



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 2 Term 1

5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

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

Dear Parents,

On the first day of the school year, as always, the staff gathered to celebrate Mass together. Fr John spoke about the Gospel reading which was when Jesus was preaching and the crowds gathered in such large numbers, He got into a boat the disciples pushed it from the shore. For those versed in exegesis, this may be interpreted as 'Jesus was not of this world'. This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus on the shore again amongst fishermen. They were cleaning their nets after a non-productive night of fishing. Jesus asks Simon to take Him out onto the water and asks to have the nets cast in a particular place. Simon begins to argue his view expressing the futility of the exercise. (Let's face it – no one tells a seasoned fisherman how to fish!) To Simon's surprise, the catch was extraordinary.

There are times when we think 'we know better' and question what Jesus is 'asking us to do' in the way events in our life unfold. Keep the faith. Jesus may not be 'of this world' but He is with us and watches over us, always.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent. Please join us at the 9am Mass and to receive the ashes.

**Welcome** to our new kinder students who have had a terrific start to 'big school'. We especially welcome the families new to our school community. We hope you enjoy your time with us at OLA. Open communication is vital to a successful relationship. Sometimes, you might 'hear' comments or speculation in the car park (which, these days, extends to social media). Please, do not hesitate to call the office for any clarity you may be seeking or if something is a concern. Thank you. *Kinder students on day one*



## NOTE:

Please exit the school via the new path between the admin block and the OOSH room if possible, in particular at the end of the school day. Thank you.

## Dates to Remember

**There is no daily class Mass next week.**

### Week 3:

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Feb: Ash Wed Mass at 9am (whole school)

Thur 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Parent Information Evening:**

Kinder – Year 2: 6.30pm-6.55pm; Year 3-Yr 6: 7pm – 7.30pm in the learning spaces

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb:

- 10am: opening Year Mass and SRC Commissioning Ceremony
- 2.40pm Infants assembly/Primary Benediction
- 6.30pm: Students' disco (in the hall/old church) and parent 'get to know social';

**Week 4:** Parent Book Talk on Wed 4-5pm in Yr 3 space.

**PUPIL FREE DAY ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - FRIDAY WEEK 6;  
THERE IS NO SUPERVISION FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY.**

NEWSLETTER

## Next Week, Week 3

Next week is a BIG week for the start of our school year on a number of levels.

\* Ash Wednesday Mass – whole school at 9am; there will be no daily class attendance of Mass next week as the whole school will be attending the Ash Wednesday Mass

\* Thursday, evening (11<sup>th</sup> Feb), class teachers will be holding their grade information sessions. This is meant for parents only. At this session which is approx. 30 minutes, teachers will provide basic information on the way their classes run across a typical week, expectations of students and parents and to clarify anything parents may need at this stage. It is not a time to be asking about your own child.

There are two sessions held in the respective learning spaces eg kinder in kinder space, etc: Infants (Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2) at 6.30-6.55pm;

Primary (Yr 4, 5 and 6) will be held from 7-7.30pm; **PLEASE NOTE THAT YEAR 3 WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FROM 6-6.30PM.**

If you have more than one child and need to choose, it is advised that you attend the session of your oldest child as you should be familiar with that of the younger grade.

\*Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February – the Opening School Year Mass at 10 am followed by the SRC Commissioning Ceremony.



### 2016 OLA Student Representative Council

School Captains: Seronique Taylor and Javier Silva

School Vice Captains: Emily Odd and Rex Finch

Green House Riley Price-C; Darci Buxton -VC

Red House Ashton Stacey-C; Rebecca Charlesworth VC

Blue House Ella Sievwright-C; Claudia Coombes- VC

Gold House: Tiarne McLusky- C; Daniella Lopresti- VC

### Class SRC members as voted this week:

5B: Beatrice Espejo and Patrick Bennett

5G: Tyra Abdallah and Anthony Cutuk

5W: Millie Edwards and Sebastian Mileto

4B: Jasmyn Robertson and Zach Lesar

4W: Ava Bennett and Marcus Odd

3B: Angelica Manago and Peter Giovas

3G: Leila Balangon and Zach Nicholls

3W: Eva Sultana and Max Fisher

2B: Roxie Pace and James Apap

2G: Ava Camilleri and Mitchell Ross

2W: Isobel Clarke and Anthony Gomez

1B: Olivia Ross and Jake Brown

1G: Charlotte Ives and Jett Fiorio

1W: Kiera Mooney and Matthew Kamber

Congratulations to these students on their appointments.



