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Week 4 Term 4

9th November, 2018

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

Dear Parents

This Sunday is the 11th of the 11th - Armistice Day. This year it is 100 years since the end of World War I, then called the 'war to end all wars'. Sadly, this was the case and, over the years since, countries across the world continue to be engaged in hostility and war. For Australians, this has meant lives loss of lives of many men and women.

Every Monday morning when we raise the flag and sing our national anthem, we give thanks to God for the privilege of living in this wonderful country. We must always remember to give thanks and never take our freedom for granted.

Today, the school gathered to remember those who have fallen in the past and also to pray for those currently living in danger of war. I acknowledge Year 2 teachers and students for their presenting this service and the whole school who, with their red poppies, gathered in the shape of 100.



Kinder Orientation

Over the past two weeks we held 2019 Kinder Orientation. What a wonderfully talented and settled group of students. A special thank you to the P&F for organising the morning tea the first week and to our current Kinder parents for providing morning tea the second week. Also, for your warm welcome to our new kinder families. We look forward to having them join our community in 2019.

I will be taking sick leave over the next two weeks and leave school matters in Mr Cauchi's capable hands. However, if needed, I will be available for emails. Thanks.

Dates to Remember

Mon 12 th Nov	Swim Program commences Yrs 1, 2 & 3.
Fri 16 th Nov	Gymnastics Gala Day
	Assembly: Infants Awards
Fri 23 rd Nov	Brainstorm Productions Incursion Yrs 3 – 6
	Assembly: Yr 4 Poetry
Mon 26 th Nov	Brainstorm Productions Incursion K - 2

NEWSLETTER

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 11th November

Gospel Reflection (Mk 12:41-44)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

Jesus 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 to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Reflection

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models. Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him. It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

(LiturgyHelp.com, Dianne Bergant)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Dates

- Saturday 17th November @ 9.45am
- Saturday 24th November @ 9.45am
- Thursday 29th November @ 7.30pm

The following dates apply to students who do not attend OLA.

- Thursday 15th November-Lesson 2: Parent and child session @ 6.30pm



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH PROGRAM @ OLA

Dignity-‘the state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect’.

This year the OLA community will reach out to others in need and create 'Dignity packs' for a variety of local outreach programs. It is important for us to teach children about the gift of giving and understand that things we take for granted are things that people in our community desperately need. We want to show the face of God, but also show others that they are the face of God and that someone loves them; Below are a list of items we would like each stage to bring in. Later this term we will be assembling the 'Dignity packs' as a community. If you have any toiletry or handbags you are able to donate, we will be using these to create the packs.

Kindergarten-Dental-toothpaste, toothbrush, toothbrush container

Stage 1 (1/2)-small packet of tissues, deodorant, body wash, soap, soap container, face washer

Stage 2 (3/4)-small shampoo/conditioner, brush, hair elastic bands, comb

Stage 3 (5/6)-Sanitary items, shaving cream, razors

We will also be adding a special item, since it is Christmas. General items; make up, aftershave, perfume etc

Literacy News

Ways to Build Children's Vocabulary

Read to them.....

Studies indicate that children do learn words from books read aloud to them. Most helpful will be reading aloud books and other materials (such as magazines or environmental print) that have some, but not too many, words that are new to children. Read-aloud of storybooks is important, but also important is read-aloud of other types of text, such as information books. Some research even suggests that teachers and parents highlight vocabulary more when reading aloud information books than when reading aloud stories.

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

Whole School Writing Task

This week students completed their fourth whole school writing task. The students followed and utilised the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success'. Students wrote pieces related to this weekend's Remembrance Day Theme.



Words of the Week:

Infants: octopus

Primary: octagon

Root Word of the Week: oct- eight

Spelling Bee Final

In week 5, all students will receive a spelling list for this year's Spelling Bee.

Infants Spelling Bee:

The Spelling Bee for Infants grades will take place in class during Week 7. A K, 1 & 2 Spelling Bee champ will be awarded at the end of that week and presented at the Years 3-6 Spelling Bee in Week 8, 5th December.

Primary Spelling Bee

In Years 3-6 students will be competing in a Spelling Bee in their learning spaces during weeks 6 & 7. Three students are then to be chosen from Year 3 to 6 for a whole school Spelling Bee Final.

All parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday 5th November at 12pm to watch the Spelling Bee Final then to stay for Rug Reading. Below is a link to 'The Premier's Spelling Bee Procedures' we will follow. Good luck to all students!

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/desiree.lane2/2017%20PSB-Procedures.pdf>



Date for Diaries:

5th December-2018 Spelling Bee and 'Rug Reading'

Lisa Hurst

Archangel Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received their archangel award this week:-

Lucas Richardson, Cooper Ross, Natalie Vella, Khai Aldaba, Ryan Knipler and Isobel Clarke.



Spare School Clothes from Sick Bay

If your child comes home with a change of clothes, can you please wash and return them as soon as possible. We are in need of any spare socks, boys or girls, as these have gone home over the year and not been returned. If you have any old socks that you can donate to sick bay, please send them into the office.

Thank you

Library Book Covering

We have some library books/readers that need covering. If you can help us with this, please pop into the office and we can give you a bag of books and some contact. Thanks, Mrs Wagner

Swim Program commences next week for Years 1, 2 & 3

A few points to remember about our swim program which will start next week:-

- Swimming will be on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- It is a two-week program.
- Students can wear their sport clothes on the days they go swimming for ease of getting changed.
- They are to wear their swimmers underneath their sport clothes.
- It is advisable for the girls to wear a one-piece swim suit.
- They need to bring:-
 - Thongs/sandals to wear to and from the pool
 - Towel
 - Change of underwear
 - T-shirt/jacket to wear to and from the pool
 - Rash vests are NOT to be worn as it is an indoor pool.
 - NO parents are to attend the swimming centre during the swim program.



