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Week 1 Term 3

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a chilly start to Term 3. The children have come back settled and ready to learn.

This time last year in an interview with the Argentine publication *Viva*, Pope Francis issued a list of 10 tips to be a happier person, based on his own life experiences.

The Pope encouraged people to be more positive and generous, to turn off the TV and find healthier forms of leisure.

His number one piece of advice came in the form of a somewhat cliché Italian phrase that means, "move forward and let others do the same." It's basically the Italian equivalent of, "live and let live."

This week, perhaps look for opportunities to exercise this papal advice. What can I let go of? What is important to fight for? Am I holding a grudge?

Remember that parents are the best role model for behavior and when children see that things can and do go wrong in every day life and that, as adults, we have a resilient attitude, it is easier for our children to respond in a similar way.

You can check out the full list below:

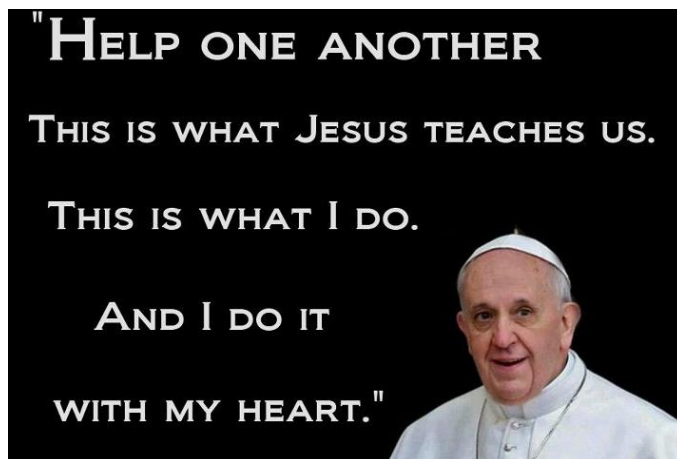
<http://thehigherlearning.com/2014>

I hope you have a wonderful week.

Cathy Hey
Acting Principal

Japanese Students

Next Wednesday we welcome 20 Japanese students who will be staying with 10 host families for the next 6 days. While they are at school they will be participating in the class of their host siblings. Please make them feel welcome and engage in a conversation. We thank the host families for their hospitality. The Japanese students will be arriving at 3.30pm.



Dates to Remember

Mon 20 th July	Yr 1 Excursion – Walk to Rouse Hill Town Centre
Tues 21 st July	Netball Gala Day
Wed 22 nd July	Japanese Students Arriving 3.30pm
Thurs 23 rd July	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Fri 24 th July	Walk-a-thon & BBQ lunch
Tues 28 th July	ICAS English 8.00am Japanese Students Leave
Sun 2 nd Aug	OLA Feast Day and Fiesta

Saint Mary Magdalene (Feast day 22nd July)

Mary Magdalene was one of Christ's disciples. She has been identified with several Marys in the Gospel: Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus; Mary, the sinner who washed Jesus' feet with her tears; Mary, a woman who cared for Jesus and his apostles on their journey. Today scholars believe that Mary Magdalene was not the sinful woman in Scripture although she has been confused with this unnamed woman for centuries.

Matthew, Mark, and John record that Mary of Magdala was present at the crucifixion of Jesus and that she was among the women who visited the tomb on Easter morning. Luke mentions her presence only at the tomb on Easter. According to John, Mary was specially privileged to see and speak to the risen Lord on Easter morning. She thought he was the gardener until he said her name.



So Mary Magdalene was near Jesus in his darkest hour and again in his most glorious hour. Moreover, she was an outstanding disciple of Jesus. Because Mary Magdalene was the one who brought the news of Jesus' resurrection to the apostles, she is called the Apostle to the Apostles. For centuries St. Mary Magdalene has been considered a model of complete generosity and of sincere sorrow for sin.



The Gospel of Mark (Mark 6:30-34)

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. And he said to them, 'Come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that there was no time for them even to eat. So they went off in the boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many recognized them; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Gospel Reflection;

In this week's Gospel, Jesus and his disciples want to take some time for solitude and reflection. They want to rest in a quiet place. The people see Jesus and His disciples leaving and decide to follow them. When Jesus sees the large crowd of people waiting for Him, He feels compassion and speaks to the crowd. He reassures them, letting them know what they needed to know; to have eternal life-a life where they would never be hungry again. This Gospel passage teaches us to be compassionate, patient and kind. Just like Jesus, when others look to us for guidance we need to put our own needs aside and take time to listen and provide examples and words to live by.