\*Friday evening 6.30- 7.50 pm: This is the OLA ‘meet and greet’ evening for parents. It is VERY SIMPLE. Parents bring their own picnic basket and drinks and simply share a chat with others while their children (OLA STUDENTS ONLY) attend...



the school DISCO in the hall. Thank you to the P&F who will prepare the hall for us and to [Dancefever](#) who will facilitate the evening. Teachers will rotate between providing supervision in the hall and meeting the parents. Any help from parents to supervise would be appreciated. Please email the school to let us know if you are able to give 15mins to assist the teachers supervise.

The disco and the gathering will conclude at 7.50 pm with the aim to have rubbish in the bins and the grounds cleared by 8pm.

If the weather is bad, the disco for the students will go ahead but the social will not be possible.. ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE DISCO MUST BE COLLECTED BY 7.50PM, PLEASE.

## This Sunday's Gospel

### The Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

*Now it happened that he was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats at the water's edge. The fishermen had got out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats -- it was Simon's -- and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch. 'Simon replied, 'Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets. 'And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled both boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely awestruck at the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will be catching.' Then, bringing their boats back to land they left everything and followed him.*



**Reflection:** Luke's Gospel this Sunday recounts a time where Simon and his friends had worked all day to catch fish and returned back to shore with empty nets. Jesus approaches Simon and asks him to take him out in his boat. Jesus has a crowd of people on the shore, who are watching and listening to his teachings. When Jesus has finished speaking, he asks Simon to have one more try at fishing for the day. The men are amazed when they throw out their nets and are filled with fish. It was a great catch! God's presence had made all the difference. We are sometimes faced with failure when we try and share the Gospel and develop others faith. Our efforts can seem wasted. It is the presence and the power of the Lord that can make all our efforts successful. We need to listen and surrender all our efforts to the Lord. (God's Word 2016-Daily Reflections)

### Season of Lent

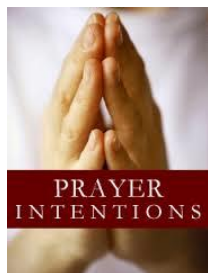
In last week's Gospel readings, we heard the familiar First Corinthians reading (1 Cor 12; 4-13), about love, especially God's love. The reading is teaching us that "love is patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but finds its joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. As it is, these remain: faith, hope and love, the three of them; and the greatest of them is love."



The message in this reading is extremely powerful and can guide us throughout the Lenten season. Lent is a time where many choose to go without or give up something. It is also a time to forgive, to give to others in need and to reflect on our own personal relationship with God. This year, Pope Francis has called for a Holy Year, one of Mercy. With the turmoil and hatred in today's world, he wants us to work towards peace. A good way to show mercy, is to start with making peace in our own lives, forgiving others and showing kindness to the people around us.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, OLA community will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am. The students will be making their own Lenten promises during Religion lessons in class. Maybe as a family, you could make Lenten promises to keep throughout Lent. On Wednesday afternoon, each family will receive a 'Project Compassion box'. This is one way you can contribute and help others. Each class will also place a 'Project Compassion box' on their prayer table during the season of Lent.

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)



### Community Prayer Book

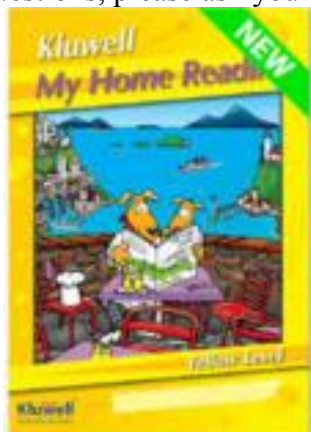
Every morning a red letterbox will be placed outside Kindergarten for our OLA community to post any special prayer intentions for the week. . The letterbox will be emptied each morning and intentions will be placed in our community prayer book. The following Monday at the morning assembly, we will pray for those in our OLA community who need our prayers. We ask that you place intentions in an envelope and post in the letterbox. The letterbox will be emptied each morning and intentions will be placed in our community prayer book.

