

# NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents,

Some of you might remember that I recently became a grandmother. Little Lilliana is just perfect, an absolute delight that has brought untold joy into our lives. I mentioned to my mum that I worry about her, as we all worry about those we love. My mum replied with, "Why do you worry? She's in God's hands – we all are!" *Why didn't I remember that?* I chided myself.



Today I received the sad news that a colleague and friend passed away – a strong woman, a loving mother with a family, an excellent educator and a woman of faith. This is, as in all such situations, a sad time for friends and family – in particular her elderly mum and dad as they prepare to bury their daughter. Many times we hear of tragedies and wonder, 'Why?' Whether newly born, midway or at the end of a life, we are in God's hands. In good times and in times of struggle, we are in God's hands and all that comes our way is part of God's plan for us to earn our place in Heaven. As long as we keep the faith, we have no reason to be concerned.

*'I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.'*  
2 Timothy 4:7

When our time comes, will we be able to say the same as Timothy?

## Parent Literacy Workshop.

It was a cold night last Tuesday when, after a very long day, staff held a Workshop for parents on Literacy in the classroom K-6. I have never experienced a time when so many members of staff have been so ill and for so long. Despite this, shoestring staff managed to hold it together to carry on through the evening. The evening was attended by very few but grateful parents. The following is one of the emails received.

*"I just wanted to leave feedback from last night about the meeting we had with the teachers. Firstly, Thank you for organising the night, I found it informative and beneficial. I appreciate the time given to us parents to help us understand where our children are heading with their education. I have a son and he doesn't tell me what he does at school unless I ask 20 questions. So I look forward to these meetings so I can help him at home as well. Coming from another school I find the communication great, especially with his class teacher."*  
Such messages of appreciation makes the teachers' hard and demanding job all the more worthwhile.

## First Holy Communion

In a couple of weeks, most of our Year 3 students will be receiving Jesus' body and blood at their First Communion. Please keep these children in your prayers.



# PYJAMA DAY

Wear your pyjamas to school and help a great cause!!!

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Bring in a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards DWF.  
Remember to wear sensible footwear.



Thank you ©  
SRC and Mrs Callaghan

Dates to Remember	
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June:</b>	Pyjama Day –Students wear their PJs to school and bring gold coin donation
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June:</b>	Athletics Carnival
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June:</b>	Photo make-up day
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	Public Holiday

## The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - May 31<sup>st</sup>



This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In Sunday's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.



### Gospel Reflection Matthew 28: 16-20

*The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity invites us to remember that God has revealed himself to us as one God in three Persons. As Jesus departed from his disciples, he shared with them the power to make disciples of all nations. He taught his disciples to invite others to share in the life of the blessed Trinity by sharing with others the gift of Baptism. This continues to be the mission of the Church. Each of us who has been baptized shares in the life of the blessed Trinity and also shares in the Church's mission of inviting others to share in God's love.

*Have a great weekend with your family.*

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Coordinator ☺

Monday is  
**Pyjama Day**

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR PYJAMAS TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY AND BRING IN A GOLD COIN DONATION FOR DWF FUNDRAISING. Please remember your children need to wear sensible footwear. Thank you for your generosity. ☺**



**st. Vinnies Winter Appeal  
2015**



We are asking you to bring in donations of warm blankets to help those in need.

**Please bring your donations into your classroom in Week 7**

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

Thank you ☺

SRC and Mrs Callaghan



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 – KRAKOW

LAST WEEK, THE OLDEST CHILD IN EACH FAMILY WAS GIVEN RAFFLE TICKETS TO RAISE MONEY FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016. EACH SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO RAISING A CERTAIN AMOUNT THAT GOES TOWARDS THE COST OF SENDING A PILGRIM TO KRAKOW. PLEASE RETURN TICKETS, SOLD OR UNSOLD, BY FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. THIS YEAR WE ARE HOPING TO SEND ONE OF OUR OWN STAFF TO KRAKOW. THANK YOU, IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

### AN EMAIL...

*'Just thought I'd let you know how disgusting a parents performance was this morning (Thursday) as they had clearly got to school late. At 8.53am I saw a vehicle with registration number (REG no) 4WD (make and model and colour). This was driven by a female driver. Pulling up at kiss and drop doing at least 30km/h and obviously frustrated at the normal pace others were going, has overtaken another vehicle harshly, so much so causing her tyres to screech. Her child/children got out whilst she again zoomed out of the car park. I was not close enough to say anything otherwise I certainly would have. I think the way in which (some) parents drive in and around the school is disgraceful given the age and amount of children. I realize there is very little that can be done, although naming and shaming may work, I'd thought I'd just bring it to your attention at least. ...FROM A CONCERNED PARENT*

FOUR PIECES OF VITAL INFORMATION PROVIDED HAVE BEEN OMITTED FROM THIS LETTER. LET'S HOPE THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME WITH FULL DETAILS.



I think I can say, with certainty, that all the parents at the school have the usual morning challenges in getting children up and dressed, fed and ready for school. Some mornings are more challenging than others. This doesn't give anyone licence to behave so dangerously and with such arrogance as described above. I have seen it for myself, at times. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who observe the rules in the interest of safety of ALL children.

### Athletics Carnival

A reminder that next Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we will be holding our athletics carnival at Centenary Oval, diagonally across from the school. All children are to come to school before the carnival to have their names marked off by their teachers, except for those students competing in the 800m race. If your child is competing in the 800m race and you are not able to drop them at the oval at 8.20am, please make sure your child comes to the office by 8.15am so that a teacher can walk them across the road. All other students will be walked to the oval with their class teacher. If you have not returned your child's permission slip, please make sure that it is returned to school on Monday.



