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Week 8 Term 2

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## NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents,

I hope this Newsletter finds you all well. This has been an extraordinarily busy and eventful week. Along with all the usual demands, some extras included a visit from the State Priority Committee, once again as part of the process in applying for capital funds to build the rest of our school; the launch of Fitness Fresh Program and a visit from the head of IT Woolworths Australia( Clive Whincup); hosting Primary Principals' Association meeting; addressing BOSTES accreditation requirement; preparing 401 mid-year reports to be ready to go out; two class groups off on excursions; prepare principal's award presentation; attending Religious Literacy Assessment meeting; most importantly, attending to the parents/students in need – it's all part of the job. We are all very busy.

Most significantly, however, was the sudden death of our neighbouring parish priest – Fr Dave Hume. Amidst all our 'busyness', Fr Dave's passing is a timely reminder of our mortality and how it all those 'things' we have to do mean very little if they don't serve the purpose of bringing God into the lives of others and embracing each task as an opportunity to show God to those we encounter. This is our primary role.

I did not really know Fr David but, from the response of those who did, he will be sadly missed and a great loss to their community. Just like Dave, I can be called at any time. I do not for a moment doubt his state of readiness to meet God. I ask myself, "Am I?"

#### Term 2 Principal's Award

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the recipients for their class this term.

#### 2014 - Term 2:

**KB - Thomas Cutuk**  
**KW - Jett Laborte**  
**KG - Julia Zammit**  
**1B - Bowen Cleary**  
**1G - Ivana Edelinski**  
**1W - Cooper Lynch**  
**2W - Giaan Lee**  
**2B - Gabriella Bond**  
**3G - Tatum Crook**  
**3B - Mikayla Muscat**  
**3W - Tyra Abdallah**  
**4W - Kalani Nobleza**  
**4B - Jordan Sanborn**  
**5/6 W - Patricia Constantino**  
**5/6B - Emma Corey**

#### Mid-Year Reports.

Today your child should have received their mid-year report. This report reflects the mandatory A to E reporting format. For many of the Year 1 parents, this will be new to you which is why we offered the information evening on Assessment and Reporting. Thank you to the seven parents who attended.

I would like to commend the students and the gains they have made in their learning in the first semester. It is always a pleasure to read the glowing reports.

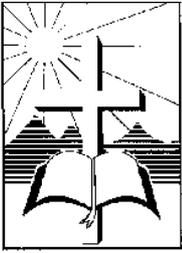
I would like to acknowledge the teachers who have worked very hard over the past three weeks preparing their students' reports. Much time is given to deliberating and discussing each report. We hope you read these carefully and discuss them with your child, focussing mostly on the effort applied over the past five months. There is no interview at this time of year as, at OLA, we conduct interviews at the end of Term 1 and Term 3. This is double of what most other schools offer. However, if there is something about the report which you need to discuss, please contact the office to make an appointment, as always.

I look forward to sharing morning tea with these students next Tuesday morning and having a chat about their term.



#### Dates to Remember

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June: Principal's Morning Tea; Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June: USA Visitors; Special lunch day; Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June: Feast of the Sacred Heart – Mass at 12.30pm; Last day of school term 2  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July: First day of Term 3 - Second group of USA Visitors



## Gospel Reflection

### The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58

*Jesus said to the Jews:*

*'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'*

*Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'*

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for "Body of Christ."

The reading is part of a discussion between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. It comes shortly after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Miracles are "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by an explanation and discussion.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

#### Talk to your children...

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today's Gospel—those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain forever connected to him. Family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

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

Have a lovely weekend spending time with each other!

Mr Andrew Baker ☺

#### St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

On Monday we will be launching our St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. Over the next two weeks we will be asking families to donate non-perishable foods, blankets (polar fleece blankets are light-weight and easy to carry), jumpers, jackets and warm clothing to the annual St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. All donations will need to be brought into school by the last day of term. Donations can be taken to your child's classroom. We will be presenting these to a St. Vincent De Paul representative at assembly. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Have a great weekend!

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan

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### 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](mailto:ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. Thank you to the **Jeffriess Family** who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **McArdle Family**.



### Parish Fair Raffle Tickets

Last Friday, a book of raffle tickets was sent home to each family from the Parish in support of the parish fair on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Tickets are \$2 each. Could all tickets, sold or unsold, be returned to school by the last day of term. Thanks,

### Thank you!

On Thursday morning, the OLA Fitness Fresh Bootcamp was officially launched. Bootcamp was an idea of Mrs Byrne and Miss Grima and, more recently, assisted by Ms Fredericks and Ms Thomas.

Bootcamp has become the arena for continuing our relationship with Woolworths – IT dept. The Chief Information Officer of Woolworths Australia, Clive Whincup, was here to hand out the bottles and T-shirts for all the students and teachers and, yes, Mr Vecchio, who has been a regular to attend. Each week, they provide a large box of fresh fruit for the breakfast program.



