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Week 3 Term 4

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday at morning assembly, I asked the students, 'Where is God?'

Answers varied- In the Church, In our heart, etc - all of them correct but then I got the best answer - 'Everywhere!' (thanks, JP Colosimo). I reminded the children and the adults present, that God is everywhere and so, when our actions are determined by 'who is watching', remember that God is with us all the time, to watch over us and remind us to make good choices in our behaviour.

A special way in which the church provides God's presence is through exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I remember my primary school days when this privilege was preserved for special feasts. In my parish of the Sacred Heart, 'forty hours' was observed. This meant that Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar in the Monstrance (right). It is part of ritual that the Blessed Sacrament never be unattended while exposed. For this reason, a roster of attendees was drawn up over these forty hours. I remember walking 30 minutes to church on a Saturday afternoon for 'my turn' at prayer. At OLA, we are fortunate to have this opportunity every day from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday. When visiting the church during these times, you will notice the monstrance on the altar. There are certain expectations such as genuflection on both knees, as opposed to one. This is also an expectation during Mass from the moment of Consecration till when the Tabernacle is closed after Communion. Throughout this time, the Eucharist is present on the altar.

I have mentioned from time to time how fortunate we are to have a church on our school grounds, easily accessible for all. Please encourage your child to start the day by making a visit and a prayer.



On the topic of starting the day, it is not unusual for the mornings to be rushed and sometimes things happen and words are said that upset some children. It is normal for parents to drop their kids off and not think another thing of it. Meanwhile, some child/ren may take it to heart and dwell on what was a well meant comment, and be upset for the day. This impacts on their happiness and their learning. Please always remember to send your child off to school with a hug and an 'I love you'.

Building Open and Honest Relationships

A key component of our Social Skills Program is to help the students develop strategies for dealing with friendship concerns. Sometimes, there are altercations between their friends of which they are not a part. It is vital that they not speculate. Often, they repeat 'what they have heard', what they 'think' has happened and not what is really true. This leads to misunderstanding and unfair judgement of others.

Encourage your child to avoid repeating what 'they heard' and, in this way, stop potentially harmful gossip. If they are concerned, advise them to speak to someone, a teacher, member of the leadership team, to seek clarity and the truth. Thank you for assisting us to make our school environment a happy and safe place for all.

Kinder Orientation

Please note that this coming Thursday morning, we will be welcoming the 2016 Kinder students and their parents. We request that existing parents exit the carpark area as quickly as possible on this morning, and the following Thursday morning, to minimise traffic.

Parent/Visitor Code of Conduct.

A recent addition to the OLA Parent Handbook is the newly drafted **Parent/Visitor Code of Conduct**.

I would like to thank those involved in the writing of this, including the members of the Parents and Friends Executive.

A copy of this is further in this newsletter for your information.

Dates to Remember

Wed 28 th Oct	Stg 3 Taronga Zoo incursion P&F General Meeting 7.00pm
Thurs 29 th Oct	Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am
Mon 2 nd Nov	All Souls Day – Liturgy
Thurs 5 th Nov	Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am

Gospel Reflection

Sunday 25th October-Gospel, Mark 10:46-52



They reached Jericho; and as he left Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus -that is, the son of Timaeus -a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and cry out, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me. And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.'

Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man over. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'Rabbuni, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And at once his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Gospel Reflection

In Sunday Gospel according to Mark, Jesus heals the blind man. The man was described as a homeless man, who was begging on the road. With him were people telling him to be quiet because they did and want him to call out to Jesus. They thought the blind man was going to ask Jesus for money. The man was determined to speak to Jesus and called out louder. The blind man did not beg with his hands and voice, but with his faith. It was this faith that Jesus responded to and healed the man. It is the strength of our faith that connects us to God and we want to follow the ways of Christ. When we are willing to develop a personal relationship with the Lord, we are also need to be courageous and share with others the story of Jesus. Who He is and where He is present in our daily lives.

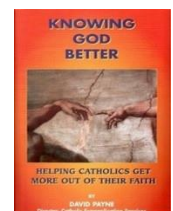
*Mrs Katrina Byrne
Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator*



We are running the first CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) course titled on Tuesday, 10th November 2015 in the old church building.

Knowing God Better is a series of stimulating talks aimed at helping us understand our faith more fully and so become more enthusiastic about God's action in our lives.

Set in a café style environment, CaFE is fun and, at the same time, prayerful. There is opportunity for reflection and group discussion.



So, if you would like to enrich your knowledge of our Catholic faith, come and join CaFE.



Thank you to our SRC members for organising our fun activities today.



Saint Jude (Apostle)

FEAST DAY October 28

St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Saviour. He was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus and his attribute is a club. He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, particularly the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics.

Following his death, St. Jude's body was brought to Rome and left in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica. Today his bones can be found in the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica under the main altar of St. Joseph in a tomb he shares with the remains of the apostle Simon the Zealot.

