

OLOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 7

13th June, 2014

The Most Holy Trinity.

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is from John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one.

Adapted from Greg Sunter.

Year 1 Family Mass

Our next family/parish Mass is on Sunday, 22nd June, commencing at 9.30am. All families, especially Year 1 are welcome.



1st Eucharist Program

This year we are again conducting our Parish based, family-centred preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. Part of the Program involves small groups meeting to share this faith experience.

If you would like to enrol your child/children in the 2014 Program, Information and Registration Forms are available at the back of the church.

Parents/Carers are invited to attend the 1st Parent Meeting in the church at 7.00pm on Monday, 16th June.

This year we are inviting parishioners who would be interested in assisting in this Program by facilitating one of the small groups to contact the Parish Office on 9639 8385. A training session will be conducted for all volunteer facilitators prior to the commencement of the Program.



Principal/Citizenship Awards

Parents are invited to our next assembly on Friday, 27th June after the 9.15am Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass.

Help Keep Someone Warm this Winter

The St Vincent de Paul Society receives many calls for help during the winter months. The homeless will face cold, lonely nights on the streets, while those on low incomes will struggle to make ends meet.

This year, our winter appeal for St Vincent de Paul is to purchase blankets for the poor and homeless.

On **Thursday, 19th June (Week 8)**, we invite all the students to wear **MUFTI** and contribute a **GOLD COIN** donation for the delight of not wearing school uniform on that day. The gold coin donations will be used to purchase some blankets.

The blankets will be presented at our Sacred Heart Mass on Friday 27th June.

Thank You, The Social Justice Team

Merit Cards

Congratulations to all students who received Merit Awards at the assembly this week:



KN

Audrey Pearce
Mia Hirigoyen
Olivia Childs

KZ

Declan Mission
Isla Attard
Harry Qummou
Matilda De Celis

1D

Benjamin Hyde
Claire Hwang
Alexa Lucas
Abbie Pickard

1H

Rafael Rebaza
Isaac Chevalier
Charley Tacey
Sienna Rudd

2B

Zoe Tapia
Sean Fernandes
Maddison Starkey
Lewis Corner
Stephanie Wilson-Moore

2H

Tiara Godakanda
Marcus De Guzman
Mason Newton
Olivia Nesci
Heejung Han

3LN

Ashlee Lasrado
Elle Younes
Kalan Sassine
Chloe Smith
Gabriella Compton

3S

Stephen Antivilo
Angelina Arculi
Damian Abou-Antoun
Flynn Fitzpatrick
Rhys Frazer

4AB

Mykalah Blench
Daniel Marshall
Joshua Psaltis
Erin Swann

4D

Brock Lake
Emma McElwee
Daniel Walker
Joshua Hickey

5C

Emily Toon
Chelsei Quintal
Charlotte Farquhar
Emily Aouchan

5P

Alex Arban
Zara Denmark
Laura Boland
Leo Hwang

6M

Emily Rego
Nicholas Connellan
Emma Polley
Jai Craig
Luke Mears

6P

Ryan Godakanda
Zachary Foster
Gabriele Sassine
Maggie Taouk
Madalene van Koeverdan
Ashleigh Heuston-
Richardson

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday, 18th June from 2.45pm till 3.30pm and Friday, 27th June from 8.45am till 9.15am.



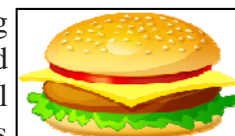
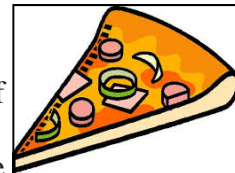
School Fees

School fees for Term 2, 2014 are now overdue. Please finalise outstanding accounts as soon as possible to avoid your account being transferred to the Catholic Education Office. Those families that have a Bpay arrangement in place, please ensure your payments are up to date as broken arrangements will also be transferred to the Catholic Education Office.



Pizza and Cheeseburger Day – 19th June 2014

It's time for our annual end of term Pizza and Cheeseburger Day. This event is a treat for the children to have something different for lunch and participation is optional. It will happen during the children's normal lunch time on **Thursday, 19th June 2014.**



Order forms went out with the children and must be returned by Monday, 16th June 2014.

As always to make these events a success we are looking for volunteers to help distribute the food for an hour on the day. If you can help, please contact Carina Morales on 0414 412 422 or Christine Coorey on 0421 611 030.

