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Week 9 Term 3

12th Sept, 2014

Dear Parents,

What a great week we have had – so much to celebrate and be thankful for. You may have seen something doing the rounds on social media recently where people are asked to express three things they are grateful for each day for seven days. I think this is a wonderful habit to get into – to think about the little things in life and to thank God for these gifts.

This week I am grateful for:

1. Being part of such an amazing community where the teachers, parents and students work together to be the best we can be. We don't always get it right but we strive to be constantly improving and learning from our mistakes.
2. The generosity of time and spirit given by our teachers. This has been especially evident this week with late night conferences, attendance by many staff at the Dance Fever competition on Wednesday night and the support of the candidates for Confirmation at tonight's ceremony.
3. Witnessing the placement of the cross on top of the Church on Wednesday morning. It gave me goosebumps to see such a significant event in the life of our school and parish.

What are you grateful for? Take some time over the weekend to express your gratitude. It may make some of the worries in our life a little less significant if we recognise and appreciate what we have.



This week, families have had the opportunity to meet with their class teacher to celebrate the learning successes of their child and to set learning goals for the rest of the year. Please remember to take the time to read the weekly communication sheets prepared by the teachers, as these are also a valuable source of information in regards to what your child is learning about in class. Many parents new to our school make special mention of how fortunate they are to have this weekly communication.

At today's assembly, the recipients of the Term 3 Principal's awards were announced. These are students who have been nominated by their teacher for their work ethic, positive attitude and all round effort. They will celebrate in style on Wednesday with a special morning tea. Congratulations to:

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| KB - Matilda Wallis | 3B - Trinity Johnston |
| KG - Justin Medjumarac | 3G - Joel Webb |
| KW - Isobel Clarke | 3W - Sebastian Mileto |
| 1B - Makiah Arora | 4B - Darci Buxton |
| 1G - Marcus Castellan | 4W - William Anderson |
| 1W - Tobin Kroeger | 5/6B - Joseph Awadalla |
| 2B - Zac Sprowles | 5/6W - Elise Ewer |
| 2W - Alisa Adhihetty | |

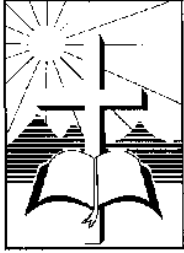


Have a wonderful week
Cathy Hey
Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember

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| Mon 15 th Sept | Make-up School Photo Day |
| Wed 17 th Sept | Principal's Morning Tea |
| Fri 19 th Sept | Last day of Term 3 |
| Tues 7 th Oct | First day of Term 4 |

NEWSLETTER



Gospel Reflection The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and 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.'

In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift. God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life at the moment of the decision.

This Weekend with your Children...

Remind your children of how proud you are of them. Point out that often achievements and accomplishments are signified by the presentation of trophies, medals, ribbons, or certificates. Show some examples of such awards in your family's possession. Say, We have one other symbol in our home that celebrates a victory that we all can share in. Show a cross or crucifix that you keep on display in your home. Talk about what the word exaltation means—to raise high, to lift up, to sing praise to. Explain the significance of this feast day to your children.

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

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DON'T FORGET... This Tuesday evening, **16<sup>th</sup> September**, there will be an information night for parents of children who will be completing their First Reconciliation this year in November. It will commence at 7:30 p.m. I encourage all parents of children in Year 2 (and older students who have not completed this Sacrament) to attend.  
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Show someone your gratitude for their existence this weekend!


Mr Andrew Baker ☺

Family 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 is one small shelf 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 to the **Garcia Family** for sponsoring this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Scoulou Family**.



Our prayers are with Miss G who get married this weekend. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Arayon after the holidays.



Congratulations to Mrs Meyer and her husband on the birth of their baby daughter yesterday, Ariana Jane Meyer, weighing 3.1 kgs.



Welcome to Mrs Karen Brand to our school who is replacing Mrs Hayley Flemming for Japanese, as she awaits the birth of her baby in the coming weeks.

Saint of the Week: Birth Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day: September 8th

Born: (around) September 8, 20 B.C.

We do not usually celebrate the birthdays of the saints. Instead we celebrate the day they died, because that is the day they were born into the joys of heaven.

But the birthday of Mary, our Blessed Mother, is special. We celebrate her birthday because she came into this world full of grace and because she was to be the Mother of Jesus.

The birth of Our Lady was like a dawn. When the sky starts to turn a rosy pink early in the morning, we know the sun will soon come up.

