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Week 9 Term 3

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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and eventful term and this Newsletter finds us almost at the end and in need of a well-earned rest – for everyone. There have been many disruptions – well intended and unavoidable – which often calls for teachers to be off class. In the shared space, it is business as usual with the remaining teachers on hand. Please be assured that all decisions made are in the students’ best interest. Parent/teacher/student conferences this week are a testament to the good work done by teachers and students. Thank you, parents, for taking the time to come and share in this process.



**At Baptism, others made promises on our behalf, to become members of the Catholic Church and be a part of building God’s Kingdom. Tonight and next Friday, 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.**

### Our Lady of the Angels Students ‘shine’ again!

Congratulations to the students in Years 4, 5 & 6 on their wonderful performance on Tuesday night at the a3 Captivate Concert at St Dominic’s, Kingswood. They looked impressive and sounded amazing. Thank you to the teachers for all the extra work involved, for the parents who came along to get them dressed and ready for the performance, to the students in the audience (we were the loudest!) and to the students on the wonderful job they did and making us proud. Well done!



### Principal’s Award

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for this term’s Principal’s Award-

Student	Term 3
Kinder B	Abbey Hollier
Kinder G	Keira Mooney
Kinder W	Chloe Holden
Year 1B	Lucas Cajic
Year 1 G	Lucas Monks
Year 1W	Lily Trimboli
Year 2 B	Lucas McLuskey
Year 2 G	Iris Tsang
Year 2 W	Akeesha Gunasekara
Year 3 B	Olivia Hudson
Year 3 W	Tamsyn Brown
Year 4 B	Isaac Swinden
Year 4 G	Emily Bennison
Year 4 W	Sienna Farrugia
Year 5/6 B	Olivia Scott
Year 5/6 G	Ryan Muscat
Year 5/6 W	Kaitlin Wagner



### Dates to Remember

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2.10pm Skipping Expo – All welcome  
 Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Yr 2 Camp Out Day  
 Yr 1 Workers in the Community 2.20pm  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day  
 LAST DAY FOR TERM 3  
**NO ASSEMBLY ON THIS DAY**  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct First Day for Term 4 – **Children return in their full summer uniform**

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

Some parents' response to this report in last week's Newsletter was that implications were being made. There are implications. These are simply the facts for all to consider. Here are some more...

### **Partial Absenteeism**

Thank you to those families who are making an effort to get students to school on time. We understand that mornings can be busy times and even the best routines can be affected by unexpected events. Wherever possible, it is preferable that appointments are made outside of school hours in order to minimise disruption to learning.

If your child is absent...	That equates to...	Which is...	And over their school life from Kinder to year 12 that is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	1 and a half weeks a year	Over a term
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	3 weeks a year	1/2 a year
1 hour per day	1 whole day each week	8 weeks a year	2 years of schooling

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

Please remember that all absences require written notification of the reason for the absence.

### **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.

### **ICAS- Writing**

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

*Merit* – Marcus Odd, Olivia Scott, Emily Odd, Phoebe Strykowski

*Credit* – Jasmyn Robertson, Georgia Domars, Nicholas Gomez, Angelina Taleski, Sascha Strykowski, Remi Ferdinands, Melissa Preston, Paige Hayden, Karl Fischer, Beatrice Espejo, Juliana Constantino

*Distinction* – Giaan Lee

### **Uniform**

With the warmer weather now upon us, the students can wear either their full winter or full summer uniform next week, at your discretion. The students return in term 4 in their full summer uniform.

### **Change of Details**

Please ensure you advise us as soon as you change either your address or phone numbers.

### **Earn & Learn Stickers**

If you have any more Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers at home, could you please send them in by next Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September so that we can collate and post them by the end of term. Thank you.

## Gospel Reflection



Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple, must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life<sup>[a]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus begins his journey to the cross and resurrection. His disciples finally understand that he is the Messiah, however they still see this role as one of royal earthly glory. Jesus explains to his disciples, that even the Son of man must suffer rejection and death. It is at this stage Peter talks to Jesus alone. Peter is confused with what Jesus said and disagrees that one who is destined for greatness can also be faced with such a fate. Jesus knows that his death and resurrection are necessary and tells Peter to be by his side and follow. To follow, Peter, the disciples, and all who have come after them, must suffer as a servant for God, putting others before themselves.

Daily there are people who put others before themselves, it is the small act of kindness of something we sacrifice to make someone's day a safe and happy place. It is the small sacrifices we can make the can improve the quality of someone life and give them the best opportunities. Once again, we can ask the questions; 'Where was Jesus in all of this? Or 'What would Jesus do?' in this situation. We must give of ourselves for others and show each other how to live by example. (<http://www.faithfirst.com>)

### FEAST DAYS AND SAINTS



#### **14<sup>th</sup> September-The Exaltation of the Cross (Red)**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation.



#### **15<sup>th</sup> September-Our Lady of Sorrows (White)**

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance.



