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Week 5 Term 3

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

As Our Lady of the Angels is our patron, Marian feast days are particularly significant. Tomorrow is the 15th August, the **Feast of the Assumption**, a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. The story of Mary goes back to the beginning – the Creation. God created everything and, being a relational being, then created man (Adam) with whom to share it. He created a companion for Adam, Eve. Everything was perfect and man and woman lived in complete harmony with God. Along with their existence, God gave Adam and Eve free will and, in their ‘human-ness’ they succumbed to temptation. This meant that they could no longer be one with God and from then on, each person is born with the taint of this ‘original sin’.

In his loving and merciful nature, God had a saving plan for His people, to give Himself, the Son, to become human, though divine.

Mary was born without sin just as Eve was. For this reason, Mary is often referred to as the ‘new Eve’. Mary was chosen to be the vessel for the saviour. She, too, had free choice and when the Angel Gabriel came to her to ask if she would become the mother of the Christ, she said, ‘Yes’, despite all the challenges this brought.



This was the moment of the INCARNATION, the story which is revered in Angelus. It was the point at which salvation was made possible for all people, the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth in which we, over two thousand years later, continue to work towards bringing about completely. It is because our salvation was made possible through Mary, that we owe her our devotion.

The praying of Angelus at noon by every member of Parramatta Diocese is a very strong and powerful demonstration of our devotion to Mary and what her actions have meant for us. It is also a reminder that we, too, are called every day to respond positively to what God asks of us.

It was because she was so special that she was assumed to heaven, body and soul with the Angels taking her to her place with her Son -**the Assumption of Mary**.



ROAD SAFETY

Picture this...a group of kids, doing the right thing and crossing the road at the crossing; a kid gets bumped and the ball he/she is carrying falls from their grip, bounces and rolls onto the road, very likely into the path of an oncoming car. I don't want to write what might happen next - the instinctive response of a small child walking along amongst them – I shudder at the possible consequence.

Please note that a number of students are leaving the school carrying soccer balls, footballs, etc. They have been reminded on many occasions that these need to be in some kind of carry bag to prevent a tragedy.

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Thursday August 9th, primary students of OLA represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a beautiful, sunny day and the students showed great sportsmanship and supported one another in all the track and field events. Well done to all the students on trying their personal best. Our junior girls relay team (4 x 100m Hollie Ford, Jade Richardson, Seronique Taylor and Claudia Coombes), Claudia Coombes (100m), Nicholas Cutroni (800m), Tyler Spiteri (shot put and discus) and Will Anderson (shot put) have made it to the regionals next week. We wish them the very best in competing and know that they will represent OLA with pride.



A big **THANK YOU** to the P&F for their donation of \$10,000.00 to go towards the new play area outside the Church and for representative sports shirts. Thank you, to you the community for always supporting the school and P&F.

Dates to Remember

NOTE: MONDAY 17TH AUGUST IS PUPIL FREE DAY. STAFF ON SITE ON THAT DAY.



'To celebrate our invitation to God's banquet.'

Gospel (John 6:51-58)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, there is confusion amongst the crowd. They are finding difficult to comprehend Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. In last week's Gospel Jesus told the crowd that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. This meaning that Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world. Therefore salvation comes to those who eat His body and blood. Today people still struggle with this mystery. When we celebrate the Eucharist and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are strengthening our connection with God. Our body becomes the tabernacle, where Jesus Himself comes to dwell inside us. This communion with God makes us one body, brings eternal life and sends us out into the world to spread the Word.

Mrs Katrina Byrne
Acting Religious Education
Coordinator

Feast of the Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption is when Mary the Mother of God rose into heaven. This day falls on the fifteenth of August. The Feast of the Assumption is a day of obligation which means you need to go to church that day.

Mary was the mother of Jesus. Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable on Christmas Day according to the scriptures also known as the Annunciation. God chose Mary because she was the one who was always there for the needy and always believing in God.

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old celebration in the church, it is celebrated worldwide starting in the sixth century. It was originally proclaimed in the Eastern Church which was known as The Feast of the Dormition, which means 'The Falling Asleep'. Some religions fast towards the day of obligation.

