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Week 5 Term 4

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

What do you want for your child at the end of primary school? I suppose it is safe to say we all want our children to be 'successful'. That raises the question, how is success measured? What does it mean to be successful?

The Oxford Dictionary defines success as 'the accomplishment of an aim or purpose' and further to states, in the traditional sense, that success is 'the attainment of fame, wealth, or social status'.

What do you want for your child at the end of primary school or, in Oxford terms, "what aim or purpose do you want your child to accomplish?"

Our Parent Handbook says that, "*at Our Lady of the Angels School, we aim to provide a comprehensive balanced curriculum that engages students in quality learning experiences across the six mandated key learning areas and Religious Education. We endeavour to ensure that each of our students develops a love of learning, a thirst for knowledge, a healthy self-esteem, a respect for others and a desire to know and follow God in building a world of justice and love.*"

Many years ago I remember my principal saying that a child should leave Primary School with all the skills to hold down a basic job – answer the telephone in a clear and coherent way, write down a message that is legible and concise; serve in a shop accurately negotiating money by calculating cost and change and, above all, have the confidence to do so. Also required are well developed interpersonal skills – appropriate social skills to interact confidently and articulately, as well as the ability to problem solve and think critically. Above all, is to have self-respect and to be resilient, open to learning from mistakes and keep going. Our faith in God and God's plan for us is crucial to this resilience.

I can proudly say that all my children are successful in the 'traditional sense'. In spite of school and any imaginings their parents had for them, they each followed different paths and found their own way. Their family, supportive but not rescuing, and Catholic education provided the foundation for having God and faith ever present. It still is, sometimes more visible than others. I pray every day for their happiness, health and safety; that they are 'good' people and will continue to be. I pray the same for all the students in this school. I pray that my staff members have the means to provide what is needed to deliver the students in their care to the level of this success for which we aim.

Here are just three examples of the many positive letters I have received from parents...

"We have had the most amazing year ever and the kids have all made a wonderful transition. OLA is a great school filled with a lot of love and respect and I still can't believe how family oriented it is and how everything is for the joy of the children."

"Words cannot express how much we love OLA. I am so happy we made the move to come to such an incredible school. The nurturing, guidance, education and pastoral care are amazing."

And the one that sums it up for me...

"My son has had a brilliant experience at OLA and he leaves Year Six as a happy boy with God in his heart. What more could we ask for?"

It's not a coincidence that each of these is from parents who came to OLA from other schools.

¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons. ¹⁶ These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), ¹⁷ James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder"), ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. Mark 3:13-19

No one gets it right all the time. Is OLA successful in the accomplishment of its aim or purpose? I can confidently say, based on feedback, that yes, we do.

Dates to Remember

Wed 11th Nov: Remembrance Prayer at 11am.

Correction:

Week 6&7: Swimming Program for Yrs 1, 2 & 3

Week 8&9: 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 *Mark 12:38-44*

In His teaching He said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted respectfully in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who devour the property of widows and for show offer long prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'



He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'In truth I tell you, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they could spare, but she in her poverty has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Reflection

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus once again is teaching His disciples. He warns the disciples about the wrong kind of religion. Jesus is criticising the scribes, who were considered the religious experts at the time about the way they want to be treated and how they treat others. He warns His disciples against three things: the need to have an important status rather than selfless service; the desire for respect and admiration rather than seeking to encourage the goodness of others through modesty and love and not to use the position of power for personal gain. Religion is about our faith and relationship with God. It is following the Commandments, respecting and loving our neighbours. The gifts of joy and love should be treasured and shared with others in need of acceptance, freedom and happiness.

St Pope Leo the Great



Born: Tuscany, Italy

Died: November 10, 461 AD, Rome, Italy

November the 10th is the Roman Catholic Church's liturgical memorial of the fifth century Pope, Saint Leo 1st. He was known as 'St Leo the great.'

He was reassigned as Pope on the 29th of September 440 until 461.

He was an Italian aristocrat, and was the first Pope to have been called "the great". His leadership and teachings in the Church made him a Doctor of the Church and earned him the title "Leo the Great".

He taught us that every human being is equal; no one is better than anyone else because Jesus came to save all of us!

He helped lead the early Church closer to Jesus by teaching them about who Jesus really was.

He wrote letters to tell us about his life and he wrote many books. He was a good preacher of the Gospel.

By Harry Taylor, Sophia Silva and Ava Bennett

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

Mrs Katrina Byrne

Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator



P&F NEWS

THANK YOU to all the parents who provided morning tea for the 2016 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 so far. 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 later this term depending on what is available.

Year 1 Dinner

An email was sent out to the Year 1 parents for our end of year dinner on Friday November 13th. So far we have quite a few attending! If you missed the email please contact Annemarie at mnabond@bigpond.com Looking forward to another great night out!

Grade Contact

We are looking for one or two people per grade to take on being a grade parent contact to organise little social events such as play dates at the park or even dinner nights out. If you are able to pick a date and time or book a restaurant... you are more than qualified!

We have a few very social grades at OLA with a contact person who have formed great friendships from these social events. If you are interested in becoming a grade contact person, please let us know via our Facebook page or email. We'd love to hear from you and we can help you to do this.

*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*



This is a three-hour interactive seminar on constructive techniques for parents when disciplining and encouraging their children.

Parents will learn:

- what discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- to use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- to use different discipline techniques



Bookings Essential – Phone 8882 7850

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

Catholic Mission in Action



Last term, Year 3 held a Market Day as part of our HSIE PBL unit on *Producers and Consumers*. The day was very successful, raising an enormous \$712. Our plan was to donate the profit to an organisation that would help children less fortunate than we are.

