

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

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to acknowledge everyone who has worked hard to make this term a great success. I know everyone here at school is in need of a break, especially the students.

Holy Week falls during this vacation period, starting with Palm Sunday this weekend. Easter is the most important feast in the church year. I hope it is a special time for you to reconcile with God, receive the blessings of the risen Christ and hope for everlasting life.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Holy Week Grade Liturgies in the learning spaces. It was a wonderful way to finish off the term gathering in prayer and preparing for this important time of the year, Easter.



## Holy Week



### Attendance

As you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for every child.

If you intend taking your child out of school for five days or more you must make a formal application in writing to me and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

These regulations are in place to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and I thank you for understanding the reasoning behind them.

As per the CEDP policy and procedure, parents whose child's attendance was between 80-90% this term will receive an email alert. Those less than 80% will receive a letter requiring a written acknowledgement.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Please receive the Term 2 Calendar attached to this Newsletter.**

#### Term 2

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Apr

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr

First day of Term 2 – **Student DO attend school today**

ANZAC Day – Public Holiday

Staff Development Day – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY**

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

It was lovely to share morning tea with them on Tuesday. ☺

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



**From the Assistant Principal...**

**What a busy term?**

If you are wondering why your children may feel a little exhausted as we reach the end of term 1, it is for good reason. Children and staff at OLA have been extremely busy. Here are some of the big ticket items we have achieved so far... Student Maths Assessment Interviews, Kindergartens started school, Opening School Mass and SRC commissioning, OLA swimming carnival, Primary/Infants assemblies, School Social evening, Zone Swimming Carnival, Stage 3 high school visits, Cross Country, Dance Fever Challenge, Year 1 Games Day, Yr 6 Toys PBL, Easter Liturgies, Excursions, Yr 3 Celebration Day, Year 5 History day, Year 5 Bathurst overnight excursion, Boot Camp, numerous lunch time clubs. All this in only 10 weeks of school! No wonder our students are counting down to the holidays.

I have proudly expressed to many people in our community that our students are blessed to have so many and varied opportunities to 'learn'. At times we may take these for granted but they only happen because of the generosity of time and dedication of our wonderful teachers. Many of these activities require teachers to give up their own time to ensure that the OLA students have these opportunities. Not only do our students participate but we do them WELL with our students excelling in sports and the Creative Arts (as evidenced last week in Dance Fever). Next term our students will participate in Debating, Voice Of Youth Public Speaking, ICAS competitions, Athletics just to name a few.

I wish all our students, families and staff a happy, safe and Holy Easter period as we recharge the batteries for term 2. We all deserve a well-earned rest!!

God Bless

Mr Cauchi

Assistant Principal

## UNIFORM

Typically, the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year. When the students return to school for Term 2, there is a period of TWO weeks where there is flexibility between summer and winter uniform. The whole school needs to be in WINTER uniform for Week 3.

Please note that the school jumper takes priority over the bomber jacket, which is only intended for extreme cold weather and worn over the jumper. Long sleeved tops worn under short sleeve shirt/sports shirt is not uniform.



*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.*

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### Dance fever Interschool Challenge.



Congratulations to the primary students who attended this event at Homebush Sports Centre last Friday night. You were sensations – earning the three trophies! Well done.

Thank you to all the staff members who attended and the parents and family members who supported the students. It was a great night.

Not to forget the infants (and their mums and dads), who had their own Mini Dance Expo on Tuesday afternoon...





# P&F NEWS



## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

This year the Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please find attached to this week's newsletter an order form to pre-pay for your child/rens' Mother's Day gift purchases. A hardcopy of this note will also be sent home in week Week 1 of Term 2. Thank you in advance to the year 5 families for their assistance with this event.

## Coming up in Term 2 ...

EVENT	TEAMS TO ORGANISE/HELP
Mother's Day Stall	Year 5
Mother's Day Morning Tea	Year 3 &4
Athletics Carnival	Year 3 (Only 3 helpers needed to hand out refreshments)
P&F AGM	MAY 17 <sup>th</sup>

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 the*



**SPECIAL TREATS MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>:** Annemarie Bond, Joanne Zahorsky, Melissa Buda, Prasangi Gunasekara, Melissa Mileto, Louise Hollier **THE SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER FOR TERM 2 IS COMPLETE AND HAS BEEN EMAILED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT.**



*Wishing you and your families the peace and blessings of our risen Lord this Easter.  
Have a restful break and see you in term 2!*

Our



*Lady of the Angels P&F Association*



*Congratulations to Montana Burt in being selected for the trials for the MacKillop Girls Football team.*

*We now have five OLA students in Canberra on May 5<sup>th</sup> - outstanding!*

Congratulations to the Gutwenger children who score a clean sweep at the Royal Easter Show this year in the Arts & Craft Competition. Anneliese receiving blue ribbon first place for her 'Beach Bunny', Tommy second place for his gangnam style 'dancing bear' & little Amelia highly commended for her 'pigs might fly' rendition. All made out of clay - fired and glazed. Well done!



#### **From the Parish Office...**

#### **EASTER SERVICES**

**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 7pm

**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!!

Wishing all our Parish School families a very Happy and Holy Easter. We look forward to seeing you over Holy Week.

#### **Sacraments of Initiation**

**First Communion** The first session for our PARENTS, whose children are already registered for First Communion in 2017, will be on **Thursday, 27 April at 7.30pm.**

PLEASE NOTE: 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. You will not be able to attend the 2017 program.

#### **Parish Ball**

On Saturday, 29 April, the Parish will be holding a Ball at the Castle Hill RSL Club. Tickets are now on sale for \$80-. Please contact the parish office for further information.

#### **We're fundraising with Entertainment**

The 2017 | 2018 Entertainment™ Book and Digital Memberships are here and features over \$20,000 worth of valuable up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for some of the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more **for only \$65**. So take advantage of the great offers available with your new Entertainment™ Membership now! Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from **Our Lady of the Angels Parish** again to support our fundraising efforts. Contact the Parish office for further information if needed.



Today, we held a netball game students vs staff. With a final score 10 : 20+, the teachers showed the students no mercy.

Here is a jubilant Antonia Manago after scoring a goal. ☺

*Happy Easter to you all. Have a safe and joyful holiday. God bless and see you next term. Mrs La Rocca*