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Week 2 Term 2

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Today is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. St Joseph was the patron of the construction of our new church and it is only fitting that the official opening and blessing tonight occurs on this feast day.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

God bless all members of our parish community of which our school is a big part. We wish Fr Warren a wonderful evening when we will be welcoming back Archbishop Anthony Fisher, who will officiate at this ceremony, along with many other special guests.

Please note that most of the seating in the church will be reserved and the car park not open to the general public. It is recommended to park at the neighbouring reserves.



This has been an important week for audits and reviews.

Financial Audit.

Last Monday, the school was subjected to the annual internal audit which resulted in an excellent outcome. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Helen Goldsworthy, assisted by Mrs Hunt, on the excellent job she does at so many levels, in particular managing finances and record keeping, along with the many other duties associated with the role. The demands have increased seven fold since we first opened with 66 students. However, Helen still carries out the work efficiently and graciously and with a smile (and an icepack and a bandaid). Thank you, ladies, for all you do. OLA community is very lucky to have you.

Peer Review

All schools are subject to an educational audit to ensure they are compliant with the Board of Studies requirements. As a new school, OLA was subjected to one of these each year as it grew until we had completed the Kinder to Year 6 range. Our system has introduced a process called Peer review where a school is given a week's notice of Stage and two KLAs to produce all the required documentation as proof of compliance. This is then scrutinised by a panel consisted of peers from other schools, the CEDP Compliance Officer and the Director of school performance.

I am very happy to report that the Stage 3 team – Mrs Byrne, Mrs Giglio and Ms Pepin- came through brilliantly. Many extra hours of work went into preparing for the day and it is greatly appreciated. Well done ladies.



Dates to Remember

Mon 4th May: please be at school on time....

School Photos – Students will be dressed in their full winter uniform

Tues 5th May: Diocesan Cross Country

Wed 6th May: Mothers' Day Stall

Thur 7th May: Stage 3 girls' soccer gala day

Fri 8th May: Whole school Mothers' Day Mass in the church.

Week 4: NAPLAN on Tues, Wed and Thurs for Year 3 and 5



CENTENARY OF ANZAC

'At 0500hrs, three platoons of the leading company of the 7th Battalion set off in four of the ship's boats. As they moved away from the dim light, the Company Commander, Major Jackson could see the flashes of shells and rifles to their front. Approaching the shore, the men caught the sound of firing; to their right they could see shells bursting over other boats of the Battalion. Ahead they saw rifle and machine gun fire cutting up the water. As the lead boat, under the command of Captain Layh, entered the field of fire, five out of the six rowers were shot, but others took the oars, and they pushed on. The boat was scraping the shingle when, as Captain Layh threw himself into the water beside it, he was shot through the hip. As he turned to call the men forward, he was again shot in the leg. With the survivors, he scrambled toward the little grass-tufted sand hummocks fringing the beach, and they lay low behind them. Of the 140 men in the four boats, only 3 officers and 36 men, many wounded, made the safety of the hummocks, the rest lay dead or dying behind them.'

(C.E.W. Bean, *'The Story of ANZAC'*)

- ⊗ The cross is to remind us of all the soldiers and civilians who like Jesus gave their lives unselfishly for others.
- ⊗ An Australian flag is draped over the cross to remind us that this is truly a national day of prayer for peace, when we pray for all those who died or were injured in war.
- ⊗ We place red poppies at the foot of the cross to remind us of the great sacrifice of those who lost their lives and the need to turn from war and hatred to become peace-seeking people.
- ⊗ Rosemary is used as a symbol of remembrance because it has a smell that is unforgettable.
- ⊗ Our school's Centenary of Anzac perpetual remembrance plaque commemorates 100 years since the landing of the ANZACs in Gallipoli.
- ⊗ Our Lady Help of Christians and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the Patron Saints of Australia



Lord, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them. We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.



