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Week 6 Term 3

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic night we had on Wednesday at the Creative Arts Expo at Evans Theatre, Penrith. The students looked amazing, very colourful and sparkly and their behaviour was exemplary. Thank you to the parents who assisted in many different ways, either leading up to the night or on the night. We could not have done it without your help. Thank you also to Mrs Byrne for co-ordinating the whole evening. This was a huge task, co-ordinating five schools and liaising with the theatre. Thank you to the staff who have helped in so many ways especially Mrs Rizk and Miss Theoharous, and everyone who stayed back after school to paint backdrops etc. I could say so much more, but have left it up to some parents who sent the emails below:-

"I felt compelled to write to you after last nights performance in Penrith Panthers. The performance by each and every school was truly wonderful but of course our own OLA were very special indeed and truly captivating. I must commend the dedication of all the wonderful staff that were in attendance, sacrificing time with their own families to enrich our families. It was truly wonderful to see the smiling faces of our children lighting up the stage with their enthusiasm and energy. Personally however what was truly beautiful was to see the happy children during school rehearsals captured in each video snapshot prior to each performance. Our children are the most precious and wonderful achievement in life and it is heart warming to see how happy they are on a daily basis at school. I fondly remember my time at school and it is evident that our children are having a happy and positive foundation in their school life. Thank you to all the wonderful people creating these wonderful memories for all of us"

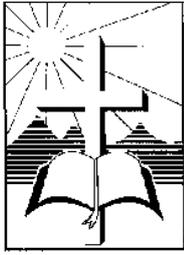
"I dont usually remember to send in emails, but felt I had to this time. THANK YOU!! Thank you for allowing Katrina and the rest of your staff, to be able to enter our children into such an amazing production as was the CREATIVE ARTS CONCERT last night. And thank you for showcasing our children and school! Your staff are amazing and dedicated... they truly go above and beyond the day to day teaching of our children! and it is greatly appreciated by myself and _____. We loved having the opportunity to see our children in such an amazing production. Not only did our school performance look brilliant and professional, but the whole event ran smoothly because of Katrina's hard work and organisation. She also had her amazing support staff around her, who were equally brilliant, calm and happy amongst the children and parents alike. Amazing job all!"

"Just wanted to pass on my thanks to all the staff and parents involved with the creative arts expo last night. You have all put in so much effort and had work into the performance and the costumes which is greatly appreciated. The children did a fabulous job with their performance, they are all little stars and should be so proud of themselves - I know I am. Thanks again for all the hard work and dedication."



Dates to Remember

Mon 1st Sept Stage 3 Overnight Canberra Excursion
Wed/Thur/Fri Father's Day Stall - \$2 for gifts at the first break (see note attached)
Fri 5th Sept Father's Day Breakfast 8.00am
8.50am Liturgy



Gospel Reflection

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a life of service. Peter would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christians today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did. That is our mission every day.

This weekend at home...

Talk to your children about the expectations we have of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings.

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

Have a wonderful 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 **Bollard Family** for sponsoring this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Zammit Family**.

Saint of the Week

St. Bartholomew

Feast Day: August 24 Born/Died: At the time of Jesus

"Bartholomew" was one of the first followers of Jesus. This apostle's other name was Nathaniel. He came from Cana in Galilee and became a disciple of Jesus when his friend Philip invited him to come and meet the Lord.

Nathaniel received high praise from Jesus, who said, as soon as he saw him, "Here is a man in whom there is no guile." Jesus meant that Nathaniel was an honest, sincere man who would never cheat anyone.

Nathaniel was very surprised to hear those words from Jesus. "How do you know me?" he asked. "Before Philip called you," Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree." That was a favourite place that Nathaniel used for prayer.

Nathaniel must have realized then that Jesus had read his heart as he prayed. "Master!" he cried. "You are the Son of God, the King of Israel." And Nathaniel became one of the Lord's faithful apostles.

Like the other apostles, Nathaniel, or Bartholomew, preached the Gospel of Jesus even though his life was in danger. He went to India, Armenia and other lands and preached with great feeling, until he gave his life for the faith.

And so, to the reward of an apostle, St. Bartholomew added the martyr's crown.

This week we have been talking about how important it is to tell people about Jesus and spread the good news. Talk with your family about how you can do this in your own family and community.

Have a happy and holy weekend. Mrs Callaghan ☺

**Nathan Hindmarsh visit with the Stage 3 students
On bullying and being a bystander.**





Father's Day

Please see the two notes attached to this newsletter about Father's Day activities.

