



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill



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Week 9 Term 1

27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

Dear Parents,



What a wonderful week in our history this has been! On Wednesday, the Feast of the Annunciation was the perfect occasion for celebrating the Eucharist in our new parish church. Those who were able to share in this event would agree how 'awesome' the experience was to enter for the first time. Congratulations go to Fr Warren who had a dream and has seen his mission through, to the team of architects and builders and all those members of the parish and others who were instrumental in its construction and, of course, St Joseph to whom this work was dedicated. Remember to keep May 1<sup>st</sup> free for the official opening and blessing. (photo Mrs Sweeney)

### Our Lady of the Angels Primary School – Culture and Practice

Last year, 2014, was our fifth year as a school. It was considered timely for reflecting and defining our school's culture and practice. Towards the end of last year, the staff met for a day, under the guidance of Br Angus Kavanagh, for the process to begin. This was continued when we revisited it with new staff early this year. During the process, staff identified five key areas – faith, students, staff, parents and parish – and collaboratively compiled one belief statement for each. Fr Warren and the P&F executive were also consulted. Each statement is not only what we believe but was designed to present a level of accountability for all stakeholders. After some tweaking and fine tuning, I am pleased to say that the final product has arrived. This will be on display in the form of banners and plaques to be erected around the school. My commendation and congratulations go to all involved in this process and we are very pleased with the final result.

#### Term 1 Principal's Award

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their teachers to receive this term's Principal's Award. Each was presented with a medal and an invitation to morning tea with me next Tuesday. Well done. 😊

Claire Sievwright  
Solomon Sloane  
Kristian Cajic  
Gemma Haynes  
Solomon Montgomery  
Harriet Preston  
Ana Basic  
Max Fischer  
Arya Clements

Lauren Eyles  
Jackson Jacobs  
Ethan Graham  
Shanae Makumbe  
Jade Richardson  
Elysia Connellan  
Anthony Parada  
Jacob Domars

#### Dates to Remember

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Stations of the Cross –12.30pm-1.30pm  
**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Infants Dancefever show case 2.15pm  
**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr:** Holy Thursday – Last day of term 1  
**Mon April 20:** Pupil free day  
**Tues April 21:** Day one for students Term 2  
**Please note Term 2 Calendar next week**

### AT OUR SCHOOL, WE BELIEVE

Our *faith* in Christ's teaching is at the centre of all we do to nurture each child -spiritually, emotionally, academically and physically in the footsteps of our patrons, Mary, our mother, and St Francis.

All *students* can achieve academic, social and emotional success within a supportive environment that promotes passion, creativity, trust, collaboration and reflection.

Our *staff* is a professional team that embraces the ethical responsibility to deliver the core purpose of our school in a cooperative, collaborative and supportive manner.

The school, as an integral part of the *parish*, strives to enhance faith through Catholic traditions and practices as we seek to further understand God's plan for us.

The relationship between school and *parents* is built on mutual respect, where all stakeholders are valued and listened to through open communication, to reach common goals for the holistic well-being of every student.

*Every student  
Every day*

Faith seeking understanding

NEWSLETTER

Sunday March 29 2015



On Palm Sunday Catholics celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branched. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

Gospel Reflection *Mark 14:1—15:47*



*Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."*

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

**HOLY WEEK- Stations of the Cross**

*On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March OLA will be celebrating Holy Week with Stations of the Cross. Students from St. John Paul II will be leading us in a reflection at 12:30 under the COLA. All parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in this liturgy.*



*Have a great weekend with your family.*

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Co-ordinator ☺

**First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. This is organised through the parish office. If your child is in Year 3 – 6 and has made their First Reconciliation you will need to contact the parish office to begin their First Holy Communion preparation.

