OLOL
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 9 **5th December, 2014**

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent –Year B

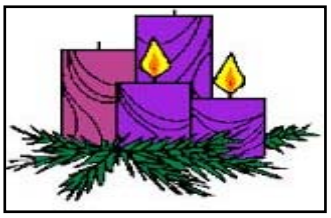
The Gospel reading is from Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

> *Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;*
> *he will prepare your way.*
> *A voice cries in the wilderness:*
> *Prepare a way for the Lord,*
> *make his paths straight,*

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



Lord God,
during this Advent, may we take time to seek you in solitude and silence,
that we may hear the echo of the Baptist's voice,
preparing the way for your coming to us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
(Adapted from Liturgyhelp.com and Daily Prayer 2014)

Year Six Graduation Mass

All parents, relatives and friends are invited to the Year 6 Graduation Mass on Tuesday 9th December, commencing at 7pm. This will be followed by a light supper in the lower playground. The Year 6 students are to wear their summer uniform and meet outside the church at 6.45pm.

SHINE Awards

On Monday, 1st December, the Castle Hill RSL Shine Award Ceremony was held. These awards recognise the achievements of young people in various categories. Congratulations to Eloise Northam, Jasmine Howard and Aston Wypych-Coles who were finalists for their achievements in sport. These students and their families attended the ceremony on Monday evening where the students were presented with a certificate.

2015 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM	COMMENCES	CONCLUDES
Term 1	Thursday 29 January 2015	Thursday 2 April 2015
Term 2	Monday 20 April 2015	Friday 26 June 2015
Term 3	Monday 13 July 2015	Friday 18 September 2015
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October 2015	Friday 18 December 2015

Parramatta Diocesan Sport Awards

Congratulations to Danny Gabrael and Eloise Northam who were awarded a medallion for Excellence in School Sports at the Parramatta Diocesan Sports Awards Ceremony held on Tuesday 2nd December in Marayong. These awards recognise Eloise's and Danny's achievements in Diocesan representative sports teams and carnivals. Well done!

Eloise Northam

Eloise Northam (6P) recently travelled to Tasmania to compete at the National Athletics Championships. Eloise placed 5th in her three events- Shot Put, 100m and Discus. Congratulations Eloise- we are very proud of you!

Thank You from the Social Justice Team 2014

What a very wonderful Mini-Fete we had on Thursday, 20th November.

THANK YOU for your generous contributions we raised $1450.75 to give to Cana.

The students in the Social Justice Team are to be congratulated on their commitment and enthusiasm in the organisation of their particular Mini-Fete activity. They are to be commended for their really wonderful care of the children during the various activities.

The children enthusiastically participated in the many varied activities from face painting to fingernail art, to sports activities, sampling lollies and cakes, "having a guess" in the guessing competitions and of course the colourful hairspray art.

We THANK the families who donated goods to our Mini-Fete.

Once again, we THANK the generous OLOL School Community for your great support.

Ms Denise DeLean
Team Leader

School Fee Payments

Next week, the 10th and 11th December, the Finance Rollover will occur.

During this time, the office is unable to process any financial transactions. Please finalise any outstanding fees before 10th December.

Please only phone the office if your query is urgent, otherwise email the school. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Parent Executive Committee

Please be aware the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary are still vacant.

Nominations for these positions are a matter of urgency. Send all nominations to Mr Steve Haskins.

Volunteers Afternoon Tea

A thank you afternoon tea for volunteers will be held on Thursday, 11th December at 2.15pm. See attached flyer.

Commencement Date Term 1, 2015

The role of assessment in learning and teaching mathematics is vital. Next year, we will continue undertaking extensive testing on each of our students via a Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI). Consequently, the first 2 days of term 1, 2015 have been allocated as Staff Development Days.

This means that school commences on

Thursday, 29th January
For ALL STUDENTS (K-6)

Parking

Drivers are asked to avoid:-

- Parking in the middle of the turning circle.
- Parking on the pavement or in driveways.
- Making U turns at Oakland Avenue school gate.
- Calling their children to run across the road to their car which is double parked.
- Ignoring the "no stopping", "no standing", and "40km" signs.
- Parking inside the Parish/School gates when dropping off or picking up children in the morning or afternoon.

Please remember:

You must not stop for more than 2 minutes and the driver must stay within 3 metres of their vehicle in a 'No Parking Zone' or the 'School Drop-Off Zone'. *Please see attached flyer*.

In order for our children to return home safely each afternoon, all drivers are urged to consider carefully the consequences of their actions. Road accidents would then be avoided.

Students Returning Late Term 1, 2015

Children in Years K-6 commence school on Thursday, 29th January, 2015.

If you are aware that your child will be returning to school on a different date, please ensure a leave form has been completed and forwarded to the office before the end of the school year.

Jelly and Ice Cream Day – 16th December, 2014

To celebrate the end of term and year, we are holding a 'Jelly and Ice Cream Day'.

This event is a treat for the children to have something different and participation is optional. It will happen after the children's normal lunch eating time on **Tuesday, 16th December, 2014.**

Order forms went out with the children last week and must be returned by Monday, 12th December, 2014.

