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Week 9 Term 2

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Today is the last day of Term 3. Today is also the Feast of the Sacred Heart, a solemnity which is a feast day of the highest rank in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. It falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday and is, therefore, a moveable feast. Since 2002, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is also a special Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. Celebrating this feast with the whole school community at Mass was a wonderful way to finish off an exciting and eventful term. Thank you to everyone who came along.



Next Term

There will be a few changes to routine beginning next term. Fr Warren has requested that all students attend Mass at least once a week. For this reason, each day will begin with a grade Mass. Attendance at Mass will not impose of the delivery of the curriculum as it will replace the timetabled 30 minutes for Religious Education on the given day and will be an opportunity to enrich the spiritual lives of our students in a unique and special way. On everyone's behalf, I extend a thank you to Fr Warren for caring for all the students and staff in this way.

Please refer to the term calendar attached to this Newsletter email for allocated Mass days.

Also on this topic, Fr Warren has asked that there is a focus on a 'saint a week'. A saint is one who has been recognised for having an exceptional degree of holiness. It is not uncommon for people to pray to saints for intercession, guidance and strength. The RECs –Mrs Callaghan or Mr Baker – will introduce a 'saint of the week' each Monday morning with a brief report in the following Friday Newsletter. At the end of the term, we aim to have an 'online quiz' for the students to see what they know. I look forward to this exciting initiative.

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



Stranger Danger

As we head in to the two week holiday break, it is timely to remind your children about stranger danger. For your information, there have been reports of a man lurking suspiciously in and around the park and creek area along Paramount Crescent. He is described as in mid 30s, receding dark hair and driving a silver Toyota Corolla.

Announcements:

Today, we farewell Mrs Love who will be taking up the temporary position of fulltime teacher at OLOR, St Mary's, until the end of the year. Also, Mrs Stenning, our REC who was seconded as acting REC to Glenbrook school at the end of last year, has been appointed to the permanent role.

We wish both of these teachers all the best with these opportunities in their career paths.

Dates to Remember

Mon 14th July: First day of Term 3 - Second group of USA Visitors

PLEASE REFER TO THE TERM CALENDAR FOR DATES AND EVENTS.

US Visitors

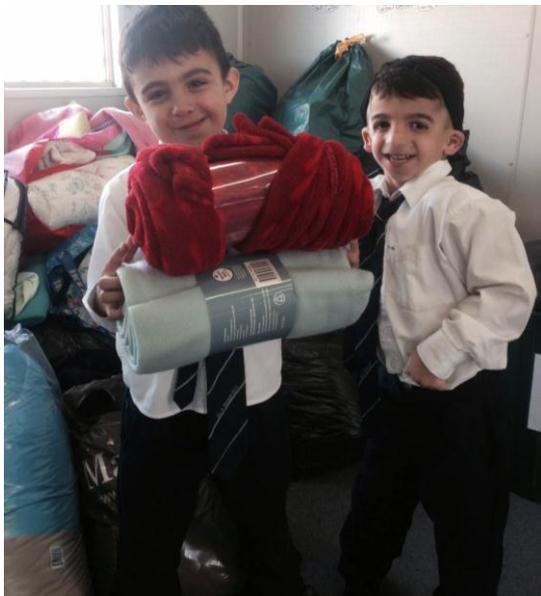
On Wednesday, OLA acted as host for a group of 39 students and 5 teachers from a school in Illinois. They were on a two week trip to Australia as part of the People to People Program. This program was initiated by US president Dwight Eisenhower in the early 1950s in an effort to improve relations between countries. We were very happy to have these 12 year olds into our school and they were thrilled with the reception they received – a true OLA warm welcome. This was a rich experience for both sides and the US teachers were very impressed.

Thank to Natalie Spiteri and the P&F who provided morning tea and lunch. Once again, another event that has been so successful due to your generous help.



St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to this appeal. There will be many people who will be much warmer this winter as a result of your kindness.