Mrs Byrne, Acting REC

## Literacy News

### **Home Reading Journals**

This year the students will receive a reading journal to encourage regular reading. These journals are to be used as a reward system to develop positive reading attitudes. Parents are asked to follow their child's progress and add comments about the reading. Each learning space has a monitoring chart to track how the students are going. Stickers and reading strategies are inside the journals to support home reading. Please ask your child to return the journal each week so their teacher can add comments. If there are any questions, please ask your child's teacher.



### **Parent Information Session-Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February (4-5pm)**

All parents are invited to this event. Paul Macdonald, the owner of The Children's Bookshop, is a passionate presenter. He will share with us how to encourage reading for pleasure and great literature to ignite the love of reading. An invitation is attached with this Newsletter email. Please return the slip to the school office if you are able to join us.

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

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#### **Maths Club**

For next week only Maths Club will be held on **Friday morning** (12<sup>th</sup> February) at 8.20am in the Year 3 classroom. Maths club is for children in Years 3 and 4 who would like extra time to work on learning their times tables. There will be a variety of activities and songs used to help learn tables and a homework component as well. If you have any questions about Maths Club, please see Mrs Hey.

#### **Lunchtime clubs and quiet play**

Lunchtime clubs have started for the year. It is not too late to come along to a lunchtime club. In term 1 we will have garden club, photography club, chess club, knitting club and Mini Vinnies. The teacher running the club will announce it at the morning assembly as a reminder. We have also introduced a 'quiet play' area at first break each day. This area is behind the year 6 building (near the veggie garden) and is a supervised area where children are provided with board games and card games to play.

#### **ICAS**

Attached to this newsletter is the ICAS (University of NSW competitions) entry form. These are voluntary competitions that students from year 2-6 are eligible to enter and cover Science, English, Maths, Spelling, Writing and Digital Technologies. The closing date for entries and money is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please read the attached note and if you have any questions please contact Mrs Hey.

Mrs Hey

#### **Grammar/Punctuation Club**

Back, by popular demand ( ? ☺ ), is Mrs La Rocca's morning session on grammar and punctuation for students in Year 5 and 6, on a voluntary basis. This will commence next week on Wednesday at 8.20am in the Year 3 space. If your child is interested, please have them attend with a pen for writing. School will supply the exercise book. Thanks.

#### **Book Club**

Book club pamphlets went home to children in years 1 -6 today. If you would like to make a purchase, please do so online, or send a cheque to school by next Friday. NO CASH will be received. Please remember that it is not compulsory to purchase anything from bookclub, it is just an option for parents as sometimes there are some very good buys for parents.

## OLA SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016, OLA held their annual swimming carnival at Hawkesbury Oasis Swimming pool. This year, grades 3-6 attended the swimming event and they all had a great time. Each house colour cheered on their own team with lots of encouragement, as the teammates swam to the finish line. It was a great day for the students to challenge their physical abilities and teamwork. This was an amazing carnival!

We were proud to participate and be part of OLA community.  
(Written by Javier Silva, Emily Odd and Rex Finch)

I would like to thank all the P&F and parent volunteers that assisted throughout the day. I am extremely grateful for their help and support, to help the carnival run efficiently.

It was great to see and hear the enthusiasm in the cheering, which gave the carnival a community feel and lots of school spirit. Thank you to our 2016 House colour captains for the effort they put in designing signs and organising cheers for their team on the day.

Congratulation to all our students who received a ribbon for their efforts and for all those students who achieved a personal best or tried something new, well done! This year saw many records broken. A special mention goes to Jesse E who broke six school swimming records.

### **AGE CHAMPIONS**

Junior Boys	Age Champion	Hudson G	2016
Junior Girls	Age Champion	Melissa P	2016
11 Yr Boys	Age Champion	Jesse E	2016
11 Yr Girls	Age Champion	Jessica	2016
Senior Boys	Age Champion	Tyler S	2016
Senior Girls	Age Champion	Kristiana B	2016
Junior Boys	Age Champion	Hudson G	2016

