

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

First Commandment: I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange Gods before thee.

In my study at home, I have a world globe - the old fashioned kind that spins on an axle. I believe it was purchased in the mid-1950s. Upon close examination, it is interesting to see how many countries used to exist, how borders have changed and the absence of new countries we know today. I suspect that these changes were brought about as a result of war, some kinds of struggle between men who put the gods of greed and greatness before the one true God.

My grandparents were born in a village in Austria, lived most of their lives in Italy and died in what was Communist Yugoslavia and yet, never moved out of their village, so tiny that there are no street names only houses with numbers. This is a prime example of how borders change over time. At the heart of all this are people trying to live their lives, humbly and simply.

When there was talk of borders around being moved, my mum, at 21, relocated to a place closer inside Italian territory and waited for my dad to be released from the Italian army in which he served. They married in a tiny church overlooking their homeland but never returned until twenty years later. They were officially labelled 'displaced persons' and spent much of the next four years in an Italian migrant camp waiting for travel to their 'new home'. Like so many others, they hoped to go to Canada but, instead opted for a shorter wait and migrated to what seemed the ends of the earth, Australia. Mum and dad and a two year old child arrived in Sydney on December 9th, 1949. It was 104deg F. They were given a weather proof coat and a hat and put on a train to Bathurst and then to a Parkes migrant camp. They had nothing but a trunk, knew no English and knew not a single other person.

This is a story similar to hundreds of thousands of others - same as my husband's family and probably that of many of your grandparents, great grandparents. I am confident in saying that they, like my parents, did not let a day go by that they didn't give thanks to God and express gratitude for their destiny bringing them to this great country.

For those who stayed, life changed dramatically. For my cousins, who I have only known for a few weeks of my life, practising their faith and attending Mass was clandestine. Since then, Communism fell, borders have changed and the village now sits in the relatively newly formed country of Slovenia. Little shrines scattered across the country in woodlands and mountainsides, that sat

empty for almost forty years, are once again occupied by statues of Jesus and again Mary. People can again practice their faith in safety. This is a happy end, so far, to this story in this particular part of the world. However, ever since and till today, the evil deeds of men who place 'other gods' of greed and power as important, are causing the pain, suffering and displacement of people.

Next week is Refugee Week. Relocating to Australia has, and continues to be, the aspiration of many of these people. Most of them are just like my family and maybe yours, who have added to the culturally diverse richness of this country. There is no doubt that a small element abuses the system and Australia's generosity. For the sake of the many that come in sincerity, let us open our arms and, at the very least, pray that they will find safety and peace wherever they settle.



Refugee Week 2015



First Holy Communion

This weekend, most of our Year 3 students will be receiving Jesus' body and blood at their First Communion. Please keep these children in your prayers.



Dates to Remember

Mon 8 th June:	Public Holiday
Fri 12 th June:	Feast of the Sacred Heart – Whole School Mass 9.00am
Mon 15 th June:	ICAS Spelling
Wed 17 th June:	ICAS Writing
Thurs 25 th June:	Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Fri 26 th June:	Last day of Term 2
Mon 13 th July:	First day of Term 3

Saint of the Week: Blessed Anne of St. Bartholomew

Feast Day: June 7th



Anne Garcia was born at Almenaral, in Spain and was the daughter of peasants. She was a little shepherdess who took care of sheep until she was twenty. Four miles from her hometown was Avila, the city where St. Teresa and her Carmelite nuns lived. Anne asked and was accepted into the order as a lay sister rather than a cloistered nun. The cloistered nuns were not allowed to leave the convent but Sister Anne could go out on errands and take care of the needs of the community. For the last seven years of her life, St. Teresa chose this sister, Blessed Anne, to be her traveling companion. St. Teresa went around to visit the communities of nuns. Sometimes she started a new convent.

Sometimes she helped the nuns become more enthusiastic about the wonderful life they had chosen. St. Teresa loved Blessed Anne and praised her to the other nuns. Although Blessed Anne did not have the opportunity to go to school, she knew how to read and write. She wrote about her adventures with the wonderful St. Teresa. Blessed Anne was with her when she was dying and St. Teresa died in her arms. Blessed Anne's life continued quite normally for six years after St. Teresa's death. Then the superiors decided to open a new convent in Paris, France. Five nuns were selected to go and Blessed Anne was one of them. While the people of Paris were warmly greeting the nuns, Blessed Anne slipped into the kitchen and prepared a meal for the hungry community. In the end, four of the five nuns moved to the Netherlands. Anne remained behind because she had been appointed the Prioress or Sister Superior of the convent at Tours. Anne reminded the Lord that most of the young French women joining the convent and their community were from rich, noble families. She explained to him that she was only a shepherdess and did not think she was worthy of being their superior. Within her heart, Blessed Anne heard the Lord's answer: "With straws I light my fire." Anne was later sent to the Netherlands to start more new convents. She went first to Mons and then to Antwerp in Belgium. The young women who came to join the Carmelites thought of Anne as a saint. Anne finally died in Antwerp in 1626.