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. If you are interested in participating, we look forward to receiving an email from you to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. Thank you to the **McArdle Family** who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next term the **Edelinski Family** will be our first family to sponsor the prayer space.



From the P&F.....

Thank you for the great support on Wednesday in catering for the School Special Lunch with the visiting American students. It had been a while but as usual it was done with ease & efficiency. The children enjoyed it as did our visiting students.

OLA Parish Fiesta

The OLA Parish Fiesta is coming up soon, on August 3rd. The children will be looking forward to a day of rides, stalls, food and fun! This year the school is assisting with the coffee stall. To make this run smoothly we need volunteers. We are asking for only an hour of your time; if we get enough volunteers from each year group we may even be able to do shorter sessions. The volunteer timeslots are as follows:

Kindy 1:00-2:00pm,
Year 1 2:00-3:00pm,
Year 2 3:00-4:00pm,
Year 3 4:00-5:00pm,
Year 4 5:00-6:00pm, and
Year 5/6 6:00-7:00pm.

It will be really simple, the coffee machines are just the pod machines and hot chocolate and tea will also be on offer. If you are able to help, please email Kim Palmer-Burton kim_pb@iprimus.com.au as soon as possible. Thankyou in advance for your assistance – many hands make light work!

Kinds Regards, P&F Committee

Soccer Gala Days

What a wonderful two days of soccer our Stage Two students had at Anne Aquilina Reserve at Rooty Hill. Despite the conditions being windy and cold the students demonstrated a positive and enthusiastic attitude at all times. The support by the parents on both days was wonderful and I know the children thoroughly enjoyed having them there to support and encourage them throughout the day.

Both groups of Stage Two boys played extremely well on their day. Congratulations to the white team who were undefeated and had no goals scored against them. Our blue team won 4 games and drew 2 placing them in second place. Congratulations to the members of the blue team and their manager Mrs Monks on their fantastic achievement. Both Mrs Monks and Miss Grima would like to congratulate the boys for demonstrating excellent skills and sportsmanship. We were very proud of the way the children encouraged each other throughout the games and celebrated every success. At the end of each game the boys showed fantastic sportsmanship and congratulated the other teams they encountered for the wonderful effort they produced in their games.

Mrs Hurst and Miss Grima would love to thank the Stage Two girls for their wonderful efforts and enthusiasm shown throughout their day. We had a lot of students play with no soccer background and we were proud of their achievements on the field. Our blue team played seven games with very limited rest between each game. At the end of the day they won 6 out of their games and took home the medal for the winning team. The white team played 6 games extremely well and faced some tough competition. They won 4 of their games and drew 2 placing them second in their pool.

The OLA community should be extremely proud of these children for all of their wonderful achievements. They represented our school extremely well and it was a pleasure for all the teachers to spend time with a wonderful group of students and watch them celebrate such a wonderful achievement for our small school.



Bishop's Office

Diocesan Medal of Honour nominations close Monday 30 June

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Medal of Honour acknowledges those who serve the Church and the community with honour and distinction. The recipients are people across the Diocese who serve in ministry through their parish, agency, school or local community. If you know someone who 'deserves a medal' you can download a nomination form on the Diocese of Parramatta's website: click on "About your Diocese", "Forms" and "Diocesan Awards". You can also request a nomination form from Rev Dr Arthur Bridge AM, Chairman of the Diocesan Honours Committee, tel (02) 9637 1062, stoliva@bigpond.net.au

Proclaim 2014: 21-23 August

PROCLAIM 2014 is a conference on the New Evangelisation organised on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference by the National Office for Evangelisation. This national event will focus on how parishes, supported by dioceses, can become more missionary. It will be held at The Concourse, Chatswood, from 21-23 August. Early bird registration closes on 30 June. For program details and to register go to: www.proclaimconference.com.au

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat: 4-6 July

This weekend retreat is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Where: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. Inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelvineyard.org.au

