Reflections on Peace

Bequeath precious memories

And

Your beneficiaries will be wealthy for a lifetime

Reflect the beauty of creation

In all you are

In all you do

It’s not how many prayers one says

But how effectively they are put into practice.

Forgiving others will benefit you

More than those you forgive

Peace of mind is only found in the present;

Not in reliving the past or yearning for the future.

Look within to find peace.

Look without to express it.

IMPORTANT DATES 2013

TERM 3

Wed 4 – Fri 6 Sept  Yr. 5 Camp Yarramundi
Thurs 12 Sept  Yr 4 Excursion Budderoo National Park
Fri 13 Sept  EXTRAVAGANZA
Mon 16 Sept  Cyber Safety Information Evening at 7.30pm
Tues 17 Sept  Kindy 2014 Social Morning -9.15am
Fri 20 Sept  Term 3 2013 Ends

TERM 4

Tues 8 October  Term 4 Begins
  St Francis Day Liturgy/ Animal Parade at 9.15am
Mon 14 Oct  Yr 2 Rouse Hill House & Farm 2MD
Tues 15 Oct  Yr 2 Rouse Hill House & Farm 2G & 2D
Wed 16 Oct  Kindy 2014 Orientation Morning 9.15am or 11.30am
Fri 18 Oct  “Get Loud” Mufti Day
Wed 23 Oct  Kindy 2014 Orientation Morning 9.15am or 11.30am
Tues 5 Nov  Kindy 2014 Class Morning
Wed 18th Dec  Last day for Students
Fri 20th Dec  Last day for Staff

Extravaganza

Friday 13 September
11.30 – 1pm
School Hall

All parents welcome
A Social Morning has been arranged for your child on **Tuesday September 17th, 2013** at 9.15am - 10.45am

On arrival at school please park in the Parish Carpark and report to the teachers who will be waiting near the school office. Parents will be asked to place a name sticker on their child. Once your child has been partnered with an existing Kinder student we will be moving to classrooms. The children will be involved in fun activities such as Story, Craft, Singing, Dancing and Gross Motor and several teachers will be involved in this morning. You can come back to meet your child at the office at 10.45am.

Your child will also be required to attend **ONE (1)** of the following Orientation Mornings

**Wednesday 16th October**  
Session 1: 9.15am – 10.45am  
Session 2: 11.30am – 12.45pm

**Wednesday 23rd October**  
Session 3: 9.15am – 10.45am  
Session 4: 11.30am – 12.45pm

Would you please email two preferences of sessions to olorkellyville@parra.catholic.edu.au with the subject: kindergarten orientation 2014.

We will endeavour to give you your preference however you must understand that sessions will fill up on a first come first served basis.

There will also be a Kinder Clas Day on **Tuesday 5th November** between 9.15 - 10.45am.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sonya Swan  
Infants Coordinator

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News from Sr Antoinette...........

What beautiful weather we are experiencing. I hope all families are taking time to enjoy the beautiful gifts of God’s creation. We have so much to be thankful for.

Next term I am hoping to facilitate a gathering of interested Mums/ Dads for a short time of informal reflection after Morning Assembly once a week. If you are interested you could email me and let me know whether Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday is best for you. My email is ad Doyle4@parra.catholic.edu.au

Below is another excerpt from Andrew Fuller's article.

Thank you to those parents who have said they are enjoying reading the article.

**Turn losses into tournaments**

You may have already done this as a kid. After losing at a game, you may have said, "Ok, best out of three is the champion". If you didn’t win that tournament perhaps you may have said, "Ok, best out of five is ruler of the universe". Teach your kids that there is no loss; there is always a chance to have another go.

**There is no try!**

As the Jedi master puts it, do or do not, there is no try. Parents shouldn’t accept “try” either. When kids say they are going to try ask them, “does that mean you are going to do it or not?”

**Focus on the way we do things rather than the result**

Successful sports teams play the game the same way regardless of the score in the game. Focusing on the result causes people to panic or freeze up. Parents’ comments can cause a shift in their child’s awareness. Instead of commenting on the result, find something you like and notice it. For example, “you sang the first few bars of that song beautifully, it’s coming together”. Avoid the temptation to then add suggestions of ways to improve.

