

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the learning and the fun we have enjoyed throughout Term 1. I particularly wish to acknowledge the hard work of OLA staff members who do what they do because they care about the students in their care. I thank you, the parents, for your continued support and cooperation in partnership with us. Above all, I thank God who is always with us – for the successes we have enjoyed and the challenges and hardships that make us all better at what we do and who we are. I will be on leave for the first three weeks of Term 2. Mrs Hey will be Acting Principal, Mrs Byrne Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Hurst, acting REC. Enjoy the holidays and embrace the 'no rush' in the morning.

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...



I very much enjoyed having morning tea with them and having a chat about what they have learnt to do now that they didn't know at the beginning of the year. Among the answers were...

'Counting to 10'; 'Counting by 2s'; 'putting up my hand to answer a question' and, most important, "Asking a question when I'm not sure", with a range of other questions in between. **Well done, everyone!**

Farewell...to Mrs Meyer who leaves us this term to go on maternity leave in preparation for the arrival of her baby girl. We wish you well and God's blessings on you both. Mrs Lenane will be taking Yr 5 on Fridays in her place.

Welcome to Mrs Leach who will be replacing Mrs Meyer on Thursdays in Yr 3. Mrs Leach comes to OLA with a wealth of experience and a particular strength in the areas of public speaking. She will be assisting with the debating starting next term. (refer to the page 3)



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

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

Please refer to the Term 2 Calendar attached with this Newsletter email.

Gospel according to John (Jn 21:1-14)

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

Reflection

In John's Gospel this Sunday, the third Sunday of Easter, Jesus once again appears to His disciples. He is standing on the shore watching the disciples out fishing for their livelihood. Jesus asks the fishermen if they have caught any fish and they tell Him their nets are empty. He tells them where to throw their net and a miracle occurs and their nets are full of fish. Peter then realized who the man is and tell the others Jesus is on the shore. The risen Lord does not cause a fuss about His resurrection, he appears to the disciples in the most humble way. Jesus realises the disciples are tired and exhausted from their long day of fishing and lights a fire. Then He cooks a breakfast of bread and fish to share with His friends. This action of cooking and sharing a meal is one of love and care. Those who prepare meals can organise and prepare a meal for hours. This can also be seen as hours of love. The mission of Jesus, after His death and resurrection is the Spirit of love. When we share a meal, we are with people we love catching up over a meal. Love is given, received and shared. With God's love we are never alone. We need to take time to continue with Jesus' mission and care for others with love and kindness. Love is also forgiveness and throughout this Year of Mercy, love and forgiveness is what the world needs to promote peace.

CEDP Saint's Competition



<http://parracatholic.org/vocationscompetition2016/>

Winter Uniform

The students wear their winter uniform during terms 2 and 3.

However, whilst the weather varies from hot to cold, they can still wear their summer uniform until **week 4, Monday 16th May**. From this date forward, they need to be in their full winter uniform.

Whichever uniform they choose to wear, it must be either full summer or full winter, not part of both.

OLA Boot Camp Challenge! - Wed 27th April (week 1)

All welcome

This is an invitation to all students and their parents to join in a 'one off' Boot Camp session this term on **Wed 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 27th, 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!



Kinders and their parents showing off their dance moves during the Dance Fever Expo. ☺

Today was WYD MUFT! FUN DAY!! – Gold Coin donation to enter into competitions and fun activities.

These included...

- 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. Finalists for the TOM team are:
- Selected students from Years 5 and 6 will present a debate to Year 3-6 students. Finalist for the debating teams are:

Debating will begin next term and involve interschool competition with Stanhope Gardens, OLOR Kellyville and Quakers Hill.

- **Match the Photo Competition.** Winners are:

Olivia Vella, Madison Dyke, Emma Quijano, Makiah Arora, Zch Lesar, Alissia Salib, Angus Misek, and Mr Baker with a perfect score ☺. Attached to this newsletter are the answers.

Writing Competition. Word of the Week Competition:

Thank you to all students who participated in our 'Word of the Week' competition. The entries were 'splendid'. Congratulations to the winners from each grade. Judging the wonderful entries was extremely difficult. The winners are:

Alonzo Buda, Georgia Dolahenty, Celina Wassef, Patrick Leach, Harry Taylor, Nadia Gruca, Anthony Parada

Each of the winners in these two competitions were presented with a book.

There were many entries of very high quality that demonstrated creativity and imaginative thinking.

Unfortunately, there can only be one winner.

A VERY SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR ENTRIES IN THEIR OWN TIME, AT HOME WITH THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun day of learning!!

