



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 9 Term 2

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Dear Parents,

Throughout history, there have been all kinds of rulers, some very cruel. Their reign was one of terror and fear. Some examples that come to mind are Idi Amin of Uganda, Pol Pot of Cambodia.

You may remember learning about the 'Kingdom of God' which these days is referred to as the 'Reign of God'. Jesus came on earth to bring about the reign of God and to tell the people that God's reign is one of justice and love.

When looking at a map of world religions, it is clear to see the influence of Christ throughout the world today. However, how much love and justice is there really? I have great belief in the power of one – and it is with each 'one' of us that the reign of God continues to thrive and grow as we show love and justice to all we meet.



Congratulations to these OLA students who recently participated in receiving their First Holy

Communion. This is a very special time but one that can and must be repeated each week with a second and third, etc for the rest of their lives.

### 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.

### Congratulations!!

to the following students who have been selected by their teacher to receive this term's Principal's Award. I look forward to sharing morning tea and a chat with them next Tuesday.

Alisa Adhihetty	Zachary Sprowles	Pierre-Antoine La
Felix Beegan	John Stafford	Giaan Lee
Gabriella Bond	Heidi Papandrea	Thomas Lenane
Mikayla Bowden	Jasmyn Robertson	Zach Lesar
Tamsyn Brown	Ella Owen	Alannah Lock
Natasha Charlesworth	Kalan Oxspring	Austin Turner
Jacob Connellan	Sabrina Marino	Julian Vargas
Nathan Cook	Charli Molloy	Charlotte Zahra
Matthew Dalton	Gabriella Muscat	Raphael di Lorenzo - Bousard
Alicia Dersch	Ariane Maher	Marcus Odd
Charlotte Zahra	Christian Garofano	Ailbhe Gannon
Kenneth Tjhin	Gemma Gladwell	Isaac Swinden
Eoin Trainor	Nicholas Gomez	Ashton Galea
Rylan McGrady	Ethan Graham	Georgia Domars
Zachary Signorelli	Alexander Harrod	Ebony McNichol
Sofia Silva	Olivia Hudson	Callum Galway
	Isabella Rose Iori	Harry Taylor

Cameron Muscat
Matthew Kamber
Giancarlo Mazza
Amelia Bond
Lara Kelly
Sophia Dobaj
Lachlan Hollier
Zachary Nicholls
Rafael Ira



John Paul Doueih
Austin Turner
Nadia Gruca
Marko Rangan
Anthony Kamber
Madison Lee
Nicholas Sweeney
Jordan Sanborn

### Dates to Remember

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July: First day of Term 3

**Term 3 Calendar will be sent next week.**

NEWSLETTER

## The Birth of John the Baptist - Feast Day: 24<sup>th</sup> June



John's parents were Elizabeth the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Zachary a temple priest whose job was to burn incense. Zachary and Elizabeth were quite old when one day an angel of God appeared to Zachary in the temple. The angel told him that his wife would bear a son who would be filled with the Holy Spirit at his birth. The child should be named John. Zachary found this difficult to believe and God punished him by taking away his voice. He remained dumb until after John's birth. Eight days after John was born his parents took him to the temple where he would be named Zachary, after his father. But both Elizabeth and Zachary asked for the child to be named John. Immediately, Zachary's tongue was loosened and got back his voice. John had a special job to do for God. He was going to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. So when he was still young, about twenty-seven,

