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Week 6 Term 1

9th March, 2018

*"There where you are, God is". St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week has been jammed with extra fun and learning activities. Here are some images from the Year 6 Leadership Retreat, STEM Fun Day and Community Rug Reading



Let us pray...

Loving God, we know that you are always with us. May we carry the light of Christ in our hearts, in our minds and in our deeds, and may our school continue to be a place where we learn to serve you with love, kindness, joy, truth and justice. Amen.

## Dates to Remember

<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	St Patrick's Day – Green Mufti Day; Infants Assembly 2W
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	OLA Cross Country – Centenary Oval
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	2019 Kindergarten Information Night – NEW FAMILIES ONLY
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Whole School Stations of the Cross at the Friary
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Holy Thursday. Easter Hat Parade 12pm
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	DanceFever Interschool Challenge – 5.30pm at Homebush
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	End of School Term

Changes to the calendar: -**Cross Country NOW Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

NEWSLETTER

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Gospel Reflection (Jn 3:14-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life  
in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the world  
men have shown they prefer  
darkness to the light  
because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong  
hates the light and avoids it,  
for fear his actions should be exposed;  
but the man who lives by the truth  
comes out into the light,  
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

### Lent-A time to Pray, Fast and Almsgiving

*Lord Jesus,  
I ask you to open my eyes as you did with the  
blind man, so that I may really see.  
Tune my ears as you did with the man who was  
deaf and dumb, so that I may really hear what  
you are saying to me.  
May the many experiences of my senses remind  
me to be aware of others and of all that is around  
me.  
May all that I experience lead me closer to You.*

*Amen*



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Being God's handiwork means God took great pride and care in creating us. What are some of your gifts and talents – characteristics that God takes great pride in? Do you feel awkward when you are asked to list your gifts and talents? Why or why not? We were created in Christ to do good works. What are some good works you have already participated in? What are some needs in your school, in your family, in your neighbourhood, in your country and in your world? What is one good work you can focus on doing in the near future? God created a path for us beforehand, so that we might walk on it. Do you think God created a very specific path for each individual? Or do you think God created a very general path of goodness so that each individual might find his or her own way to walk?

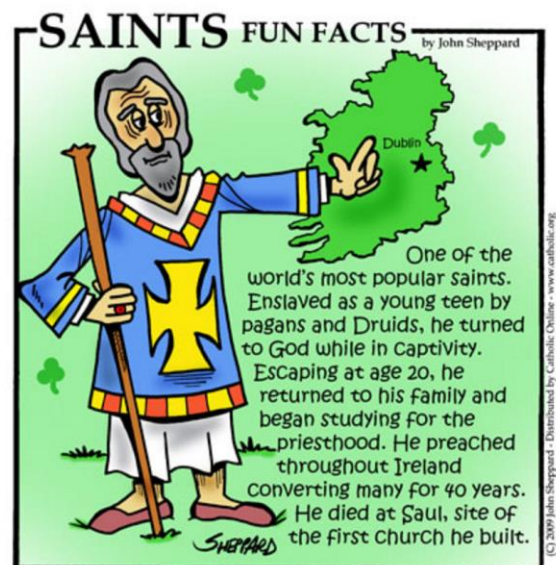
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### *St Patrick's Feast Day- 17th March*

#### **ST PATRICK'S DAY @ OLA**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, OLA will be remembering the kindness St Patrick showed to others, through our annual 'Green Mufti Day'. Students are asked to wear green mufti to celebrate St Patrick's Day and bring in a gold coin to add to our pot of gold. All money donated will go to Project Compassion, our social justice fundraiser for Term 1. School leaders and SRC students from each grade have been busy organising fun activities for all K-6 students to participate in on the day.

**9am Year 1 St Patrick's Day prayer**



*St. Patrick*





## Walk Safely to School Day – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

OLA will be taking part in the “Walk Safely to School” project. This involves a sticker and poster competition. There will be 10 winners! There will be two winners from each stage- (K), (Y1-Y2), (Y3-Y4), (Y5-Y6) One winner for sticker design and one winner for poster design. The winning designs will be printed and made into posters and stickers to be distributed on 18<sup>th</sup> May- Walk Safely to School Day.

The posters and stickers are to be made with the theme promoting Active Travel Walk (or cycle) Safely to School. We ask the children to include a slogan of 3-5 words on this theme within their poster designs. The stickers can be a slogan and artwork or just artwork. The sticker template for the competition is attached, the designs for the posters are to be done on **blank A4** sheets.

All entries need to be handed to your classroom teacher by **Friday 23rd March**. The winners will be announced **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

Good luck! Miss Crozier

## Mindfulness at OLA

The photos below show Year Two displaying mindfulness in a small group setting and dutifully caring for their mindful plant.



