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Week 10 Term 1

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"There where you are, God is".
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents,

Last week, we looked at Sacraments as the special way in which we are connected with God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance/Confessions (depending on your age) offers the opportunity to make good with God. We all have experienced that special feeling of relief and a sense of purging when we 'make up' with someone that we have offended. Some years back at a Formation Day, the facilitator explained that God is far too great for us to hurt. However, when we sin, we hurt His Son, Jesus. Just as we can manage our own pain but feel so much more despair when someone we love is hurting, so it is with God.

Can. 989 After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year.

As we are required to receive Communion at Easter time, this is the time to attend Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Principal's Award

Each term, class teachers choose one student who has worked consistently well and showed Gospel values in the learning space and play ground. This award can only be given once in infants and once in primary to the same student.

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

Student	Term 1	Student	Term 1
Kinder B	Vincent Cappello	Year 3 B	Ethan Phelps
Kinder G	Sebastian Georges	Year 3 G	Sahara Knipler
Kinder W	William Mallard	Year 3 W	Georgia Falzon
Year 1 B	Olivia Vella	Year 4 B	Bella Molano
Year 1 G	Heidi Nicholls	Year 4 G	Janelle Mensah
Year 1 W	Rory Whitehurst	Year 4 W	Sienna Gibson
Year 2 B	Jelena Tolentino	Year 5 B	Zachariah Signorelli
Year 2 G	Lucious Cappello	Year 5 W	Ayden Strong
Year 2 W	Ebony Lynch	Year 6 B	Lucas Lesar
		Year 6 G	Alyssia Salib
		Year 6 W	Hollie Ford

I look forward to having morning tea with them next Tuesday. ☺

Holy Week

Each year, the school observes Holy Week and Easter in some way. This year, each grade will be having an Easter Liturgy in the classrooms at some time next week. Some grades are inviting parents to join them. Please refer to your child's Communication Sheet regarding this – day and time – if relevant.

REC Pilgrimage

In the holidays, Mrs Byrne will be leaving to attend a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome. We wish her every blessing for this special experience and pray for her safe return at the start of Week 3, next term. Mrs Morin will be taking her class during her absence.

Please note the dates below for Week 1 next term. Monday is a school day while Friday is a pupil free day. We did try to make it the Monday but this was not possible due to the availability of facilitators.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Tues 4 th Apr	Principal's Morning Tea (Fr Warren's Birthday)
	Infants DanceFever Expo – (K-2) Times to be confirmed
Fri 7 th Apr	Last day of Term 1
Term 2	
Mon 24 th Apr	First day of Term 2 – Student DO attend school today
Tues 25 th Apr	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
Fri 28 th Apr	Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY

Sunday, 2nd April 2017: Fifth Sunday of Lent-Year A

(Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me

will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,

but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel has John recount another sign, or miracle, with the raising of Lazarus. The reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life. (www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection)

OLA Parish Mass times

Saturdays-9am and 5.30pm

Sundays-8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

Confession

Saturdays-9.30am

Looking forward to seeing all our families at mass this weekend.

Katrina Byrne (Religious Education Coordinator)



One way to show almsgiving this Lent is to contribute to Caritas in the Projection Compassion boxes. Boxes were distributed to all families at OLA a few weeks ago. These boxes need to be **sent back to school by Wednesday 5th April.**

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to help others.

From the Assistant Principal...

Multiplicative Structures

The school numeracy goal for 2017 as outlined in previous newsletters is centered around student's ability to think multiplicatively and use reasoning skills when working mathematically. Next week, our staff will be working with Teacher Educators from Catholic Education Office Parramatta on the first of 5 modules throughout the year which will focus on developing tasks that facilitate multiplicative thinking.

So What is Multiplicative thinking? Put simply it's the ability to think multiplicatively when solving a problem. Whilst it sounds simple, it isn't always the first method in solving a multiplication problem for children. For Example: Take a simple question like 4×5 . When asking children to solve this question, some may count '5, 10, 15, 20.' This is an example of skip counting, but not multiplicative thinking. Alternatively, a student may say "I know it's 20 because 5 plus 5 plus 5 plus 5 equals 20". Whilst correct, this is an example of repeated addition rather than thinking multiplicatively.