If you have any questions please call either Carina or Christine on the above numbers to discuss.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support. The Social and Fundraising Raising Committee.

Discus - Zone Athletics Carnival

Any student wishing to be eligible for Discus at the Zone Athletics Carnival must bring their official Little Athletics Discus results to Miss Petrocco before the end of term. These will be measured against the qualifying distances.



OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is celebrating 125 years of Mercy Excellence in education.

Discover rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta during an Open Morning Tour on June 16. Tour the College and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



Congratulations!!!



Korean Catholic Community

On 19th June it has been 10 years since The Korean Catholic Community celebrated its first Mass at St Oliver's Parish, Harris Park.

The Mass was celebrated to mark the establishment of the Korean Catholic Community in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Our Lady of Lourdes congratulates the community and sincerely thanks them for their contribution to our worshipping community. We ask that God will continue to bless this community in its work of living and spreading the Gospel in our local community.

CatholicCare Social Services | Diocese of Parramatta

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"Making the decision to commit to marriage is just the first step. Every day provides opportunities to strengthen your relationship and recommit to each other."

Jo Lamble

Jo Lamble is a Clinical Psychologist who has been in private practice for over 20 years. She sees individuals, couples, and groups and specialises in parenting and relationship issues. Jo is the resident psychologist on Studio 10 on the Ten network.

Jo will be one the speakers at the 2nd Annual Marriage Conference presented by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University.

This conference will be held on Sunday 24 August 2014 from 9:30am-4:30pm at Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross Street Parramatta.

The cost is \$25/person or \$50/couple, including, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

To register or make enquiries phone 02 9933 0222 or email marriage@ccss.org.au

One young woman who attended last year's conference without her husband, after they had a disagreement, had this to say *"The conference made a big difference to my feelings of resentment and some unresolved issues and my husband and I are making enquiries with CatholicCare Social Services to seek some counselling. I am very grateful to have attended and see much hope for our future together."*

Child-minding is available.

This conference is part of CatholicCare's **Marriage Education Support and Enrichment** seminars aimed at supporting married couples in Western Sydney.

Stepping Beyond: Support for those Separated or Divorced

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm!

You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as *"How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?"*

Venue: CCSS Centre

51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown

Time: 7.30 – 9.30

Cost: \$5.00

Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or phone 99330205

Care and Compassion - Being Positive

- ♦ Positive comment / giving and getting feedback



SCHOOL EVENTS

<u>June</u>	
Sat 14th	P&F Dinner Dance
Sun 15th	Trinity Sunday
Mon 16th	Years 3-6 UNSW Writing Competition
Tues 17th	9.15am Mass Year 5 Reconciliation 6P 1H Excursion Years 3-6 UNSW Spelling Competition Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Thurs 18th	Father Giovanni class visit - Year 1 Pizza Day (Lunch) 6.30pm School Band Concert
Fri 20th	Year 3 Elizabeth Farm Excursion
Sun 22nd	Corpus Christi Year 1 Parish Family Mass
Mon 23rd	Parent/Teacher Interview Week

Religion in Year 5

Year 5 have commenced their new unit, 'Stories of the Early Church'. To begin this unit, Year 5 read the story of Pentecost and recreated the story in liquid pictures.

When the day of Pentecost came around, all the disciples, women and men were gathered in one room...



Frightened and fearful



Confused and anxious



Swirl, swirl! Fire, look out!



Swoosh, swoosh. Wind, take cover!



God's Spirit is here!



No more fear. No more anxiety!



No more confusion! No more uncertainty!



Our hearts are on fire! Let's spread the word!

Mathematics Parent Workshop

The Mathematics Parent Workshop held last Tuesday night prior to the Term 2 P & F meeting was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance on the night and participating in activities that are aimed at gaining an insight into children's understanding in mathematics. As a follow up from the evening, listed below are brief explanations for some of the activities that were presented on the evening.

Bead Kebab 'Tug o War' - (*Equipment: Bead string with 20 beads and dice*) - Two players

2 players begin with 10 beads at each end of the bead string. Player 1 rolls the dice and calls out the number that appears from the dot pattern. Player 1 then takes that amount from players 2s set of 10 beads. Both players state aloud how many beads they each have (numbers should add up to 20). Player 2 then rolls the dice and calls out the number that appears from the dot pattern. Player 2 then takes that amount from players 1s and both players state aloud they each now have. This is repeated until one of the players has all 20 beads on their side of the string.