Our STEM day today began with students exploring interdependence and co-constructing success criteria for integrating mindfulness into a fun day of science learning. Interdependence is one of 16 Habits of Mind. The Habits of Mind were developed to help students cultivate an awareness of their thinking and provides a framework for developing visible thinking and problem solving. The following link describes why the Habits of Mind were developed and how they can help students in an ever-changing world. The second link is an introduction to interdependence for students.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=110&v=z3mQon6b2z0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=110&v=z3mQon6b2z0)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftXOZ05SGiM>

Terina Macare

## Parent Library

Our school library has a shelf that holds a selection of great books related to parenting. The library will be open from 8.30 am on Mondays and Tuesdays and from 8.45 am on Fridays. Parents are welcome to drop in to browse and borrow books from this shelf.



## From the office.....

**Absent Notes** – If your child is away for any reason, an absent note must be sent to school on their return. This can be done either in writing to the teacher, by email to [ola@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) or by the skoolbag.app. It is a government requirement that the reason must be specific, not just family reasons, or family commitments.

**Family Leave** – If your child is going to be away for 5 days or more, then you need to complete an Application for Exemption form which needs to be submitted to the office, with a copy of your travel documents (eg flight details) and a Certificate of Exemption will be sent home to you. If it is less than 5 days, then a letter prior to leaving to the office/teacher needs to be sent in with the respective dates. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Withdrawal from School** – It is part of the CEDP Policy that a term's notice in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. Please give as much notice as possible to avoid being charged.

**Early Collection from School** – If you need to collect your child early from school, please **DO NOT** ring the office and ask us to have them here waiting for you. We will only call for the children once you have arrived.

**Winter Uniform** – Just for the new families at school, the students will go into their winter uniform in Term 2, Week 3, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Winter uniform will be available in the uniform shop towards the end of this term.

*Head Lice – Head lice is a part of school life unfortunately. We have had a few cases of head lice in the school and so it is a timely reminder to check your child's hair for any eggs or lice and treat them accordingly. Please be aware that if we are aware of head lice at school, we will call parents to come and collect their child and treat their hair. They can return the next day, once they have been treated.*

## 2018 Action Plans

All schools in the Parramatta Diocese are required to have Action Plans in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Religious Education. These plans are meant to be short, precise and "dynamically lived" documents (updated at the end of each term), which articulate the school's strategic work in the areas of Formation and Literacy and Numeracy. The School Action Plans are informed by school data with SMART Learning Goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time targeted), for improving student learning outcomes. School Action Plans form the basis for the professional learning of teachers so that the learning of the students can improve.

In 2018, the Numeracy goal focuses on the children being able to use reasoning and fluency while communicating their understandings when problem solving. The staff will be undergoing further professional learning throughout the year to maintain this focus.

### **Early Years Assessment (EYA)**

Over the next few weeks our students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will participate in an Observation Survey of Early Literacy. These assessments inform the teachers and enables them to plan the teaching and learning experiences for our Infants classes. The assessments also help the school to identify vulnerable students for targeted intervention programs.

God Bless  
Mr Cauchi  
Assistant Principal

## Literacy News

### Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Children can find writing a real challenge. They need encouragement, support and praise for their efforts. You can best support your child by:

- encouraging them to write on every possible occasion, praising their efforts and, importantly, letting them see you writing whenever possible;
- playing word games with them, for example, I spy, Scrabble, Boggle and Find the Word puzzles;
- pointing to interesting or new words as you read to your child (without interrupting the flow of the story);
- composing emails together.

Source: [www.dewarenne.org.uk/documents/download/5430](http://www.dewarenne.org.uk/documents/download/5430)

### Whole School Writing Task:

This week our students completed their first 'Whole School Writing Task'. Teachers will be grading the students' pieces based on their **vocabulary knowledge & aspects of writing**.