Thank you to the special guests who attended this ceremony. From left Mrs Ray Williams, Member for Hawkesbury, Fr Warren Edwards, PP, Mr Strykowski, bugler, Mrs Ormsby, Member of the Army Reserve and Col. Crozier of the Army Reserve. Also our school captains, Angelina Cutuk and Alex Bennett. Thank you to Mrs Eisenhuth and Mrs Schroder for preparing the ceremony and the students for their presentation.



From the P&F.....

Mother's Day

Just a reminder that all Mother's Day notes need to be returned to the office by Monday 4th May. The stall will be held on Wednesday 6th May commencing immediately after assembly. If you are able to assist with set up or during the stall please email the olapfc@gmail.com

New P&F Email Address

We would like to advise that we have a new email address. Could all enquiries please now be sent to: olapfc@gmail.com

My apologies for not answering messages received in the last couple of weeks but we have been having ongoing problems with the old email address. If you have sent any emails through recently, and not received a reply, could you please resend to the new email address and we will get back to you asap.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 13th May at 7.00pm in the year 4 ground floor space. All positions are vacated and open for nominations. We hope to see you there.

Kind Regards, P&F Committee



School Photos – Monday 4th May

A few reminders for our school photos on Monday:-

- Children will be wearing their **full WINTER** uniform for the photo.
- Every child **MUST** have an envelope to have an individual photo taken
- Envelopes must be returned on Monday
- **NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN AT THE OFFICE** – If you need change on Monday morning, please either go to the shops or ATM to get change.
- Family photo envelopes are available at the office if you have not already collected one.



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Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder to keep reading and recording books using the online book list. Many children have been excitedly telling me how many books they are up to and this enthusiasm for reading is wonderful. What a great gift we give to our children when we share their passion for reading.

Social Skills

The social skill for this fortnight is all about making friends. Have a discussion with your child about the qualities of a good friend, what they look for in a friend and ways they can demonstrate friendship. Look for examples of healthy friendships and ways to develop these. This important skill in relationship building is one that, if developed early, will last a lifetime.

Lunchtime clubs

This term we have an exciting variety of lunchtime clubs on offer including: garden, dance, lego, comic drawing, puzzle club, card club and golf club. The teachers announce these clubs at the morning assembly and invite the children to attend.

Book Club

Due date for bookclub is Friday 8th May. No cash will be accepted. Please pay online.



The staff at St John Paul II Catholic College (formerly Terra Sancta College) understand that we all have very busy schedules - so if you have not had the chance to hand in your child's enrolment for high school yet, that's okay!

St John Paul II Catholic College are still accepting enrolments for 2016. Parents/caregivers are welcome to submit an application at the College Office during Monday to Friday, 7.30am - 3.30pm.

If you have any enquires regarding enrolments, please feel free to contact Enrolment Secretary, Fay Lovett, on 9208 7205.

1/5/2015

O.L.A Time Capsule

In 2009 A small class of 19 children started in a tiny demountable at O.L.O.R Kellyville. It was just one class called KA with a teacher Mrs Byrne, Principal Mrs La Rocca Office assistant Mrs Goldsworthy and a parish priest Fr. Warren. We were all very close and stuck together for everything.

At O.L.A we are blessed with a lot of student creativity. Inside our little time capsule we have letters from the foundation class, some of our belief statements, the year books and staff photos. All of these are the students opinions of our amazing 7 years at O.L.A and how lucky we are to attend the school.

