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Week 7 Term 4

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Last week, the world experienced more atrocities with innocent people becoming the victims of evil acts.

The reality is, these sorts of atrocities are happening all the time, somewhere in the world. Evil did not always exist. It entered our world at The Fall, when Adam and Eve allowed Satan to influence them. Since then, evil exists amongst us. It is our choice to fight or side with evil work. The fight will continue, how hard and for how long, we don't know. However, evil will never win because the evil is Satan at work and God is the good at work, and God will always win over Satan.

The Coming of the Kingdom

"Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, 'The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.' Luke 17: 20-21

THE POWER OF ONE? Each one of us has the potential to bring about the Kingdom of God – to build a world of justice and love. The power of one is not futile as, together, it is the greatest force. Together we pray...

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

May we, each one of us, go forth today and do what we can to make 'Thy Kingdom come' – in our homes, in our school, in our world. We ask this prayer through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Afternoon Pickup Changes.

Students waiting to be picked up in the afternoon at the *Drive Through* will now be waiting quietly and in prayer in the church. They will be supervised by teachers. This means NO CHANGE TO THE PROCEDURE. On the approach of your car, they will be called out, collect their bag and proceed to the waiting car. PLEASE, have your name clearly displayed flat against the windscreen to ensure this happens quickly and efficiently.

I extend my appreciation to Fr Warren who has agreed to this change and also invite you to join your children sometimes in the afternoon in prayer.

Thanks for your understanding and support.

Dates to Remember

Week 8&9: Swimming program for Yr 4 and kinder
30th Nov/1st Dec: Stage 3 Sun Surf Program
Wed 9th Dec: Year 6 Graduation Mass & Supper
Thurs 10th Dec: Italian Day
Mon 14th Dec: Year 6 Fun Day
Tues 15th Dec: 10:00am End of year Mass
5.30pm Community Picnic/Carols
Wed 16th Dec: Last day for students with Mufti Fun Day

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



GOSEL REFLECTION

Gospel, *John 18:33-37*

³So Pilate went back into the Praetorium and called Jesus to him and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others said it to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. As it is, my kingdom does not belong here.' Pilate said, 'So, then you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'It is you who say that I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'



Gospel reflection

In Sunday's Gospel, John reflects on the mystery of the Passion and the sacrifice Jesus made for the salvation of humanity. Pilate is questioning Jesus about being the 'king of the Jews.' Jesus explains to Pilate, that kingship is not about power and ruling over a place full of bullying cruelty and dictatorship, but God's kingdom is a blessed place, beyond this world. God's kingdom is attainable by all those who wish to follow Christ. It cannot be reached by exercising power, but through love and humility. Through bearing witness to the truth, Jesus' death and resurrection revealed the Father. We can belong to God's kingdom by bearing witness to him, by being faithful and by helping others to receive salvation from Christ.

Mrs Katrina Byrne, Religious Education Co-ordinator (Acting)

The Presentation of Mary:

According to the golden legend, Mary was presented in the temple at the age of three. This feast came into being with the dedication of the new church of Saint Mary in Jerusalem in 543. The feast day has been celebrated in the east since the 6th century.

The image is a scene showing Mary as a child, climbing the steps of the temple and being welcomed by a priest. During the 11th century this came back as a global event that most Catholics celebrated.

Created by Jordyn Eldred, Bethany Dersch, Tamzin Naidoo and Olivia Scott





FINALLY!!

Students were able to play on the new play equipment this week. Here are some photos taken by Ms Grima's lunchtime **Photography Club**...some very creative perspectives and effects here. Our next BIG job is to get some shade over the top.

Term dates for 2016 for students

The school year consists of four terms that run over two semesters.

Term 1 Year 1-6 students return Thursday, 28th January 2016

Kinder students start school on Monday, 1st February 2016.

