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Week 1 Term 4

13th October, 2017

"There where you are, God is". St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 4, especially to all the staff and students who are eagerly back into their learning and teaching.

We had some significant work done over the holidays. This included the building of three picnic gazebos on the oval, giving the students another sheltered option to gather during their play times. I thank the P&F whose donation of \$15 000 contributed to almost half the cost. I thank you, the parents, without whose support of the P&F, this would not be possible. I am looking forward to seeing the jacarandas grow and in full bloom either side of these huts. Work on establishing the rest of the oval, once and for all, is another project for the near future.



Other work carried out was replacement of all the Perspex over verandas and covered walkways that were damaged by hail earlier in the year.

Looking at the calendar, there are many exciting events across the term. I thank God for keeping us all safe and well over the holidays and pray for the wisdom to make sound decisions and the energy for all of us to continue the good work for our students.

Have you noticed our updated school website?

The calendar component is particularly useful, I think. The website is a major source of communication to the parent body and beyond. We welcome suggestions for any improvement or other service it can provide. Please let us know.

Opening and Blessing

Last term, you were informed of the up and coming Opening and Blessing of our new building on Friday, 27th October at 1pm. For those of you who have travelled the OLA School journey for some time, you will be familiar with this process. Each time a new building is completed, there is an official opening and blessing ceremony. We have now come to the last of the 'construction' part of this journey. In the past, we have included all the students and members of the parent body. However, now that the numbers are so much greater, logistically this is not possible. The parent body will be represented by those who received an invitation. These are the P&F Committee members and the class parent liaison persons who act as your class' contact throughout the year. From the student body will be the school captains and vice captains. I understand there may be some people who will be disappointed. However, thanks to the technology available, this event will be live-streamed throughout the school on a big screen in the learning spaces as well as available to you, via YouTube, the URL for which will be provided closer to the day. Let's hope it all works! ☺

Library.

This building will also be part of the official ceremony. I hope you have all had a chance to visit this in the past few months. New additions are the trophy cabinet and now, almost completed, an Honours Board on which we commemorate all school captains to date. Adorning the top is a magnificent wooden carving of our school crest. The library now has a section for parents which includes books on parenting etc. If you are interested in borrowing any of these, they will need to be scanned under your child's library ID. Please speak to Mrs Wagner about any of this. I thank Mrs Wagner for the fantastic job she has done and continues to do in managing the library. We are very fortunate to have her at OLA.



Dates to Remember

Thur/Fri 19th Oct	Yr 5 Zoosnooze Overnight Excursion
Thurs 26th Oct	Kindy 2018 Orientation 9.15am – 11.00am
Fri 27th Oct	Opening & Blessing of New Buildings 1.00pm
Mon 30th Oct	World Teachers' Day
Thurs 2nd Nov	Kindy 2018 Orientation 9.15am – 11.00am
Fri 3rd Nov	Operation Christmas Boxes to be Returned

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection 15th October 2017 (Mt 22:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants were out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

Gospel Reflection

What a story! It's not your typical wedding. The king is God. The first people invited are those who reject God's way of living. The second people are those who don't expect the invitation but are delighted when it comes, and they accept it wholeheartedly. And the person not properly dressed represents those who may say that they have accepted God's invitation, but whose life choices show that they have not yet really said yes to God. When have you been among the first group – those who don't care about church, who don't want to be involved with anything 'churchy', and who don't think faith is relevant today? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude? When have you been among the second group – those who see that faith is important, who try to live their faith by doing works of service, and who aren't embarrassed by their relationship with God? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude? When have you been among the third group – those who say that faith is important and yet don't really practise their faith. What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude?

(Liturgyhelp.com, 11-10-2017. Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart – St Mary's Press

What's happening in RE @ OLA

Sacrament of Reconciliation

-12th October Enquiry Session (Parents only)

-19th October Parents only.

-26th October Lesson 1 for parents and children.

-9th November Lesson 2 for parents and children

-Sacrament of Reconciliation dates TBC

-If you have a child in years 3-6 that need to make their Reconciliation this year, please contact the parish office before Thursday 19th October.

No Forms will be accepted after 19th October.

MARKET WEEK –Work for a day for Catholic Mission

To support Catholic Mission, students in each grade will cook or make an item, then set up a display one day during week 5. Students will sell item during both breaks and pack up their shop at the end of the day. Items will cost 20c or 50c. Please check the upcoming newsletters for more information about Market Week.

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. We still have some shoeboxes, so if you wish to give the gift of Christmas, please contact the office and we will send one home.



Operation Christmas boxes need to be sent back by the 3rd November. Please identify if postage has been paid online or add an envelope on the outside with payment for postage.

Literacy News

Ways to Build Children's Vocabulary

ENGAGE CHILDREN IN RICH ORAL LANGUAGE

Children learn words through talk, especially from listening to and participating in high-level conversations. For example, one study showed that young children whose parents use more "rare words" at the dinner table had higher vocabularies and later reading achievement than other children. In school we need to involve children in rich, meaningful conversations whenever we can.

Source: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/readingline/pdfs/ProfessionalPaper.pdf>

Words of the Week:

Infants: scrape

Primary: plummet

Root Word of the Week: *demo- people*

Dates for Next Term:

Reading Comprehension Testing-Weeks 1-4

Spelling Bee Finals: Wednesday 22nd Nov at 12:00pm

Rug Reading-Wednesday 22nd Nov at 2:20pm

Whole School Writing Task 4-24th November

Mrs Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

AFTERNOON PICK UP

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADHERE TO THE REQUESTED PICK UP TIMES
ACCORDING TO YOUR ELDEST CHILD...

