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Week 7 Term 1

13th March, 2015

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute" (2221, Catechism of the Catholic Church)

This week was **Catholic Schools Week**. There were a number of opportunities for parents to come and share in their child's learning. Thank you to those who were able to attend the open morning. The weather, although not sunny, held out long enough to have a picnic morning break. On behalf of the students – Thank you- as I know it means a lot to them. We also understand that it is not always possible to attend event in the day. Here are some images from the event...



Quality Catholic Schools Survey

Thank you to the parents who received a letter to complete the QCS survey. Your time and effort to provide feedback is vital and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call the school.

2016 Enrolment Information Night - already!

We are fast approaching the very busy enrolment period with many enquiries coming in each day. If you know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child at OLA in 2016, there will be an

Enrolment Information Night held in the Year 4 learning space on Tuesday, 24th March starting at 7pm.

This is a change of date. Please mention it to any family or friends that you know are interested in coming, as they may not be aware of the date change.

This is information for new families only – not for children



Wednesday 25th March is the Feast of the Annunciation- There will be a **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS FIRST TIME IN OUR NEW CHURCH** at the 9am parish Mass.



Dates to Remember

Tues 17 th Mar:	St Patrick's Day – Green mufti, gold coin donation
Fri 20 th Mar:	Second Hand Uniform Stall 8.30am – 9.30am
Tues 24 th Mar:	OLA Cross Country 9.00 – 12.00pm
	Kindergarten 2016 Information Night – New Families Only 7.00pm
Wed 25 th Mar:	Feast of the Annunciation- 9am WHOLE SCHOOL MASS FIRST TIME IN OUR NEW CHURCH -
	DanceFever Inter School Challenge at Homebush (Year 3-6)

Saint of the Week: St. Patrick



Patrick grew up in Scotland, when he was 16 years old he was kidnapped by pirates and taken to Ireland on a ship. He was sold as a slave and his owner used him to look after his flock of sheep. Being a shepherd is very lonely work and so Patrick often turned to God and Mary in prayer, he learned to trust in God. Six years after being kidnapped, Patrick had a dream where he was commanded to go back to Britain. He trusted in God and escaped on a ship back to Britain. Patrick decided to study to become a priest and he had a strong feeling that he needed to go back to Ireland to tell people about God, because at that time no one in Ireland knew about God. He became a priest and then a Bishop and was sent to England and then Ireland to share the Gospel. It was very dangerous in Ireland to speak about God and there were many people who wanted to kill Patrick because of his belief in God, but Patrick never stopped. He worked for 40 years in Ireland and before he died, the whole country was Christian!

Get the Saint of the Day for Kids App at <http://saintofthedayforkids.com>



Gospel Reflection John 3: 14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

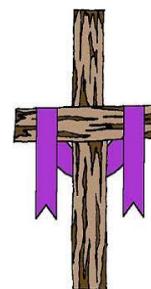
In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

St Patricks Day

On Tuesday 17th March OLA will be celebrating St. Patricks Day. Children can wear green mufti and bring in a gold coin donation to support Project Compassion. The SRC will be organising fun activities at lunchtime including a lolly guessing competition, fashion parade, races and a dance off.

HOLY WEEK- Stations of the Cross

On Monday 30th March OLA will be celebrating Holy Week with Stations of the Cross. Students from St. John Paul II will be leading us in a reflection at 12:30 under the COLA. All parents and grandparents are welcome to join us in this liturgy.



Have a great weekend with your family.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan – Religious Education Coordinator ☺

Parent 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. If you are interested in participating, even if you sponsored the space last year, we look forward to receiving an email from you to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. We will then advise you which week you have been allocated. Thank you to the **Palmer-Burton family** who sponsored the space this week. Next week the Elliott family will be sponsoring this space.



Social skill

The new social skill for this fortnight is "Using manners".
The focus is on using please and thankyou.

Early Years Assessment

All schools in the Parramatta Diocese conduct testing on Kindergarten and year 1 this term. This is an important source of data for our teachers to ensure each child's learning needs in literacy are met. The Catholic Education Office provides release for the classroom teachers to conduct the testing and therefore casual teachers are in the class during this time. These Early Years Assessments have started this week and will continue over the next few weeks.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please note that the letter for parent/teacher conferences was emailed home yesterday. Please go to the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the instructions.

The event code for these conferences is:- 4U32A The site will close for bookings next Friday 20th March.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Thank you to those who promptly returned their PRC forms. Some students have already received their logon and password details with the rest to follow in the next few weeks. In the meantime, continue to record books read on a piece of paper and transfer it to the digital version when passwords become available.