#### **16<sup>th</sup> September-Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (Red)**

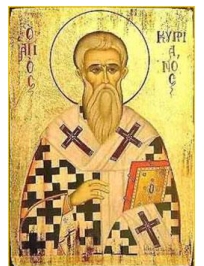
In the third century, the emperor Decius thought that without a pope, the Church would die, so he prevented the election of another bishop of Rome. A council of priests secretly carried on the work. After a year, while the emperor was away at war, Cornelius was elected pope.

Cornelius found himself in the midst of problems. A priest named Novatian—who became an antipope—and his followers believed that apostates could not be accepted back into the Church even if they had repented.

Cornelius called a council of bishops together to settle the dispute. The council reaffirmed Cornelius's position as pope and condemned Novatian's view. After two years as pope, Cornelius was arrested under the emperor's rule and sentenced to banishment. He died in exile in 253.

Cyprian, the bishop of Carthage in North Africa, was a friend and supporter of Cornelius's at this time. Cyprian was born in Carthage about 210, the son of pagan parents. Cyprian lived a virtuous life after being converted to Christianity as an adult. He was made a priest and then a bishop. As bishop of Carthage for nearly 10 years, Cyprian had only one year of peace. After that, the persecutions under Decius began, as well as disagreements over what to do with apostates. Like Cornelius, Cyprian had to deal with Novatian. New persecutions broke out under Emperor Valerian. Cyprian was arrested and tried for being a Christian. When he was read his death sentence, he exclaimed "Blessed be God!" He was martyred in 258.

Cornelius and Cyprian encouraged each other to lead virtuous, self-sacrificing, and loving lives for God. There is no greater gift that one friend can offer to another. Today let us think of ways to help our friends grow closer to God.



# GOOD LUCK

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015, OLA will have 5 students representing the Parramatta Diocesan Team at the NSW CPS Mackillop Track and Field Championships. We would like to send our best wishes to: Hollie Ford, Jade Richardson, Seronique Taylor and Claudia Coombes competing in the Junior Girls relay and Tyler Spiteri competing in 11 year boys Discus and Shot Put. We are extremely proud of their achievements!

## Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics Competition

### *Expressions of Interest*

If you are 8 years or older and participate in gymnastics out of school you might be interested in participating in a basic Gymnastics competition. Please see below for the required skills. Students will need to have the following skills;

### **Floor Routine-**

Cartwheel, Backward roll, Jump half-turn, (2x) Cartwheels, Handstand, Dive-Forward-roll, Forward roll step-out, cartwheel.

### **Mini-Tramp-**

(1) Jump Straddle. (2) Jump Full Turn

### **Short Vault – 60cm high**

4 step run, low hurdle onto mini tramp, straight jump to box, immediate rebound tuck jump from box to crash mat. (Show clear rebound)

### **Static Series**

Arabesque, stand, squat, jump to front support (hold 2 secs), turn to rear support (hold 2 secs), “L” sit, dish (hold 2 secs), roll to front dish (hold 2 secs), roll to back dish, candle(not held), roll to stand (no hands) It should be a flowing movement.

Please email the office with details about your child’s Gymnastic school and skill level in you are interested in participating.

## **STAGE 3 BOYS AND GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Please be advised that the S3 Touch football competition will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. The correct note was sent home on last Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, advising of details, permission, code of player and cost for each player. Each student representing OLA needs to return to school, the player code of conduct contract with both parent and student signatures.



### **Skipping Expo**

Please come and join us for the skipping expo which will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2.10pm by Dance Fever. This will showcase what the students have learnt during the term. Please wear your joggers (or sensible shoes) as the students will definitely want you to join in the fun.





# P&F NEWS

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

*Have you reserved your table yet??*

*See the note attached to the newsletter.*



*Thank you to our friends at Pizza Hut Rouse Hill! Just mention you are from Our Lady of the Angels Rouse Hill and you will receive 20% off your order.*

**\*\* ONLY FROM PIZZA HUT ROUSE HILL**

*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)*

*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*

**Hills Community Aid**  
**Open Day**  
@ Learning in the Hills  
**& Family Fun Day**  
**Free**

**Fun for the whole family**

- Jumping castle · AFL fan zone · Masters Rouse Hill activities table
- Police · Fire engine · Biscuit decorating · Rock art
- Entertainment from Alive 90.5 Community Radio · Hills Daily Grind selling coffee & slushies · Sausage sizzle & lucky door prizes

**Learning in the Hills class displays & demonstrations**

- Painting, crochet, knitting, paper quilling & embroidery classes
- Coffee and devonshire tea's available to purchase on the day from Learning in the Hills volunteers
- White elephant and book stall

**29th September**  
10am - 5pm  
Balcombe Heights Estate  
12 Seaton Hills Road  
Casellview Hills

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<b>Penance at OLA</b>	
Enquiry Night	13 October at 7.30pm
Parents Only	27 October at 7.30pm
Lesson 1	Choose from either: Sat. 7 November 4.30pm-5.15pm (with Mass at 5.30pm) <b>OR</b> Sun. 8 November 9am-9.45am (with Mass at 10am)
Lesson 2	Choose from either: Sat. 14 November 4.30pm-5.15pm (with Mass at 5.30pm) <b>OR</b> Sun. 15 November 9am-9.45am (with Mass at 10am)
<b>Reception of the Sacrament of Penance at OLA Church</b> (choose one Saturday)	
21 Nov, 28 Nov, 5 Dec, 12 Dec	Candidates and their families

Letters will be going home next week to the children in year 2. If you have a child in an older grade that will be making their reconciliation this year and need a note, please let us know.