### **SCHOOL RECORDS BROKEN**

Boys Open	100m Free	Jesse E	1:21.66	2016
10 Yr Girls	Freestyle	Melissa P	00:47:51	2016
11 Yr Boys	Freestyle	Jesse E	00:35:34	2016
11 Yr Boys	Backstroke	Jesse E	00:44.94	2016
Junior Girls	Breastroke	Felicity S	01:03.53	2016
11 Yr Boys	Breastroke	Jesse E	00:52.60	2016
11 Yr Boys	Butterfly	Jesse E	00:44:43	2016
11 Yr Girls	Butterfly	Tiarne Mc	00:56.84	2016
Senior Boys	Butterfly	Rex F	00:57.31	2016
Senior Boys	Relay	Blue House	3:19.03	2016
Senior Girls	Relay	Blue House	3:19.12	2016

### **WINNING HOUSES**

Year	House Champion	Year	Spirit Cup
2016	Blue	2016	Gold

Congratulations to the following students, who will represent Our Lady of the Angels at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

**William A, Anton B, Jesse E, Rex F, Karl F, Hudson G, Nicholas G, Lachlan H, Jackson J, Sebastian M, Javier S, Tyler S, Eoin T, Nicholas Z, Brianna A, Kristiana B, Jessica B, Gabriella B, Darci B, Juliana C, Ashley C, Millie E, Olivia H, Tiarne Mc, Sienna M, Claudia P, Melissa P, Felicity S and Ella S.**

We wish all these students all the best at the Hills Zone swimming carnival!

Mrs Byrne.

## Thank you

...Mrs Byrne for your work in organising the swimming carnival and the teachers who did the extra work to support her. ☺



## P&F NEWS THANK YOU



- A special thank you to all those who helped with the Kinder 'Tea and Tissues' Morning tea. To all the bakers, those who set up and packed up and even those who came to welcome our new families. We really have a wonderful giving school community!
- Another thank you to the parents who helped us keep the volunteers at the swimming carnival fed and hydrated! To all the parent volunteers, your help is invaluable.

### **SPECIAL TREATS**

*Great news! Special Treats returned today!*

A huge thanks to all of the parent helpers who have volunteered their time to assist this term. We have had an overwhelming response. The term 1 roster has been emailed out to those who are on it. The term 2 roster will be sent out closer to the time. Thank you again for your support. The children thoroughly enjoy special treats each Friday.

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

Thank you for all of the donations of second hand uniforms so far. 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 sort through, wash and prepare items to be able to sell.

\*\*\* If you are able to help with sorting or washing any items, please contact us via our Facebook page or email. Your help would be most welcome! ☺

### **P&F GENERAL MEETING**

**All parents welcome**

**WEDNESDAY February 17<sup>th</sup>: 7pm - School grounds**

No need to RSVP or even speak on the night. We will hear what the P&F (as part of the parent body) have been up to and what is planned for the year. It is also an opportunity to hear from Mrs La Rocca all the wonderful things that will be happening with our children and school. There is also time to discuss any general business items which can be added to the agenda by submitting them to [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* 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](mailto: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***

### **PARENT HELPERS???**

#### ***Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??***

It has been heartening to see how many of our parents, grandparents, etc, have completed the Child Protection Training in anticipation of helping out at school. Whenever this is done, the school is notified by email and the names added go on a register to which we refer when someone wants to come into the school. The list is growing, thank you.

To avoid disappointment, please make sure you have completed this. The URL is:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/child-protection-training>

This includes helping at school in areas such as gross motor, lunches, reading groups, etc.

### **OLA Skoolbag App**

We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App on to your phone. To install it, just search for our school name "Our Lady of the Angels Primary Rouse Hill" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. This is a great way for us to communicate quickly to you, particularly for excursions or assembly cancellations.

The following link <http://www.skoolbag.com.au/app/admin/parentinstructions.pdf> will provide you with information on how to install Skoolbag on your smartphone or Android devices.



## From the Office....

Thank you to all parents for your patience during the first week of school. The office desk and phone is often at its busiest at this time of year and so we do appreciate your patience.

Just a few reminders:-

**Notes/money for the Office** - Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class note bag. This system allows the office to receive notes and money without parents being required to actually come into the school. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information. For those new to school life, if a note says, 'please return to the office' we mean for it to come through the notebag to the office. Thanks

**Change of Details** - It is **critical** that the school has up-to-date contact details for all students at all times. Please ensure that any phone, address or contact details that change are relayed to the office as a matter of urgency. It is most distressing for children and staff if we are unable to contact parents in the case of a child being ill or injured.