**Flying is supposed to be fun, right?**

**Root Word of the Week:** ir- not

**Words of the Week:**

**Infants:** irregular

**Primary:** irreversible

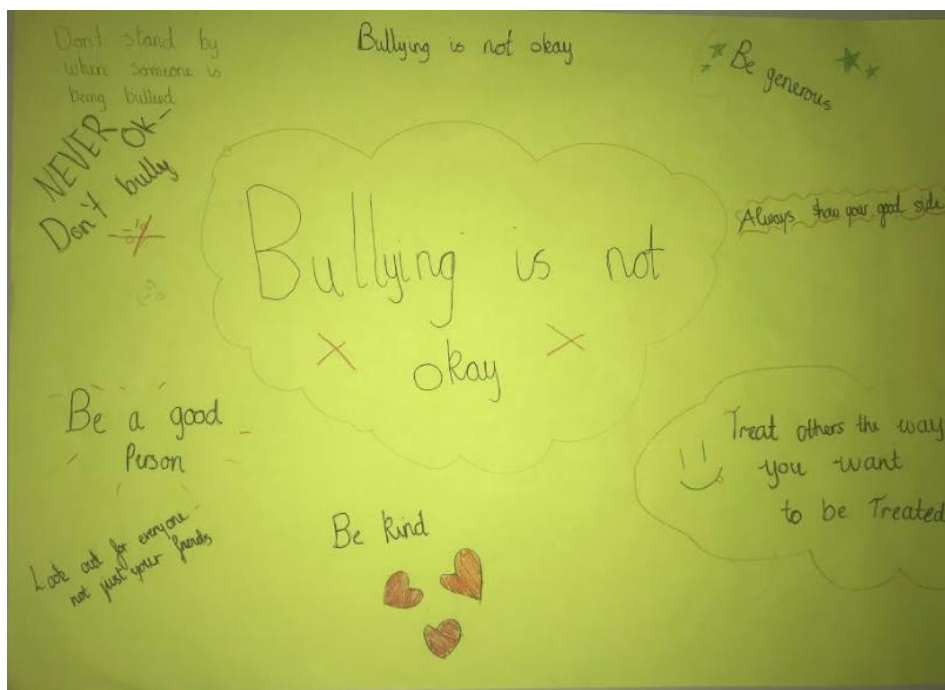
**Rug Reading**-Thank you to our families who attended our first '**Rug Reading**' for the year. What a wonderful way to conclude our 'Catholic Schools Week' celebrations.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



### National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

On Friday 16 March 2018, Australian schools will stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Mini-Vinnies have been busy designing posters to promote this event at OLA. The National Day is a positive day of action, bringing school communities together to help find workable solutions that address bullying and violence. Let's all get on board to support this important initiative!



### 2019 Kindergarten Siblings

If you have a sibling due to start kindergarten next year, can you please send an email to the office with their **name, date of birth and the class of your older child**. We will send home enrolment forms the week of 19<sup>th</sup> March

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - SCHOOL FEES

School Fees have now been posted to our families. The date for the return of the FPP paperwork to CEDP is next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, or alternatively you can accept this offer online at <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> until COB on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Please contact Mrs Goldsworthy if you have any queries about the fees when you receive the accounts.

### 2019 Kindergarten Information Night New Family Only

If you know any new families that are looking at enrolling their child into kindergarten next year, please let them know that our Information Night will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at **7.00pm** in the current kinder space.

### Ticketing for DanceFever Interschool Challenge – Years 3 – 6

We were advised this week that tickets for the DanceFever Interschool Challenge on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April now need to be purchased online through Trybooking.com. A note went home with all children who are attending this evening on Tuesday. If your child is catching the bus, then the school will be purchasing the ticket on your behalf as you have already sent the money through to the office (a further \$2.00 does need to be sent to school as the tickets are now \$8.00 each).

If you are transporting your own child, then you will need to purchase a ticket for yourself and your child.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.



