



## Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 5 Term 1

26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

*"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find".*

Dear Parents,

We can all relate to the uneasy feeling of things not being 'quite right' at our core. That might mean different things for different people but one of the most significant is when we have done something wrong towards another, towards their property or, perhaps, not so much what we have done but rather what we didn't do. We pray this each week in the Confiteor. You know, 'I confess to Almighty God, ...etc' To have peace of mind and peace within one's self is to be relieved of this bad feeling. The 9<sup>th</sup> step of the well known 12 Step Recovery Program is *restitution and reconciliation*.

As Catholics, the opportunity for Reconciliation is readily available to us. This is through the Sacrament of Penance. Nothing feels better than when you have 'made up' with those you have wronged and you restore that feeling of being at peace. It is God's eternal mercy that makes this possible. Visit your church this weekend to receive the Sacrament of Penance/ Confession/Reconciliation and set a good example to your children.

Let us pray for mercy, through Mary:



# NEWSLETTER



### Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy:  
Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To you do we cry, poor banished  
children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs, mourning  
and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this our exile  
show unto us the blessed fruit  
of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Amen.

### Dates to Remember

Week 6: THIS MONDAY SCHOOL PHOTOS  
Week 7: Catholic Schools Week  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 5 overnight Bathurst Camp  
Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Mar: OLA Cross Country

**PUPIL FREE DAY ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - FRIDAY WEEK 6;  
THERE IS NO SUPERVISION FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY.**

## **This Sunday's Gospel**    *Luke 13:1-9*

It was just about this time that some people arrived and told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this He said to them, 'Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than any others, that this should have happened to them? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell, killing them all? Do you suppose that they were more, guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable, 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to his vinedresser, "For three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied, "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'



## **Gospel Reflection**

*In Luke's Gospel this weekend, finds us in the third week of lent. Luke describes two historical incidents and a natural phenomenon, where our struggle to change can be our downfall. Jesus asks the people if the people killed were worse sinners than others. Luke's Gospel is alerting us for the need for repentance as we too can perish any time, anywhere. The third story in Luke's Gospel, is speaking of the fig tree not bearing any fruit and the farmer wanting to cut it down. This can be compared to God's patience with us even when we are stubborn and unfruitful. The message behind Luke's Gospel is God giving us a new chance every day, to be sorry for our sins and produce fruits of goodness. Lent is a time where we have another opportunity to repent, be merciful and help others in need.*

## **Project Compassion Boxes**

Please remember that one way you can contribute and help others suffering from poverty during the Lent season is by contributing to your project compassion box. Please return all boxes by the Holy Thursday on the 24th March.

## **World Youth Day Raffle Tickets**

If you received WYD Raffle Tickets this week, could you please return them as soon as possible as the butts will be forwarded to the CEO at the end of next week.

## **WRAPPED WITH LOVE**

A few years ago, OLA participated in the Outreach program 'Wrapped with love'. Wrapped with love organises blankets to be distributed to the poor and homeless. As a community, we would like to be able to contribute to 'Wrapped with love' by creating blankets made with love.

How you can help:

- \*Knit a square/s
- \*Donate knitting needles
- \*Donate 8 ply wool
- \* Sew the squares together to make the blankets.



If you would like more information or patterns on the blankets, please go to:-

<http://www.wrapwithlove.org/knitting-patterns/>

This term there will be a lunch time knitting club where our senior students will be learning how to knit and creating squares. The more squares we get, the more blankets we can make and contribute to the foundation.

If any parent or grandparent is available on Tuesday lunchtime to help teach the students to knit, we would love to hear from you.

***Mrs Katrina Byrne***  
***Acting Religious Education Coordinator***

## No Jab - No Pay

The Commonwealth *No Jab No Pay* measure commenced from 1 January 2016, whereby parents who have not immunised their children against communicable diseases will not receive a number of social security benefits including family and child care benefits.

The Commonwealth's *Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab No Pay) Bill 2015* was passed by the Senate on 23 November 2015. As a result, vaccination eligibility requirements for the Child Care Benefit, Child Care Rebate and the Family Tax Benefit Part A end of year supplement are tightened from 1 January 2016.

