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Week 8 Term 3

4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2015

# NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents,

What another extraordinary week it has been - the Year 1, 2 and 3 students performing at Hawkesbury Eisteddfod in Verse Speaking and the Year 4-6 choir today in the Choral section. All the students performed beautifully and did OLA proud. The adjudicator's reports for all items were glowing. Thank you to the teachers for their extra work in preparing the children and thank you to the strong support that was present at the performances.

*"Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." John 14:23*

**Fathers' Day** – stall and breakfast- another mammoth job thanks to the P&F and their team of supporters (including Mr Baker who is not a fan of early mornings ). It was wonderful to see so many dads, granddads and father-figures attend the breakfast. Thank you to Year 3 for leading the Liturgy in honour of all fathers.

*Heavenly Father, Thank you for our fathers and those who care for us.*

*For their patience, generosity and love.*

*For their nurturing and gentle care.*

*For their time, attention and a listening ear.*

*For always being there for us.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO ALL DADS  
MAY YOU BE HELD IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND.**



**At Baptism, others made promises on our behalf, to become members of the Catholic Church and be a part of building God's Kingdom. Next Friday and the one after, many of our Year 6 students, along with other members of the parish, will be confirming these Baptismal promises and receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit during this Sacrament. Please remember them in your prayers.**

## Dates to Remember

|                             |   |
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| Week 9                      | Parent/Teacher/Student conferences during this week   |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | Yr 3 Walking Excursion to Rouse Hill Town Centre<br>a3 Captivate Performance – Yrs 4/5/6. 7.00pm at St Dominic's, Kingswood |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | Yr 1 Workers' in the Community Expo<br>Stage 3 Touch Footy Gala Day; OLA Confirmation 7.00pm                                |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Yr 2 Camp Out Day   |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | LAST DAY FOR TERM 3   |

## **PLEASE NOTE THESE ALARMING FACTS...**

### **Absenteeism**

Our school data is telling us that we have approximately 10% of students with school attendance rates lower than 90%. What does this mean?

| <b>If your child is absent...</b> | <b>That equates to...</b> | <b>which is...</b> | <b>...and over their school life from Kinder to Year 12, that is...</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 day per fortnight               | 20 days a year            | 4 weeks a year     | Almost 1 and a half years of school                                     |
| 1 day per week                    | 40 days per year          | 8 weeks a year     | Over 2 and a half years of school                                       |
| 2 days per week                   | 80 days per year          | 16 weeks a year    | Over 5 years of school  |

**Every day matters!** The cumulative effect of absenteeism can have a significant impact on learning, social and emotional wellbeing.

If you have concerns about regarding the category into which your child falls, please contact the school by email.

### **Social skill -weeks 9 and 10**

**Apologising** – The social skill this fortnight is about saying and showing you are sorry if you've done the wrong thing. Discuss with your child the importance of sincerity in the apology and that the best way to really show you are sorry is by changing the behaviour so that it doesn't happen again.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

A note was emailed last week regarding the parent/teacher/student conferences to take place next week. If you have not already done so, please book online at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the school event code **MV5NQ**. The bookings will close on Monday morning.

### **Term 4 Swim Program - Dates to Remember**

Just a heads-up for term 4. The swim program will take place over four weeks (like last year) during weeks 6,7,8 & 9 (from 9<sup>th</sup> November). We will advise you which grades are during which weeks prior to the end of this term. This is only for kindergarten to year 4.

### **ICAS Spelling**

Congratulations to all students who recently participated in the University of NSW Spelling Competition. A special mention to the following students:

**Merit** – Juliana Constantino, Melissa Preston

**Credit** – Alicia Dersch, Phoebe Strykowski, Jayden Ormsby, Sascha Strykowski, Remi Ferdinands, Jacob Domars

**Distinction** – Karl Fischer, Joshua Palmer-Burton

### **School Fees**

There are still a few families that have not paid their term 3 school fees, and have not contacted the office to make alternative arrangements. If your fees are still outstanding, could you please contact Mrs Goldsworthy next week to advise when this will occur.

