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Week 4 Term 4

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

In AD325, Constantine called together the first Ecumenical Council. Over 1800 bishops from across the then known world gathered in the city of Nicaea, today known as Iznik, in Turkey. Most significantly, this council resulted in the first uniform Christian doctrine called the Nicene Creed. 'Creed' comes from the Latin 'credo' – to believe. On Sundays when we go to Mass, we pray the Creed together declaring all that we believe as members of the Catholic Church. Today, this includes 'the communion of saints'. The communion of saints is the spiritual union of the members of the Church, living and the dead, those on earth, in heaven and in purgatory. We are all part of a single mystical body with Christ as the head, in which each member contributes to the good of all and shares in the welfare of all.

The saints hold a very special place in the church as do all departed souls. This Sunday, November 1st, is All Saints Day and a holy day of obligation. The 2nd of November is All Souls Day when we remember to pray for all those who have died. Monday morning assembly will begin with a liturgy for All Souls Day. It is through prayer that we are united with the dead so remember to say a special prayer for any relatives or friends who have departed this life.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ALL SOULS' DAY



Kinder Orientation

Yesterday, we welcomed OLA's 2016 Kinder students and their parents. It is always such a delight to see new families join our ever growing community. Thank you for everyone's cooperation in making this a smooth process. A big thanks to the P&F for providing morning tea for the parents.

There will be a second Kinder orientation morning next Thursday.

What a nice surprise!

Thank you to the P&F, yet again, for providing lunch today in recognition of World Teachers' Day. What a treat! It is heart-warming to know that the hard work of our staff is appreciated and rewarded in this way. Thanks again! We are very fortunate to have such a generous parent body, as well. All teachers give you their 'thumbs up'!

Thank you P&F

*Happy World Teachers
Day*

*...to our very super, duper,
extra fantastic teachers here
at OLA
and to teachers everywhere.*



Dates to Remember

- Thurs 29th Oct Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am
- Mon 2nd Nov All Souls Day – Liturgy
- Thurs 5th Nov Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning 9.15am – 11.00am
- Week 6: Swimming Program for Yrs 1, 2 & 3
- Wed 11th Nov: Remembrance Prayer at 11am.
- Week 7: Swimming program for Yr 4 and kinder

Please pray for the students in Yr 2 preparing to receive Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.



Gospel Reflection

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for joy they will be filled.” (v6)

Matthew 5:1-12a

“Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How blessed are the poor in spirit: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are the gentle: they shall have the earth as inheritance.

Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness: they shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be recognised as children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

¹Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.”



Reflection

In Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus is on the mountain and His disciples around him. He is speaking to the crowds. Just like the Ten Commandments shared by Moses as God’s Laws, Jesus now teaches the life-style and rules of life for people who want to follow Christ and enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The substance of the Beatitudes is in Jesus’ words, ‘Blessed are the poor and spirit, the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.’ The meaning behind this is for people who hope for the Kingdom of Heaven should not put their trust in the kingdom of the world, but put their trust in God alone. The person who has the spirit of poverty is honest, moral and careful to practice justice. It is the faithful and their belief and trust in God, who have chosen to follow His teachings will be rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven. (God’s Word 2015-Daily Reflections)



All Saints Day-1st November

From the first centuries after Christ, Christians who died a martyr’s death were considered saints, who live in God’s presence forever. Every year, on the anniversary of the martyrs’ deaths, Christians would visit their tombs and celebrate the Eucharist. This practice grew throughout the centuries to include remembering other outstanding Christians on the days they died. Soon the entire calendar was filled with memorials of the saints. In the ninth century, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as the day to remember all the saints living in God’s presence. (<http://www.loyolapress.com/all-saints-day.htm> 29/10/2015)

All Souls’ Day 2nd November

All Souls’ Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven.

(www.catholic.org/saints/allsouls/ 29/10/15)



*Mrs Katrina Byrne
Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator*

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER CONFIRMED CASE OF WHOOPING COUGH IN THE SCHOOL.