ICAS

A reminder that the entry forms and money for the ICAS competitions are due by Friday 27th March.

Kindergarten Siblings for 2016

Can you believe it is that time of year again..... If you have a sibling that is due to start kindergarten in 2016, could you please email the office (ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) with their name, DOB and older sibling so that we can arrange for enrolment forms to be sent home over the next couple of weeks. We have new enrolment forms, so please do not print off any forms, we will send one home to you.

School Banking

Please forward your child's bank book to school on Wednesday and it will be returned home on Thursday. If it comes in on Thursday, it may not get to the office before the ladies are finished. If this is the case, it will be held over until the following week.

School Photos

For your information, school photos will be taken on Monday 4th May this year. Children will be wearing their full summer uniform for the photos.

Winter Uniform

For those new to the school, the children wear their winter uniform during terms 2 and 3. However, as it can still be quite warm at the beginning of term 2, we normally come back in our summer uniform and changeover in about week 4, ie Monday 11th May. The exact date will be confirmed in the first week or two of next term.



Children are to wear green mufti
and bring a gold coin donation
Closed-in shoes and sensible clothing
Must be worn.

Lunchtime will be full of fun
and lots of games



Money collected will go towards Project Compassion



Bishops Office

Catholic Outlook Readership Survey – Have Your Say

Our diocesan monthly magazine, Catholic Outlook, is conducting a readership survey for you to provide valuable feedback about the publication. Top 50 responses – \$50 vouchers

We want to know what you like about the publication? What would you like to see more or less of?

How relevant is the editorial content? How can we best improve Catholic Outlook?

To answer these and other questions in the 10 min survey go to: www.parra.catholic.org.au/catholicoutlook

Deadline for submissions: Sunday 1 March.

Position Vacant: Parish Advisor

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the position of Parish Advisor. For a confidential discussion please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, tel 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au Further detail about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Applications close Sunday 22 February 2015.

Called by Name – Discernment Weekend Retreat

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer weekend retreats for women aged 18-35 who want to discern their vocation to religious life. This retreat is a one-to-one encounter. It includes prayer times, talks and accompaniment. It is a great opportunity to have a lived experience with the sisters. “Is God calling me to religious life?” If this is a real question for you, this retreat is for you.

Date: last weekend of every month. RVSP a week before the retreat. Cost: donation.

Venue: Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong.

Lent Retreat Day on 14 March

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer retreat opportunities for women aged 18-35 who are seeking to deepen their spiritual life. Join the sisters for a day of Lenten reflections and prayers followed by a social gathering. Lunch/dinner will be provided.

Date: Saturday 14 March, from 9.30am to 5pm. No charge but RSVP essential by 11 March.

Venue: Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong

Details: Sr Margaret tel (02) 9626 9200, 0420 754 727, margaretsfn@gmail.com www.csfm.org.au

‘IS HE THE ONE?’

One of this year’s school goals is centred on writing. Today we carried out a ***whole school writing*** task. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 were given a writing stimulus and they were given time to complete a written response. The Image was projected in their rooms and was also at the top of the paper on which they did their writing.

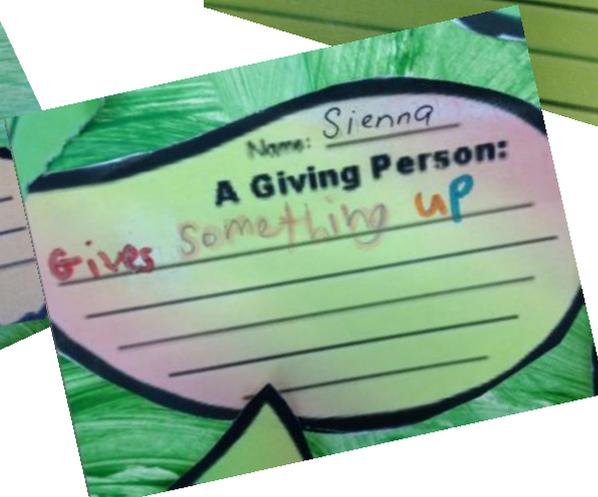
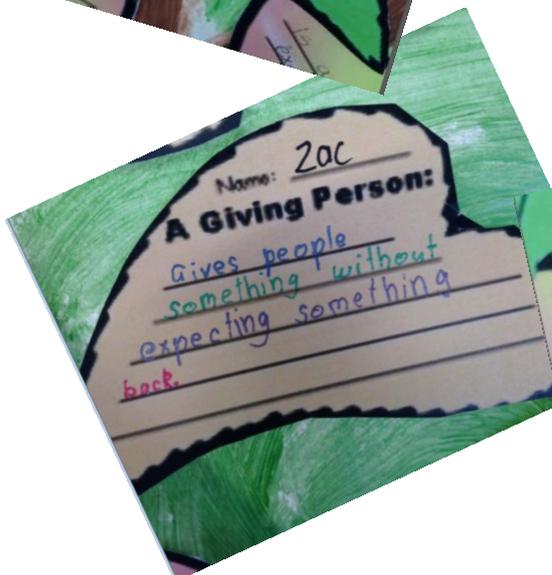
Please ask your child about this experience. We intend to repeat this activity at least once a term. Teachers will spend considerable time analysing a range of samples from this work to inform the teaching a learning practice at this school.

