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Week 2 Term 4

20th October, 2017

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

Dear Parents,

Last week, I accompanied students, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Zivic to the annual Diocesan Mission Mass at St Patricks Cathedral, Parramatta. Fr Chris DeSouza led the congregation. He reminded us that, to be a missionary, one does not need to travel to faraway places. We, as Baptised Catholic, have the obligation to evangelise and be 'missionary' where ever we are. At OLA School, I witness this all the time

- among the staff members; their generosity of self and time to give to the students and each other
- the parents; so many times, without hesitation or question, you come to the aid of others in need.
- the students; in the little (and big) things they do for each other.

Invariably, children learn from what is modelled to them from around. Remember to bring this missionary practice into our own homes and families. True love, the Jesus kind, asks for nothing in return.

Kinder Orientation

This coming Thursday, we welcome the students of 2018 Kindergarten and their parents. Many of you will remember how daunting and hectic this can be. As in the past, I thank you ahead of time for dropping your children early and exiting the car park as soon as possible please. Also, if you see someone looking bewildered, please offer to help them. A comment I consistently receive from a range of visitors to OLA is how warm and welcoming 'the place feels'. This is thanks to all members in our community. I thank the P&F who will be providing morning tea. If you can help, that would be most appreciated.

Opening and Blessing

Next Friday is the official Opening and Blessing of the last of our school buildings. There will be limited parking throughout the day as reserved parking will be allocated for special guests. For those not attending and would like to view the proceedings, we hope to live stream on OLA You Tube station. The details will be provided on Friday morning.

THERE IS NO AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY.

Dates to Remember

Thurs 26th Oct
Fri 27th Oct
Mon 30th Oct
Thurs 2nd Nov
Fri 3rd Nov

Kindy 2018 Orientation 9.15am – 11.00am
Opening & Blessing of New Buildings 1.00pm
World Teachers' Day
Kindy 2018 Orientation 9.15am – 11.00am
Operation Christmas Boxes to be Returned

Gospel Reflection 22nd October, 2017 (Mt 22:15-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Gospel Reflection

The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up, but he won't fall for their setup. They ask him to choose between the worldly and the holy, between the political and the religious. Jesus simply says that we need to give to each what is due to each.

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your faith says and what your country says? If something is legal, is it always moral? And if something is moral, is it always legal? What is an example of such a conflict?

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your civil community says and what your faith community says? If something is an acceptable practice in your school or in your circle of friends, does that mean it's always right to do? And is the right thing always acceptable in your social situation? What is an example of such a conflict? Some people try to live entirely in one arena, and they are totally against the other.

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all religion and talk of God and only clings to the physical, modern world? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all earthly things and clings only to the religious and spiritual? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who lives a good balance of both the spiritual and the earthly? What is that attitude like?

(Liturgyhelp.com, 16-10-2017. Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart – St Mary's Press)

What's happening in RE @ OLA

Sacrament of Reconciliation

-26th October Lesson 1 for parents and children.

-9th November Lesson 2 for parents and children

-Sacrament of Reconciliation dates TBC

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 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.



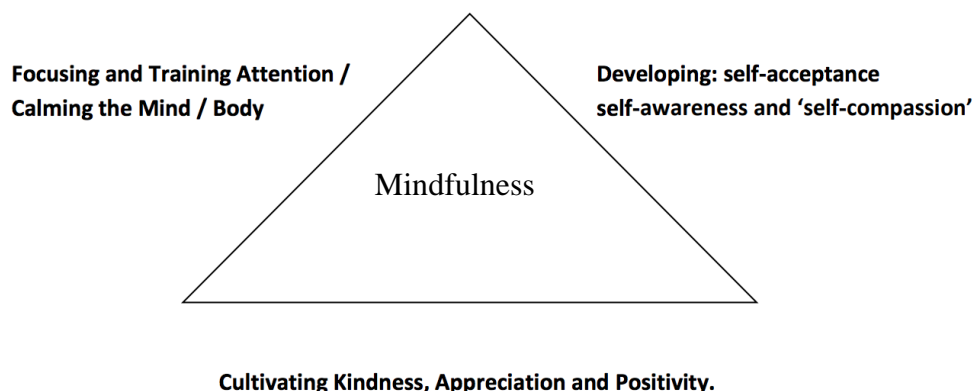
Mission Mass

On the 13/10/17 few students including myself went to Parramatta to show other schools in the Parramatta diocese what we have done for our mission unit. All the schools and ministers gathered in the St Patrick's church and celebrated mission with a Mass. There were many different programs and projects supporting mission but the people who make it happen are the reason why our world is changing. I am very thankful that I got to experience all of the great things that our schools do for mission. Based on mission we saw many different things that schools did. Supporting the people on the street, children not being able to go to school and much more. What I loved about it was the way I saw how compassionate everyone was to talk about it and the way they looked at the things we have done, I can see the world that we live in change before my eyes. I am so grateful that I got to experience this, changing lives.

