

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greeting All,

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

THANK YOU to our many, many grandparents who enriched the lives of Our Lady of the Rosary students by visiting last Friday 29 July.

THANK YOU to the parents who donated the morning tea which our grandparents enjoyed. Thank you to members of the P & F and our Year 6 students who organized and served the morning tea.

THANK YOU to Mr David Russell, Mr Tony Gardner, Mrs Bernadette Batten and the many students who sang, played, explained, acted and argued to entertain our grandparents.

THANK YOU to our Kindergarten teachers and students for organizing and leading the celebration of our Grandparents' Eucharistic Liturgy.

THANK YOU to all staff and students for making our grandparents and families feel so welcome into our school and classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you all back again at the 2012 Grandparents' Day.

*"Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren." ~Author Unknown*



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Best wishes to the students in Year 3 who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday. May their lives be filled and strengthened by the special presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



*"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus."  
- St. Peter Julian Eymar*

Best Wishes

**Bernadette Walsh**  
Acting Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 8 Aug– Fri 12 Aug  
Fri 19 Aug  
Monday 5 September  
Wednesday 7 September  
Thursday 27 October  
Friday 28 October

Book Week 2011 "One World, Many Stories"  
Year 6 Winter Sleepout  
Yr 3 Colonial Show  
Year 1 Excursion  
Kalkari Discovery Centre (4S)  
Kalkari Discovery Centre (4D, 4G)



# RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

## Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A Based on the Gospel Matthew 14: 22-33

In the Gospel this Sunday, the focus is God's presence in the calming of the storm. Jesus asked Peter to do something which, from a human point of view, made no sense whatsoever. In fact, it was impossible. He asked him to walk on water. And, though Peter obeyed Jesus and set out across the water, his faith soon let him down. He began to sink so that Jesus had to reach out and save him.

If we take the incident literally, the miracle has no relevance for us. But if we take it as a faith story, it has tremendous relevance. All of us will, at some time or other, be faced with trying circumstances, difficult decisions, great sorrows, hard temptations. From a human point of view, to do what is right, to do the Christian thing, will often make no sense and will appear to be totally impossible to human nature.

We are called many times to "walk on water". Like Peter, our faith lets us down and we feel ourselves sinking. The old things which normally support us no longer do so or are taken away from us.

The solid ground vanishes from beneath our feet. It is then that we have to rely on the word of Christ. To some extent, the whole Christian life is walking in faith, that is, relying only on Christ. Also we often hear people claiming that the Church is "on the rocks", yet Sunday's Gospel message is clear. Jesus is with us: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Nikki Callan (REC)



## PARENTS CORNER

### READING AT HOME

Parents taking the time to read at home with their children is important in supporting the learning that is happening at school. Taking some time to read to, listen to and read with your child has so many benefits. Not only does it improve the child's reading comprehension, it also helps to increase their communication and thinking skills. It is also important that you model reading to your children. Let your children see that you are reading too. The following came from the Department of Education Website - <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/reading.php>

### READ AT HOME

*Children are made readers on the laps of their parents. ~ Emilie Buchwald*



It's no secret that activities at home are an important supplement to the classroom. Even though most children truly learn how to read in school, it does not diminish the importance of reading in the home. Schedule in some regular time to read with your child. I know that a parent's life is hectic, but as it was said in the last newsletter reading at home has significant benefits to many areas of your child's education. Tips to get in reading time - keeps books in the car and if you have time while waiting to see a doctor, or in the car while driving - get your child to read to you. Also you can get your child to read the recipe you are cooking.

### READING COMPREHENSION TIP

A good reader makes connections with what they are reading. After you have finished reading with your child you can ask them to make personal connections with what they have read. They can make connections with something in their life or something that is happening in the world - ask - has something like that happened in your life? Does that character remind you of someone you know? They can make connections with another book they read or a TV program they watched - do you think this character had the same problem as the character in that other book? Some of the ingredients we used in this recipe are the same in the recipe we followed the other day - can you name them?