Please read the following notice...

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

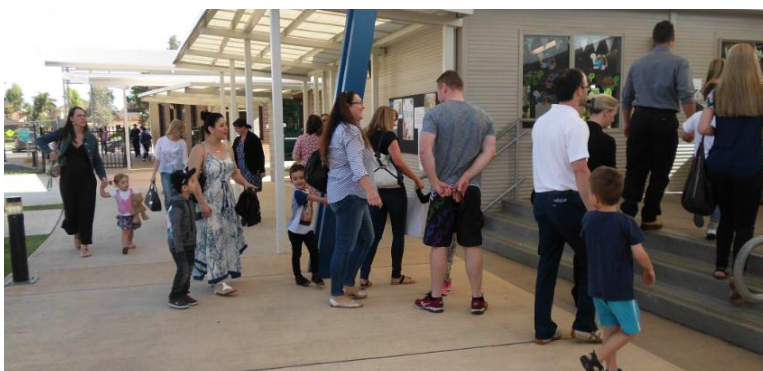
Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx>

Excited new Kindies coming to 'big school'



Expand your imagination by reading this summer and you could win an iPad mini

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of four iPad minis. The more books you read, the more chances you have to win!

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 5 February 2016.

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

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Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta
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The poster features a man in a red Hawaiian shirt and a straw hat reading a book. The background is tropical with palm trees, a parrot, and a surfboard. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large 'iPad mini' in red.



P&F NEWS

Cuppa and Chat – Welcoming our 2016 Kinder Families

Next Thursday November 5th we will be welcoming the 2016 Kinder parents with a cuppa and chat. If you are free after the school drop off bell, wander up to 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.

[Parent Representative Council Meeting: 16 November 2015 at 7pm](#)

Diocesan Assembly Centre Blacktown

'All students are gifted and talented... identifying pathways to success'

*** www.prc.catholic.edu.au for more details ***

THANK YOU to all the parents who attended our last 'General Meeting' for the year on Wednesday evening. It was wonderful to see new faces. We look forward to seeing you again at our next meeting in Term 1, 2016.

** 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 or message via our [Facebook page](#).



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*



OLA Gymnastics Team –

Rebecca and Sarah Cleary, Jasmyn Robertson and Sofia Silva competed at the Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics Competition today. The girls showed great sportsmanship, team encouragement and proudly represented their school. A huge thanks to Kelly Cleary and Kimberly Marchant for taking the time to manage the girls.

Here they are making history in our School Sports Strip for the first time!

Thank you P&F for providing these.

And there's more....

Last weekend, Jasmyn Robertson and Rebecca Cleary competed at SGAC (Sydney Gym and Aquatic Centre) on Saturday and Sunday morning (respectively) and achieving amazing results.

Jasmyn and her team placed 1st overall on 4 apparatus and Rebecca and her team placed 2nd overall on 4 apparatus.

A great achievement for two girls who are dedicated to training and are always positive and supportive of each other and their teams.

Well done girls!



Social skill –

Staying out of fights –Weeks 5 and 6

The social skill this week is about how to avoid getting into fights by using strategies such as counting to ten, walking away, asking for help and acting out your best choice.

Bike safety

We have an increasing number of children riding bikes or scooters to school. If your child rides to school please remind them about the following safety rules:

- Helmets must be worn and buckled up at all times.
- Bikes and scooters are to be pushed through the school grounds and across the crossings.
- Bikes and scooters are to be parked behind the music room. Collecting bikes and scooters from this area after school must be done quickly and safely. Children are not to hang around in this area.
- Children only have permission to ride their own bike or scooter.

Parents are also asked to discuss appropriate road safety when riding to and from school.