Reflection: *Blessed Anne heard the Lord's voice within her heart: "With straws I light my fire." Knowing that God uses simple people for his work on earth can inspire us when we feel weak and unworthy.*



Gospel Reflection Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

In the beginning of today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to make preparations for the Passover meal. Like most meals, the Passover meal required planning and preparation. Our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist also requires planning and preparation. Certainly the ministers at the Eucharist prepare for their roles: the person presiding prays and prepares the homily; the prayers of petition are written; the music ministers prayerfully select music and practice it before Mass; Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers prepare carefully for their roles. As the worshiping assembly, we can also prepare for the Mass through our prayer during the week, by reading the Scripture before Mass, and by making ourselves present to the Eucharistic celebration.

We pray for all the students who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday and also next weekend.
Have a great weekend with your family.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Coordinator ☺

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.



Pyjama Day

On Monday everyone woke up in their pyjamas and went straight to school. Usually we go to school in our school uniform however on Monday it was Pyjama Day so our uniforms were still locked up in our closet gathering dust. Dressing up in our pyjamas wasn't for fun but for a serious cause. Many people and children are homeless or poor so we organised a fundraiser for them to make sure they stay safe and live a happy life. We brought in a gold coin donation for the Diocesan Workers Fund and blankets for St. Vincent De Paul. Everyone had a great day and looked fantastic in their pyjamas. Thank you for all of your generosity.

Claudia Pacella & Aaron Rebultan



From the P&F....

A special *thank you* to all of those who contributed in some way to Tuesday's Athletics Carnival Canteen. To everyone who baked, set up, packed up or gave up time during the day serve all those wanting a yummy treat. We appreciate your time and effort! Thank you!



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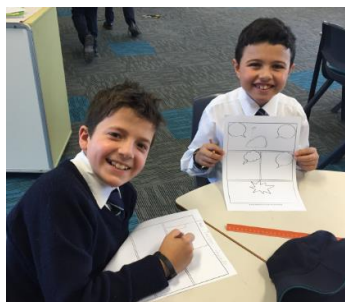
This week you would have received the **Walkathon** information. There is plenty of time to start chatting to family and friends to sponsor the children! Let's build the excitement together!

Please have a think about how you may be able to help out on the day. It will be an enjoyable day for the children and... the grown ups! The parent volunteer form can be found on the bottom of the permission slip.

Enjoy the long weekend!
OLA P&F Committee

COMIC CLUB

Here are some students from years 3-6 that participate in the weekly comic club. The students learn to draw a variety of different comic illustrations and create many entertaining comics strips



Social skill

The social skill for this fortnight is:

Taking turns The focus is on ensuring children are aware that turn taking is fair and that they do not always need to be first. A good way to reinforce this is when you are playing a game with your child, make sure there are times when you go first and that they don't always win the game. Losing graciously is a very important life skill and one that we need to model.

Children walking home

It is pleasing to report that there has been an improvement in the way students are crossing the road after school. Thank you for reinforcing the importance of road and pedestrian safety.

Garden Club – THANK YOU

We recently received a very generous donation from a family to use towards our garden club. I met with some members of garden club to discuss the priorities for spending this money and am pleased to show you the results of the shopping spree. These items will be put to good use by all members of garden club – we now have over 40 children who regularly attend.



Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder to keep up the reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. It's a good idea to progressively log the books onto the system in order to stay on top of it. There are currently 13 children who have completed the required reading and their entries have been validated. Happy reading!

ICAS Competitions

Please note the following dates for the ICAS Competitions:-

Spelling – Monday 15th June

English – Tuesday 28th July

Writing – Wednesday 17th June

Maths – Tuesday 11th August

Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 2nd June, OLA had their athletics carnival. As everyone arrived they needed to sit in their colour house. Everyone did an amazing job in their races. Year 2 and under competed in a 10 metre race and year 3 and up competed in a 100 metre and 200 metre race. Mrs Byrne organised amazing activities for everyone to join in. All the parent helpers and Marian College students did a great job helping all the OLA students understand their activities. At the end of the day, everyone had fun and ran their best!

By Olivia &
Shanyce



This year brought a few hiccups to the carnival and I would like to send an enormous thank you to the many parents who were at the carnival early to help set up. I greatly appreciated all the assistance I received on the day and the carnival ran smoothly with lots of records being broken and personal bests achieved.