## ENRICHMENT NEWS

### UNSW Competitions

Please make note of the following UNSW Competition date:

16 August—Mathematics

The exam will commence at 8am in the school Hall. Please remember if your child is late to a scheduled University exam they will be unable to resit the test. If possible, could all students come with a 2B pencil and eraser. *Regards Joanna DelVecchio*

### Accessing the OLOR Website or Email.

*Please note when accessing information from the OLOR website or web email please double click on the attachments to open. If there are no attachments please double click on the bold heading to access the required information.*



Register as a Parent

**To see your child's progress and receive weekly reports**

1. Visit [www.mathletics.com.au/parent](http://www.mathletics.com.au/parent)
2. Follow the prompts (You will need your child's username and password)

There is no additional cost for you to register.

## SPORTS SPECTACULAR



Good luck to all our athletes competing at the Zone athletics at Blacktown Olympic Park on Friday.

Phillip Banno, Nathan Belcastro, Paolo Bonnani, Bronte Bow, Declan Bow, Chloe Bromage, Mitchell Brown, Elana Chessa, Aaron Creagh, Kyle Ekstrom, Tiarne Ekstrom, Raymond El-Weddy, Isabella Floro, Tayla Fraser, Madison Gilmour, Georgia Goodfellow, Dahlia Haddad, Timothy Hyde, Harrison Johnston, Olivia Kalocsai, Joshua Littlefield, Sophie Martin, Chelsea McDonald, Christian Meli, Stephanie Mikosic, Emily Mooney, Lauren Mooney, Aidan Noor, Dane Papenhuyzen, Ryan Peacock, Blayke Pettersen, Andrew Rimac, Jared Roberts, Joshua Roberts, Emily Rozic, Kaitlyn Rozic, Carley Russell, Lachlan Smith, Thomas Spillane, Matthew Stillen, Marisa Varrica, Christopher Watters, Thomas Wright.

Good luck also to Jack Mylott and Claudia Catalanotto who will be singing the National Anthem.

### NEWS FLASH

We have a Super Star Tommaso De Battista in Melbourne this week competing in the Primary Schools National Swimming Championships.

On Sunday he swam the Breaststroke leg of the Medley Relay—NSW came 3rd. On Monday he competed in the 12yrs 100m Breaststroke.

Tommaso came 4th in AUSTRALIA behind 3 Queensland swimmers and improved his personal best time by 4 sec. And then on Tuesday he qualified 4th fastest for the 50m Breaststroke -we are still waiting to hear the results.

Congratulations on such a wonderful achievement.

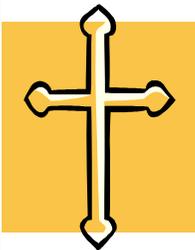
## GENERAL NEWS

**Upgrade of our email system / new process for newsletter next term**



As we have previously advised we are currently upgrading our school email system. In addition we have been signing up our parents to E-News so that you will receive the newsletter and other important articles, notes, events etc electronically. Our aim is to send all typical newsletter items homes as they happen as opposed to waiting for the weekly newsletter. **We intend to have this operational over the next few weeks.** To ensure that we have your correct email address, once again **we ask any parent who has not yet done so, to forward their address to [olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au) to ensure we have the exact spelling of your address.** Thank you to those families who provided their email address electronically. Out of 420 families we have only received 227 emails. **If you have not yet forwarded your email electronically to OLOR, it would be appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible otherwise we can not guarantee you will receive all important correspondence.**

## PARISH INFORMATION



### NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS REGARDING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES IN AUGUST

On three weekends in August there will be First Holy Communion in our parish. The dates and times for the Masses are as follows:

On **7 and 14** August: 11am and 2pm On **21** August: Mass at 11am only. *Please be aware of the above dates when planning your weekend Masses in August.* **Adoration** on **Fridays 5, 12 and 19 August** will be from **10am to 3pm**. The Franciscan Crown will be prayed at 6pm followed with Mass at 7pm. This will enable First Holy Communicants to prac-tice at 4pm on the above days.