Positive Behaviour Support 4 Learning (PBS4L)

In term 3, Mrs Kyra Giglio and I were pleased to be appointed Temporary Coordinators to review our whole school behaviour policy. This includes developing a problem solving framework called *Positive Behaviour Support 4 Learning*. *PBS4L* is a broad range of systemic and individualised strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behaviour. Their first task has been to identify problem behaviours and when and where they occur. Schools who have implemented *PBS4L* have shown an improvement in behavioural and learning outcomes. We aim to do the same.

It is important for students to be aware of expectations – consistently implemented by all staff members- if they are going to achieve successful behavioural outcomes.

One of our challenges is afternoon pick-up which you can appreciate is rather hectic. It is our responsibility to have the traffic move through as seamlessly as possible. For this reason, the students have been asked to have all of their belongings in their bags, sitting quietly, no eating or playing, whilst waiting listening for their name. They are allowed to read a book. Students are asked to have their belongings in their bags so they are ready to move when called. This includes football and any form of trading cards. Students know that any cards should be in their bags and what the consequences are. Thank you for your understanding and your support. It is appreciated.
Mrs Schroder.

From the Classroom - KW

Aboriginal Art

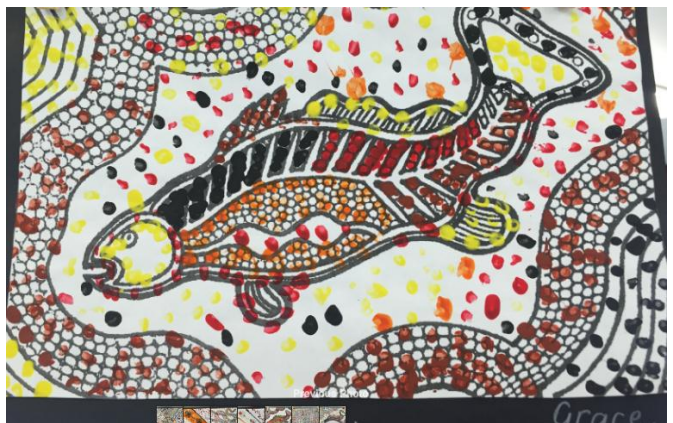
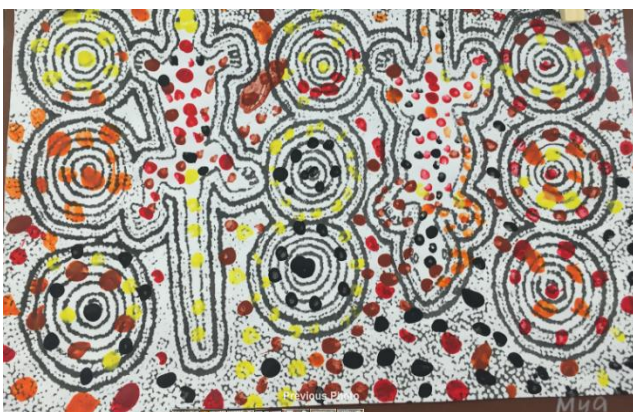
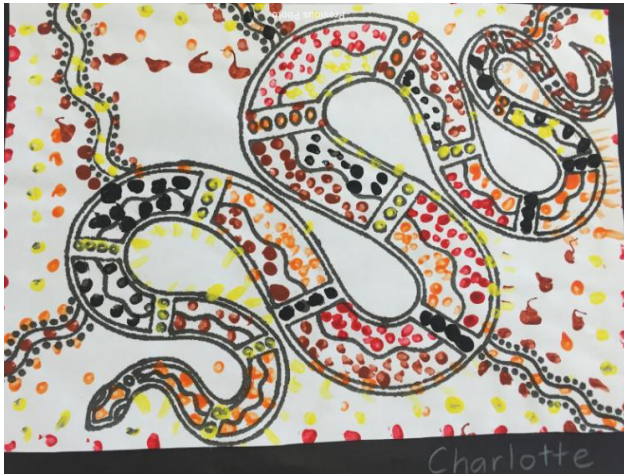
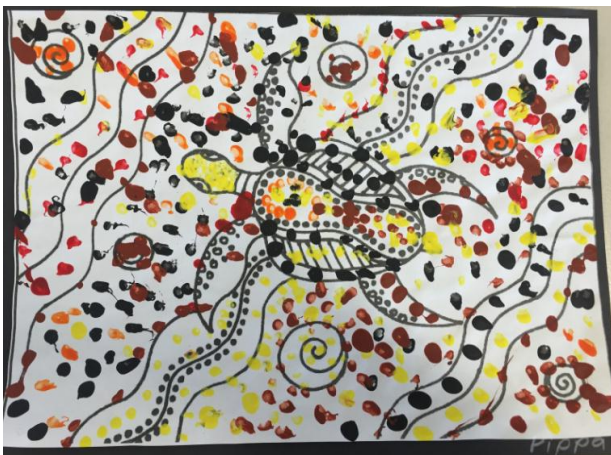
In Kindergarten we have been reading Aboriginal dreaming stories and looking at aboriginal artworks. We have had a go at creating some of our own aboriginal artworks. Look how great they are!



