Dear Parents,

This week we began to pray the Angelus. As Ms Schrader said in last week’s Newsletter we will pray this every day at 12:00pm, stopping our work to give thanks to God for sending his son Jesus. The prayer is about the moment that Mary became pregnant. This is called the Incarnation, the moment when God took human form, the ‘Word becoming flesh’.

By praying the Angelus we also connect with the rich Catholic tradition of prayer. The prayer dates from the 12th century and was initially said at sunset with a bell being rung for the local community. By the time that I was at school (many moons ago) the practice of the midday Angelus had begun to die.

At Our Lady of Lourdes we ring a bell over the school sound system and all stop work. The Year 6 Religious Leaders lead the school. They recite the verse and the school responds. So far it has worked very successfully to break our school work, reflecting on our call to do God’s work.

Praying the Angelus has been a gentle way to lead into the school holidays after such a busy term. Kindergarten have settled in and are well on their way with their learning, over 30 new families have been welcomed into the community, sporting talents have been stretched through the cross country and many representative sporting opportunities, Stage 3 have survived 2 nights without their parents and stretched themselves at Camp Collaroy, our Spring Fair planning has begun, and much hard work from teachers and parents alike has been put into the communal effort of educating our students.

Thank you to all for the hard work you put into making our school a great school.

Regards,

Lesley Studans
ADDITIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
TERM 2
In Parramatta Diocesan schools the first day of next term has been set aside for staff to familiarise themselves with the new curriculum being introduced in 2014. As a result Monday, 29th April, will be a pupil free day. School will resume for students in Term 2 on Tuesday, 30th April.

WINTER UNIFORM
All children are expected to wear full winter uniform from Monday 13th May. However, should the weather be cool before that date, children can wear their winter uniform to school. Children must wear either their full summer uniform or their full winter uniform during this time.

The office will be open on Monday 29th April for appointments between 9:00am-11:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm. Please contact the office before 3:30pm tomorrow (Friday) afternoon to organise a time.

Please note: No other appointments are available prior to the changeover of uniforms.

BOYS
Long sleeved (school blue) shirt with crest
Navy school trousers
OLOL School jacket (with crest)
School tie
Navy ankle socks
Black shoes
School hat or cap

GIRLS
Plaid tunic and tab tie
Long sleeved (school blue) blouse
OLOL School jacket (with crest)
Navy ankle socks or
Navy (opaque) tights
Black shoes
School hat or cap

SPORTS UNIFORM
White or navy school sports shirt
OLOL Navy shorts/trackpants
White ankle socks
Predominantly white joggers

2014 ENROLMENTS
Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2014 are now available from the school office. Please let your friends and family know if they need an enrolment package to please contact the office. Please return enrolment forms as soon as possible as interviews are now being organised.

HAIR
We ask for parent’s support to ensure appropriate haircuts for the return to school. This includes no coloured hair and no fashion accessories such as beads or braiding. Should you have concerns regarding the management of your child(ren)’s hair in light of the above, please contact your child(ren)’s class teacher.

SHADE SAIL
The new shade sail, which was purchased with the assistance of the Parent Group.

MOTHERS’ DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST
On Friday, 10th May, we will once again be holding our Mothers’ Day breakfast followed by our Mothers’ Day Mass. Breakfast will commence at 7:40am. We are having open classrooms following the breakfast. Mothers, grandmothers and any other interested visitors are invited to visit the children in their classroom. Mass will commence at 9:30am. Mothers and grandmothers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass. As part of our Mass there will be a photo reflection after communion. Families are invited to email photos of mothers and children to the school to be included in this reflection. Please email the photos to the school at the address shown:

OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked “Mothers’ Day Photo”. Please note that the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection is 3:30pm Friday, 3rd May. We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Mums.