Thinking multiplicatively comes in many forms. They may be 'Equivalent Groups', 'Allocation/Rate', 'Rectangular Arrays', or 'Times as Many'. I will explore these multiplicative structures further in later newsletters as our students experience them in the classroom.

In the mean time here are some activities/questions that you could do at home for the above problem 4×5 .

- Can you make 4 equal groups? (**Equivalent groups**)
- Can you make 5 equal groups? (**Equivalent groups**)
- Are they the same quantity?
- Can you make a 4×5 array? (4 rows of 5) (**Rectangular Arrays**)
- Can you make a 5×4 array? (5 rows of 4) (**Rectangular Arrays**)
- One ball costs \$5. How much would 4 balls cost? (**Allocation/Rate**)
- Joseph has 5 marbles. Jenny has 'four times as many'. How many does Jenny have? (**Times as many**)

Please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher if you would like further clarification of any of the above multiplicative strategies.

God Bless
Mr Cauchi

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Spelling is just a small piece of the puzzle with regards to writing. Ways to use the spelling lists to increase vocabulary and improve grammar are:

- ☐ Have your children write the opposite (antonym) of each spelling word. Help them find the antonym if they don't know it at first.
- ☐ Have your children write a synonym (a word with a similar meaning) for each spelling word.
- ☐ Have them make the plural for each of the nouns on the list.
- ☐ Have them add prefixes (un-, in-, re-, pre-, im-, etc.) or suffixes (s, es, er, ed, est, ing, etc.) to words when possible (the new word must still be a real word.) Talk about how this changes the word, and/or its meaning. (For example, if the original spelling word is "possible" adding "im" to the word makes it "impossible" - the complete opposite in meaning.)

Source: <https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/369469/HelpingYourChildwithSpelling-AParentsGuide.pdf>

Bug Club

This digital reading resource will be available for the students to use at the end of the month. This will complement our guided readers in class. Students will be issued again with login cards. These will be the same username/passwords as last year. Our new students will receive their login cards soon.

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Head Lice – Head lice is a part of school life unfortunately. We have had a few cases of head lice in the school and so it is a timely reminder to check your child's hair for any eggs or lice and treat them accordingly. Please be aware that if we are aware of head lice at school, we will call parents to come and collect their child and treat their hair. They can return the next day, once they have been treated.

AFL Mackillop Trials

On Friday Jesse Eldred will be attending the AFL Mackillop Trials in Wagga Wagga. We wish him the best of luck at the trials.

Minnie Vinnies

Last Friday at assembly, 'Minnie-Vinnies' were presented with beautiful badges that were blessed by Father Warren.

'Minnie-Vinnies' meet Mrs Zivic, the 'Minnie-Vinnies' coordinator, every Tuesday at 2nd break. 'Minnie-Vinnies' is a social group, that promotes social justice, charity, kindness and show what Jesus would do around the school.

'Minnie-Vinnies' hold special events such as PJ day, when students bring in blankets and clothes, which 'Minnie-Vinnies' sends off to St. Vincent DePaul. The idea of the day is that to think of how fortunes we are, because in winter there are people on the streets cold and starving.

Everyone in 'Minnie-Vinnies' enjoys the club so much. We love having Mrs Zivic lead us and show us the face of Christ each day and especially on Tuesdays.

By Ashley Cummings and William Blazey



Parent Teacher Student Conferences.

These were held across this week. We hope this was a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. It is also an important opportunity for each student to focus on a specific area to improve and make it a goal for Term 2.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of OLA teachers in providing two interviews per year, double the expectation. They also greatly value your interest in your child's learning.

Special thank you to Mrs Micallef who worked with her Master Chef team of students to prepare a lasagna dinner for the staff working back late. This is just another example of the generosity of our staff. :)



NETBALL GALA DAY

It's the time of year to start planning for the Netball Gala Day. This day is usually held in the second week of term 3, date to be confirmed.

We are required to have a coach and umpire for each team. Marian College have provided us with umpires over the last few years but have advised that they will be unable to provide as many umpires this year. This means we will have to find umpires ourselves or cut the number of teams / students participating.

Before we ask students to nominate for the event, we would like an indication of availability of parents / friends to coach or umpire. Once we have this information, we will be able to call for nominations. Teams will only be able to be entered if they have both a coach and an umpire.

