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Week 1 Term 4

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 4, the downhill run for the year. It is lovely to be back at school among all the smiling faces. I asked quite a number of students if they were happy to be back and they all said, 'Yes!' The staff members did as well! Personally, I find it a pleasure to return to work with the many blessings far out-numbering the 'downers'.

It was particularly thrilling to return to see the progress on our beautiful church. How lucky, are we, to be part of this history of our area. Also it was pleasing to see the completion of work around the school – verandahs being replaced and painting of demountables, sadly the removal of the tree and the ongoing replacement of the cola flooring. We thank you for your understanding whilst this work is being undertaken. Our next project will be to provide shelter for this area.

During the holidays was the feast of St Francis of Assisi, our parish patron. Mrs Callaghan talks more about him further in this newsletter. One of my favourite sayings is attributed to St Francis...

'Go and preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words'.

There are so many small ways to spread the 'good news' through our actions and thoughts, rather than words.

Thank you... **Woolworths** for their ongoing support.

On Thursday, Mrs Schroder took a trip to Masters Hardware store to buy items for the Boys' Shed garden project. Well, how delighted they were to learn that the items totalling around \$600, were donated by Masters. This was initiated by the boys who wrote an email to Masters seeking any support. Thank you, once again for your generosity.

To date, Woolworths IT Department has supported the Fitness Fresh Morning Bootcamp and Breakfast, sponsored the recently launched OLA Skoolbag App, providing their IT graduates as an extra classroom resource and are working on developing our website further. Today it was a pleasure to be able to support the IT team in their *Tour de Cure* drive. Thank you to everyone who allowed their child to purchase the lunch special. Amongst the students and teachers, we were able to present Clive Whincup with a donation of \$1688 for this very worthwhile cure. Prior to the presentation, the students were given a talk about cancer and importantly, ways to prevent it. Well done, everyone, and good luck to the cycling team.



Please note some changes to the term calendar...

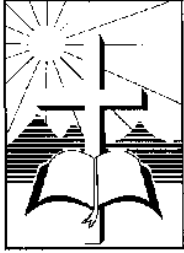
- P&F meeting on Wed 29th Oct at 6.30pm
- The end of year Christmas Social will not be a BBQ as in the calendar. Further details closer to the date.

Family Prayer Space

We are in need of more families to sponsor the family prayer space as we only have one family left to do it. 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.

Dates to Remember

Fri 17 th Oct	Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day
Mon 20 th Oct	Yr 1 Excursion to Bondi Marine Centre
Fri 24 th Oct	Silly Sock Day – Gold coin donation
Mon 27 th Oct	Pupil Free Day – No school for students on this day
Wed 29 th Oct	Kindy 2015 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am



Gospel Reflection

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. Jesus' listeners would consider themselves to be the invited guests. When the invited guests are deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements.

Talk to your children...

God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation. As you gather as a family, discuss what you consider appropriate attire for various occasions. If invited to an evening wedding, what might you wear? Discuss how our preparations for an event and our choice of attire indicates the importance and value we place on the occasion. Discuss the following questions: What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation? What would be the evidence of our conversion to God's salvation?

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

Thank God for His protection over the holidays!

Mr Andrew Baker ☺



This weekend with your family pray the St. Francis prayer together. This month is World Mission month, together we need to remember what St. Francis did for those people living in poverty and ask ourselves what we can do in today to make a difference to those people in need.

SOCK IT TO POVERTY DAY!!!! FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER will be SILLY SOCK DAY ☺

Students will wear normal school uniform but with crazy socks. Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission Australia and a way in which OLA can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities during World Mission Month. All money raised will go towards Catholic Mission and to help those people living in poverty. Children will need to bring in a donation for Catholic Mission on the day.



TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE will be renamed

ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC COLLEGE

from 1 January, 2015
to honour the canonisation of Pope John Paul II

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www.terrasanctasqh.catholic.edu.au

Saint of the Week – St. Francis of Assisi

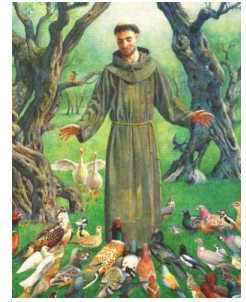
Feast Day: October 4 Born: (around) 1181 Died: 1226

St. Francis was born around 1181 in Assisi, in Italy. As a young man he loved parties and good times. He was handsome and rich, so he bought himself the finest clothes and spent money freely. Francis had no wish to study or to learn his father's business, as he was having too much fun. One day he refused to give alms to a poor beggar but as the man was leaving, he felt sorry for what he had done and ran after him with some money. After he fell ill twice, Francis realized that he was wasting precious time. He realized that he should be serving Jesus and began praying more and making sacrifices to grow strong in spirit.

While riding his horse one day he saw a leper and quickly turned his horse to ride away. Then he thought to himself, if Jesus saw a leper he would not turn the other way. So he kissed the horrible-looking leper, and gave him money. Often he gave his clothes and money to the poor. He served the sick in hospitals. Still he felt he must do more. He fasted and began to go around in rags to humble himself.

