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Week 2 Term 2

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Dear Parents,

"It is in giving that we receive;"

Many 'religions' or faith systems come and go. When I was studying Theology, I was fortunate to have Bishop Anthony as a lecturer for Catholic Morality, his area of expertise. He was asked during one of the lectures, what it was that has sustained Catholicism for over 2000 years. His response was that, as well as their strong faith, throughout history the reputation of Catholics as a people who help others, give of themselves and one to whom others knew they could turn at a time of need was a powerful trait in sustaining them as Catholic people. This is still the same today. As a people of one Catholic faith, we are often asked to support others in some way. Jesus said, *"Whatever you do to the least of My brothers, you do to Me."*

Last week's Newsletter outlined the focus of this month's fundraising for the **Diocesan Works Fund** and how the school will be involved in supporting this drive as part of our Social Justice Program. Next week, the eldest child in family will receive an envelope for money to support the DWF. Please refer to the story further in this newsletter as an example of the work you will be supporting.

First Communion

Congratulations to Amelia Dimech, Anthony Cutuk, Beatrice Espejo, Bradley Stephen Wooldridge, Charlotte Garcia, John-Paul Colosimo, Karl Fischer, Lucas Lesar, Montana Burt, Patrick Bennett, Teá-Elise Kroeger and William Blazey who received Holy Communion for the first time last Sunday.

Over the next four Sundays, many more students from OLA, mostly Year 3, will be receiving the blessed Eucharist for the first time. Please remember to keep these children in your prayers as they enter into this very special relationship with God. Thank you to the staff members who attended last Sunday. Each week, there will be some staff members attending to show support for the students on their special day.



NEWSLETTER



Mothers' Day

Today we celebrated the gift of mothers. Kindergarten led the Mothers' Day liturgy at 8.50am. This was followed by morning tea in the gardens (left) and then open classrooms from 9.30am to just after 10am. I would like to send a sincere 'thank you' to all those who made this a lovely event, once again – Kindergarten students and teachers, the P&F for arranging morning tea and to all the staff for opening the learning spaces to share with our mums. Images of the day further in this newsletter.

Marian Shrine

As part of the month of May – the month devoted to Mary- we have a new addition to our Marian reflection space. Our groundsman, Mr Meinardo, has erected a mail box especially for any special devotion or special intentions to be sent to Our Lady. Please talk to your children about this. We all appreciate that the way to get our wishes is through 'mum'. Prayers to Jesus through Mary, are even more 'powerful'.



NAPLAN

Next week, the Year 3 and Year 5 students at OLA will join thousands of students from across the country to sit for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, better known as NAPLAN. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. This should be viewed as a time of opportunity –for all- and not a time for unnecessary anxiety.

Reminder:

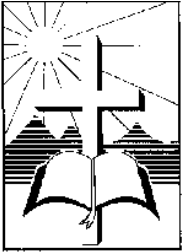
Every effort is made to support all members of the community in the interest of all stakeholders, especially the students. Inevitably, there are times when concerns of some kind arise. Please be reassured that my office is always open and I welcome your call to discuss any such issue. This can often avoid any unnecessary angst if left unaddressed. Thank you. ☺

Dates to Remember

Week 2: Week 3: NAPLAN Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings

Week 4: Tuesday 8am ICAS testing IT; Thurs 22nd - Year 1 Powerhouse Museum; Fri 23rd: Walk to School Day

Note the Pupil Free Day on 6th June. There is no supervision for students on this day.



Gospel Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. They will not follow someone else;

instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice." Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he meant. So Jesus said again, "I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Those who come in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.

In this notable story, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

This weekend with your family...

Ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. Link the relationship of the sheep and the shepherd to our relationship with Jesus. This is a special and meaningful way to make the connection with your young children.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the First Eucharist

Last weekend and in the coming weeks we have many students from our school completing their First Holy Communion at 12 p.m. each Sunday (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May and 1st June). In place of a School/Parish Mass this term, we are encouraging all students to attend one of these First Holy Communion Masses. This is a great way to show support for these students as part of our role as members of this faith community. Staff from the school will be attending each of these Masses as a way of showing our support. We hope to see everyone there in the next few weeks!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr Andrew Baker ☺

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

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 **Di Lorenzo** Family who sponsored our Family Prayer Space this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **ColosimoFamily**.