Prayer

Christ Jesus, help us to follow your example. Teach us not to be selfish and to think of others with kindness, so that we may show patience and compassion to all. Amen

Mrs Katrina Byrne, Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator

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 responsible for decorating this space with some small items of their choice and relevant to them. If you are interested in participating, even if you sponsored the space last year, we look forward to receiving an email from you to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. We will then advise you which week you have been allocated.

The **Palmer-Burton** family will be sponsoring the prayer space next week.



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From the Bishop's Office

3rd Annual Faith in Marriage Conference: 23 August

This year's conference has the theme: Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage. This conference is aimed at married couples, engaged couples and individuals interested in marriage. Speakers include the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Fr Peter G Williams, Jonathan Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Brought to you by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. From 9am-3pm at Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: \$25 per person (\$50 per couple) includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea. On-site child minding for participants available for \$30 per family must be booked prior to the conference. Registration: CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal: 22-23 and 29-30 August

Can you spare a few hours of your time to be a volunteer collector for the Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal in the Diocese of Parramatta? Funds raised will support much-needed services including the Caroline Chisholm Centre for Social Justice in Mt Druitt. To find out more please contact Alison Bryett, Doorknock Coordinator, tel (02) 8861 9700, alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back

From 15th July until 8th September, for every \$10 spent at Woolworths you can collect stickers to place on sticker cards. When your sticker card is full, send it into school. We will then redeem these for some exciting resources for the school. Please pass this on to neighbours and grandparents who can collect on your behalf. Thanks for your support.

Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy at school

Schools are a place for delivering the curriculum to the students in our care. There always has been, and there continues to be, a strong awareness of minimising interruptions to learning. This is why providers for programs such as band are held outside school hours.

It is usually preferred that students receive therapy out of school time to ensure the relationship and communication between therapist and parents is maintained.

There are some therapists with whom the school has had a long term relationship. This came about from meeting needs of students and parents who are time poor. Whenever it has been necessary for therapy to occur at school, approval has been sought by the parents and therapists prior to commencement. However, there has always been a clear expectation around communication, comprehensive feedback on the therapy being delivered, which should be quality intervention, the implications on the child's learning and a strong relationship between teacher and therapist. It is also an expectation that students, wherever possible, receive any therapy during their morning or afternoon break and not be withdrawn from class.

Some therapists are not meeting these expectations and are promoting OLA as their convenient place of practice. It has therefore been decided that providers who are not meeting our expectations will no longer have access to offer their services at the school.

In future, any request for a student to see a therapist at school must be made by the parent presenting the need for this to be during school hours. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis and based on the expectations above. If agreed, this will happen during the morning or afternoon recess times whenever possible. It is also expected that a full report be provided prior to the commencement of the therapy.



In July Fresh Fitness @ OLA will have their name on one of the jars at **Grill'd Rouse Hill**. We would love your support, so if you go in add a bottle top to the OLA jar!

Lunchtime clubs

This term we have some wonderful extra-curricular clubs on offer: paper planes, reading, garden, card games, lego, origami and play-dough. The children need to listen out for announcements at the morning assembly each day.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Please remember to add the books read to the online record keeper. There are just a few weeks left for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to those children who have completed the required reading. More than 50 students have had their lists validated and will receive their certificates in term 4.

Skipping

This term the paid sport program is skipping. This happens each Tuesday and is exciting and vibrant to watch. Perhaps ask your child to share some of the skills they have learnt in the skipping program with you.



Walk-a-thon



☞ *Have you sent in your Walkathon Card and money?*

For every \$20 raised you will get a raffle ticket to the major prize draw.

☞ *Have you sent in your lunch order?*

☞ *What will you wear?*

Start thinking about colourful clothing to dress up in the colour of the children's colour house. Perhaps... crazy socks, coloured hat, streamers, a coloured scarf etc... Sports joggers must be worn.

So here they are..... The MAJOR PRIZES.....

The prizes will be drawn in category groups. This will give our lucky winners the opportunity to choose a prize in their drawn category group.

