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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

This week has been very eventful as part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration. This was launched at the 10am parish Mass which was well attended by many families and almost all the staff members. After this, the teachers spent much of their Sunday preparing for Monday's Mad Science Day!! It was a great success. Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work, in particular the Science committee – Ms Theoharous, Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Jurcevic and Mrs Byrne – for planning the day. Thanks to the parents who came to visit and, for those who could not, thanks to Vincent (IT support) who set up the live stream. We had over 100 visits and I have received many letters of thanks for the day and for opportunity to share in this day remotely.

Thursday morning was the official launch of the Fitness Fresh Boot Camp for students.

There is another busy week planned for next week starting with St Patrick's Day on Monday, Cross Country on Tuesday and National Anti Bullying Day on Friday. Please read this Newsletter for further information on these events.

Sometimes people wonder why we celebrate **St Patrick's Day**. I will attempt to summarise the Mysterion (God's saving plan) in a few lines... God created the world and, as a relational being, wanted to share all that was created and so created man and woman. They lived in harmony until the fall, the first sin. This damaged their relationship with God as it was and there was no hope of redemption. Because God loves us, He promised to send a saviour who came about 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ. Jesus showed and taught the people how they must live and treat each other if they want eternal life in Heaven. He also had to die and rise three days later to prove that he was truly, the Son of God and Saviour. When he ascended into Heaven forty days later, He left His work to His disciples to continue. This was the beginning of the Christian church. Over the next 500 years, this Word spread throughout Asia Minor (Greece, Turkey), and eventually throughout Europe. These Europeans (particularly Spanish, Portuguese and French) spread Christianity to the Americas. St Patrick took the Word to Ireland and is recognised as responsible for its conversion. It was the Irish priests, brothers and sisters that brought the Catholic faith to Australia and were instrumental in establishing Catholic schools. For two thousand years the 'baton' has been passed and today, as baptised Catholics, it is in our hands to continue to spread the message.

God's saving plan is not complete. Jesus' mission was to bring about a world of justice and love and this continues to be our mission as well. God's mission will be fulfilled when we are all one with Him at the end of days.

...and *that* is why Catholic schools celebrate St Patrick's Day. ☺

### Quality Catholic Schools Survey

This week, sixty parents received 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.

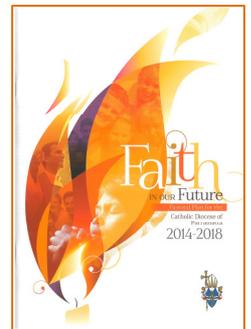
### 2015 Enrolment Information Night - already!

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 2015, there will be an

**Enrolment Information Night held in the Kinder classroom  
on Wednesday, April 2nd starting at 7pm.  
This is information for new families only**

### Dates to Remember

<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>	St Patrick's Day – Green Mufti, bring a gold coin, Green treats for lunch – 50c; SRC Fun Day
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	OLA Cross Country
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	Mass: Year 5/6 National Anti-Bullying Day
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Mass: Yr 4
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day





FROM THE P&F

# Cake Stall



@ the Cross Country

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

The P & F will have cup cakes, muffins, cookies slices and bottles of water for sale. Feel free to bring your own tea and coffee as the canteen will not be available to us this year.

If you would like to help out on the day just send us an email, your help will be appreciated.

See you there!  
Parents and Friends Association  
[olapandf@hotmail.com](mailto:olapandf@hotmail.com)

### Second Hand Uniform

Thank you to all those who helped make the Second Hand Uniform sale a success yesterday. Those who were there can tell you that it was very similar to the Boxing Day sales!

Of course the Second Hand Uniform Shop can only be possible by the generous donations of uniforms. Please keep sending in any clean items in a plastic bag to the office and hopefully we will be able to have another 'event' soon. Details to follow.

Another huge THANK YOU to the Kindergarten families for their generous donations of jelly packets. Today so many Kinder mums got together to organise the extra special treat for St Patrick's day on Monday (400 jellies). Don't forget to bring in 50c so you don't miss out! All money raised will go to Project Compassion.

In the next few weeks a letter will be sent out for those interested in volunteering to help out with Friday Special Treats in terms 2 and 3. Thank you to all those who are on our current roster. We have been overwhelmed with support! We look forward to meeting many more new faces during the year.