Conscientious objection to vaccination has been removed as an approved exemption. The Commonwealth Government's Advice is provided at

[http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/67D8681A67167949CA257E2E000EE07D/\\$File/No-Jab-No-Pay.pdf](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/67D8681A67167949CA257E2E000EE07D/$File/No-Jab-No-Pay.pdf)

Also attached to this newsletter email.

**NSW Government Student Enrolment requirements with regard to the immunisation of children in school settings remain unchanged.** Currently, when enrolling a child in a NSW school, parents/caregivers are asked to provide an Immunisation History Statement. A child without an Immunisation History Statement is not prevented from enrolling in primary school. Under the *NSW Public Health Act 2010*, however, children without proof of immunisation may be asked by Public Health Officials to stay at home during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease. The NSW Health department has indicated that the *NSW Public Health Act 2010* will be reviewed in 2016.

## Literacy News

### Reading Afternoon

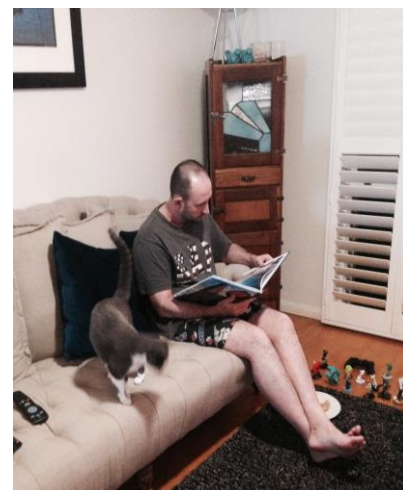
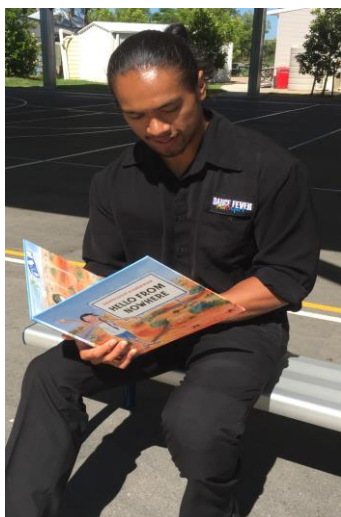
Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of reading with their child. Our first will be Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm during 'Catholic Schools Week'. **Please note the change of date.**

### Reading is Cool!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book.

This means one picture of dad/granddad/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading.

Thank you to these great role models!



### Reading at home

If your child comes across an unknown word during reading, **pause** before saying the word. This gives he/she an opportunity to work out what the word is. If he/she cannot work out the word, provide **prompts** by asking what is in the picture, what sound the word begins with and what would makes sense in the sentence. If your child still cannot work out the word, say the word and ask he/she to read the sentence again. **Praise** your child's efforts.

This is the '**Pause, Prompt, Praise**' method of helping your child to read.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



# Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

On 22nd February, 28 students represented Our Lady of the Angels at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. The students all arrived early at Hawkesbury Oasis pool, to prepare for the day. We may have been one of the smaller teams, but we made up for our size by the way we cheered on our peers and represented OLA. The students were supportive of one another and displayed outstanding team spirit, by watching their fellow OLA students dive in the pool. It was great to see the heat didn't bother them, as their faces gleamed with smiles all day long.

I would like to thank Miss Grima and Miss Crozier for all their assistance on the day to help with the carnival and manage the OLA swim team. Thank you to all the parents who not only came to support their own children but the whole OLA team. A big thank you to Natalie Spiteri for organising our OLA swim caps and for the parents who helped with timekeeping throughout the day. I am extremely proud of our students, not just for their efforts in the pool but the way they behaved and their encouragement of one another through their words and actions.

Congratulations to Jesse Eldred, who was 11 Year Boys Runner Up Champion at the Zone carnival and we wish Jesse the best of luck on Friday at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival.





