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Week 8 Term 2

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## NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents,

Today the whole school gathered at Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It was wonderful to be able to gather as a whole community in our new church. During the homily, Fr Warren talked about the enormous love Jesus has for us, so much so that He died for us. Father asked the children about how much they love Jesus in return? How do we show that love? We pray, we do kind and good acts and, very simply, be kind to one another.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Callaghan REC for organising those who participated – readers, offertory processors, altar servers. Thank you to the choir who led the singing and to Geraldine Farrugia for playing the organ. Having grown up in and having received all my sacraments in a Sacred Heart Parish, this is a particular devotion of mine. Whenever times are strained, challenges of life arise, before a difficult conversation, I say...

*‘Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place my trust in Thee’.*



It always works for me.

### Congratulations.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Katrina Byrne will take on the role of Acting REC when Mrs Callaghan goes on leave at the end of this term. This is an important role on the leadership team and I am very confident that someone, like Mrs Byrne, who knows the school well – its strengths and needs- will serve our community well in the continual development of the Catholic dimension of our school.

### Parish Fiesta



Each year in celebration of Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day, the parish holds a special Mass, followed by a Marian procession. The rest of the day is one of fine food and fun at the fiesta. The school community, of course, is an integral part of its success and we look forward to your support - at different levels - again this year. Please refer to the P&F section in upcoming newsletters.

### First Holy Communion

Last weekend, many of our Year 3 students received the Blessed Eucharist and this weekend many others will be receiving Jesus' body and blood at their First Communion. Please keep these children in your prayers.



### Dates to Remember

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June: ICAS Spelling  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June: ICAS Writing  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June: Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June: Last day of Term 2  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July: First day of Term 3

# Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June



The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated on August 31, 1670, in Rennes, France, through the efforts of Fr. Jean Eudes. From Rennes, the devotion spread, but it took the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque for the devotion to become universal. In all of these visions, in which Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary, the Sacred Heart of Jesus played a central role. The "great apparition," which took place on June 16, 1675, during the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi, is the source of the modern Feast of the Sacred Heart. In that vision, Christ asked St. Margaret Mary to request that the Feast of the Sacred Heart be celebrated on the Friday after the octave (or eighth day) of the Feast of Corpus Christi, in reparation for the ingratitude of men for the sacrifice that Christ had made for them. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents not simply His physical heart but His love for all mankind.

The devotion became quite popular after St. Margaret Mary's death in 1690, but, because the Church initially had doubts about the validity of St. Margaret Mary's visions, it wasn't until 1765 that the feast was celebrated officially in France. Almost 100 years later, in 1856, Pope Pius IX, at the request of the French bishops, extended the feast to the universal Church. It is celebrated on the day requested by our Lord—the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, or 19 days after Pentecost Sunday.



## Gospel Reflection Mark 4: 26-34

*Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."*

*He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.*

Church documents call the Christian family the "domestic church." This is both a compliment and a call to commitment. Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. This Sunday's Gospel Reading, Mark 4:26–34, consists of two parables that Jesus used to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it's these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God's kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

We pray for all the students who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday.

*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. An example is – Week three - this space is sponsored by the Smith Family and there might be a small posy of flowers, a set of Rosary Beads and maybe the photo of someone for whom the Smith family is seeking prayers. This is the family's choice. There are only two small shelves 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, even if you sponsored the space last year, we look forward to receiving an email from you to [ola@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) with *Family Prayer Space* in the subject line. We will then advise you which week you have been allocated.



### Social skill

The social skill for this fortnight is:

#### Sharing Materials and Ideas

- If you want to use something that belongs to someone else, you must ask first
- When someone asks to use your things, you can choose to: let the person borrow it because they are a responsible person or say 'no' nicely and give a reason why.
- Remember the Golden Rule: Look after other people's things so that they will look after yours.

#### ICAS Competitions

Please note the following dates for the ICAS Competitions:-

**Spelling – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June (note change of date)**

English – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

**Writing – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Maths – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

### **Boys' Shed Garden**



You might have noticed what a great job the Boys' Shed team have done with building a native garden. Our compliments go to Mrs Schroder for facilitating this program. This is one of many examples of meeting students' needs 'outside the square'. There are just the paths to finish and then on to the next project – restoring bicycles. However, before that can start, there is a need to erect a shed dedicated to for this purpose. If anyone can offer their assistance towards the laying of a concrete slab or the purchase and erection of a shed, please contact Mrs Schroder. Your help is appreciated. Please make sure children show respect for the work of others and the grounds in general by not running through the gardens.

## *Did you know????*

### **Register of enrolments;**

When a student under 17 years of age leaves school with an unknown destination the school has a responsibility to inform the local DET School Education Area of the name and last known contact details for the student concerned. If you are leaving our school at any time during the year, a terms notice is required in writing or a full term's fees are payable. Therefore, you must advise the leaving school, the name of the new school that your child will be attending.

### **Priority of enrolment;**

Under CEO policies schools are required to follow the Diocesan enrolment policy giving priority to certain students/ families as outlined in the policy. In a newsletter the school could give a summary of the Diocesan enrolment policy, similar to that in the Annual School Report and include relevant links to the policy for web users.

### **Obligations under child protection;**

#### **Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??**

Schools have a wide range of responsibilities in relation to child protection. If you wish to volunteer at the school you must complete the child protection training. This includes helping with gross motor, lunches, reading groups, sports activities etc. This training needs to be completed every two years.