Kind Regards, P&F Committee

Reading Challenge – This has now closed. Certificates will be issued in Term 4

Congratulations to the following children who completed the required reading over the last week: Jett L, Charlotte M, Lucy T, Christian A, Marc S, Marcus O, Mikayla M, Sophia T, Annalise C, Emily O, Kristian S, Isabella C, Grace B, Jade R

Social Skill

The social skill for this fortnight is ACCEPTING CONSEQUENCES

- Decide if you were wrong
- Say to yourself, "I have to accept the consequences and be responsible for my behaviour"
- Say to the person, "Yes I did..." (describe what you did)
- Say, "Sorry"

ICAS Spelling

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the recent ICAS spelling competition. Our school performed well above the national average in most grades. A special mention to the following students:

Merit – Charlotte G, Alissa S, Patricia C

Credit – Angelina T, Ana B, Jacob D, Thomas D, Juliana C

Distinction – Aaron R, Maneesha G, Joshua P-B

High Distinction – Karl F

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 will be sending out reminder emails over the next week if there is an amount outstanding.

Mobile Phones:-

Just a reminder that students should not be carrying mobile phones at school, however, if for some reason you feel that this is necessary the phone needs to be kept at the office and not in your child's bag. They need to drop it to the office in the morning and collect it again in the afternoon. A note is also required from the parent stating the reason why your child needs a phone at school.

Make-up Photos

The date for the make-up 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.

Parent/Teacher Conference

A note went home today with your child about the parent/teacher conferences to be held during week 9, ie 8th September.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

School event code is: TW5TW

C.A.R.E.S.
Community & Road Education Scheme

Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

24 SEPTEMBER 2014
10AM - 3PM

Bring your own helmet & bike
Road Safety Information
Safety Checks & Skills Course
NSWP Push Bike Squad
Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle
Face Painting
Participant Show Bag

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au

NSW Police
Blacktown City Council

Creative Arts Expo

On Wednesday night OLA performed at Evans Theatre in the Creative Arts Expo with 4 other schools. It was a long day and I was extremely proud of all our students who represented our school with lots of pride. Our students were well behaved and cooperative throughout the dress rehearsal and supportive of the other schools, clapping and cheering for their performances.

Our students arrived that night at Evans theatre, full of excitement and smiles. Once dressed in their costumes, they sparkled and glittered and were ready to perform. The students were confident and perfect throughout their performance and the smiles on their faces as the crowd cheered was priceless.

I would like to congratulate our students and commend them on their performance. I was extremely proud of all of them. Well done OLA!!

I would also like to thank the staff for their ongoing support throughout the preparation and performance of our expo item. I am extremely grateful to Melissa Theoharous and Lisa Rizk, who choreographed the dance routines. I would also like to thank the parents who applied make up and did the girl's hair, they looked fabulous.

Next Thursday, the students will be performing their act to the whole school at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come and see the students.

All students in the performance will need to wear their leotard under their sport's uniform. Students who needed their black school shoes will need to bring these with them on Thursday. If possible, we would like the girls to have their hair done similar to what they had on the night.



From the class room... Yr 1G

Year One's recent artwork incorporated both topics of healthy eating and celebrations, using cooked spaghetti to create fireworks with paint. 1G enjoyed creating this type of art and here are some amazing examples.



Today was Super Sandwich Day in Year 1 and we got to make healthy sandwiches or wraps for our lunch. We had many healthy ingredients to choose from and there were lots of parents helping us with our sandwiches. We had different breads, cold meats, cheeses and lots and lots of vegetables. Our day was very fun and our sandwiches were tasty and amazing!!! Thank you parents and teachers for helping us. We had a very healthy day! By Zane Boatwalla



BOOKS

Books are what I like the best
They're not just toys like all the rest
That break, or get old, or don't want to play
A book gets better every day.

Sit down and open it - soon you'll find
A whole new world jumps up in your mind,
People and places and all sorts of things -
Dragons and princesses, goblins and kings,
Dinosaurs walking the earth like thunder,
Ancient Egyptians who make you wonder,
Books about planets and space exploration,
The truth about rocks, and the birth of our
nation.

And perhaps the most interesting story of all
That tells of the Prince who is going to call,
And even a picture to show how he looks -
Now these are the things that I like about books.

**There once was a man from
Bengal,
Who went to a fancy dress ball
He thought he's risk it
And go as a biscuit
But a dog ate him up in the
hall!**

By Michael Blazey 5/6W

My dog does my
homework at home every
night
He answers the questions
and gets them all right
There's only one problem
with homework by Rover
I can't hand in work that's
been slobbered all over.