In the same way, when Mary was born, she brought great happiness to the world. Her birth meant that soon Jesus, the Sun of justice, would appear.

Mary was the wonderful human being who was chosen to bring the Lord Jesus to all people.

Even today, if we have Mary, we have Jesus. Whoever is very faithful to her is very close to the heart of Jesus.

Have a happy and holy weekend. ☺

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan

(Sourced and modified from <http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/>)



Confirmation, a sacrament of initiation, establishes young adults as full-fledged members of the faith.

This sacrament is called *Confirmation* because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During your Baptism, the parents and Godparents promise to renounce Satan and believe in God and the Church on the child's behalf. At Confirmation, the candidate renews those same promises, this time speaking for themselves.

During Confirmation, the focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith. We, as Catholics, believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms Catholics during the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives them the same gifts. Traditionally, the seven *gifts* of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are supernatural graces given to the soul.

Over the next two Friday nights many of our OLA students are being confirmed. We pray for these students and their families. Thank you to the staff members who are attending to support the children.

Social Skill

The social skill for this fortnight is saying sorry:

- Decide if you should say sorry
- Think about whether you will say it in person or write a note
- Choose a good time or place
- Look at the person and use a clear voice



FYI- we held an evacuation drill on Thursday to ensure our procedures are efficient and follow the necessary protocols. You'll be pleased to know that the entire school population was evacuated in 5 minutes.

Boot Campers of the Week

Congratulations to Bailey Christoffel and Kristian Skoljarev for being our boot campers of the week.

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.

Dance Fever

On Wednesday night approximately 45 primary students attended the Dance Fever Interschool Competition at Homebush. It was a fantastic night with a wonderful atmosphere. It is such a delight to see the children all dressed up and having such wholesome fun. Thanks to Mr Baker, Miss Grima, Mrs Monks and Mrs Hurst who came along and supported the students.



Next Tuesday morning will be an opportunity for the infants parents to come along and have a look at what their children have been learning in Dance Fever this term. There will be an infants performance from 9.00 – 10.00. Be prepared to be amazed!

Terra Sancta Fun Day

Today Stage Three had the privilege of participating in Terra Sancta Day. We celebrated the graduating Year 12 students of 2014. OLA had the special job of preparing the gifts for the Year 12 students which was to paint a piece of pottery in school colours and create a box to hold it. We wrote inspirational thoughts and prayers for the Year 12 students. Our students behaved beautifully during the moving mass, whereby plenty of talent was shown off by the Terra Sancta students. Our students also showed great pride in handing out the gifts which they had prepared during the guard of honour, where all the participating primary schools stood to congratulate Year 12.

At the end of the ceremony, we all got to visit the stalls and make a purchase if we wanted to. The show bags proved to be a popular stall with many of our students returning with some goodies to be shared at home.

We look forward to being part of future Terra Sancta ceremonies. A great time was had by all.



Late Arrivals/Early Leavers

Whilst sometimes it is unavoidable, it is really important that wherever possible appointments are made out of school time to ensure uninterrupted and consistent learning time is maintained. All partial absences are recorded on the class roll which is a legal document. School hours are from 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Head Lice

We have had quite a few cases of head lice throughout the school. With the school holidays coming up, it is a good time to really check your child's hair and treat it if necessary.

Lost Property

At the end of the term, all lost property with no name on it will go to the second hand uniform shop. Please check the lost property bin at the student admin entrance if your child has lost his /her jacket or jumper. It is also a good time to check the items of clothing that your child brings home, just in case they have the wrong one.

From the Office.....

School Fees:- Those families who were paying the school fees via the flexible payment plan should now be finished. Please remember that the Canberra Excursion (Yrs 5/6) and the Swim Program Fees are additional to the FPP and this needs to be paid at the office in the next week or so. I have sent out reminder emails to most families if there is an amount outstanding.

Swimming Program

Emails were sent out this week for parents to complete a google.doc for the swimming program.

Please note the dates for the swimming program this year:-

Weeks 6/7 10-21st Nov
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4

Weeks 8/9 24th Nov-5th Dec
Kindergarten and Year 3

Make-up Photos

The date for the make-up school photos is Monday 15th September. If your child missed their school photo or family photo, it will be taken on this day. Please make sure they are in their full winter uniform on that day.



Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

24 SEPTEMBER 2014
10AM - 3PM

Bring your own helmet & bike

- Road Safety Information
- Safety Checks & Skills Course
- NSW Push Bike Squad
- Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting
- Participant Show Bag

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au

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From the Classroom of KG....