On the day of The Feast of the Assumption all Catholics pray the Hail Mary. The Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly life became a dogma to the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII explained his definition of dogma of the Assumption, he refers to

Mary's death her Assumption as the consistent tradition in both east and west holds that Mary did die before she ascended into heaven.

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The Assumption

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On August 15th many christian churches celebrate the Assumption of Virgin Mary into heaven. It can also be known as the Dormition of the Mother of God, or the Feast of Assumption. It is also an annual Christian observance in Australia. It is considered a day where all christians should attend mass or a church service.

The Feast day is also a chance for christians to celebrate the birthday of the Virgin Mary. It is a day where Christian denominations are obliged to attend a church service. Some people start to celebrate with music, food and dancing at festivals, while the Orthodox church start to fast on 1st before celebrating the big feast day.



The christians believe that Mary was "assumed" into heaven, while Orthodox believe that it was the falling asleep of the Mother of God which was her life ended and she was physically brought up into heaven.

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Even if it is a Holy day of Obligation, if it falls on a Saturday or Monday there is no obligation for that year.

Pope Pius XII declared that the Assumption was to be celebrated on the 15th of August each year. Simply the Assumption is the day of the Blessed Virgin Mary's death and when she was taken up to heaven.

Death is normally and often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Mary wasn't consieved with any sin, so perhaps she was taken without experiencing death itself.

The feast of the Assumption is also a time to remind us of the amazing role that Mary played in the process of our salvation. Her entry into heaven is hope to us that we too can experience the same eternal life as her.



Parent Sacred Space.

Thank you to the Vella family who sponsored the prayer space this week.



FATHER'S DAY STALL NOTE

Thank you to the families who have returned their note and money. The purpose of this note being sent out a few weeks in advance was to ensure that enough gifts have been ordered. Notes and money were due back this week.

MONDAY AUGUST 24 – GRANDPARENTS' MORNING TEA

This year we will be trialling an online RSVP system. Please copy and paste the link into your browser to complete the survey or click on the survey from the note emailed out earlier in the week. Thank you to those who have already indicated attendance and offered to assist in some way on or for the day. Please RSVP by Monday August 17th.

<http://goo.gl/forms/BUadb8LyZt>

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 7PM – SOCIAL BINGO and GAMES NIGHT!!

Limited numbers so start thinking about organising your tables. Looking forward to a fun night just for the grown-ups. More info coming soon

*** *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



We have some exciting events planned for Book Week in Week 7.

Book Fair – The Book Fair arrives next Thursday 20th August and will be set up in the music room. This is an opportunity for parents/ grandparents to buy a book for their child to keep. Purchasing a book is totally optional. The students will have an opportunity to look through the books on Friday 21st and the Book Fair will be open to parents for purchasing at the following times:

Friday 21st August – 2.30-3.30pm

Monday 24th August – 8.20- 9.00am, 10.30-11.30, 2.15-3.30pm

Tuesday 25th August – 8.15 – 9.30am

Book Parade - Come dressed as your favourite character for the book parade on Friday 28th August at 2.10pm and then the teachers will perform a Readers' Theatre of a favourite book.

In the lead up to Book Week each grade is focusing on a shortlisted book and will prepare a display for the music room. You will be able to see these when you come to the Book Fair.

FROM THE CLASSROOM...Year 3B

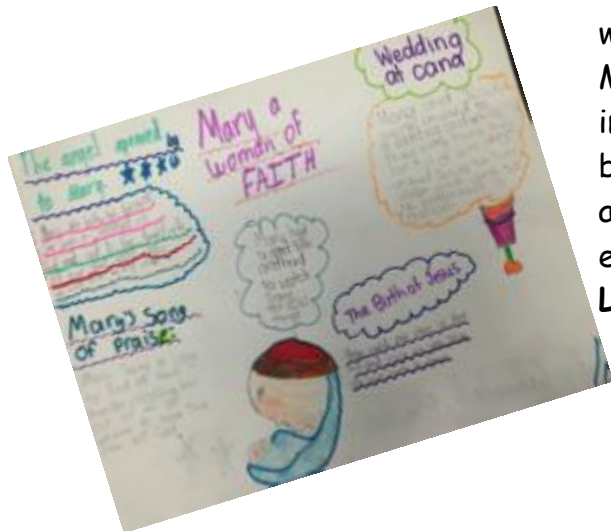
This term, Year 3 are learning about the journey of Mary as a woman of faith. In year 3 we have been looking at the significant events in Mary's life. In groups we have reflected on how we can be as faith as Mary was.