## P&F NEWS

We are very pleased to announce that on behalf of the parents and friends of OLA, we have donated **\$1000** to the BOOTCAMP BREAKFAST program for our children in years 4-6.

We have also donated **\$5000** to the school to assist with the school maintenance and new path built during the school holidays.

### DID YOU KNOW?



Each year it is our aim to hold one main fundraising event and then other smaller events mainly as social events. Our main focus being to build the community of Our Lady of the Angels.

***This year, the Parish and school community will work together to organise the Fiesta in AUGUST to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels. This will also mean that financially the school will also benefit from half of the funds raised.***

We will be seeking a lot of support from families. We are asking that you put your thinking caps on. Perhaps you might like to get together with a few buddies to run a stall, or you are able to contribute through contacts or donations. We are very excited by the opportunity to be able to participate in the organisation of this event but know that it will be a challenge. *If you have any ideas, would like to help or run a stall or can offer a donation please contact us and we can get the ball rolling!*

### PARISH BALL

*Would you like to dress up and go out for a fun night with friends?*

*Join us at the Parish Ball on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Castle Hill RSL. Tickets \$75. You can join our tables of school parents or book one of your own. With or without a partner... Contact us via FB or email or pop in to the Parish Office. Hope to see you there 😊*



### SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER

The roster for next week... Annemarie Bond, Julie Vilath, Michelle McQuaid, Melissa Mileto, Melissa Strong, Louise Hollier. Thank you!

**\*\*If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) or message via our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you during the year!**

*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*



**To the P&F** for their donation of \$5000. Fitness Fresh will benefit from \$1000 which will go towards the purchase of their healthy breakfast and other resources for the year. The remainder will go towards the payment for improvements made to the school over the holidays including two new bubbler troughs, cement paths and refurbishments to the Stage 1 toilet block. Thank you to all the parents and families who regularly support the P&F without whose help this would not be possible.



**Premier's Reading Challenge** – Attached to the newsletter is the note for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. If you would like for your child to participate in this optional reading program please fill in the form and return it to school by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Summer Reading Challenge** – Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge: Zane Boatwalla, Peter Giovas, Akeesha Gunasekara, Maneesha Gunasekara, Annaliese Gutwenger, Thomas Gutwenger, Lachlan Hollier, Giancarlo Mazza, Janelle Mensah, Drew Sammut, Cohan Sommer, Joshua Streater, Lucy Taylor, Mia-Bella Trifiro.

**Maths Club** – Thursday morning Maths Club is on again next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 8.20am. It will then take a break for three weeks and return on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Extra-curricular activities** - At OLA we are extremely fortunate to have teachers who are very generous with their time and therefore the students have many opportunities for extra-curricular activities. A few of these on offer this term include boot camp, grammar club, maths club, garden club, knitting club, mini-Vinnies, sewing club, photography club, drawing club, choir and quiet games area. This week we feature Quiet Games Club, which operates every day during first break.

**From Mrs Schroder:**

*This year we have introduced 'Quiet Games' as a club during first break every day!*

*Board games, puzzles and quiet activities are available for all students and this activity is growing in popularity. Students from all grades are mixing and playing with students they didn't know before. Relationships are being formed and social skills developed as the children negotiate the skills of turn-taking and fairness.*



*It is great to see them all playing happily together with students from other grades!*

## SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS FOR YOUR CHILD IN 2016



All parents, carers and educators are welcome to join us for our first event of 2016.  
**Term 1 General Meeting and AGM - Monday 29 Feb 2016 at 7pm**

Venue: Patrician Learning Centre, Patrician Brothers' College  
100 Flushcombe Rd Blacktown

"Setting Up for Success for your child for 2016" is the topic for the evening's presentation and presenters will cover:

- What you can do to help your child
- How parents can help with Goal Setting
- How to approach / What to ask / What to expect from Parent/Teacher interviews
- How to read a school report
- How help to create good study patterns for students and making of study notes

## School Fees

The Catholic Education Office has advised that there has been a glitch with the school fees for the 8 pilot schools on the new finance system. They are very hopeful that this will be rectified as soon as possible, and hopefully the fees will be sent out next week.