### **Sickness**

Please be aware that we have had a lot of sickness throughout the school over the last few weeks (students and staff). If you child is not feeling well, has a headache or upset tummy, please keep them at home.

# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man (Mark 7:31-37)

“Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.<sup>3</sup> There, some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

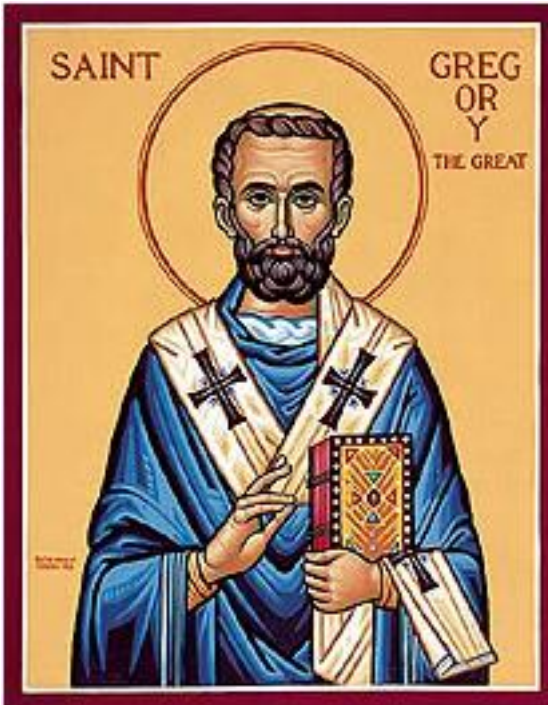
Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”



*In Sunday’s Gospel, Mark retells the miracle Jesus performed with the man who was deaf and could not speak. Jesus healed the man. He did not want His miracle spoken about and didn’t want admiration. Jesus wanted us to love one another as He loves us. He wanted love to flow in and out of us, always trying to do good quietly. Jesus healed the man so he could hear and speak. The meaning of Sunday’s Gospel for us is to open our ears to hear and be able to make God’s presence known through everyday opportunities. It is the ordinary times where we can take time to listen to others and see the world around us. In our daily lives, we need to ask ourselves “Where is God’s presence in all of this?” Through daily actions, stillness, appreciating natural wonders or in healing words, we can celebrate and share with others the healing presence of God.*

## Saint Gregory the Great Feast day September 3

Gregory was born about A.D. 540 in Rome, the son of a wealthy senator. Like most of the nobility of his time, he was well educated. But unlike many, he was generous and concerned about those who were poor.



In his early thirties, Gregory was made the chief prefect, or governor, of Rome. Gregory was attracted to the religious life and soon left his position. He converted the family estate in Rome into the Abbey of Saint Andrew, became a monk there, and founded six Benedictine monasteries on his estates in Sicily. In about 578, he was ordained a deacon of Rome and sent as the papal ambassador to Constantinople, where he served until 585. When he arrived back in Rome, he was made the abbot of Saint Andrew’s.

In 590, Gregory was acclaimed pope by the clergy and the people of Rome. Unwillingly, Gregory accepted the role, calling himself the “servant of the servants of God.” Because of his political skill, learning, talents, and deep devotion to God, Gregory was able to make peace with the invading Lombards, save the city from famine by reorganizing the property and granaries of the Church, and restore order within the Church. In 596, he sent Augustine of Canterbury and 40 other monks to England to teach the Angles the faith. Gregory is called the “Apostle of England.” He died March 12, 604.

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# P&F NEWS

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped out bright and early this morning for the Fathers' Day Breakfast! We hope all the fathers and special people in our children's lives have a very special weekend.



## FATHERS' DAY STALL

Thank you to the wonderful team who put so much time and effort into the stall both on and before the day. It is always a wonderful opportunity for our children to 'go shopping' and we hope they enjoy giving their special gift on Sunday!

