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Dear Parents,

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy4:7

Earlier this week, our country celebrated one of its great traditions, the Melbourne Cup. This is an event highly regarded in the sport of horse racing, bringing together people from across the world. The culture of competition, in particular racing, is a very old one. In fact, there are numerous references to it in the Bible.

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me- the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24

Through Baptism, this race is our race. Jesus came on earth to bring the promise of salvation to all people. He showed his disciples the way to bring about God's Kingdom, a world of justice and love. At His ascension, Jesus 'passed the baton' to His disciples to go forth and spread the word. The 'race' has continued for over 2000 years and, today, we hold the baton. Our responsibility is to 'run our race' the best we can with the aim to bring about God's Kingdom on earth, a reign of justice and love.

'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.' 1 Corinthians 9:24

The difference in our race is that there can be many winners; each of us has the potential of receiving the prize - eternal life in Heaven.

The Runner's Prayer

O Lord, may I never just look as if I'm in the race—the race You have set before me. Instead, let me be running with all my heart. And may I never allow myself to be detoured by the difficulties of life.

And may I say at the end, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

Farewell Bishop Anthony.

Over the past few weeks there have been numerous events to formally farewell our own, Bishop Anthony Fisher. During his time as pastor of Parramatta Diocese, Bishop Anthony has had an astounding influence on the way 'things are done' in Parramatta. The praying of the Angelus simultaneously at noon across all diocesan school is a small but mighty powerful initiative - demonstrating our devotion to our blessed Mother and display of conviction of our faith as Catholics. Bishop Anthony has been a great advocate for the development of faith in our youth, actively involved in World Youth Day (2013 and 2011) where the crowds were so impressed with his preaching, they were calling for 'Bish Fish for Pope!'. Maybe one day we can say that the Pope was 'our' Bishop, if that's God's will. Personally I have been very privileged to have had him as pilgrim leader as we spent 18 days following in the footsteps of St Paul. (In Pamukkale, Turkey, I even shared a tank where fish nibbled at our feet. Luckily for him that photo was lost when my phone was stolen (2)

Meanwhile, we wish Bishop Anthony all the very best in his new role as Archbishop of Sydney Diocese.

There will be a stop work meeting Monday 10 November 2014 for 1 hour from 8.30am to 9.30am at the school. The action involves members of the Independent Education Union (IEU) to discuss concerns regarding the proposed new Enterprise Agreement. We do not expect any interruption to school attendance and supervision will be provided.

Dates to Remember

Mon 10th Nov: Swimming Program commences for Years 1, 2 & 4

Tues 11th Nov: Stage 3 Oztag League Gala Day

Mon 17th Nov: **Stage 3 CPR training**

Mon 24th Nov: Swimming Program commences for Kindy & Yr 3



Gospel Reflection

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers,

'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

As they often do in John, the Jews misunderstand Jesus' words. This gives John the chance to explicitly state his point. Although this is the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is already speaking of his coming death and Resurrection. John intentionally integrates a post-Resurrection perspective into the Gospel narrative. The statement that concludes this passage uses the fact of the Resurrection to prove the point of Jesus' words. Believers need to remember the words and actions of Jesus and claim them as affirmations of the truths of their faith.

This weekend with your family...

Families take pride in their homes and strive to keep them neat and clean inside and out. Talk as a family about the various chores that each family member has that contributes to the upkeep of the home. When we celebrate the dedication of this great church, we are reminded of our own parish church where we gather to celebrate and, even more so, of our domestic church, our home, where we encounter God every day. Very soon we will be celebrating the Dedication of Our Lady of the Angels Church in Rouse Hill. This will be a very exciting time for all members of our community.

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

Have a vibrant weekend! Mr Andrew Baker ©

All Souls Day! Feast Day: November 2nd



This feast day is one of the most loving celebrations in the Church's liturgy. It is the day that we especially remember all those who have passed from this life into the next.

Today we stop to remember all who have died especially our relatives and friends.

We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us.

We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth.

We pray for the most forgotten souls.