I would like to thank the P and F for supplying morning tea and coffee at the Athletics Carnival. I'm sure many parents appreciated a hot cup of coffee to warm them up on a cold winter's day.

I would like to congratulate our age champions for this year and the winning house colours. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Our Lady of Angels at the Hills Zone Carnival.

Jesse E, Rory Mc, Jade R, Seronique T, Ella S, Isabelle D, Nicholas C, Domenico L, Patricia C, Ashley G, Zac N, Brendan E, Caitlyn PB, Marissa F, Thomas D, Isaac S, Olivia H, Tyra A, Marc Z, Cooper B, Claudia C, Hollie F, William A, AJ A, Elise E, Tomas B, Oliivia F, Shanyce G, Charlotte Z, Javier S, Jordan V, Alana B, Tyler S, Alex M, Owen H, Ana B, Marco R, Emily O, Sebastian C, Samuel V, Gary P, Francesco M, Jessica B, Riley P, Daniella L and Maneesha G.

Mrs Byrne

Athletics Age Champion 2015

Age		Name	Year
Junior Boys	Age Champion	Marc Zammit	2015
Junior Girls	Age Champion	Seronique Taylor	2015
11 Yr Boys	Age Champion	William Anderson	2015
11 Yr Girls	Age Champion	Ella Sievwright	2015
Senior Boys	Age Champion	Nicholas Cutroni	2015
Senior Girls	Age Champion	Olivia Farrugia	2015

Colour Champions

Year	House Champion	Year	Spirit Cup
2015	Blue	2014	Green

OLA Athletics Carnival School Records

Age	TRACK EVENT	Name	Record	Year
Junior Boys	800 m	Jesse Eldred	03:07.59	2015
Junior Girls	800m	Jade Richardson	03:18.31	2015
11 Yr Boys	800m	Jayden Grieve	02:54.70	2012
11 Yr Girls	800m	Ella Sievwright	03:23.75	2015
Senior Boys	800m	Jack Edwards	02:48.60	2012
Senior Girls	800m	Eboney Grieve	03:15.10	2012
8 Yr Boys	100m	Isaiah Holvander	00:17.16	2013
8 Yr Girls	100m	Claudia Coombes	00:17.21	2013
9 Yr Boys	100m	William Anderson	00:15.77	2013
9 Yr Girls	100m	Claudia Coombes	00:16.66	2014
10 Yr Boys	100m	William Anderson	00:16.03	2014
10 Yr Girls	100m	Claudia Coombes	00:16.15	2015
11 Yr Boys	100m	Nicholas Cutroni	00:15.47	2014
11 Yr Girls	100m	Elise Ewer	00:16.59	2015
12 Yr Boys	100m	Nicholas Cutroni	00:13.84	2015
12 Yr Girls	100m	Olivia Farrugia	00:16.44	2015
Junior Boys	200m	Tyler Spiteri	00:26.64	2014
Junior Girls	200m	Charlotte Zahra	00:35.70	2015
11 Yr Boys	200m	Nicholas Cutroni	00:34.04	2014
11 Yr Girls	200m	Ella Sievwright	00:37.96	2015
Senior Boys	200m	Cooper Price	00:33.15	2013
Senior Girls	200m	Emily Merceica	00:36.16	2013
Junior Boys	Relay	Red Team	01:11.31	2015
Junior Girls	Relay	Blue Team	01:10.79	2015
Senior Boys	Relay	Blue Team	01:06.48	2015
Senior Girls	Relay	Red Team	01:12.83	2015
Age	FIELD EVENT	Name	Record	Year
Junior Boys	Long Jump	Tyler Spiteri	3.63	2013
Junior Girls	Long Jump	Seronique Taylor	3.30	2015
11 Yr Boys	Long Jump	Javier Silva	3.58	2015
11 Yr Girls	Long Jump	Elise Ewer	3.40	2015
Senior Boys	Long Jump	Cooper Price	3.81	2013
Senior Girls	Long Jump	Eboney Grieve	3.57	2012
Junior Boys	Shot Put	Cooper Brown	7.11	2015
Junior Girls	Shot Put	Seronique Taylor	6.53	2015
11 Yr Boys	Shot Put	William Anderson	9.12	2015
11 Yr Girls	Shot Put	Imogen Lane	5.80	2013
Senior Boys	Shot Put	Cooper Price	7.20	2013
Senior Girls	Shot Put	Imogen Lane	6.51	2014
Junior Boys	Discus	Riley Price	21.90	2013
Junior Girls	Discus	Kerlyia Brown	12.67	2013
11 Yr Boys	Discus	Riley Price	17.97	2015
11 Yr Girls	Discus	Imogen Lane	12.10	2013
Senior Boys	Discus	Sebastian Kurcubic	15.30	2014
Senior Girls	Discus	Imogen Lane	12.20	2014

FROM THE CLASSROOM...KG

Last Friday Kindergarten went on an excursion to Featherdale Farm as part of our **Environments** unit. We had a great time learning about and interacting with many different animals, and exploring their habitats. Here are some photos and quotes from the students of KG...