he went into the desert to prepare himself with silence, prayer and penance. He wore a tunic of camel hair with a leather belt and lived on wild honey and locusts (the locust tree is an evergreen that has edible bean like pods). Soon crowds started to come to him. They realized he was a holy man. He warned them to be sorry for their sins and asked them to change their lives. He baptized them with water and gave them the baptism of repentance. One day, Jesus himself came to John. He wanted to be baptized with John's baptism to begin making up for our sins. On that day, John told the crowds that Jesus was the Messiah, the one they had been waiting for. He told them and everyone else to follow him. Later on, St. John learned that King Herod had married Herodias a woman who already had a husband and a daughter. This king was the son of the King Herod who had murdered all those little boys in Bethlehem. St. John told him that it was wrong for him to live with that woman. King Herod was angry and humiliated. He locked John up in prison and John remained in a dark, damp dungeon for a long time. Then on Herod's birthday Herodias's daughter danced beautifully at his banquet. The delighted Herod said he would grant her any she wished. At her mother's request, she asked for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. The shocked Herod had no choice and sent his executioner to kill John and bring back his head. When his disciples heard about it, they immediately came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. Jesus said, "I am the Truth" and John died for the truth. St. John's motto was, "Jesus must become more and more. I must become less and less." He said that he was not even worthy to loosen the strap of Jesus' sandal.



### Gospel Reflection Mark 4: 35-41

*On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"*

Worries and concerns are part of human life. Jesus teaches us, however, that we ought not to let worries and concerns consume us. Jesus teaches us that our faith ought to lead us to trust in God's protection and love, no matter how strong the whirlwind going on around us. Like the disciples, we can bring our worries and concerns to Jesus in prayer. Jesus will hear our cries for help. He knows that our faith can be fragile and he will act so that our trust in God will be strengthened. As you gather as a family, invite each family member to talk about something that might be worrying them. Talk about how important it is to share worries and concerns with other people. When we do this, we learn to see our worries from a different perspective. Read this week's Gospel, Mark 4:35-41. Ask your family questions such as these: Why were the disciples worried about the storm? Why wasn't Jesus worried about the storm? When we bring our worries to Jesus in prayer, Jesus can help us see things from God's perspective. Invite family members to name again a worry or concern and pray together that Jesus will help us have faith in God's love and protection. Conclude in prayer together by praying the Lord's Prayer.

*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.

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.



## From the Bishop's Office

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Faith in Marriage Conference: 23 August

This year's conference has the theme: Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage. This conference is aimed at married couples, engaged couples and individuals interested in marriage. Speakers include the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Fr Peter G Williams, Jonathan Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Brought to you by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. From 9am-3pm at Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: \$25 per person (\$50 per couple) includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea. On-site child minding for participants available for \$30 per family must be booked prior to the conference. Registration: CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au) Join us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta](http://www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta)

### Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 28 June

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with a shared meal at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary is at 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park.

To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to: [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

For further information visit:

[www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations)

[www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary)

### Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal: 22-23 and 29-30 August

Can you spare a few hours of your time to be a volunteer collector for the Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal in the Diocese of Parramatta? Funds raised will support much-needed services including the Caroline Chisholm Centre for Social Justice in Mt Druitt. To find out more please contact Alison Bryett, Doorknock Coordinator, tel (02) 8861 9700, [alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au](mailto:alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au)

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### Woolworths Earn and Learn is back

From 15<sup>th</sup> July until 8<sup>th</sup> September, for every \$10 spent at Woolworths you can collect stickers to place on sticker cards. When your sticker card is full, send it into school. We will then redeem these for some exciting resources for the school. Please pass this on to neighbours and grandparents who can collect on your behalf. Thanks for your support.

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### Netball Training

As the Netball Gala Day is fast approaching we are trying to have as much training as possible.

Next week training will be held on Monday morning at 8am for any student participating in the gala day. On Tuesday and Thursday morning, Mrs Natalie Spiteri has offered to practice goal shooting with any of the students at 8am.

Teams can train during the breaks next week, even if it is raining. We have the undercover basketball area and Mrs Schroder will provide teacher supervision.

It would be wise if students brought their joggers on the day.