It is not hard to imagine how his rich friends must have looked at him now! His father was so angry that he beat him and locked him up at home. Francis bore all this suffering for love of Jesus. When his father took everything from him in disgust, Francis put all his trust in his Father in heaven. He said that he was married to "Lady Poverty" and he began to live as a beggar. He had no shelter. His food was what kind people gave him. Everywhere he went, he begged people to stop sinning and return to God. Many men began to see how close to God this poor man really was, and they became his followers. Francis followed the example of Jesus closely by living a life of simplicity and teaching the Gospel message with great joy.

That is how the great Franciscan order of priests and brothers began. They helped the poor and sick and preached everywhere. Even after the order had spread all over Italy, Francis insisted that they should not own anything. He wanted his priests to love poverty as he did. St. Francis had the power of working miracles. He loved all creatures and the birds and animals happily obeyed his commands!



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 with ***Family Prayer Space*** in the subject line. Thank you to the **Gannon Family** for sponsoring this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Joseph Family**.



Morning Drop Off

A reminder that morning supervision begins at 8.20am. Children should not be left at school prior to this time.

Student Data Validation Forms

All families (except for year 6) should have received the Student Data Validation Form during the holidays. All forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible, with any changes made in red for ease of identification by the office. It is important that these forms are returned, as we need to make any alterations on our system. We will need to chase families that do not return the forms, so your assistance in returning them straight away would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the Achis family on the arrival of baby Arianna, a sister for Sienna in Year 2. ☺



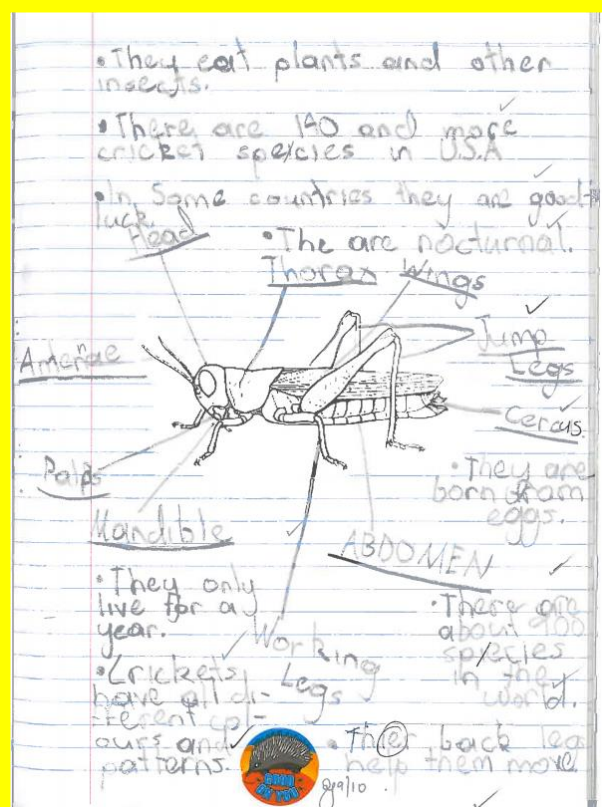
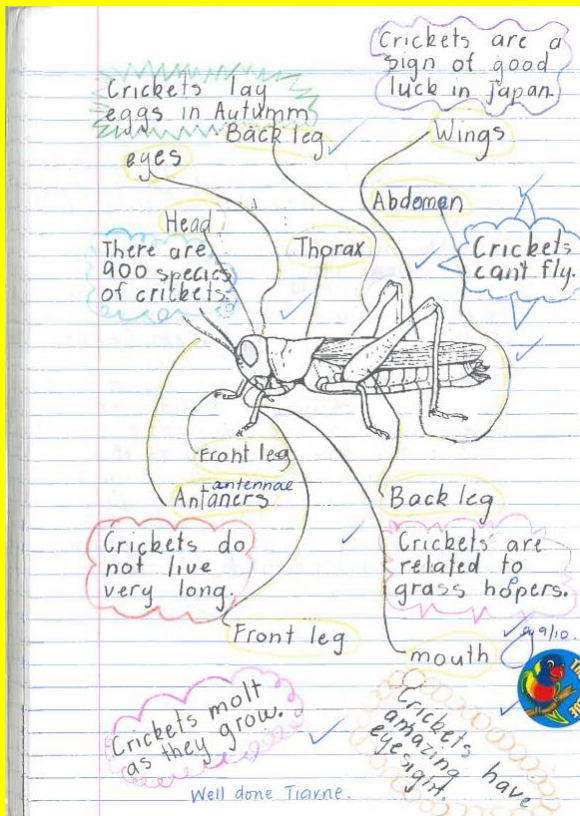
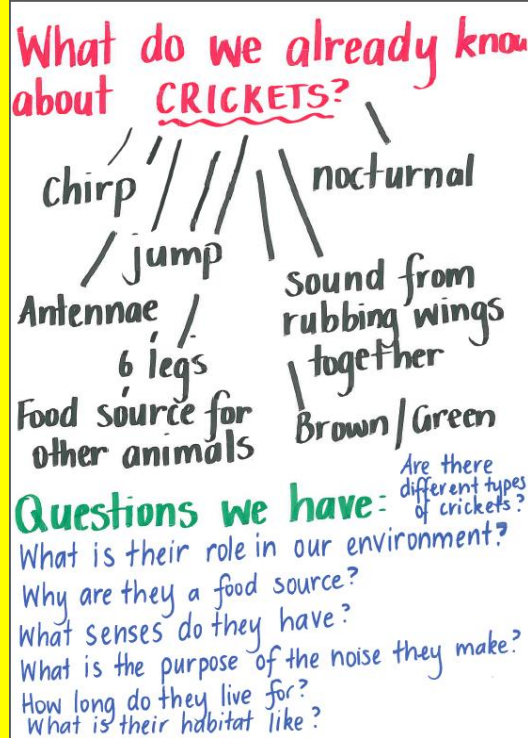
Boot Campers of the Week