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**ST FRANCIS DAY LITURGY/ANIMAL PARADE**

This is just a reminder that OLR will be holding a Liturgy to celebrate St Francis Day on **Tuesday 8 October (first day of Term 4)**.

**The Liturgy will be at 9.15am** held in the school hall and will be followed by a Parade.

Children are asked to come dressed as their favourite animal on the day.

All are welcome to come join in this celebration.

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**A Thought To Reflect Upon**

“Excellence can only be attained by the labour of a lifetime; it is not purchased at a lesser price.”

Samuel Johnson
Calling all Parents/Handypersons

Urgent Working Bee Request

Mr Spradbrow has just received word that the proposed works for the new oval are soon to get underway. In preparation of this we would like to save the current school wire fencing surrounding the new oval area, which we can reuse once the works are completed.

We would greatly appreciate some helping hands **this Saturday from 9:30-12:30pm** behind the school hall, to start cutting the wire off the fence posts and help unbolt the steel rails in preparation of removal of the Steel Posts by the demolition company. Please bring, wire cutters, socket set, pliers, cable ties and gloves with you on the day. If you can help this **Sat the 7th Sept** it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact myself on 0414655652 or John Spradbrow before Friday 6th Sept.

We realise it is Election Day, but if you can even spare an hour to help out it would be greatly appreciated. Please be aware that due to Safety regulations we cannot have children on the premises during this Working Bee. Thankyou.

Regards,

Carolyn Modafferi

P&F Co-Ordinator
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY PENRITH OBSERVATORY - WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER 2013

Special Event Night - Friday, 6 September (7pm – 9pm)
Professor Fred Watson presents Tourism the Final Frontier

Family Astronomy Night – Saturday, 14 September (7pm – 9pm) Astronomy from Antarctica - Bitter cold, total isolation, and a 6-month night ...... perfect conditions for astronomy! Why and how do we do astronomy from Antarctica?

School Holiday Kids Astronomy Programs
Kids Fun Day - Wednesday 25 September (10 am – 12 noon) - Rocket Launches - Come along and find out the latest information on rocket launches.

Kids Astronomy Nights – Saturday 28 September (7pm – 9 pm) - Rocks from Space
Saturday 5 October (7pm – 9pm) - Exoplanets and life elsewhere: Which ExoEarths should we search for life?

These nights also include a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University’s 0.6 metre and 0.25 metre telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory. What’s On

Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
COR YOUTH has resumed for all high school students who would like to share faith, fun and fellowship each Friday night during school term between 7pm-9pm in the OLR parish hall. For more information please call the parish office on 9629-2595.

MASS FOR HSC AND OTHER STUDENTS - 27 Sept. at 7pm
We wish all HSC students preparing for their trials and final exams the best possible outcome. There will be a Special Mass on Friday 27 September at 7pm to pray for all HSC students and all those writing exams.

REQUEST FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
We are looking for a team of 12 committed individuals who are prepared to make a difference. The role of the Finance Committee is to ensure that the parish has sufficient income, to approve expenditure, to prepare and monitor the annual budget and to look to the maintenance and repair needs of the parish property. Please be generous with your contribution in person and intellectual property. Please contact Senani on 0418291624 or the parish office on 96292595 to offer your help.

WEEKLY SHORT CATECHISM WITH FREE BBQ LUNCH each Sunday after 11am Mass. You cannot love what you do not know so come and join us for Catechism and fellowship. Make new friends in the parish. If anyone would like to help or join the team in any way please call the parish office. We thank those who are dedicating themselves to this new venture in our parish.

DEVOTIONS AT OLR KELLYVILLE DURING THE WEEK

Mondays: Novena to the Divine Mercy.
After 7pm Mass there is a Novena to the Divine Mercy with an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Veneration of the Relic of Saint Faustina follows Benediction.

Tuesdays: Novena to St. Anthony.
It is a Franciscan tradition to bless the bread of St. Anthony and distribute it among the faithful. Veneration of the Relic of St. Anthony concludes the Novena after 7pm Mass.

Wednesdays: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fridays: Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Adoration after 9.15am Mass until 6pm every Friday. Vespers (Evening prayers) and the Franciscan Crown (Rosary of the Seven Joys of Our Lady) follows Benediction. On the First Friday of the month, a Holy Hour of Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, follows 7pm Mass.