Category 1 Prizes

Boy Bike - Big W Rouse Hill

Girl Bike- Big W Rouse Hill

Western Sydney Giants AFL Family Pass

Western Sydney Giants AFL 2 adults/ 2 children

Sydney Swans AFL Family Pass

Category 2 Prizes

AMF Bowling Family Fun Pass

1 x Taronga Zoo/Western Plains Zoo Adult Pass

1 x Taronga Zoo/Western Plains Zoo Adult Pass

Yogurtland 'Take Home' Party Pack

Category 3 Prizes

1 x Featherdale Wildlife Park Adult Pass

1 x Featherdale Wildlife Park Adult Pass

2 x Adult Basic Package - The Edge Rock Climbing

1 x Complete Climbing Package - The Edge Rock Climbing

Reading Cinema Voucher

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An **ENORMOUS**

THANK YOU

to all these businesses for their donations for the
OLA WALKATHON 2015

Woolworths	Big W Rouse Hill
Aldi Rouse Hill	IGA Rouse Hill
McDonalds Rouse Hills	Western Sydney Giants
Sydney Swans	AMF Bowling Castle Hill
Masters Rouse Hills	Rouse Hill Town Centre
Hills News / Rouse Hill Courier	Perfect Automation
Reading Cinemas Rouse Hill	The Edge Rock Climbing
Featherdale Wildlife Park	Taronga Zoo/Western Plains Zoo
Hungry Jacks Rouse Hill	Rouse Hill Rams
The Hills Shire Council	Yogurtland Rouse Hill



Thank you to all of our parents and grandparent volunteers! The response has been overwhelming. You will be contacted directly by the P&F Association via email with further information.



Yes!! Parents are welcome to walk with children on the day. Parents with prams to walk at the back of the colour house group for the safety of the children. Don't forget your picnic lunch!

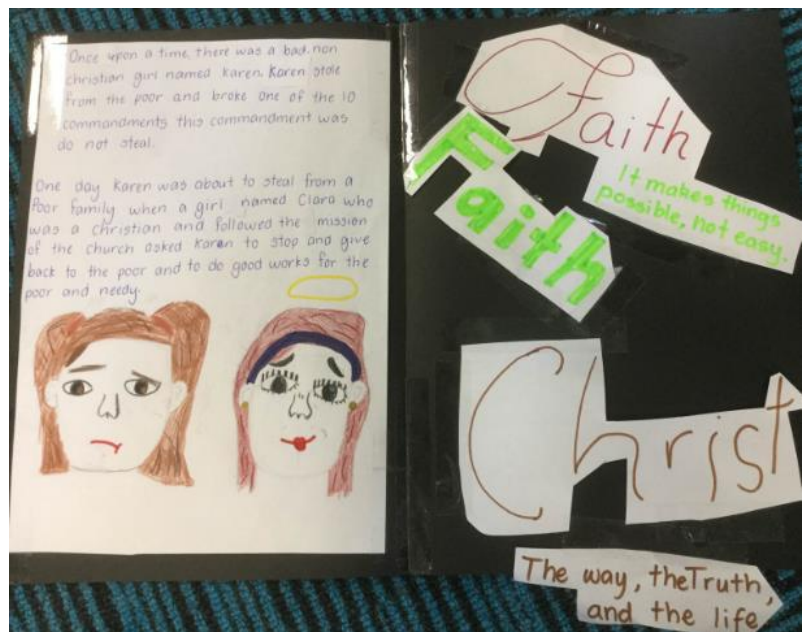
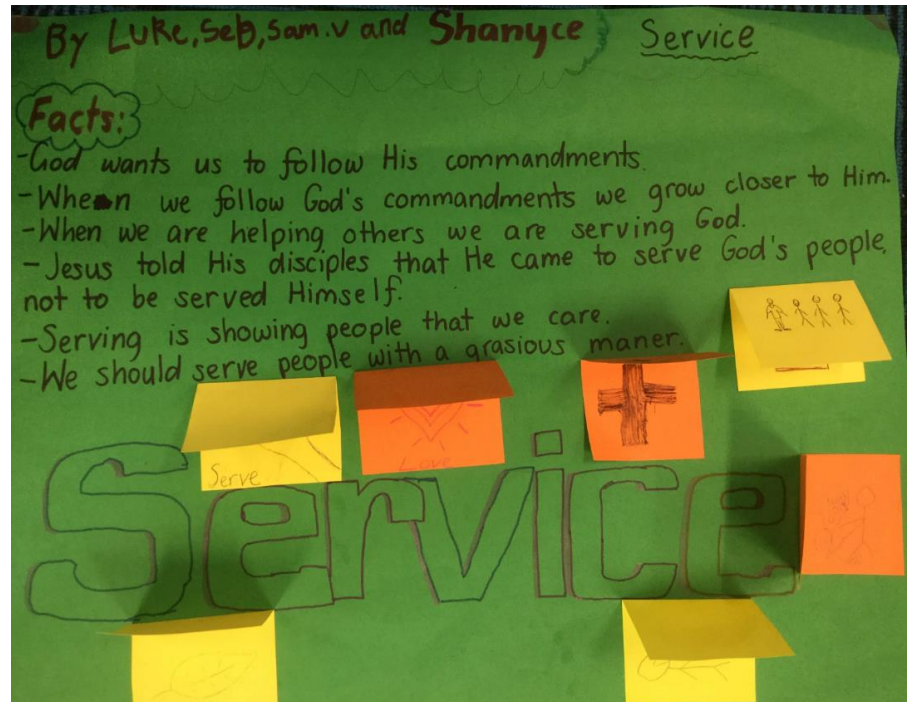
Looking forward to a great day!