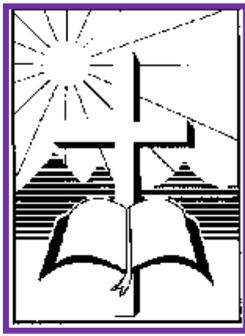


### Lollypop Person - Can you help?????

Unfortunately, we did not get any response from our request last week. If you can help at any time, even if it cannot be every week, can you please let us know. This 'duty' only takes 15-20 minutes and if the load can be shared then it does not become a burden for a few. Please email [olapandf@hotmail.com](mailto:olapandf@hotmail.com).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 8.30-8.50am		Kelly Cleary	Kelly Cleary		
Afternoon 3.00-3.20pm	Natalie Spiteri				Sandra Doueih

Kinds Regards, P&F Committee



## Gospel Reading

Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 17: 1-9



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. The Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism.

The Transfiguration of Jesus might be described as one of Jesus' greatest moments. It might well have been a "greatest moment" in the lives of his disciples, Peter, James, and John as well. The event offered Jesus and his disciples a foretaste of the glory that would come. It may also have been a moment that helped to sustain Jesus and his disciples through the difficult times ahead of them.

As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty. Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for mass and the launch of Catholic Schools Week last Sunday.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan

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

### 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.

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, 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 the **Gibson Debrincat** girls who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week.

Next week the sponsor family will be **Geoghegan Family**



Have a look at this link for a great read on parenting!!!!

[http://parentingwithoutpowerstruggles.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Parenting\\_MindfulApril2014.pdf](http://parentingwithoutpowerstruggles.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Parenting_MindfulApril2014.pdf)

## **From the Catholic Education Office**

### **CAPTIVATE Dance Masterclass**

Registrations are now open for the CAPTIVATE Masterclass on 4-6 April at Terra Sancta College, Nirimba Campus. During the 3 days students will have the opportunity to work with highly professional teachers and learn a wide variety of dance styles, including:

Jazz, Contemporary, JFH, Lyrical HipHop, Musical Theatre, Urban Jazz Fusion, Fitness for Dancers, Make-up & Styling and Rehearsals

OPTION 1 \$120

#### **3 DAY INTENSIVE DANCE WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCE**

(Recommended for all Commercial Dance Ensemble Members)

Students will participate in the full 3 days of dance classes experiencing all dance styles on offer. Classes are graded (to the best of our ability) so please be honest and provide as much detail as possible when completing the Registration Forms. There may be changes on the day.

OPTION 2 \$80

#### **2 DAY (Sat & Sun) DANCE WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCE**

Students choosing Option 2 will participate in classes on Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September along with performing on Sunday 1 September's performance.

NOTE: All students must do Day 3 (Sunday) as rehearsals and performance is on this day.

VENUE: Terra Sancta, Nirimba Campus, Eastern Rd, Quakers Hill

TIMES: Friday 4 April 8.00am-5.00pm

Saturday 5 April 8.00am-5.00pm

Sunday 6 April 8.30am-5.15pm

5.15pm-6.30pm (dinner break)

6.30pm-8.00pm (Performance)

Visit [www.captivate.catholic.edu.au/events](http://www.captivate.catholic.edu.au/events) for more information or to register.

[Click here](#) for flyer.

## **From the Bishop's Office...**

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

**Twitter** @parracatholic

### **St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta**

Recruiting male and female singers in all voice parts. Develop vocal skills and learn more about the Catholic faith and liturgy.

Scholarship payments available to singers aged 16-35 who demonstrate music leadership skills. To arrange an audition, contact the Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick tel 0430 431 884. For further information, visit [www.stpatscathedral.com.au](http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au)

### **Preparing Music for the Easter Triduum**

These workshops organised by the Office for Worship include ministerial chants for clergy (priests and deacons), cantors and choir, with particular focus on the new translations and chants for the Unveiling of the Cross (Good Friday) and the Exsultet (Easter Vigil).