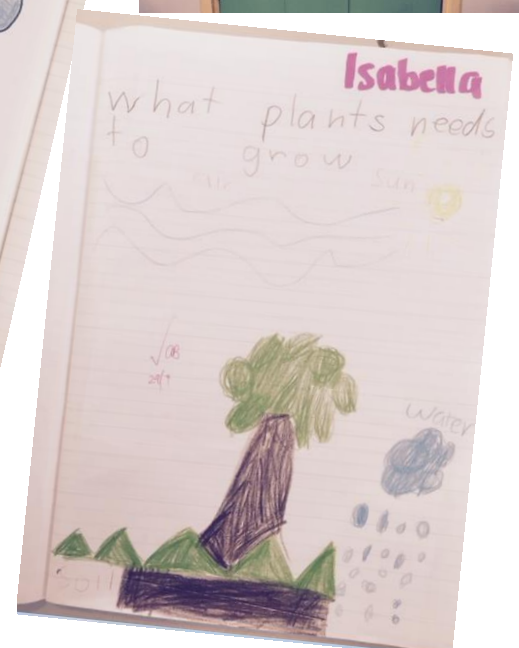
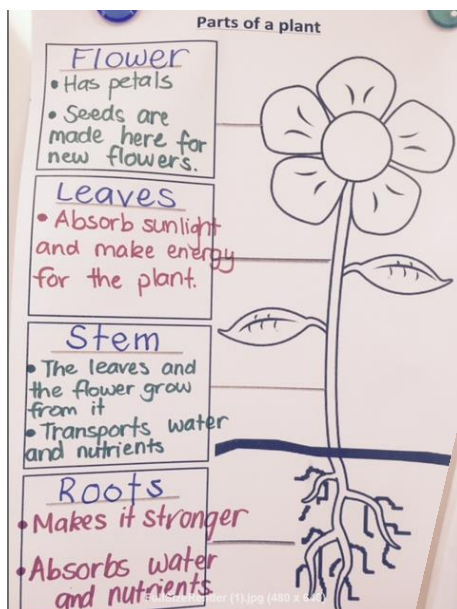
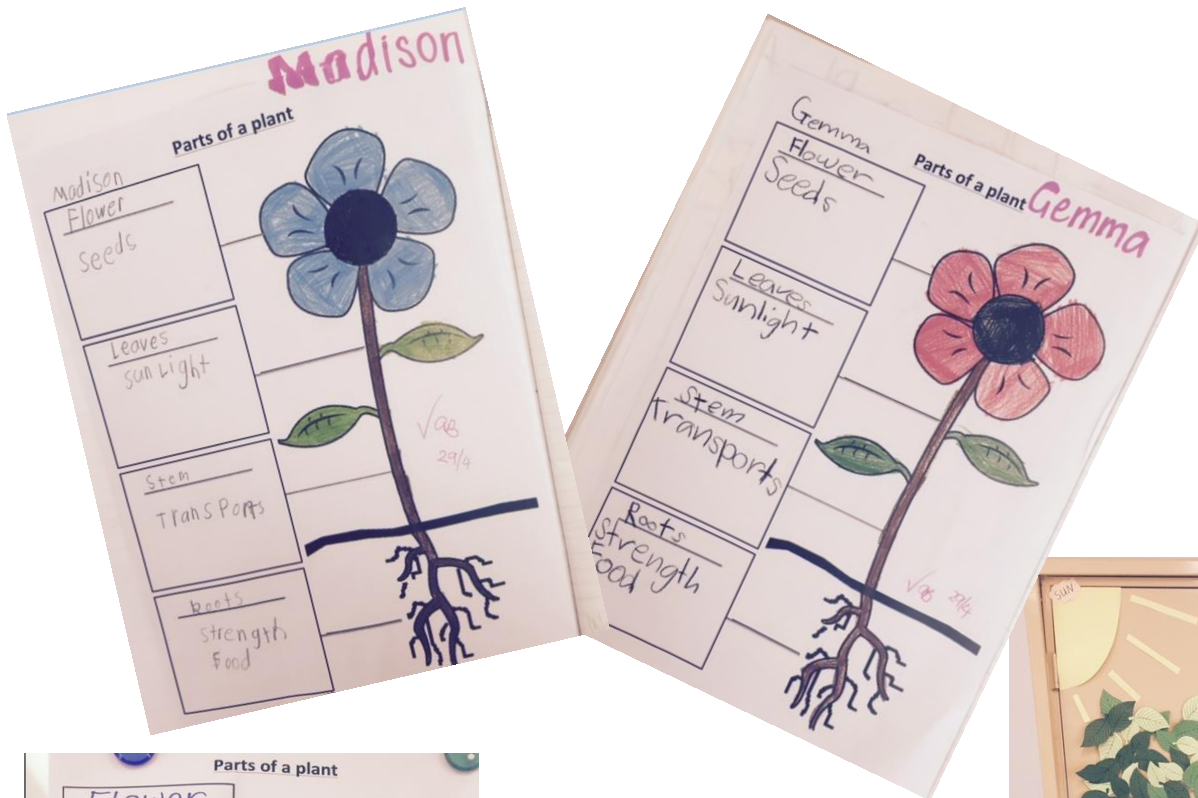
A few things that represent or say O.L.A are the old and new hat, A copy of our school song and St. Francis prayer, and the newspaper articles. These represent our motto 'Faith, Seeking and understanding' and our growing popularity in the community.