Write to: PO Box 317, St Peters, NSW, 2044. For more information about Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats visit: www.rachelvineyard.org.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 so register by 1 July – only \$250. For further information and to register 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

The University of Notre Dame's HSC Study Week: 7-11 July

HSC students can gain valuable inside tips and an advantage for their exam preparation in The University of Notre Dame Australia's HSC Study Week. With specialised classes run by expert HSC Markers and personalised study opportunities, HSC Study Week is the ideal addition to students' preparation. Sessions will be held on the Broadway Campus from Monday 7 July until Friday 11 July, 8.30am-4pm daily. Students will be able to select the subjects they would like to focus on and attend dedicated lectures in these subject areas, as well as skills workshops. UNDA's Broadway Campus is at 104 Broadway, Sydney. For a full timetable, teacher biographies and to register, tel UNDA (02) 8204 4228 visit www.nd.edu.au/hscstudyweek

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 or Facebook: Missionaries of God's Love Spiritual Association events page

Holy Hour for Vocations: 17 July

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7-8pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 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

Pre-conference to 20th International AIDS Conference Catholic: 18-20 July

It is estimated that the Catholic Church provides as much as 25% of the care worldwide for people living with HIV, especially in developing countries. Given the level of care and compassion in response to HIV and AIDS within the Catholic Church, a pre-conference will be held ahead of the 20th International AIDS conference in Melbourne that brings together those engaged in faith-based responses to this epidemic.

The pre-conference is sponsored by Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Australia, St Vincent's Health Australia and the Catholic HIV and AIDS Network (CHAN). The program will include a presentation from His Excellency Tim Fischer, former Ambassador of Australia to the Holy See. To register or find out more about the pre-conference go to <http://bit.ly/stepping-up>

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 20 July

This month's topic is 'Recollections of a Movement chaplain'. The speaker is Dr John Challis, former head of the ABC Science Unit. Starts 2.30pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. Admission free, no membership required. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 27 July

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary, 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director tel 0409 172 700 or email: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au Visit: www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations and www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 9 August

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am in St John Vianney's Catholic Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. RSVP: 5 August to Elizabeth tel 0423 15 44 63 or epoples9@gmail.com

MEDIA RELEASE

This news is very significant to us, a new school. Last year, the application for a Capital Grant to continue with the building was rejected, largely due to our high SES rating. If you have the opportunity, please voice your concern with your local State Member of Parliament.

Tuesday 17 June 2014

GOOD NEWS & BAD FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN NSW BUDGET

Catholic Education Commission NSW (CECNSW) has welcomed the NSW Government's commitment to lift recurrent funding to all schools in the State Budget, honouring the national agreement signed in 2013.

But it said it is disappointed the NSW Government has left in place its 2012 freeze on capital funding to all non-government schools, which educate more than a third of the state's school students.

The 2014-15 NSW Budget confirms state funding will increase each year under the National Education Reform Agreement (the so-called 'Gonski' funding reforms).

"We welcome confirmation that the NSW Government will honour its recurrent funding obligations, despite the Federal Government's decision to abandon the agreement in its final two years when the most substantial investments were due to be made in all schools," CECNSW executive director Brian Croke said.

"The NSW Government was the first to sign up to the Commonwealth's school funding reforms, which direct more funding to teaching students with the greatest need."

Dr Croke said students with a disability and indigenous students have been the fastest growing segments of enrolments in NSW Catholic schools over the past three decades.

"By the end of 2013, there were 12,708 students with a disability enrolled in NSW Catholic schools -- up from 377 in 1985 -- while indigenous enrolments have grown sixfold since 1985 to almost 6,400."

"Today's confirmation of additional recurrent funding means all NSW schools can plan for school years up to and including 2019, knowing the state component will be delivered."

But Dr Croke said the decision to continue the freeze on capital funding to non-government schools meant it would be harder to meet the forecast growth in demand for additional school places.