### THEOLOGY BEHIND FRA ANGELICO'S PAINTINGS: 7 & 14 SEPTEMBER

Presenter: Most Rev Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. Fra Angelico's exact date of birth is not know, but 1395 up to about 1400 is the accepted estimate. He was known in Italy as Beato Angelica (the blessed). In 1418 he became a Dominican Friar at the Carmine under his birth name of Guido di Pietro. He was initially trained as an illuminator working with Benedetto, his older brother. He also nurtured a deep religious love of humanity, and had a sense of humility before God. This devotion to his religion shaped his art and his life. Over 2 nights from 7-9pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Cost: donation. Bookings essential: (02) 9831 4911 or [mh@instituteformission.com.au](mailto:mh@instituteformission.com.au).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 21 – 23 October at Winbourne, Edmond Rice Centre, Mulgoa NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au) Information: website [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au)



**CHILD PROTECTION** It is a Diocesan requirement that any parent volunteering at Our Lady of the Rosary complete the Child Protection training module. This training is now to be completed online at :

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

Once volunteers have completed the online training, a confirmation email is sent to the school and to the email address supplied by the parent undertaking the training module. Once OLOR receives this advice, we will forward details of downloading a 'Volunteer Prohibited Employment Declaration' for you to complete. This form needs to be returned together with Photo ID (which needs to be sighted) to the School office prior to commencing any classroom assistance. The training module will need to be completed every 2 years.

### **UNSW Competition Computer Skills**

I would like to congratulate the following student for achieving these great results in the Computer Skills Competition

#### **Distinction**

Prima Sutandyo (year 6)  
Samantha Choy (Year 6)  
Chi Siahu (Year 5)  
Caitlyn Cao (year 5)  
Jacob Boulus (year 5)  
Andrew Westley (year 4)

#### **Credit**

James McCormack (year 6)  
Tayla Fraser (year 6)  
Kristianne Fernandez (year 6)  
Belle Cao (Year 6)  
Brendan White (Year 5)  
Shaili Ranasinghe (Year 5)  
Lachlan Newman (Year 5)  
La'Tisha Bordador (Year 5)  
Emily Mooney (Year 4)  
Aiden D'Anasasi (year 4)  
Nathan Choy (Year 4)  
Chantelle Caparas (year 4)  
Benjamin Nunnari (Year 3)

### **UNSW Competition Science**

I would like to congratulate the following student for achieving these great results in the Science Competition

#### **High Distinction**

Tommaso DeBattista (Year 6)

#### **Distinction**

Matthew Stillen (year 6)  
Samantha Choy (Year 6)  
Caitlyn Cao (year 5)  
Joseph Nashed (Year 4)  
Hannah Blanch (year 3)

#### **Credit**

Prima Sutandyo (year 6)  
James McCormack (year 6)  
Tayla Fraser (year 6)  
Belle Cao (year 6)  
Paolo Bonanni (year 6)  
Michael Parnell (Year 5)  
Alicia Hatton (year 5)  
JOSHua Barko (year 5)  
Andrew Westley (year 4)  
Benjamin Nunnari (year 3)  
Tamara Mallick (year 3)  
Tasmin Knispel (Year 3)  
Alicia Knispel (year 3)  
Daniel Algeri (year 3)  
Jake D'Anastasi (year 3)

These students will be presented with their awards at the next assembly.

Great work. Joanna DelVecchio

## A Message from the P&F



### P&F Meeting

Just a reminder that the P&F Meeting will be held Wednesday 3rd August at 7.00 pm. Everybody welcome! Agenda below.

### Meeting Minutes and Agendas

Meeting minutes and future agendas will be available on the OLOR Website shortly. If anyone requires a copy of the minutes from Terms 1 or 2 please let me know and I will email them to you.

### Grandparents Day

The P&F would just like to thank our wonderful parents for the yummy food, our Year 6 helpers and our school leaders for making our Grandparents morning tea a raging success. There was hardly a morsel left! Thank you also to the parents who help us set up and to both Vicki Apap and Karen Bonanni who stayed behind to help us clean up. I'm sure our Grandparents had a wonderful time!

