

"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth"

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you were able to have some family time over the break.

During the recent holidays, a lot of work has happened around the school. The current year 2 classroom has been refurbished and looks terrific, some areas of the grass have been replaced with artificial grass (more still to be done), poles have been put in place ready for the shade sails and extensive work has been done on the oval. While we are very grateful to have these wonderful facilities, we know that it is the *people* that make a school really special. It is in this area that we are truly blessed – our students, parents and teachers are what makes our school the community that it is. This week we had nine new students start at OLA and many have commented on the welcoming community feel. We should all be proud of this!

This sentiment is reflected in *Romans 15:5-7* "May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory."

During the 'busy-ness' that envelopes us as we come to the end of the year, it is good to keep in mind how important these relationships are and to nurture them.



NEWSLETTER



Dates to Remember

Mon 17 th Oct	Mercy Cross and Relics 9.30am
Wed 19 th Oct	Year 5 Zoo Excursion
Thurs 20 th Oct	Reconciliation Enquiry Session – parents only
Fri 21 st Oct	Infants Assembly, Primary Prayer
Mon 24 th Oct	Year 6 Maritime Museum Excursion
Wed 26 th Oct	2017 Kindergarten Orientation
Fri 28 th Oct	MUFTI – Samaritan Purse – Gold coin donation Primary Assembly. Infants Prayer

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'"

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Gospel Reflection

Think of any successful scientist, any successful musician, any successful writer. None of these people became successful overnight. It usually takes a lot of time and a lot of mistakes – a lot of close attempts – before success comes. That's true in any area of life. If you learn from every mistake you make, then nothing you do can ever be seen as a failure. Every mistake can become a valuable lesson and an important step on the way to where you want to go. What is a mistake you made that actually taught you something important? Do you give up easily? Do you think you are a 'quitter'? Why or why not? Are you too persistent? Are you too tenacious? Do you sometimes need help to realise when it's time to 'let it go and get on with your life'? Why do you think so? When has persistence paid off for you? Jesus advises us to be persistent in prayer. Prayer is our communication with God, our relationship with the Divine. Like any friendship, a prayer relationship takes time, effort and energy. How do you keep your friendships with others fresh and fulfilling? How do you keep your friendship with God fresh and fulfilling? Do you use the same techniques for both friendships? Why or why not?

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WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD TODAY?

Today I asked some OLA students where they had seen God today. They were able to tell me that they saw God in Creation, when being outside in the nature. Another student told me she saw God when she was able to achieve success in mathematics and a few others saw God in friendships old and new. The students have been preparing for the visit of the Mercy Cross and Relics and have been learning how small an act of mercy can change someone's day. A simple smile, a kind word and a helpful hand is sometimes all that is needed to make someone feel wanted, needed and loved.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



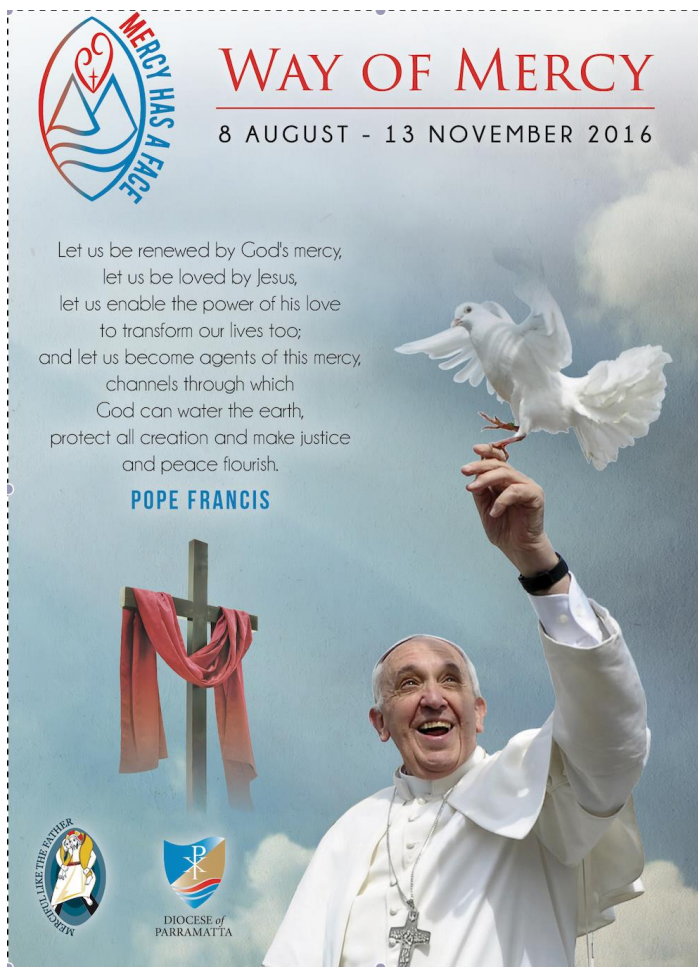
This year we have spoken about Pope Francis called this year the 'Year of Mercy'. Every day we look out for where we see God in our lives. It is the simple acts of mercy that can be most rewarding and see the face of God

