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Week 10 Term 1

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"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find".

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful time over Easter with family and friends, celebrating the joy and hope of the risen Lord. Jesus' resurrection fulfilled the promise of God to His chosen people that he would send a saviour to 'open the gates of heaven'. The Pascal Mystery (also known as the Mysterion) is God's saving plan for us. In the beginning, God was in accord with all creation – until the sin of Adam and Eve, the Fall. This was when man fell out of favour with God. However, God so loved his people that He promised to send a saviour. For thousands of years from Abraham till Jesus' birth, God's people awaited the saviour. Jesus, the Son of God both human and divine, brought the Word of God to the people through to His crucifixion. God raised His Son to life three days after His death, proof that He was, indeed, the promised Saviour. However, that is not the end of the story. Watch this space in for further in about 40 days' time.

Congratulations

...to this Term's recipients of the Principal's Award. This award is presented to one student in each class. They are nominated by the class teacher and chosen on their consistent application and care for others. This award can only be received once in any infants (K-Y2) or primary (Y3-6) period. The following students are this term's recipients...



Kinder B	Isaac Rapa
Kinder G	Addison del Rosario
Kinder W	Noah Lavercombe
Year 1B	Thomas Gutwenger
Year 1 G	Zoey Chown
Year 1W	Grace Labbad
Year 2 B	Tyrone Lee
Year 2 G	Sienna Jefferies
Year 2 W	Logan Hayden
Year 3B	Joshua Streater
Year 3 G	Denzel Chang
Year 3 W	Rachael Perillo
Year 4 B	Nicholas Kamber
Year 4 W	Georgia Domars
Year 5B	Paige Hayden
Year 5 G	Max Kelly
Year 5W	Phoebe Strykowski
Year 6B	Javier Silva
Year 6W	Daniella Lopresti

I look forward to sharing morning tea with them on Tuesday.

QCS Surveys

Thank you to the parents who participated in this survey. Please be reminded that all surveys need to be completed by April 5th (extended due to technical issues) and all hardcopy forms returned to school or directly to INSIGHT by the end of this week. Your feedback is appreciated.

Dates to Remember

Week 11: Tues 5th April – Principal's Morning Tea
Fri 8th April – Last Day of Term 1

Tues 26th April – First day of Term 2

NEWSLETTER



Gospel Reflection

Gospel, *John 20:19-31*

¹In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and, after saying this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent Me, so am I sending you.' After saying this He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained. Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, 'We have seen the Lord,' but he answered, 'Unless I can see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' He said. Then He spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are My hands. Give me your hand; put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving any more but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: You believe because you can see Me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. There were many other signs that Jesus worked in the sight of the disciples, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection

Throughout this Easter week, we have celebrated the Risen Christ. Easter is a time for us to strengthen our faith and believe in God's plan for salvation. The Resurrection of Christ brings renewal, new life and hope. This Sunday's Gospel according to John tell us of the time when Jesus appeared to His apostles. Jesus finds His friends have locked themselves away and are still fearful about the events of Good Friday. In John's Gospel, even though the apostles are afraid, they are in awe of the Risen Christ. Thomas is one of Jesus' apostles doubts his friends when they tell him of Christ's resurrection. Thomas needed to see Christ. He needed to see the wounds on His hands and feet where He had been nailed to the cross. It is in John's Gospel, where Jesus appears to Thomas to show him that He has truly risen. John's Gospel explains how much God loves us. He is willing to pay attention to every individual and take care of us. Jesus' willingness to appear to Thomas and care for him personally, gives us hope of the importance of keeping our faith. Just like the OLA motto; we are faithful people who are always seeking to gain a deeper understanding of what we believe.

***Mrs Katrina Byrne
Acting Religious Education Coordinator***

Literacy News

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If he/she becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later. All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with them away from interruptions. You can help him/her in reading when you:

- show them that you value reading by reading whenever you can
- provide a variety of texts for them to read to you, e.g. stories, comics, newspapers, recipes, magazines
- point out words on street signs, packets and labels
- talk about different purposes for reading

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

NEXT FRIDAY IS A WYD MUFTI FUN DAY!! – Gold Coin donation to enter into competitions and fun activities on the day. These include...

- Years 3- 6 will participate in a 'Tournament of the Minds' (TOM) 10 minute challenge and then have a finalists play off; this is to launch OLA's involvement in TOM, beginning next term. K-2 students will participate in a simplified version of the same.
- Selected students from Years 5 and 6 will present a debate to Year 3-6 students
- **Match the Photo Competition.** Details for this are attached and parent involvement is encouraged. There are two sheets – one with teacher faces onto which a baby pic (or coordinates) is placed to the left and the Grandparent/s' pic (or coordinates) is placed into the space on the right. This is the entry sheet to be handed in NEXT FRIDAY. Please make sure child's name and class is written on it. Winners will be announced on that day. All correct entries win a prize.
- **Writing Competition.** Mrs Hurst has previously promoted this – open from Kinder to Yr 6. One prize per grade. Students will have an opportunity to write a creative piece of writing using **all** their words of the week. Below are the Term 1 words. Students are to submit their passage to Mrs Hurst by **Thursday 7th April**. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative piece from the Infants and Primary grades.