The URL is: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/child-protection-training>

### **Games/toys at school;**

*Just a reminder that we discourage the children from bringing any electronic games, iphones etc, to school. If for any reason your child needs to bring a phone to school, a letter must be supplied to the principal explaining the reason, and also it must be kept in the office during school hours. No phones or electronic games should be in a child's bag, at all, during the day, as they will become very distressed if they are damaged or lost. Thank you for assisting us in this matter.*



From the P&F....

# Walk-a-thon



We are VERY excited at all the amazing prizes that have been donated by companies in our local community! We have so many fabulous prizes for our major prize draw! Our latest prizes have been generously donated by **Big W Rouse Hill!**



Keep your eye out for next week's newsletter to see what other prizes we have...  
**Please keep returning your *permission slip* and *parent helper* forms.**

***Don't forget to ask family and friends to sponsor you for the big event!***



## PARISH FIESTA - AUGUST 2ND

This year the OLA school contribution to the fiesta will be the '**LUCKY DIP**' stall. This stall has been extremely successful in past years and often ends up selling out very early in the afternoon!

In Week 10 (*the last week of this term*) we ask that each family donates a novelty item/s valued around \$2-\$3. These items will be sorted and wrapped separately for boys and girls. Items may include hair clips, stamps, stickers, art and craft items, toy cars, bouncing balls, bubbles or anything appropriate for a boy or girl!

We will need a few helpers to get together to wrap the items early next term and then each grade will be rostered on a small amount of time to contribute to the success of our stall. Toddlers welcome... it will be a family event!

We look forward to celebrating the feast of Our Lady of the Angels with our school and parish community!

## FROM THE CLASSROOM...2G

Students in Year 2 have been learning about The Pentecost Story this term. Children have been learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As a part of this unit and integrated within our Science Unit- Material World, the students created a piece of artwork using an outline of a flame. The children used shaving cream and paint to make their flames.

The results were amazing!



**SEMINAR**



# The Challenge of Disciplining Your Children

This is a three-hour interactive seminar on constructive techniques for parents when disciplining and encouraging their children.

Parents will learn:

- what discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- to use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- to use different discipline techniques

**Tuesday, 16 June 2015**

**6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Cost: \$25 (Concession \$15)**

**Venue: Interrelate  
Suite 423, 14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista NSW**

**Bookings essential - Phone 8882 7850**

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relationship experts since 1926

Congratulations to Nicholas Cutroni, Seronique Taylor and Ailbhe Gannon who participated at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools State Cross Country today.



## From the Parish Office...

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to those children who have received the Body and Blood of Christ. We ask you to continue praying for these children and their family as they grow in God's love.

#### Attention: Year 6

**Confirmation:** All Students will be bringing home an enrolment form. This form will need to be return on or before August 6 when we have our Enquiry Night at 7.30pm in the Church.

**Please note:** If you child did their First Holy Communion at OLA, they do not need to attach Baptism and Communion Certificates.

**Youth Hangout:** Come along tonight for an EPIC MOVIE NIGHT!!! Bring your pillows, sleeping bags, popcorn, chocolates, lollies, blankets and friends for an

"even more awesome--ER" time! It will be in the NEW HALL (the old church), from 7 till 9pm.

You are more than welcome to bring a movie along as we will be picking the movie on the night. 😊

### Playgroup

Attention all Parents with Young children. You are invited to come along to OLA Playgroup held every Friday at 9.30am. No need to book - just pop in!!

### Piety Store

Come along and check out the variety of goods that are now stocked in the Piety Store. We have many exciting items including gifts, books and cards. If there is something you need, just let the staff now and we can also try and order this in for you.

### We're fundraising with Entertainment

Thank you to all those who have supported the parish though this most entertaining Fundraiser. You can still order a book as a hardcopy or an electronic copy. This can be purchased through the link on our Website or you can contact the parish office. FYI the electronic copies can be shared amongst family devices!! Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

### Mass times:

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

**Weekdays:** Mon -Sat: 9 am

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## Numeracy Hint



Cooking with your child is a great opportunity to discuss measurement of ingredients and to count items. Using a timer can help your child to understand concepts of time.



**Congratulations to Kenny King** in Year 4 for being part of the U/9 First team who are the 2015 NSW Immortals Winners.

*God bless and keep you safe over the weekend.*

*Eva La Rocca, Principal*

Term 2 Week 8			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	James Elliott	Julie Bolina	Aiden McGrady
Kinder G	Hugo Vozzo	Thomas Gutwenger	Jessic Bowen
Kinder W	Eoin Gannon	Ethan Streater	Seth Orton
Year 1B	Jaeden Mensah	Anthony Gomez	Ava Silva
Year 1 G	Marcus Mileto	Alicia Gladwell	Stella Signorelli
Year 1W	Sophia Dobaj	Celina Wassef	Maya Cauchi
Year 2 B	Sarah Cleary	Marcus Billyard	Nate Davis
Year 2 G	Zane Boatwalla	Michael Eyles	Isabel Williams
Year 2 W	Isaac Xuerab	Marcus Castellan	Kimberly Mabhena
Year 3 B	Jackson Jacobs	Liam Doyle	Zachary Sprowles
Year 3 W	Kalan Oxspring	Jasmyn Robertson	Ethan Graham
Year 4 B	William Blazey	Breanna Debrincat	Paige Hayden
Year 4 G	John-Paul Colosimo	Millie Edwards	Shanae Makumbe
Year 4 W	Malachi Cauchi	Ariane Maher	Charlotte Garcia
Year 5/6 B	William Anderson	Claudia Coombes	Bethany Dersch
Year 5/6 G	Bradley Girdham	Javier Silva	Seronique Taylor
Year 5/6 W	Elouise Gomez	Bryan Manago	Aaron Rebutan