### Fathers Day Stall

We have almost finalized the gifts for our fathers day stall and they will be on display in the office in the next week or two. So kids.....start doing chores around the house so you can save your money!.....And don't tell Dad!!

Have a great week!

Michele Newman  
P&F Co-ordinator  
Email: mn7766@hotmail.com

## OLOR P&F MEETING AGENDA

### OLOR P&F Committee Meeting Agenda

August 5, 2011

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Meeting called by Michele Newman

### Committee

#### Members

Michele Newman (Coordinator),  
Margaret Campbell (Vice Coordinator),  
Natalie Lonsdale (Secretary), Sue-Ellen Roberts (Treasurer),  
Katrina Littlefield (Assistant Treasurer),  
Anna Maceri (Fundraising), Anna Valeriano (Fundraising)

Time	Item	Owner
7:00-7:05	Call To Order	Michele
7:05-7:15	Welcome and Prayer	Michele
7:15-7:30	Approval Of Minutes from May 2011	Michele
7:30-8:20	Discuss Previous Business	Michele
	Grand Parents Day	
	Father's Day Stall	
	Fundraising Suggestions- Sue Ellen & Anna Maceri	
	Pie Drive & Pizza Day Statistics	
	School Hats to be available at Office? When?	
	Tracksuit addition re survey again?	
8:20-8:30	New Business	Various
8:30	Conclusion	Michele

Thank you

## BOOK FAIR

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August, the children will be visiting the library to view the Book Fair & write a wish list. The children will bring the wish list home & talk to you about the books they saw. You are under NO obligation to purchase these books but if you would like to purchase a book or books your child liked, they need to bring the money on their allocated buying day. All purchases benefit the school as we receive a percentage of sales to purchase new resources.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August, the children will once again visit the Book Fair but this time to purchase books. Books can be purchased by sending Cash (correct money if possible) & the wish list in an envelope with your child's name printed on the front and returning it to the class teacher (not the office) or completing the credit card details on the back of the wish list in an envelope with your child's name printed on the front and returning it to the class teacher (not the office). If a book is no longer available, orders can be taken but only if the book is paid for. Back orders will be delivered the next week.

Parents are welcome to attend the Book Fair when their child's class is buying so please take note of the sale time allocated for your child's class.

### Class Buying Times

Time	Tues 9/8	Time	Wed 10/8	Time	Thurs 11/8
9:00-9:30	Parade	9:00-9:30	1D	9:00-9:30	3D
9:30-10:00	Parade	9:30-10:00	1S	9:30-10:00	3S
10:00-10:30	Parade	10:00-10:30	1G	10:00-10:30	4G
10:30-11:00		10:30-11:00	2S	10:30-11:00	4D
11:30-12:00	KD	11:30-12:00	2D	11:30-12:00	4S
12:00-12:30	KG	12:00-12:30	2G	12:00-12:30	SN SM
12:30-1:00	KS	12:30-1:00	3G	12:30-1:00	SH SB
2:00-2:50	SC & SP	2:00-2:50	SF	2:00-2:50	<b>BOOK FAIR PACKUP</b>



Please Note: There will be NO SALES during recess or lunchtime

### BOOK PARADE- TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> August @ 9:00am in the New Hall

All the children and teachers are invited to take part in the Book Week Parade. All parents are welcome to come and watch. The children are to come to school dressed in their outfit. They will remain in their outfit all day therefore they must have school shoes or sports shoes on their feet and their outfit should be simple and comfortable.

As the **BOOK WEEK** theme is "**ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES**" the Book Parade will reflect this. The Book Parade is a fun way to celebrate Book Week and the Book Fair and shouldn't be a stressful time for parents with regard to costumes. The children can come dressed as a favourite character from a book **OR** come dressed as someone from another country **OR** come dressed in their favourite dress-up outfit **OR** anything that is easy for parents and the children are happy!!