### **Social skill**

The new social skill for this fortnight is:

**Taking turns** The focus is on ensuring children are aware that turn taking is fair and that they do not always need to be first. A good way to reinforce this is when you are playing a game with your child, make sure there are times when you go first and that they don't always win the game. Losing graciously is a very important life skill and one that we need to model.

### **ICAS – SCIENCE**

The Science ICAS competition is this Wednesday. Please be at school at 7.50am ready for 7.55am sharp start in the Year 4 classroom. Students need to bring a pencil and eraser with them.

### **Makeup Day for School Photos**

The date for the makeup photos is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, so if your child was away on photo day, they will have their photo taken then. I will send a separate email home for those children.

### **School Fees**

Term 2 school fees are not due and payable. If you are experiencing any difficulties at all, please contact Mrs Goldsworthy as soon as possible.

**Sibling Acceptance Forms** for 2016 are now due. Please return next week if you haven't already done so.

### **Uniform**

If anyone has any of the winter scrunchies or headbands lying around at home and they do not want them, could you please send them into the office as we use them to make extra girls' tab ties.

Also we have about 10 jackets/jumpers in the office with NO NAME on them. If you have lost a jumper and you know that you did not put your child's name on it, please let me know and I will see if I have that size here. Thanks



**The OLA WALKATHON is coming!**



Our major school fundraiser for this year is a Walk-a-thon, which will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The Walk-a-thon engages students in fun physical activity while building school community spirit.

We need lots of parent helpers to assist along the track, for the BBQ and serving lunch, as well as counting money over the week. There is something for everyone!

Please email [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out in any way!

Keep your eye out for the Sponsorship card and further details which will be coming next week!



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### **SPECIAL TREATS 2015**

We are organising the roster for Terms 3 and 4. Are you able to give 45 minutes of your Friday from 1.20pm once or twice a term? No experience necessary, just a friendly smile and a small amount of time. Toddlers are welcome!

If you are already on the roster, please let us know if you would like to be included again. Please forward your **name and contact number** to Annemarie Bond at [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com)

Thank you for your contributions so far and we look forward to meeting you in the near future!

Kind Regards,  
OLA P&F Committee



## FROM THE CLASSROOM...

### It's a bug's life! By KW

Students in Kindergarten have been learning about living things and their environment. We have also been reading many information texts during our shared reading time that have focused on different animal groups, one being insects. The children have had the opportunity to write about different animals too.

Here are a few of our ladybug artworks to go with our Natural Environment unit.



### From the Parish Office...

#### We're fundraising with Entertainment

The Parish are also fundraising with the Entertainment Books. You can now purchase the books as a hardcopy or an electronic copy. This can be purchased through the link on our Website or you can contact the parish office.

#### First Holy Communion

For those children who are receiving their First Communion next Saturday 7 June, you have a rehearsal on Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Please try and take your child along to Reconciliation prior to their First Communion. Reconciliations are held at OLA after the 9am Mass on Saturdays. Other parishes have reconciliation at different times - check their website for details.

#### Pilgrimage to a Shine

You are invited to join members of our Parish as we journey on a Pilgrimage to a Shrine of Our Lady at Kenthurst Study Centre on Sunday 31 May. We will be meeting at the Church at 2 pm to depart together shortly thereafter. We will finish the pilgrimage with afternoon tea. Please rsvp by email to the parish office.

#### Baptism Seminar

For those families wishing to Baptise their children at OLA, you are invited to come along to a Baptism Seminar on this Sunday after the 10am Mass.

#### Can you help??

Fr Warren requires the use of a truck this weekend to move an altar and pool table from the old Presbytery at Milford Drive to Terry Road. If you can help, please contact Rose on 0417 675 099.

*Thank you*

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Mass times:**

**Sat vigil:** 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

**Weekdays:** Mon -Sat: 9 am

**Email:** parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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### Literacy Hint -

Use TV as a bridge to reading. Be quick to capitalise on favourite programs by using them to spark off new reading interests. If the children are mad on cartoons, turn first to comics. If they show interest in a documentary on animals, hunt for books about them in the library.



Congratulations to Claudia Coombes who is the NSW Medicare U10's Doubles Tennis Champion.

Well done Claudia. You are amazing.

*God bless and keep you safe over the weekend.*

*Eva La Rocca,*

*Principal*

**Student  
of the  
Week'  
awards**

Term 2 Week 6			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Olivia Ross	Ileesha Gunasekara	Nicholas Achis
Kinder G	Tahniah Arora	Michael Fuda	Solomon Sloane
Kinder W	Hudson Baker	Luke Smyth	Maddix Laborte
Year 1B	Jett Laborte	Emily Lenane	Dylan Lopresti
Year 1 G	Lara Kelly	Mitchell Ross	Emma Cleary
Year 1W	Georgia Parsell	Macy Owen	Charlotte Anderson
Year 2 B	Sienna Fallone	Angelica Manago	Mia-Bella Trifiro
Year 2 G	Jericho Ciera	Joshua Streater	Zachary Nicholls
Year 2 W	Denzel Chang	Makiah Arora	Jonathon Fuda
Year 3 B	Christian Garofano	Nicholas Kamber	John Paul Doueihy
Year 3 W	Thomas Lenane	Marcus Odd	Giaan Lee
Year 4 B	Owen Huber	Nicola Topic	Amelia Dimech
Year 4 G	Jesse Eldred	Thomas Dobaj	Beatrice Espejo
Year 4 W	Ashley Cummings	Lucas Lesar	Chiara Fallone
Year 5/6 B	Madison Lee	Rebecca Charlesworth	Ashley Graham
Year 5/6 G	Blake Tickell	Elise Ewer	Michael Blazey
Year 5/6 W	Angus Misek	Kaitlin Wagner	Jack Hudson