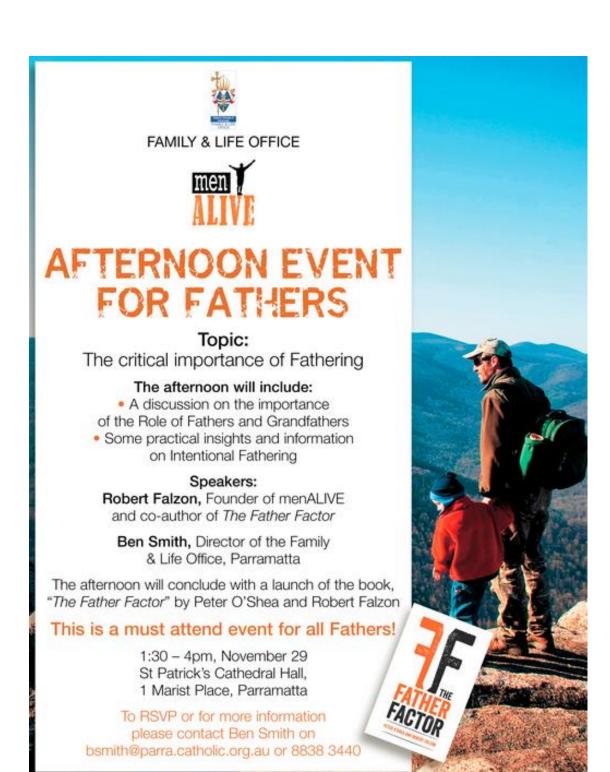
We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth.

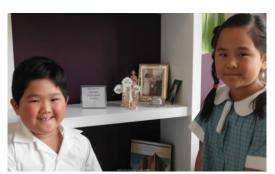
We think of those holy souls in purgatory and we realize that they are saved. Now they wait, being purified, until the moment when they can be with God, face to face.

We can offer the sacrifice of the Mass and pray for these suffering souls in purgatory to hasten their journey to God.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen





Family Sacred Space.

Thank you to the **Chang Family** for sponsoring the Family Prayer Space this week.

Next week the sponsor family will be the **Brown Family** (Cooper)

Swimming Program Commences Next Week for Years 1, 2 and 4

The students will need to wear their swimmers <u>underneath</u> their school uniform (they are allowed to wear their <u>sport uniform</u> each day for swimming) and will need to bring the following items with them each day:-

- Thongs or sandals to change into and wear to and from the pool
- Towel
- Underwear
- T-shirt or jacket to wear to and from the pool
- Goggles optional (these MUST be labelled)
- Swimming cap optional. The students must have their hair tied back if it is long enough to cover their eyes when wet, otherwise the swim school recommends that parents provide a labelled swim cap.
- Please note: rash vests are **not** to be worn as it is an indoor pool.

Please make sure that **everything** is labelled and that your child recognises what he/she is bringing to school. Please understand that it is the children's responsibility to look after their own belongings.

From the P&F - Melbourne Cup Trifecta Guessing Competition

A big thank you to the all families who supported this fundraiser. We are finalising the return of all the tickets and the winners will be publicised after 26th November 2014. Also we would like to thank the volunteers who helped out with the tedious task of stapling and bagging the tickets

Melbourne Cup High Tea

Thank you to the all mums and dads who come along. It was small group but it was a nice opportunity to catch up and have a chat. We were very grateful to Mrs La Rocca and Mr Baker for getting the Live stream of the race up and running. Congratulations to all the lucky winners.

I would like to make a special mention to Glenda Vecchio & Melissa Eldred who have put in many hours over the last couple of weeks organising both events.

Second Hand Clothing

As we approach the end of the year, you may have uniform items that your children have outgrown. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to **donate** to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the clean items to the school office in a plastic bag as soon as possible.

In the coming weeks, there will be an opportunity to purchase from the OLA Second Hand Clothing

Shop, dates to be advised.

Social skill

The new social skill for this fortnight is "Staying out of fights."

- Stop
- Count to 10
- Think about your choices
 - o Walk away
 - o Talk to the person in a friendly way
 - Ask someone to help you solve the problem
- Act out your best choice

Boot Campers of the Week

Congratulations to Emma Corey & Seronique Taylor.

