The Angelus

What is the Angelus?
The Angelus is a simple but earnest practice of devotion that causes us to recall the gift of God’s Son. The name Angelus is derived from its opening words, ‘The Angel of the Lord Declared unto Mary’. It consists of three verses, each followed by the recitation of the Hail Mary, an invocation to our Blessed Mother and a concluding prayer.

The History of the Angelus
The historical origins of the Angelus are linked to the spread of the Hail Mary as private prayer. It is believed that St Anthony of Padua (1195 – 1231) encouraged the practice of reciting it three times a day. St Bonaventure (1269) accompanied this with a meditation on the mystery of the Incarnation. He used the peal of the bell to call his fellow friars and the faithful of the region to recite the prayer. It is said that at the convent of the Friars Minor of Arezzo, it was preceded by the statement, ‘Angelus locutus est Mariae’, ‘The angel spoke to Mary’. King Louis XI (1472) prescribed the practice for his entire kingdom asking that the prayers be offered for peace. It was in the 16th century that the form of the Angelus that we recite today was fixed. Pope Benedict XIV (1742) and Pope Leo XIII (1884) both name the angelus in their books of prayer.

(Reference - ‘Praying the Angelus’ Catholic Education Office Parramatta.)

Praying the Angelus
Each day students, teachers and staff throughout the Diocese of Parramatta, will stop work at 12pm to pray the Angelus. The SRC will lead our school in prayer over the public address system. If you are at school during this time we encourage you to recite this prayer of devotion with us.

It would be appreciated if you could refrain from making non-urgent phone calls to the school between the times of 11.55am and 12.10pm as all staff will be engaged in prayer.

“As we pray the Angelus, we may join Mary in her “yes”, we may adhere trustingly to the beauty of God’s plan and to the providence that he has assigned to us his grace.” Pope Benedict XVI.

Helen Kingsley
I have now returned home after long-term back treatment in hospital and rehab. It was a lovely surprise to receive your emails, cards, messages and gifts upon my retirement. I appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Special thanks to Mr Haskins who was Acting Principal during my many periods of absence. I congratulate him on his outstanding leadership skills, enthusiasm and commitment.

Mr Battikha (Acting Assistant Principal), the Leadership Team, secretaries and staff have been highly supportive during my time in hospital.

I am also grateful to Father Mick, Father Giovanni, Louise Ryall and the parish for their interest in my ongoing welfare.

Thank you for your care and support over many years. I value your friendship and look forward to maintaining contact with the school.

Your children are fantastic. I enjoyed sharing in their excitement in learning and their many achievements.

After 37 years in education I am enjoying a time of relaxation, but miss all my friends at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Regards Helen

Goals
Each year, the Catholic Education Office sets its System Goals which become a focus for the year. In line with the system goals, we develop our school goals. These goals become a focus for our Staff Meetings and Professional Development for staff. Our goals this year centre around Religious Education, Mathematics and Literacy:

1) For students and staff to deepen their understanding of Scripture and explore the connection between Scripture, Jesus and Prayer;
2) Students and teachers to make regular and direct connections to the ‘Growth Point Framework’ during each Numeracy Block;
3) To develop an understanding of effective literacy practices in a balanced and coherent Literacy Block.
Congratulations to all students who received Merit Awards at the assembly this week:

**KN**
- Siella Wardle
- Luke Hassarati
- Tahlia Moodley
- Tom Fitzpatrick

**KZ**
- Holly Gersbach
- Jasper King
- Callum Goracz
- Charlie Bennett

**1D**
- Joshua Blench
- Emilie O’Keefe
- Jaylen Barnes
- Siena Dewhurst
- Matthew Schiller

**1H**
- Zachary Galic
- Milana Pivecovic
- Noah Coorey
- Adam Di Mauro
- Sophie Steele

**2B**
- Allison Doyle
- Matthew Tween
- Roy Rankin
- Portia Lucas

**2H**
- Grace Frangie
- Natasha Habib
- Jack Gontarczyk
- Michael Obuobisa-Nyampong

**3LN**
- Joshua Pozzolungo
- Katherine Saab
- Emily Steele
- Tianna Hallal
- Marcus Attard

**3S**
- Bailey Bloomfield
- Alyssa Sergi
- Declan Doyle
- Savanna Assaf
- Jack Vater
- Ainslie McNally

**4AB**
- Kaija Craig
- Max Bowry
- Ignacio Nieto Agudo
- Timothy Denmark

**4D**
- Joshua McQuaid
- Domenic Nesic
- Isabella Kulper
- Benjamin Waring
- Kevin Sislian

**5C**
- Tayla Saab
- Ryan Duffy
- Daniel Otter
- Tahlia Monahan

**5P**
- Laura George
- Mariah Di Mauro
- Emma Assaf
- Samuel Pickard

**6M**
- Jaimee Abrahams
- Alessia Haberecht
- Chloe Sakiris
- Daniel Abraham
- Isabella Williams

**6P**
- Alexandra Brett
- Danny Gabrael
- Blake Langdon
- Madeleine Hughes
- Molly Abbott

**Change to Afternoon Arrangements**
If you have any changes to your afternoon pick-up arrangements please send a written note or email before 1.00pm. Afternoons can get very busy in the office so it is important to contact us as early as possible.