As always to make these events a success we are looking for volunteers to help 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.

SCHOOL EVENTS	
December Sun 7th	Second Sunday of Advent
Mon 8th	Feast of The Immaculate Conception Swimming Program K-4 (Week 2)
Tues 9th	7.00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass
Thurs 11th	2.15pm Volunteer Afternoon Tea
Fri 12th	Year 6 Movie Day
Sun 14th	Third Sunday of Advent
Tues 16th	School year finishes for students
Wed 17th	Staff Development Day
Thurs 18th	Staff Development Day
Fri 19th	Staff Development Day Last day Term 4
Sun 21st	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Thurs 25th	Christmas Day
January Thurs 29th	Term 1 commences

Religion in Year Six

Term 4 has been a very busy time for Year Six. The first Sharing Our Story unit studied was ‘Living and Sharing in the Mission of Jesus’. This coincided with World Mission Month in October. In this unit, the students developed an understanding and appreciation of mission, and the call to mission throughout the world. They studied, ‘The Judgement’ (Mt 25: 34-40) and ‘The Commissioning of the Disciples’ (Mt 28:16 -20). The children researched people who, through their words and actions, are committed to the mission of Jesus. Year 6 then looked at how we can further develop and implement practical ways to continue the mission of Jesus in our school, the community and globally.

Advent/Christmas was the next unit studied. With the students preparing to celebrate the completion of their Primary school education, the unit provided the opportunity for students to reflect on their own growth and development, and their hopes and anxieties in commencing Secondary school.

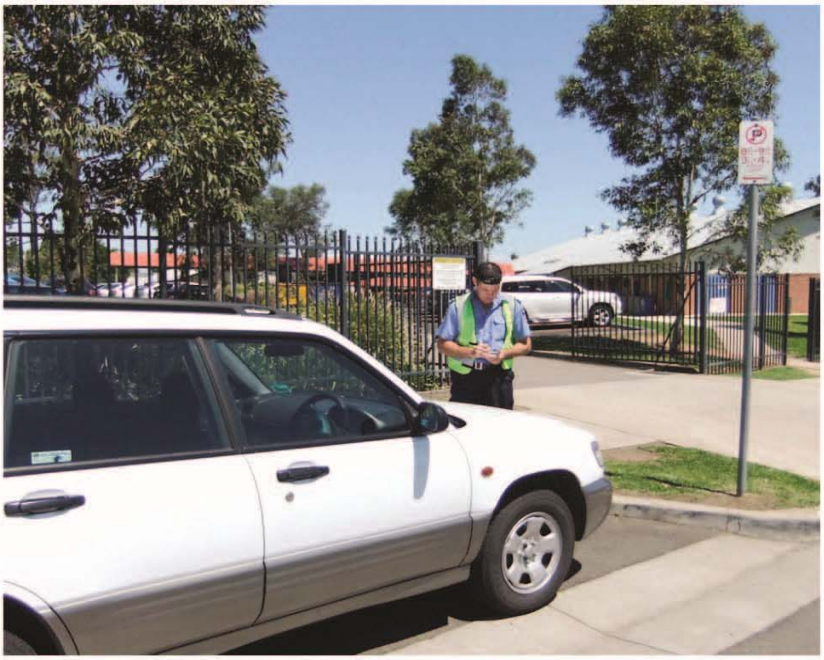
Reading Matthew (1:1-17), allowed year six to study the genealogy of Jesus. The family tree of Jesus Christ was identified and the children reflected on how the love of God has been with them throughout their Primary school years.

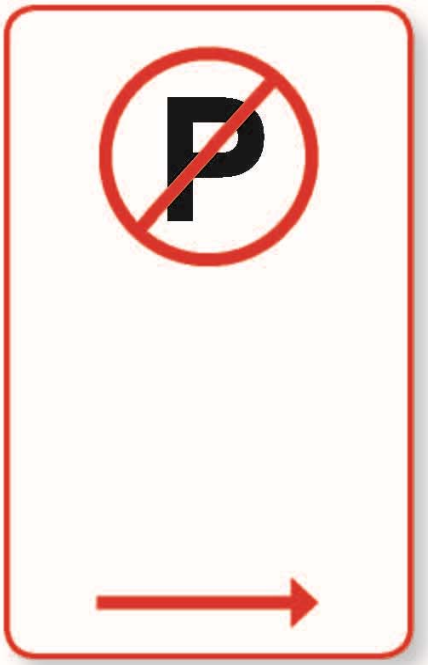
Finally, the students researched, constructed and sequenced the symbols of the Jesse Tree. This allowed them to reflect on the symbolism and significance of the celebration of Christmas.

Parking Rules & Penalties Fact Sheet

NO PARKING

THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire





You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods

and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes
and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from $169 and 2 demerit points

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.
For more information please contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0145

The Hills Shire Council
PO Box 75, Castle Hill 1765
Ph: 9843 0555
www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

Our Lady of Lourdes

School Canteen

Last day of Canteen will be

Monday 15 December 2014

and reopen on

Monday 2 February 2015.

Thank you to all

for your support throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and

a safe and Happy New Year!