If you are able to help in either role, please email the school with the subject heading *Netball Gala Day*. Many thanks for your support.

Jan Schroder

PBS4L

As part of our PBS4L program, students receive awards based on the number of Angel cards they have acquired. They receive a Cherub award for 10 Angel stamps, a Seraph award for 30 Angel stamps and an Archangel award for 60 Angel stamps. (if not room for names: Congratulations to the 65 students who have received a Seraph award this term)

Congratulations to these students who have received a Seraph award this term:-

Joyce Ghobrial	Amity Galea	Hayden Lavercombe	Rafael Ira
Rachael Perillo	Christian Attard	Isaac Swinden	Charlie Cutroni
Daniel Knowles	Abbey Hollier	Ebony Lynch	William Harvey
Tyrone Lee	Akeesha Gunasekara	Isobel Williams	Lucas Buda
Bella Molano	Roxie Pace	Milla Price	Kirsten Graham
Ante Topic	Eva Sultana	Sophia Dobaj	Sahara Knippler
Georgia Falzon	Isabella Cauchi	Justin Medjumurac	Lucy Tapley
Keira Mooney	Isabella Smith	Claire Sievwright	Belle Masters
Melissa Preston	Connor Knowles	Harrison Ko	Ava Carney
Emily Lenane	Charli Molloy	Alannah Lock	Jada Scoulou
Nicholas Kamber	Harry Taylor	Thomas Lenane	Solomon Montgomery
Blaize McDonald	Abbey Buxton	Maraya Macario	Alonso Buda
Leila Swinden	Elijah Atkins	Jack Finch	Cameron Muscat
Joshua Kim	Jelena Tolentino	Pippa Rosano A	idan Attard
Maddison Dyke	Marissa Farrugia	Mia-Bella Trifiro	Marcus Farrugia
Bailey Knowles	Lauren Eyles	Amelia Novelli	Angelica Manago
Marcus Mileto			

Year 6 Toy Showcase

Year 6 have been working hard in Science and Technology this term, and have created toys and games as part of our electricity unit.

Each student had to create a simple electrical circuit and then build a toy or game around it.

They have all done an amazing job with this assignment, and would love to share what they have created with their parents and friends on Wednesday 5th April from 2.40pm We hope to see you there!

Year 6 Teachers

OLA Debating

Yesterday Stage 3 students tried out for the 2017 Inter-schools debating competition. Mrs Morin conducted the try-outs and had the difficult job of selecting the 12 students who will represent Our Lady of the Angels this year in the debating competition.

Mrs Morin has extensive experience with public speaking and debating and gave the students a mark based on the following criteria; clarity, volume, expression, content, concluding remarks and whether they left her with no doubt that they believed what they were saying. She was very impressed with the quality of the presentations and the decision was not an easy one.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected:

Melissa Preston, Phoebe Strykowski, Sascha Strykowski, Carys Fitzgerald, Mikayla Muscat, Paige Hayden, Sophia Tapley, Jade Richardson, Isabella Masters, Ava Bennett, Jasmyn Robertson, Alannah Lock

Thank you to all of the students who tried out for debating, you should all be very proud of what you presented yesterday.

Debating will begin next term, with the first debate being held in Week 3.

A big thank you to Mrs Morin for her help with selecting the team, we appreciate you sharing your knowledge and passion for debating with the students.

From the Classroom..... of 3B

This term, we have been learning about different cultures in our History unit: *Community and Remembrance*. During the week we had the opportunity to design and make some displays, costumes and props to help us talk about the country we researched in our PBL groups. It was so much fun!



OLA FAMILY FIESTA CANCELLED

It is with great disappointment we announce the OLA FAMILY FIESTA has been **CANCELLED**. This was unexpected. The decision was made at last night's Fiesta meeting. It is unfortunate but due to the huge impact of the construction of the temporary buildings of the Santa Sophia High School on OLA grounds and further uncertainty surrounding the timeline. We thank all those who have already given so much of their time and support and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. We will be in contact with respective parties as soon as possible.

PARISH BALL

Would you like to dress up and go out for a fun night with friends? Join us at the Parish Ball on Saturday April 29th at Castle Hill RSL. Tickets are \$80. You can join a table of other school parents or book one of your own. With or without a partner...