We are very grateful to Mr Whincup and Mrs Corey (Emma in Y6 mum) for the continuing to support and relationship between us, initiated by Mrs Irwin last year. There are even more exciting plans to be unrolled in the next few months so watch this space. ☺

None of this would be possible without the enthusiasm for the students and generosity of our teachers. To be giving up that extra time early in the morning is something that is very rare – take it from an old lady with lots of experience. A test for each teacher is to, at the end of each day, ask themselves, 'Did I make a positive difference to one student, today?' You have so, to you and to all the teachers who do so many little extras that we don't always see, thank you – from us all.

### YOU ARE INVITED!

If you're interested, next Thursday morning's boot camp is being run by the students and all teachers AND PARENTS are invited to come along (in lycra) and join it!! Hope to see you there.





## From the Class room... Year 4W

This term in Year Four we have been learning about different types of energy and how we utilise them in our everyday life in our unit "Stuck On You". We have focused on magnetic energy, wind power, electricity, biomass to name a few. It has been such a fun unit and we have had the chance to perform experiments throughout the term. Next week we will have to present a Project Based Learning presentation to the grade where we explain our chosen energy and conduct an experiment with the class.

Name: *Nithya* Experiment: *light it up*

**Materials**

1. Battery
2. cell holder
3. lamp holder
4. light bulb
5. crocodile wire (2)

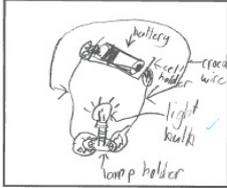
**Steps**

1. Put the battery in the cell holder.
2. Put the light bulb in the lamp holder.
3. connect one end of the crocodile wire to the cell holder do this to the other one to.

**Language**

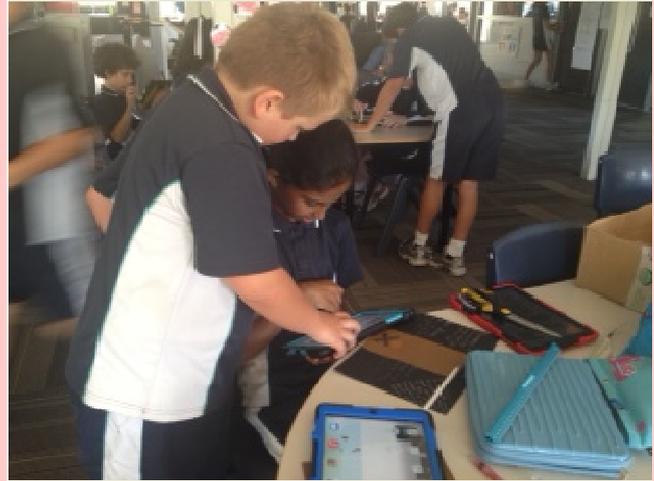
- Battery
- cell holder
- crocodile wire
- light bulb ✓

**Scientific Diagram**



**What's the science?** *DS/S*

*How to make light*



Name: *Emily Odd* Experiment: *light it up*

**Materials**

- 1.5V Battery
- 1.5V cell holder
- lamp holder
- light bulb
- crocodile wire ✓

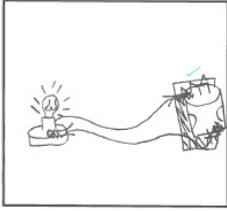
**Steps**

1. Put 1.5V battery into cell holder.
2. Gently twist the bulb into light holder.
3. Connect one crocodile lead into the metal tab of cell holder.
4. Connect the other end of same crocodile lead to the metal tab of the lamp holder.
5. Connect the other crocodile lead to the other tab of the lamp holder.
6. Finally attach the last crocodile clip to the other end of the 1.5V cell holder.

**Language**

- 1.5V Battery
- 1.5V Cellholder
- Crocodile lead
- bulb
- light
- lamp holder
- Tab
- Metal ✓

**Scientific Diagram**



**What's the science?** *DS/S*

*To be able to turn the light bulb on and create electricity*

Name: *Gizelle* Experiment: *Invisible force moving car*

**Materials**

- Two magnets
- Two rubber bands
- Two match box cars ✓

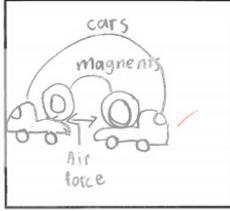
**Steps**

- Attach the south pole of the magnet to the back of the car with a rubber band and do the same with the other car and put them back to back and they will go opposite ways. ✓

**Language**

- South magnet
- North
- Oppiste
- Position
- Repel
- top view ✓

**Scientific Diagram**



**What's the science?** *DS/S*

*The science is that the south and south repel and north and north repel and south and north stick.*



### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Harriet P, Jesscia B, Tatum C, Melissa P, Blake T and Lily Q who have recently completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Some parents are still experiencing difficulty logging on to the new PRC portal. Keep trying, as some families have been able to successfully log on and register the books. Books need to be recorded by the end of August. The holidays are a great opportunity to curl up with a book, so keep reading and record the books read.

