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Week 5 Term 1

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is the first of March and the beginning of autumn. It's hard to believe we are half way through the term. The weeks continue to be as busy as ever with nothing slowing in the weeks to come. It is always good practice to stop and take stock of the important things in life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that no one can serve two masters. For us, the decision is easy – follow God's teaching and do as the Gospel says and our lives will be full. An old adage is 'No one has ever been given six months to live and rushed out to make another million dollars'. Instead, they are intent on doing good, seeking atonement and making peace with others. Trust in God. He will provide.

Religious Education Coordinator

As you know, we have been undertaking the discernment process of appointing suitable applicants into the role of acting REC in a shared role. Fr Warren suggested the model of an infants and a primary coordinator across both domains of Liturgy and Curriculum. I am pleased to announce that Mr Baker has secured the role of Infants REC and Mrs Callaghan Primary REC, both acting for 2014.

I am delighted to have two such fine people step into this leadership role and am grateful for their generosity. Mrs Callaghan has relinquished her plans to become an EMU Specialist teacher. However, Ms D'mello has expressed her interest in this area and will undergo this training commencing next week. I wish them all the very best as they undertake these exciting and challenging roles. These steps are part of the process in further enriching the already very skillful staff in the interest of the academic and spiritual growth of our students. What a team and thanks be to God!

Social Night/Disco

We were blessed with lovely weather last Friday evening and it was great to see so many attend this annual event. The children seemed to have a great time although many of them were more interested in playing on the oval than dancing. (That will probably change as they get older ☺)

A big **thank you** goes to the P&F for organising the evening and, especially, for cleaning and closing up. Thank you to Dance Fever for facilitating the disco and to the many staff members who gave up their evening to come along to socialise with you all.

Thank you to those who are making an effort to observe the parking and driving rules on our grounds. The installation of speed humps is being organised for those who still insist on speeding through the drive through. There have been numerous inquiries about bus service. You will be pleased to know that I have met with Hillsbus and Hills Shire Council. A bus bay already exists on the Withers Road boundary of our school and another has been approved on Wellgate Ave, next to the pedestrian crossing and on the school side. At this stage, we think there may be a service into the Beaumont Hills area, the Rouse Hill area and maybe to the town centre and Kellyville Ridge area. When we have more information on this, we will let you know. Hillsbus have advised us that children from K-2 travel free regardless of where you live and the distance for free travel for children in years 3-6 is 1.3km as the crow flies.

In the meantime, it may help if some parents parked across the road at Centenary Oval or Bruce Purser Reserve for the Friday afternoon assembly. It is only a few minutes' walk and a valuable opportunity to have a chat with your child without the distractions of fighting traffic as you get out of the car park.

Dates to Remember

Tues 4 th Mar	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 5 th Mar	Ash Wednesday – Infants: 9am Parish Mass; Primary Mass 10am ;
Fri 7 th Mar	Mass: Year 1
SUN 9th Mar	Infants Parish Mass 10.00am
Wed 12 th Mar	Year 2 Excursion to Bondi Beach
Fri 14 th Mar	Mass: Kinder
Mon 17 th Mar	St Patrick's Day – Mufti day



FROM THE P&F

Second Hand Uniform Shop

An email was sent home this week advising that we will be having a second hand uniform shop and this will be open once or twice a term. If you have any uniforms (summer or winter) that you would like to **donate** to the school, please send them in to the office as soon as possible. We will notify you of the date for the shop next week.

Kinds Regards, P&F Committee



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ALONG THE DRIVE THROUGH FROM THE CHURCH TO THE SCHOOL ADMIN IS A NO PARKING AREA FROM 8.15AM TO 9.15AM AND 2.30PM TO 4PM. PLEASE OBSERVE THIS AND AVOID THE EMBARRASSEMNT OF BEING ASKED TO MOVE.

Other concerns that have been raised are:

- Cars waiting to enter the school are blocking the entry to the street perpendicular to the school
- Cars mounting the grass verge to go around traffic
- Drivers NOT reversing into parking spots
- Drivers speeding upon entry and around the bend near the church...**THERE IS A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING THERE!** The school grounds speed limit is 10KPH



All of these can lead to an accident and possible serious injury. It could be your child!