Easter break Good Friday 25th March to Easter Monday 28th March 2016

Term ends Friday, 8th April 2016

Term 2 Students return to school Tuesday 26th April 2016

Term ends Friday, 1st July 2016

Term 3 Students return to school Monday, 18th July 2016

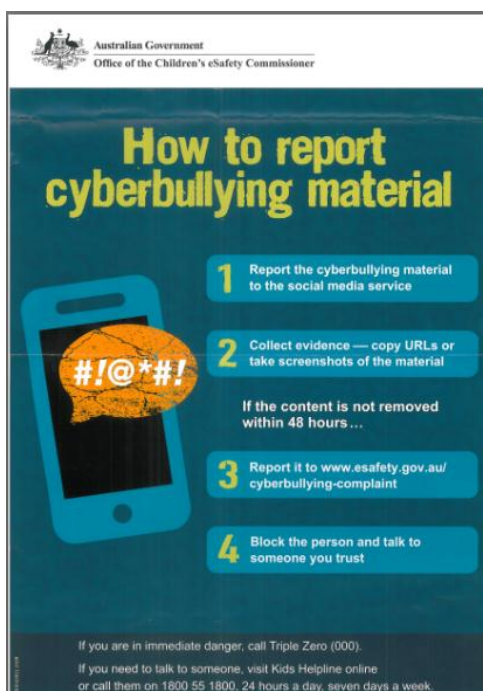
Term ends Friday, 23rd September 2016

Term 4 Students return to school Monday, 10th October 2016

Term ends for students on Friday 16th December 2016

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 81 students who successfully completed the required reading for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. The certificates will be given to the children next week. Don't forget to register for the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.





P&F NEWS

FRIDAY SPECIAL TREATS 2016

The children have thoroughly enjoyed special treats each Friday. A special thank you to all of the helpers for their flexibility and enthusiasm! We will be putting together a roster for Terms 1 and 2 for 2016. No experience necessary, just a friendly smile and a small amount of time. Toddlers are welcome!

If you are able to give 45 minutes of your time from 1.20pm once or twice per term, please forward your **name and contact number** to Annemarie olapfc@gmail.com

We already have volunteers from our 2016 Kinder families and this is a great opportunity to get to know some other parents at OLA. Thank you for your contributions so far and we look forward to meeting you in the near future!

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.

Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association



OLA Sporting Heroes

The OLA School community would like to congratulate the following students for trialing for the MacKillop teams in 2016:

Tennis

Great job for trialing, Hollie, and congratulations to Claudia C for making it into the MacKillop team.

Basketball

Congratulations to Francesca Marino for making it to the second round of trials to represent MacKillop in basketball.

Softball

Congratulations to Tyler Spiteri and Brock Crook for making it to the second round of trials to represent MacKillop in basketball



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

Tuesday 24 November 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Cost: \$25 / \$15 concession