From 7.30pm-9pm on these dates:

20 March at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, 326 High St, Penrith. **RSVP 17 March**

27 March at St Patrick's Parish, 51-55 Allawah St, Blacktown. **RSVP 24 March**

RSVP to the Office for Worship tel (02) 8838 3414, [liturgysupport@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:liturgysupport@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **Living Lent Daily Retreat Day: 15 March**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer retreat opportunities for single Catholic women aged 18-35 who are seeking to deepen their spiritual life. Join the Sisters for a Retreat Day of Lent reflections and prayers followed by a social gathering. Lunch and dinner provided. Where: 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong. Cost: free but registration is essential. **RSVP: 11 March** to Sr Margaret tel (02) 9626 9200, 0420 754 727, [margaretcsfn@gmail.com](mailto:margaretcsfn@gmail.com) Visit [www.csfn.org.au](http://www.csfn.org.au)

### **Blackheath Reflection Morning: 15 March**

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'An Imaginary Conversation between St Therese of Lisieux and Friedrich Nietzsche' with Dominic Arcamone. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds.

From 10am-1pm. Entry by donation, morning tea provided. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath.

Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

### **Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 16 March**

God in the Lodge: The religious beliefs of Australia's Prime Ministers. Speaker: Roy Williams, lawyer and author of the international best-seller *God, Actually*. Starts 2.30pm, admission free, no membership required. Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, [john.carmody@sydney.edu.au](mailto:john.carmody@sydney.edu.au)

### **Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 March**

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, Marist Place, Parramatta.

To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 21-23 March**

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Invest in your most precious asset ... your marriage! Venue: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au) [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/WVMEasternUnit](http://www.facebook.com/WVMEasternUnit)

### **DISCOVER Weekend: 21-23 March**

Young women aged 18-35 years are invited to DISCOVER – a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sister M Julie Brear: [juliebrear@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrear@gmail.com)

### **Bridging Sydney City Assembly: 26 March**

Bridging Sydney will launch the Sydney Alliance agenda for the common good with specific asks for the NSW Government on the issues of public transport, affordable housing and supported job pathways. With a year to go before the next NSW election, the aim is to build a bridge between Sydney's civil society and those who serve in elected office. The Diocese of Parramatta is a member of the Sydney Alliance. Doors open at 6pm, concludes 8.30pm. Venue: Sydney Town Hall, George Street. Register your attendance at: [www.sydneyalliance.org.au](http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au)

<http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/news/2014/01/29/bridging-sydney/>

#### **Catenian City of Parramatta Circle Dinner: 27 March**

Members of the Catenian Association are Catholic men who meet once a month to join collectively in a friendly atmosphere in the practice of their faith, to enjoy each other's company and to support their local parishes and the Diocese. The City of Parramatta Circle meets for dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Lachlan's Restaurant in Old Government House in Parramatta Park. Commences at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. This month's guest speaker will be Christine Berrierre from St Lucy's School in Wahroonga. More information contact Ian Goldthorpe – Membership Officer, City of Parramatta Circle, tel 0408 169 941.

#### **MGL Spiritual Association Healing Mass: 29 March**

"I have come to bring fire to the earth" *Luke 12:49*.

The Missionaries of God's Love Spiritual Association (Sydney) warmly invites you, your friends and acquaintances to a Healing Mass with Fr Ken Barker MGL. Mass at 1pm will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills. The day concludes at 4pm. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. RSVP to Jenny: [jennytscott25372@gmail.com](mailto:jennytscott25372@gmail.com) or **Missionaries of God's Love** Facebook page.

#### **Central Coast tour with pelican feeding: 1 April**

Enjoy a day out on the Central Coast with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Cost: \$30 includes morning tea and pelican feeding. Lunch at Digger's at The Entrance (own expense). Bus departs 8.30am at 20 Virgil St and 8.35am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

Book early to avoid disappointment – deposit of \$20 required. Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, [francesgrima@optusnet.com.au](mailto:francesgrima@optusnet.com.au)

#### **Colloquium on *The Francis Effect*: 3 April**

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia are hosting a colloquium that will enlarge on the reflections contained in *The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel* as well as further explore Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. This event will bring together Catholic leaders for a day of formation and professional development for anyone who is living and leading mission and evangelisation. **Keynote Address** by Fr Noel Connolly SSC – *The Francis Effect: A Theology of Leadership for Mission*. From 8.30am to 4.30pm. **Registration:** \$195 adult, \$95 concession (registration includes a copy of *The Francis Effect*, morning tea and lunch). Venue: Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club. More information and to register: [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

#### **The Seven Last Words of Christ Lenten Retreat: 4-6 April**

A Lenten weekend retreat for young adults organised by Singles for Christ Australia. Includes silent reflection, talks, prayer, adoration, Confession and Mass. Kilhilla Conference Centre, 5-17 Queens Rd, Lawson. Cost: \$115. Details: Alex Pace (02) 9831 4044.

