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Week 3 Term 3

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Each week, as I sit to start the front page of the Newsletter, I pray to the Holy Spirit for inspiration. You are the best judge of the end product, some days better than others.

Yesterday at around 7pm while waiting to attend the Parish Council Meeting, I thought I would start this week's Newsletter when this came across my screen. You would have to agree it is one of the better ones, even though it is a little 'cheating'.

In an interview published in part in the Argentine weekly "Viva" July 27, the pope listed his Top 10 tips for bringing greater joy to one's life:

1. "Live and let live." Everyone should be guided by this principle, he said, which has a similar expression in Rome with the saying, "Move forward and let others do the same."

2. "Be giving of yourself to others." People need to be open and generous toward others, he said, because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."

3. "Proceed calmly" in life. The pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist — gaucho Don Segundo Sombra — looks back on how he lived his life.

"He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool" of water, the pope said. He said he likes this latter image of a pool of water — to have "the ability to move with kindness and humility, calmness in life."

4. "A healthy sense of leisure." The pleasures of art, literature and playing together with children have been lost, he said.

"Consumerism has brought us anxiety" and stress, causing people to lose a "healthy culture of leisure." Their time is "swallowed up" so people can't share it with anyone.

Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children; work schedules make it "complicated, but you must do it," he said.

Families must also turn off the TV when they sit down to eat because, even though television is useful for keeping up with the news, having it on during mealtime "doesn't let you communicate" with each other, the pope said.

5. Sundays should be holidays. Workers should have Sundays off because "Sunday is for family," he said.

6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people. "We need to be creative with young people. If they have no opportunities they will get into drugs" and be more vulnerable to suicide, he said. "It's not enough to give them food," he said. "Dignity is given to you when you can bring food home" from one's own labour.

7. Respect and take care of nature. Environmental degradation "is one of the biggest challenges we have," he said. "I think a question that we're not asking ourselves is: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?'"

8. Stop being negative. "Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means, 'I feel so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down,'" the pope said. "Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy."

9. Don't proselytize; respect others' beliefs. "We can inspire others through witness so that one grows together in communicating. But the worst thing of all is religious proselytism, which paralyzes: 'I am talking with you in order to persuade you,' No. Each person dialogues, starting with his and her own identity. The church grows by attraction, not proselytizing," the pope said.

10. Work for peace. "We are living in a time of many wars," he said, and "the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive" and dynamic.

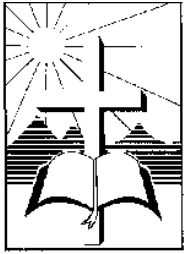
Read more about the interview here : <http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1403144.htm>
(<http://www.ucatholic.com/blog/10-secrets-for-happiness/>)

**COME AND CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS AT
THE FIESTA THIS SUNDAY COMMENCING AT 11AM**



Dates to Remember

Sun 3rd Aug – OLA Feast Day Parish Mass 11.00am follows by procession & fete



Gospel Reflection

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.



When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables over the last few weeks. The feast results from the smallest of portions, just like the mustard seed being the smallest seed. This is meant to be an example for us of our Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest things we do as Christians can produce abundant results in the Kingdom of Heaven. We often do things out of the goodness of our own hearts for those who are close to us and who are in need. We don't think twice about these kind acts, but they all form part of our service to the Kingdom that Jesus is teaching us about.

Interesting point... We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

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

This weekend with your family...

COME TO THE PARISH FIESTA!!

Beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday 3rd August!

See you at the Fiesta on Sunday!

Mr Andrew Baker ☺

Saint of the Week:

St. Joachim and St. Anne

Feast Day: July 26

St. Anne and St. Joachim are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. They spent their lives worshiping God and doing good. For many years after they were married, God did not bless them with children and this made them sad. For years and years, Anne had begged the Lord to give her a child and she promised to consecrate the baby to him.



When she was already old, God answered her prayer in a far better way than she could ever have dreamed. The child born to St. Joachim and St. Anne was the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Mary, the holiest of all women was to become the Mother of God. Anne took tender care of little Mary for a few years. Then she gave her to the service of God, as she had promised she would.

Mary went to live in the holy Temple of Jerusalem. St. Joachim and St. Anne continued their lives of prayer until they died and God called them home to heaven. Christians have always been especially devoted to St. Anne. Many beautiful churches have been built in her honor. Perhaps one of the most famous is the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre in Canada. Great crowds go there all year around to ask St. Anne's help in their sufferings.