Thank you to all the families who have collected and returned shoeboxes ready to be sent off to Samaritan Purse. We still have shoeboxes available. If you would like to participate in our Christmas outreach program, please contact the office for a shoebox to pack.

Operation Christmas child is all about giving children from poverty or war stricken countries the precious gift of God's unconditional love. We are asking families at OLA to collect a shoebox from the office and fill it with something to wear, something to play with something for school, something to love, something special and something for personal hygiene. The shoebox you pack with your family will very likely be the first gift the child has ever received.



We have had an overwhelming support for the shoeboxes. If you are happy to help with the postage of the shoeboxes, please include the \$9 postage fee in an envelope inside the box.



Way of Mercy Parish Celebration

On Saturday the 15th October at 10am at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill there will be a regional celebration of the Way of Mercy.

The Year of Mercy is coming to an end and this is one way, where families form OLA community and Parish can come together to celebrate the Year of Mercy.

Mary Immaculate will be celebrating with a Liturgy in the morning where the Way of the Mercy Cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross and Mother Teresa will be there for people to venerate.

On Monday the 17th October at 9.30, OLA of the Angels will be celebrating the Year of Mercy with a short Liturgy and the students and their families will have the opportunity to venerate the Way of the Mercy Cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross and Mother Teresa.

Reconciliation

If your child is in year 2 or above and you would like them to make their First Reconciliation this year, please read and complete the attached letter from the parish office. The enquiry night will be on Thursday 20th October.

Punctuality

A reminder that if your child arrives at school after **8.50am**, they must be accompanied by a parent into the office and a late note needs to be signed. These partial absences are recorded and will appear on the end of year reports.

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If you know your child will not be returning to OLA in 2017, please notify the office, in writing, as soon as possible.

ICAS Maths

These certificates will be distributed at the morning assembly on Monday 24th October (week 3).

School Fees

Thank you to all families that have completed paying their school fees for 2016. If you have any fees outstanding, your payment would be appreciated as soon as possible. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs La Rocca or Mrs Goldsworthy.

Literacy News

Vocabulary building tips

While you want your children to understand you, that doesn't mean you can't introduce "big" words into their vocabulary. Pepper your conversations with words your child probably won't understand, but ones you'd likely use in conversation with an adult. Be sure to encourage your children to ask for clarification when they don't understand something, and be prepared to pause and explain. By not dumbing-down the way you speak to your kids, they'll pick up new words as you use them.

Source: Shawn Greer

Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book.

This means one picture of dad/grandpa/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading.

Words of the Week

Infants- rescue

Primary-tactic

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

Stage 3 Touch Football

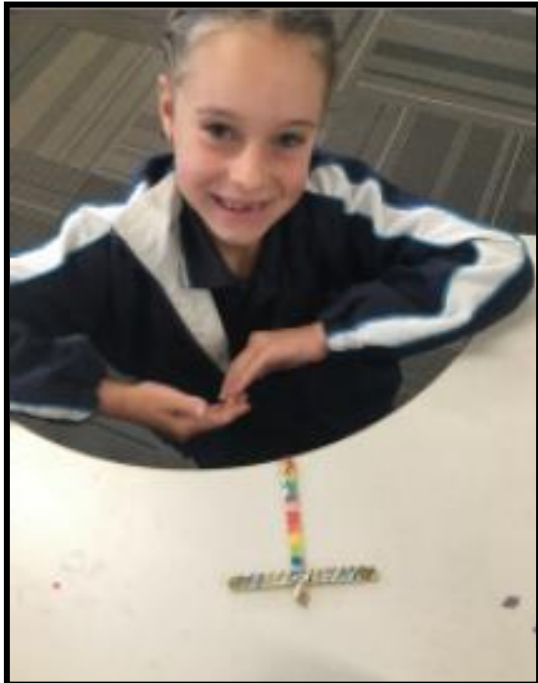
On Friday, the 23rd September, 2016, a handful of Year 5/6 students attended the Stage Three Touch Football Gala Day. We had three teams participating which included a Boys team, Girls team and a Year 6 Mixed Team. We were coached and guided by Miss Crozier and everyone worked as a team and tried their very best, but most of all, we all had a great time.