### Training Schedule

#### Monday: 8am **any player**

1st break: Miss Marchant & Mrs Schroder's teams - 12 year girls

#### Tuesday: 8am Goal shooting - **any player**

1st break: Miss Fredericks & Miss Pepin's teams - Junior & Senior boys

2nd break: Mrs Anderson & Mrs McLuskey's teams - Senior boys & 10 yr girls

#### Thursday: 8am Goal shooting - **any player**

1st break: Mrs Eveston/ McArde & Mrs Hurst's teams - Junior boys & 10 yr girls

2nd break: Mrs Price & Mrs Bennett's teams - 2 Senior Boys

#### Friday: 1st break: Mrs Johnston & Mrs Tapley's teams - 10 yr girls

2<sup>nd</sup> break: Mrs McLuskey & Mrs Anderson's teams

## Mackillop Cross Country

On Friday the 12th of June, three OLA students Seronique Taylor who came 30, Nicholas Cutroni who came 25 and Alibhe Gannon came 99th attended Regionals at Eastern Creek. We had LOTS of fun but heaps of nerves. There was lots of schools from NSW like Bathurst, Broken Bay, Lismore, Multiland, Wilcannia Armadale, Goldborn/Canberra, Sydney South, Wagga Wagga, Sydney East, Parramatta East, Parramatta, West Sydney, Sydney Outer south, Wollongong Sydney inner west. All of us trained very hard and we were proud of our achievements. We were very proud to represent the OLA and the Parramatta Diocese.

Nicholas Cutroni



## From the Office....

Please note that there will be **NO MATHS CLUB** next Thursday morning. It will resume in Week 1 of Term 3.

**School Fees** – all term 2 school fees need to be paid by the end of next week, unless you are on the flexible payment plan. If you are unable to pay the fees by this day, please contact me as soon as possible.

**WYD Raffle Tickets** – please return any WYD raffle tickets, sold or unsold, by the end of the term.

**Lost Property** – *Please, please, please* check your child's jumper/jacket etc to ensure that they have not brought home another child's clothing. We have had many parents asking for clothing that have names on it, and they cannot find it either in lost property or in the classroom. We have quite a few 'no named' jumpers in the office, which is a shame when they are so expensive to buy. At the end of the term they will be donated to the second hand clothing shop.

**Head Lice** – Just a reminder to constantly check your child's head for head lice or eggs as we have had a few cases at school. For those new to school life, head lice and their eggs love clean hair. Please check their hair and wash hats regularly. Also it is a good idea to spray diluted tea tree oil into the hat and on their hair as head lice do not like this smell.

## Mid-Year Reports.

Today your child should have received their mid-year report. This report reflects the mandatory A to E reporting format. For many of the Year 1 parents, this will be new to you which is why we offered the information evening on Assessment and Reporting. Thank you to the seven parents who attended.

I would like to commend the students and the gains they have made in their learning in the first semester. It is always a pleasure to read the glowing reports.

I would like to acknowledge the teachers who have worked very hard over the past three weeks preparing their students' reports. Much time is given to deliberating and discussing each report. We hope you read these carefully and discuss them with your child, focussing mostly on the effort applied over the past five months. There is no interview at this time of year as, at OLA, we conduct interviews at the end of Term 1 and Term 3. This is double of what most other schools offer. However, if there is something about the report which you need to discuss, please contact the office to make an appointment, as always.



### Best of Showcase

**FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY**

- Combined Primary Choir
- Combined Secondary Choir
- Combined Secondary Orchestra
- Chamber Choir
- CAPTIVATE Voices
- Drama Ensemble
- Commercial Dance
- Contemporary Dance
- Combined Concert Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Individual Student Performances

**FRIDAY 19 JUNE 7.00PM - 9.00PM**  
VENUE: JOAN SUTHERLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE  
597 High Street Penrith

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@CaptivateParra CaptivateParra Tickets \$15 (adult) \$10 (concession) available from [www.trybooking.com/HNSX](http://www.trybooking.com/HNSX)  
Family passes and season passes available through (02) 9840 5649



# OLA Uniform

PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND THAT THEY, INDEED BELONG TO YOUR CHILD.

I received the following from an irate parent and have permission to share. Having been there myself, I understand the frustration...