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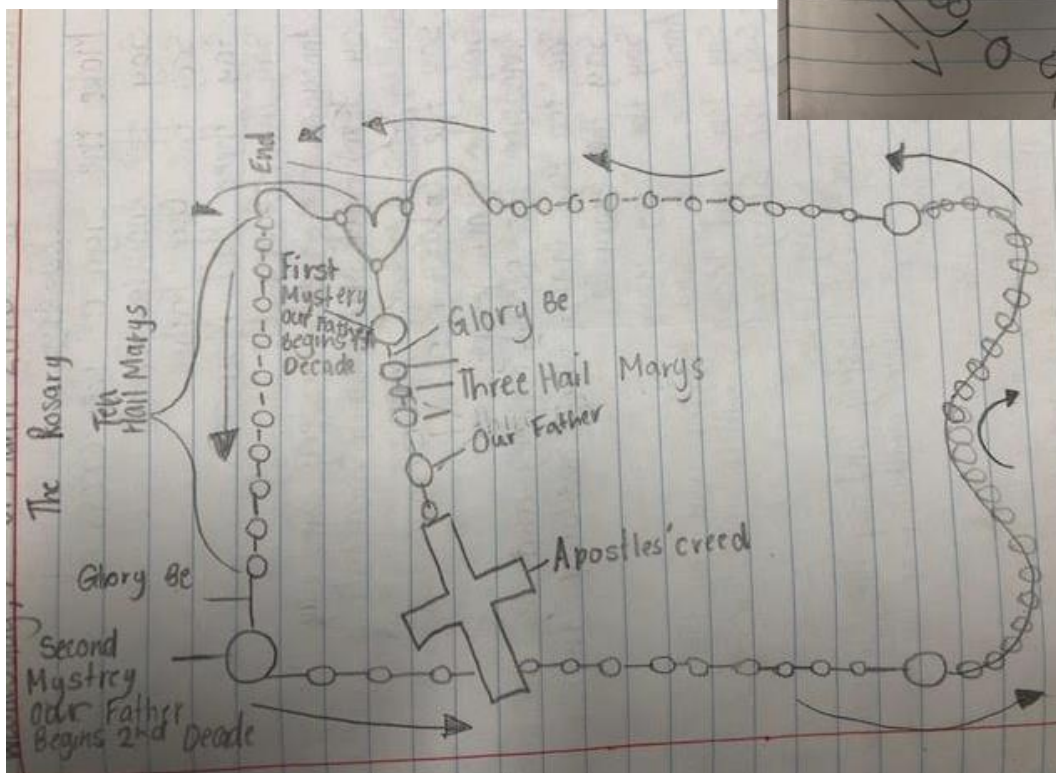
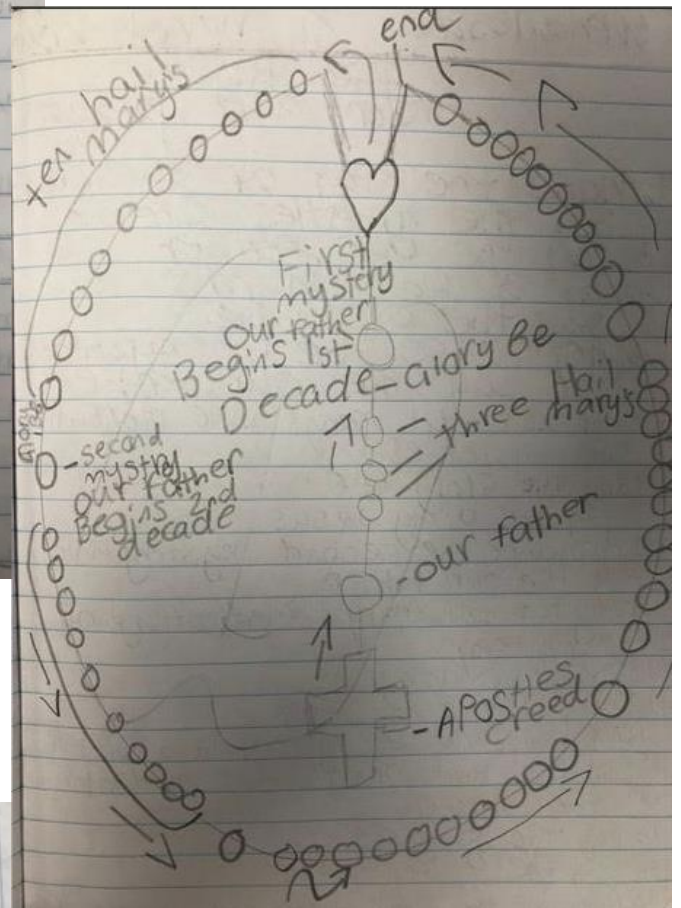
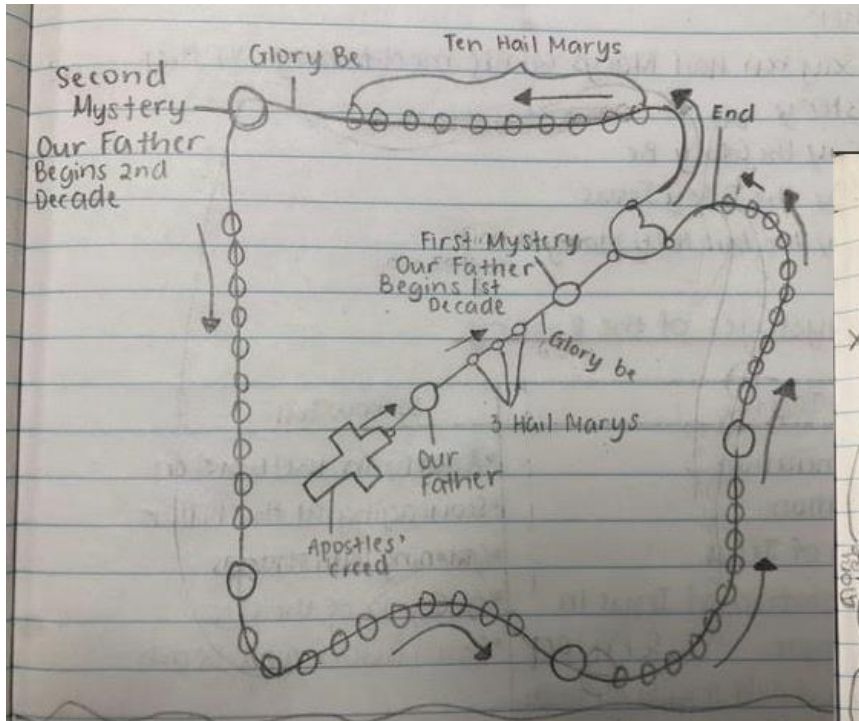
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## From the classroom of 4W