Contact us via FB or email or pop in to Parish Office. Hope to see you there.






SPECIAL TREATS APRIL 7TH

Melissa Strong, Lee-Ann Wallis, Miriam Vrljic, Joanne Zahorsky, Belinda Connellan & Paula Lopez.

THE SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER FOR TERM 2 IS COMPLETE. THIS WILL BE SENT OUT OVER THE WEEKEND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING

CHANGE OF DATE: MOTHER'S DAY STALL THURSDAY MAY 7TH.



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*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 or message via our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you during the year!



Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association



Congratulations to Thomas Dobaj and Lucas Lesar in being selected for the under 11s Boys soccer team representing Parramatta Diocese. These boys were selected from around 90 boys who trialled. What a great result. Well done- we are proud of



Congratulations to Alicia Dersch who achieved first place in the Castle Hill Agricultural Show Art Competition . Well done, Alicia. 😊

Congratulations to the following students who received these awards:

Academic for working hard
St Francis for showing the qualities of St Francis

Einstein for recognising mistakes as an opportunity for learning.

From the Parish Office...

CHANGES TO OUR USUAL FIESTA!!!

This year, due to the many changes expected to the grounds at OLA with the building of Santa Sophia, we will not be able to proceed with our "usual" Fiesta activities.

We will still be celebrating our Feast Day and 10th Anniversary with our Mass and Procession and we will then continue with a smaller scale of festivities. This will all take place on Sunday, 6th August. In the meantime, all families are invited to join us in our other celebration of our Parish's Anniversary with the **Parish Ball** on Saturday, 29 April, the Parish will be holding a Ball at the Castle Hill RSL Club. Tickets go on sale next weekend \$80-. Please contact the parish office for further information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The **Stations of the Cross** are a devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. You are invited every Friday night in Lent to remember, prayed at 7:00 pm.

EASTER SERVICES at OLA

Palm Sunday: normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm
Adoration will be available till night

prayer at 10pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am
Confessions available after the stations
The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday evening 6.30pm

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm
After Mass, there will be a special morning tea and Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny!

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!

Baptism Seminar

There will be a Baptism Seminar held on Sunday morning for all those who are wanting to have a child Baptised. This will commence at 11am in the OOSH room.



Term 1 Week 10			
Whole school			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Summer West	Reid Sammut	Felicity Gresser
Kinder G	Lola Quinlan	Charlotte Naim	<u>Yianni Tassios</u>
Kinder W	Timothy Zimmermann	Serenity Naim	Mikyla Ghobrial
Year 1B	Chloe Kiernan	Maraya Macario	Luka Vaughan
Year 1 G	Chelsea Strong	<u>Paityn Ng</u>	Luka Kurcubic
Year 1W	Declan Leach	Jordan Holden	Taylor Saward
Year 2 B	Olivia Ross	Chloe Holden	Camryn Sammut
Year 2 G	Francesca Topic	Jett Fiorio	Dylan Halwani
Year 2 W	Malachi Rangan	Madison Saward	Abbey Hollier
Year 3 B	Marcus Mileto	Madison Zahra	Ava Camilleri
Year 3 G	Emily Lenane	Solomon Montgomery	Taylor Cummings
Year 3 W	Ben Roffmann	Justin Medjumurac	Emma Cleary
Year 4 B	Zachary Nicholls	Arya Clements	Hayden Lavercombe
Year 4G	Joshua Streater	Lachlan Hollier	Makiah Arora
Year 4 W	<u>Lucas McLucksey</u>	Rachael Perillo	Joshua Orton
Year 5 B	<u>Kalan Oxspring</u>	Charli Molloy	Ashton Galea
Year 5W	Nicholas Kamber	Marcus Odd	Austin Turner
Year 6 B	Natasha Eyles	Alissa Sweeney	Kylan Ewer
Year 6 G	Nicholas Hallal	Antonia Manago	Carys Fitzgerald
Year 6 W	Jayden Ormsby	Tatum Crook	Beatrice Espejo

*Until next week, God bless,
have a lovely weekend and
stay safe.*

Remember Sunday Mass.

Eva La Rocca, Principal