THERE ARE 250 FAMILIES IN THE SCHOOL. WE HAVE HAD 12 FAMILIES SPONOR SO FAR. WE NEED FAMILIES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WITH YOUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU. ☺



Japanese Students -

As part of the Asian Studies Program, OLA has been fortunate to secure a grant to support the teaching of Japanese language and culture since the beginning. Last year this program was supported and enriched with the hosting of Japanese students. These students, aged 10-12 years old, were billeted by OLA families and spent the days at school. This was so successful last year that the school has again requested to visit and there are many more students excited to spend time at OLA, and an Australian school. There are 31 children in total with 23 girls and 8 boys to be hosted in twos with one group of three girls. The details are:

Dates: 23 July (Wed) until 29 July (Tue) for 6 nights

Host families will be paid \$40 per night per child and will provide 3 meals a day and return transfer to/from school.

The guests will spend the day in class with their host 'brother/sister'. The weekend is spent with the host family. However, on the Sunday, the guests are to be dropped at OLA school where they will travel with their group to their church in Marsfield. They will need to be collected at 4pm from OLA school.

These students are from Nanzan Christian School located in Nagoya, Japan. They are very well behaved students from good families. If you think you have the room to host, please send an email to the school office ola@parra.catholic.edu.au (NOT hgoldsworthy) with 'Japanese' in the subject line and your child's name and grade in the body of the email. First come first served. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED. THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO NEED TO BE PLACED SO, IF YOU HAVE A SPACE TO HOST TWO STUDENTS, DO NOT MISS THIS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS RICH EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR FAMILY.

We hosted Japanese students last year and it was a fabulous experience for the whole family. We still keep in touch and are planning to visit them in Japan as soon as we can! I'll be having them again this year!
Year 5/6 parent

Mathletics

This week, staff had a representative from 3P Learning come and talk about Mathletics, a fabulous but often under-utilised resource. During this time, he showed us the new features available on the Mathletics website and we were able to also review features already available. In light of this, homework will include set tasks for students according to the content being covered in Maths for that week. If your child has access to an iPad, there is a Mathletics App which can be downloaded. It is free. However, there are some activities and features which are not available on the iPad and will require students to access these on a computer.

If your child has lost their Mathletics log in details, please contact your child's teacher who will be able to provide you with these details. If you experience any technical issues while using Mathletics at home, you are asked to contact customer service on 1300 850 331.

Thank you. Ms Grima

Congratulations...

To Mrs Lenane and the Lenane family on the arrival of baby Jack, a brother for Thomas and Emily.

Congratulations, also, to Mrs Reid (Music teacher) on the arrival of her baby boy, Lachlan.



That is wonderful news and we hope to meet Jack and Lachlan very soon. ☺



Grace went to a primary public school in the Blue Mountains and looked forward each week to the religion class on Tuesday morning.

When she went on to a Catholic High School and in Year 11 Grace was invited to be a catechist in the local public school once a fortnight. Grace remembered her early years and volunteered to be trained as a Special Religious Educator. Grace deepened her faith through the sacraments, study, fellowship and leadership development and found that this assisted her in her teaching.

Grace went on to University to train as a school teacher and reflected on the valuable experience as a catechist. She now has the confidence and skills to live out her faith, and is excited about what people her age can do to help make the world a better place.

Your gift to the Diocesan Works Fund will make a big difference to other young people like Grace and older SRE teachers working in public schools as part of Catholic Catechists (CCD).

Please show you care about sharing faith with children in public schools with a gift to the Diocesan Works Fund via gift envelope or online at www.parra.catholic.org.au



NSW/ACT Bishops' Survey of *Crossroads* Outcomes for Parents of Students in NSW Catholic Primary Schools

Parents of students in Years 2 and 6 are invited to participate in a survey on Catholic identity and Religious Education in Catholic schools. The survey has been commissioned by the NSW/ACT Bishops. Schools from selected parishes across NSW have been chosen for this survey, including Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill. In addition to parents of students attending the schools of the parish being offered the opportunity to complete the survey, a number of parishioners without children currently at school will also be invited to complete the survey.