#### **Grace & Silence Retreat Day: 12 April**

Young women aged 17-30 years who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. From 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost \$20 includes lunch. The Schoenstatt Shrine is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334, [uliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:uliebrcar@gmail.com)

**BreakThrough**  
Overcoming  
Relationship Gridlock

**SUNDAY, MAR 23**  
**2-5PM**

**SMARTLoving Workshop** Luddenham NSW  
\* Spouses can attend on their own or as a couple

**BreakThrough** Overcoming Relationship Gridlock

All couples go through periods where their relationship is strained. Stress, sleep-deprivation, demands from family and work can starve your marriage of the positive energy it needs and deserves. Soon, you find yourselves arguing more often, making up with less enthusiasm and becoming someone even you yourself don't like.

If this sounds like you, or someone you love, it's time to do something about it! The **SmartLoving BreakThrough** Workshop is a practical, solution-focussed event for all stages of marriage. Drawing on contemporary research and Catholic theology, this workshop will arm you with skills and insights to transform your relationship into the thriving, joy-filled encounter that it is meant to be.

**Workshop Details**

**Sunday, March 23**  
**2-5pm**

Holy Family School Hall  
32 Willowdene Ave  
Luddenham NSW 2745

Donation at the door  
(afternoon tea provided)

**Bookings essential**  
Call Jess: 02 9319 6290  
info@smartloving.org

www.smartloving.org

- Identify your conflict triggers
- Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument
- Understand what the real issues are
- Find constructive ways to re-establish connection

check website for more dates

# Extra -curricular Activities at OLA

At OLA we have lots of extra-curricular activities and lunch time clubs, such as garden club, google club, boardgame club, movie team, dance groups and fitness boot camp. Many thanks to the teachers who facilitate these activities either before school or during lunch. This week we feature the.....

## Google Club

On Tuesdays at 2nd break, some children from Years 1-6 are involved in Google Club. These children are made up of Google Mentors and Experts. Mentors are children who were involved in Google Club last year. The Mentors are currently training experts. They are helping the students to log on to Google, access Google Drive and explain the basic features and functions that are available to students.

As the year progresses, Google Club will open its doors to the rest of the school with the Experts and Mentors being available to train other students and make them "Google Savvy".

"It is fun and interesting. I liked learning how to do drawings on Google drive." - Julian, Year 2

"Google Club is great because I have learnt how to use more things in Google than what I already knew. I will teach my friends how to do those things so they get better at it too." - Charlie, Year 3

"I like learning about all the cool features of Google!" - Ryan, Year 4

Miss Grima and Mr Baker also enjoy Google Club as they get to help the Mentors and Experts become better at using Google. They are looking forward to the students having a better understanding of how to use Google so all teachers can use it to its potential in the classroom.



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



## OLA Mad Science Day

Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> March marked the beginning of Catholic Schools Week and at Our Lady of the Angels we celebrated this with a Science Day. Every teacher was dressed up as crazy scientists with wigs, lab coats and safety goggles and conducted a different science experiment. The students were divided into infants and primary groups, which were named after famous scientists such as Galileo, Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. The groups learnt a little about their scientist before the science fun began.

There were 15 stations set up around the school each with a different experiment running. There were experiments such as, lava lamps, gloop, sherbet, elephant's toothpaste, tea bag rockets and much more. The students rotated around to the next experiment after 15 mins, always excited to see what was next. They were involved in hands on activities and demonstrations by the teachers, learning the science behind each one like the density of liquids, atmospheric pressure and the reactions between two chemicals.

Each child had a Science Day passport to take around with them to the stations they participated in. They were stamped according to the experiment and were taken home to share with their parents and family and show all the fun and learning they were involved in. We were lucky enough to have our parents come and join the students after lunch and experience all of the crazy science fun with us. For those parents who were unable to come along, the school provided live streaming of each experiment throughout the day and was very successful with over 100 views.

