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Week 10 Term 3

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

Dear Parents,

This is a brief and last Newsletter for the term. I thank you all, my wonderful staff and all the students for all their hard work to make it such a success, again. Throughout this year, our Religious Education focus has been on 'Building an awareness of God in our lives'. I thank all those who have worked together to deliver this agenda to all members of the community.

I end the term with the following reflection which was shared at staff prayer this morning, compliments of Mrs Hurst.



A reading from the prophet Micah

*With what gift shall I come into Yahweh's presence and bow down before God on high?
Shall I come with holocausts, with calves one year old?
Will God be pleased with rams by the thousand, with libations of oil in torrents?
Must I give my first-born for what I have done wrong, the fruits of my body for my own sin?
What is good has been explained to you; this is what Yahweh asks of you:*

Only this:

***to act justly,
to love tenderly
and to walk humbly with your God.***

Micah 6:6-8

Be Merciful to Others.....

This prayer gives us a true measure of our mercy, a mirror in which we observe ourselves as merciful disciples.

Help me, O Lord, that my **eyes** may be merciful, so that I may never judge, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, O Lord, that my **ears** may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbours' needs and not be indifferent to their pains.

Help me, O Lord, that my **tongue** may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbour, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my **hands** may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbours and take upon myself the more difficult tasks.

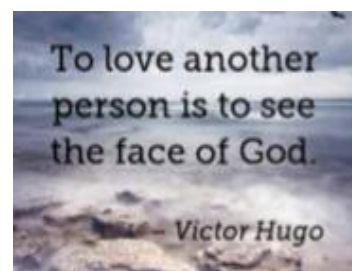
Help me, O Lord, that my **feet** may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbour, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of others.

Help me, O Lord, that my **heart** may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbour. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

ALL: O Lord, give us strength to become an example of Your mercy and an inspiration to others. **Amen.**

*"There, where you are, you will
find God."*

St Mary MacKillop 1874



Dates to Remember

Please refer to the Term 4 calendar attached to this Newsletter email.

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Mon 10th Oct First day of Term 4 – Summer Uniform

NEWSLETTER

There will be considerable work carried out over the holidays on the school grounds as well as internally with some of the existing buildings. There should be a marked difference in the school grounds upon your return. A couple of the changes include making the toilet block attached to exiting Kinder for 'Girls Only' and the block attached to the current Year2/6 will become 'Boys Only'. The two separate blocks for boys and girls on the current Year 1 will remain as is.

Also, from the beginning of next term, I ask that students bring their lunch and afternoon tea in TWO SEPARATE PAPER/PLASTIC BAGS, so that there are no lunch boxes being brought out onto the playground. They can bring their food to school in their lunch box but lunch boxes will not be taken outside to the grounds. This was the practice some years ago and worked very well, reducing clutter and lost lunch boxes . I thank you for your cooperation as we work to fully implement this practice by the end of the year.



Congratulations ...

*To Tiarne McLusky who was successful in being the **winner of the Grand Final Voice of Youth**, Public Speaking. This is an amazing achievement and a first in history for OLA - a great credit to Tiarne who was selected as the best from over 3000 year 6 students from Guildford to Katoomba. Well done, Tiarne.*

Congratulations to the following students who are the recipients of this term's Principal's Award.

Term 3	
Leah Ocampo	Caitlyn Palmer-Burton
Thomas Weldon	Marissa Farrugia
Alonso Buda	David Parada
Danielle Vella	Mikayla Bowden
Paige Mitrovich	Charlotte Garcia
Hudson Baker	Cody Kingcott
Joyce Ghobrial	Breanna Debrincat
Eva Mercieca	Kristiana Blazevic
Tayla Buxton	Ella Sievwright
Lucas Buda	



Over the past two weeks, many students from Year 6 have received their sacrament of Confirmation. May we prayer for these students and hope the Holy Spirit will always guide them in all that they do.