*I write asking if you could include something in either the school newsletter about parents checking their child's jumpers/sport jackets to make sure they have the correct one.*

*(Child's) labelled sports jacket was finally returned to her this week after being missing for a month. Yes, a month, which frankly is unacceptable. Her labelled jumper has now been missing for a week. I am aware that children take home the wrong item of clothing on occasion, even more so in the lower school so the onus is on parents to check. I know people are busy but even if you had 6 kids it would take a minute to check all the labels matched their names. I find it hard to imagine many scenarios where a parent can't spare a few seconds to check and tell their child to put the wrong one in lost property or hand it to their teacher.*

*I am getting fed up with having to try to console (child) as she has been so worried that she will get in trouble for wearing a sports jacket on formal days which isn't fair when her items are labelled and she assures me she has put them in the right place or by her bag.*

*These uniform items are expensive and I am getting fed up with having to keep replacing labelled items that other parents deem to be acceptable to keep.*

*I appreciate the school can't make the slack parents pick up their game and become less selfish but I would appreciate it if a reminder about labelling clothing and checking that items you have are your child's could be issued.*

*Thanks (name of parent)*

**On the topic of uniform,**

**[dictionary.reference.com/browse/uniform](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/uniform)**

**uniform. /'ju:nɪfɔ:m/ noun. 1. a prescribed identifying set of clothes for the members of an organization, such as soldiers or schoolchildren**

Upon enrolment of your child at OLA, the expectations around the wearing of uniform is made very clear. Quite a significant number of students are wearing sneakers other than the prescribed white/navy and white. In fact, there are 'gelato'/fluoro colours and **incorrect socks**, amongst other things. I can understand that this happens when children pressure parents into buying what they want and not what is the regulation dress. Again, this is blatant disregard for the majority of families who do the right thing.

Upon return to school next term, it is an expectation that all students are in the correct uniform (below for your reference). Please make sure that your child is in correct uniform to avoid any embarrassment. If there are any hardships, do not hesitate to call the school to discuss as we are open to helping. Also, some of the boys are having haircuts that involve part shaving. Please refrain from having any razor below a two. Much appreciated.

## **Girls Winter Uniform:**

Aqua Tartan Tunic and tie  
White long sleeve shirt  
Navy tights/knee high navy socks  
School woollen jumper

## **Sports Uniform**

Sports Polo shirts  
Sports shorts  
White socks  
Sports shoes / joggers  
School track suit

## **Boys Winter Uniform**

White long sleeve shirt  
Navy trousers  
School tie  
Navy ankle socks  
School woollen jumper

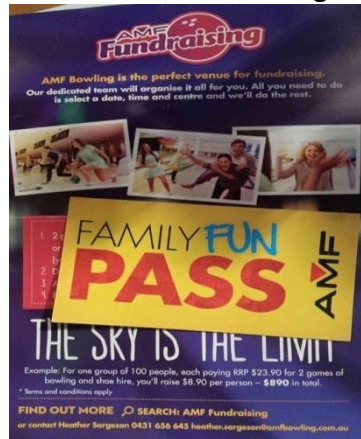
**Optional:** School Bomber Jacket (to be worn over the school jumper on cold days.)  
Other parkers are not to be worn

From the P&F.....

# Walk-a-thon



Here are some more prizes for our major prize draw! Remember for every \$20 raised, you will get a ticket to enter the draw! Here are some other amazing prizes that have been donated by companies in our local community! Thank you to Reading Cinemas Rouse Hill and AMF Bowling Castle 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!**

**Promote your business .... Help our Kids!**  
**Would you like to sponsor a check point?**

*Have you read our article in the Hills News and Rouse Hill Courier?????????????????*

<http://www.hillsnews.com.au/story/3152851/walkathon-needs-help/?cs=950>

<http://www.rousehillcourier.com.au/story/3150479/our-lady-of-the-angels-walkathon-needs-help/?cs=1250>



## PARISH FIESTA - AUGUST 2ND

Don't forget to send in an item for the '**LUCKY DIP**' stall. This is the OLA school contribution to the fiesta!

We will collect the novelty item/s valued around \$2-\$3 beginning **MONDAY**. 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 look forward to celebrating the feast of Our Lady of the Angels with our school and parish community!