**Visiting the School** - A reminder that during school hours, **ALL** parents, visitors and classroom helpers **MUST** sign in at the front office and collect a Visitors Sticker and then sign out as they leave the school, even if it is at the end of the day.

**Late/Early Leavers** - If your child is late for school or needs to be collected early, you must attend the office and fill out the Late/Early Leavers Slip. If there is a need to pick up your child early, please **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE** to ask that your child is ready for when you get here. They will be called only when a parent has arrived to collect them. This is in the interest of minimising work in what is already a very busy office and in reducing the amount of lost learning time for your child. It is also recommended that appointments are made out of school time, wherever possible.

**Photography** - Photos of the students are often placed on our website and occasionally in the local newspapers. If for any reason you do not wish for your child to have their photo displayed in this manner, please advise the office in writing.

**School Fees** - As we are a pilot school for the new finance system, our school fees will be going out in the late run from CEO. This means that they will not be posted until about 11<sup>th</sup> February. Once again the Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) is being offered to parents as an alternative to the current payment term of 30 days. More information about this will be in next week's newsletter. If you have any queries at all about the fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

**Medication** - If your child needs medication at school, new medication forms will need to be completed and given to Mrs Goldsworthy in the office. Please see me if you need to discuss anything, or you need the forms. **No medication is to be kept in your child's school bag.**

### **Student's Birthday**

As the grades are becoming larger, we ask that if you send a treat in for your child's birthday that you only send enough for his/her class (not the whole grade). Also if you are sending in ice blocks, you will need to drop them at the office at about 1.30pm as we don't have enough room in our freezer to keep them frozen throughout the morning. Cupcakes can be left at the office in the morning.

Class Numbers are:-

Kindy - 24 each   Yr 1 - 24 each   Yr 2 - 29 each   Yr 3 - 24 each   Year 4 - 31 each   Yr 5 - 23 each   Yr 6 - 24 each

### **School Banking**

School banking will commence again next week. Please bring the bank books in on Wednesday and they will be returned on Thursday. Banking packs have been sent home with kindergarten today and if any other students in the school would like a pack, please let the office know and we will send one home.

Thank you.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## **Our School is a Nut Aware School Community**

At Our Lady of the Angels School, we have children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for these children the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, we kindly ask that parents avoid preparing snacks for recess or lunch that include Nutella spread, any peanut butter, nut spreads, snack bars and biscuits that contain nuts. Products having the statement may contain 'traces of nuts' are suitable to bring to school.

We also ask that you **do not** include foods that contain nuts when providing food for special events such as cake days or morning teas.

## **School Fees 2016 – Flexible Payment Plan**

The FPP is an alternative to our current payment terms of 30 days and offers families choice to pay their annual fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly over either a six month period from March to August.

Importantly the setup administration of FPP is very streamlined as families will either complete Bpay information directly with their bank online or lodge a direct debit authority with the CEO.

Broadly it works like this:-

- There is no additional administration fee to families accepting the FPP offer
- FPP is offered in Term 1 only of the school year
- FPP offer documentation is included with the Term 1 Invoice/Statement
- Families have until 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to lodge FPP Direct Debit Forms to CEO
- Families have until 4th March 2016 to setup a FPP via BPAY by scheduling the first payment to be received by the 7th March 2016

An example of 2016 FPP payment timeline is as follows:-

FPP Standard Plan	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly
Repayments	25	13	6
First Payment	7/3/16	7/3/16	7/3/16
Last Payment	22/8/16	22/8/16	7/8/16

### **What will Parents receive in Relation to FPP?**

- Term 1 Tax Invoice/Statement (as per usual);
- Direct Debit Request - Parent to complete and insert in self-addressed envelope to the CEO;
- Direct Debit Request Service Agreement (printed on the back of the Direct Debit Request);
- BPAY payment guidelines
- Full fee details for 2016; and
- Frequently Asked Questions (printed on the back of full fee details for 2015);

If you have any queries at all in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy once you have received your fees.