Maddison: I liked feeding the kangaroos and looking at the crocodiles.

Grace: I loved the excursion because I got to pat the snake.

Sienna: I liked the watching the echidnas because I like their spikes.

Lachlan: My favourite animal was the crocodile because it was swimming in the water.

Thomas: My favourite thing about the excursion was looking at the ghost bats because it looked cool inside.

Solomon: I liked the crocodile because it has scales and the bats because they hang upside down.



SEMINAR



The Challenge of Disciplining Your Children

This is a three-hour interactive seminar on constructive techniques for parents when disciplining and encouraging their children.

Parents will learn:

- what discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- to use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- to use different discipline techniques

Tuesday, 16 June 2015

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Cost: \$25 (Concession \$15)

**Venue: Interrelate
Suite 423, 14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista NSW**

Bookings essential - Phone 8882 7850

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School Banking

This is a reminder that school banking books should be sent to the office, via the class notebag, on **Wednesdays**. The banking is done early on Thursday morning and the books then returned to the students.

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On 4th June, Stage 3 girls participated in a soccer gala day at Jameson Park, Penrith. We played 9 games and we were Undefeated at the end of the day. All girls had great Sportsmanship and they all encouraged their team mates Throughout the day.

We had a great day and WE WON!!!!

(By Claudia C & Darci B)



From the Parish Office...

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.

First Holy Communion

For those children who are receiving their First Communion next Saturday 7 June, you have a rehearsal on Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Please try and take your child along to Reconciliation prior to their First Communion. Reconciliations are held at OLA after the 9am Mass on Saturdays. Other parishes have reconciliation at different times - check their website for details.

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.

Baptism Seminar

For those families wishing to Baptise their children at OLA, you are invited to come along to a Baptism Seminar on this Sunday after the 10am Mass.

Can you help??

Fr Warren requires the use of a truck this weekend to move an altar and pool table from the old Presbytery at Milford Drive to Terry Road. If you can help, please contact Rose on 0417 675 099.

Thank you

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603

Numeracy Hint



Keeping a growth chart is a good way of helping your child understand measurement units. Use simple language such "Sam is taller than Jim" to compare the heights of people

Congratulations to Bella Masters & Alannah Lock who participated in the Captivate Dance Masterclass at the end of last term. From this they were invited to audition for the Captivate Showcase Evening. Bella & Alannah will be representing OLA at the showcase and performing an irish dance piece together. Congratulations again and we are very proud of you both.

SCHOOL HOURS:

Please remember that there is no supervision for students until 8.20am. Many students are arriving before that time.

Thank you

God bless and keep you safe over the weekend.

Eva La Rocca, Principal

Term 2 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Logan Cleary	Billy Bowen	Claire Sievwright
Kinder G	Zach Lee	Lucas Cleland	Alexandra Tirador
Kinder W	Pippa Rosano	Kristian Cajic	Mya Bassili
Year 1B	Madison Zahra	Luke Garofano	Ethan Phelps
Year 1 G	Georgia Falzon	Olivia Sims	Caitlyn Williams
Year 1W	Harriet Preston	Sienna Jeffries	Aidan Vilathgamuwa
Year 2 B	Anneliese Gutwenger	Bella Molano	Lucas McLuskey
Year 2 G	Eva Sultana	Madison Mihalic	Bowen Cleary
Year 2 W	Brenden Ewyer	Jared Clealand	Janelle Mensah
Year 3 B	alannah lock	felix beegan	Kenneth Tjhin
Year 3 W	Zac Lesar	Julian Vargas	Hudson Galvin
Year 4 B	Trinity Johnston	Alyssia Salib	Isaac Swinden
Year 4 G	Sebastian Mileto	Natasha Eyles	Jack Bowden
Year 4 W	Charlotte Garcia	Anthony Kamber	Charlie Hallal
Year 5/6 B	Darci Buxton	Cooper Brown	Lachlan Monks
Year 5/6 G	Brock Bailey	Patricia Constantino	Jacob Garofano
Year 5/6 W	Samuel Vecchio	Shanyce Gibson	Jordan Sanborn

***Student
of the
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awards***