*Thank you in advance for your contribution!*

## FROM THE CLASSROOM... lezioni di italiano!!! Italian lessons ☺

This term in Italian, classes have been doing a unit on food. We learnt how to say names of various foods and drinks and how to describe them using colours. The students also learnt how to order food in an Italian restaurant or café and designed a menu for an imaginary restaurant. Students also had fun during a pasta making lesson.



**Amabile bravissimo**

There are some issues being reported around the school and some children are becoming upset about the unhealthy play/reference to the spiritual world. You might know it as 'charlie/charlie'. This sort of thing has been around forever and it is a matter of handling it sensitively and firmly. It is not a local issue and below is a very useful article from last week's catholic weekly for your reference.

# Charlie's boring, God isn't

Don't panic if your child has been involved in the latest social media fad known as 'Charlie, Charlie', writes Dr Greg Popcak, but take it seriously – and see it as a teaching moment to unveil some of the wonder of the Catholic faith ...

**I**T SEEMS to have come out of nowhere and gone viral in an instant. There is a new "game" sweeping through youth via the pervasive social media. It's called "The Charlie Challenge". Superficially, it seems like a silly, harmless, childish fantasy. Kids make a grid on a piece of paper that says, "yes/no". They make an X out of two pencils and attempt to summon an erstwhile demon named "Charlie". Then they ask him questions which he answers by moving the pencils. It's rather creepy to watch.

Of course, it all sounds like silly nonsense, except that it isn't and – in the mind of a middle school child – this game can be played for rather high stakes. Remember the two schoolgirls who attempted to murder their friend to appease "Slenderman"?

Sometimes child's play isn't just stuff and fluff.

That said, my concern is primarily what to tell your kids about it. Here are some suggestions.

## Satan is boring

A lot of people who don't know better are fascinated by Satan. But here's the thing, Satan is boring. Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Satan moves pencils around. What's so exciting about that? People who are fascinated by this nonsense are, simply put, foolish and stupid. Don't be foolish and stupid. Christians have better things to do. We worship the God who kicked Satan's butt. Don't waste time with losers.

## Stupid and foolish is still harmful

Just because something is foolish and stupid doesn't mean it isn't dangerous. Drugs and alcohol are stupid and foolish. High risk sexual behavior is stupid and foolish. Texting and driving is stupid and foolish. But each year these lesser demons claim thousands upon thousands of lives. Playing with "Charlie" is stupid and foolish, too, because it purports to turn evil into

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a playmate. When we choose to associate with even the glamour of evil, we take our eyes off of God. That's like turning off the lights before walking through a room filled with booby-traps and alligators just for the fun of it. We need to keep our eyes on the Lord at all times because he is our only reliable source of guidance and grace. The so-called "Charlie Challenge" is a silly distraction that isn't worth taking a single second away from the God who loves us more than anything and sacrificed everything to spend eternity with us. God has given us much better than this and he deserves better than this from us.

## It is a serious sin

Playing this game is as serious



Scared witless: The Irish Mirror newspaper carried a report on the Charlie, Charlie craze on 26 May, including this photo of reader Jessica Nicole Minch and a friend reacting in fear when they tried out the challenge.

sin and a violation of the First Commandment (Have no other gods but me). It represents idolatry and divination. Here is what the Catechism has to say on these sins ...

## Divination and magic

**2115** God can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, and giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it. Improvidence, however, can constitute a lack of responsibility.

**2116** All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone.

**2117** All practices of magic or sorcery, by which one attempts to tame occult powers, so as to place

temptation – even over a silly game – can change our entire spiritual perspective. Instead of seeing ourselves as God's disciples, we begin to see prayer, the sacraments, and sacramentals as talismans that give us power over the world. This is the antithesis of the receptive spirit required of a disciple of the Lord and Satan knows it. Anyone who dabbles in these kinds of activities will need to confess this prideful spiritual attitude to reorient themselves to a proper mindset for discipleship in which we learn the way of life by listening to God, not by trying to claim spiritual power over life by illicit means.