This week KG visited Taronga Zoo to learn about different animals and their habitats. We had beautiful weather and had a lot of fun 😊

On Tuesday we went to Taronga Zoo. First we went to the seal show. Next we saw the bird show. Then we saw the elephants. After that I saw the mountain goats. Finally we got on the bus and went back to school. My favourite part was the giraffes. By *Julia Zammit*.

On Tuesday we went to Taronga Zoo. First we saw the seal show. Next we went to the bird show. Then we saw the hippopotamus. After that we went to the giraffes. Finally we got on the bus and I had a sleep on the bus. By *Macy Owen*.

On Tuesday we went to Taronga Zoo. First we went to the seal show. Next we went to see the snakes. Then we went to the bird show. After that we went to see the alligators. Finally we got on the bus and went back to school. My favourite part was when we went on the bus. By *Marcus Farrugia*.



From the Parish Office...

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations and God's blessings upon those children who are today receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have a total of 52 children receiving the Sacrament over the next two weeks.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation for children in Year 2 will occur in Term 4. Anthony Saliba, Sacramental Co-ordinator will provide all class teachers with relevant documentation within the next few weeks. There will be an information night on Tuesday, 16 September.

Free Movie Night

The Karate Kid: Saturday, 20 September. There will be a bbq from 6.30pm and then the movie will begin at 7.15pm. The class from OLA with the most attendees will win an ice-cream party. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to a fun night of Bingo on Saturday, 27 September starting at 7pm. There will be a \$300 cash jackpot.

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.

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For Dads & Mums & Primary carers of children aged 0—12yrs

FREE GROUPS/WORKSHOPS WITH FREE CHILDCARE

→ Click HERE to download the 2014 - 15 calendar

To Book—call: 02 4588 3555 or email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au

Held at: Richmond Community Services Inc., Neighbourhood Centre
20 West Market Street, Richmond, NSW 2753

To download a pdf flyer for more information on any of these groups, just click on the name of the group.



WORKSHOP / GROUP	DETAILS:	DATE(S)	TIME(S)
<u>Encouraging Kids Development & Self Esteem</u>	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 30 TH JULY, 2014	6:30PM – 9PM
<u>Kids Sleeping Well – Tactics for Parents</u>	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 13 TH AUGUST, 2014	10AM – 12:30PM
<u>Flying Solo Parenting Skills</u>	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	3 X SATURDAYS 23 RD & 30 TH AUGUST, 6 TH SEPTEMBER 2014	10AM – 12:30PM
<u>Tackling Sibling Rivalry</u>	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014	6:30PM – 9PM
<u>Developing Social Skills in Your Kids</u>	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 15 TH OCTOBER, 2014	6:30PM – 9PM
<u>Managing Your ADHD Child</u>	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	3 X SATURDAYS 18 TH , 25 TH OCTOBER & 1 ST NOVEMBER, 2014	10AM – 12:30PM
<u>Helping The Anxious Child</u>	For Dads and Mums/primary Carers of children aged 0-12 years	WEDNESDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER, 2014	10AM – 12:30PM

Congratulations to Claudia Coombes who will be representing the Sydney Metro Area at the NSW Tennis U/10 State Team Championships in the upcoming school holidays. Well done Claudia on your selection.

Term 3 Week 9	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Riharna Pacella	Marcus Kroeger	Marcus Kroeger
Kinder G	Ayden Stewart	Katia Lesar	James Apap
Kinder W	Celina Wassef	Georgia Parsell	Lara Kelly
Year 1B	Drew Sammut	Lachlan Whitehurst	Chanel Johnston
Year 1 G	Sarah Cleary	Joshua Streater	Amelia Novelli
Year 1W	Marcus Billyard	Marissa Farrugia	Raphael Ira
Year 2 B	Chloe Ross	Alicia Dersch	Jasmyn Robertson
Year 2 W	Isabella Lori	Melissa Brooke	Felicity Scott
Year 3 B	Connor Knowles	Natasha Eyles	Nicholas Hallal
Year 3 G	John Stafford	Malachi Cauchi	Ailbhe Gannon
Year 3 W	Juliana Constantino	Nadia Gruca	Breanna Debrincat
Year 4 B	Ella Sievwright	Seronique Taylor	Aaron Rebutan
Year 4 W	Tyler Spiteri	Aidan Williams	Ashton Stacey
Year 5/6 B	Will McArdle	Nicholas Cutroni	Jackson Warren
Year 5/6 W	Angelina Taleski	Kristian Skoljarev	Sebastian Kurcubic