**Pancake Tuesday**
On Tuesday, 4th March, the children will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday. A note has been sent home with your child this week.

**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be open on Friday, 28th February, Monday, 3rd March and Tuesday, 11th March from 8.45am till 9.15am.

**School Fees**
School fees statements were sent home last week. If you have not received your statement, please call the office as soon as possible. If you would like to set up a Flexible Payment Plan please fill in the forms and send to CEO in the envelope provided by 28th February, 2014.

**UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**
Parents will receive a note outlining the various University of NSW Competitions your child may enter.

The competitions are:
- Maths $8.00
- English $8.00
- Science $8.00
- Computer $8.00
- Writing $17.00
- Spelling $11.00

These competitions are optional and parents may nominate some or all of the competitions for their children to enter. Please ensure each child has his/her own entry form. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY as you will be billed on your Term 2 school fee account. All children, whether they are taking part in these competitions or not, are to return the form to the school by Monday, 17th March.

**PE**
Mrs Barber will be taking leave for the remainder of the year, to further her studies.
A new Physical Education teacher will be employed as soon as possible.

**School Tours**
Dates for new families wishing to enrol in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School 2014 are as follows:
- Thursday, March 6th, 2014 at 10.00am
- Thursday, March 20th, 2014 at 10.00am
- Thursday, April 3rd, 2014 at 7.00pm
- Thursday, May 1st, 2014 at 10.00am

Please email the school ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au to inform us if you wish to attend any one of these sessions.
2014 Fun Run Fundraiser – 14th March, 2014

In conjunction with the School Cross Country we are having a Fun Run as one of our fundraiser events for 2014. It will be held on Friday, 14th March, 2014. Sponsorship forms were sent home this week. Please assist your child/ren in finding sponsors for this event. The completed sponsorship form and all monies collected should be returned to School no later than Monday, 10th March 2014. This is a Kinder to Year 6 (inclusive) event. Prizes will be awarded to the student/s raising the highest amount of monies in several categories. If you can help on the day, please contact Carina Morales on 0414 412 422.

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Respect and Integrity - showing good manners and communication skills

- Saying ‘please’, ‘thank you’
- Excuse me please / Waiting for your turn to speak
- Don’t talk over the top of others

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**SCHOOL EVENTS**

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**MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZES**

1st: $1000 travel voucher or computer goods
2nd: $150 shopping voucher
3rd: $75 shopping voucher

- Plants
- Sweets
- BBQ
- Choc. Wheel
- Cakes
- Fancy Goods
- Heaps of kids stuff
- Pony Rides
- Raffles
- White Elephant
- Hot/Cold Drinks
- Farm Produce
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Merry-go-round
- Tours of the Monastery

**9th March 2014**

121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

(02) 9653 1159
Standard Collection Notice

1. The School (the Diocese of Parramatta both independently and through its Schools) collects personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil’s enrolment at the School. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the School to provide schooling for your son/daughter.

2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the School’s legal obligations, particularly to enable the School to discharge its duty of care.

3. Certain laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require that certain information is collected. These include Public Health and Child Protection laws.

4. Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the National Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.

5. If we do not obtain the information referred to above we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.

6. The School from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes. This includes to other schools, government departments, the Catholic Education Office, the Catholic Education Commission, your local diocese and the parish, schools within other Dioceses, other Dioceses, medical practitioners, and people providing services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, coaches, volunteers and counsellors.

7. The School from time to time may also collect and disclose personal and sensitive information about current or prospective students to others if it is required to satisfy the School’s legal obligations under Part 5A of the Education Act 1990 (NSW).

8. Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions personal information disclosed to a School counsellor may be disclosed to others if the School considers it appropriate for the well-being or development of the pupil who is counselled or other pupils at the School.

9. Schools may also disclose personal information under Public Health and Child Protection laws or in circumstances where there is a serious threat to an individual’s life, health or safety.

10. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and other news is published in School newsletters, magazines and on websites.

11. Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the School. Pupils may also seek access to personal information about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the School’s duty of care to the pupil, or where pupils have provided information in confidence.

12. The School from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School’s fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.

13. We may include your contact details in a class list and School directory.

14. If you provide the School with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the School does not usually disclose the information to third parties.
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for more information contact Bronwyn Steele

on 0414 511 145