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Week 4 Term 4

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

World's Teachers' Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for these men and women who lead our schools. We ask You, Father, that You would give them words filled with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that they may know how they should respond to the broken-hearted children, to a rebellious teen, a concerned parent, a discouraged teacher.

May their words be words that are helpful, for building others up according to their needs. We pray Father that you would give them a spirit, like eagle wings, to fearlessly soar across the paths of many with the message of God's love.

Father, we pray that You teach them to number their days and recognize how few they are; help them to spend them as they should.

Father, we pray that You fill them with your strength so that they can keep going no matter what... always full of joy of the Lord and always thankful.

We pray that they would be able to laugh at their mistakes and to accept criticism, but may the "spirit of criticism" never stop them from doing what is right.

Father, we pray that these men and women may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls them to their important positions.

Let each of these men and women be a "Collector". May they find time to walk through our school giving a hug or a reassuring smile to a child. Let them not be afraid to put their arms around someone or hold a hand, as if to say, "it will be okay". Father, let not the paperwork become so heavy as to crush their "spirit of giving".

And Father, forget them not; for they too are human. Send someone to cross their path to say a cheery "good morning...", that really means: "I'm glad you're here!" And a teacher or a child who would say, "guess what I did..." which really means "I'd like to share this with you because you're important to me."

But most important, send them a hand with a loving touch. Send them the hand that understands for it was pierced. Send them that hand that hugged small children, taught the wise and calmed the sea.

Send them, Father, the loving hand of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

...for all teachers at OLA, past, present and future.

Dates to Remember

Mon 6th Nov	Japanese Students Visiting Aboriginal Cultural Experience, BBQ lunch
Tues – Mon 7-13 Nov	Market Week 20c – 50c
Fri 10th Nov	Remembrance Day
Mon 13th Nov	Swim Program Commences for Yrs 1, 2 & 3

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection Sunday 5th November 2017

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A (Mt 23:1012)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Gospel Reflection

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power over others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power over others, it embraces power *through* and *with* others.

(Liturgyhelp.com Greg Sunter 2/10/2017)

What's happening in RE @ OLA

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The next lesson is on the;

-9th November Lesson 2 for parents and children (Held in classrooms)

-Sacrament of Reconciliation dates (18th ,25th November and 2nd December)

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 next week. 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 see our advertisement on Market Week further in the bulletin.

THANK YOU-OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

OLA would like to thank the generosity of all our families in their willingness to create a special shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. OLA families have shown the Face of God and their kind gifts will be opened by a child who will feel God's love and the gift of Christmas.

The shoeboxes are now due to be returned. If you haven't already done so, please return them next week, with either the \$10.00 postage taped to the top of the box, or the online payment slip attached.

MARKET WEEK



RAISING MONEY FOR CATHOLIC MISSION 7-13th November

K-6 children have worked during class to create items to sell for Catholic Mission. They will be selling their items on different days. Our money is going to help with medical supplies and the purchase of an ambulance.

All items will be 20c or 50c.

**TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER
YEAR 1**



WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER-YEAR 2



**THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER
YEAR 3**



YEAR 4



MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER (YEAR 6)

**FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER
K and Yr 5**



Mindfulness at OLA

Did you know???

7 Things Mindful People Do Differently

1 Approach everyday things with curiosity
—and savor them

2 Forgive their mistakes—big or small

3 Show gratitude for good moments—and grace for bad ones

4 Practice compassion and nurture connections

5 Make peace with imperfection—inside and out

6 Embrace vulnerability by trusting others—and themselves

7 Accept—and appreciate—that things come and go

List created by Elisha Goldstein, Ph.D., psychologist, author of *The Now Effect*

Swim Program

All swimming notes (K-4) need to be returned by next Wednesday. If you haven't completed the google.doc, could you please do so by Monday as we need to send this information off to the Swim School.

Bootcamp

Please note for all children involved, that bootcamp will now only be running on a Tuesday morning from next week.

Library Books

We have a lot of library books in need of covering. If you can assist, please contact the office and we will send books and contact home.



P&F NEWS

Thank you to... Jo Gladwell who washed and sorted through the uniforms and to the team who organised the sale on Thursday morning. Of course, this event would not be possible without the kind donation of uniforms from families throughout the year. Thank you again and we hope to hold the next sale early in 2018.

BOOKINGS CLOSE TODAY!

A special thank you to Taryn McGrath who has enthusiastically coordinated the 'Family Photography Sessions' coming up later this month. Taryn has been in contact with all those who have booked a session to confirm dates and times. If you would like any further information or have a last minute booking, please contact Taryn directly on 0404 462 672 and she will be able to assist you. Thank you ☺



FINAL P&F MEETING FOR 2017
Wednesday November 22nd
at 7pm

SPECIAL TREATS NOV 10th : Melissa Strong, Donna Xuereb, Paula Lopez, Monique Falzon, Anne-Marie Apap & Taryn McGrath



Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association

Debating

Yesterday afternoon the OLA debating team had their presentation at OLOR Kellyville. They were presented with trophies for their hard work and commitment to debating this year.

Congratulations to all of the students involved. Thank you to Mr Cauchi and Mrs La Rocca for their support; to the parents who assisted with driving.



From the Classroom Of 2W

This week the children in 2W have been busy preparing their items to sell at the Mission Markets to raise money for the Catholic Mission. The children have created an amazing little bracelet made with pipe cleaners and plastic beads to help pray a decade of the Rosary. 2W are very much looking forward to selling their items at the markets next Wednesday, 8th November.



PBS4L

Congratulations to the **16** students who received an Archangel award this week!

Sascha, Phoebe, Thomas, Isaac, Montana and Abbey



From the Parish Office...

Baptism Seminar

For those members of our Parish who would like to have a child Baptised, there will be a Baptism Seminar this Sunday in the Parish Hall at 11am.

Youth Evening

Inviting all Year 6 students to come along to our Huge Games Night tonight at 7pm. The Youth will be holding some awesome activities. BYO some nibblys. Finishing at 9pm.

First Friday Mass and Adoration

You are invited to come along to Mass and Adoration on Friday, 3rd November at 7pm. There will be a light supper afterwards.

Bingo - will be held in the Hall on Saturday, 18 November from 7pm. Please advise if the office if you are attending.

Parish Christmas Party - Keep free Sunday, 17 December for our Parish Christmas Party. Santa will be visiting.

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

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*Until next week
Mrs Eva La Rocca
Principal*

Term 4 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Alexandra Craven	Mikayla Streater	Levi Cauchi
Kinder G	Natalie Vella	Lola Quinlan	Alegra Shaw
Kinder W	Levi Bailey	Timothy Zimmermann	Cameron Ives
Year 1B	Isaac Meighan	Rose Montgomery	Trinity Oxspring
Year 1 G	Alonso Buda	Chelsea Strong	Issak Blye
Year 1W	Luciana Salib	Joshua Kim	Maddison Younes
Year 2 B	Aidan Attard	Mackenzie Molloy	Sophia Iori
Year 2 G	Aiden McGrady	Orlaith McManus	Isabella Smith
Year 2 W	Solomon Soane	Grace Labbad	Olivia Fallone