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Week 8 Term 3

5th Sept, 2014

Dear Parents,

Earlier this year, on the feast of St Joseph, Pope Francis addressed a large gathering of people with particular focus on the role of fathers. He alluded to the importance of St Joseph in his role of earthly father of Jesus. *Pope Francis invited faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray for all fathers, both living and dead. He underlined the "educational" role of fathers and the personal experience of St. Joseph who was a "refugee" when he, Mary and Jesus fled to Egypt.*

'I ask for you the grace to always be very close to your children, letting them grow, but close. ... They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love. Be like St. Joseph for them, guardians of their growth in age, wisdom and grace. Guardians of their journey.'

Over and over we hear reference to God, our Father. This is because the role of a father in one's life is vitally important and unique.

This morning, we held a Fathers' Day Breakfast followed by a liturgy in honour of all the dads in our community. Each year we question whether it is possible with numbers growing by a hundred each time. However, this morning ran very smoothly with many dads and some granddads coming into school in hand with their children. How delightful to see. Something so little brings so much joy to a child and dad, as well.

Thanks so much to Natalie Spiteri and the P&F and all the mums (and Mr Baker) who came along to lend a hand on the barbie – despite the very cold and early start. Once again a great success thanks to the hard work of a few. Following the BBQ was a special Fathers' Day Liturgy held by Year 1. Prayers of thanks for our fathers, a sharing of why dads are special and a song of praise for dads – and they did it so beautifully.

Thank you, Year 1 students and teachers.



Times like these put a strain on our parking. Please consider our neighbours by not parking at their inconvenience. We are very lucky to have the option of Centenary Oval within 5 minutes walking distance.

What a busy week - Earlier this week I had the pleasure of spending two days in Canberra with our senior students and then Thursday at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod for Verse Speaking (more in this Newsletter). On Thursday, **NAPLAN results** were distributed to the Year 5 and Year 3 students. I am pleased to say that, since last year, OLA moved up the scale significantly in nine of the ten domains, all well above the National Standard, with the other staying the same, still slightly above with the National Standard. This is recognition for the solid work done by all the staff and that done by the students. Well done!

Next week, **Term 3 Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences** will be held. I trust this will be a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date.

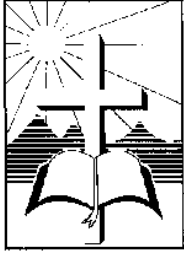
Today is my last day of school for the term. I leave the affairs in the capable hands of Mrs Hey and the rest of the staff. Until next term, may God bless and keep you safe.

Eva La Rocca, Principal

Dates to Remember

Mon 8 th Sept	Parent/Teacher Conference Week
Fri 12 th Sept	Stage 3 Touch Footy Gala Day
Mon 15 th Sept	Make-up School Photo Day
Tues 16 th Sept	Principal's Morning Tea
Fri 19 th Sept	Last day of Term 3

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Gospel Reflection

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

As a Family...

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect. Talk together about the procedures for resolving disputes in your family. Jesus also promises that he will help those who pray to him with their needs. Ask your children to lead you in praying the Prayer of St Francis that we pray as a school community.

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

Next Tuesday evening, **16th September**, there will be an information night for parents of children who will be completing their First Reconciliation this year in November. It will commence at 7:30 p.m. I encourage all parents of children in Year 2 (and older students who have not completed this Sacrament) to attend.

Spending some time relaxing this 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 **Zammit Family** for sponsoring this week. Next week the sponsor family will be the **Garcia Family**.



Congratulations to...

The Roberts Family on the arrival of baby Lucy, a little sister for Boston in Kinder

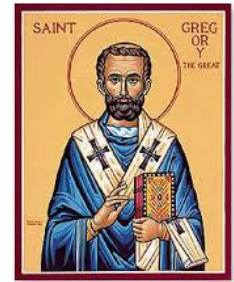
Saint of the Week

St. Gregory the Great

Feast Day: September 3rd

Born: 540 Died: 604

St. Gregory was born in Rome, in Italy. His father was a politician and his mother is a saint, St. Celia. Gregory studied philosophy and when he was still quite young, became the governor of Rome. When his father died, Gregory made his large house into a monastery. For many years he lived as a good and holy monk (priest). Then Pope Pelagius made him one of the seven ministers of the Church in Rome. When the pope died, Gregory was chosen to take his place. He was so holy and wise; everyone knew he would be a good pope. But Gregory was so humble that he did not want that honor at all and disguised himself and hid in a cave. The people soon found him and made him pope anyway.