Please keep in mind when choosing the date your child will make their First Holy Communion that staff from the school will be attending the mass on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you ☺

**Easter Hat Parade**

**This year the Easter Hat Parade will be on Thursday (last day of school) beginning at 12.00 noon with the Angelus followed by the Easter hat parade. Students will be making their hats in the class time as part of their own creative arts activities. Please refer to your communication note for donations and parent helpers.**

**Josephite Counter-Trafficking Project**

**Trafficking of Humans - Slavery In Australia**

*Trafficking of persons is a human rights violation. Between 800,000 to 2 million persons are trafficked globally every year - 80% are women.*

*Human trafficking is the third largest source of income globally and the average cost of a slave today is US\$90. Australia is a country of destination.*

*Men, women and children are brought into Australia under false pretences and end up in forced labour. They are not free to leave because of fear of threat or harm to them and/or their families.*



**What Easter Eggs are you buying this Easter?**



Many of the chocolate products sold over this Easter have been made by slave labour. On the right is the symbol to look for when purchasing a product that is guaranteed no child labour has been used in their production. (Aldi Easter chocolates have this symbol). This is one small way we can take a stand against this deplorable practice.

*The Josephite Counter-Trafficking Project invites you to join in prayer:*

*God of wonder and beauty  
all of creation is precious to you.  
We are disturbed that so many of your people are suffering  
because of being trafficked.*

*We pray  
for those who are suffering, that they may know deep  
peace and love in their hearts.*

*We pray  
for ourselves that we will have the courage to take action  
so that trafficking stops*

*We pray  
for those who initiate such terrible acts of injustice that  
their hearts may change*

*We pray  
for those in leadership and influential positions that they  
will continue to initiate safeguards, laws and processes that  
address the issues of trafficking.*

*God of love, bring hope to our world.*

*Amen*

## Dance Fever Interschool Challenge

Once again our students from Years 3-6 had a fabulous night at Homebush for the Interschool Challenge. Congratulations to all the students who had a fun night of dance and competition. Thanks, once again, to the many staff members who made it possible for the boys and girls by voluntarily attending this event during an extra busy week. The students at this school are very fortunate to have teachers who are so very generous.



### **From one grateful parent...**

A huge THANK YOU to all the teachers who attended the Dance Fever Challenge last night. It has been such a 'busy' week at school (one of many busy weeks!!) and yet again, they take time away from their families and 'other lives' to ensure our children are able to participate in extra curricular activities and enjoy such valuable experiences. For this, I am so grateful. Please let each one of them know I am thankful for their time and patience last night. (My children) enjoy Dance Fever so much. So Thank you for providing them with such an experience. We are blessed to have such committed and passionate teachers at OLA. I hope they all have the opportunity for a restful weekend!

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL DANCEFEVER SHOWCASE FOR INFANTS (Kinder to Yr 2) this Tuesday commencing at 2.15pm PARENTS WELCOME!! This will be held in the basketball area. Fingers crossed for good weather. ☺**

### **Social skill**

The new social skill for this fortnight is taking messages-

knock at the door

wait to be invited in

say, "Excuse me"

after giving the message say, "Thank you"

### **ICAS**

A reminder that the entry forms and money for the ICAS competitions are due by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Kindergarten Siblings for 2016**

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

### **School Photos**

For your information, school photos will be taken on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May this year. Children will be wearing their full summer uniform for the photos.

### **Winter Uniform**

For those new to the school, the children wear their winter uniform during terms 2 and 3. However, as it can still be quite warm at the beginning of term 2, we normally come back in our summer uniform and changeover in about week 4, ie Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The exact date will be confirmed in the first week or two of next term.

# YEAR ONE CELEBRATIONS DAY



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Year One participated in celebrations day. They played party games, made decorations and had experiences from different cultural celebrations. They also had a celebration FEAST of different cultural foods donated by parents from the OLA community. A huge THANK YOU to all who contributed to the day in some way! Your help does not go unnoticed 😊



## Bishop's Office

### Nominations open for the Diocesan Medal of Honour

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, Chair of the Diocesan Honours Committee, tel (02) 9631 3316, [secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au)

### Volunteers needed for Chisholm Cottage, Westmead

Chisholm Cottage provides 'a home away from home' for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women's League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers who assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please contact Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator & Educator, tel 02 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, [mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au](mailto:mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au)

## FROM CEDP OFFICE

CAPTIVATE Masterclass - Dance Intensive enrolling now

The CAPTIVATE Masterclass - Dance Intensive will take place from Friday 20th March to Sunday 22nd March at St John Paul II Catholic College, Nirimba Campus.