William A, Brock B, Mirko B, Cooper B, Darci B, Sebastian C, Rebecca C, Brock C, Raphael D, Daniella L, Ryan M, Aaron R, Javier S, Tyler S, Nicholas S, Jai T, Kaitlin W, Aidan W, James D, Jacob G, Elouise G, Madison L, Caleb M, Tiarne M, Alex M, Angus M, Kalani N, Emily O, Claudia P, Ella S, Ashton S, Seronique T, Marc Z

Sunday, 25th September 2016: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C Gospel (Luke 16:19-31)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Gospel Reflection

In Luke's Gospel on Sunday, Jesus tells the story of a rich man who lived in luxury but ignored Lazarus who was at his door dying of hunger and showed him no mercy. Both of the men died. Lazarus who was a poor man was welcomed into God's house but the rich man, who ignored Lazarus his neighbour is trapped in Hades. The rich man was then concerned that all his friends and family would face the same fate, asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to life to warn them that greed will only send them to Hades and they will not be welcome in the Kingdom of Heaven. Abraham spoke to the rich man and reminded him about the prophets, who have continually reminding the people of Israel, to remain faithful and come back to God. Each time they would turn away from God and ignored the message they were sent. As this significant Year of Mercy comes to an end, it is important for us to follow in the mission of Jesus and to love one another as God loves us. This means that we need to be selfless and give to others through generosity, kindness and compassion.

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WHERE DID I SEE GOD TODAY?

I was entering Masters with my husband and we saw a lady struggling with a trolley full of heavy materials. My husband asked is she was ok and she said she was fine. She walked a few more steps and then my husband walked over and started helping her with her trolley. She had to walk to the other end of the car park with her trolley and then load the car. She was extremely appreciative and then told him she was going home to extend her chook house. It is amazing how we are so busy in our own lives that we walk past those who need a helping hand. Sometimes it is the simple gift of your own time that can mean the world to someone.



WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS WEEK?

Sacrament of Reconciliation

An email was forwarded to the year 1 and 2 families yesterday regarding enrolment into the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have a child in an older grade, please see the enrolment forms attached to this newsletter.

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.

We need around 4 adults to assist with carry the cross and then place it in an area for veneration. If you are able to assist with this, can you please Email the office. Attn Mrs Byrne

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.

This year we have decided to support the Samaritan Purse Foundation for our Christmas outreach program. Samaritan Purse reaches out to children all over the world who need some Christmas cheer.

[\(www.samaritanpurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/\)](http://www.samaritanpurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

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.

If you and your family would like to participate in 'Operation Christmas Child', please contact the office by Email, note or in person to collect your shoebox. Attached to the shoebox will be information on how to pack your shoebox and labels for you to select a boy or girl and a particular age group. If you would like more than one shoebox let us know so we can collect more shoeboxes. The children have been learning about 'Operation Christmas Child' in class and are enthusiastic about the gift of giving. We have encouraged children to add a photo and note in each shoebox so the child/ren can see who has given them their gift. We would also like our families to send in a family photo with their shoebox to create a mural of OLA simple acts of mercy. #Where have you seen God today?



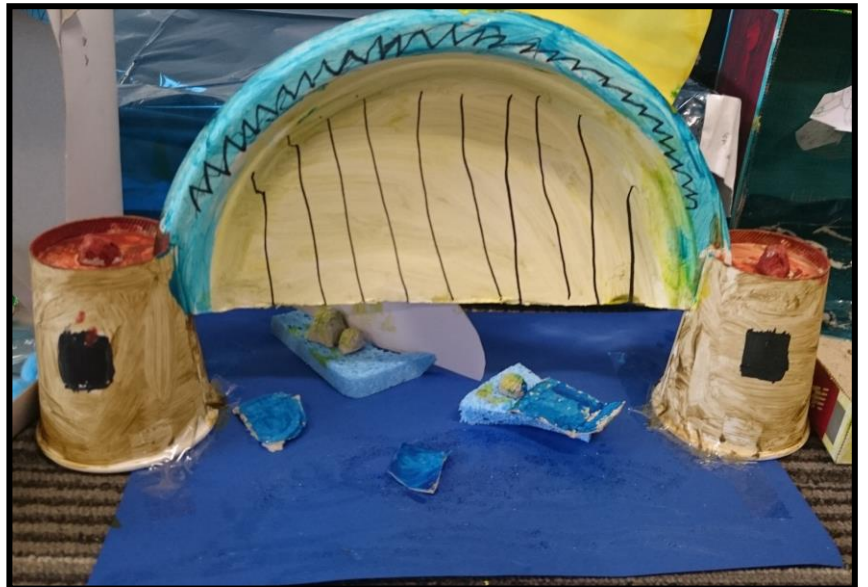
We have had an overwhelming support for the shoeboxes. If you are happy to help with the postage of the shoeboxes, please include the \$9 postage fee in an envelope inside the box.

