

NEWSLETTER

"Blessed are the pure in heart; they shall see God."

Dear Parents,

Above is the next line of The Beatitudes, our focus prayer during this Year of Mercy.

When something is pure, it is unmixed, untainted by any other thing. To be pure in heart is to have an undivided love for God, a heart unmixed with any other competing love. We think and say we love God, but often our love for God is conditional, second to other 'earthly pleasures' or conveniences. A typical example is the excuse of not having time for Mass on Sunday because of...x,y,z,etc.

The pure of heart shall see God, who calls us to love Him more than His gifts. The heart is the core of our being and when we have God, and only God, in our heart, we will see God all around us and act accordingly. This aligns with the first commandment – 'I am the Lord, Thy God; Thou shall not have strange gods before Me'. It also aligns with our school community's Formation Goal this year to build an awareness of God all around us.

Please ask your children where they see God, at school and at home. Avoid being reticent to talk to your child about God and share with them where you see God. I am sure you recognise the face of God every time you look into the beautiful face of your child.



Kindergarten Orientation

On Wednesday morning, we welcomed the 2017 Kinder students and their parents. The students were just delightful. I thank the 2017 Kinder teachers – Mrs Vella, Mr Baker and Ms Crozier – for their work in preparing the day to make these little people feel safe and welcomed. I thank the community for its cooperation by existing the school grounds and car park area as quickly as possible on this morning. I ask the same for next Wednesday morning, to minimise traffic.

Again a big thank you to the P&F in providing morning tea for 2017 Kinder parents. It was lovely to meet so many new people who will be joining our school community next year. Please refer to the P&F News page for morning tea next Wednesday morning.



It is with great delight that I announce Mrs Byrne's appointment as Religious Education Coordinator. Mrs Byrne has been in the acting role in Mrs Callaghan's absence. Mrs Callaghan has recently resigned from the position for personal reasons. I wish Katrina every success. Fr Warren and I are confident she will continue the good work done to date.

Congratulations also to the Kindergarten team who underwent Peer review Process this week. Peer Review is the CEDP system's component of compliance. The results were a resounding success and a credit to that team and a reflection of the dedication and professionalism among the staff at OLA. Well done!

CHANGE OF DATE: P&F MEETING IS CHANGED FROM THIS WED TO WED 9TH NOV.

Dates to Remember

NO CLASS MASS NEXT WEEK

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| Tues 1 st Nov | All Saints Day – Whole School Mass |
| Wed 2 nd Nov | 2017 Kindergarten Orientation |
| Thurs 3 rd Nov | Reading Afternoon – 2.30pm |
| Fri 4 th Nov | Samaritan Purse Shoebox due to be returned |
| Wed 9 th Nov | P&F Meeting – 7pm. All welcomb |

Sunday, 30th October 2016: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Gospel Reflection

Zacchaeus probably didn't like crowds. He was short and needed to climb a tree in order to see Jesus better.

Do you like crowds? Why or why not?

What are some other reasons why some people might not like crowds?

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Zacchaeus seemed to know that he had been dishonest as a tax collector, yet he told the crowd right away that he was giving half of his money to the poor, and paying back four times as much money to anyone he had cheated. This was quite a generous offer.

Have you ever wronged anyone and then had to figure out a way to make it up to that person? What did you do? How did it work out? Did a lot of people know about it? What was their reaction?

Did anyone ever wrong you and then try to make it up to you? Were you forgiving or not?

Why? Are you friends with this person now? Why or why not? (© Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart - St Mary's Press. 28-10-2016)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas child is all about giving children from poverty or war stricken countries the precious gift of God's unconditional love. We are asking families at OLA to collect a shoebox from the office and fill it with something to wear, something to play with something for school, something to love, something special and something for personal hygiene. The shoebox you pack with your family will very likely be the first gift the child has ever received.

All shoe boxes need to be returned by 4th November 2016 to the office. If you are paying for the postage of your shoebox can you please tape envelope to the top of the box.



Swim Program – K – Yr 4

Last week a google doc survey was sent home to each family in Kindy to Year 4. If you have not completed the survey, could you please do so immediately, as we need to forward this information to the swim centre early next week.

Thank You. Mrs Byrne

Literacy News

Vocabulary building tips

Be sure to ask rhetorical questions during the story in order to introduce new words and concepts. If your child says, "The island was really hot," you could ask, "Was it a tropical island?" Make a point to use new words in regular conversations thereafter. Forcing them to articulate their ideas will have them reaching for new words, and you can also help them along with suggestions.

Source: Shawn Greer

Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book.

This means one picture of dad/grandpa/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading.

Reading Afternoon

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of reading with their child on **Thursday 3rd November at 2:30pm**. This will be the final 'Rug Reading' afternoon for the year.