Given the importance to all Catholic schools of Catholic Identity, Mission, Evangelisation and Religious Education, the NSW/ACT Bishops have asked the Catholic Education Commission NSW to supply to you the link to an online questionnaire with this invitation to participate. All participants' data is de-identified, which means no-one will know how you have answered any of the survey questions. No-one will even know the school your child attends. The survey process itself protects the identity of all participants.

If, upon reading the survey, you choose not to participate, there will be no negative consequences. You can stop taking part in the survey any time you like and it will not affect you in any way. However, the NSW/ACT Bishops value parents' opinions in this vital area of Catholic schooling and will be most grateful for your voluntary participation.

In summary, your participation in the NSW/ACT Bishops' Survey of *Crossroads* Outcomes is voluntary and, should you participate, your anonymity is assured and your survey responses will remain confidential.

The link to the survey and instructions for parents of students in Year 2 or Year 6

is http://stage.cecnsw.catholic.edu.au/2014/parish_survey.asp

You are asked to ensure that you have completed the online survey by **Thursday 22nd May 2014**.



Parents and Friends

AGM - the P&F will hold their AGM on Wednesday 14th May. All positions on the committee become vacant and available for nomination and election. Please forward your nomination to Mrs La Rocca prior to the meeting should you wish to stand for a role.

Mothers Day

Thank you to all the mums who helped out with Mothers Day stall and the Morning tea. The children are very excited and have great fun choosing their gifts. This process is made possible by your efforts and it is greatly appreciated.

Wishing all the mums a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday and enjoy the day spent with families and friends.

Many thanks,

OLA P&F Committee

Winter Uniform

Students are to return to school on Monday in their full winter uniform. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled (including the girl's tab tie). We tend to get quite a few jumpers and track jackets with no names. Also a reminder that the jumper is to be worn with the school uniform, not the track jacket. The bomber jacket is to be worn over the jumper if your child is still cold, not instead of the jumper. Thank you



Thank you, Parents and Friends!

On behalf of the school

community, I would like to

extend our thanks to the Current

P&F Executive for their ongoing work. Please

note that the AGM for the P&F will be held this

coming Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Year 4 space.

All position on the executive will be vacated

and a new executive committee up for nomination

and election. All welcome.

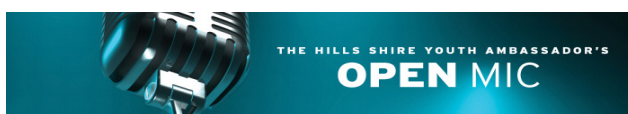
PRC NEWS!!!

The World in our Face:


How do people of Faith download the Best and Leave the Rest?

The Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese will be holding a Reflection Day at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa on Sunday 18 May 2014, 9.30am to 2.30pm. A relaxing Day is planned with a Presentation by Fr Richard Leonard - The World in our Face: How do people of Faith download the Best and Leave the Rest? Cost is \$20/person and includes tea & coffee on arrival, lunch and mass. Please email prcparraevents@hotmail.com for registration.

Registrations and payment must be received by 7 May 2014. All are welcome!



Please refer to the attachments with this Newsletter for further information.



1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at Our Lady of the Rosary School
6 Diana Ave Kellyville
on Wednesdays 28th May, 4th June, 11th June at 7pm.

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration Fee?
The course is provided free of charge by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta
Register for this course contacting your School Office or speaking to your child's Principal.

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!
I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is [presenter's name] with completed Parents' 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training on [date trained].
[Describe your relevant experience]

For more information contact Anoushka Houseman at AHouseman@parr.catholic.edu.au

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentallop® licensed practitioner. www.parentallop.com.au

Premier's Reading Challenge

By now, all students doing the 2014 PRC should be starting to log their books read online. If you have any problems with logging on to the website, please see Mrs Hey.

Social Skills- Making Friends

Children sometimes find it difficult to join in a group and need to be explicitly taught how to connect with a peer. Say, "Hello" using eye contact and ask a question such as, "What are you playing?"