Infants' Words of the Week - splendid, applause, whimper, expensive, shriek, enormous, champion

Primary's Words of the Week - banish, meticulous, vigilant, hasten, outlandish, exhilarate, Debris

Please note: parents do not attend any of these events, it is only for children on the day.



Dance Fever Expo for Infants

The primary classes had the opportunity to display and celebrate their term of dance at the Interschool Challenge and again today for the community at assembly. The infants classes will have a mini expo next Tuesday (5th) – Kindergarten will be straight after the morning assembly and Years 1 and 2 at 2.15pm. This is when parents are invited to watch (and join in!!) their children doing their routine that they have learnt over the term. We thank the Dance fever team for their great work and support over the term.



Sibling Kindergarten Enrolments 2017

Enrolment forms for kindergarten siblings were sent home yesterday. Please book in for your interview time and return all forms and attachment by Friday 29th April. Please contact the office if you need a form and didn't receive one. Thanks

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone who supported the Woolworths Earn and Learn program last year. This week we have received our order of more than 50 board games. These will be used during wet weather in the classroom and also during 'games club' in the first break each day.



Year 1 Games Day

In History, Year One are learning about what life was like when our grandparents were little children. Today all the children in Year One have participated in a Games Day. Throughout the day, we played a range of games that children's grandparents would have played when they were younger.

We played quoits, skittles, hopscotch and marbles. We had turns on skipping ropes, elastics and hula-hoops. We also challenged ourselves as we learnt to create a cup and saucer and the Eiffel Tower on a cat's cradle.

Year One had a marvelous time exploring the history of games. We really would like to thank all the parents and grandparents, who have given up their time to make today a special learning experience. If you would like to look at some of the learning that we have been doing in class and learn more about the history of games please follow this link.

<http://playinggamesfromthepast.weebly.com>



Good morning,

My daughter received a very generous gift for her recent birthday of \$100 from friends in San Francisco.

It was suggested by our friends that she take half for herself + donate half to a charity of her choice. Without hesitation or argument she reached for her Project Compassion box

I thought it was worth noting for a 6 year old, many would prefer to spend all. We have long been instilling in the idea of giving to others in need. It seems to be working.

Very proud parents.

We received this beautiful letter from one of our parents and thought we would share it with our school community



P&F NEWS



Mother's Day Stall

This year the Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday May 4th. We are very excited as the gifts have arrived and we are holding a wrapping day NEXT Friday from 9am. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? Please contact us for details ☺**

Next week you will receive the note both as an email and hardcopy, to pre-pay for your child/rens' Mother's Day gift purchases. All notes and money will be collected in Week 1 of Term 2.

Coming up in Term 2 ...

Term	Event
Term 2 (26 April, May, June, 1 July)	Friday Treats Mother's Day Stall Mother's Day Morning Tea P&F Annual General Meeting Athletics Morning Tea **Lots of FIESTA planning and excitement !**

OLA FIESTA



This year, the Parish and school community will work together to organise the Fiesta in AUGUST to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels. This will also mean that financially the school will also benefit from HALF of the funds raised.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are seeking support from our community to help with our fiesta.

We are asking businesses in our local community for support in the form of donations, including prizes for our raffle. We would appreciate any donation to help make this event as successful as possible. Donations will be acknowledged through the school and parish, and a Certificate of Appreciation will be forwarded to you in recognition of your generosity.

If you have any ideas, would like to help or run a stall or can offer a donation please contact us and we can get the ball rolling! We can be contacted on olapfc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Friday 8th April

The roster for next fortnight- Annemarie Bond, Kellie Owen, Paula Lopez, Erina Lavercombe, Alana Sourial and Kazhal Amini. Thank you!

Term 2 Special Treats Roster will be emailed in the holidays to those who have indicated their availability to help.



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

OLA Boot Camp Challenge!

New date - Wednesday 27th April (week 1)

All welcome



In the next few terms, we would like to give the whole school the opportunity to participate in Boot Camp.

Imagine if we could fill the grass area with students and adults, everyone participating in a short fitness session!

This is an invitation to all students and their parents to join in a 'one off' Boot Camp session this term on **Wednesday 27th April, at 8am**. (Due to the anticipated numbers on the day, there will be no breakfast provided for the students and they will need to pack an extra piece of fruit/popper and water for the morning.)