KINDER: 3PM

YEAR 1 and 2: 3.10PM

YEARS 3 and 4: 3.20PM

YEARS 5 and 6: 3.30PM

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE COLLECTED BY 3.40PM. Thank you.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SPORT @ OLA

NSWPSSA Boys Softball-Congratulations Marcus Odd who has been competing in the NSWPSSA Softball team for Mackillop. The team played extremely well and finished 4th overall.



NSW All Schools Athletics Championships- We wish Joseph Abdallah good luck when he competes at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships next week.

2018 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 27th October as these trials will be held in November 2017. All other sport registrations will open in November for 2018 trials.

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2017 and Term One in 2018. In some sports students in Year 4 **MAY** nominate.

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 2018 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

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.**

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

PBS4L

Our PBS4L focus continues this term. Our focus for the next two weeks is *Safe and fair play*. Our students are encouraged to show respect for themselves and others by playing safely. When someone is hurt they should show care and apologise if necessary. This can also be reinforced at home - if someone is hurt, check if they are ok and apologise if needed. Shoppers apologise when bumping trolleys in the supermarket; tradesmen apologise when something goes wrong. There are many instances in the community where we make mistakes and need to apologise.



Each term, we acknowledge a class which acquires the highest number of angel cards per student. The winning class for term 3 was 6G. In a few weeks they will have a water fun session as their reward. Congratulations 6G!!!

Later this term, we will be having a pizza lunch for the recipients of an Archangel award.

**BOOKINGS
FILLING
FAST!!!!**

**TIMESLOTS
REMAINING:**

- **Saturday 18th** –
5.30pm ONLY
- **Sunday 19th**
November –
8am or a few
remaining PM
timeslots.

Please indicate a second preference if possible as there is more flexibility with timing on Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th November.

Bookings are being received on a first come first serve basis with complete payment. Get in quickly before you miss out on your preferred time/date!

******* Confirmed times to date will be emailed out early next week.**



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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. At this stage we have very few sizes 8-12 in stock. The next sale date will be advised.

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Oct 20: Jo Gladwell, Michelle McQuaid, Marie Sales, Alison Streater, Maria Muscat, Joanne Zahorsky

Thank you for your help and support in our school parent community. We can be contacted via email olapfc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.



Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association

From the Classroom Of 3W

This term we have started learning new skills in gymnastics. We are learning to land in our motorbike position. It is very challenging but we are enjoying it a lot. Here are some photos of the activities we participated in.



Mindfulness at OLA

Mindfulness helps us to RESPECT others. Students will be exploring how mindfulness can help in being respectful in any situation and respond in a respectful way rather than in a reactive way. The following illustration is located in each learning space and conversations about how to respond respectfully support PBS4L initiatives at OLA.



In the last Newsletter, Mrs Macare invited you to 'give someone a mindful hug' over the holidays. We are wondering if anyone did that and what the outcome was. Would love to hear from you. :)



From the Parish Office...

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Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation

Thank you to those parents who attended the Enrolment session last night. If you did not attend and wish your child to be enrolled in the Reconciliation program - we ask that you contact the Parish Office as a matter of urgency.

Youth - Dance Party!

Year 6 Students - TONIGHT!!

Friday 13th October

7pm-9pm in the Church Hall. Gold coin entry.

There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks on sale on the night. See you there.

New Altar Servers Training

Starting next Tuesday, 17th October, there will be a 5 week course for new altar servers at 4pm in the Church. If you have a child who has received their first communion and would be interested, please grab a permission slip from the foyer table and return to the Parish Office.

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

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Contact information: O.L.A. Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Rouse Hill

Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603

NEW SCHOOL PHONE

NUMBER:- 8808 7300

You can still contact us on the old numbers, but when we ring you, this is the number that will now show on your phone. Please add this number to your contacts list.



Congratulations to the **Zimmermann** Family on the birth of their new son and brother, Raphael....

And to the **Mandarano** family on the birth of their baby brother, Luca as well.

We look forward to meeting them very soon.

*Until next week
Mrs Eva La Rocca
Principal*

Term 4 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Tayah Youssef	Isaac Kozyra	Luca Signorelli
Kinder G	Jake Trimboli	Zara Buchanan	Zachary Dixon
Kinder W	Hamish Connellan	Roko Deur	Kaley Chown
Year 1B	Noah Lavercombe	Patrick Pacella	Eva Bond
Year 1 G	Joshua Muscat.	Anna Lee	Heidi Nicholls
Year 1W	William Harvey	Roman Iori	Nathan Murphy
Year 2 B	<u>Maddison Dyke</u>	Gabriela Ribeiro	Maddix Laborte
Year 2 G	Grace Kim	Jessica Bowen	Natalia Zahorsky
Year 2 W	Charlotte Ives	Danielle Vella	Madison Saward



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2019

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. The closing date for Year 7 2019 applications 1st round offers is

Friday, 6th April 2018.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2019 applicants, but open to any year group.

Wednesday 18th October and Monday 6th November 2017

9.15 – 11am

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100
to book a place on a school tour.

Save The Date – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon will be held from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th March 2018.