INVITATION TO TRIDUUM MASSES & TALKS
To mark the end of The Year of Faith we would like to invite you to a Triduum celebration of Masses and talks on the following dates:

Wednesday 9 October : Talk on Lumen Fidei
Thursday 10 October : Talk on Guadium et Spes
Friday 11 October : Evening of Praise and Songs

All three evenings will conclude with a light supper in our Parish Hall. Each of the above nights will begin with Mass at 7pm.

Youth Festival Friday 30 August & 27 September – St Patrick’s Church, Allawah Street, Blacktown 7 – 9pm

Night One: Friday 30th August
- Youth Expo showcasing the youth groups, religious orders, missions, formation and educational institutions and agencies of the Diocese
- Music and Worship by Servants of Jesus Band
- Proclamation of the Gospel by “U Turn” Youth Ministry
- Opportunity to socialise with other youth over sweets and refreshments

Night Two: Friday 27th September
- Catechesis with Bishop Anthony Fisher
- Concert featuring world renowned Catholic artist and X Factor vocal coach, Gary Pinto
- Opportunity to socialise with other youth over sweets and refreshments
Mother Mary’s Birthday Celebration
All Youth and Young Adults and their families are invited to take part as we celebrate the Birthday of Our Lady. Bring your own lunch.

Mt Schoenstatt Marian Shrine
230 Fairlight Road, Malua Bay
Sunday, 6th September 2013

Join us and celebrate a South African evening together, socialising and dancing to the best tunes, including local S.A. music brought to you by South African DJs Luiz and Jules from Festival Disco. Let your taste buds experience some traditional South African cuisine. “Don’t forget your dancing shoes!!!”

Hype Youth School Holiday Workshops

MUSIC & DANCE | Monday 23 September | Castle Grand
Guitar/Ukulele workshop 10-11.30am | Tribute Room
Jazz dance class 11am-12.30pm | Rebellion Room 1
Guitar/Ukulele workshop 12.30-2pm | Tribute Room
Hip hop dance class 1-2.30pm | Rebellion Room 1

For more information and bookings visit www.thenhills.nsw.gov.au/Youth.html or LIKE the HYEYE Youth Facebook page www.facebook.com/HillsHypeYouth

WORKSHOPS BY GAME TRAINING | Monday 23 September | Castle Grand
Video Game Development Beginners Intro Session 10am-2pm | Pioneer Room 1
Video Game Development Master Class 1-3pm | Pioneer Room 1

Check out their website for fees and booking details www.gametraining.com.au/holiday

NIDA ACTING BOOT CAMP | Tuesday 1 – Thursday 3 October | 10am-4pm
For the very first time, NIDA (Australia’s National Institute of Dramatic Art) will run a three day Acting Boot Camp for young people at Wrights Rd Community Centre, Kellyville.

Earlybird prices apply for bookings received before 21 August. See the NIDA website for course & booking details – www.nida.edu.au/short-courses

Invitation to High Tea

You are invited to join the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta to celebrate the 150th anniversary of their foundation. Money raised will go to Mercy International Association to help the hungry poor at Calcutta and the sick and elderly at Mercy Works. There are only a limited number of places available and it is essential to ‘first come, first served’. If there is an overwhelming response, we may need to consider holding another event in the future.

Date: Saturday 12th October 2013
Time: 2.30pm
Venue: Catherine McAuley Centre, Mercy Congregations Centre, 6 Mortula Rd, Parramatta
Partly proceeds go to a new Baby Unit at Parramatta Bethel (net)

Donation: $3 per person, payable at the door.

Youth Festival 2013

St Patrick’s Church, Blacktown
7.30pm
Youth Festival 2013

You may find more details at youthevent@opara-catholic.org.au

We have come to cast fire

The Festival of St Patrick’s Church and Caritas Australia

30th Annual Senior Citizens’ Day ‘U TURN’ 
& EXPO
27th Aug
Bishop Fisher & Gary Pinto
Live

ST PETER’S CHURCH, BLACKTOWN
30TH AUGUST 2013
Free entry
UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS ON FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For over 180 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol 735,000 students in 1,706 schools across Australia.

Both major parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next four years. It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools.