(Sourced and modified from Holy Spirit Interactive)

Reflection: *Let us pray especially for the gift of our grandparents together. Make your grandparents a card or pick them some flowers from the garden.*

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan

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 **Lavercombe Family** for sponsoring this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Tjhin Family**.



ICAS – Science results

OLA performed well in the recent ICAS Science competition. A special mention to the following students for their excellent results:

Distinction – Harry T

Credit – Jacob D, Joshua P-B, Juliana C, Karl F

Merit – Charlotte Z, Charlie C, Jayden O, Patricia C

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Katia L, Madison M, Olivia H, Shanyce G, Dillon A, Tyrone L, Madison Z, Madison L and Xavier J who have recently completed the required reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students have until the end of August to have their books validated.

Social Skill

The social skill for this fortnight is Being a Good Sport

- Play to have fun
- Play by the rules
- Take turns
- Encourage and support others
- Keep trying hard
- Congratulate the winner
- Shake their hand and say, "You played a good game".
- Encourage others by saying, "You're getting better".

Book week

This year as part of our Book Week celebrations in week 6, we will be having a Book Fair. The children will have the opportunity to look at the books prior to this and the book fair will be open for parents to purchase books on Wednesday 20th August from 8.15am-9.30am and 2.30pm-3.30pm and on Friday 22nd August from 1pm-3pm. *Please note there will not be a dress up character parade this year.*

Garden Club update

Our garden club students meet twice a week at lunch times. We currently have spinach, eggplant, tomatoes, lettuce, beans, celery and peas growing. **Thank you** to Mr Edwards (Mikayla KW) who is helping us source some fruit trees. We are still looking for a small container of composting worms to add to our worm farms. We now have four worm farms and use the "worm tea" to fertilise our crops, so if you know anyone with worms to spare please send them our way.

Cathy Hey

Recent events in pictures...

The following are some images from these recent events and some have a link to the full story found on our school website.

Grandparents' Day. –

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/news-details/latest-news-global/grandparents-day/true>



**Japanese
Australiana**

[details/latest-news-global/australiana-](http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/news-details/latest-news-global/australiana-)



Pioneer Village

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/news-pioneer-village/true>



Guests and visit to



Our Japanese guests were extremely impressed with our school and most appreciative of the reception they received. I want to thank the host parents again for their hospitality and generosity.



Creative Arts Expo

Our Lady of Angels is part of a Creative Arts Expo to be held in August with 4 other schools in the Parramatta Diocese. The Expo will be held at Evans Theatre, Penrith Panthers on Wednesday, 27th August. If you would like to come and support the students from OLA performing, below are the details to purchase tickets.

Tickets will cost \$15 each. There are no concessions available.

No tickets are available through the school.

Tickets can be purchased by:

1. **Ticketek website:** www.ticketek.com.au *(booking fees will apply)*
2. **Ticketek call Centre:** Phone bookings 132 849 *(booking fees will apply)*
3. **Penrith Panthers: Reception Desk** In person - 9am to 10pm daily - (no booking fees for cash or Eftpos transactions)

Costume workshop

Thank you to all the parents who have supported us so far to create costumes, backdrops etc. Next week we will be having another workshop to finalise many costumes. The workshop will be held in the classroom beside the Year 2 classroom at 9am. Please sign in before you come over to help.



Fresh Fitness

Students this week have started Term 3 Boot Camp. We have a new Boot Camp group starting on Thursdays. We would like to keep the days students have chosen to come the same as much as possible, so we can manage the number of students at Boot camp each week. However, if your child is part of the Fresh Fitness crew and is unable to come on their chosen day, they are welcome to come on the other day for that week, so they don't miss out. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

If you have a Fresh Fitness Boot Camp shirt, can you please return it to Mrs Byrne or Miss Grima, so we can reissue shirts next week.

We are in need of tug-a-war style ropes. If you have one or know where we can get some please let us know.

Breakfast Mums - As part of Boot Camp, students receive a healthy breakfast after they have exercised. If you are able to help with breakfast please let us know. We are grateful for any assistance. A big thankyou to Mrs Bennett who prepared breakfast yesterday!



Thank you Mrs Byrne

Australiana Pioneer Village

Stage Three and our Japanese visitors went to Australiana Pioneer Village on Tuesday 29th July. We were able to see what life was like in Australia over 100 years ago. It was a wonderful experience for the Japanese students and their teachers, as well as for OLA. We watched a cheeky sheep being shorn and received some of her wool to bring back with us. Caroline, the sheep shearer also showed us how she could spin wool!