Overall this time capsule bears beautiful memories of O.L.A and will continue until the end of the world.

Kiv: Rathanu Neneh Year 6 House captain

FROM THE CLASSROOM... Year 1B

We have begun our unit "Our Living World" and have been exploring Living things. We were very excited to learn about the different parts of plants and what they need to grow. Below you can see some of our work and our classroom where we have been learning about plants growing. We have a display in our classroom that shows all the things we discovered that plants need. We are very excited to learn about other living things as the term progresses!



From the Parish Office...

Our New Church

"and upon this rock I will build My church" Matthew 16:18

There will be a special mass on Friday, 1 May at 7.30pm for the Consecration and Blessing of our new church. You are invited to attend. Please be aware that due to the great number of clergy, religious and dignitaries, seating will be ticketed. We ask that you also be aware of parking regulations and note that parking will be limited to neighbouring sporting fields.

We're fundraising with Entertainment

The Parish are also fundraising with the Entertainment Books. If you would like to order online before 27 April, you will be able to receive \$150.00 worth of Early Bird Offers for only \$65. Please contact the parish office and we will be able to provide you with the purchasing

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

All families will by now have been sent confirmation of their First Holy Communion date. If you have not yet received an email, we ask that you contact the Parish office immediately.

Please note that your first session will be on Thursday, 7 May at 7.30pm. All sessions are compulsory.

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am Wed -7pm Novena Mass to St Joseph for special intercessions for the Building of our Church.

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603

Numeracy Hint -

Look for and discuss patterns in the environment...tiles in a bathroom, stripes on clothing, pegs on the clothesline. Discuss what would come next if the pattern continued.



Uniform Shop

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last two weeks with backorders etc from the uniform shop. As you can appreciate we were inundated with uniform orders due to the cold snap.

Just a reminder that from next week, we will be back to our normal uniform shop times:-

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. As you can appreciate it, 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 and this is sent home through the office bag. The new uniform price list with c/card details is on the website.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. *Mrs Goldsworthy*

God bless and keep you safe over the weekend.

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

'Student of the Week'

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Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Sophia Iori	Natalia Zahorsky	Abbey Hollier
Kinder G	Lucious Cappello	Grace Labbad	Lachlan Heaney
Kinder W	Giancarlo Mazza	Charlotte Ives	Addyson Stoddard
Year 1B	Justin Medjumurac	Isabella Cauchi	Lucas Cajic
Year 1 G	Ben Roffman	Daniel Knowles	Lachlan Connellan
Year 1W	Jack Winn	Alivia Turner	Emma Quijano
Year 2 B	Max Fisher	Brayden Stoddard	Lachlan Hollier
Year 2 G	Isabel Williams	Joshua Orton	Natalie Holopikian
Year 2 W	Drew Sammut	Isabella Sanborn	Kobe Ormsby
Year 3 B	Felicity Scott	Ava Bennett	Ashton Galea
Year 3 W	Cody Tickell	Heidi Papandrea	David Parada
Year 4 B	Nadia Gruca	Rory McArdle	Nicholas Hallal
Year 4 G	Sascha Strykowski	Melissa Preston	Marko Rangan
Year 4 W	Elysia Connellan	Mia Spowles	Antonia Manago
Year 5/6 B	Alex Bennet	Tamzin Naidoo	Rex Finch
Year 5/6 G	Mirko Basic	Kristrian Skoljarev	Remi Ferdinands
Year 5/6 W	Timiya Naidoo	Samuel Fitzgerald	Bryan Manago