Venue: Interrelate

Suite 423, Level 4

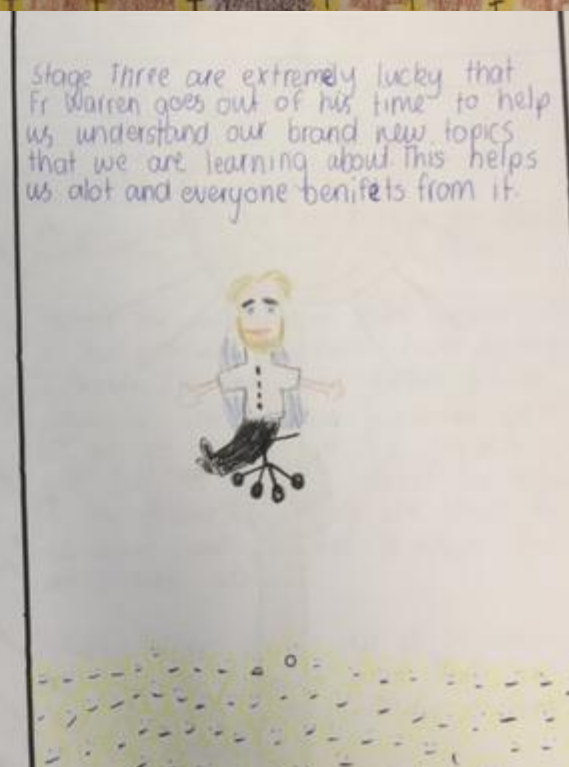
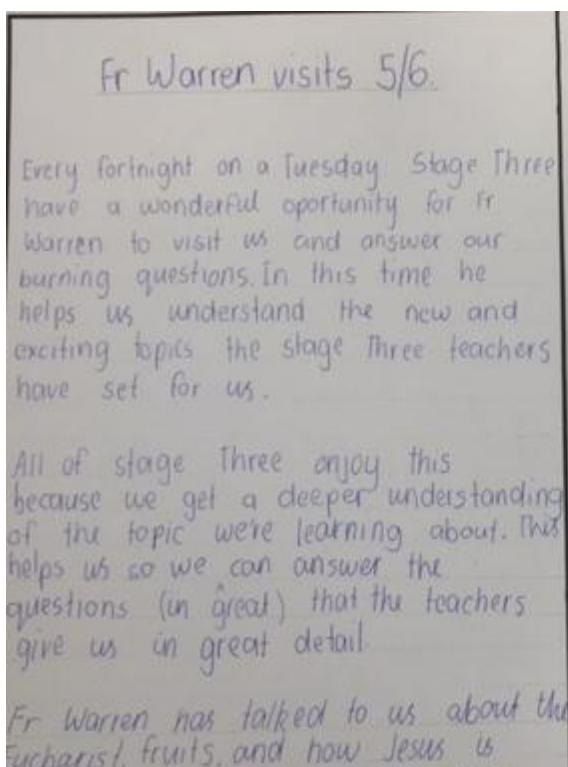
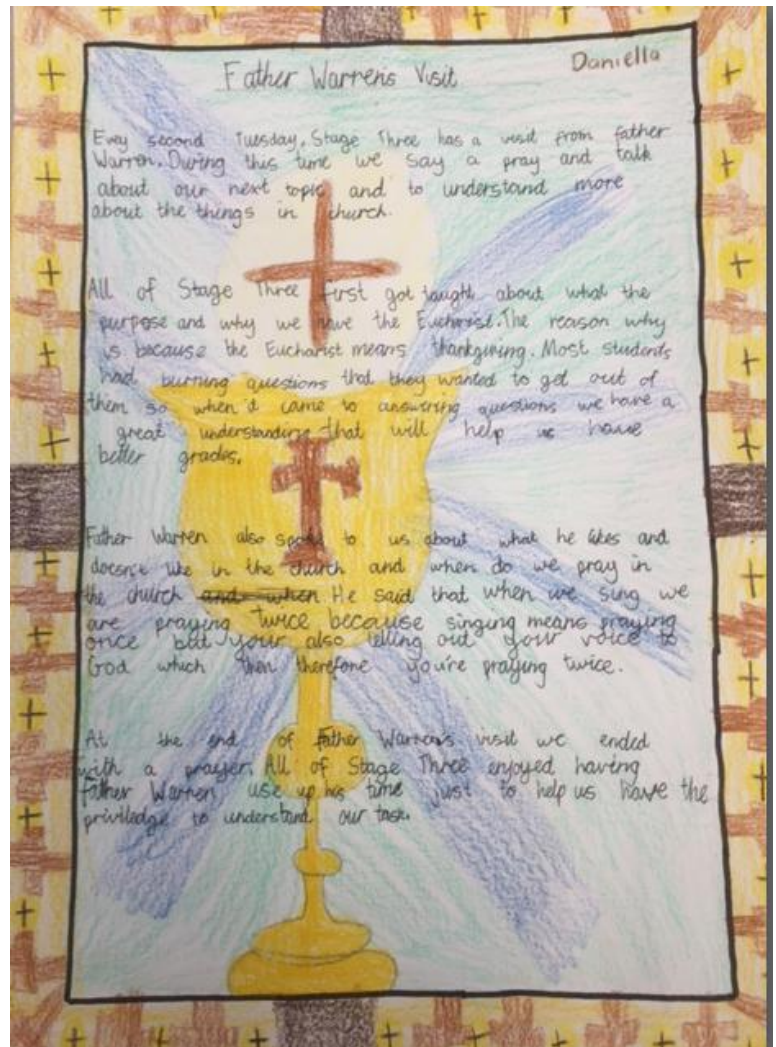
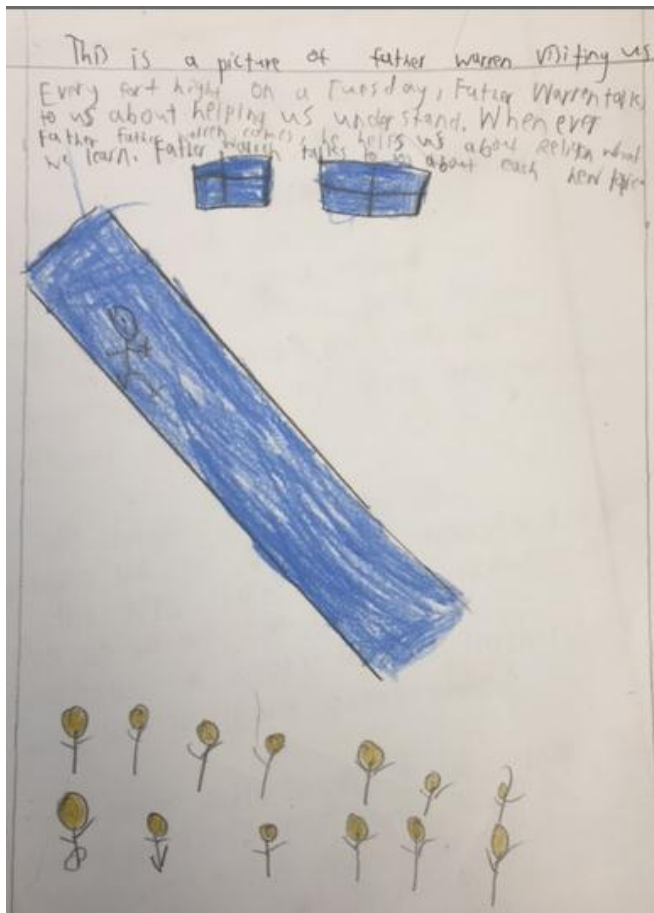
14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista

Bookings Essential – Phone 8882 7850

From the Classroom - 5/6G

What's Happening in 5/6G:

Every fortnight we have a special visit from our local parish priest Fr. Warren. The children in 5/6G have found this very beneficial as his visits have helped them consolidate their learning of the content being learnt as well as giving them time to ask questions. Here are some of their thoughts on his visits:



From the Parish Office...

Reconciliation - Year 2

We ask that you remember in your prayers this week all those children who will this weekend do their First Reconciliation.

Christmas

Christmas Bingo - will be held in the Hall on Saturday, 28 November from 7pm. Please advise if the Parish 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!

Need some Christmas Present ideas? The Parish are organising 2 outings at the Capitol Theatre to see The Sound of Music on Sat. 13 February 2016 and Fiddler on the Roof in April 2016. Please contact the Parish office for ticket details.

STAR WARS: Episode VII - The Force Awakens

Join us for a private screening of the premiere of the next episode of Star Wars!

Date: MIDNIGHT - Wednesday 16 December/Thursday 17 December 2015

Cost: \$20 pp

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to secure tickets!

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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Numeracy Hint



Numeracy Hint - Look at a calendar together and mark important dates. Talk about how many days until each event.

Swim Program going swimmingly!



Term 4 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Nicholas Achis	Isaac Castellan	Jake Brown
Kinder G	Matthew Kamber	Grace Labbad	Lachlan Heaney
Kinder W	Giancarlo Mazza	Charlie Mileto	Deagan Hopkins
Year 1B	Eva Mercieca	Lily Quinlan	Madison Zahra
Year 1 G	Caitlyn Williams	Lachlan Connellan	Ella Dimech
Year 1W	Jayden Thornton	Sophia Dobaj	Harriet Preston
Year 2 B	Kayleigh Naidoo	Brayden Stoddard	Grace Bennison
Year 2 G	Michael Eyles	Bailey Knowles	Jericho Ciera
Year 2 W	Jonathon Fuda	Kobe Ormsby	Lucy Taylor
Year 3 B	Ashton Galea	Olivia Hudson	Callum Galway
Year 3 W	Sofia Silva	Georgia Domars	Austin Turner
Year 4 B	Carys Fitzgerald	Lily Cassar	Rebecca Cleary
Year 4 G	Jesse Eldred	Beatrice Espejo	Melissa Preston
Year 4 W	Dylan Stacey	Chiara Fallone	Sienna Farrugia
Year 5/6 B	Marc Zammit	Cooper Brown	William Anderson
Year 5/6 G	Sophie Rudek	Jacob Domars	Ryan Muscat
Year 5/6W	Samuel Fitzgerald	Jai Turner	Alana Berry

Thank you to Dave Wagner for building a 'moat' around the sand pit, which has now been refilled. Hopefully this will help contain the sand a little.

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