Trinity Johnston and Sophia Tapley

Mindfulness at OLA

Mindfulness helps us to cultivate RESPECT for others. The diagram below demonstrates the three sides of the mindfulness triangle. OLA students have been progressively exploring, through mindfulness activities and exercises, focusing attention and calming the body and mind. We are beginning to explore how being mindful develops a proactive attitude and how our focus of attention can be directed towards kindness to others in the classroom and on the playground. The three sides of the mindfulness triangle overlap and support each other.



Terina Macare

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.

NSW All Schools Athletics Championships-

Congratulations to Joseph Abdallah for representing the school in State for Athletics. We are very proud of his efforts!

"I went to state on the 18th and 19th of October. I participated in Long Jump, 100 Metre and 200 Metre. I came 8th in Long Jump but I made it to the finals. I came 6th in 100m and I came 5th in 200m. It was really fun to participate in state." By Joseph

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

Congratulations to the following students who received archangel awards this week:-

Tahniah, Francesca, Claire, Lucy and Lara.

Next week we continue to focus on our efforts to play safely.



TERM 4 SECOND HAND UNIFORMS SALE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2ND 8.30-9.30AM

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. The uniforms have been sorted and are being washed over the next few weeks. **At this stage we have very few sizes 8-12 in stock.** 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.

PROFESSIONAL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY MINI SESSIONS



ANOTHER OFFER.....

Our family portrait sessions have almost completely filled up!

*Mel Hayes has offered to extend the time till 6.30pm for Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th November. This time slot will produce some stunning photos, as the sky provides a **dusty orange** & **pink** background.*

If you would like the 5.30pm, 6pm or 6.30pm 30-minute session, please send back the form to OLA office with the \$25 booking fee ASAP.

Please provide a second AM/PM option for either Sunday 19th, Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th November in case you cannot get your first preference.

You will receive a beautifully presented framed image of your family before Christmas.



Mel Hayes Photography website: <http://melhayesphotography.com.au>

If you have extended family or friends who would like to take up the offer, please get them to email us at olapfc@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK Oct 27: NO TREATS DUE TO OLA OPENING AND BLESSING

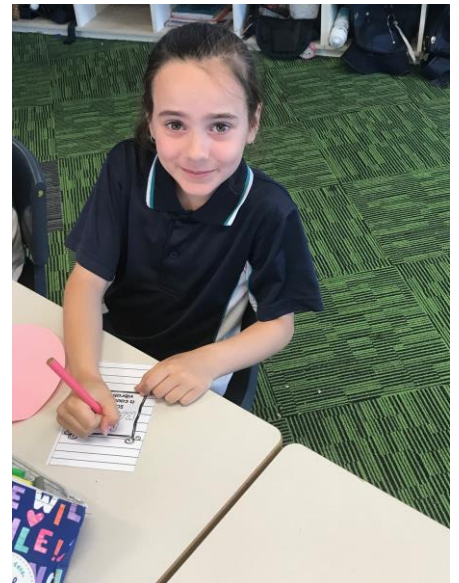
Thank you for your help and support in our school parent community. We can be contacted via email olapfc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

From the Classroom Of 2B

This term in science 2B are learning about the Physical World. The students are learning and investigating sound. Students were able to make a Kazoo to have a hands on experience with how sound is produced through vibrations. The students had a great time understanding sound and a lot of fun making noise.



From the Parish Office...

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Sacraments of Initiation

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

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Library Monitors

Congratulations to Emma Cleary, Justin Medjumurac, Caitlyn Palmer-Burton and Jericho Cirera for being appointed Library Monitors for the rest of this term.

I look forward to working with these students in the library.



Congratulations to the **Weldon** Family (Thomas 1B) on the birth of their new son and brother, Joshua.

We look forward to meeting him very soon.

Until next week

Mrs Eva La Rocca

Principal

Term 4 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Ethan Phelps	Marcus Mileto	Amity Galea
Year 3 G	Amity Oxspring	Ava Carney	Alicia Gladwell
Year 3 W	Georgia Falzon	Stella Signorelli	Acacia Sales
Year 4 B	Max Cutroni	Marcus Billyard	Sarah Cleary
Year 4 G	Amelia Novelli	Chanel Johnston	Noah Ribeiro
Year 4 W	Rafael Ira	Georgia Nemitsas	Jericho Cirera
Year 5 B	Nikolas Graczyk	Kalan Oxspring	Mikayla Bowden
Year 5W	Brandee Yeow	Brianna Arellano	Oliver Vrljic
Year 6 B	Olivia Jones	Montana Burt	Nicholas Zahorsky
Year 6 G	Alyssia Salib	Rebecca Cleary	Elysia Connellan
Year 6 W	Trinity Johnston	Tyra Abdallah	Charlotte Garcia