Mrs Hurst, Literacy Coordinator.



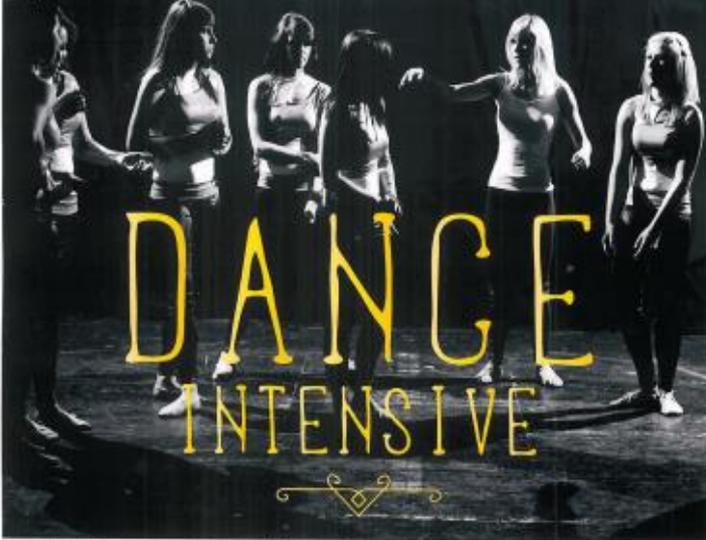
FROM THE CLASSROOM... Year 3W

As part of our Lenten journey, Year 3 read the amazing story *The Giving Tree*. We reflected on what a giving person looks like, sounds like and feels like. We then created our own Giving Tree and recorded our thoughts. Here are some of our responses:



FRIDAY 20 - SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2015

MASTERCLASS



DANCE INTENSIVE

Friday 20 March
SNR MUSICAL THEATRE - Brad Green
SNR FITNESS FOR DANCERS - Taha Dow
SNR ARGENTINE TANGO - Darren Samuel
SNR CONTEMPORARY - Taha Dow

Saturday 21 March
SNR JAZZ - Marian Ibrahim
SNR LYRICAL WALTZ - Robbie Kerestoni
JNR & SNR 'How To Be A Better Me' seminar - Alicia Butzgiel
JNR LYRICAL - Kate Ridge

Sunday 22 March
SNR HIP HOP - Jay Johns
SNR REHEARSAL - Simone Samuel
SNR JUMPS KICKS & TURNS - Nicole Ojale
JNR CHERLEADING - Anandiah Blok
JNR HIP HOP - Leszka Leszka
JNR REHEARSAL - CAPTIVATE team member

Primary Years 3 - 6
2 day workshop Saturday 21 March & Sunday 22 March
Secondary & Advanced Year 6
2 or 3 day workshop
Friday 20 - Sunday 22 March
2 days - \$80
3 days - \$120

St John Paul II Catholic College, Nirimba Campus, Eastern Road, Quakers Hill

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MONDAY 16 MARCH 4PM TO 8PM - SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS

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tours available - please contact school office on 9208 7200 for times

SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS YEARS 7-10 - 85 HAMBLEDON ROAD, SCHOFIELDS
NIRIMBA CAMPUS YEARS 11-12 - EASTERN ROAD, QUAKERS HILL

TEL: 9208 7200
www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7 2016

Enrolments for Year 7 2016 will open on Tuesday 3 March, 2015. It is anticipated that all Year 6 students currently attending St Angela's, Our Lady of The Rosary, St Madeleine's and Our Lady of the Angels will receive an Enrolment Package at their school, in the two week period leading up to our Open Evening.