Dance Intensive is a three day program run in Term 1 - Week 8 for Years 5 to 12 dance students of all abilities. Led by a number of professional dancers and choreographers, the workshop exposes students to a wide variety of dance styles including Classical Ballet, Cheerleading, Contemporary, Jazz, JFH, Lyrical, HipHop, Tap, Urban Jazz Fusion and more. Not to be missed, it is a great way to extend students technical skills and appreciation of dance, meet professional dancers and choreographers.

Program:

Primary Students: \$80 for the 2 day program (Sat, Sun)

Secondary Students: \$120 for the full 3 day program (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Starting times each day are:

Friday: Secondary Only 8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday: Secondary 8:15am - 5:00pm/ Primary 8:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:45am - 5:50pm (primary and secondary)

Sunday Performance: 6:30am - 8:00pm

If you would like to be part of this program schools can invite students to participate and students can enrol

online [captivate.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://captivate.parra.catholic.edu.au).

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### **DID YOU KNOW???**

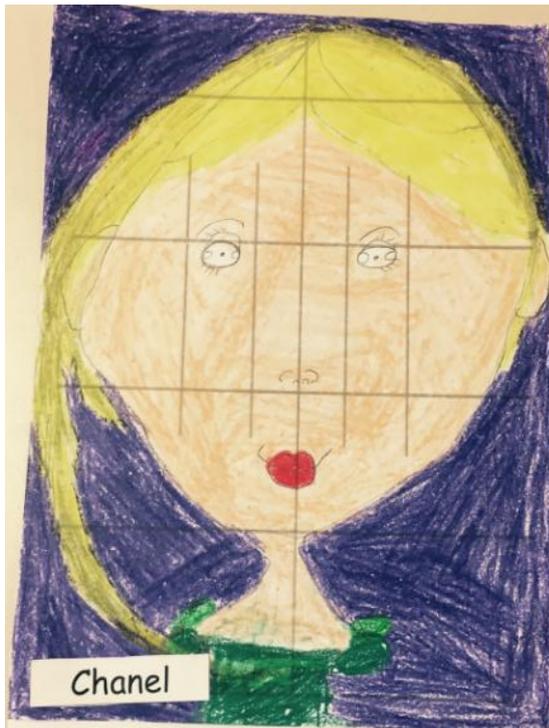
**DID YOU KNOW?** On average, it costs around \$13,000 per year to educate a child in a NSW school. In most Catholic schools, school fees cover less than a quarter of this cost. The rest comes from taxpayers like you! This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Federal Government contributes 57.5% of the cost of educating a child in a NSW Catholic school, and the NSW Government contributes 19.7%. The remaining 22.8% comes from parents and the parish community through school fees and private fundraising. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

**DID YOU KNOW?** According to the most recent figures available (2012), the average net cost of educating a student in a NSW Catholic school was \$11,532 per year. This is less than the cost of educating a student in a government school (\$12,118) or in an independent, non-government school (\$16,654). Catholic schools still rely on Federal and State Governments for more than 75% of our funding needs. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

Please consider how your party supports Catholic education and make your vote count.

## FROM THE CLASSROOM... Year 26



Chanel

My Reflection

I like My Portrait because it is pretty, and neat. If I were to create another self-portrait I would change the shape of the ears.



Janelle

My Reflection

I like my portrait because my hair is showing my face.  
If I were to create another self-portrait I would make my hair curly but the same showing my face.