### Some housekeeping reminders:

- If there is a need to pick up your child early, please **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE** to call your child. They will be called only when a parent has arrived to collect them.
- Supervision before school does not begin until 8.20am. In the interest of your child's safety, please do not allow him/her to enter the school grounds through the small gate adjacent to OOSH.
- When collecting your child after school, please wait in the COLA area or the basketball court;
- When using the drive-through, please display your name on **the passenger side sun visor**. It is not possible to read a name that is flat on the dash board
- Please remember that the area from the church to outside the school office is no parking during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

## **Uniform Shop**

Due to the new system, **all uniform must be paid for at the time of ordering** as the items are scanned in and out of the system.

Uniform shop hours are:- **Tuesday from 8.15am – 9.30am**

Please **DO NOT** come to the office before or after school expecting to purchase uniform.

You are more than welcome to place an order and pay for it at this time, and it will be sent home through the office bags. Please use the order form and leave it at the front counter. As you can appreciate, this is a busy time of day and it is quite time consuming going back and forth collecting uniform.

Of course, the preferred method, if you know your sizing, is by email, with your credit card details, or you can call and place your order over the phone. The new uniform price list with credit card details is on the website, and also attached to this newsletter.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Goldsworthy/Mrs Hunt

### Student Safety

Each term, the school students and staff and any visitors on the grounds undergo an evacuation drill. We held this on Wednesday and I am pleased to announce that over 500 people were effectively evacuated from the school in calm and efficient manner in 3minutes, 50 seconds. All present and accounted for. ☺



### **WRAPPED WITH LOVE**

A few years ago, OLA participated in the Outreach program 'Wrapped with love'. Wrapped with love organises blankets to be distributed to the poor and homeless. As a community, we would like to be able to contribute to 'Wrapped with love' by creating blankets made with love.

How you can help:

- \*Knit a square/s
- \*Donate knitting needles
- \*Donate 8 ply wool
- \* Sew the squares together to make the blankets.

If you would like more information or patterns on the blankets, please go to:-

<http://www.wrapwithlove.org/knitting-patterns/>

This term there will be a lunch time knitting club where our senior students will be learning how to knit and creating squares. The more squares we get, the more blankets we can make and contribute to the foundation.

If any parent or grandparent is available on Tuesday lunchtime to help teach the students to knit, we would love to hear from you.