### New Social Skill – Week 9

#### Sharing materials and ideas-

If you want to use something that belongs to someone else, you must ask first. When someone asks to use your things, you can choose to let the person borrow it because they are a responsible person or say no nicely and give a reason. Remember the Golden Rule – Look after other people's things so that they will look after yours.

### **Creative Arts Expo**

Today we had our first workshop for Creative Arts. There were lots of great ideas, enthusiasm and designing of outfits. Thank you to all the mums who purchased bits and pieces and attended today to create costumes. Our next workshop will be Term 3, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am in the music room.

Tickets: On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, students will receive a letter about ticket sales. These will go on sale during this week and will be purchased directly from the ticket office. Further information will be supplied in the letter.



Next Wednesday 25th June 2014, OLA will be hosting 45 students visiting from the USA. These students will be spending the day in classes across the school to experience a typical day in an 'Aussie' school.

As a treat for our students, there will be a special lunch on offer and will be able to order the following lunch which includes:



SAUSAGE SIZZLE (WITH OR WITHOUT SAUCE) AND A POPPA FOR \$2.50.

If you would like your child to have a special lunch, please place an order by writing on a paper bag the following, eg-

Name: Mary Smith  
Class: Year 4H  
1 special lunch (with or without sauce)

and place the \$2.50, wrapped in paper, **INSIDE THE LUNCH BAG.**

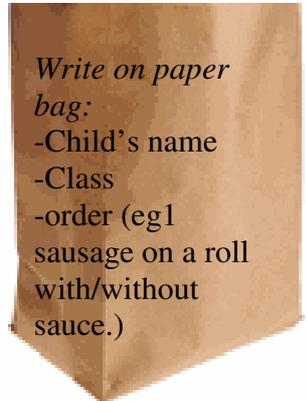
For catering purposes, orders must be in by Tuesday the 23th June at the latest and given to the class teacher.

PLEASE, DO NOT SEND IT TO THE OFFICE or ring the office.

#### **IMPORTANT-**

If you are able to assist on the day with preparation, cooking, serving or clean up please email [olapandf@hotmail.com](mailto:olapandf@hotmail.com). As this will be a mammoth task we require as many helpers as possible throughout the day.

Kind Regards, P&F Committee



## **Bishops Office**

### **Time, Hospitality and Belonging – Towards a Practical Theology of Disability: 24 June**

The Broken Bay Institute is excited to be hosting Prof John Swinton for this much anticipated public lecture. In this FREE lecture Prof Swinton will challenge churches to re-think their understandings of disability and to begin to think differently about where their journey into disability should begin. Time: 6pm for 6.30pm start, 8pm finish. One-hour lecture, followed by half an hour for questions. Supper will be served after the lecture. The Broken Bay Institute, Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd (enter via City View Rd), Pennant Hills. **Booking deadline Friday 20 June:** Nina Elliott, tel (02) 9847 0030, [bbi@bbi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bbi@bbi.catholic.edu.au)

### **Sydney Guild of St Stephen Winter Holidays Camp: 6-9 July**

This Regional Guild Conference for young altar servers will be held at the new Benedict XVI Retreat Centre at Grose Vale. The theme is, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:10). The Guild of St Stephen is a form of club for those who serve at the altar. Among its activities is a winter camp for boys in Years 5 to 12 who are serving or are willing to serve. Conference activities include talks, workshops and games for the boys to learn more about altar serving. Places are limited – early bird registration by 15 June is \$200. For further information contact the Guild's National Secretary, Karen Man, tel 0433 765 400 or Parramatta's diocesan contact person, Paul Griffin: [pgriffin@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:pgriffin@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **MGL Spiritual Association (Sydney): 12 July**

Mass at 1.30pm with Fr Ken Barker MGL and the MGL sisters, Rosie and Kate. From 1.30pm-4.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Ave, Seven Hills. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer Ministry, Rosary. Fellowship afterwards – please bring a plate to share. Hear the latest news of the MGLs and learn more about the MGL Spiritual Association. RSVP: Jenny [jennytscott25372@gmail.com](mailto:jennytscott25372@gmail.com) or Facebook: Missionaries of God's Love Spiritual Association events page

### **Reunion of Catherine McAuley High School Westmead Class of 1972: 9 August**

Seeking ex-students and teachers who were at McAuley from 1969 to 1972 for a reunion. Don't be shy! We have located about 50 of our classmates and would love to find 100% of the girls in our year. Please pass on this message to your daughter, other family members or friends if they attended the school. Email Trish Lohan [tlohan@yahoo.com](mailto:tlohan@yahoo.com) or find us on Facebook: **Catherine McAuley Westmead Alumni Association**