Applications should be **fully completed and lodged** at the College **by Monday 20 April, 2015**. Failure to provide a fully completed application form (including all necessary signatures) and copies of all relevant, supporting documentation may delay the processing of applications and enrolment offers. Late applications will only be accepted if there are unfilled places. Any enquiries can be directed to the Enrolment Officer on 9654 6700.

The enrolment period for Year 7 2016 will close on Monday 20 April, 2015.



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING - TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015

Marian Catholic College extends an invitation to prospective students and their families, to attend our annual Open Evening. This year there will be **three repeated** sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered by the College. The session times will be run at **4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm**

Each session will commence in the Shared Hall, where the Principal and students from Years 7 and 11 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 will suit you the best; there is no need to rush to be at the College for a 4:30 pm start!

BULLYING. NO WAY!

TAKE A STAND TOGETHER

Our school community is proud to *Take a Stand Together* for the

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence



Friday 20 March 2015

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

From the Parish Office...

First Friday

Our New Church

We are very pleased to advise that our First Mass will be held on the Feast of the Annunciation - Wednesday, 25 March at 9am.

High School Enrolments

For parents preparing to enrol their child in a Catholic High school, please note that you will not have a copy of a Reconciliation Certificate as no certificate is ever issued at Reconciliation. The High Schools have advised that they will amend their forms to not request a copy. They will however, ask you for the date of Reconciliation. If you are unsure of this date, just contact the parish office for this information.

First Holy Communion

All parents will have received an email regarding the selection process for Holy Communion dates. If you have not received this email, please contact the parish office immediately.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on Saturday, 21 March after the 5.30pm Mass. If you are interested, just email me back and I will add your name to the list. Cost is \$10 for 3 books. BYO: nibbles & drink.

Hot Cross Buns

Our parish is holding it's annual Easter Fundraiser. You can help by ordering from us your Easter Hot Cross Buns made by Bakers Delight Stanhope Gardens. You have the choice of Fruit, Fruitless, Choc Chip or Mocha Hot Cross Buns. Cost is \$7- per half dozen. The parish will received \$3.50. Hop into our office to place your order. These can be collected on Holy Thursday afternoon or Good Friday morning.

EASTER SERVICES

- Palm Sunday:** normal mass times
Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass
- Holy Thursday:** Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm
Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm
- Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross 10am
Confessions available after the stations
The Passion Liturgy 3pm
- Easter Vigil:** Saturday evening 6.30pm

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

After Mass, there will be a special morning tea and Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny!
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!



Literacy Hint -

If your child comes across an unknown word during reading, **pause** before saying the word. This gives them the opportunity to work out the word. If they can't work out the word, provide **prompts** by asking what is in the picture, what sound the word begins with and what would make sense in the sentence. If your child still can't work out the word, say the word and ask them to read the sentence again. **Praise** your child's efforts. This is the "Pause, Prompt, Praise" method of helping your child to read.

*Water lily
flowering in
our bush
garden*



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

**'Student
of the Week'
awards go to:**

Term 1 Week 7	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Julie Bolina	Abbey Hollier	Patrick Doueih
Kinder G	Lachlan Heany	Evie-Mae Blount	Malachi Rangan
Kinder W	Deagan Hopkins	Pippa Rosano	Giancarlo Mazza
Year 1B	Ava Silva	Isobel Clarke	Anthony Gomez
Year 1 G	Amity Oxspring	Ella Dimech	Mitchell Ross
Year 1W	James Apap	Jayden Thornton	Sophia Dobaj
Year 2 B	Brayden Stoddard	Amelia Novelli	Peter Giovas
Year 2 G	Zachary Nicholls	Jericho Cirera	Madison Mihalic
Year 2 W	Kobe Ormsby	Jonathon Fuda	Akeesha Gunasekara
Year 3 B	Ava Bennett	Callum Galway	Ashton Galea
Year 3 W	Ethan Graham	Lucy Finch	Nathan Cook
Year 4 B	Alyssia Salib	Joshua Maisetti	Nicola Topic
Year 4 G	Bella Masters	Thomas Dobaj	Emily Bennison
Year 4 W	Ariane Maher	Alissa Sweeney	Lucas Lesar
Year 5/6 B	Claudia Coombes	Anthony Parada	James Darmanin
Year 5/6 G	Paige Cunneen	Blake Tickell	Brock Bailey
Year 5/6 W	Brock Crook	Kalani Nobleza	Luke Robertson