OLA Parents and Friends Association
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Please note that as we are not a registered charity, walkathon donations are not tax deductible.

FROM THE CLASSROOM...Year 5/6W

5/6W have been learning about service and how we are called by God to serve. The students were challenged to research 'service' and find creative ways to present their findings. We had some fantastic presentations, including posters, pop-up books, picture books and even a re-enactment of an assembly, where awards were presented for service! Well done 5/6W!



From the Parish Office...

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 2 August

Save the date for our 2015 Fiesta!! Beginning the Friday 17 July - we will be selling Unlimited Ride Wrist Bands.

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 throughout the Holidays. Pop into the Parish office between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

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 support to the success of our Parish Fiesta.

Attention: Year 6 Students!!

Confirmation: Confirmation Forms need to be return on or before August 6 when we have our Enquiry Night at 7.30pm in the Church.

Youth Hangout: There will be NO Hangout tonight!!

Youth Co-ordinator: Welcome to our new Youth Co-ordinator - Faith. Faith will be organising some awesome Youth Events in Term 3 - watch this space!!!

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Mass times:

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

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am

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Literacy Hint



Do your children like to read the same book over and over? Great! Encourage them. Do they use more expression each time they read? Do they read more smoothly each time they read? Wonderful.

Children need to learn to read fluently. This is difficult the first time they read a book but becomes easier the more times they read the same story. Teachers often say to children, "Read like you're talking" One way for a child to do this is by becoming more familiar with a book, which is done by re-reading.

So, when your child wants to read the same book again and again, smile and give praise. Your little reader is become more fluent.

From the Office....

Please remember that if you are removing your child from school, a term's notice in writing needs to be given otherwise a term's fees are payable. It is also a government requirement that we are advised of the new school that your child will be attending.

Term 3 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Olivia Ross	Jake Brown	Ileesha Gunasekara
Kinder G	Tahnia Arora	Paige Mitrovich	Alexandra Tirador
Kinder W	Mya Bassili	Charlie Mileto	Orlaith McManus
Year 1B	Isabella Cauchi	Joseph Abdallah	Lily Quinlan
Year 1 G	Tyrone Lee	Sienna Dixon	Julia Zammit
Year 1W	Boston Roberts	Jayden Thorton	Harrison McQuaid
Year 2 B	Mia-Bella Trifiro	Marc Skoljarev	Bella Molano
Year 2 G	Joshua Orton	Maidison Mihalic	Sienna Mooney
Year 2 W	Janelle Mansah	Denzel Chang	Jared Cleland
Year 3 B	Ava Bennett	Natasha Charlesworth	Harry Taylor
Year 3 W	Alexander Harrod	Tamsyn Brown	Isabella Iori
Year 4 B	Isaac Swinden	Tyra Abdallah	Millie Edwards
Year 4 G	Mikayla Muscat	Patrick Bennett	Sebastian Mileto
Year 4 W	Chiara Fallone	Joel Webb	Nicholas Zahorsky
Year 5/6 B	Jake Eyles	Tyler Spiteri	Olivia Scott
Year 5/6 G	Alexandra Mercado	Riley Price	Sophie Rudek
Year 5/6W	Jack Hudson	Samuel Fitzgerald	Jai Turner