FROM THE CLASSROOM... 2W

This term, as part of our Geography unit, Year 2 has been learning about landmarks in Australia. Students researched a landmark of their choice, made a model of their landmark and created a brochure. Students worked co-operatively to share and gather information. The models created were amazing and students were very creative. Here are some of our models!



The Great Barrier Reef



The Sydney Harbour Bridge



The Great Barrier Reef



P&F NEWS

LAST CHANCE.....

Friends and families of OLA, you are invited to the
OLA 'Bargain Buyers Shopping Tour'
on Sunday, November 6th, 2016.

Please contact us ASAP via email or our FB if you are
interested.



Marie Sales. Thank you!

OLA FIESTA STALL HOLDERS

On Sunday Sept 25th at 12.30pm, the 'THANK YOU
BBQ' will be followed by a wrap-up meeting and a
report of the final figures. See you then!

**SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Oct 14th: Melissa Strong, Erina
Lavercombe, Kelly Cleary, Belinda Connellan, Christine Zimmerman &**

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 next term.



An **ENORMOUS** thank you to everyone who has been
involved in the events organised by the P&F this term. It
has been an extremely busy term but a very enjoyable
one! Your continued support and enthusiasm is
invaluable!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

*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*



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', all students waiting in the drive
through pick-up are expected to have a book to read. These holidays are an opportunity to buy
some books for your child to read – Aldi has some great specials at the moment – or borrowing
from your local library, especially since our school library will not be in action for some
weeks.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Boys' Shed - YOUR COMMUNITY YOUR CHOICE Community Grant

Our Lady of the Angels Boys' Shed has entered the *Your Community Your Choice* grant at Rouse Hill Town Centre. This competition is run monthly and we are entered for the month of September.

Should we receive the most votes, we will win a \$300 gift voucher to put towards buying some tools to assist us in improving the school environment.

PLEASE VOTE FOR US!!!!

go to <http://www.rhtc.com.au/what-s-happening/your-community-your-choice>

and vote for Our Lady of the Angels Boys' Shed.

From the Parish Office...

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations and God's blessings upon these children who are today receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation: James Steven Darmanin, Jacob Luis Garofano, , Elouise Faith Gomez, Madison Jung Woo Lee, Caleb William McGrady, Tiarne Bree McLuskey, Alexandra Luis Mercado, Angus Alexander Misk, , Kalani Isabel Nobleza, Emily Jane Odd, Claudia Lee Pacella, Ella Grace Sievwright, Seronique Paige Taylor, and Marc James Zammit.

We have a total of 82 children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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

GOOD LUCK

We would like to congratulate Jade R, Sebastian C and Tyler S for representing OLA at the Mackillop Athletics championships. We are extremely proud of their achievements. Jade R reached the finals of the 200m race, coming 6th in the finals and narrowly missing out on going to the next competition.

We would like to congratulate Tyler S who came 3rd in Senior boys Discus and Sebastian C who came 3rd in the 13 Year Boys 100 metre race. Both these boys will now compete at the NSWPSA Athletics in October. This competition will see the boys competing against Catholic, Public and Independent schools. Good Luck Boys, the OLA community are proud of your achievements.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Week 2 as I will be on Long Service Leave in Week 1.

Until then, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca,

Principal



Congratulations to Emma Quijano who was the winner of the 'Most Creative' entry of the colouring competition held by Events Cinemas. Well done, Emma!