For the rest of the day, we split into six groups and explored the rest of the village. This included meeting (and feeding) some very friendly goats and visiting an olden day bank, blacksmith and barber. We sat in an old primary school where we wrote on slates with chalk. We were also lucky enough to have a ride on the horse and carriage and around the train track too!

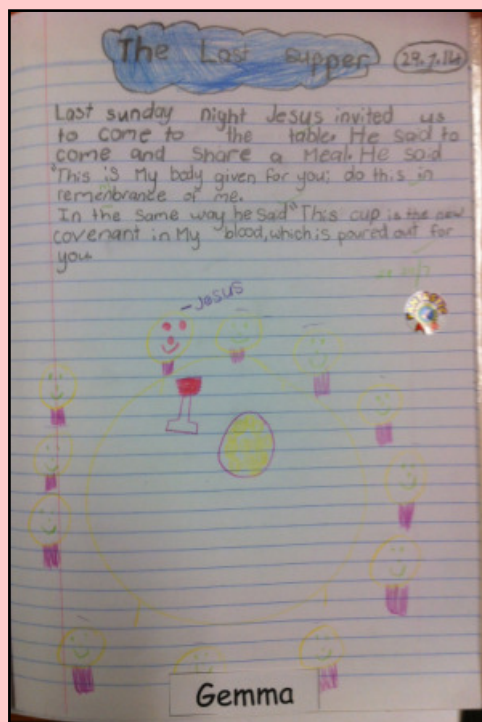
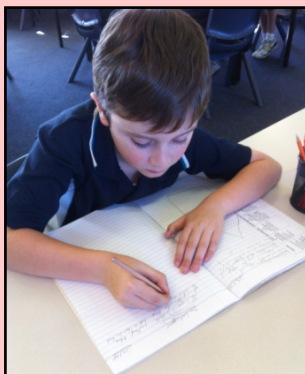
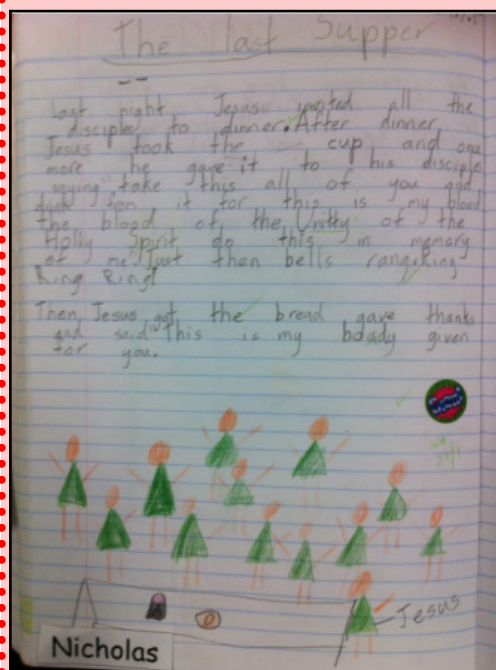
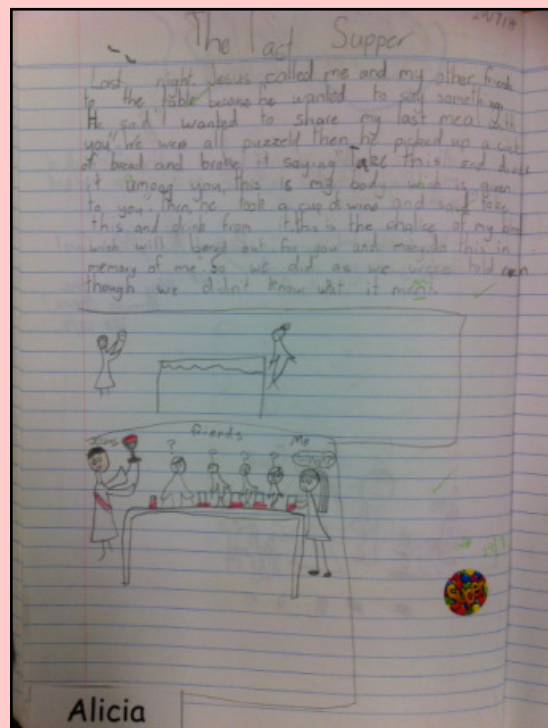
Towards the end of the day we were able to purchase sweets or souvenirs to bring back with us. There were many excited children!

Many of the students are looking forward to visiting the Pioneer Village with their families. It was a wonderful day for us all.



