Dear Parents,

This Sunday’s gospel from St Luke contains a strong “resurrection” theme whereby Jesus on his way to a town called Naim is called upon to console a widow who has lost her only son. Our Lord calls upon the young man to rise from his stretcher. This was to be an early sign of the Christ’s own resurrection which is recorded in all of the Gospels. The town’s people were all filled with awe and praised Our Lord for his love of their brother who had passed away. This recorded miracle was proof to the people of the time that Christ was truly the great prophet, the Son of God who came to save us all. This act of love was a sign of our Lord’s empathy for others, his human spirit and the new life God has promised us following our life on Earth.

Thank you to all our families who attended our annual Pyjama Disco last Friday week. The night proved to be a great success and enjoyed by all those who donned their winter PJs and faced the cold and wet for a great night of dancing and gathering together as a school community. Thank you to the Fete Committee who organized the evening. All funds raised will go towards our fete, which will be held in late October.

Yesterday our Annual Athletics Carnival was held at Wyatt Park Auburn. Congratulations to all our students who competed on the day. Your sense of competition and sportsmanship, encouragement and support of each other was most admirable. Congratulations to Tarrant house who were our triumphant winners on the day. Best wishes to all the children who qualified to represent St Mary’s at the Zone Athletics Carnival early next term. Finally thank you to the staff and parents who assisted in running the carnival on the day. Special thanks to Miss Lopresti and Mr Loudon who coordinated the event.

It has come to my attention in recent weeks that parents are bringing dogs into the school playground in the morning and afternoon. It would be greatly appreciated if you remain outside the school grounds with your dog. All dogs need to be on a lead and under your direct supervision at all times. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Gosper and I are currently conducting enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2014. If your child turns five years of age before the 31st July 2014 they are eligible to be enrolled at school for next year. Enrolment Forms are available from the school website and school office. These forms need to be completed and returned to the school office with the relevant documentation ASAP, so that an interview time can be arranged in the next fortnight.

Have a great long weekend!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion finishes up this week. So if you have any tickets lying around at home, please make sure you drop them into the office before Friday. The more we collect, the more the children benefit. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has collected stickers and sent them into school. It is very much appreciated!

P&F MEETING MINUTES
Our P&F would like to thank those people who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the P&F meeting held on Tuesday 28th May. For those of you who are interested, we have posted the minutes from this meeting on our website for your perusal.

BABY NEWS
We would like to congratulate the Rowlands family, Bryan in 3B, on the birth of their son.

CRAFT STALL
A reminder that our craft stall ladies get together every Monday morning in the school hall. If you can spare some time, even if it’s just an hour, it truly would be appreciated.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
June 5  Trieu Dinh
June 6  Erin Suffling
        Jack Martic
June 7  Claudia Ball
June 9  Rosemary Javian
        Alannah Cantrill
June 12 Marcus Scrivener
June 13 Kieran Roshan
June 14 Ashleigh Stevens
June 15 Gregory Grugan
        Siddhant Kalra
June 17 Jacob Cotsinis
        Raymond Zhang
June 18 Ryan Vaughan
        Yolani Rodrigo
        Patricia Tipones

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 2—Week 6

KK  Zoe Park and Eric Mastronardo
KL  Gianluca Alcuri and Sarah Ryan
1A  Laila Riccardi and Bianca Tandeau
1C  Anthony Asfour and Rhecha Pathak
2C  Katelyn Johnson and Liam Hardman
2Q/D  Lachlan Callaghan and Natalia Pan
3B  Mia Boulous and Weisen Huang
3J  Natasha Ball and Maxwell Xie
4E  Connor Lyons-Singer and Chloe Belford
4O  Chris El-Bayeh and Olivia Marshall
5G  Isabella Fairall and Seth Rauniyar
5J  Eve Watson and Jazmin Cleary
6B  CJ Flore and Ellie Hann
6L  Chloe Tsgounis and Georgia Owttrim

CARE AWARDS
TERM 2—Week 6

KK  Ellen Watson and Stan Clarke
KL  Marcus Scrivener and Isabelle Pericaud
1A  Cooper Frain and Tara Newby
1C  Patrick Bayeh and Chris Padden
2C  Bianca Bietola and Vazgen Simonyan
2Q/D  Myles Panagiotopoulous and Isabella Filardo
3B  Natalia Martinez and Tinashre Musukutwa
3J  Ria Iyer and Ben Tejo-Natoli
4E  Nikolas Cotsinis and Ben Gosper
4O  Samuel Jacobs and Trieu Dinh
5G  Eliza Arathoon and Gregory Grugan
5J  Deanna Emerson Vickary and Jocelyn Xiao
6B  Isabella Waterhouse and Ben Duguid
6L  Jack Martic and Will Squire

DISCOVER OLMC PARRAMATTA
Discover Contemporary learning, Academic Excellence in the Mercy Tradition at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta at the College Open Morning Tour on Tuesday, June 18, 2013. The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.
FAITH JOURNEY...

**JUNE 7TH: FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** (Gospel: Lk 15:3-7)

**Reflection**: The feast of the sacred heart of Jesus invites us to consider our own sense of being in a relationship with God. Are we able to see with the ‘eyes’ of the heart and know ourselves as loved by God? Do we really believe in the love of God for us; for me? Can we imagine ourselves held and carried by God as a shepherd carries and cares for a lost or straying sheep?

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** *(For children who have made their Reconciliation)*

- **Parent Night:** 11th June 2013 - 7.30pm
- **Preparation weekend:** 15th and 16th June 2013 - 10.30- 3.30pm (Parents to chose date)
- **Presentation of Prepared Candidates to community:** Sunday 23rd June - 9.30 Mass
- **Celebrations for First Holy Communion:** Maximum of 15 per mass - 29th June 5.30pm, 30th June 9.30am, 6th July 5.30pm, 7th July 9.30am and Sunday 14th July 9.30am

**CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to our confirmation candidates, who will celebrate their Confirmation tonight at 7:30pm.

**WINTER WOOLLIES**

A note went home on Monday explaining how we as a school community will support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Please remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters and get behind this worthwhile cause. If you did not receive this note please see your child’s class teacher.

**PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS...**

**Theme 1 (Part 3)** - “We all have the right to feel safe all of the time”.

**Early Warning Signs**

Students need to be able to identify their involuntary physical sensations which our bodies feel when we do not feel safe, when we are excited or when we are in a challenging situation.

Examples of Early Warning Signs:

- Jelly legs
- Wide eyes
- Throwing up
- Goose bumps
- Heart beating fast
- Crying
- Curled up toes
- Sweaty palms, armpits, forehead etc

**Dobbing Versus Telling**

Students also learn the difference between Dobbing and Telling.

Dobbing is when you are trying to get someone into trouble. Telling is when you are getting your Early Warning Signs (EWS), you feel unsafe, so you must tell someone you trust and keep telling until someone listens to you and your EWS go away.