he treated Jesus just like he was his very own child. He was a carpenter and worked hard all his life. He had a deep faith and trust in God and he shared this faith with Jesus as he grew up. He took very good care of Jesus and Mary and provided for all of their needs. He was brave and trusted in God to take care of him and his family.

Get the Saint of the Day for Kids App at <http://saintofthedayforkids.com>

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 one small shelf and nothing elaborate is expected. If you are interested in participating, even if you sponsored the space last year, we look forward 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. Thank you to the **Edelinski family** who sponsored the space this week. Ivana brought a beautiful photo of her family, a lovely statue of Mary and baby Jesus in a cradle. Next week will be sponsored by the **Palmer Burton Family**.



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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations, we will be holding a short liturgy at the 8.50am Monday morning assembly. This will be led by Year 4.

We will be having open classrooms for the whole school on Friday 13th March from 10.00am - 10.50am followed by a BYO morning tea. Please note no hot tea or coffee to be consumed near the children (even if it is in a spill proof thermos). This is an opportunity to look around your child's classroom and celebrate the good work that they have been doing so far this year.

Parent/Teacher/Child interviews will be held in week 9, therefore this is not a time to discuss your child's individual progress.

Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Paige Cunneen, Jordyn Eldred, Tomas Blazevic, Hudson Galvin and Jesse Eldred for representing OLA in the Diocesan Carnival last Friday. 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!!



OLA Cross Country

A note was sent home yesterday to parents of primary students about the annual OLA Cross Country on **Tuesday 24th March**. Please complete the permission slip asap and return to your class teacher. We do need parents to assist us at the cross country, so please let us know if you can help. Teachers will be marking children's names off the class roll, so please send in the note and encourage your child to hand it to them straight away. The children will be travelling to and from the oval by bus. As the cross country will be finished by 12.00pm, the children will be coming back to school for lunch and afternoon lessons. A copy of the note will be uploaded to the website.

The infants students will be having their own mini cross country here at school from 9.00am – 10.50am. If you are able to assist at the infants carnival, please also let us know.

Congratulations to Ashley Graham who received recognition today from Rotary Club for her bravery in a time of need.



Social skill

The new social skill for this fortnight is "Using manners".
The focus is on using please and thankyou.

Lunchtime clubs

There are many extra-curricular activities on offer at OLA including lunchtime and before school clubs. These provide students with the opportunity to try a new experience or some of the regular lunchtime clubs include garden club, lego club, craft club, drawing club, chess club and board games club. Before school we offer boot camp, choir and maths club. As you can see there is a huge variety of activities available. This week we feature drawing club.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Attached to the newsletter is the information for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). This is an optional reading program supported by the state government. The closing date for entry into the PRC is Friday 13th March. If you have any questions please see Mrs Hey

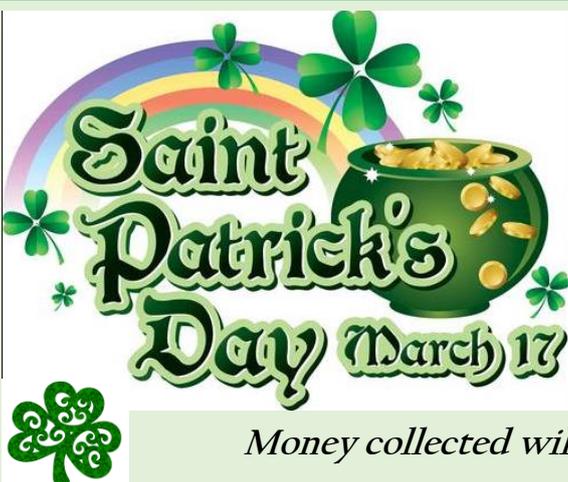
Early Years Assessment

All schools in the Parramatta Diocese conduct testing on Kindergarten and year 1 this term. This is an important source of data for our teachers to ensure each child's learning needs in literacy are met. The Catholic Education Office provides release for the classroom teachers to conduct the testing and therefore casual teachers are in the class during this time. These Early Years Assessments have started this week and will continue over the next few weeks.