We have the new 'rainbow' seats in the playground for children who are feeling lonely. Encourage your child to look out for anyone sitting there and to invite them to play.



Diocesan Cross Country

This week, 38 eager students represented Our Lady of Angels at the Diocesan Cross Country. What started as a chilly morning turned into a glorious and warm day at the Sydney Motorsport Park at Eastern Creek.

At the beginning of the day, OLA students huddled together to keep warm while they waited for their race to be called. The students were well behaved throughout the day and enjoyed meeting new students from other schools. As each race went under way, our students cheered on and

encouraged their team members who were racing. Their cheering continued to inspire their racing team member and push them farther. All the students showed great support and sportsmanship throughout the day and we congratulate them on their efforts.

All 38 students represented the school with great pride. Every student on the day showed tremendous determination and perseverance and set personal best records. Most of our students who have represented OLA in previous years at the Diocesan Cross Country improved their ranking, beating their previous years' achievements.

The top 8 students in each level move onto the next stage. We would like to acknowledge four of our students who will represent OLA/Parramatta Diocese at the NSW Catholic Schools Cross Country in June. These students are:

- 11 Year Boys (3km) Nicholas Cutroni-2nd place
- 10 Year Girls (2km) Ella Sievwright-4th place
- 8/9 Year Girls (2km) Seronique Taylor -4th
- 8/9 Year Boys (2km) Marc Zammit -8th

The OLA cheer squad needs to be commended, as after the students finished their race, they commented on how this helped with their determination to push themselves to complete the race and strive to go to the next stage.

Congratulations to all the students who participated on the day and we are proud of the wonderful growth shown and achievements accomplished by all of our OLA Cross Country representatives.

Miss Grima and Mrs Callaghan.

THANK YOU

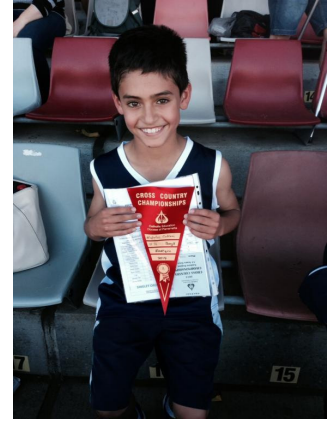
*I would like to thank Miss Grima for training our students over the last month to prepare them for the event.

*Thank you Miss Grima and Mrs Cutuk for assisting the organisers of the Cross Country on the day. These events run much smoothly with many hands to share the load.

*Thank you to Mrs Callaghan, who was our OLA Team Manager and was there to assist the students throughout the day and cheer them on.

*Thank you to our parents/grandparents who continue to support OLA community on these days. I know the students feel supported when they hear cheering, see friendly faces in the crowd and are there for them after they have completed the event.

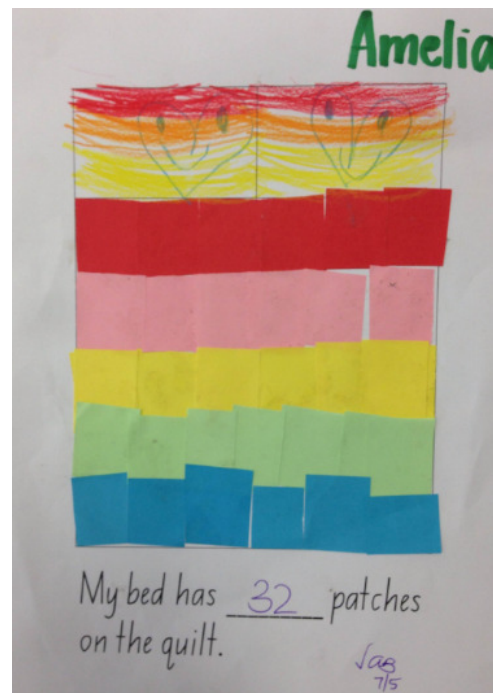
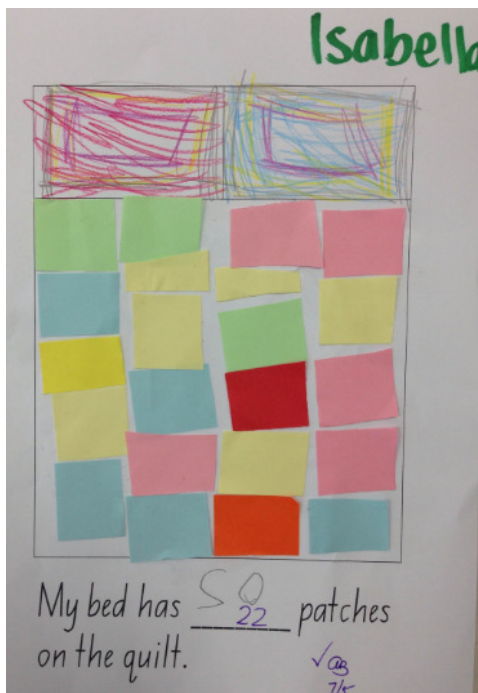
We may have the smallest number of representatives, but we always have the largest (and loudest) support from teachers, parents and students representing us on the day!