2 Minute Challenge - (*Equipment: Dice, bag of counters*) - One or two players

Roll the dice and collect that number of objects (counters). Keep doing this for 2 minutes, then count the number of objects you've collected all together. Can you count them a quicker way (eg by 2, 5 or 10). For 2 players, player 1 rolls the dice and calls out the number that appears from the dot pattern. Players 2 collects that many objects (counters) and adds them to a pile. After one minute, the player roles swap for the 2nd minute. After the 2 minutes, both players work together to count their collection of objects. Other activities for younger children in Kinder, Years 1 and 2

Counting Collections - (*Equipment: objects, counters, etc*)

Children are given containers with quantities of small objects to count. The aim is for children to count the collection accurately.

The activities that Mrs Bryant presented were adapted from '*Card Capers - Developing Mathematics from Playing Cards*', by Paul Swan





Parents Representative Council
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The Parramatta Diocese Parents Representative Council welcomes

Remy Low

Academic Advisor & Project Officer, Mount Druitt University Hub Project

Presenting

Senior subjects and UAC selection guidance for year 10 to year 12 students.

(Parents and student to attend)

About Remy Low

Academic Advisor & Project Officer for the Mount Druitt University Hub project, a joint project sponsored by the Australian Catholic University and Loyola Senior High School through various Commonwealth Government grants for broadening higher education participation.

Remy seeks to enhance local understanding of higher education to increase the higher education participation and retention rates of students from the Mount Druitt region in Western Sydney. In addition, Remy conducts research into perceptions and experiences of higher education amongst historically underrepresented students.



Remy is an Honorary Research Fellow at the Institute for Advancing Community Engagement, Australian Catholic University. He is also a sessional lecturer/tutor in cultural studies at the University of Sydney and in education studies at the Wesley Institute, Sydney. Remy recently completed a PhD in Gender & Cultural Studies at the University of Sydney, which entailed research at the intersection of cultural, economic and educational policy.

Remy's presentations have been well received in the past by the PRC attendees, with positive feedback from all that had attended.

Details

Tuesday 17th June 2014 @ 7pm

Loyola Senior High School and Trade Training Centre

91 North Pde, Mt Druitt



Dr Andrew Martin

Anxiety and Children



Date: Monday 1 September 2014

Time: 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm)

Venue: St Patrick's Primary School
51-59 Allawah Street,
Blacktown

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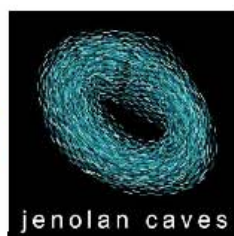
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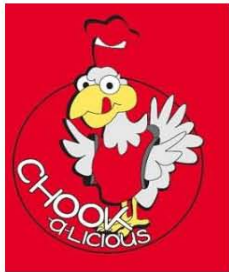


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Little Rock Café
Baulkham Hills



THE WINSTON



KB Farm Fresh Chickens



Hillz Grill
Baulkham Hills



Happy Kids Winston Hills



Bookhaven –
Baulkham Hills

Mike Sampson Menswear

Learning in the Hills
OPEN Day

Come and find out about the latest leisure learning groups and classes

& Family Fun Day

FREE ENTRY

Course Info & Enrolments

- Speak to students & tutors
- Open Classrooms
- Dressmaking
- Cake Decorating
- Painting
- Beading
- Arts & Crafts
- White Elephant Stall
- Book Sale

Fire Brigade

Jumping castle

Police

Headspace
providing mental health info

Talk to B.A.C.A.
(Bikers Against Child Abuse)

Lucky Door Prizes
from Boeing Central & Featherdale Wildlife Park

& much more!

Wednesday 9th July
10am - 1pm
at Learning in the Hills
Balcombe Heights Estate
92 Seven Hills Road
Baulkham Hills

Children's Cupcake Decorating Workshop
10am - 11am

Children can learn to work with fondant and ganache to decorate cupcakes.
LIMITED NUMBERS. \$5 per child.
Must pre-book with Hills Community Aid.

HCA Hills Community Aid
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Morning tea including devonshire teas, cakes, coffee, tea, etc provided by the Country Women's Association

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