For fourteen years he ruled the Church. Even though he was always sick, Gregory was one of the greatest popes the Church has ever had. He wrote many books and was a wonderful preacher. He cared for people all over the world. In fact, he considered himself the servant of all. He was the first pope to use the title "servant of the servants of God." All the popes since have used this title. St. Gregory took special, loving care of poor people and strangers. Every day he used to feed them a good dinner. He was also very sensitive and understanding when people were treated badly.

Once, when he was still a monk, he saw some blond English boys up for sale in the slave market of Rome. The saint felt a great desire to go to England to bring the love of Jesus to those pagans (who did not believe in God). When he became pope, one of the first things he did was to send some of his best monks to teach the English people and help bring them to Jesus.

This holy pope suffered a lot in the last few years of his life, yet he continued working for his beloved Church until the very end.

This week make a conscious effort to talk to your children about humility and the importance of being servants and people of God. Have a happy and holy weekend and Happy Fathers Day to all of the Dads at OLA.

Mrs Emma-Kate Callaghan

(Sourced and modified from <http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/>)

Social Skill

The social skill for this fortnight is saying sorry:

- Decide if you should say sorry
- Think about whether you will say it in person or write a note
- Choose a good time or place
- Look at the person and use a clear voice

Book Fair

Most of the back orders from the Book Fair have been distributed. The few remaining orders should be back within a week. Thank you for your generous support of the Book Fair. Our library now has about \$2000 worth of books as a result of the book fair.

Garden Club News

This week we harvested some spinach from the garden and a group of students made some delicious ricotta and spinach lasagne. We still have lots of spinach growing so are looking for other easy cook recipes. Let me know if you have a good idea.



Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

The Stage Three Canberra excursion proved to be fun and fact-filled adventure through our nation's capital. Everyone had to get out of bed much earlier than a regular school day, so by the time we picked up Mrs La Rocca at Sutton Forest McDonald's, we were hungry for a filling breakfast!

The places we visited included:

- National Capital Exhibition
- Museum of Australian Democracy
- Electoral Education Centre
- Parliament House
- Belconnen Hoyts for the movie 'Hundred-foot Journey'
- Telstra Tower
- Questacon
- Australian War Memorial
- National Gallery of Australia

We were blessed with beautiful sunshine on Monday, which was fantastic as we had lots of places to visit and explore. Everyone was very tired by the time we returned to the accommodation at Gold Creek Resort on Monday night.

Unfortunately we had a cold, rainy day on Tuesday, but this didn't stop us from learning new facts at the three places we visited.



Parliament and Civics Education

This week, students from our school went on an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to our school upon completion of the excursion.

Verse Speaking

Yesterday, after months of giving up play time for practice, our students attended the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod for Verse Speaking.

Our Year 2 and under group did very well as a small of group 25 achieving a score of 91 and highly recommended. Their little voices were struggling to compete against teams of around sixty.

The older group was in the Year 6 and under category and comprised of almost all Year 3 and Year 4. It was the first time OLA competed in this age group and, wow, what phenomenal level of competition it was! Nevertheless, our group did very well to earn a score of 95 and third place.

Overall, the students are to be commended collectively for the way they knew their pieces, for their expression and for the way they articulated their verse in unison. They represented OLA with pride. A special thanks goes to Ms G. and Ms Pepin for all their hard work and giving up their time. They are grateful for the opportunity and inspired to do greater things from here on. It was certainly a learning for me and an exercise of resetting the bar!

Thanks again to the parents for their support, especially in attending the performance on the day. Onward and upward for 2015!