### **Guided Tour of North Head: 5 August**

Join the Social Group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes for a walk through North Head's peaceful and pristine heathland where it can be easy to forget that you're only 11km from the CBD. Take a guided tour through WWII tunnels, gun emplacements and more at North Fort. Hear how North Fort contributed to the defence of Sydney and enjoy magnificent views of the harbour. Cost: \$30 includes coach, morning tea and entry; lunch at Harbord Diggers (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am at the bus stop opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. **Book now, places filling fast.** Payment in full required at time of booking: Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119.

*From the Parish Office...*

**Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 3 August- Major Raffle**

Last week every family received a book of raffle tickets. It has come to our attention that the Major Prize of a Sony Bravia LED Smart TV has been advertised on some tickets as 15". Our apologies for this error. The actual size is 50" or 125.7cm. Thank you to our sponsors who have generously donated these prizes. Tickets are \$2- each.

**Confirmation**

**For Children:** The Sacrament of Confirmation is soon to commence at OLA Parish. Children from Year 6 are invited to prepare and receive this Sacrament. Enquiry Night: Tuesday, 19 August at 7:30pm.

**New Altar Servers Training**

Children who have received their First Communion and would like to become altar servers are invited to attend three training sessions on Tuesday, 22 July, 29 July and 5 August from 3.30pm-4pm in the Church. Please collect an enquiry letter from the Church Entrance table. Completed forms can be handed back to Fr Joby or to the Parish Office.

**Parish Fiesta - White Elephant Stall**

Everyone loves an opportunity to clean out their cupboards, wardrobes and garages. Our White Elephant Stall will be accepting all things worthy for re-sale. If you have anything you would like to drop off, the Parish office will be accepting items from the beginning of Term 3. We will be receiving our storage container during the school holidays.

We are also accepting any donations of Lollies or Bottles of any type (so long as they are not out of date!!) Many thanks for your continued support to the success of our Parish Fiesta. Anthony Saliba, Fiesta Co-Ordinator 8883 4063.

**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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*A very big **THANK YOU** to Mr Sievwright who has kindly donated eight pair of soccer boots for our gala days, when children don't have a paid to wear on the day. Your generosity is very much appreciated.*

*Until next week, may God bless and keep you safe.  
Eva La Rocca,  
Principal*

<b>Term 2 Week 8</b>			
<b>Student</b>	<b>Academic Merit Award</b>	<b>St Francis Award</b>	<b>Einstein Award</b>
<b>Kinder B</b>	<b>Jayden Thornton</b>	<b>Caitlyn Williams</b>	<b>Jack Winn</b>
<b>Kinder G</b>	<b>Clodagh Cowman</b>	<b>James Apap</b>	<b>Sienna Jeffriess</b>
<b>Kinder W</b>	<b>Lucy Tapley</b>	<b>Georgia Falzon</b>	<b>Lachlan Connellan</b>
<b>Year 1B</b>	<b>Madeleine Wilson</b>	<b>Parker Galvin</b>	<b>Charlie Da Ruos</b>
<b>Year 1 G</b>	<b>Marcus Castellan</b>	<b>Peter Giovas</b>	<b>William Worrall</b>
<b>Year 1W</b>	<b>Bella Molano</b>	<b>Bailey Knowles</b>	<b>Chloe Huber</b>
<b>Year 2 B</b>	<b>Tamsyn Brown</b>	<b>Chloe Ross</b>	<b>Brianna Arellano</b>
<b>Year 2 W</b>	<b>David Parada</b>	<b>Kenneth Tjhin</b>	<b>Rylan McGrady</b>
<b>Year 3 B</b>	<b>Chiara Fallone</b>	<b>Connor Knowles</b>	<b>Natasha Eyles</b>
<b>Year 3 G</b>	<b>Thomas Dobaj</b>	<b>Millie Edwards</b>	<b>John-Paul Colosimo</b>
<b>Year 3 W</b>	<b>Breanna Debrincat</b>	<b>Bella Masters</b>	<b>Ariane Maher</b>
<b>Year 4 B</b>	<b>Marc Zammit</b>	<b>Ella Sievwright</b>	<b>Caleb McGrady</b>
<b>Year 4 W</b>	<b>Kerlyia Brown</b>	<b>Luke Hill</b>	<b>Lachlan Monks</b>
<b>Year 5/6 B</b>	<b>Joseph Awadalla</b>	<b>Sharmayne Gibson</b>	<b>Alivia Finch</b>
<b>Year 5/6 W</b>	<b>Alexander Bennett</b>	<b>Samuel Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Chloe Osborn</b>