## Don't freak out

If your child plays this game or has played this game you will need to treat him or her with gentleness, love, and affection. Not with anger, outrage, and anxiety. Talk to your child as if you were talking to someone who had no idea what he or she was doing and still may not understand what has happened. Most likely your child was acting in naivete and ignorance. He or

Gently and patiently  
explain the issues to  
your child – then  
go to Confession

she will need to be taught, not only why this was a poor and even sinful choice, but what to do instead. Your child's playing of this game represents a distortion of the natural and godly desire to know God's will and understand God's plan for their lives. If you have not taught your child how to have a meaningful personal prayer life or discern God's will, you will need to do so – or learn to do so – over the next several weeks together. Simply punishing your child without teaching your child how to bring his or her concerns to God and hear his voice is simply setting your child up for future occult involvement.

Using your own words, gently and patiently explain to your child the things that I have shared with you in points 1-4 above. Then take your child to Confession. Let your child know how much you love them and want to help him or her learn how to turn to God to get the answers for the deepest questions of his or her heart.

## See the hidden opportunity

The Charlie Challenge is not something to lose sleep over, but it is something to take seriously. Most importantly, it is an opportunity to teach your child to have the heart of a disciple who knows how to seek God's will and hear God's voice so that he or she isn't tempted to seek counsel from more dubious and diabolical sources.

*Dr. Gregory Popcak directs the Pastoral Solutions Institute in the US, an organization dedicated to helping Catholics find faith-filled solutions to marriage, family, and personal problems. Together with his wife, Lisa, he hosts More2Life Radio. He is the author of over a dozen books integrating psychological insights with our Catholic faith.*

them at one's service and have a supernatural power over others – even if this were for the sake of restoring their health – are gravely contrary to the virtue of religion.

In short, "The Charlie Challenge" is idolatry because it is attempting to ascribe godlike power (e.g. secret knowledge and knowledge of the future) to something that is not God.

It is divination because rather than praying to God about their concerns this game has children asking a pair of pencils what the future holds. Who is it better to give the care of the future to? Lord God King of the Universe? Or a couple of pencils that, most days, can't even manage to help a kid fill in the right circles on a standardized test?

## Go to Confession.

If your child plays this game or has played this game, it will be important to go to confession immediately. Letting the devil in the door, even for silly reasons, is never something to take lightly. It is true that Christ has the victory and Satan has no power over God's children – unless, that is, we invite him in. It doesn't have to be a formal invitation. Playing a silly game is enough. The idea that we can wield power over spirits is a tempting thought but giving into that



## 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.

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

*Eva La Rocca, Principal*

Term 2 Week 9			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Natalia Zahorsky	Zac Ormsby	Kobe Coombes
Kinder G	Grace Labbad	Lachlan Heaney	Camryn Sammut
Kinder W	Addyson Stoddard	Alysha Balangon	Charlotte Ives
Year 1B	Marcus Farrugia	Georgia McQuaid	Joshua Robertson
Year 1 G	Thomas Cutuk	Jonathan Teo	Solomon Montgomery
Year 1W	Cohan Sommer	Matilda Wallis	Acacia Sales
Year 2 B	Amelia Novelli	Lachlan Whitehurst	Levi Stacey
Year 2 G	Bowen Cleary	Natalie Holopikian	Sal Colosimo
Year 2 W	Akeesha Gunasekara	Drew Summut	Brendan Ewer
Year 3 B	Pierre-Antoine La	Alicia Derch	Mikayla Bowden
Year 3 W	Nathan Cook	Sofia Silva	Nicholas Gomez
Year 4 B	Karl Fischer	Kenny King	Joshua Maisetti
Year 4 G	Mikayla Muscat	Kylan Ewen	Jessica Bollard
Year 4 W	Mia Spowles	Elysia Connellan	Charlie Cutroni
Year 5/6 B	Domenico Lopresti	Marc Zammit	Anthony Parada
Year 5/6 G	Angelina Taleski	Ashton Stacey	Paige Cuneen
Year 5/6 W	Jai Turner	Angelina Cutuk	Sebastian Cauchi