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

*Have you seen the note attached to today's newsletter?*



*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*

*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](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com)*



Year 4/5/6 Choral Recital at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod today – third place.



Year 1 looking nervous but splendid at Hawkesbury Eisteddfod

## From the Classroom.....Year 2G

This term students in Year 2 have been learning about Homes For Our Environments. We have been exploring a variety of environments and buildings. During art, students made a city environment using newspaper, black markers and pastels. Students incorporated their knowledge of space when drawing other features within the environment. The children worked really hard - the results were amazing!



**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au)

**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 19<sup>th</sup>

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

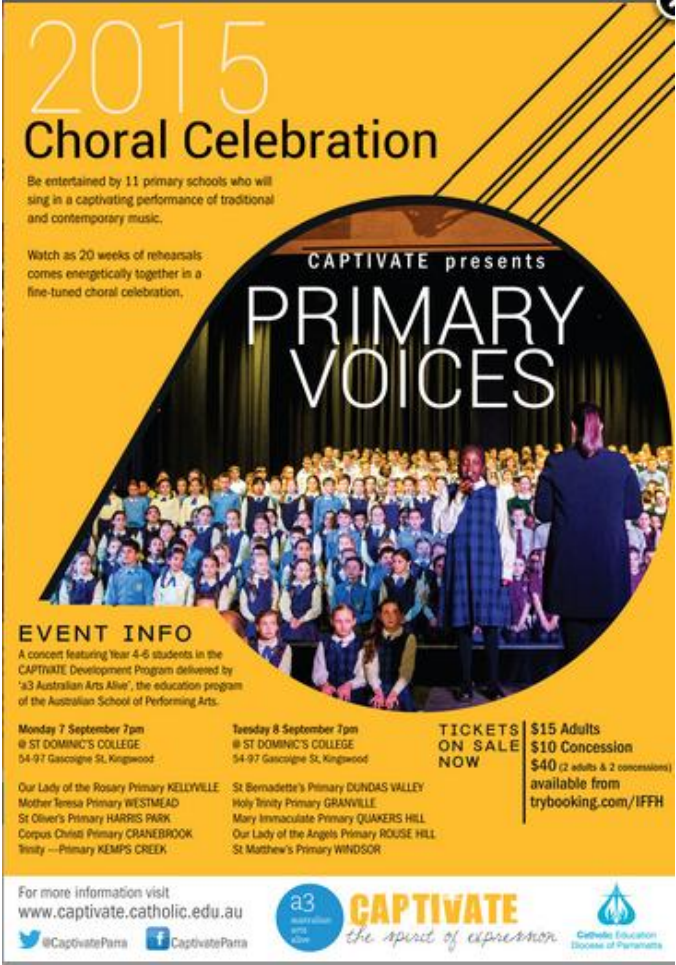
Venue: IFM, 1 – 5 Marion St Blacktown (Enter down stairs past car park)

RSVP Family and Life Office

Ben Smith: [BSmith@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:BSmith@parra.catholic.org.au)

Or Social Justice Office

Sr Louise McKeogh: [lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto: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 4-6 students in the CAPTIVATE Development Program delivered by 'a3 Australian Arts Alive', the education program of the Australian School of Performing Arts.

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| Monday 7 September 7pm<br>@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE<br>54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingwood | Tuesday 8 September 7pm<br>@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE<br>54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingwood | <b>TICKETS ON SALE NOW</b> | <b>\$15 Adults<br/>\$10 Concession<br/>\$40 (2 adults &amp; 2 concessions)<br/>available from<br/><a href="http://trybooking.com/IFFH">trybooking.com/IFFH</a></b> |
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Our Lady of the Rosary Primary KELLYVILLE  
Mother Teresa Primary WESTMEAD  
St Oliver's Primary HARRIS PARK  
Corpus Christi Primary CRANEBROOK  
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

For more information visit [www.captivate.catholic.edu.au](http://www.captivate.catholic.edu.au)

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# Happy Fathers' Day



## From the Parish Office...

### Confirmation

Retreat day for children will be held on Sunday, 30 August. Commencing with Mass at 10am followed by the retreat. Don't forget to bring your books and your saints name! Concluding at 3.00pm.