We are hoping this will build community spirit, as well as a fun fitness activity. We will also use this opportunity to raise money for WYD 2016. If you are willing and able to join us on the 22nd please bring a gold coin donation to support the WYD pilgrimage. We hope to invite the newspapers, so a great number of participants would make the grass a fantastic fitness display!

Miss Grima will act as the 'personal trainer' and promises to show mercy – after all, it is the Year of Mercy' ;-)



CONGRATULATIONS!! TO RILEY PRICE, KENNY KING AND WILLIAM ANDERSON (pictured left to right). Riley (Hills Bulls player) and William (Rouse Hill Rhinos player), in Year 6, have been selected to represent Parramatta Diocese as potential members of the NSW Catholic School Boys' Team - Rugby League Open Section. Kenny (Wentworthville Magpies player), in Year 5 will also make the trip to Canberra on Friday, May 6th, to try out for the Under 11s team. This is a great achievement and a milestone for our growing school. As a mother of one of the boys said, 'OLA is now on the map!' The selector commented that he was impressed with the way they listened and did what was asked of them. We wish these boys 'good luck' but mostly, do themselves and OLA proud.

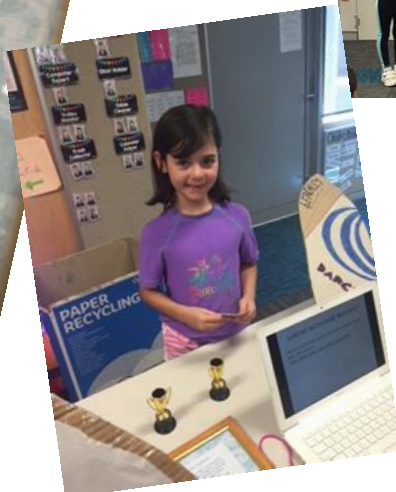
Congratulations also to Jesse Eldred.
On Thursday 31st of March, Jesse represented the Parramatta Mackillop team in swimming. He competed in the NSW CPS Swimming Championships. Jesse also represented OLA with pride and swam in 4 races. The competition was extremely tough and Jesse achieved to personal PB in Backstroke and Breaststroke. Congratulation Jesse!



FROM THE CLASSROOM... 3B

This term year 3 have been learning about Australia and our community. As part of our PBL Year 3 conducted researched about famous Australians. Our aim was to discover why they become famous and what they are still doing for the Australian community. This week we prepared for our Australian Hall of Fame. Our student became their Australian and presented to the community. We even had the Eyles Family receive a motivational email from famous Australian Layne Beachley.

Thank you from Year 3.



From the Parish Office...

Parish Ball

On Saturday, 2 April, the Parish will be holding a Ball at the Castle Hill RSL Club. Tickets are now on sale for \$75-Please contact the parish office for further information.

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

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Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

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What people say about our wonderful school... *I know that not anyone can be a teacher, it takes dedication and a love for helping your students learn and I can see that dedication with the teachers of OLA. It must be wonderful to see the children developing. I thank God that he gave me the wisdom to pick such a wonderful school for my children to attend. (name provided)*

*Until next
week, God
bless and stay
safe.
Eva La Rocca,*

Term 1 Week 10			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Elijah Atkins	Gianluca Russo	Mia Lesar
Kinder G	Ruby Millers	Rory Whitehurst	Sienna Flores
Kinder W	Olivia Vella	Trinity Manago	Grace Wallis
Year 1B	Mackenzie Molloy	Luke Smyth	Jessica Bowen
Year 1 G	Aidan Attard	Willow Johnston	Charlotte Ives
Year 1W	Addyson Stoddard	Abbey Hollier	Kobe Coombes
Year 2 B	Janiya De La Cruz	Roxanne Pace	Julia Zammit
Year 2 G	Eva Mercieca	Amity Oxspring	Harrison McQuaid
Year 2 W	Jayden Thornton	Gemma Haynes	Georgia Reid
Year 3 B	Peter Giovas	Janelle Mensah	Michael Eyles
Year 3 G	Ante Topic	Dante Merrin	Mia-Bella Trifiro
Year 3 W	Kiara Wijaya	Christian Vargas	Bella Molano
Year 4 B	Sienna Achis	Kalan Oxspring	Sofia Silva
Year 4 W	Zachary Sprowles	Ava Bennett	Charlotte Zahra
Year 5 B	Beatrice Espejo	John-Paul Colosimo	Charlotte Garcia
Year 5 G	Juliana Constantino	Lucas Lesar	Jack Bowden
Year 5W	Jessica Bollard	Breanna Debrincat	Coby Clements
Year 6 B	Sophie Rudek	Aidan Williams	William Anderson
Year 6 W	Claudia Coombes	Anthony Parada	Bradley Girdham