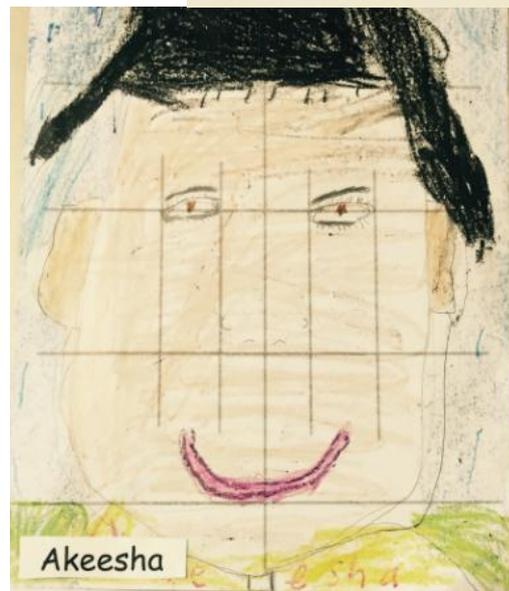
Lucy

My Reflection

I like the way that my hair style looks because it looks like real plaits.

If I were to create another self-portrait I would change my lips to make them look better.

Lucy



Akeesha

My Reflection

I like My portrait because it looks better than My first attempt.

If I could create another self-portrait I would fix my hair to make it longer.

Akeesha

### **From the P&F.....**

#### **Second hand Uniform Shop**

*A big thank you to Annemarie Bond, Kellie Owen & Jo Gladwell for again the washing & sorting all of the donated uniforms. The morning was a great success & \$1649 was raised. This amount will be donated back to the school.*

#### **Cross Country Cake stall**

*Thanks again to all our wonderful bakers. We are very lucky to have such talented group of mums. The morning raised a profit of \$142.00.*

*Natalie Spiteri and the P&F Committee*

### **OLA 2015 Cross Country**

This week OLA held their Primary Cross Country. It was great to see all the children dressed to support their house colour and the captains ready to lead their house in the cheering. There was lots of sportsmanship on the day, especially encouragement for the runners on the track. We were so lucky with the weather, as the rain held off until all the children were back at school.

I would like to thank all the teachers for their support and assistance on the day to help the Cross Country run smoothly. Once again thank you to all the parents willing to assist on these days. Without volunteers, it is really hard to organise sporting events so I appreciate all the parents who helped on the track and came to cheer on the children.

The first 6 runners in each age group in boys and girls are eligible to attend the Diocesan Cross Country held at Eastern Creek next term. I would like to congratulate the following children, who will represent Our Lady of Angels at the Diocesan Cross Country.

Sebastian M, Zane B, Isaac S, Marc S, Cody T, Thomas L, Natasha E, Ailbhe G, Olivia H, Jasmyn R, Shanae M, Alana L, Jesse E, Rory M, Marc Z, Lucas L, Anthony C, Cooper B, Seronique T, Jade R, Claudia C, Montana B, Daniella L, Amelia D, Ashton S, William A, Javier S, Jai T, Blake T, Nicholas S, Ella S, Emily O, Isabelle D, Elise E, Kalani N, Nicholas C, Domenico L, Jordan V, Sebastian C, Alex B, Michael B, Patricia C, Jordyn E, Angelina C, Ana B and Ivana K.

Mrs Katrina Byrne... Ready...set...Go!!



### **NEWS REPORT FROM ONE OF OUR CAPTAINS**

*On Tuesday 24th March, the OLA cross country was held. Years 3-6 gathered at Russell Reserve, Rouse Hill to participate in age races. It was a humid day! Years 3 and 4 ran 2 kms, while years 5-6 ran 3 kms. Each house colour participated in cheering on their team mates and being supportive.*

*I made banners and pom poms for the green team to share amongst the group. The green team shared the props co-operatively and I heard many green team members, cheering throughout the day. At the end of the day, I was really proud of the green teams spirit because they showed me that they were all willing to participate, regardless of their place in the cross country.*

*Well done to the students that placed and are going through to zone and well done to those students who made the effort to join in and make it a fun day. Bethany Dersch*

### **ANZAC DAY 2015**

You would be aware that this year is the centenary of ANZAC troops' landing at Gallipoli. We are in the process of preparing a special place of commemoration on our grounds. Also, some of our school's leaders will be attending the local district Rotary commemoration event. As part of our Anzac Day Ceremony on Friday April 24, we would each person to wear a sprig of rosemary. We are looking for people who have



access to a rosemary bush and are willing to donate stems of rosemary. If you are able to assist please send an email to the school with 'Rosemary' in the subject line and we will be in touch with you. We would like to extend an invitation to those children who may be members Scouts and Guides to participate. Would families of these students wishing to participate please send an email to the school with 'Scouts/ Guides' in the subject line. Thank you.