We Hope you like our posters and reflections.



Mary is a very important person in our lives because she is a good Mother. Mary always listened to God and was very faithful.

Jackson Jacobs



Mary is our Mother, she will protect us with all her love. Mary is very important in our lives because she loves and protects everyone

Liam Doyle



Mary cared for everyone whether he or she was rich or poor, sick or health even those who didn't believe. Mary was very faithful and trusted in God throughout her entire life. We can be faithful like Mary by trusting in God and acting as Mary would.

Ava Bennett & Felicity Scott

Mary is loving and kind. She is our Mother who looks after us in our prayers. She is the most caring person in the world.

Christian Garofano

Mary is important because she is the Mother of Jesus and God picked her from all women on Earth. Mary went through a lot in her life but remained faithful.

Alannah Lock

From the Bishop's Office

If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. You can contact us tel (02) 9933 0233, email safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information please visit: www.safeguarding.org.au For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

Gospel concert 'Spirit of Joy': 5 September

Gospel Concert 'Spirit of Joy' is presented in association with the Sydney Sacred Music Festival. It will be held on Saturday 5 September 2015 from 3pm-5.30pm at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre. It aims to bring together people of all religious traditions to feel the joy of God, through spiritually uplifting/upbeat music and song. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 school-age children, \$35 family – two adults with up to four school-age children, children under five free. Bookings <http://www.trybooking.com/144537> For further information please contact Ann-Maree Timmings tel (02) 4773 8338 ext 236 or send an email to manager@schoenstatt.org.au

3rd Annual Faith in Marriage Conference: 23 August

This year's conference has the theme: Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage. This conference is aimed at married couples, engaged couples and individuals interested in marriage. Speakers include the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Fr Peter G Williams, Jonathan Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Brought to you by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. From 9am-3pm at Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: \$25 per person (\$50 per couple) includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea. On-site child minding for participants available for \$30 per family must be booked prior to the conference. Registration: CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

Diocesan Housing Affordability Table Talks

Affordable housing in Sydney is a major issue for people of all ages especially for young adults, families and the elderly. This event will involve reflection and discussion on how people experience this issue and the moral and social justice implications around housing affordability. The event will also explore possible next steps to turn the talking into action. Join the Family & Life Office and Social Justice Office for an evening of "Table Talks."

Date: WEDNESDAY, August 19th

Time: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm (Followed by supper)

Venue: IFM, 1 – 5 Marion St Blacktown (Enter down stairs past car park)

RSVP Family and Life Office

Ben Smith: BSmith@parra.catholic.org.au

Or Social Justice Office

Sr Louise McKeogh: lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au

2015 Choral Celebration

Be entertained by 11 primary schools who will sing in a captivating performance of traditional and contemporary music.

Watch as 20 weeks of rehearsals comes energetically together in a fine-tuned choral celebration.

CAPTIVATE presents
PRIMARY VOICES

EVENT INFO
A concert featuring Year 4-5 students in the CAPTIVATE Development Program delivered by 'a3 Australian Arts Alive', the education program of the Australian School of Performing Arts.