From the Class room... Yr 2B

In Religious Education this term we are reading stories about how we celebrate God's love. Below are some examples of students retelling The Last Supper story from a disciple's point of view. This week Year 2 had a visit from Fr. Warren. We were very lucky to listen to Fr. Warren explain how Jesus is with us during the Eucharist. We look forward to visiting the Church soon to view key objects in the Church and how they relate to the celebration of the Eucharist.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

To all the students who submitted an entry into the OLA Church Model competition. Winners will be announced at the Fiesta this Sunday directly at the end of the procession. Have a look at the magnificent entries! Hours of work with detail, tenacity and creativity evidenced in these models. Judges will be looking at creativity, accuracy and proportion in their decision making.



FIREWORKS AT 6.45PM

OLA FAMILY FIESTA RIDES

MEET PEPPA PIG ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday 3rd August 2014
OLA Church Grounds, 1 Wellgate Ave
Cnr Withers Road, Rouse Hill

1PM - 7PM

A great time for all!

- Chocolate Wheel
- White Elephant
- Exciting Rides
- Dodgem Cars
- Cakes
- Lollies
- Jewellery
- Games & Novelty Stalls
- Pizzas
- BBQ
- International Food Stalls
- Lots, Lots More

FREE ENTRY

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Voice of Youth.

Students in year 6 were asked to choose a topic they were comfortable with to write a speech and present in front of their peers. The students bravely stood in front of Stage 3, Mrs La Rocca, Mrs Hey, Mrs Byrne and Miss D'Mello and delivered their speech. The two speeches that were clearly presented were selected to represent Our Lady of the Angels in the Voice of Youth finals this month.

We would like to congratulate Sebastian Kurcubic, Sharmayne Gibson and Jackson Warren (reserve) for successfully meeting the voice of youth criteria. We wish them the best of luck at the finals.

From the Parish Office...

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 3 August

A very big thank you to Mrs La Rocca, the OLA School Community and the OLA P&F Committee for your support for our Parish Fiesta on Sunday.

Your Invitation

You, your family and friends are invited to come along and celebrate Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day on Sunday.

Mass starts at 11am followed by a procession.

Rides, food stalls, entertainment and we will conclude with fireworks at 6.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Please note that there **WILL NOT** be mass at 10am and 5.30pm.

Major Raffle

Thank you to all those families who have generously purchased and returned Raffle Tickets. These prizes will be drawn at the Family Fiesta on August 3. We ask if you are able to return the books of tickets even if they are not sold asap there will be a stand for you to return these on Sunday.

Many thanks for your continued support to the success of our Parish Fiesta.

Anthony Saliba, Fiesta Co-Ordinator 8883 4063.

BINGO

Thank you to all those who attended last week. It was a great night. Our next Bingo night will have a cash Jackpot of \$300-.

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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Parish Fiesta!!

Cake Stall:

Your child was given home a cake box to take home. Each family is asked to donate a cake/slice or biscuits – homemade ideally- with a brief summary of ingredients. This will be sold at the Fiesta cake stall on Sunday. It would be appreciated if all boxes are taken up to the parish office after noon on Saturday or on Sunday directly to the stall.

Thanks for your support in our parish activities. It is greatly appreciated.

Until next week, may God bless and keep you safe.

Eva La Rocca,

Principal

Term 3 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Gemma Haynes	Alivia Turner	Isabella Cauchi
Kinder G	Katia Lesar	Taylor Cummings	Macy Owen
Kinder W	Amity Oxspring	Lucas Monks	Ava Silva
Year 1B	Christian Attard	Ante Topic	Sienna Gibson
Year 1 G	Zane Boatwalla	Lucy Taylor	Anneliese Gutwenger
Year 1W	Marcus Billyard	Tobin Kroeger	Evie Cassel
Year 2 B	Nicholas Gomez	Georgia Domars	Nathan Cook
Year 2 W	Alisa Adhihetty	Zac Lesar	Jane Whelan
Year 3 B	Trinity Johnston	Joshua Maisetti	Bradley Wooldridge
Year 3 G	Ailbhe Gannon	Isaac Sultana	Marko Rangan
Year 3 W	Sascha Strykowski	Tyra Abdallah	Joshua Palmer-Burton
Year 4 B	Javier Silva	Claudia Coombes	Alicia Osborn
Year 4 W	Kaitlin Wagner	Rebecca Charlesworth	Alexandra Mercado
Year 5/6 B	Bethany Dersch	Alivia Finch	Jake Eyles
Year 5/6 W	Sebastian Kurcubic	Luca Dolahenty	Jacob Domars