This week in Religion we have been learning about the Rosary. We have learnt about the special prayers we say and the four Mysteries. In our books we drew our own Rosary so we can reflect and pray.





# P&F News



**Volunteers** - All activities organised and planned by our P&F are done by volunteers. Together as a community we provide our children with Special Treats on Fridays, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Mother's Day morning tea, Father's Day breakfast, Grandparents Day to name a few. If you would like to be part of helping in any events, please contact us. We would love to have your help!

**Second Hand Uniform** - Thank you for your generous donations of your second hand uniforms. 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. We are currently doing a stock take of all items, ready for the next uniform sale.

Thank you for the volunteers who said they will help sort the uniforms for the second hand uniform shop. If you can help also, please contact the P&F on Email, Facebook or see one of the P&F representatives.



## Special Treats - Ice blocks



Thank you to the volunteers on special treats on 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Kelly Cleary, Paula Lopez, Bianca Basile, Belinda Connellan,  
Prasangi Gunasekara, Natalie Dolahenty

THANK YOU to those that contacted us to volunteer. Your help is much appreciated! If you would like to be added as a volunteer for special treats, let us know.



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*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*

## **Coles Sports for Schools**

Don't forget to collect your vouchers  
when you spend \$10 or more at Coles.

## **Book Covering**

If you are able to assist with covering some library books, please see us in the office. We supply the contact.

Thanks,



### ***From the Parish Office...***

#### **First Communions 2018**

Please note the first Parent only session will commence on Thursday, May 3rd at 7.30pm.

#### **Youth - Dance Party**

Year 6 students are invited to come along to tonight's Dance Party commencing at 7pm. \$5- entry for non-members. Friends \*DJ \*

Dancing\*Fun\*

Food and Drinks on sale.

#### **Good Friday**

Each year OLA present to the Parish the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday morning.

The Youth Group presents this enactment for the Parish.

The Youth require some extra help in presenting this to the Parish and have asked if there would be any students and their friends from Year 6 who might want to take part. There will be rehearsals on Sundays at 4pm. Please contact the Youth at youth@ourladyoftheangels.org.au or you can just show up at the rehearsal.

#### **Bingo**

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night - Saturday, 17 March after the 5.30pm Mass. BYO: nibblies & drink.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Held every Friday night throughout Lent at 7pm. This is a great way to do that something extra for Lent.

#### **EASTER SERVICES at OLA**

Palm Sunday: normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am

Confessions available after the stations

The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday evening 7.00pm

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

#### **OLA Playgroup**

Operating weekly from the OLA Community - all ages are welcome. Every Thursday morning 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. For further info contact Melissa 0425 423 680.

***Congratulations to the McKee Family (Elizabeth 1G) on the birth of their new daughter and sister, Elouise***



#### **Bootcamp**

Congratulations to Ben Roffmann for receiving our first Encouragement Awards for Bootcamp



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

Term 1 Week 6			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Natalia Zahorsky	Zachary Ormsby	Lachlan Heaney
Year 3 G	Maddix Laborte	Camryn Sammut	Kobe Coombes
Year 3 W	Chloe Holden	Claire Sievwright	Maxim Stankiewicz
Year 4 B	Sophia Dobaj	Michelangelot La	Sarah McKeever
Year 4 G	Ben Roffmann	Maya Cauchi	Georgia Falzon
Year 4 W	Raymon Chayban	Janiya De La Cruz	Ava Carney
Year 5 B	Isabel Williams	Kimberly Mabhena	Jared Cleland
Year 5G	Leila Balangon	Andre Dabit	Georgia Nemitsas
Year 5W	Lauren Eyles	Marcus Castellan	Bowen Cleary
Year 6 B	Gavin Casino	Alisa Adhihetty	Ella Owen
Year 6 W	Kalan Oxspring	Nicholas Kamber	Zac Lesar