# Bishops Office

## 29th Annual Parramatta Diocesan Golf Day: 21 September

Ambrose Competition for Clergy, CEO Staff and Parents & Friends. Cost \$60 per head (includes GST) if prepaid by 16 September. Includes hot buffet breakfast, drinks, green fees, trophies, mystery prizes: Richmond Golf Club – tee off 8.30am sharp! 'Shot Gun Start' (be there by 7.30am). Limited to 30 teams – book early to avoid disappointment. Ian Jordan 0408 219 942, [ijordan@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ijordan@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Social Justice Sunday: 27 September

This year's Social Justice Statement by Australia's Catholic bishops is entitled: For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers. The statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned His back on those who were lost or suffering. To obtain copies of the statement and to download supporting resources at no charge visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council's website: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 27 September

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)

## Vocation Discernment Weekend for Women: 2-4 October

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women aged 18-35 discerning their vocations to Come and See! Join them for a weekend retreat at their convent in Plumpton, beginning at 6pm on Friday 2 October and ending on Sunday 4 October. The retreat will include prayer, talks, time for individual accompaniment, and joyful fellowship. All meals are included, and the only cost is a donation. For more information contact Sr Margaret tel (02) 9626 9200, 0420 754 727, or via email to [margaretcfsn@gmail.com](mailto:margaretcfsn@gmail.com) Come and see where God may be calling you!

## Mamre Festival: 25 October

The Mamre Festival face painting, rides, market stalls. Fun for all ages. Will be held on Sunday 25 October from 9am-3pm at 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. Mamre House and Farm is part of CatholicCare Social Services Diocese of Parramatta.

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## Year 3 Market Day

During Term 3 Year 3 have been studying the HSIE unit 'Who Will Buy'. Weeks were spent researching and identifying the roles of producers, consumers and the influence of advertisements. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September we walked to Rouse Hill Town Centre in preparation for our Market Day on Thursday. This gave us the opportunity to become the producers of delicious treats and hold our own shop front. As you can see by the photos, a great day was had by all. It was a complete success, selling out of all products. It was a wonderful way to end our unit, sharing our learning with the whole school.

Mrs Jurcevic and Miss Marchant



## From the Parish Office...

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations and God's blessings upon these children who are today receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Ana Josipa Mary Basic, Alexander Colin John Bennett, Alana Madeline Catherine Berry, Michael Joseph Paul Blazey, Patricia Bernadette Constantino, Nicholas Alexander Cutroni, Angelina Mary Teresa Cutuk, Bethany Jasmine Bernadette Dersch, Jordyn Keely Mary Eldred, Elise Kate Elizabeth Ewer, Olivia Charlotte Ann Therese Farrugia, Bryan Lee Anthony Manago, Lachlan John Phillip Monks, Luke Edward Patrick Robertson, Kristian Mario Michael Skoljarev.

We have a total of 73 children receiving the Sacrament over the next two weeks.

### Reconciliation

Reconciliation for children in Year 2 and older will occur in Term 4. There will be an information night on Tuesday, 13 October at 7.30pm.

### 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

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### Literacy Hint -

Don't worry if you are reading much-loved stories again and again. Your child may even learn some off by heart. This is all part of the journey into becoming a keen reader.



*Congratulations to Jordan Vargas who won the U12's Div1 grand final last weekend. Well done!*

*Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.*

*God bless.*

*Eva La Rocca,*

*Principal*

Term 3 Week 9	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Logan Cleary	Zoey Chown	Patrick Doueihy
Kinder G	Lachlan Heaney	Camryn Sammut	Tahnia Arora
Kinder W	Aidan Attard	Charlotte Ives	Kristian Cajic
Year 1B	Lucy Tapley	Marcus Farrugia	Riharna Pacella
Year 1 G	Mitchell Ross	Amity Oxspring	Tayla Buxton
Year 1W	Jack Winn	Milla Price	Georgia Parsell
Year 2 B	Levi Stacey	Rachael Perillo	Kayleigh Naidoo
Year 2 G	Sal Colossimo	Natalie Holopikian	Max Cutroni
Year 2 W	Kiara Wijaya	Lauren Eyles	Makiah Arora
Year 3 B	Gemma Gladwell	Zachary Sprowles	Christian Garofano
Year 3 W	Ethan Graham	Charlotte Zahra	Sofia Silva
Year 4 B	Anthony Cutuk	Joshua Maisetti	Nicola Topic
Year 4 G	Sebastian Mileto	Sophia Tapley	Mikayla Muscat
Year 4 W	Antonia Manago	Ashley Cummings	Mia Sprowles
Year 5/6 B	Darci Buxton	Claudia Coombes	Domenico Lopresti
Year 5/6 G	Patricia Constantino	Angelina Taleski	Elise Ewer
Year 5/6 W	Brock Crook	Joseph Awadalla	Jai Turner