If you are going to take up the Flexible Payment Plan option, please complete the paperwork as soon as you receive the fees and forward it off to the CEO. A stamped addressed envelope will be with the fees for ease of return.

Mrs Goldsworthy

## ROAD & PARKING ISSUES

### DANGEROUS DRIVING!

I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE MAKE, MODEL COLOUR AND REGISTRATION NUMBER OF A CAR THAT, ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, WAS SEEN '*parked opposite the school on Wellgate Ave in the 'NO STOPPING' signed area, drive along the footpath on Wellgate Ave, and then down to the corner onto Hermitage Ave, attempting to indicate and wait to be let into the line of traffic*'.

This has been reported to the police.

Please drive responsibly and exercise patience in the interest of everyone's safety.

ROAD SAFETY does not finish with you parking your car. Each of us has a responsibility to model and teach children the dangers of walking through a car park, especially not walking behind cars reversing, as drivers cannot always see pedestrians.

We have a rear to kerb parking rule in our car park, so the driver has a clear view when leaving.

Consider and anticipate the movement of cars and point this out to your child.

### Parking/Waiting Options:-

As many of our parents over the past year have found, it is often favourable to park over at Centenary Oval or Bruce Purser Reserve and either walk over to collect your child/ren, or have them meet you there. Often you have left the carpark, before many of our cars are out of our driveway and through the lights.

Another alternative is to approach the school from the netball court end of Wellgate Avenue (going down from Bentley St). There is a very large parking area down there adjacent to the bushland which could be used for those parents who choose to attend early and are happy to wait until it is time to move up into the carpark to collect their child/ren. Please consider using one of these options, in the hope that it may alleviate some of the frustrations and stress around pickup time.

Any parents picking up a number of children, please don't come before 3.25pm. Your children are waiting with their brothers/sisters and then, by that time, they will all be at the pick-up bay as all classes are dismissed at different times. This will alleviate the heavy traffic and give you a smooth run.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

### OPEN EVENING – TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016

Marian Catholic College extends an invitation to prospective students and their families, to attend our annual Open Evening. This year there will be **two repeated** sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered by the College. The session times will be run at **4:00 pm and 6:00pm**

**Each** session will commence in the Shared Hall, where the Principal and students will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College.

**Each information session will be followed by Guided Tours of the school.** Visitors will be able to take part in the activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.

**NOTE:** **Each** session will follow **exactly** the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you.

## FROM THE CLASSROOM...5B

Year 5 have been exploring nature through drawing, focussing on the close up aspects of nature around us that we may not see everyday. We have been researching nature photography through the National Geographic website to recognise what is special about this type of photography. Take a look at some of the watercolour paintings we have created using photos from the National Geographic as inspiration.





# New Bus Timetable effective from 29/2/16

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PS

### Bell Times

Morning: 08:50  
Afternoon: 15:10

Effective 29/02/2016

### MORNING BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
610	07:47	EX CASTLE HILL via Route 610 to Withers past Commercial, Brampton Dr & Samantha Riley
2025	08:01	EX ADELPHI & MILE END via Adelphi, R>Clower, L>Mile End, R>Withers, L>Bentley, R>Wellgate to school
610	08:31	EX ROUSE HILL TOWN CENTRE via Route 610 to Withers past Wellgate
T66	08:33	EX ROUSE HILL ADELPHI ST via Route T66 to Withers prior to Wellgate

### AFTERNOON BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
3599	15:30	TO ROUSE HILL TOWN CENTRE & KELLYVILLE RIDGE via Wellgate, R>Withers, L>Mile End, R>Clower, L>Adelphi, R>Mile End, L>Windsor to Rouse Hill Town Centre then continue T-way, R>Merriville, Conrad, R>Keirle, R>Fyfe to Braemont Dr, turnaround and return Fyfe, L>Keirle, R>Conrad, L>Stanhope Parkway to Sunnyholt Rd
2599	15:30	TO ROUSE HILL via Wellgate, R>Withers, R>Milford, L>Mile End, R>Clower, L>Adelphi, R>Aberdour to Windsor Rd
610	15:40	EX WITHERS TO BEAUMONT HILLS AND KELLYVILLE via Route 610

## St John Paul II Catholic College

FORMERLY KNOWN AS TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE

**VIRTUAL TOURS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR COLLEGE WEBSITE!**



### OPEN AFTERNOON - EVENING MONDAY 14 MARCH

4PM TO 8PM - SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS

Meet our welcoming College community & explore our educational opportunities. Showcases, tours, subject stalls, barbeque & all your questions answered!

**SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS (YEARS 7-10) NIRIMBA CAMPUS (YEARS 11-12)**  
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\* No one will be refused enrolment because of financial hardship and genuine inability to pay fees.

## ENROLLING NOW FOR 2017



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.




## OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday 15 March 2016 4.00pm - 7.00pm**

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

**CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1ST APRIL 2016**

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)

*Be confident*



## Open Day

**Sunday 6 March 10am - 2pm**

*Inspiring Young Women, Transforming the Future*

449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills  
[www.msb.nsw.edu.au](http://www.msb.nsw.edu.au)  
Please note: limited parking on site



Mount St Benedict College

## From the Parish Office...

### Sacraments of Initiation

**Reconciliation:** For Children in Year 2 or older, this Sacrament will take place in Term 4 of 2016. *Information will be sent out to the children in Year 2 at that time.* If you have a child in an older class and you would like them to do their Reconciliation, please collect a form. Notification will be in both the school and Parish newsletters.

**First Communion** For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation, in 2016 this will take place in June 2016. For those children who were enrolled in the 2015 program of Reconciliation you will receive an email with all the dates of sessions. If you are new to the Parish, please contact Geraldine if you wish to join the 2016 group and have already done Reconciliation.

**Confirmation:** For children in Year 6 who have completed and received Reconciliation and First Communion, Confirmations will take place in Term 3. *Information will be sent out to the children in Year 6 at that time.*

For any enquiries, please contact Christine Leahy, OLA Sacramental Co-Ordinator at parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday in the Church at 7.00pm.

### Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm. **Weekdays:** Mon -Sat: 9 am

### Confessions:

9:30 am Sat

**Baptisms & weddings:** By appointment

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Assistant Priest:** Fr John Rizzo

**Parish Secretaries:** Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:** Christine Leahy

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### What people say about our wonderful school...

*"All the extra time and efforts put in by you both and the other teachers, is greatly appreciated. Our children are so blessed to have such dedicated teachers who are willing to give a lot of their own time to ensure our children can be involved in a variety of experiences."*

(name provided)



### Lollypop Duty.

Thank you to the one person who volunteered to help us out. We are still looking for a parent volunteers to manage the traffic flow at the pedestrian crossing outside the school admin block **in the morning for 10 minutes** – 8.35-8.45am, similar to what Mrs Schroder does in the afternoon. Five people for ten minutes a week would be excellent. If you are willing to support us in this way, please email the school with Lollypop Duty in the subject. Many thanks.

### Literacy / Numeracy Hint

Reading is for enjoyment and to gain meaning. It should not be about reading levels. Children often enjoy reading books that are easy for them. This is a good strategy to improve their reading fluency and confidence.

Term 1 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Clyde Naidu	Evangelina Vargas	Dominic Zimmermann
Kinder G	Thomas Wheldon	Prasaia Merrin	Anna Lee
Kinder W	Rose Montgomery	William Harvey	Lucas Clarke
Year 1B	Alysha Balangon	Isaac Castellan	Zachary Ormsby
Year 1 G	Michael Fuda	Ethan Streater	James Elliott
Year 1W	Francesca Topic	Solomon Sloane	Hudson Baker
Year 2 B	Tyrone Lee	Alicia Gladwell	Olivia Sims
Year 2 G	Joshua Robertson	Daniel Knowles	Mikayla Edwards
Year 2 W	Marcus Mileto	Isobel Clarke	Anthony Gomez

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