Parent Volunteers Afternoon Tea

Volunteers help at Our Lady of Lourdes in many ways; reading, literacy groups, excursions, sports carnivals, P&F, fundraisers, hospitality events, canteen, book covering and in so many other ways.
As a way of saying 'Thank You', the children and staff would like to invite you to our special afternoon tea for parent volunteers.

WHEN: Thursday, 11th December, 2014
TIME: 2.15pm TILL 3.00pm
WHERE: Open Learning Area

If you are able to come please fill in the RSVP form below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you
Steve Haskins

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I/we will be able to attend the
Parent Volunteers Afternoon Tea
on Thursday, 11th December at 2.15pm

Name/s _____

Child's Name _____

Class _____

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Our orders have been placed for general materials for classroom use for 2015. Much of the cost of these items is covered by the School Resource Fee. Below are items that we require you to purchase for your child's own use at school. A number of these items would make ideal Christmas gifts. **It is most important that each item has your child's name on it so he/she can identify and care for his/her property.** Parents are asked to replenish stationery items, throughout the year as the need arises.

Kindest Regards

Steve Haskins/PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO
1 painting shirt – clearly labelled with child's name 1 library bag – labelled with name 1 large box of tissues 1 spare set of underwear (to be kept in school bag) 1 spare set of socks 8 Bostik "Glu Stiks" (large 35g clear – labeled with child's name) 2 x baby wipes To have at home for homework: - glue stick - coloured pencils - safety scissors - lead pencils	8 windup large glue sticks (UHU or Bostik) 2 erasers library bag - labelled 1 painting shirt – labelled 1 large tissue box 1 pk wipes/wet ones 1 sharpener with barrel 1x 12 pack coloured pencils 1x 12 pack wind up crayons 1 small pencil case (all items clearly labelled please) To have at home for homework: - lead pencils - eraser - pencil sharpener	8 windup large glue sticks (UHU or Bostik) 2 plain erasers library bag - labelled 1 painting shirt – labelled 1 large tissue box 2 pk wipes/wet ones 1 sharpener with barrel 1 pkt wind up crayons 1 pkt coloured pencils 1 pair safety scissors 1 clear hard plastic (30 cm) ruler 1 small pencil case 10 lead pencils (all items clearly labelled please) To have at home for homework: - glue stick - coloured pencils - safety scissors - lead pencils - eraser - pencil sharpener
YEAR THREE	**YEAR FOUR**	**YEAR FIVE**
pkt coloured pencils (12 – 24) 10 lead pencils (2B) per term pencil sharpener with barrel eraser Bostik glue sticks – large pkt crayons – wind up ruler, 30 cm (mm also) clear (hard) medium size pair scissors Macquarie Primary Dictionary small pencil case 2 boxes of tissues painting shirt library bag 1 pad of 'post-it' notes (yellow) – 7.5cm x 7.5cm	lead pencils (each term) 1 plastic ruler (30cm) pencil case large glue sticks (each term) 1 pair of scissors coloured pencils crayons/textas sharpener eraser 1 library bag 1 paint shirt 2 boxes of tissues USB/Flash Drive 1 x baby wipes	coloured pencils and textas blue and red pens lead pencils pencil case, sharpener, eraser 30 mm/cm clear plastic ruler - rigid 2 large boxes of tissues scissors, highlighters geometry set – clear protractor, including compass white out tape (no liquid) optional dictionary (recently published for senior students) textas – 1 Artline 90 chisel point black 1 Artline 200 fine 0.4 black 1 Artline 0.6 black USB – Flash Drive 2gb (optional) glue sticks each term old magazines
YEAR SIX		
Blue & red pens – no gel pens Lead pencils – HB No click pens 30 mm/cm clear plastic ruler glue sticks library bag white out tape (no liquid) Post-It notes (2 pads) 4 x baby wipes (for cleaning desks)	eraser sharpener geometry set – clear protractor coloured pencils dictionary (recently published – suitable for senior students) roll-up crayons 2 packets of plastic sheet protectors USB – Flash Drive 2gb	textas - 1 Artline 90 chisel point black - 1 Artline 200 fine 0.4 black highlighters - coloured textas highlighters scissors, pencil case 2 boxes of tissues A4 display folder x 2 old magazines

Jelly and Ice cream day

Dear Parents,

As an end of year celebration, we are holding a Jelly & Ice Cream day on Tuesday 16th December 2014. Children will be able to order their choice of jelly flavour with or without a scoop of vanilla ice-cream
If you would like to order this treat for your child please fill in the order form below and return to school, with your money **NO LATER THAN Friday 12th December 2014.**

PLEASE NOTE EACH STUDENT MUST SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL FORMS.

Volunteers are also needed to help on the day, so any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carina Morales on 0414 412 422 or Christine Coorey on 0421 611 030

ORDER FORM

Child's name: _____ **Class:** _____

Please choose one of the following options

JELLY ONLY - $1.00

- ☐ Purple Grape
- ☐ Bubblegum
- ☐ Berry Blue

OR

JELLY with scoop of ice cream - $1.50

- ☐ Purple Grape
- ☐ Bubblegum
- ☐ Berry Blue

Total money enclosed = $ _____