We have books on everything in the library, so children can be dressed in anything from animals, superheroes, sports gear, clowns, magicians, cooks, robots, aliens...whatever is easiest for you. Each class will parade in front of the school with their teachers but there **will not** be any prizes awarded.

### Parent Helpers Needed

We require the help of parents for sales at the Book Fair. If you can spare an hour or more to help out, please advise via OLOR email: [olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au) (please indicate Book Fair Helper in the subject heading) or complete the slip below as soon as possible.

Many Thanks

Julie Walter  
Teacher-Librarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Childs Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help with the Book Fair Sales

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

- 10:30-11:30
- 11:30-12:30
- 2:00 - 2:45

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

- 9:00-10:00
- 10:00-11:00
- 11:30-12:30
- 2:00 - 2:45

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August

- 9:00-10:00
- 10:00-11:00
- 11.30-12.30
- 12.30-1:10

## ***HEAD LICE***

There have been multiple reports of head lice at OLOR.

Would you please check your child's hair to ensure that they are free of head lice, prior to sending them to school.

Please read through the following information carefully. Understanding what lice are, how they spread and what treatment works best will help us control the spread of lice and avoid unnecessary stress to families.

### **What are head lice?**

Head lice are tiny insect parasites that live on the human head, feeding on the scalp several times a day. Head lice reproduce by laying their eggs (nits) on the hair shaft close to the scalp. They are not dangerous, don't carry diseases and are not a sign of poor hygiene.

### **How are head lice spread?**

Head lice are spread by head-to-head contact with another person who has head lice, e.g. when doing group work at school, playing, or hugging. Head lice can run from one head to another in seconds.

Brushes and combs can transfer mature head lice but are unlikely to transfer viable eggs, as these are very hard to detach from the hair shafts. Head lice are not spread through bed linen, clothing or headgear, as they do not leave the scalp unless they are dead or dying. Eggs ('nits') do not fall off until weeks after they have hatched as they are glued tightly to the hair shaft.

### **Treatment**

- Comb the affected person's hair thoroughly with an appropriate product. This stuns the lice, making them lose their grip on the hair strands.
- Putting a lot of cheap conditioner through your child's stuns the lice for about 2 minutes. Use a very fine comb with long rounded stainless steel teeth and comb every part of the head four or five times
- Wipe the comb clean on a tissue or paper towel
- Check the tissue for eggs or lice.
- Repeat these steps four or five times, combing the entire head

### **Methods**

There are several effective ways to treat head lice. Choose whichever method best suits you and your family.

<b>Step One</b>	Check all household members to see if anyone else has head lice – use the hair conditioner method . Treat only if lice and/or eggs are found and consider treatment methods available.
<b>Step Two</b>	Inform the school or childcare centre, and any other contacts including playgroup, neighbours and relatives, so they can advise other parents to check their child's hair.
<b>Step Three</b>	When treatment is completed, with all head lice and eggs removed, check the hair regularly, e.g. weekly, for any further head lice infestation. Early treatment can prevent spread to other close contacts.

## **Prevention**

Useful activities and ideas to help prevent infestation:

- check your child's hair every week for head lice and eggs ('nits') - use a metal fine tooth 'nit' comb and plenty of hair conditioner to make the task easier and more effective. To help children sit still for this, offer distracting activities, e.g. play a favourite video, provide games, encourage reading, offer a head massage.
- tie long hair back - braid and/or put it up if possible.
- consider applying hair gel or mousse - these do not prevent or repel lice but help to keep stray hair strands from contact with other heads.
- avoid sharing combs or brushes.
- regularly immerse brushes and combs in hot water for 10 minutes to kill any head lice or eggs trapped in them. An old toothbrush will also help remove any debris.

remind your child to avoid head-to-head contact with other children, e.g. when working at the computer with others, or when playing, or hugging.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. Working together we will eradicate the problem.

Additional Information:

[www.health.wa.gov.au/docreg/Education/.../HP0149\\_head\\_lice\\_FS.pdf](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/docreg/Education/.../HP0149_head_lice_FS.pdf)

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/common/head\\_lice.html](http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/common/head_lice.html)