After afternoon tea the students returned back to their regular classes and as a grade reflected on the day using The de Bono's Thinking Hats. Through these reflections it was shown that the day was a success. The students gained so much knowledge from the experiments, had a lot of fun and became interested in the science that surrounds us.

As parents if you are interested in supporting your child's curiosity in science the CSIRO provides weekly emails, science you can do at home and holiday workshops and activities. Just follow the link below:

<http://www.csiro.au/en/Portals/Education/Parents.aspx>

## Prayer for Catholic Schools Week

*Dear Lord*

*Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Catholic schools. It is a time to give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom. We acknowledge and thank all who work in the service of Catholic education to create the opportunities for students that allow them to grow and thrive.*

*We thank you for*

*the wisdom and understanding of teachers*

*the enthusiasm and energy of students*

*the leadership of school Principals and executive staff*

*the skill, care and commitment of administrative and support staff*

*the guidance of our pastors and religious leaders*

*the support and partnership of parents, carers and local communities.*

*We pray that each student's learning journey be inspired by a search for your wisdom and truth.*

*We pray that we never take for granted the learning opportunities that we have all been given, and that we use the gifts of learning wisely and responsibly.*

*We ask that we use what we have learnt to create a better world for all people, particularly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen*

I also encourage you to visit the Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund's website, [www.catholicsuper.com.au](http://www.catholicsuper.com.au). Australian Catholic Superannuation is a proud supporter of Catholic Schools Week 2014.

## Information for Parents

### NRMA Science & Road Safety Day - Friday 4 April, 2014

This term our school will be taking part in a new and innovative road safety education program delivered by NRMA Motoring & Services free of charge to 100 primary schools across NSW and ACT.

The day is a great opportunity for your children to learn about road safety from science perspective, so that they can better understand the forces that act on humans while in cars and on bikes and why wearing safety gear such as seatbelts and bike helmets make a real difference to their safety.

Parents are also invited to attend a **30 minute Parent Workshop** at 2:15pm. The workshop will be delivered by a science professional who will explain what parents can do to help their children stay safe on their bikes and on their way to and from school.



On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, we at OLA will join together as a school community to be a part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Throughout the day students will participate in a variety of fun and interactive activities to develop their understanding of bullying, its impact and strategies to use. The key message - 'Bullying, No Way!' will highlight that **BULLYING AND VIOLENCE ARE NEVER OKAY AT ANY TIME.**

Watch this space for more details about what's in store for the day!

**FAST FACTS** : Bullying is the repeated pattern of harmful, verbal, physical or social behaviour which involves the misuse of power. Cyber bullying is bullying through the internet or mobile devices.

*(The National Safe Schools Framework)*

### Social Skill

The new social skill for this fortnight is about using manners. When you are out and about, point out examples of good manners to your child (and also examples of poor manners). 'Please', 'Thank you', 'Excuse me', etc.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Passwords for the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge have been handed out this week. Please keep these in a safe place so that book titles can be entered online. Please advise the office if your child registered for the PRC but did not receive their password note.

### Catholic Schools Week video competition

Thank you to those parents who have voted for our school. If you haven't yet done so there is still time as voting closes tomorrow, 15<sup>th</sup> March. The vote count is neck and neck with only a couple of votes in it. On Facebook, search for Catholic Schools Week and find "What makes our Lady of the Angels great?" Spread the word to relatives, neighbours and friends. Please ensure that you vote for the one posted by 'Cathy' not 'Natalie'. Thanks

### Maths Books

At OLA we regularly send workbooks home for you to look through. This is an opportunity for you to stay connected with what your child is learning at school. This week children from Years 1-6 are bringing their maths books home over the weekend. Please spend some time talking to your child about their maths work, their successes and areas for improvement. It is imperative that books are returned on **Monday** so that work can continue as normal.

### Kindergarten Siblings for 2015

Can you believe it is that time of year again..... If you have a sibling that is due to start kindergarten in 2015, could you please email the office 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.

### Exemption Forms for School

Please remember that if your child is going to be away from school for a few days to a few weeks due to family leave (holiday etc), you must complete an Application for Exemption Form and then a Certificate of Exemption will be sent home to you.