Please note that the local police will be frequenting the school area to observe and act upon any drivers doing the wrong thing.

Social Skill

The new social skill for this fortnight is:

Good listening – Look at the person, sit still, think about what is being said, say ‘yes’ or nod your head, ask a question to find out more.

Book covering

A huge thank you to the parents who have been covering books over the past weeks. We still have many books that require covering so please come into the office if you can help.

Soccer Gala Days

Over the coming months OLA will enter into Stage 2 and Stage 3 Gala days for boys and girls. The children require shin pads on these gala days to protect their shins from being kicked. Sometimes we have children who do not play weekend soccer selected to be part of the team. If you have any shin pads that are not needed anymore, we would love to have some spares to give to the children participating on the day.

Late to School

Please remember that students need to be at school by 8.50am when the bell goes. If you are dropping your children off after this time, you **MUST** come into the office and sign a late slip.



Social Night Photos





Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A -

Gospel Reading

A Reading from the Gospel Matthew 7:24-34

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

This week's Gospel calls us to trust in God with unfailing faith. Even when we can't see the way ahead because of financial pressure, relationship issues or health concerns, we need to place our trust in knowing that God is there to guide us as we work towards solving these issues. This can be difficult to do in our busy lives. Look for opportunities this week to talk to your children about times when you have had to place your trust in God and how God has answered your prayers. Remind your children that they too can talk to God about their own lives and can trust Him to help them.

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



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 is responsible for decorating this space with some small items of their choice and relevant to them. There are only two small shelves 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 the Johnston Family who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week.



SRC report

We are very proud to have been elected as the 2014 school captains and vice captains. Last Friday we were commissioned as leaders, along with the sport captains and SRC members. This was a very special occasion for us and for our families. We are looking forward to several special events this term. The first of these will be the St Patrick's Day celebrations coming up on March 17th. The SRC members will organize some fun lunch time activities on this day.

We would like to thank our fellow students for trusting us to be their leaders. Please approach us with any ideas you have that will make our wonderful school even better.
Alivia F, Jeremy T, Imogen L and Luca D

From the Bishop's Office...

Diocesan Positions

Volunteers needed for Chisholm Cottage, Westmead

Chisholm Cottage provides 'a home away from home' for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women's League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers who assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please contact Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator & Educator, tel (02) 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au

The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel

The inspiring insights in this publication put forward by 12 prominent Australian Catholics follow the release of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. Published by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, *The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel* is available free online and in book form.

Contributors to the *The Francis Effect* include: Fr Noel Connolly SSC, Head of Mission Studies at the Columban Mission Institute; Fr Tim Norton SDV, Australian Provincial of the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries; Julie Edwards, CEO of Jesuit Social Services; and Joe Moloney, Research Officer with the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office.

To read *The Francis Effect – Living the Joy of the Gospel* free online visit www.catholicmission.org.au/thefranciseffect

To order a print copy call 1800 257 296 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au

Tour of Elizabeth Bay House: 4 March

Enjoy a day out with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Built for the Colonial Secretary, Elizabeth Bay House is a superb example of colonial architecture and is elegantly furnished with the interiors representing 19th Century life. Cost: \$35 includes entry and morning tea. Lunch at Doyle's at Watsons Bay (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Book early to avoid disappointment – deposit of \$20 required. Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au

Sisterhood Conference: 7-9 March

Sisterhood is a national Catholic women's movement that seeks to support women from all walks and stages of life. Sisterhood operates under the banner of the St Benedict's Eucharist Centre in Canberra and Fr Ken Barker MGL is the spiritual director. The conference draws together women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, reflection, formation and fellowship. The program includes keynote speakers, workshops, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, adoration and prayer.

