

*"Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called the children of God."*

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the end of the Liturgical year and, with it, this Special Jubilee Year of Mercy. As a school community we have made the Beatitudes a focus prayer, a line at a time. Above is the next. What does it mean to be a peacemaker? It is amusing and predictable when entrants in beauty pageants are asked what they wish for, they inevitably answer, 'I wish for world peace.' Don't we all?

A peacemaker is one who strives to *bring together*, to maintain a genuine harmony among people. Sometimes, in order for this to happen, Christians may need to take up arms and fight and even die for peace. In the past, our veterans have done. People who gossip are not peacemakers. They love scandal and division. Reflect for a moment – can you identify anyone who is like this? How can you be a peace maker by not entering into this way of behaviour and show them how to be the face of God and a true peace maker.

The answer to peace in the world lies in 'the power of one' - each of us in our homes and in our workplace- have the power, one at a time, to collectively achieve world peace and build God's Kingdom of love and justice.

Thank you to the parents who participated in the post Religion Formation Goal Survey. Indeed, the results from the staff and students are most uplifting and heart-warming. To know that we exist and work in a community where members openly talk about and recognise God, this is truly a wonderful achievement and a gift.



Kindergarten 2017 Orientation

**CHANGE OF DATE: P&F MEETING IS CHANGED FROM THIS WED TO WED 9<sup>TH</sup> NOV.**

Dates to Remember	
NO CLASS MASS NEXT WEEK	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 League Tag Day
	P&F Meeting – 7pm. All welcome
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.00am Remembrance Prayer
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Program for Years 1, 2 and 4
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5/6 CPR Program

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (20:27-38)

***He is not a God of the dead but of the living.***

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

***Gospel Reflection***

We are urged to pray that the message of Jesus makes progress. This phrase, ‘makes progress’, is translated many different ways in different Bibles.

The New Jerusalem Bible says ‘spread quickly’. The Good News Bible and the New Revised Standard Version say ‘spread rapidly’. The Carmelite translation says ‘speed on and triumph’. It is urgent that we race on and get this message of Jesus out to everyone.

We are being told, ‘Hurry up! Get going! Get the message of Jesus out there! Get everyone talking about Jesus! Don’t waste any more time! This is important stuff! High priority!’

What is the message of Jesus? How would you explain it to someone?

Do you live your life with this urgency to get out the message of Jesus? Why or why not?

What is the most pressing matter in your life right now? What is your most urgent need or issue?

Where does the message of Jesus fit in with all this? (© Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart - St Mary's Press. 4/11/2016)

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**Thank you!**

We would like to thank all our OLA parents for their kind generosity in putting a smile on over 250 children’s faces around the world. We have been overwhelmed with your ‘Acts of Mercy’ and the way the children have engaged themselves in packing boxes full of love to spread the Good News. This is truly an example of the Face of God.

Thank You

**If you still have shoe boxes please returned on Monday 7th November to the office.** If you are paying for the postage of your shoebox can you please tape envelop to the top of the box.



## Literacy News

### Vocabulary building tips

One way to improve your child's vocabulary is by simply talking more. Start conversations frequently. For younger kids like toddlers and babies, you can just give them a play-by-play of your daily activities: "Now I'm putting the cookies in the oven," or, "I'm getting ready to go to work." Kids constantly absorb everything they hear. The more they hear you speak, the more you can teach them. As kids get older, give them a chance to speak more and practice their expanding vocabulary on you.

Source: Shawn Greer

### Reading Afternoon

Thank you to the families who could join us yesterday for our last 'Rug Reading' afternoon for the year. We will continue with these next year.

### Whole School Writing Task

This week all students completed their last 'Whole School Writing Task' for the year. Students viewed a literacy clip called 'Bubbles' and wrote an imaginative text. Our literacy focus this year has been for all students' writing to reflect an increase in the use of richer vocabulary. Well done to all students!

### Words of the Week

Infants- hobby

Primary- kindle

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



### Meditation Club

At meditation club we go through guided meditations with Mrs Zivic in the year 5 classroom. Some participants have said that they have never felt more relaxed before. We lie down and close our eyes to enter another world. Every student should come and join in if they need time to relax and clear their mind.

Some of things we do include...guided breathing, imagining we are going on an adventure and listening to relaxing music. We also talk about God and strengthen our relationship with Him. We enjoy this club loads and encourage others to join too.

By Emily and Aria Year 5





## FROM THE CLASSROOM...1B



Alysha



Giancarlo



Julie



Lucas



Jake

**1B have been learning about the weather and have been exploring the seasons. We have integrated the learning by creating HOT/COLD art using cool and warm colours and writing Dylan Thomas poems.**

**HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED WINTER ?**

**FROZEN STATUES  
TEETH CHATTERING  
SCARFS EVERYWHERE  
BLUE FACE**

**FREEZING.**

**JESSICA**

**GIANCARLO**

**PICCOLLAGE**

**HAVE YOU EVER  
EXPERIENCED WINTER**

**CHILLY GOLD**

**NUMB BONES**

**SNOWMAN SNOW**

**SNOWBALL FIGHT**

**FREEZE**

**PICCOLLAGE**

Grace

**HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED  
SUMMER?**

**MELTING ICE CREAM  
BOILING HEAT  
SWIMMING POOL  
SKIN BURNING  
HOT**

Julie



# P&F NEWS

**THANK YOU** to all the parents who provided morning tea for the 2017 Kinder families and to those who popped in for a cuppa and chat! We had a wonderful turn out and in usual OLA style it was a very warm welcome for our new families.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. We hope that those who attended the sale on Wednesday were able to find what they were looking for. If you have any items of clothing 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 as soon as possible. Items will be on sale on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> before the school assembly.