Mrs Byrne

### **COOL KIDS MUSIC PROGRAM**

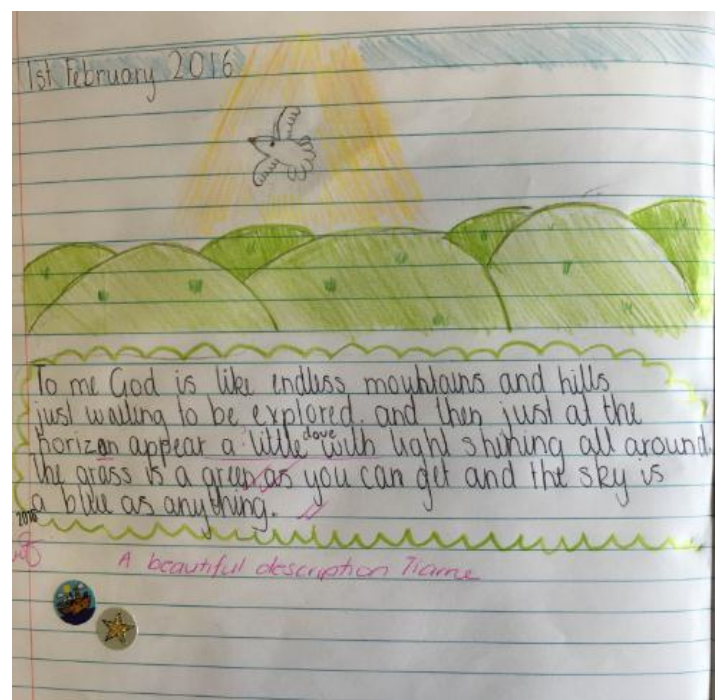
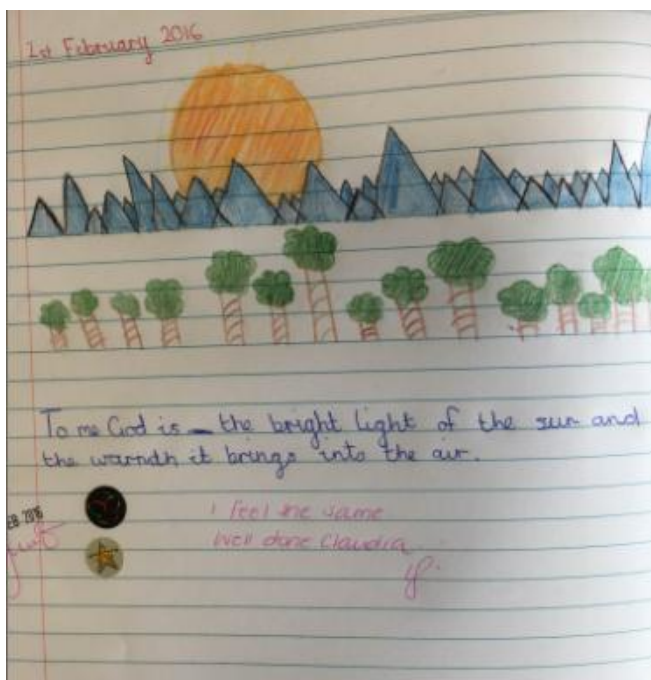
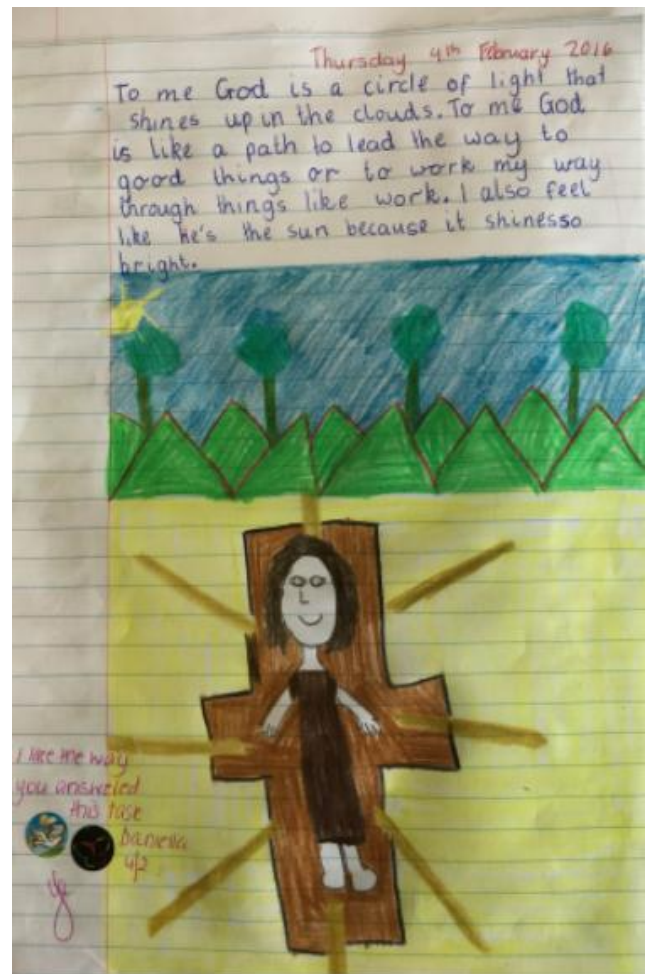
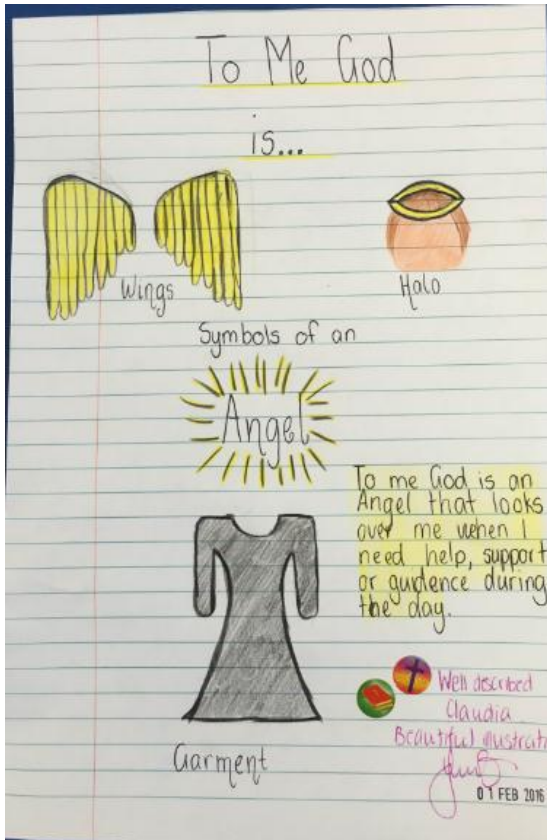
**Due to lack of space, this year the Cool Kids (CK) Music Program on Thursday after school will be conducted in the hall/old church. I have spoken with Sarah, the principal of the school, and she will arrange for any students attending the 3.10am class to be collected from the school grounds and escort these children to the hall. Any students waiting for the 3.40pm lesson will wait with the teachers on Drive Through duty until being collected by a CK's teacher. Students finishing their lesson at 3.40pm WILL NOT have access to the school grounds or supervision. Therefore, it is imperative that parents are there to collect their child at the end of the lesson and wait on the verandah of the hall, not the school grounds, please. Sarah will be in touch with you regarding all of these new protocols. Thank you for your cooperation which allows us to continue to offer this great program for some of our students.**