### Youth Night

Tonight will be a fun night with an August Birthday Celebration party 7pm-9pm. Don't forget there is also Youth Choir practice if you are interested - in the Church from 5.45pm-7pm. See you there.

### World Youth Day 2016 - Krakow

An Information Evening will be held on Thursday, 3 September for any youth aged 18 and older who might be interested in travelling with the Parish to WYD'16. For further information, please see Faith or Fr Warren.

### Bingo!!

Need some practice for the School Bingo Night?? Come along to the Parish Bingo Night on Saturday, Saturday 19th September at 7pm. RSVP to the Parish office by Thurs. 17th Sept.

### 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 -

Give books as presents. It shows that books and reading are valued. Buy books as rewards and treats. **Have plenty of books in the house.** Books should be integrated into your family's life every day. Keep books in the bathroom, on the bedside table, in the backpack. Get your child a library card as soon as she is old enough, then take weekly or bi-weekly trips to the library. However you choose to stock your house with books, doing so sends a strong message to your children that you value reading.



*Congratulations to Kenny King who won the U/9 Parramatta District Convent Rugby League last week. Well done!*

### Playground

The new fencing to incorporate the new playground will be installed in the holiday break. Therefore, the new playground will be a treat for when students return in Term 4. For their safety, classes will be on an access roster and will be instructed on safe use and safe play before having their turn. ☺

### Building Project

I am **VERY PLEASED** to announce the start of the next and final stage of the building project. On behalf of the whole community, I extend our gratitude to CEDP who have made a commitment to funding this final stage after four times being rejected for support of funds from the Block Grant Authority. Exciting times ahead!!

| Term 3<br>Week 8 |                       |                    |                     |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Student          | Academic Merit Award  | St Francis Award   | Einstein Award      |
| Kinder B         | Zac Ormsby            | Isabella Smith     | Aiden McGrady       |
| Kinder G         | Alexandra Tirador     | Maddison Dyke      | Lucas Cleland       |
| Kinder W         | Olivia Fallone        | Deagan Hopkins     | Jett Fiorio         |
| Year 1B          | Jericho Cruz          | Ethan Phelps       | Eva Mercieca        |
| Year 1 G         | Ella Dimech           | Solomon Montgomery | Thomas Cutuk        |
| Year 1W          | Ayden Stewart         | Acacia Sales       | Alivia Turner       |
| Year 2 B         | Angelica Manago       | Brayden Stoddard   | Anneliese Gutwenger |
| Year 2 G         | Caitlyn Palmer Burton | Zachary Nicholls   | Eva Sultana         |
| Year 2 W         | Georgia Nemitsas      | Charlie Da Ruos    | Jonathon Fuda       |
| Year 3 B         | John-Paul Doueihy     | Mikayla Bowden     | Kenneth Tjhin       |
| Year 3 W         | Marcus Odd            | Austin Turner      | Jasmyn Robertson    |
| Year 4 B         | Carys Fitzgerald      | Nadia Gruca        | John-Paul Colosimo  |
| Year 4 G         | Patrick Bennett       | Kylan Ewer         | Melissa Preston     |
| Year 4 W         | Lucas Lesar           | Chiara Fallone     | Elysia Connellan    |
| Year 5/6 B       | Rex Finch             | Darci Buxton       | Cooper Brown        |
| Year 5/6 G       | Daniella Lopresti     | Jordan Vargas      | Javier Silva        |
| Year 5/6 W       | Ethan Kurcubic        | Elouise Gomez      | Olivia Farrugia     |

### Jersey Day

Today, OLA staff wore a jersey to school in support of Organ Donation Awareness. Not sure of the validity of this but it may be worth a watch...

<http://iheartdogs.com/gone-viral-man-has-stroke-his-dog-follows-the-ambulance-to-the-hospital-youll-never-guess-the-ending/>

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