## **End of Year Kinder Dinner**

An email was sent out to the Kinder parents for our end of year dinner on Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. So far we have quite a few attending! If you missed the email please contact Annemarie at [mnabond@bigpond.com](mailto:mnabond@bigpond.com)  
Looking forward to another great night out!



## ***FINAL P&F GENERAL MEETING FOR 2016*** ***WEDNESDAY: 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. It is also an opportunity to hear from Mrs La Rocca all the wonderful things that have been happening with our children and school. General business items can be added to the agenda by submitting them to [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday November 8th.

### **AGENDA**

- Fiesta wrap up
- Father's Day Stall
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Kinder Orientation Morning Teas
- Second Hand Uniform Sale
- BARGAIN BUYERS Shopping Trip
- Special Treats
- Tea and Tissues Morning Tea: 1 February 2017 (Wednesday)
- Swimming Carnival: 3 February 2017 (Friday)
- Welcome BBQ in 2017
- Donation to school





**FIESTA NEWS**  
*We are very excited to  
announce that the  
OLA FIESTA raised  
**\$42929!***

*Congratulations to the OLA Community! Thank you again to everyone for your enthusiasm, hard work and participation in this event. Half of the money raised will go into the P&F account to be used as donations to the school in the future.*

*Further details will be given at the P&F General Meeting on Wednesday.*

*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*



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### BOSTES 'Write On' competition

Congratulations to **Patrick Leach** who received a Bronze Award for his entry in the BOSTES 'Write On' Competition. Well done Patrick!!  
Here is his story:-

#### *Ben's Stolen Shoes*

*On a stormy Saturday Ben was eating lunch. Lunch was pea soup. the heavy rain drops reminded him of the soup plopping in the bowl. He didn't like the peas in the soup so he stuck out his tongue and threw it out the window onto the soaked grass.*

*Ben's mum was away in England teaching. Or so he was told. As he laid down in bed, Ben watched the rain outside and listened to grandma cook breakfast. He hoped for bacon and eggs but he had a feeling it was spaghetti and Brussel sprouts with vegemite.*

*Ben wanted to escape to avoid the same breakfast argument. Through the unlocked window he scurried down the drain pipe. It was freezing outside. Ben dashed down the street. The ground was icy under his feet. Ben hadn't worn shoes since his mum left and his grandma was waiting for her pension.*

*Ben wanted to create distance between himself and his grandma. She would find out soon that he was missing. The only place he felt safe was a half-submerged carriage sheltered by a wall Climbing into the carriage ben saw Jacob and his twin brothers. As usual, they were only wearing shorts. There was a knock on the door and they were joined by Max, Matilda and Milly*

*Jacob said he saw the fisherman who thought he was still in the war leave his shoes on a rock. Jacob glared at Ben. Ben knew what Jacob was going to tell him to do. So he volunteered to steal the shoes.*

*Hiding behind the joinery shop the twins were lookout. They gave the all clear signal of thumbs up. Ben dashed out across the rocky shore and into the ice cold water. The fisherman had not yet seen him. His heart was pounding as he grabbed the shoes.*

*Swiftly he ran up the beach to behind the joinery shop. Ben puts on his new stolen shoes. As they climbed up the wall, Jacob congratulated Ben. Staring at his shoes, Ben didn't feel great so he walked home staring at his feet thinking of the old man. He wished he didn't steal the shoes.*



### From the Parish....

#### Reconciliation - Year 2

Next Thursday Lesson 1 will take place at 7.30pm. Please remember that these lessons are compulsory. All enquiries: [parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au)

#### First Friday Mass and Adoration

Today is the First Friday of November. You are invited to come along to Mass and Adoration at 7pm. There will be a light supper afterwards.

#### 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.

**Bingo** - will be held in the Hall on Saturday, 26 November from 7pm. Please advise if the office if you are attending.

**Parish Christmas Party** - Keep free Sunday, 18 December for our Parish Christmas Party. Santa will be visiting. Please let him know if you are attending so that he can remember to bring your child (ages 0-12) a little gift. Food and drinks for sale.

#### 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

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:** Christine Leahy

**Email:** [parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au)

**Website:** [www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au](http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au)

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**Congratulations also to Darci Buxton who participated in the Sister 2 Sister end of year singing performance. Darci was awarded the 2016 Tween Singer of the Year which is a wonderful achievement. Well done Darci, we are proud of you!!**

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

Term 4 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Nate Luther	Raylin Chetty	Heidi Nicholls
Kinder G	Evan Galea	Luciana Salib	Leila Swinden
Kinder W	Jack Austin	Lucas Clarke	William Harvey
Year 1 B	Mya Bassili	Thomas Gutwenger	Dylan Halwani
Year 1 W	Kristian Cajic	Jelena Tolentino	Matthew Kamber
Year 1 G	Willow Johnston	Lucious Cappello	Jett Fiorio
Year 2 G	Mitchell Ross	Emma Cleary	Celina Wassef
Year 2 W	Ayden Stewart	Harrison Fiorio	Stella Signorelli
Year 2 B	Thomas Cutuk	Lucas Cajic	Alicia Gladwell