For anyone interested in this program, please refer to the flyer attached to this Newsletter email. Thanks



## FROM THE CLASSROOM...6W

To begin our new unit on The Parables of Jesus, we were asked to record our idea of God, what God may look like to us, and how we could describe God. Here are some of our varied responses using images and words.



### From the Parish Office...

#### Sacraments of Initiation

**Reconciliation:** For Children in Year 2 or older, this Sacrament will take place in Term 4 of 2016. *Information will be sent out to the children in Year 2 at that time.* If you have a child in an older class and you would like them to do their Reconciliation, please collect a form. Notification will be in both the school and Parish newsletters.

**First Communion** For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation, in 2016 this will take place in June 2016. For those children who were enrolled in the 2015 program of Reconciliation you will receive an email with all the dates of sessions. If you are new to the Parish, please contact Geraldine if you wish to join the 2016 group and have already done Reconciliation.

**Confirmation:** For children in Year 6 who have completed and received Reconciliation and First Communion, Confirmations will take place in Term 3. *Information will be sent out to the children in Year 6 at that time.*

For any enquiries, please contact Christine Leahy, OLA Sacramental Co-Ordinator at [parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au)

#### Ash Wednesday - 10 February

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation but you are strongly encouraged to attend, receive the ashes and start the season of Lent in this holy way. There will be masses held at **9am** (school mass) and **7.30pm**.

#### Lenten Reflection

As Lent is approaching soon, Fr Warren will be presenting a Lenten Reflection every Wednesday night throughout Lent beginning February 17 at 7.30pm. Please advise the Parish office if you would like to join in.

#### 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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**Congratulations to:  
The Zimmermann Family on  
the arrival of baby Eilidh,  
a sister for Dominic in  
Kindergarten.**



#### What people say about our wonderful school...

*"I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your hard work, support and encouragement that you have given our daughter during her time at Our Lady of Angels. She has loved every minute of it and always came home full of enthusiasm and stories to tell.*

*We can't thank you enough for making her year so happy. It's been a joy to watch her flourish as she has. The nurturing school environment you've created has been exactly what she's needed."* (name provided)

### Literacy / Numeracy Hint



Ask your child to weigh and measure ingredients for your recipes both in the supermarket and at home.

Term 1 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Drew Sammut	Lachlan Whitehurst	Makiah Arora
Year 3 G	Caitlyn Palmer-Burton	Levi Stacey	Lauren Eyles
Year 3 W	Kobe Ormsby	Georgia Nemitsas	Rachael Perillo
Year 4 B	Hudson Galvin	Isabella Iori	Gemma Gladwell
Year 4 W	Tamsyn Brown	Nicholas Gomez	Julian Vargas
Year 5 B	Connor Knowles	Antonia Manago	Tatum Crook
Year 5 G	Isaac Swinden	Montana Burt	Sienna Farrugia
Year 5 W	Melissa Preston	Karl Fisher	William Blazey
Year 6 B	Riley Price	Brock Crook	Nicholas Sweeney
Year 6 W	Ashton Stacey	Aaron Rebultan	Ella Sievwright

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