From the class room... Year KB

We have been focusing on the concept of 'Area' in Mathematics. Our Learning Intention was to "Talk about the area of different objects" and students practised using the words 'more than' and 'less than'. We explored ways to describe area and the concept of covering the area of an object.

Students covered the area of a quilt for their bed. They used small coloured squares to cover the area of the quilt. They had to remember not to leave any gaps and keep the squares lined up straight. Once the quilt was fully covered, they could record how many patches they used to make their quilt. Here are some examples of the wonderful work we achieve in Kindergarten.



From the Office of the Bishop

DWF Appeal during May

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic schools during the month of May. This appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations: 15 May

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations from 7-8pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. 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

Discernment & Decision Retreat: 17 May

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite Catholic women aged 18-35 to explore the Lord's call, especially a call to religious life. From 9.30am-6.30pm at the sisters' convent, 116-132 Quakers Rd, Marayong. For more information contact Sr Margaret tel 0420 754 727, margaretcsfj@gmail.com or visit www.csfj.org.au

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 17 May

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'The Book of Lamentations and Our Own Personal Laments' with Jennifer Washington. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. Entry by donation, no need to book, morning tea provided. From 10am-1pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

Celebrating the Early Years of Marriage: 18 May

Couples are invited to attend a special Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 11am. This Mass will recognise, celebrate and be offered for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries between one and 20 years. Those celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th wedding anniversaries will be given a commemorative certificate. Couples and their families are invited to a light lunch in the Cathedral hall afterwards. Book with your parish office or contact Lyn Keane at CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0222.

Annual May Pilgrimage at Mount Schoenstatt: 18 May

All are welcome to celebrate Schoenstatt's centenary at the Annual May Pilgrimage. This is an outdoor event – BYO chairs or picnic rugs. The celebrations commence at 10am with a pre-program including Confession. Pontifical High Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP at 10.30am followed by lunch. Food stalls available or BYO picnic lunch. There will be a jumping castle and games for children during the lunch break. The Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the Shrine will commence at 2pm. Children are encouraged to wear white and strew rose petals. There is an alternative program with the Anointing of the Sick at the Shrine at 2pm. Mt Schoenstatt is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For more information tel (02) 4773 8338 or visit: www.schoenstatt.org.au

Kenthurst Country Fair: 18 May

St Madeleine's Parish is holding its Annual Country Fair with fun for the whole family from 10am-4.30pm: animal farm, pony rides, rides for all ages, show bags, face painting, café, pizza, pancakes, yummy gluten-free food and much more. Proceeds to benefit CatholicCare's Emmaus Disabled Persons Catholic Services in the Diocese of Parramatta: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

Christian Meditation: 18 May

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am start. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. 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 or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 18 May

Winners are Grinners: a curious tale of episcopal one-upmanship. Speaker: Dr John De Luca, historian, musician and former Parish Priest of Maroubra Parish. 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