By Dante Merrin 1B

Sounds Like it to Me!

By Nicholas Gomez 2B

Tick Tock. Tick Tock
Funny how it rhymes with clock
Rub-a-dub, rub-a-dub, rub-a-dub
dub.
Funny how it rhymes with tub.

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Plip, plop. Down the drain
Funny how it rhymes with rain.
Splish, splash, Slip, Slop
Funny how it rhymes with mop.

Yummy, yummy. Slurp, slurp,
slurp
Funny how it rhymes with burp.

If words sound just like what they
do,
What words, ya think, would
rhyme with you?

Poem in a Pocket

It's Raining Gumballs

By Rebecca Charlesworth 4W

It's raining gumballs
It's raining gumballs
It's quite a wonderous treat
They're falling from the
clouds above and bouncing
off the street.

It's raining gumballs
It's raining gumballs
A sticky, spectacular shower
I try to catch them in my
mouth for hour upon hour.

It's raining gumballs
It's raining gumballs
I'm not sure of the reason
But I'm glad instead of just
the four
We've not got gumball
season!

Sisters

By Marcus Odd 2W

*My sister is an ordinary pest
She can't stay still or take a rest
She just talks all day long!
Well I can tell you I'm NOT wrong.*

*I will leave you with a clue
Her favourite colour is blue
All my sister does is dance and dance
I honestly feel like I'm in a trance
She's always in a drama
I can't get any calmer.*

*But to the good side of things
My sister is pretty funny
She is almost as awesome as my
mummy
She really is one who is a wonderful
creature
She has many magical features.*

My name is Natasha
My friends call me Tash
My mum makes me take out the
trash

That which I do in a flash

By Natasha Eyles

God's Creation

*Look at the grass,
So beautifully green
Look at the sky
So clear and clean.*

*Look at the flowers
Swaying in the air
Look at the creatures
We all have to care.*

*Look at the ground,
So beautifully made
Look at the rainbows
That always fade.*

By Juliana Constantino
3W

Happiness

Happiness is bright pink
Happiness tastes like sweet
yummy candy
Happiness looks like rainbows
and blue skies
Happiness sounds like giggles
and laughter
Happiness feels like hugs and
warm hearts.

By Sharmayne Gibson

Sea Creatures

What do you see in the sea animals
moving free
Snails and whales using their tails.
Seals and eels looking for meals.
Catfish, fat fish chasing fat fish.
What do you see in the sea animals
moving free.

By Isaac Sultana 3G

From the Parish Office...

Sacrament of Confirmation

All students currently enrolled are reminded that there is a Retreat Day on Sunday, beginning at 10am with Mass on concluded at 3pm. Should you have any questions, please contact Anthony in the Parish Office.

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.

Bloke's Night

Fr Warren and Fr Joby invite the Dad's of OLA Primary to come along tonight to Bloke's Night at 18 Milford Drive, Rouse Hill from 7.30pm. A great way to meet other men from the Parish.

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.

Baptism Seminar

If you have a child that you wish to have Baptised, please come along this Sunday, 11am to our Baptism Seminar. This is compulsory prior to your child being Baptised.

Free !!

There are 2 desks that are free to take from the Parish Office verandah. Thanks.

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

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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

Until next week, may God bless and keep you safe.

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

Term3 Week 7	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Aidan Vilathgamuwa	Olivia Sims	Sophia Dobaj
Kinder G	Joseph Abdallah	Ben Roffmann	Sienna Jeffriess
Kinder W	Madison Zahra	Lucas Cajic	Amalia-Rose Trifiro
Year 1B	Makiah Arora	Jericho Cirera	Mia-Bella Trifiro
Year 1 G	Christian Vargas	Anneliese Gutwenger	Lauren Eyles
Year 1W	Evie Cassel	Denzel Chang	Kiara Wijaya
Year 2 B	Kalan Oxspring	Lucy Finch	Tamsyn Brown
Year 2 W	Charli Molloy	Thomas Lenane	Sienna Achis
Year 3 B	Kenny King	Jade Richardson	Isaiah Holvander
Year 3 G	Joel Webb	Lily Cassar	John-Paul Colosimo
Year 3 W	Shanae Makumbe	Lucas Lesar	Sebastian Mileto
Year 4 B	Remi Ferdinands	Caleb McGrady	Ryan Muscat
Year 4 W	Madison Lee	Chelsea Lynch	Kalani Nobleza
Year 5/6 B	Nicholas Cutron	Paige Cunneen	Riyantha NAidu
Year 5/6 W	Samuel Fitzgerald	Ella Girdham	Bryan Manago