Speakers: Sr Mary Rachel OP, Katie Kobler, Anna Krohn, Patrick Langrell, Karen Doyle, Fr Steve Fletcher MGL, Francine Pirola, Trish McCarthy. Venue: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Cost: \$225 includes meals & accommodation. BYO sheets, towels, toiletries, etc. Further information and registrations: Felicity Pollard tel 0420 541 772, info@sisterhood.org.au

Faith at the Fiddler: 13 March

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the friendly and warm atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. Speaker: Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College, Toongabbie. Topic: Theology of the Body – Answering the Deeper Questions; the Meaning of Sex and the Body. Time: 5pm-7pm. Venue: The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 16 March

God in the Lodge: The religious beliefs of Australia's Prime Ministers. Speaker: Roy Williams, lawyer and author of the international best-seller *God, Actually*. Starts 2.30pm, admission free, no membership required. 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

Central Coast tour with pelican feeding: 1 April

Enjoy a day out on the Central Coast with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Cost: \$30 includes morning tea and pelican feeding. Lunch at Digger's at The Entrance (own expense). Bus departs 8.30am at 20 Virgil St and 8.35am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Book early to avoid disappointment – deposit of \$20 required. Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au

Batemans Bay Tour: 4-6 April

Enjoy this three-day tour to Batemans Bay with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Travel via Wollongong and Ulladulla, visit Mogo Zoo and Mogo Goldrush Village, St Bernard's Church for Sunday Mass, enjoy a three-hour scenic cruise.

Inclusions:

- * Two nights' accommodation at the Bay Waters Holiday Resort;
- * Dinner on Friday and Saturday night;
- * Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning;
- * Morning tea on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and
- * All entry fees and cruise fees.

Cost: \$395 per person twin share (+\$80 single supplement). **Deposit: \$100 payable by 4 March.** For more information contact Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday the 25th February, I had the pleasure of accompanying 24 students as they attended the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival at Hawkesbury Pool, Windsor.

The students showed great respect and reverence at the beginning of the day participating well during the National Anthem and Opening Pray. Throughout the day students demonstrated great sportsmanship, encouragement towards their peers while they swam, congratulating each other on their achievements and staying at the pools even though they may have swam their race. It was wonderful to see the generous nature and spirit of these children throughout the day.

Every child swam their best on such a beautiful sunny day breaking many personal best records. As the students finished their race they walked over to their gathering area with a massive smile on their face.

I would like to congratulate the children on their wonderful behaviour, sportsmanship and positive attitude throughout the day. We have many rising stars in the OLA community and look forward to seeing their growth.

A special thank you to the parents who were able to support the students throughout the day and I know they greatly appreciated your attendance, support and encouragement.

A special mention needs to go to Jesse Eldred who will be competing at the Zone Carnival at Blacktown Pools today (Friday). We wish him well as he competes at the next level.

Miss Grima



Late News!!!!

Congratulations to Jesse Eldred who competed at the Zone Carnival today. Jesse narrowly missed going to the next level as he came fourth by only 0.3s. We are so proud of you.

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MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Year 7 2015



The enrolment period for Year 7 2015 opens on Monday 3 March, 2014 and closes on Friday 11 April, 2014.

Enrolment Packages may be collected from the Marian College office during school hours from Monday 3 March. Students with siblings already at Marian College may collect an Enrolment Package from the school office. All Year 6 students currently attending St Angela's, OLOR, St Madeleine's and Our Lady of the Angels will receive an Enrolment Package at their school, during the week commencing 24 February, 2014.

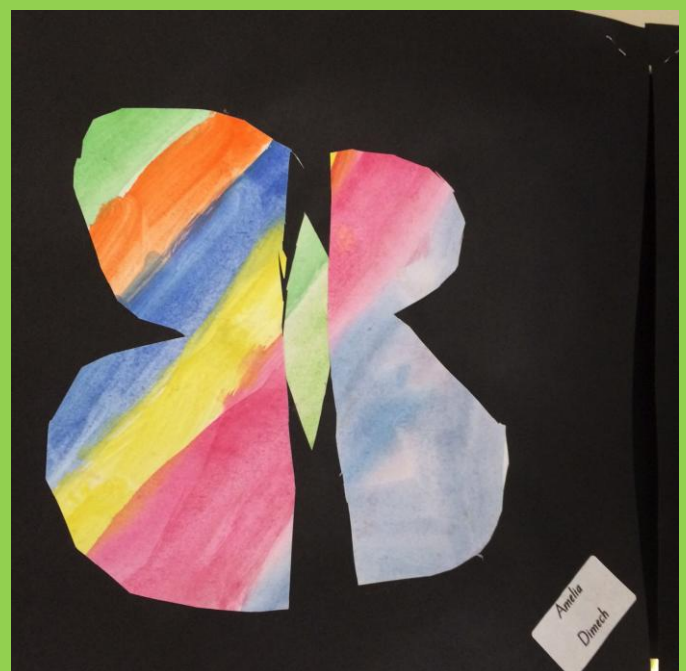
Applications should be **fully completed and lodged** at the College **by Friday 11 April, 2014**. Failure to provide a completed application form or supporting documentation may delay the processing of applications and enrolment offers. Late applications will only be accepted if there are unfilled places. Any enquiries can be directed to Enrolment Secretary on 9654 6700.