By Maneesha & Emily



FROM THE CLASSROOM... 2G

In preparation for the Mercy Cross and Relics to arrive on Monday all children across the school created a Mercy Cross. Children in Year Two coloured and decorated a cross to be placed down during the Mercy Liturgy. Below are a few examples of the cross's that the children have made.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms so far. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to *donate* to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the *clean* items to the school office in a plastic bag. Items will be on sale later this term.

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Oct 14th: Erina Lavercombe, Kelly Cleary, Belinda Connellan, Christine Zimmermann, Marie Sales. Thank you!



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

*** *If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email olapfc@gmail.com*

Throughout the year, we have been sending alerts through our Skoolbag app. Some of the different ways we have used this app is to inform of upcoming events or cancellation due to the weather, results from carnivals and gala days, giving updates while students are on excursions and other important information about major events within the school. We have a large portion of the school already using this app.



If you do not have the app it is free to download. To install it, just search for our school name "Our Lady of the Angels Primary Rouse Hill" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

There are many benefits to having this app on your device:

- You may select to receive notification for your child's grade only.
- Absentee notes can be completed on this app.
- Access to newsletters and news events linked directly to our school website.
- Instant notification when excursions are postponed, assemblies cancelled due to bad weather, delays during excursions and other important information.

Please ensure that you have updated your settings to receive the correct push notifications. To update this click the "More" button on the bottom right of the app, then "Setup Push Notifications". Turn on the Push categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch. You will receive alerts specific to the selected grade and all alerts sent as a whole school.

From the Parish Office...

Reconciliation - Has your child done their Reconciliation?

Reconciliation for children in Year 2 and older will occur in Term 4.
There will be an information night on Thursday, 20 October at 7.30pm.

Bingo!! Saturday, 24th September at 7pm

Get those Bingo markers ready - we have an awesome Bingo Night coming up with a HUGE cash jackpot of \$450.00. Everyone is invited!

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are presently inviting any adults who would like to become a Catholic to participate in our formation program leading up to being baptised and received into the Church at Easter.

For more information, contact Shelly on 0421 610 826 or the Parish office at parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

New Altar Servers Training

Beginning Tuesday, 18 October, Fr Warren will be holding a 3 week course for new altar servers at 4pm in the Church. If you have a child who has received their first communion and would be interested, please take a permission slip from the church foyer.

Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm. **Weekdays:** Mon - Sat: 9 am

Confessions:

9:30 am Sat

Baptisms & weddings: By appointment

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

Sacrament Co-ordinator: Christine Leahy

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Contact information: O.L.A. Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Rouse Hill

Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603

2017 Team Sport Trials Parramatta Diocese 2017

Information For Parents of current Year 4 and Year 5 students

Please see the attached information on the Sport Trials to take place in 2017. If you wish your child to take part in any of the trials (they must be of representative level), you **MUST** register your expression of interest online. Please ensure that you read all of the instructions as the convenor is very strict about registration etc. Some of the trials will take place this term, so please do not leave it too long.

God bless and stay safe.

Cathy Hey, Assistant Principal

Term 4 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Bryce McDonald	Isabel Williams	Angelica Manago
Year 3 G	Nikki O'Neill	Kristen Graham	Lucy Taylor
Year 3 W	Brayden Stoddard	Max Fischer	Hayden Lavercombe
Year 4 B	Eoin Trainor	Natasha Charlesworth	Jackson Jacobs
Year 4 W	Jada Scoulou	Ava Bennett	Tamsyn Brown
Year 5 B	Alissa Sweeney	Nadia Gruca	Charlie Hallal
Year 5 G	Kenny King	Amelia Dimech	Mikayla Muscat
Year 5W	Emily Bennison	Alyssia Salib	Millie Edwards
Year 6 B	Remi Ferdinands	Kaitlin Wagner	Riley Price
Year 6 W	Kalani Nobleza	Tyler Spiteri	Jai Turner