Kiss & Drop Zone

We are extremely fortunate to have a Kiss and Drop zone to facilitate the smooth drop off and pickup of children. Here are a couple of reminders to ensure it runs smoothly:-

- *Kindergarten children are dismissed from 3pm. Other grades from 3.10pm. There is very little traffic from about 3.25pm so this is the optimal time to drive through. Supervision is provided until 3.40pm.
- *If your child is not ready, you may be asked to do a lap around and join the end of the queue.
- *Please do not get out of your car. If your child is unable to secure their own seatbelt you will need to park and walk in to collect them.
- *Do not wait near the church – this holds up traffic and causes delay for others
- *Please show courtesy and patience.



Children are to wear green mufti
and bring a gold coin donation

Lunchtime will be full of fun
and lots of games

Money collected will go towards Project Compassion



School Fees

Thank you to those families who have paid their fees for term 1. Please note that these are now due and payable unless you are taking up the FPP option. If you have any queries at all regarding the fees, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindergarten Siblings for 2016

Can you believe it is that time of year again..... If you have a sibling that is due to start kindergarten in 2016, could you please email the office (ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) with their name, DOB and older sibling so that we can arrange for enrolment forms to be sent home over the next couple of weeks. We have new enrolment forms, so please do not print off any forms, we will send one home to you.

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.

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.

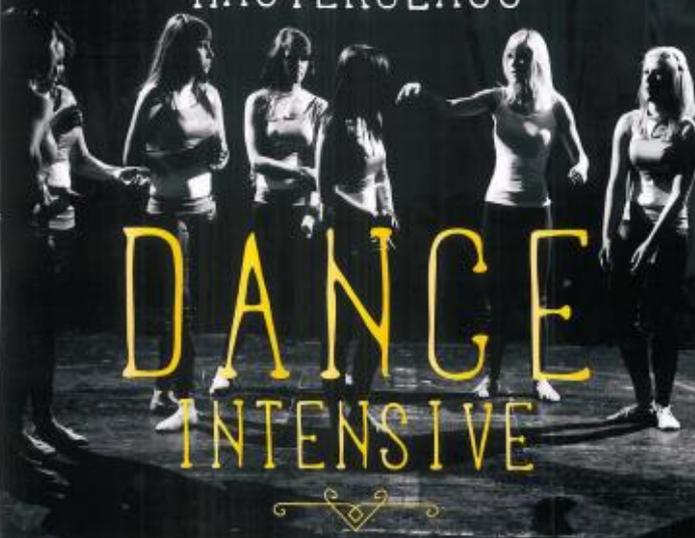
Date: Saturday 14 March, from 9.30am to 5pm. No charge but RSVP essential by 11 March.

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

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

FRIDAY 20 - SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2015

MASTERCLASS



DANCE INTENSIVE

Friday 20 March
 SNR MUSICAL THEATRE - Brad Green
 SNR FITNESS FOR DANCERS - Tasia Clow
 SNR ARGENTINE TANGO - Damien Samuel
 SNR CONTEMPORARY - Tasia Clow

Saturday 21 March
 SNR JAZZ - Marian Ibrahim
 SNR LYRICAL BALLET - Robbie Kerestoni
 JNR & SNR 'How To Be A Better Me' seminar - Ailsa Buttigieg
 JNR LYRICAL - Kate Ridge

Sunday 22 March
 SNR HIP HOP - Jay Johns
 SNR REHEARSAL - Simone Samuel
 SNR JUMPS KICKS & TURNS - Kirstie Quinn
 JNR CHERLEADING - Anandah Blok
 JNR HIP HOP - Leisha Leticia
 JNR REHEARSAL - CAPTIVATE team member

Primary Years 3 - 6

2 day workshop Saturday 21 March & Sunday 22 March

Secondary & Advanced Year 6

2 or 3-day workshop

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 March

2 days - \$80

3 days - \$120

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Angels Drawing Club

On Thursdays, during 1st break, students from stage 2 and 3 gather in the year 2 rooms to learn how to draw and have fun drawing together. We are learning how to use grids to help us to draw and we get to choose what we want to draw. Once we have drawn our picture we decide if we want to add colour, shading or other features. Our club is the best club in the school!! Look at us in action...



STUDENT ART GALLERY NEWS

Each month teachers are invited to choose an impressive artwork from their cohort. These artworks are displayed in our Student Art Gallery.