'The judges were impressed with the students' annunciation of the words and that they knew the poems very well. Thank you to all those parents who came to support our students. Congratulations to all participants and thank you for giving up all those lunch breaks to make this a successful event.' Ms Pepin

'They showed great courage as they used their strong voices to recite the poems that had found a special place in the hearts of a hall full of strangers'. Ms G.





Thank to everyone who pitched in to help with the Fathers' Day Breakfast this morning. It was an enormous success. This would not have been possible without your help. Some of the left-over rolls were distributed to the crew of builders on the church construction site for which they were grateful.

Earlier in the week, the P&F ran a Mini Fathers Day Stall. This year, the students could purchase a badge for them to decorate themselves as a present for dad. As well as this, there were some limited clearance items which ran out quickly.

There seems to have been some miscommunication regarding the badges as some children bought numerous. If your child has come home with too many badges, please feel free to put the **extra badges into a paper bag with their name and class and the money will be returned.** Please be assured that the idea was not to have children spend all this money but to offer some affordable option to make their own gift.

A Happy Fathers day to all our dads.

Kind Regards, P&F Committee

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 have sent out reminder emails to most families if there is an amount outstanding.

Also please note that all outstanding school fees are now due and payable. If you are having difficulty in finalising your account, please contact Mrs Goldsworthy as soon as possible.

Swimming Program

Please note the dates for the swimming program this year:-

Weeks 6/7 10-21st Nov
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4

Weeks 8/9 24th Nov-5th Dec
Kindergarten and Year 3

Make-up Photos

*The date for the make-up school 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.*

Mathematics in KB...

We have been learning about Fractions. We have been making our own 'fraction pizzas' using halves and quarters. Some pizzas were 'half' of one flavour or a 'quarter' of another flavor. We had lots of fun and everyone was very excited to be cutting their pizzas in half or in quarters. Who would have thought we would be motivated by food?



This pizza is $\frac{1}{2}$ Hawaiian, $\frac{1}{4}$ Cheese and $\frac{1}{4}$ Seafood.



Harrison F
Thomas C



Charlotte A
Caitlyn W



Gemma H
Riharna P



Daniel K
Joshua R



Ava C
Lily T

From the Parish Office...

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION - Friday, 5 September

Come along for Mass and Adoration tonight at 7pm. There will also be an opportunity for reflection and prayer, and great music!

Happy Father's Day

To all the fathers of Our Lady of the Angels, we wish you a very Happy Father's Day! May God bless you always.

Sacrament of Confirmation

For the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 12 September, there will be a rehearsal in the Church on Tuesday, 9 September at 7.30pm. If you cannot make this rehearsal, please contact Anthony Saliba for further instructions.

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.

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.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to a fun night of Bingo on Saturday, 27 September starting at 7pm. There will be a \$300 cash jackpot.

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

Website: www.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

Term 3 Week 8	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Harrison Fiorio	Daniel Knowles	Charlotte Anderson
Kinder G	Cohan Sommer	Lily Quinlan	Julia Zammit
Kinder W	Georgia Falzon	Lucy Tapley	Boston Roberts
Year 1B	Brendan Ewer	Sal Colosimo	Sienna Fallone
Year 1 G	Lucas Buda	Lachlan Hollier	Kray Siason
Year 1W	Rafael Ira	Leila Balangton	Grace Bennison
Year 2 B	Brianna Arellano	John Paul Doueihy	Olivia Hudson
Year 2 W	Ashton Galea	Rylan McGrady	Kenneth Tjhi
Year 3 B	Mikayla Muscat	Jack Bowden	Rory McArdle
Year 3 G	Thomas Dobaj	Charlie Cutroni	William Blazey
Year 3 W	Isaac Swinden	Bella Masters	Charlie Hallal
Year 4 B	Annalise Coelho	Jacob Garofano	James Darmanin
Year 4 W	Claudia Pacella	Lachlan Monks	Anthony Parada
Year 5/6 B	Jordyn Eldred	Gary Parizian	Jordan Vargas
Year 5/6 W	Isabella Coelho	Hayden Burt	Samuel Vecchio