Pilgrims came to St. Jude's grave to pray and many reported a powerful intercession, leading to the title, "The Saint for the Hopeless and the Despaired." Two Saints, St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as "The Patron Saint of the Impossible."

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=127



TODAY was CRAZY HAIR DAY



On Friday 23rd October, OLA had Crazy Hair Day. We had fun activities fun activities that everyone enjoyed like dodgeball, obstical courses, oz tag, soccer and football shootouts. Lots of people lined up for getting an arrowroot biscuit with some topping on them. All the S.R.C's put a lot of thought and effort into these activities. Crazy hair day was a fundraiser for DWF. We hoped that everyone had a great day on Friday. Everyone had such hair and was great at the activities the S.R.C's did. People wanted to continue playing the activities that the S.R.C's have produced. Everyone had a fun and great time on Crazy Hair Day, as well as being extremely exhausted. We raised \$579.00 for DWF.

THANKS TO MRS BYRNE FOR MAKING THE DAY HAPPEN.

BY THOMAS, CHARLOTTE, JACKSON AND ALICIA - YEAR 3



Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx>

Bishops Office

Parramatta Youth Rally: 24 October

All young people aged 16-35 are invited to celebrate the young Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta with an outdoor concert and festival on the feast day of St John Paul II, founder of our Diocese and father of World Youth Day. From 7pm-9.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral precinct, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 25 October

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 a shared meal at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary is at 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au





P&F NEWS

P&F GENERAL MEETING

All parents welcome

THIS WEDNESDAY October 28th at 7pm - School grounds

No need to RSVP or even speak on the night. We will hear what the P&F (as part of the parent body) have been up to. It is also an opportunity to hear from Mrs La Rocca all the wonderful things that are happening with our children and school. There is also time to discuss any general business items which can be added to the agenda by submitting them to olapfc@gmail.com no later than Tuesday October 27th.

AGENDA

- Summary of Events
- Kinder Orientation Morning Tea
- Second hand Uniform Shop
- Fundraising Ideas for 2016

Please find the minutes of the last GM on the school website
<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/parent-involvement> (under P&F)



SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH – THIS SUNDAY!

The OLA P&F will be running the BBQ at Masters Home Improvement Rouse Hill from 8am -4pm.
CAN YOU HELP? We need some extra help from 11am-3pm either BBQ or serve. Please email olapfc@gmail.com or send us a message via our Facebook page.
Please come down and offer your support!



Thank you to all those who attended the night and CONGRATULATIONS to our lucky Bingo and prize winners!



OLA P&F Association would like to acknowledge & thank the following businesses for their generous support.

- *The Australian Brewery*
- *Tooheys*
- *MezeMe Grove*
- *IGA Beaumont Hills*
- *Portobello Pizza & Pasta*
- *Masters Home Improvement*
- *The Fiddler*
- *Bunnings Warehouse Rouse Hill*
- *Siam Corner Thai Restaurant*
- *Parramatta Eels*
- *iFLY Downunder*
- *Outback Jack's Bar & Grill*
- *Commonwealth Bank Australia*
- *Bella Beaumont Pizzeria*
- *Independent Locksmiths & Security Parramatta*
- *Jill Johnston Beauty and Massage Therapist*
- *WOW Designer Giftware*
- *Tom's Family Butchery Rouse Hill*
- *The Coffee Club*
- *Mad Mex Rouse Hill*
- *Absolute Hair & Beauty*
- *Price Attack Rouse Hill*
- *Hair Warehouse Rouse Hill*
- *Kristy's Tanning*
- *My Treasure Gifts and Homewares*
- *Rebel Sport Rouse Hill*
- *Cincotta Discount Chemist Beaumont Hills*
- *Tania Fallone Hair Stylist*
- *Essence Patisserie Rouse Hill*

Social skill

Responding to teasing –Weeks 3 and 4

The social skill this week is about how to appropriately respond to teasing and unkind words. Children are encouraged to stop and count to 5. If they have tried ignoring the teasing without success, then say, "Stop it, I don't like when you....". If the teasing persists, they need to tell a teacher.

2016

If your child is not returning in 2016, could you please let the office know in writing as soon as possible in order for us to arrange the classes for next year.

Swimming & CPR

Notes for the K-4 swimming program and year 5/6 Sun Surf will be going home next week. An email will be sent home today for the swim program attaching the google.doc survey. This survey needs to be completed for every child and the permission slip needs to be returned to school. Please ensure that you complete both documents.

Building Update

I am pleased to inform the community that the building project is on track. We are hoping that builders will be on site by December. Space will be very limited next year. However, the exciting news is that, if all stays on track, the new building will be ready for occupation in the mid-year!!