Literacy News

Literacy Hint:

When reading stories or watching television, check that your child can sequence the events by telling you what happened first, next, last. This understanding will help them predict and sequence ideas in a logical order. It will also help your child to write stories that have a beginning, middle and end.

Bug Club News:

Early next term our school will be using a reading program called 'Bug Club'. Students on levelled readers will have access to e-Books and comprehension activities using a username and password. Students will be motivated to read at home by earning rewards (coins) after completing the e-Book and activities. All students will have access to this reading club whilst at school. The teachers can use resources in the classroom for whole group and small group instruction. For further information, please see the link below.

<http://home.bugclub.com.au/MyPasses/pdf/parents-help.pdf>

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator



P&F NEWS



Mother's Day Stall

This year the Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday May 4th (Week 2). Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the Mother's Day note 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.

OLA FIESTA- AUGUST 14



This week the grade contact/ representatives received an email in regard to the fiesta stalls each grade will be responsible for. In the coming months they will be asking for your help to make the stall as successful as it can be. We thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and support. We have had a wonderful response so far and look forward to working together.

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 – TERM 2: *The new roster will be emailed in the holidays to those who have indicated their availability to help.*

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for all of the donations of second hand uniforms this year. As the season and uniform change, please continue to send in any items that you would like to **donate**. Clean items can be handed into the school office in a plastic bag. Many families have expressed interest in purchasing second hand items so the team are working hard to organise this.



Thank you to everyone who has helped us this term. We have had a busy start to the year organising morning teas, decorating the hall for the disco, organising the Second Hand Clothing sale, Special Treats and gift wrapping. As always, these events would not be as successful without your generous support. Have a lovely break with your family!

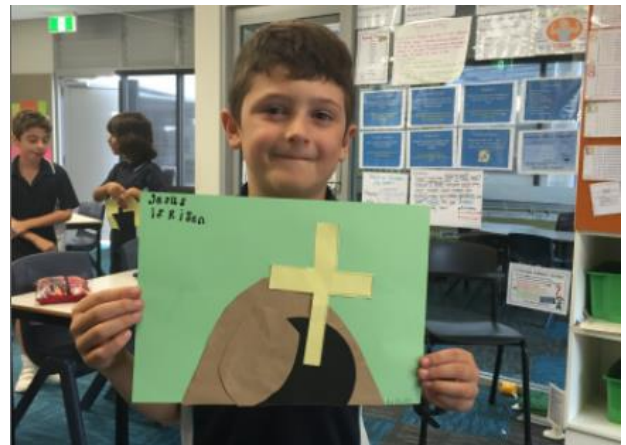


Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

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FROM THE CLASSROOM... 3G

This term 3G have been learning about Holy Week. One of our art pieces for Holy Week was of Jesus rising from the tomb. Here is our fantastic artworks of Jesus is risen. We hope you enjoy them.



Sacraments of Initiation

First Communion For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation in 2016 First Communion will take place in June 2016. The first Parent-only session will be held on **Thursday, 19 May at 7.30pm.**

If you have a child in Year 3 or an older grade who has completed their Reconciliation and is not registered for First Communion, we ask that you 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

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

Sacrament Co-ordinator: Christine Leahy

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Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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

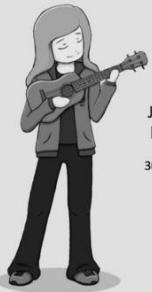
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What people say about our wonderful

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)*

Anzac Day – Thank you to those families who will be representing OLA at the ANZAC day ceremony at Wrights Rd on April 25th. Please remember to wear full summer uniform. You need to meet Mrs Eisenhuth at 5.45am but please be aware that congestion, traffic and parking difficulties may mean significant delays so please allow plenty of time.



Ukulele Club

Join our fun Ukulele Club! Group lessons, learning chords from beginner to advanced, performance and sing-a-long activities.

30 minutes per week for 8 weeks. Ukuleles provided for lesson. Certificate awarded.

Only available in Term 2, 2016 for Year 1-6 students.

\$6.50 per week for 8 weeks + Book.

For bookings please call Emma or Nat on 0457-668-742.

Also run by Cool Kids Music.....

Pizza Making

During our cultural studies in Italian, the students have learnt about the first pizza ever made in Italy: the Margherita. Named after Queen Margherita, the ingredients represented the colours of the Italian flag. (Tomatoes, cheese, and basil). Italian classes this week made Margherita pizzas in class with tomatoes and basil grown in the school garden. Mmmm deliciouso!!

I Had My Child to Raise Over Again

By Dianne Loomans

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more bikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing seriously and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars.

I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I would be firm less often and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.