"We are disappointed that the Government has left capital funding for the state's 934 non-government schools at \$54.6 million.

"With building costs rising, this is effectively a cut in capital funding -- the first time NSW Government capital allocations to non-government schools have declined in real terms since 1968.

"Every school in NSW -- Government and non-government -- is an integral part of the state's economic and social infrastructure.

"They need to be expanded and updated to keep pace with the leading schools in our region; this is not the time to be leaving any school behind," Dr Croke said.

In 2013, NSW's 583 Catholic schools educated 251,158 students and employed more than 27,000 teaching and support staff.

Protected Action Ballot

As you know we are currently undertaking a consultation process with teachers and support staff for a new Enterprise Agreement.

On 25 and 26 June a ballot will be held in schools in the Diocese of Parramatta to vote on proposed industrial action regarding the agreement.

This does not necessarily mean that teachers and staff will take industrial action, and we will advise you of the outcome of the ballot as soon as it is known.

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.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS

24th June to 18th July 2014 at Penrith

Junior Robots

3 hours \$39 (Yr 2 – Yr 4)

Maximum group 10 students

Welcome to the world of robots with

LEGO® WeDo™ Robotics!

You will work in pairs building models with motors and sensors and connect them to a computer to program and control them. Watch out for the crocodile!



Venue:

Penrith Uniting Church
15 Evan Street, Penrith
(behind the fire station)

3 hour workshops:

9am – 12pm & 12.30pm – 3.30pm

6.5 hour workshops:

9am – 3.30pm

Check the dates for the holidays at YOUR school

For more information and to book online go to:

www.sttimothyscollege.org

Robotics 101

6.5 hours \$79 (Yr 5 – Yr 8)

Maximum group 16 students

Learn the basics of creating and programming interactive robots using

LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3.

You will work in pairs to build a robot base and become familiar with LabVIEW drag and drop programming. You will then build a range of robots, program them and use them to do a variety of tasks.

This workshop is also available for students in Yr 9 – Yr 12 and is called Senior Robotics.



Robotics & Machines Unbolted

6.5 hours \$79 (Yr 3 – Yr 6)

Maximum group 10 students

If you want to go further than Junior Robots, this workshop will involve working in pairs to build and program more advanced LEGO® WeDo™ Robotics models, doing problem-solving exercises and exploring the use of gears, wheels, axles, levers and pulleys.

Advanced Robotics

6.5 hours \$99 (Yr 5 – Yr 8)

Maximum group 10 students

If you have already completed Robotics 101 or are an experienced user of MINDSTORMS® this workshop is for you. You will work individually to build and program more advanced robots. (1:1 laptop computer ratio)

Robotics Unlimited

6.5 hours \$99 (Yr 7 – Yr 12)

Maximum group 10 students

Experienced users of MINDSTORMS® will use their creativity to design, build and program robots of their own choice. You will have access to MINDSTORMS® EV3, WeDo™ Robotics and both LEGO® Droid Developer and Darkside Developer Kits from the turn of the Millennium! Work individually, in pairs or in groups – the choice is yours. (1:1 laptop computer ratio)

Workshops are provided by St Timothy's College Inc. ABN 67 933 716 966

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Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to James A, Aidan V, Beatrice E, Phoebe S, Sascha S, Ella S and Samuel V who have recently completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. There are still 70 registered children who need to enter their details. Books need to be recorded by the end of August. Happy reading!

Special Choir

Last week Mr Quirk handed out notes regarding the Choir. Students who are interested in joining the choir are asked to return the note in Week 1 next term.

Social Skill

The new social skill for next term is Ignoring distractions.

- Count to five
- Say to yourself, "I won't look. I'll keep working."
- Continue to work
- Say to yourself, "Good for me. I did it!"



**Look at our lucrative garden club!!
Lots of potatoes and cauliflower!!**

Until next term, may God bless and keep you safe. Have a lovely holiday.

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*