Heal the broken-hearted – Rwanda 20 years on: 19 May

"He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3) Everyone is invited to morning tea with Fr Emmanuel Nsengiyumya, parish priest for the Nyamata community in Rwanda. Fr Emmanuel will share his personal journey of loss and reconciliation in the 20 years since the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which claimed as many as 1 million lives. Catholic Mission is working in partnership with Fr Emmanuel to support the community of Nyamata as they build a new church to help restore life to their community. Time: 10.15am for 10.30am start, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP: Anita Lee tel (02) 9919 7800 alee@catholicmission.org.au

Theology on Tap: 20 May

Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to this public conversation on 'The Pope, the Church and the Modern World' with Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and Catholic philosopher Prof John Finnis. They will be chatting about some of the most controversial and topical issues facing Catholics all around the world. From 6.30-8.30pm at the Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St, Parramatta. No age range for clergy & religious. Details: www.TheologyOnTap.com.au

Grace & Silence Retreat Day: 24 May

Young women aged 17-30 who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. Cost \$20 includes lunch. From 9.30am-4.30pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Details and registration: Sr M Julie 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 25 May

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's vocation discernment afternoon. Starts at 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary, 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. 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 Visit: www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations and www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

An evening for couples: 29 May

Do you find it difficult to make decisions as a couple?

Does one or both of you end up feeling compromised and without an equal voice?

Do your discussions often result in unpleasant arguments or cold wars?

Come and learn a method for making couple decisions. This unique Values Based Decisions Making framework will help you to learn how to connect with your deepest values for love and unity so that your choices become true couple decisions.

Francine Pirola, an experienced marriage educator, a director and founder of the Smart Loving series courses, will give this presentation. From 7.30-9pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion St, Blacktown. Admission is free. Bookings: Karin at CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, Marriage@ccss.org.au

Faith at the Fiddler: 29 May

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. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. The speaker is well-known journalist Miranda Devine. Topic: Communicating Virtue – How young people are hungry for meaning in an amoral age. From 5pm-7pm at The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 1-8 June

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches has produced resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which has the theme: 'Has Christ been divided?', a reference to I Cor 1:1-17. These resources have been adapted for use in Australia by the Faith and Unity Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia. They include: Ecumenical Service of Worship outline; Daily Prayers and Biblical Reflections; Prayer Cards. These resources can be downloaded and ordered from www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au

10th National eConference on Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter: 11 June

This eConference will be streamlined live over the internet – all are welcome to participate at no charge. Presenters: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth; Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph; Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney; Selina Hasham, Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney; and Fr Noel Connelly SSC, Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute (**BBI**). This FREE eConference is presented by the BBI in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

The Institute for Mission in Blacktown is a host site. Time: 10am-3pm. Please contact them to register your attendance: tel (02) 9831 4911, office@instituteformission.com.au

For independent registration contact Rhonda Andersen tel (02) 9847 0726, econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au

Further details: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference

Reunion of Catherine McAuley High School Westmead Class of 1972: 9 August

Seeking ex-students and teachers who were at McAuley from 1969 to 1972 for a reunion. Don't be shy! We have located about 50 of our classmates and would love to find 100% of the girls in our year. Please pass on this message to your daughter, other family members or friends if they attended the school. Email Trish Lohantlohan@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook:

Catherine McAuley Westmead Alumni Association

Sibling Enrolments 2015

There are still a few sibling enrolment forms outstanding. These need to be returned next week as we are commencing interviews from next week. Everyone that has sent their forms back should have received a letter today with the code for an interview time.

Creative Arts Festival

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to assist with Creative arts. We will notify you closer to the date about dress rehearsals, make up and hair.

I have one volunteer to assist with the backdrop, but will require a few dads to assist with stapling calico onto 4 large/heavy backdrops.

Costumes-Costumes are under way and we will contact anyone who volunteered to help sew once all costume designs have been clarified.



May God bless all Mothers that give of themselves and tend to their household needs before the needs of 'self', for they are there with comfort for each child's broken heart, bringing them to God in prayer, with His love to impart. Amen



We love you, mum!!

From the Parish Office...