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 Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

Changes to Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Enrolment Policy

In September 2014, a new enrolment policy and procedures were approved for use by Catholic systemic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta.

What has changed?

Under the previous enrolment policy, Catholic families were asked to enrol their child/ren in their local parish or 'feeder' school. Recognising the changing nature of work and family life, the new policy allows Catholic families greater choice, by removing the concept of 'feeder' parishes and schools.

Catholic families may now apply for enrolment in a Catholic school anywhere in the Diocese.

Where places are limited, priority will be given in order to:

- Catholic children who live in the local parish
- Catholic children from other parishes
- Children of families who actively participate in the life of the school and local parish community (e.g. siblings)
- Orthodox children
- Children from other Christian faiths
- Children of non-Christian faiths

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Who makes decisions regarding enrolment of students?

The principal of each school has the delegated authority to accept enrolments. The Principal must consult with the Parish Priest and Catholic Education's Director of System Performance to ensure the enrolment policy and procedures are given effect.

2. How is enrolment determined?

The principal determines if the student meets regular enrolment criteria by:

- a. conducting enrolment interviews as necessary in consultation with the parish priest
- b. reviewing all enrolment applications using the CEDP enrolment process

3. Will siblings of children already enrolled have preference?

Siblings of children already enrolled in the school are considered by the same criteria above. However, within each of these categories, a sibling of a child already enrolled will have preference over an applicant who does not have a sibling enrolled in the school.

4. Is enrolment guaranteed for existing primary students?

A child who has completed primary education in a Catholic Diocesan primary school will usually be offered continuity of enrolment in a Catholic Diocesan secondary school. If no places exist at the school of choice, contact Catholic Education's Director of System Performance to assist the family to enrol in another Catholic secondary school in the Diocese.

The policy and procedures are available via www.parra.catholic.edu.au - go to 'About Us' menu and click 'Policy Central'.

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FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

Should Christianity still have a voice in the public square?

Presented by John Cleary, host of Sunday Nights on ABC Local Radio 702. John is a member of the ABC's specialist Religion & Ethics Unit and is often heard as a commentator on religious issues for ABC Radio and TV. Don't miss this special presentation – all welcome.

Date: Saturday 1 November, from 10.30am-noon.

RSVP: Thursday 30 October tel (02) 9847 0448, (02) 4332 9825, registrations@dbb.org.au

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (entry from City View Road).

Upcoming Lecture Series: 'Who Do You Say I Am? Discipleship in Mark's Gospel'

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four gospels we have, and yet through a reflection on its 16 chapters, readers are challenged to answer the question that Jesus asks of His disciples, "Who do you say I am?"

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Dean of the Blue Mountains Deanery and Parish Priest of St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, will offer a three-part lecture series at two different sites.

Dates: The lectures will take place on Tuesdays 4, 11 and 18 November in the morning from 10.30am-12.30pm at St Finbar's Parish (46 Levy Street, Glenbrook) and in the evening from 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Thomas Aquinas Parish (168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood).

RSVP 31 October: tel (02) 4739 8928, secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Information: This lecture series is an initiative of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Faith in Our Future, which aims to offer faith formation, resources and social support services closer to our people. For more information,

see www.faithinourfuture.org.au

Marriage and Pre-Marriage Education Survey

Couples who are engaged or who have married in the past 12 months are invited to participate in a Marriage and Pre-Marriage Education Survey being conducted by Catholic Care and Relationships Australia through the Australian Catholic University (ACU). The research project investigates the attitudes, beliefs, values and understandings of couples entering into marriage, about marriage itself and pre-marriage education. Your answers will help provide a rich insight into the attitudes, values, beliefs and understandings of couples entering into marriage.

Participate: You can participate in the online survey via the link on CatholicCare Parramatta's

website: www.ccss.org.au or on ACU's website:https://acu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_esPaDb8EDLPn4jP&Q_JFE=0 Closing date: Friday 31 October.

Further details: Jennifer Perrott TB0107149@myacu.edu.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Invest in your most precious asset ... your marriage!