Words of the Week

Infants- sly

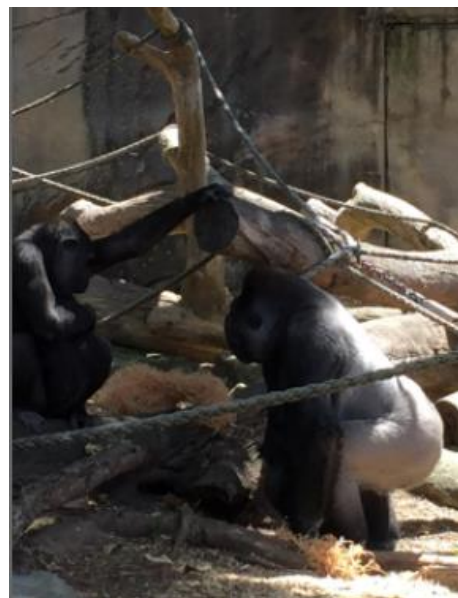
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Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Year 5 Excursion to Taronga Zoo

On 19th of October, year 5 went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo for our Science unit. When we arrived at the zoo a tour guide came and gave us a lesson on ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS. We learnt how animals use their abilities to protect themselves from predators and to hide from their prey. Then we went behind the hospital to see a turtle who had lost a flipper and was in a rescue tank strengthening it up to be released back into the wild. After that we were allowed to enter the main part of the zoo. First we saw all the African animals, the zebras were the most fascinating. I learned that like finger prints, no zebra pattern is the same. When we saw all the reptiles they were really well camouflaged. I thought some of the enclosures were empty but you just had to look for them really hard. I really enjoyed seeing the giraffes, they had a statue of the world's tallest baby giraffe. I got to stand next to it- I felt so short! When we saw the monkeys their adaptation was their long tail to swing from tree to tree. I also enjoyed seeing the gorillas because they were so much like us in the way they moved, ate maybe not talked, but they were cool. We took lots of photos and had a good time we learned so much for our excursion. Then on the way back I was so tired I fell asleep.

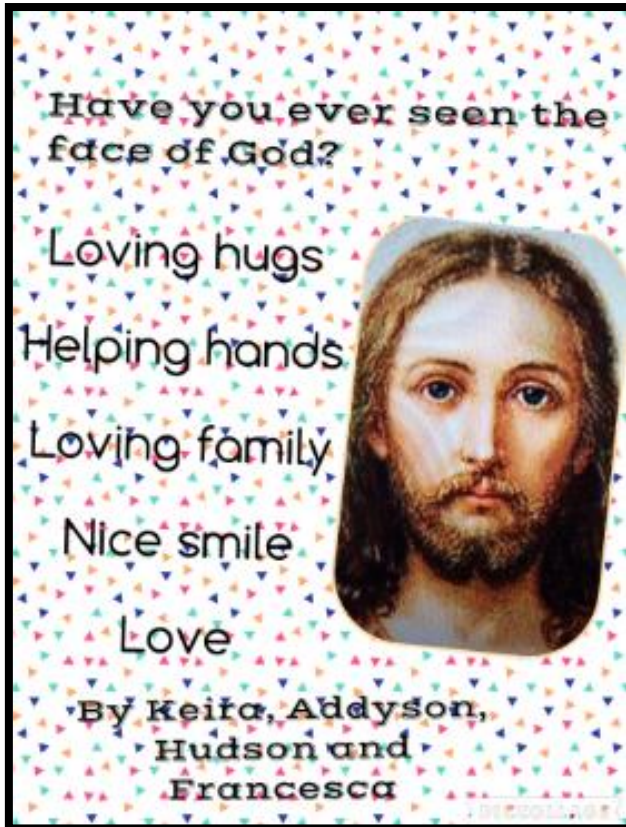
By Trinity Johnston 5G



FROM THE CLASSROOM...

1W

In the past few weeks Year One have been lucky to not only participate in a poetry inservice, but have also have been blessed by a visit from the Cross of Mercy. In 1W we have been inspired to write poems about the face of God. Here are some of our creations.





P&F NEWS



The bus has been confirmed....

Due to the size of our bus we have 8 available seats for our Shopping Trip on Sunday, November 6th, 2016.

Where will the tour take you?

We will visit 10-12 stores.... These include a Christmas Store, Manchester, Shoes, Sports/Active Wear, Children's Toys, Home & Gift Warehouse, Surf Wear and Sweet Treats... oh and this includes lunch!

Please contact Annemarie on 0407 953 788 if you are interested. All shoppers who have booked will receive an email next week confirming all the details.

2017 Kinder Orientation

This week the P&F provided morning Tea for the parents of our 2017 Kinder children. Thank you to the team who prepared and organised this.