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St. Patrick's Day

On Monday the students will be wearing green mufti to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Children will need to bring in a gold coin donation with proceeds going to Project Compassion.

We will begin the morning with a liturgy at 8:50am. The SRC have planned an Afternoon Tea full of lots of fun and games. There will be running races, dance competitions, soccer tournaments, fashion parades and green paper plane making.

There will also be drawing competitions and a lolly guessing competition.

Green jelly will be available for students to purchase for 50c as a special treat – money raised from this special treat will go to Project Compassion. 😊 Mrs Callaghan

St. Patrick's  
Day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

*Special treat at lunchtime!  
Lunchtime will be full of lots of  
fun and games 😊*

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

**Money collected will go towards  
Project Compassion.**



### OLA Cross Country

Tuesday 18th March is our annual Cross Country. **All children** will be traveling to the venue by bus. Please understand that there will be no supervision until teachers arrive at the reserve. Teachers will mark the roll in the morning before boarding the buses.

Children need to bring their food, water and hat in a labelled plastic bag. Please apply sun screen in the morning before school.

Let's pray for no rain over the weekend!

### CONGRATULATIONS

On Tuesday, four students from Year 5/6 went to the Parramatta McKillop trials to trial for Soccer. We would like to congratulate Imogen Lane who has been selected to play in the Parramatta girls soccer team in Canberra in May. We wish her lots of luck.

### CREATIVE ARTS

If you are willing to help with costumes for the creative arts performance, I will be having a brief meeting on Monday at 9am in the Music room. This is just to let you know a little about the performance and the costumes we would like to make for the performance. Please Email the office if you are able to attend.

Thanks  
Mrs Katrina Byrne

## From the classroom... this week featuring Year 3G

This term 3G has been looking at Mini Worlds. We have been researching and learning about many different insects. Our Visual Art program has been based around the Mini World topic and we have had lots of fun creating many of these different insects using different techniques.



We even had a go at creating our own insects.



## From the Parish Office...

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday night in Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 pm. This is a great way to do that something extra for Lent

### Lenten Reflection

As Lent is approaching soon, Fr Warren will be presenting a Lenten Reflection every Wednesday night throughout Lent at 7.30pm. Please come along.

### Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on Saturday, 29 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.

### Ladies' Night

All Ladies are invited to come along and meet others from the Parish. Ladies Night will be held on Friday, 28 March at 7.30pm at If you would like to come along just contact the Parish office for further details.

### 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!!

### 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.

### Confessions:

9:30 am Sat, OLA Church

**Baptisms & weddings:** By appointment

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joby Kadambattuparambil Ittira

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## App of the Week

**100s Board**

**\$2.99**

This app is a digital 100s board that can show and hide numbers from 1 to 100. It will help students practise counting on and off the decade from any given number.



## 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.

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

*Eva La Rocca,*

*Principal*

**Congratulations to the following students...**

Term 1 Week 7	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Jack Winn	Matilda Wallis	Jayden Thornton
Kinder G	Acacia Sales	Clodagh Cowman	Cohan Sommer
Kinder W	Harrison McQuaid	Solomon Montgomery	Alicia Gladwell
Year 1B	Lachlan Whitehurst	Ante Topic	Charlie Da Ruos
Year 1 G	Lachlan Hollier	William Worrall	Sarah Cleary
Year 1W	Max Fischer	Kobe Ormsby	Cooper Lynch
Year 2 B	Jonah O'Brien	Brianna Arellano	Joshua Tanti
Year 2 W	Jacob Connellan	Sofia Silva	Sienna Achis
Year 3 B	Bradley Wooldridge	Jade Richardson	Montana Burt
Year 3 G	Marko Rangan	Tea Elise Kroeger	Rebecca Cleary
Year 3 W	Jayden Ormsby	Juliana Constantino	Mia Sprowles
Year 4 B	Raphael Di Lorenzo Boussard	Annalise Coelho	Darci Buxton
Year 4 W	Maneesha Gunasekara	Kaitlin Wagner	Jai Turner
Year 5/6 B	Ben Molano	Sharmayne Gibson	Emma OBrien
Year 5/6 W	Bailey Christoffel	Kristian Skoljarev	Dillon Adhietty