Monday 7 September 7pm
@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
54-97 Goscoigne St, Kingswood

Tuesday 8 September 7pm
@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
54-97 Goscoigne St, Kingswood

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary KELLYVILLE
Mother Teresa Primary WESTMEAD
St Oliver's Primary HARRIS PARK
Corpus Christi Primary CRANE BROOK
Trinity -- Primary KEMPS CREEK

St Bernadette's Primary DUNDAS VALLEY
Holy Trinity Primary GRANVILLE
Mary Immaculate Primary QUAKERS HILL
Our Lady of the Angels Primary ROUSE HILL
St Matthew's Primary WINDSOR

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
\$15 Adults
\$10 Concession
\$40 (2 adults & 2 concessions)
available from trybooking.com/IFFH

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HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

School Fees

Thank you to all families who have finished paying their fees for 2015. Term 3 school fees are due and payable this Monday 17th August. Please make arrangements to pay the fees next week, if you have not already done so.

Grandparents' Day

We will celebrate Grandparents' Day on **Monday August 24th** beginning with Mass at 9.00am. This will be followed by morning tea, book fair and then a special concert in the old Church at 11.30am. We hope to have many Grandparents here on this day to celebrate the important role they play in our lives.

From the Parish Office...

The Feast of the Assumption

Tomorrow - Saturday, 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption. This is one of two remaining Holy Days of Obligations where you are obligated to attend mass. Our Parish will be having mass **tonight at 7.30pm for the Vigil and then at 9am tomorrow** morning. Mass on Saturday evening is the Vigil for the Sunday masses.

Our New Assistant Priest

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Fr John Rizzo who is our new Assistant Priest. Fr Rizzo will be assisting Fr Warren in many areas. Please ensure that you introduce yourself to him. He is keen to meet all members of our Parish.

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 2 August

A big thank you from Fr Warren and our Cake Ladies for your superb baking for our Fiesta, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Confirmation

There will be a Parent Only session on Thursday, 20 August at 7.30pm. For further enquiries, please contact the parish office directly.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are presently inviting any adults who would like to become a Catholic to participate in our formation program leading up to being baptised and received into the Church at Easter.

There will be an **ENQUIRY NIGHT** on **Tuesday, 15 September at 7.30pm** at the Church. Please inform those that may be interested to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Shelly on 0421 610 826 or the Parish office at parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Mass times:

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

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603



Literacy Hint -

Find other willing listeners and readers. Ring grandparents and have them listen to your child read a story. Make a big deal of their early efforts at reading and writing.

School Banking

Please send bank books in on **Wednesday** for deposit on **Thursday**. If you send them in on **Thursday morning** you run the risk of missing the banking for this week. If your child's book does not get returned on **Thursday**, it will be held over to the following week.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes **next Friday 21st August**. Please ensure all books are entered online by this date. There are still 31 students with incomplete records. Certificates are awarded for participating students during Term 4.

Term 3 Week 5	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Abbey Hollier	Cameron Muscat	Mackenzie Molloy
Kinder G	Camryn Sammut	Grace Labbad	Matthew Kamber
Kinder W	Orlaith McManus	Maddix Laborte	Hudson Baker
Year 1B	Anthony Gomez	Riharna Pacella	Ava Carney
Year 1 G	Caitlyn Williams	Ben Roffmann	Alicia Gladwell
Year 1W	Raymon Chayban	Matilda Wallis	Harrison Fiorio
Year 2 B	Lucas Buda	Max Fischer	Amelia Novelli
Year 2 G	Jericho Cirera	Arya Clements	Bailey Knowles
Year 2 W	Jonathon Fuda	Isaac Xuereb	Bryce McDonald
Year 3 B	Zachary Signorelli	Ashton Galea	Brianna Arellano
Year 3 W	Georgia Domars	Zac Lesar	Kalan Oxspring
Year 4 B	Nicholas Hallal	Montana Burt	Trinity Johnston
Year 4 G	Amber-Lilly Baker	Sienna Farrugia	Isaac Sultana
Year 4 W	Natasha Eyles	Marko Rangan	Paige Hayden
Year 5/6 B	Isabelle Douehi	James Darmanin	Marc Zammit
Year 5/6 G	Jacob Garofano	Ryan Muscat	Riley Price
Year 5/6W	Francesca Marino	Tomas Blazevic	Kalani Nobleza

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe. God bless. Eva La Rocca, Principal