Dear Parents,

Next weekend’s gospel could have been written about my family, growing up. Jesus has dinner with a group of Pharisees who he noticed were positioning themselves at the table according to their social standing.

When I grew up we there were 11 of us at the table. Whoever sat next to the baby had to feed the baby. Whoever sat next to my brother Tim had to make sure that no pepper was near him as he would throw a tantrum. Whoever sat in the chair closest to the kitchen had to clear the table. We kids called this chair, ‘the workseat.’ Whoever sat next to my dad had to have perfect table manners. As you can imagine there was much jostling of seats!

Jesus reminds the Pharisees that there is always someone greater than them and that they should be humble to avoid embarrassment when they are asked to move.

One of my dad’s favourite sayings to us at the dinner table was the “the first shall be last and the last shall be first”. It did actually teach us to wait our turn - although we really had no choice! We learned to enjoy sitting next to my dad and noticed he always went last. We even learned to endure our turn in the workseat. However, ever so occasionally we put the pepper next to Tim just to enjoy the fireworks!

Kind regards,

Lesley Studans
GOLD AWARDS
Congratulations to this week’s Gold Award winners:
Kindergarten Nathan
Year 1 Lavinia
Year 2 Jacob
Year 3 Connor
Year 4 Fletcher
Year 5 Sophie
Year 6 Darshleen

AWARDS
Congratulations to the children who received Merit Awards last Friday:

| KB  | Carla, Kara Laumanu, Jazzy |
| KW  | Okusitino, Rushil, George, Nathan, Arya |
| 1B  | Zachary, Isabella Clarisse |
| 1W  | Rannajay, Chloe, Dominic, Alexandra, Vrinda, Isla |
| 2B  | Philip, Ava, Neil, |
| 2W  | Alex Wyatt Nikita, Lewis |
| 3B  | Youssef, Mason, Brianna, Agnes Biju |
| 3W  | Brayson, Juan, Doriany, Mary-Rose |
| 4B  | Cameron, Ezekiel, Charlotte, Chelsea |
| 4W  | Adalina, Riley, Reuben, Elijah |
| 5B  | Annelise, Ben, Edward, Chelsea |
| 5W  | Tiana Anoj, Alicia, Sophie |
| 6B  | Neil, Mikayla, Jayda-Leigh, Theo |
| 6W  | Ava, Samuel, Katelyn, Connor |

VOICE OF YOUTH
Jackson Maher was runner up at the Voice of Youth Blacktown Cluster Final last Friday at St Bernadette’s, Lalor Park. Jackson, Leah and Kitty did a wonderful job and competed against students from St Patrick’s, Blacktown, St Michael’s Blacktown South and St Bernadette’s Lalor Park.

FATHERS’ DAY MASS
Our Fathers’ Day Mass will commence at 9:15am next Friday, September 2nd. Fathers are invited to sit with their children during this special Mass. As part of our liturgy there will be a photo reflection at the conclusion of the Mass. Families are invited to email one photo of fathers and their child/children to the school at OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au marked “Father’s Day Photos”. Please note that this Friday, August 26th is the last day that photos will be accepted for inclusion in the reflection. All photos must be received by 3pm. Please understand that photos sent in after this time cannot be included as the slideshow will be created over the weekend and once created the format prevents any further changes. To avoid any disappointment please ensure photos are received by the cut off time. We look forward to sharing this special day with all of our wonderful Dads.

OLOLathon
After our fantastic Book Week celebrations on Monday and with the Rio Olympics now over it is time to turn our focus to our own OLOLathon to be held on Friday September 9th. Last week all students received sponsor cards and are encouraged to ask family and friends to sponsor them. There will be a sausage on a roll meal deal on the day. To make the day a success we require parent helpers. If you have completed the Parents as Educators course either this year or last year and are able to attend please complete the slip below and return it to the school.

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I have completed the Parents as Educators including the online child protection course training course and am willing to assist with an activity on the day.

Name: ____________________________
Child’s Name: ____________________
Class: ________

SCHOOL FEES
Term 3 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.
If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate in contacting...
Mrs Monique Kearins on 9622 7216. School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Closed from 10:40am to 11:00am)

PARENT GROUP NEWS…

FATHER’S DAY
Father’s Day is very near and the Parent Group needs your help to make this a wonderful morning for fathers. If you are able to assist in any way please return your Fathers’ Day helper forms. Your help is very much appreciated.

PARENT GROUP MEETING
The next Parent Group meeting will be held next Wednesday the 31st of August in the library. If you would like anything mentioned as agenda items please email these to ololpg@hotmail.com

MATHS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
7:00pm - 8:30pm Tuesday 6th September
Join us for a practical session, in the hall outlining strategies to extend your child’s mathematical understanding of Multiplication and Division.

There will be a brief presentation detailing the background behind our Whole School Mathematics Goal on Multiplication and Division, strategies to each Multiplication and Division followed by demonstrations of activities that are being used in the classroom and may be applied at home.

Parents attending will receive an activity pack containing resources to use at home.

If you wish to attend the Mathematics Parent Information Evening please complete the slip below and return it to the school office by Wednesday, August 31st.

I/We will be attending the Mathematics Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 6th September at 7pm.

Name: __________________________
Child’s Name: __________________________
Child’s Class_________
Number of people attending _____

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
If your child has been given some of our spare uniforms to use could you please return them as soon as possible as we are in great need. If anyone has second hand uniforms they are willing to donate we would be very grateful.

Thank you.

YEAR 5 FAMILY MASS
The Year 5 students will be leading the Mass this Sunday, 28th August. We invite all of the year 5 families to attend. There will be morning tea after Mass, so please bring along a plate to share. If you are unable to attend Mass and would still like to donate some biscuits or a cake please drop it into the office on Friday.

4 TO 8 YOUTH GROUP
The Four to Eight Youth group will also be meeting after 9.30 Mass this Sunday. It is open to all students in Years 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Come along to the Parish meeting room and join in the fun.

ZONE ATHLETICS NEWS
Our OLOL Zone Team had a very successful day. Harry broke record for the Senior Boys 800 m and was Senior Boy Champion. Zackary broke the 800 m Junior boy record. Alai was the 11 Year girls Runner-up. Congratulations to our Parramatta Diocesan Team Zackary, Byron, Chelsea, Alai l, Awien, Zahra Abbie, Macy Smith, Harry, Sophie, Rhys and Mary.

Well done to all of the Zone team for doing their best in their events. Sophie Chloe, Jorjar, Caidyn Joel, Kaylee Aspin, George, Erika Challita, Lilly-Maree, Noah, Max, Leah, Ben, Jaylen, Ethan, Mia, Monu, Aaron, Daniel, Taliah, Jaylen, Irene, Cameron and Gabrielle.