Congratulations to the following students who have impressed us with their artistic skills:



Owen 4B



Patrick KB



Makiah 2W



Zac 3B



Milla 1W

FROM THE CLASSROOM... Year 4G

In year 4 this term our artwork is based on Australia. We are learning how to sketch and proportion our pictures. Here are some examples of art portraying a native Australia emu. We hope you enjoy our creative art.



By Ailbhe Gannon



By Jessica Bollard



By Emily Bennison



By Mikayla Muscat



ANZAC Centenary

On Tuesday, the Student Leadership Team attended the Castle Hill RSL ANZAC Educational Kit launch. We learned that the soldiers wore two hats - one metal to protect from gunfire and the other to wear as a sign of respect and remembrance. The RSL – Returned Servicemen’s League - is a community club to help those who have served in the armed forces and their families.

As part of the ANZAC Centenary, our school will create a special memorial place to be blessed and launched early Term 2.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Open Day

Discover what a Mercy Education can do for your daughter at the OLMC Parramatta Open Day on

Sunday March 1, 2015 10am – 2pm
Principal's Welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm

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MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7 2016

Enrolments for Year 7 2016 will open on Tuesday 3 March, 2015. It is anticipated that all Year 6 students currently attending St Angela's, Our Lady of The Rosary, St Madeleine's and Our Lady of the Angels will receive an Enrolment Package at their school, in the two week period leading up to our Open Evening.

Applications should be **fully completed and lodged** at the College **by Monday 20 April, 2015**. Failure to provide a fully completed application form (including all necessary signatures) and **copies** of all relevant, supporting documentation may delay the processing of applications and enrolment offers. Late applications will only be accepted if there are unfilled places. Any enquiries can be directed to the Enrolment Officer on 9654 6700.

The enrolment period for Year 7 2016 will close on Monday 20 April, 2015.

MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

◀ OPEN EVENING – TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015

Marian Catholic College extends an invitation to prospective students and their families, to attend our annual Open Evening. This year there will be **three repeated** sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered by the College. The session times will be run at **4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm**

Each session will commence in the Shared Hall, where the Principal and students from Years 7 and 11 will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College.

Each information session will be followed by Guided Tours of the school. Visitors will be able to take part in the activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.

NOTE: Each session will follow **exactly** the same format, so please come to the session time that will suit you the best; there is no need to rush to be at the College for a 4:30 pm start!

From the Parish Office...

First Friday

Today is the First Friday of March. You are invited to come along and join in with Mass, Stations of the Cross and Adoration from 7pm.

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: nibblies & 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!!



Literacy Hint -

Before reading a book, make sure your child has some background knowledge of the subject. This will help your child to predict the types of words that might be met and their context. For example, if the book you are going to read is about the beach, prepare him or her by talking about what the beach is like and what people do there. Give your child time to look through the book before reading to prepare for what is to come. Talk about their own experiences that are similar.

Blue Consent Form

If you have not returned the blue consent form that was sent home last week, could you please return it on Monday.

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 6	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Logan Cleary	Isaac Castellan	William Bowen
Kinder G	Matthew Kamber	Alexandra Tirador	Grace Labbad
Kinder W	Addyson Stoddard	Max Luther	Alysha Balangon
Year 1B	Riharna Pacella	Jaeden Mensah	Luke Garofano
Year 1 G	Olivia Sims	Lucas Monks	Amalia-Rose Trifiro
Year 1W	Sienna Jeffries	Cohan Sommer	Maya Cauchi
Year 2 B	Levi Stacey	Anneliese Gutwenger	Marc Skoljarev
Year 2 G	Max Cutroni	Leila Balangon	Joshua Streater
Year 2 W	Kiara Wijaya	Lauren Eyles	Mikiah Arora
Year 3 B	Ella Owen	Luke Awadalla	Melissa Brooke
Year 3 W	Sienna Achis	Matthew Dalton	Charlotte Zahra
Year 4 B	Isaac Swinden	Trinity Johnston	Tyra Abdallah
Year 4 G	Jade Richardson	Mikayla Muscat	Jack Bowden
Year 4 W	Mia Sprowles	Antonia Manago	Charlie Hallal
Year 5/6 B	Darci Buxton	Anthony Parada	Olivia Scott
Year 5/6 G	Nicholas Sweeney	Seronique Taylor	Ashton Stacey
Year 5/6 W	Olivia Farrugia	Angus Misek	Claudia Pacella