"I used the colours red, yellow, orange, brown and black because they are earthy colours and they are the colours the Aborigines used for their artworks." *Aiden Attard*

"I dotted my aboriginal artwork because that is like what Aboriginal people did." *Deagan Hopkins*

"I made a turtle because we are learning about the Aboriginal people and animals they liked." *Alysha Balangon*



From the Parish Office...

All Souls Day Mass

A special mass will be held on All Souls Day, Monday, 2 November at 7.30pm.

Reconciliation - Year 2

Lesson 1 will commence on the weekend of 7/8 November. Please remember that these lessons are compulsory. All enquiries: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is a wonderful gift of our Catholic faith. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will bring you closer to Him. You are invited to come along and spend this time with our Lord here at Our Lady of the Angels in Adoration from 8am to 7:30pm.

Christmas

Christmas Bingo - will be held in the Hall on Saturday, 28 November from 7pm. Please advise if the office if you are attending.

Gingerbread House Making - Please contact the office if you are interested in attending this night. You get to assemble and decorate your own yummy Gingerbread House. Bookings are essential.

Parish Christmas Party - Keep free Sunday, 13 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. BYO Food/Drinks/Good Cheer!

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Mass times:

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

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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Numeracy Hint -



Numeracy Hint - Discuss time with your child- 'What time is it?' 'What time will it be in...minutes?' 'How much longer until....?' Use digital and standard (analog) clocks.



*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	Isla Ovrahim	Julie Bolina	Francesca Topic
Kinder G	Sienna Jacobs	Alexandra Tirador	Thomas Gutwenger
Kinder W	Addyson Stoddard	Chloe Holden	Alysha Balangon
Year 1B	Amelia Bond	Emily Lenane	Dylan Lopresti
Year 1 G	Mitchell Ross	Sienna Dixon	Olivia Sims
Year 1W	Lily Trimboli	Milla Price	Raymon Chayban
Year 2 B	Christian Vargas	Bella Molano	Lucas McLuskey
Year 2 G	Chloe Huber	Sienna Mooney	Natalie Holopikian
Year 2 W	Jared Cleland	Chanel Johnston	Denzel Chang
Year 3 B	Felicity Scott	Brianna Arellano	Luke Awadalla
Year 3 W	Zac Lesar	Sienna Achis	Taleah Kingcott
Year 4 B	Nicola Topic	Trinity Johnston	John Stafford
Year 4 G	Patrick Bennett	Jade Richardson	Breanna Debrincat
Year 4 W	Isaac Sultana	Charlie Hallal	Antonia Manago
Year 5/6 B	Rebecca Charlesworth	Ashley Graham	Nicholas Cutroni
Year 5/6 G	Kristian Skoljarev	Javier Silva	Blake Tickell
Year 5/6W	Elouise Gomez	Ethan Kurcubic	Bryan Manago