INFORMATION AND OPEN EVENING:

There will be an **INFORMATION AND OPEN EVENING** for prospective students and their parents at the College on **Tuesday 11 March, 2014**. **TOURS OF THE SCHOOL** will run continuously from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The **INFORMATION SESSION** with the Principal will be held in the Hall from 4:45pm till 5:15pm.

From the classroom... this week featuring Year 3B

Year Three has been working on a study of Eric Carle, as part of our 'Mini Worlds' science unit. We are using some of Carle's techniques to create our own mini beast artworks. Here are some of the butterflies 3B created using watercolours.



From the Parish Office...

Bloke's Night

All "Bloke's" are invited to a men-only night TONIGHT at 7.30pm in the Presbytery at 18 Milford Drive. Fr Warren and Fr Joby are providing drinks - just BYO nibblies for an evening of cards and getting to know you.

Ash Wednesday - 5 March

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation but you are strongly encouraged to attend, receive the ashes and start the season of Lent in this holy way. There will be masses held at **9am, 10am** (school mass) and **7.30pm**.

Lenten Reflection

As Lent is approaching soon, Fr Warren will be presenting a Lenten Reflection every Wednesday night throughout Lent beginning March 12 at 7.30pm. Please advise the Parish office if you would like to join in.

Friday Youth Night

Every Friday Night, the Youth hang out from 7-9pm. All students Year 6 and older are invited to come along. There will be hang out, pizza, and catechesis. Come along and get to know other Youth from our Parish. Every Friday (except First Friday) meeting in the OOSH room. Cost: \$5-

DON'T FORGET

Next Friday is the First Friday of March for First Friday Mass and Devotion at 7.00pm.

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.

Confessions:

9:30 am Sat, OLA Church

Baptisms & weddings: By appointment

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr Joby Kadambattuparambil Ittira

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

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App of the Week

rED Writing- Learn to write.

\$2.99

This app is great for students to practise their letter formation.



Literacy Hint -

It all starts with reading aloud to your child. You cannot overestimate the importance of this. The more words your child hears from the beginning of their life, the bigger their vocabulary will be — which will pave the way when they learn to read for themselves. Listening comprehension comes before reading comprehension.

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

Eva La Rocca,

Principal

Congratulations to the following students...

Term 1 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Joshua Roberston	Harrison Fiorio	Thomas Cutuk
Kinder G	Denison Cu	Katia Lesar	Taylor Cummings
Kinder W	Madison Zahra	Isobel Clarke	Boston Roberts
Year 1B	Nate Davis	Madeleine Wilson	Ava Grayson
Year 1 G	Jonathon Fuda	Christian Vargas	Braithe Mander
Year 1W	Kiara Wijaya	Marissa Farrugia	Chloe Hill
Year 2 B	Georgia Domars	Zachary Sprowles	Heidi Papandrea
Year 2 W	Gabriella Muscat	Felix Beegan	Melissa Brooke
Year 3 B	Jenson Perry	Max Kelly	Connor Knowles
Year 3 G	Isaac Sultana	Millie Edwards	Nicola Topic
Year 3 W	Charlie Hallal	Shanae Makumbe	Sascha Strykowski
Year 4 B	Jordan Sanborn	Ryan Muscat	Angus Misk
Year 4 W	Rex Finch	Ashton Stacey	Alexandra Mercado
Year 5/6 B	Joseph Awadalla	Emma Corey	Angelina Cutuk
Year 5/6 W	Samuel Fitzgerald	Bethany Webb	Angelina Taleski