One-in-five Australian students currently attend a Catholic school.

Catholic schools have a strong social justice mission to form well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to their local communities.

A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community.

All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government’s My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with an average of 10 per cent less recurrent funding than government schools.

Even with fewer resources per student, the Australian Catholic school system is amongst the best in the world, compared to Shanghai, Finland and Singapore on international tests, for student performance across all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $2.2 billion each year which helps take the pressure off government schools.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PER SCHOOLING SECTOR

- 65% Government Schools
- 20% Catholic Schools
- 15% Other Non-Government Schools

Source: ACARA, National Report on Schooling in Australia, 2011

AVERAGE NET RECURRENT INCOME PER STUDENT - GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS & AUSTRALIAN SYSTEMIC CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Source: ACARA, My School 2011
CATHOLIC EDUCATION – FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICY PRIORITIES

Catholic education is seeking a statement from both major parties on their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1706 Catholic schools across Australia. Both major parties have been asked the six questions below. Their responses will be provided in the near future.

POLICY QUESTIONS

1. How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?

2. How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to locally-identified needs?

3. How will your policy deliver additional government funding to support student needs and ensure funding keeps pace with the real cost of educating a child?

4. How will your policy support the needs of students with particular disadvantage, students with disability and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?

5. What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognise Catholic education's support of disadvantaged communities and willingness to establish in new growth areas?

6. How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools?

Catholic education will continue to work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic schools have the resources to support the needs of all students.

National Catholic Education Commission

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**2013 FEDERAL ELECTION: FUNDING POLICIES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Catholic education has approached both major parties about their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1,706 Catholic schools across Australia. Both major parties were asked six questions, and their responses are provided below.

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<td><strong>How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Coalition appreciates the vital contribution that Catholic schools make to Australian society by educating almost 735,000 children.</strong></td>
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<td>Federal Labor plans to deliver an extra $1.6 billion in additional funding for Australia's 1,700 Catholic schools over the next four years. This means more than $21 million will be loaned to the federal government under the Better Schools Plan.</td>
<td><strong>We believe in that parents should be granted the freedom to choose an education that best suits the needs of their children and their personal belief.</strong></td>
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<td>Federal Labor has the longest record for the stability and continuity of the Catholic education sector and the Better Schools Plan preserves the religious freedom of Catholic schools.</td>
<td><strong>We strongly support the right of Catholic schools to stand and grow themselves in every respect in accordance with their religious beliefs and values. This includes curriculum, school practices and enrolments.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to local need?</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Coalition strongly supports the ability of Catholic education systems to flexibly and responsively distribute funding according to local need.</strong></td>
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<td>We will support policies which seek to protect and respect the property. We will remove any administrative elements in the Australian Education Act 2013 that reduce system autonomy.</td>
<td><strong>The total amount of Commonwealth funding committed by the Labor Government over the forward estimates will be maintained and will be indexed each year to meet long-term costs. To ensure that if the Coalition is elected, the Commonwealth will spend an additional $2.8 Billion in 2017 on all schools.</strong></td>
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**How will your policy address additional government funding to support students with special needs and ensure funding lasts beyond the cost of educating a child?**

**The Better Schools Plan lifts funding by an additional 4.5% per cent as Commonwealth funding from 2014. This generous allocation is located in providing priority for schools through to 2017.** In return, state and territory governments have been asked to commit an additional $3.7 billion over a decade. These generous initiatives can only continue to work and funding has increased from $519 million to $552 million as the additional funding that will flow based on the needs of individual students. We will speed up funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools.**

**What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognize Catholic education’s support of disadvantaged communities and their ability to establish new growth areas?**

**The Coalition will commit to the same quantum of funds provided over the forward estimates which includes funding for students with particular disabilities, including a disability. We believe extra support for these students should be made available, regardless of a school’s attendance.**

**The Coalition will also ensure that Catholic schools will have the ability to use Commonwealth funding to support locally developed programs that are impacted by the Commonwealth’s investment.**

**How will your policy address teacher funding and teacher quality for schools?**

**Federal Labor’s Better Schools Plan delivers an extra $15 billion in public funds over the next four years, if every state and territory signs up. Each state will have certainty about the additional funding that will continue to flow to schools through to 2017.**

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