Cuppa and Chat – Welcoming our 2017 Kinder Families

Next Wednesday November 2nd we will be welcoming the 2017 Kinder parents with a cuppa and chat. If you are free after the school drop off bell, please join us in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to our current Kinder families who have been invited to host with the P&F. Please contact us if you are able to bring a plate or stay to share your 'big school' parent wisdom.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND 8.30am PARISH HALL



We have these items and sizes available:

- Jumpers - Sizes 4 & 6
- Sports Track Suit Jackets - Sizes 4,6 & 18
- Sports Track Suit Pants - Sizes 4,6,12,14 & 18
- Sports Shorts- Sizes 16 & 20
- Sports Shirts - Sizes 6,12&18
- Bomber Jackets - Size 4 & 6
- Boys Winter Trousers - Sizes 6, 8, 12 & 14
- Boys Winter Shirts - Sizes 4,6,8,12 &16
- Boys Summer Shirts- Size 4,6,8,12&16
- Summer Dresses - Sizes 4,6&8
- Winter Dresses - Sizes 4 -12
- Girls Winter Shirts- Sizes 6& 12
- Library Bags
- Hats
- Boys Ties
- Girls Hair bands/Scrunchies

Any items of uniform that you would like to **donate** to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the clean items to the school office in a plastic bag on **Monday**. Thank you in advance!



FINAL P&F MEETING FOR 2016
Wednesday November 9th
At 7pm

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – No Special Treats on November 4th due to Year 6 food stall. Special Treats will resume Nov 11.



Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association

*** *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*

ICAS maths - Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS maths competition with special acknowledgement to the following students who were awarded their certificates last Monday:

Merit - Karl Fischer, Janiya Delacruz, Charlotte Zahra, Juliana Constantino, Charlie Cutroni, David Parada, Eoin Trainor

Credit - Janelle Mensah, Sophia Dobaj, Cohan Sommer, Lauren Caraos, Marcus Mileto, Lucy Taylor, Alicia Dersch, Caitlyn Palmer- Burton, Jessica Bollard, Akeesha Gunasekara, Harry Taylor, Max Fischer, Roman Bizzanelli, Remi Ferdinands, Maneesha Gunasekara,

Distinction - Joyce Ghobrial, Aidan Vilathgamuwa

High Distinction - James Apap, Kalan Oxspring, Celina Wassef

This is the last of the ICAS competitions for this year.



Rockin' the Mish Mash

On the 28th of October OLA showed up to school in their amazing Mish Mash colours. Each child participated in the mufti day by dressing up and bringing in a gold coin donation. This donation will go towards the postage of close to 300 shoeboxes, that many children have created to send all over the world. By Claudia and Daniella (Year 6 Sports captains)



6W Bursts Of Wild Colours



Year 1 Goes Crazy



Year 3 strut their moves.



Kindies always surprise us





| Term 4 Week 3 | | | |
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| Student | Academic Merit Award | St Francis Award | Einstein Award |
| Year 3 B | Janelle Mensah | Sienna Gibson | Lachlan Hollier |
| Year 3 G | Madison Mihalic | Max Cutroni | Sarah Cleary |
| Year 3 W | Bella Molano | Rafael Ira | Isaac Xuereb |
| Year 4 B | John-Paul Doueihi | Nicholas Kamber | Matthew Geoghegan |
| Year 4 W | Brianna Arellano | Oliver Vrljic | Thomas Lenane |
| Year 5 B | Beatrice Espejo | Tatum Crook | Troy Graham |
| Year 5 G | Lucas Lesar | Olivia Jones | Juliana Constantino |
| Year 5W | William Blazey | Marko Rangan | Jade Richardson |
| Year 6 B | Rebecca Charlesworth | Nicholas Sweeney | Raphael DiLorenzo |
| Year 6 W | Sebastian Cauchi | Tiarne McLuskey | Seronique Taylor |

From the Parish Office...

All Souls Day Mass

A special mass will be held on All Souls Day, Wednesday, 2 November at 7.30pm. If anyone has had a relative recently deceased and would like to be included in the All Souls Day mass offering, please give the details of the deceased (date of birth and death) to Fr Warren by Mon 30 October and we will have a special candle lit for that soul during the mass.

Baptism Seminar

For those members of our Parish who would like to have a child Baptised, there will be a Baptism Seminar this Sunday in the OOSH room at 11am.

Youth Evening

Inviting all Year 6 students to come along to our Huge Youth Evening tonight at 7pm. The Youth will be holding some awesome activities. BYO some nibblies. Finishing at 9pm.

Church Works

You will notice that there is some painting being undertaken in the Church. We ask for your patience and consideration around the Boom Lift and your continued support to ensure parental supervision that children do not touch this machine.

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

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

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Homework?

<http://www.parent.co/31-things-your-kids-should-be-doing-instead-of-homework/>

Until next week, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca, Principal