During World Mission Month we learnt more about the children in Madagascar, what it is like to go to school there and the conditions in which they live. One thing that stood out to us all was the lack of access to fresh water, something we all have as a basic right. A suggestion was made to donate our Market Day profit to help the children of Madagascar. The decision was made. With a little help from our staff members, we raised the difference and met the \$824 target to cover the cost of installing a new water pump, for the benefit of these children.

We would like to thank everyone that supported us in the process of Market Day, the Year 3 parents for all their assistance and everyone else involved to help us achieve this incredible donation. This is yet another example of the generous spirit of OLA.

We are very proud of our students and know this contribution will make a significant difference to the lives of many children and their families.



Kristian, Yr 6, and Nicholas and Giaan from Yr 3 present the cheque to Anita Lee, Schools Liaison Officer for Catholic Mission.

Sports News



2016 Team Sport Trials expression of interest nominations for the sports of AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Touch Football will OPEN on Friday 6th November, 2016 and close on Friday 5th February, 2016

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While

teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.

Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the child's school. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated.

All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed appropriately where applicable. The playing history and representative experience information is to be brief and current.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Katrina Byrne

Swimming program

Next week, swim school will commence next week for Yrs 1, 2 and 3 for two weeks (Weeks 6 & 7). Students need to come to school with their swimming costumes on under their sports uniform. In a separate bag, students need to have underwear, thongs/sandals, towel, shirt/T shirt dress and goggles (optional). Please make sure all items are labelled with their name.



Year 2 will be attending swimming lessons at the end of the day. The bus will return around 3pm. To assist with dismounting, Yr 2 parents are asked to delay their pick up until after 3.15pm so children have time to get off the bus and collect their items from the classroom.

Year 4 and Kinder will go swimming in weeks 8 & 9.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Vesna Jurcevic and Kimberley Marchant
Kinder Orientation

For some, it was the long awaited time to join their older brother or sister at 'big school'. For others it was a new, and a little nervous, time, especially for mum and dad. However, there was nothing to worry about as they entered the learning space eyes filled with wonder at all the developmental play stations prepared by their teachers.

Current Kinder mum, Katrina Mazza, had this to say about her child's first year of school, "Kindergarten for Giancarlo has been a whirlwind of excitement, learning, growth, new friendships and loads of fun! He is so proud of himself and how he can read and write. This is all credit to his beautiful, supportive and encouraging teachers. We are so proud to be a part of the truly blessed community we have at OLA."

It is such an enriching experience to welcome new families into our school community. Thank you, once again, to the P&F for providing another lovely morning tea and to all our 'bakers extraordinaire.'



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.

Australian Government
 Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

How to report cyberbullying material

- 1 Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service
- 2 Collect evidence — copy URLs or take screenshots of the material

If the content is not removed within 48 hours ...

- 3 Report it to www.esafety.gov.au/cyberbullying-complaint
- 4 Block the person and talk to someone you trust

If you are in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000).
 If you need to talk to someone, visit Kids Helpline online or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

From the Classroom - KG

In kindergarten, we have started learning about the Asian culture. This week we learnt about cherry blossoms and the importance they have to the Japanese culture. We made our own cherry blossoms by painting a wash for the background, then we used straw blowing techniques for the branches and finally, finger-tip dotting for the cherry blossoms. We had a great time making them! Here are some of the wonderful samples made by KG.



From the Parish Office...

Reconciliation - Year 2

This weekend Lesson 1 will commence. Please remember that these lessons are compulsory. Either Saturday 4.30pm or Sunday 9am. All enquiries: 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.

Preparation for Total Consecration to Our Lady

You are invited to participate with us in the Total Consecration to Our Lady at OLA Church. This will commence on Sunday at 6.30pm and continue every weeknight at 7.15pm.

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. Saturday, 5 December at 7pm. You get to assemble and decorate your own yummy Gingerbread House. Bookings are essential. Cost: \$30

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

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Literacy Hint



Literacy Hint - Read aloud with drama and excitement! Use different voices for different characters in the story. Use your child's name instead of a character's name. Make puppets and use them to act out a story.



Congratulations to the Garcia family on the arrival of their baby girl, Angeline, a little sister for Charlotte. Wonderful news!

Lost!!
A gold bracelet possibly near the Yr 2 rooms. If found, please contact the office.

Term 4 Week 5	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Kobe Coombes	Zac Ormsby	Aiden McGrady
Kinder G	Paige Mitrovich	Maddison Dyke	Solomon Sloane
Kinder W	Olivia Fallone	Danielle Vella	Ethan Streater
Year 1B	Gemma Haynes	Anthony Gomez	Marcus Farrugia
Year 1 G	Ben Roffmann	Amalia-Rose Trifiro	Tayla Buxton
Year 1W	Matilda Wallis	Harrison Fiorio	Georgia Parsell
Year 2 B	Sienna Fallone	Anneliese Gutwenger	Roman Bizzanelli
Year 2 G	Leila Balnagon	Caitlyn Palmer-Burton	Dante Merrin
Year 2 W	Kobe Ormsby	Marcus Castellan	Lucy Taylor
Year 3 B	Gemma Gladwell	Kenneth Tjhin	John-Paul Doueihy
Year 3 W	Gabriella Bond	Julian Vargas	Marcus Odd
Year 4 B	Millie Edwards	Kenny King	Isaac Swinden
Year 4 G	Marko Rangan	Jessica Bollard	Emily Bennison
Year 4 W	Joel Webb	Ariane Maher	Malachi Cauchi
Year 5/6 B	James Darmanin	Olivia Scott	Madison Lee
Year 5/6 G	Ashton Stacey	Mirko Basic	Patricia Constantino
Year 5/6W	Kaitlin Wagner	Tomas Blazevic	Luke Robertson

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