HEAD LICE
We have an outbreak of headlice at present. Please check your child/children’s hair and treat accordingly, if necessary. Children should not return to school until hair has been treated and is clear of all head lice and eggs.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
We earned 70,000 points last year and would like to aim for 75,000 this year. Last year this promotion resulted in the school receiving many valuable resources (the outside “connect fours” being one example). We are encouraging all families to collect the tokens being offered and to involve grandparents, family friends and relatives in the collection. Collected tokens may be sent to the school office on the prepared sheet. Wherever possible we ask that the sticker sheets are filled when they are sent to school. Thank you to Trish Falzon for coordinating this event.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS
This year we have sent a number of students to trial for the Parramatta Representative teams. Congratulations to Flynn, Rugby League, and Raymond for selection in the Rugby League and Touch teams. Olivia and Cassidy for selection in Girls Touch Football team and Anastasia for selection in the Girls Soccer team. These students are now going to represent the Diocese of Parramatta and participate at the NSW CPS MacKillop Trials. The Touch is being held in Wollongong on Wednesday, 23rd May 2013. The Soccer and Rugby League are both being held in Canberra on Friday, 10th May 2013. Good Luck to those students we wish you all the very best.

OUT AND ABOUT AT OLOL
Tomorrow sees the end of Term 1. It has been a busy term, but that is true of all terms. It has been a little different with Easter falling away from the school holidays and the term extending to eleven weeks rather than the customary ten.

Looking back on the term there have been many highlights. We have celebrated as a faith community through our Parish/school Mass, our opening school Mass, our Lenten liturgies and last week’s beautiful Easter Mass. We have celebrated as a learning community through our Catholic Schools Week activities and through the grade assemblies that have been held throughout the term. There have been a number of team sporting events as well as our school Cross Country Carnival held in glorious weather conditions on Monday. There have been opportunities for parents to be involved in the school whether this be as Parent as Educators, as iceblock sellers or as spectators at the many school activities. Exciting learning opportunities have taken place and the children have shown growth in so many ways, whether this be in the form of our increasingly independent Kindergarten students or our student leaders who will represent our school at the RSL’s upcoming Anzac Day ceremony.

Next term will be just as busy with our Mother’s Day Mass and breakfast, NAPLAN, the school athletics carnival and Parent/teacher interviews to name but a few events. The holidays are a chance for children and teachers to recharge the batteries. It is a chance for staff to plan and prepare for the term ahead. For all to catch their breath before we begin again.

I hope that students and parents alike enjoy the two week break. I look forward to continuing our work together next term.

Carol Cividin - Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS...
Patrician Brothers College
OPEN NIGHT
When: 7:30pm
Wednesday, 8th May
Where: 100 Flushcombe Road
Blacktown
Phone: 9671 3000

OOSH NEWS...
LOURDES VACATION CARE
We still have vacancies for April Vacation Care.
Lots of fun activities and excursions.ccc
Cost per child per day: $28.00 + Excursions
The Centre is CCB approved.
Programmes and Enrolment Forms available
For more information phone Mary: 96767293
CURRICULUM CONVERSATION

CROSS COUNTRY

This year’s Cross Country was raced on Monday after being postponed due to the wet weather last Friday. The students trained for the event in the weeks leading up to the race. We have some very talented long distance runners along with many many students who persisted and finished the race. Well done to all those that competed on the day. A big thank you to the parents who helped out on the day as without your help the carnival wouldn’t run as smoothly.

Good luck to the following students representing OLOL in the Diocesan carnival at Eastern Creek on 7th May.

George, Simun, Luther, William, Joshua, Johanna, Anastasia, Connor, Josh, Connor, Lual, Ruben, Jaylan, Ethan, Sophie, Halle, Renee, Ruby, Bailey, Daniel, Caleb, Andrew, Liam, Jessie, Olivia, Cassidy, Braithen, Madison, Jacinta, Frank, Harry, Marielle, James, Ben, Daniel, Amy, Annabelle, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Lumencia, Oliana and Jayden

CRICKET

On Tuesday our 13 man squad, Luther, William, Joshua, Connor, Thomas, George, Ethan, Braithen, Declan, Bailey, Rourke, Isaac and Flynn played St Michael’s Baulkham Hills in the Mark Taylor Cricket Shield. Our boys batted first showing true courage and determination when facing some very skilled fast bowlers. We unfortunately were bowled out for 25. I was very proud of the boys for the sportsmanship they showed to each other and the excellent behaviour they displayed while presenting OLOL in a sporting event. Thank you to Mr Ramachandran and Mr Rosario for umpiring and coaching the team on the day. Also thank you for the parent support transporting students and as spectators.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Good Luck to our three Stage 3 teams playing in the Touch Football Gala day at St Mary’s Kingsway tomorrow.


Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered to help out with transporting and supporting the teams on the day.