Dates: Friday 7 November to Sunday 9 November 2014.

Venue: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

St Philomena Association Holy Mass

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker".

Date: Saturday 8 November 2014. Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am.

Venue: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share.

RSVP: Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, epeoples9@gmail.com

Use of Electronic Visual Displays in the Liturgy

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission has developed a policy for the use of electronic projection in the liturgy. The Office for Worship is holding a workshop on the policy and how parishes might best use such technology to support their liturgical celebrations. This workshop is the same as last month's Visual Displays Workshop and is for those who have not had the opportunity to attend previously.

Date: Thursday 13 November from 7pm-9pm.

Venue: Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP: Adelle tel (02) 9831 4911, ofw@ifm.org.au

St Patrick's Cathedral 'A Spring Affair' Fundraising Dinner

Tickets include pre-dinner drinks & canapés, 2-course dinner with wine & soft drinks, entertainment. Dress code – cocktail.

Date: Friday 14 November, 6.30pm for 7pm.

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall & Cloister, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Tickets: \$65PP (seniors' discount \$60PP). Tickets available after Mass at the Cathedral. For credit card purchases contact the Cathedral Office tel (02) 8839 8400.

Christian Meditation Day

This Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. All welcome.

Date: Sunday 16 November, arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm.

Venue: Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318.

Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium

This month's topic is Making Hymns with James McAuley: liturgical change in Australian Catholic life. Speaker: Richard Connolly, composer and former head, ABC Radio Drama and Features. Admission free, no membership required.

Date: Sunday 16 November, starts 2.30pm.

Venue: Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks.

Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Holy Hour for Vocations on 20 November

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Date: Thursday 20 November, from 7pm-8pm.

Venue: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.

Faith at the Fiddler

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. This month's speaker is Sherry Weddell. Topic: 'Forming Intentional Disciples – The Path to Knowing and following Jesus'. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. Date: Thursday 20 November, from 5pm-7pm.

Venue: The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill.

Details: Steven Buhagiar - Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat

This weekend retreat is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Dates: Friday 21 November to Sunday 23 November.

Venue: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills.

Inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

Write to: PO Box 317, St Peters, NSW, 2044. Visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Recollection and Prayer Day

Nurses, doctors, allied health workers, carers and all who have a loving heart for the sick are invited to a Recollection and Prayer Day. The aim of the day is for those in the caring professions to have a time of prayer and recollection and be renewed in their professional calling. It is hoped that by coming together with others your first love of your profession will be rekindled and the fire reignited.

Keynote address by Fr Marcelo (Bong) Pamintuan MI, Camillian Priest and Chaplain to The Children's Hospital Westmead. The day will include discussion, prayer times, quiet time, group sharing and a closing liturgy. Reconciliation will also be available.

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish, 14 Ralph Street, Westmead.

Date: Saturday 22 November 2014 from 10am-3pm. There is a 9am Parish Mass preceding the prayer day.

Suggested donation \$10: BYO lunch, morning tea (tea & coffee provided).

Inquiries: Michelle tel (02) 4734 3150 (BH) or michelled95@hotmail.com

Vocation Discernment Weekend on 22-23 November

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Weekend. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director tel 0409 172 700 or email:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Faith in Our Future: A Day of Growth and Friendship

In keeping with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Faith in Our Future, Life Ascending Australia has chosen 'Fulfilment of Faith in our later years' as the subject for a reflection day. The day is aimed mainly at the over 50s however everyone is welcome. There will be two theme-based sessions, Mass, plus a presentation on the Church in Samoa, including a Samoan choir.

Date: Tuesday 25 November, commences 9.30am, concludes 2.30pm.

Venue: Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa.

Cost: Suggested donation of \$15 to defray costs, includes morning tea, BYO lunch, tea & coffee.

Details: Margaret Smith tel (02) 4753 1031, cliffmargaretsmith@hotmail.com

An invitation from the Good Sams

Is there something More to life? The Sisters of the Good Samaritan – the Good Sams – extend an invitation to young women to join them for a weekend of prayer, reflection and conversation. Experience the Good Sam story and explore the More to life for you. Does God make a difference? YES for Good Samaritan Sisters.