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Carys Mary Rose Fitzgerald, Breanna Rose Debrincat, Isabella Kathryn Masters, Shanae Kimberley Tadiwauashe Makumbe, Ariane Maher, Jessica Maree Bollard, Nicola Topic, Brady James Wall, Connor Brendan George Knowles, Emilia Rhianna Beegan, Joshua Edwin Palmer-Burton, Kylan James Ewer, Malachi George Cauchi, Matthew Phillip Carino and Melissa Jennifer Preston.

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. We will be meeting at the Church at 2.45pm to depart together at 3pm sharp. WE will finish the pilgrimage with afternoon tea. Please rsvp by email to the parish office.

Social Dinner

The Social Committee have organised an Adults only night out on Saturday, 31 May at The Winston, Winston Hills. If you are interested in coming along, please contact the Parish office to RSVP.

Bloke's Night

Fr Warren and Fr Joby invite all the Men of the Parish to their place (18 Milford Drive) for "Bloke's Night" on Friday, 16 May at 7.30pm. No Ladies or Electronics (including phones) allowed!!

BINGO!!

Saturday, 24 May at 7pm. Cost: \$10 for 3 books. If you would like to come along for a great night of prize winning and laughter - this is the evening for you. Children are welcome to come along! BYO: nibblies.

Save the Date:

The date for the Parish Fiesta has been set for Sunday, 3 August. Make sure you keep that date clear in your dairy!!

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr Joby Kadambattuparambil Ittira

Mass times:

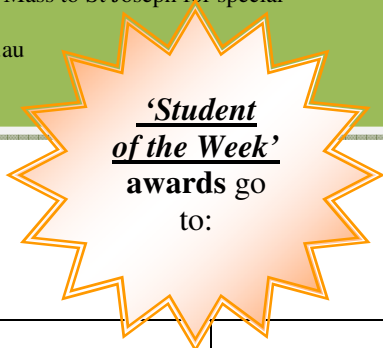
Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

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



Reminder...in keeping with the Enrolment Policy, a term's notice is required, in writing, before leaving a school. As with all fee paying schools, if a student leaves before this period, the term's fees are still payable. Thank you.

From the Office:-

Bookclub is due to be returned next Wednesday. Please note that **NO CASH** will be accepted. Your order must be paid for online or by cheque. We cannot send any cash to Scholastic and so your order will be sent back home if you send cash to the office.

Notes to the Office.

Please do not drop notes into the office or send your child to the office in the morning to drop notes in. When we ask for notes to be returned to the office, we mean, through the class notebag. Just remind your child that they need to empty their communication folder and either put the note in their class letterbox, or hand it to the teacher.

Winter Uniform Headbands.

If your child is not wearing the winter headband or scrunchie and you don't want to keep them, we would love to have them back. As we do not have any spare girls' tab ties, we convert the headbands and scrunchies into tab ties. Please keep this in mind if you don't want them at home.

*Until next week, may God bless and keep you safe.
Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

Term 2 Week 2	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Olivia Sims	Marcus Kroeger	Amelia Bond
Kinder G	Justin Medjumarac	Acacia Sales	Jericho Cruz
Kinder W	Harriet Preston	Boston Roberts	Ryanna Roman
Year 1B	Ante Topic	Nate Davis	Sienna Gibson
Year 1 G	Eva Sultana	Ivana Edelinski	Marc Skoljarev
Year 1W	Michael Eyles	Kiara Wijaya	Bailey Knowles
Year 2 B	Bridget Wall	Matthew Dalton	Brayden O'Leary
Year 2 W	Jada Scoulou	Ashton Galea	Blaithin Cowman
Year 3 B	Kenny King	Amelia Dimech	Natasha Eyles
Year 3 G	Isaac Sultana	Sophia Tapely	Phoebe Strykowski
Year 3 W	Nadia Gruca	Mia Spowles	Dylan Stacey
Year 4 B	James Darmanin	Angus Misek	Raphael Di Lorenzo-Boussard
Year 4 W	Gizelle Chang	Maneesha Gunasekara	Tyler Spiteri
Year 5/6 B	Jayden Maisetti	Luke Robertson	Emma OBrien
Year 5/6 W	Hayden Burt	Alana Berry	Ashley Graham