PARENT/VISITOR CODE OF CONDUCT

At **Our Lady of the Angels Primary School**, we recognise that all people are created in the image and likeness of God. The dignity of each person is valued and the rights of all members of our community are respected. From time to time, concerns may arise or parents in the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of their own child
- Express concern about actions of students, staff or parents
- Enquire about school policy or practice

It is, therefore, necessary to have procedures that will help resolve any concerns as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. Best results flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:-

- Ensure that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- Ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld
- Support sensitivity and confidentiality
- Reach an agreed solution

On occasions, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times, it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in a confidential and respectful manner. **NB: The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Student Management and Pastoral Care Policy.**

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of own child	<i>Email the school office to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues with the child's teacher.</i>
The welfare of own child	<i>For all concerns, contact the office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member. .</i>
Actions of other students/parents	<i>Contact the office to speak to the Principal or Assistant Principal. It is not acceptable for a parent to address another person's child or their parent in a disciplinary or aggressive manner. In fact: It is against the law (Section 60E) of the Crimes Act to approach any other person's child at school. The offence committed by a parent approaching a child is intimidation.</i>
School policy or practice	<i>Contact the office, state nature of concern and make an appointment to see the relevant member of the Executive Team.</i>
Actions of a staff member	<i>Contact the office and state the concerns directly to the Principal.</i>

Every effort is made to achieve a solution and ensure all parties have a fair hearing. If any party feels this has not been achieved, contacting CEDP is recommended.

A Code of Conduct for Parents and Visitors ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to aggressive or hostile behaviours.

Parents and visitors are expected to:-

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
- Observe school rules to maximise learning
- Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through appropriate channels
- Show respect for all members of the school community whilst on the school site and beyond, through the appropriate use of social media.

The school community values effective communication in order to maintain a safe and happy learning environment for all members of our school community.

For further details, please refer to the CEDP policies at <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/policy-central>

From the Classroom – KB

This week we have been reading, 'The Thick, Fat Pancake', by Phil Cummings & Leanne Argent. We loved the story so much that we decided to have a go at making pancakes ourselves! It was lots of fun and thankfully our pancake didn't try and run away like it did in the story! Here are some pictures and quotes from our reading and cooking fun ☺

"My favourite part of the story was when the pig ate half of the pancake." James KB

"I loved the part of the story when the pancake jumped out of the pan!" Logan KB

"The pancakes we made in class tasted so yummy!!!!" Isabella KB

"I liked helping Mrs Monks cook the pancakes." Aiden KB

"The story was so funny! I laughed when the pancake rolled down the hill!" Natalia KB



From the Parish Office...

Reconciliation

The first session will be held this Tuesday, 27 October at 7.30pm. This is a **Parent Only** night for those children in Year 2 and older who will be doing their Reconciliation this Term. If you did not attend the Enquiry Night and would like your child enrolled, please contact the PARISH Office prior to Tuesday (no applicants will be accepted after this date).

New Altar Servers Training

Beginning Wednesday, 28 October, Fr Warren and Fr Rizzo will be holding a 3 week course for new altar servers at 4pm in the Church. If you have a child who has received their first communion and would be interested, please let Geraldine in the parish office know asap.

All Souls Day Mass

A special mass will be held on All Souls Day, Monday, 2 November at 7.30pm. 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. 23 October and we will have a special candle lit for that soul during the mass.

Baptism Seminar

For those members of our Parish who would like to have a child Baptised, there will be a Baptism Seminar this Sunday in the OOSH room at 11am.

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5.30pm **Sunday:** 8.30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am

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Literacy Hint -



Taking a trip? Have your child read the map, brochures, road signs (for motels & restaurants) along the way. Suggest keeping a journal/diary of the trip.

When You:

Cut it for me,
Write it for me,
Open it for me,
Set it up for me,
Draw it for me or
Find it for me,

All I learn is:

that you do it better than me

*Until next week, God
bless and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

Term 4 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Logan Cleary	Zoey Chown	Natalia Zahorsky
Kinder G	Hugo Voza	Willow Johnston	Jessica Bowen
Kinder W	Orlaith McManus	Aidan Attard	Seth Orton
Year 1B	Sahara Knipler	Jaeden Mensah	Jericho Cruz
Year 1G	Taylor Cummings	Logan Hayden	Alicia Gladwell
Year 1W	Amity Galea	Boston Roberts	Denison Cu
Year 2 B	Angelica Manago	Sarah Cleary	Parker Galvin
Year 2 G	Joshua Orton	Joshua Streater	Luke Shelly
Year 2 W	Ante Topic	Makiah Arora	Rafael Ira
Year 3 B	Matthew Geoghegan	Alisa Adhihetty	Ava Bennet
Year 3 W	Tamsyn Brown	David Parada	Charli Molloy
Year 4 B	Tyra Abdallah	Montana Burt	Amelia Dimech
Year 4 G	William Blazey	Paige Hayden	Jack Bowden
Year 4 W	Lucas Lesar	Alissa Sweeney	Hollie Ford
Year 5/6 B	Tiarne McLuskey	Alex Bennett	Ella Sievwright
Year 5/6 G	Mirko Basic	Maneesha Gunasekara	Angelina Taleski
Year 5/6W	Sebastian Cauchi	Jack Hudson	Angelina Cutuk