Mrs Schroder and Mrs Eisenhuth

*Did you know??? Sniffing rosemary plant aids memory – perhaps that's why it is used on this occasion, 'lest we forget'.*



## From the Parish Office...

Our New Church

"and upon this rock I will build My church" Matthew 16:18

On Wednesday, the whole of Our Lady of the Angels' Community opened the doors of our new church. It was lovely to see the School Community taking part in our very first mass. Our community has a beautiful Church in which our families will grow in faith.

### 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!!

### Hot Cross Buns

Our parish is holding its annual Easter Fundraiser. You can help by ordering from us your Easter Hot Cross Buns made by Bakers Delight Stanhope Gardens. You have the choice of Fruit, Fruitless, Choc Chip or Mocha Hot Cross Buns. Cost is \$7- per half dozen. The parish will received \$3.50. Hop into our office to place your order. These can be collected on Holy Thursday afternoon or Good Friday morning.

### We're fundraising with Entertainment

The Parish are also fundraising with the Entertainment Books. If you would like to order online before 27 April, you will be able to receive \$150.00 worth of Early Bird Offers for only \$65.

Please contact the parish office and we will be able to provide you with the purchasing Wishing all our Parish School families a very Happy and Holy Easter. We look forward to seeing you over Holy Week.

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

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.

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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### Numeracy Hint -

Look for and discuss patterns in the environment...tiles in a bathroom, stripes on clothing, pegs on the clothesline. Discuss what would come next if the pattern continued.

From a parent...

*I just wanted express how grateful our family is to the wonderful group of teachers and parents who helped my daughter Amber-Lilly Baker- 4W after she collapsed & had trouble breathing while competing in the Cross Country at Russell Reserve (Second Ponds Oval) on Tuesday. She was quite distressed and needed an Ambulance to take her to the hospital. You all helped in some way and we cannot thank you enough.*

*Thank you so much*

From The Baker Family

*As this is the last Newsletter for the term, I wish you a happy, Holy Easter and may God bless and keep you safe over the holiday break.*

*Eva La Rocca,*

*Principal*



Term 1 Week 9			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Kobe Coombes	James Elliott	Nicholas Achis
Kinder G	Thomas Gutwenger	Sienna Jacobs	Camryn Sammut
Kinder W	Chloe Holden	Eoin Gannon	Ethan Streater
Year 1B	Roxie Pace	Madison Zahra	Emily Lenane
Year 1 G	Jonathon Teo	Georgia Falzon	Taylor Cummings
Year 1W	Ayden Stewart	Charlotte Anderson	Amity Galea
Year 2 B	Lachlan Whitehurst	Lucas McLuskey	Angelica Manago
Year 2 G	Luke Shelly	Kimberly Mabhena	Max Cutroni
Year 2 W	Jared Cleland	Kimberly Mabhena	Lauren Eyles
Year 3 B	Mikayla Bowden	Alicia Dersch	Felix Beegan
Year 3 W	Sofia Silva	Hudson Galvin	Zac Lesar
Year 4 B	Millie Edwards	Amelia Dimech	Nadia Gruca
Year 4 G	Breanna Debrincat	Melissa Preston	Patrick Bennett
Year 4 W	Anthony Kamber	Charlotte Garcia	Charlie Cutroni
Year 5/6 B	Tiarne McLuskey	Domenico Lopresti	Tyler Spiteri
Year 5/6 G	Jordan Vargas	Jacob Garofano	Emily Odd
Year 5/6 W	Shanyce Gibson	Ethan Kurcubic	Bethany Webb