Congratulations to Samuel Vecchio and Lachlan Monks. Each week we will be looking for two students who show enthusiasm and determination during the boot camp session. They will be rewarded with a certificate and a \$10 gift voucher kindly sponsored by Woolworths IT.



From the Classroom..

This term in Year 4 we are learning about mini worlds (insects). Before we read the book 'The Very Quiet Cricket' by Eric Carle we looked at what we already knew about crickets and some questions we wanted to answer during literacy time. Below are some work samples of what we have completed during literacy groups when responded to the text. We hope you enjoy learning some new information on Crickets.



The Challenge of Disciplining your Child

Assists parents with constructive techniques in disciplining and encouraging their children

Topics include:

- Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Date: Monday 24 November
6pm – 9pm

Venue: Interrelate Family Centre
Suite 423, Level 4
14 Lexington Drive
BELLA VISTA

Cost: \$25 / \$15 concession

To Register: **Call 8882 7850**

**** BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ****



www.interrelate.org.au
1300 736 966



From the Parish Office...

Reconciliation

To all children who will be doing their Reconciliation this year, you are reminded that at any Mass this weekend, you will be presented to the OLA Church Community. Please ensure you arrive at the Church 10-15 minutes before mass starts.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are presently inviting any adults who would like to become a Catholic to participate in our formation program leading up to being baptised and received into the Church at Easter.

There will be an **ENQUIRY NIGHT** on **Wednesday, 29 October at 7.30pm** at the Church. Please inform those that may be interested to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Fr Joby on 8883 4063.

All Souls Day Mass

A special mass will be held on All Souls Day, Sunday, 2 November at 5.30pm. If anyone has had a relative recently deceased and would like to be included in the All Souls Day mass offering, please give the details of the deceased (date of birth and death) to Fr Warren by Fri. 24 October and we will have a special candle lit for that soul during the mass.

We need your help

Dear Parents

If you are a parent who has half an hour on a Wednesday to spare and is willing to use it in a way that builds up the Church community? Then do we have a job for you!! Our Lady of the Angels Parish is looking for parents, like yourself, who are willing to give a little time in parish in helping educate our public school kids in the faith. You don't need to be teacher trained as all training is provided for free; along with resources and classroom ideas. There is also the possibility of having child care services available for those with little ones, provided for free, during class times in 2015. It is open to both men and women of all ages. Classes are usually held on a Wednesday at 9:10am, 9:40am at Beaumont Hills, 11:30am at Ironbark Ridge and between the hours of 12:25pm-1:20pm at Rouse Hill Public schools. Classes only go for half an hour. If this works for you and you think you can help (even if you can just assist in class and not lead the class) then call Anthony in the parish on 88834063 or drop him an email at sacramental@ourladyoftheangels.org.au. A big thank you to those parents from OLA who this year were able to assist - you've been a great asset to the Parish. God bless!

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.

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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Term 4 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Isabella Cauchi	Joshua Robertson	Georgia McQuaid
Kinder G	Amity Galea	Logan Hayden	Maya Cauchi
Kinder W	Boston Roberts	Jett Laborte	Solomon Montgomery
Year 1B	Ava Grayson	Parker Galvin	Hayden Lavercombe
Year 1 G	Joshua Streater	Roman Bizzanelli	Lauren Eyles
Year 1W	Chloe Huber	Levi Stacey	Cooper Lynch
Year 2 B	Gemma Gladwell	Mikayla Bowden	Charlotte Zahra
Year 2 W	Marcus Odd	Felicity Scott	Gabriella Muscat
Year 3 B	Jade Richardson	Kenny King	Ashley Cummings
Year 3 G	Rebecca Cleary	Nicola Topic	Karl Fischer
Year 3 W	Kylan Ewer	Dylan Stacey	Alyssia Salib
Year 4 B	Sophie Rudek	Darci Buxton	Jacob Garofano
Year 4 W	Ashton Stacey	Brady Wal	Aidan Williams
Year 5/6 B	Joseph Awadalla	Jordyn Eldred	Maddelyn Grayson
Year 5/6 W	Alexander Bennett	Angelina Taleski	Michael Blazey