Dates: Friday 28 November 6pm to Sunday 30 November 5pm.

Venue: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills.

Further information: www.goodsams.org.au

Festive Lunch at Gabby's at Berry

Travel with the Social Group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes to the small historic township of Berry on the picturesque South Coast. Gabby's, with its sweeping timber staircase and spectacular leadlight windows is the venue for our three-course festive feast. Entertainment included.

Date: Tuesday 2 December. Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am at the bus stop opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

Cost: \$65 including coach, morning tea & lunch.

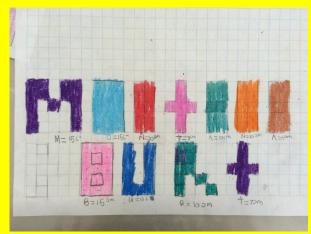
Book now, places filling fast: Payment in full required at time of booking with Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119.

From the Classroom of 3B

This week, Year 3 begun learning about Area. We started by finding the area of our names in square centimetres. We found it tricky to make the letters using the squares, but we had fun adding them up once we were done and seeing who had the 'biggest' name! ©









From the Parish Office...

Sacramental Program

Let us pray for the children who are about to receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time this Saturday, 8th November. We ask you to also keep in your prayers the children that will be receiving the Sacrament over the next coming weeks. These children will make their Holy Communion in 2015.

November Masses

November is a particular time when we remember to pray for the dead that they may be released from the purification of Purgatory and brought into the fullness of the joys of heaven.

If you would like a Mass to be offered up for deceased friends or relatives during this month, just write the names of the deceased on the special November Mass envelopes on the entrance table and either give it to Fr. Warren or place it on the collection plate. The normal offering for November Masses is \$20.

Bingo

The Parish will be holding it's final Bingo for the year. You are welcome to come along and join in for great prizes. Saturday, 22 November at 7pm in the OOSH room.

Christmas 2014!!

OLA Parish will be holding it's Christmas Party on Sunday, 21 December. Your family are invited to come along and celebrate the birth of Jesus and the wonderful year Our Lady of the Angels has had.

Santa Claus will be coming to visit us on this day. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church for you to complete. Please note, last year unfortunately, a lot of families did not attend after putting their names down, resulting in Santa being overloaded with extra presents and a lot of prepared food being wasted.

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

Ph: 8883 4063 Fax: 9629 7603

Christmas Choir

Mr Quirk has been working with some children in the school choir this term and would now like to extend an invitation to any children in years 1-6 who would like to be part of the Special Christmas Choir. The Special Christmas Choir will perform an item at the school Christmas carols on December 16th. Participation in this choir is a privilege and requires a commitment from the children. Rehearsals will take place each Wednesday morning at 8.20am in the music room with Mr Quirk. Hope to lots of children there.

Term 4 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Jack Winn	Harrison Fiorio	Tyrone Lee
Kinder G	Ben Roffmann	Joyce Ghobrial	Lily Quinlan
Kinder W	Lachlan Connellan	Isobel Clarke	Amity Oxspring
Year 1B	Xavier Joesph	Arya Clements	Charlie Da Ruos
Year 1 G	Zane Boatwalla	Peter Giovas	Marc Skoljarev
Year 1W	Zachary Nicholls	Kobe Ormsby	Bailey Knowles
Year 2 B	Heidi Papandrea	Christian Garofano	Ebony McNichol
Year 2 W	Jacob Connellan	Charli Molloy	Kenneth Tjhin
Year 3 B	Montana Burt	Amelia Dimech	Elysia Connellan
Year 3 G	Beatrice Espejo	Tatum Crook	Millie Edwards
Year 3 W	Ariane Maher	Jesse Eldred	Juliana Constantino
Year 4 B	Angus Misek	Milly Beegan	Ryan Muscat
Year 4 W	Brock Crook	Bradley Girdham	Rebecca Charlesworth
Year 5/6 B	Ben Molano	Jackson Warren	Gary Parizian
Year 5/6 W	Patricia Constantino	Bethany Webb	Ashley Graham