Please make sure that everything is labelled and that your child recognises what he/she is bringing to school. Please understand that it is the children's responsibility to look after their own belongings.

Please take the time to read the flyer that is coming home to each family

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

HAVE YOUR SAY

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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

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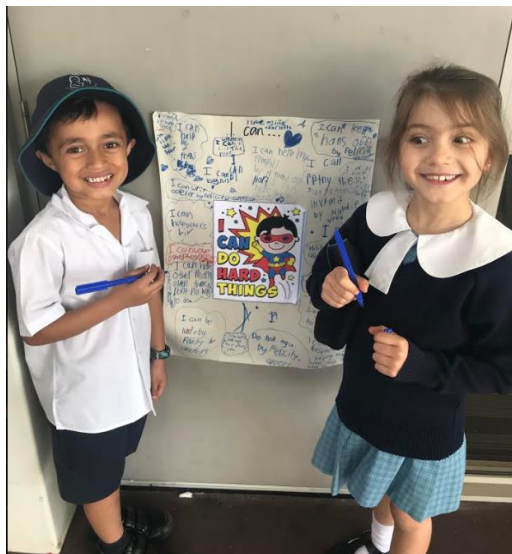
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Celebrating our Learning in Year One

By 1W

This week Year One did something amazing in our classroom. We celebrated our great and amazing writing. We did this by having a writing party. We each got a special magic writing pencil and a treat from Mrs La Rocca and our teachers. We also got to read our writing out to Mrs La Rocca and the rest of Year One. Lastly we got to add to our I can wall. We wrote on these walls all the things that we have learnt how to do in Year One. We are so proud of how we have grown this year and we can't wait for Year Two.

By Lola Quinlan and William Mallard





From the P&F...



Melbourne Cup Raffle

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraising event. Final tallies are being completed.

Congratulations to KW who sold 880 tickets. You will get a party lunch in the coming weeks. Special mention to 1G who were winning all the way to the final straight.

We are blown away by our highest ticket seller, while he might be young, he has shown incredible selling skills by selling a whopping 520 tickets! Well done Luca Mazza from KW.

Top Ticket Sellers:

1. Luca Mazza 520 - \$30 Timezone Voucher
2. Lexi Terzo 70 - Timezone games voucher
3. Matilda Wallis, Eva Perry and Khai Aldaba 60 - Timezone games voucher
4. Hannah Burgess, Kaley Chown 50 - Timezone games voucher
5. Joshua Streater, Ethan Streater, Makayla Streater 48 - Timezone games voucher
6. Joshua Basile, Illana McGrath, Julie Bolina, Declan Leach and James Farrugia 40 ** to be drawn by raffle

Dignity Packs

A big thank you to Stayzon for donating 96 x 200ml hand sanitisers.

This amazing product is alcohol free, water based, contains no bleaches colourants, dyes or additives and is dermatologically tested. It also gives you up to 24 hours protection after application.

You will find them at Woolworths & leading chemists.

Have a look at their website for more info - <https://www.stayzon.com.au>

Another massive thank you goes to The Hills Lodge Hotel & Spa Castle Hill.

They donated 50 x shampoo, 50 x conditioner, 50 x body wash and 50 x soap.

This boutique hotel has a delicious restaurant, day spa and pool all onsite. The grounds are also a popular wedding spot as they are surrounded with lush greenery, brightly coloured flowers and a beautiful vintage water feature.

Have a look at the website for bookings at the hotel, restaurant or day spa, or just browse through the gallery - <https://www.hillslodge.com.au>

Kindy Orientation - Thank you to parents who helped for the Kindy Orientation Mornings

Special Treat Hot Lunch - Hotdogs are on the menu

We have been listening and we will look to hold a Special Treat Hot Lunch this term. Stay tuned



Special Treats - Friday 16th November

Thank you to our volunteers - Alison Streater, Joanne Zahorsky, Monique Falzon, Anne-Marie Apap, Mariana Cutuk and Bronwen Robertson



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

~ Sacraments ~

New Altar Servers

Coming soon

Beginning Tuesday 6 November and running for 4 Tuesdays, Fr Warren will be holding a course for those interested in becoming an altar server. You will need to have received your First Holy Communion. Enrolment forms are available from the Church foyer.

10 Year Anniversary Magazine

On Sale Now ...

For only \$10- the first 10 years of our parish. This 68 paged glossy magazine has some wonderful stories and shows how far our Parish has come in 10 years. This can be purchased from the Piety Store or the Parish Office.

Youth

Inviting all Youth every Friday to come and join in the fun. BYO afternoon snack and water bottle.

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

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Term 4 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Giuseppe Venezia	Olivia Ross	Abbey Hollier
Year 3 G	Charlie Mileto	Thomas Gutwenger	Willow Johnston
Year 3 W	Malachi Rangan	Danielle Vella	Alexandra Tirador
Year 4 B	Lily Trimboli	Lachlan Connellan	Jaeden Mensah
Year 4 G	Jericho Cruz	Amity Oxspring	Amalia-Rose Trifiro
Year 4 W	Ava Carney	Daniel Knowles	Olivia Sims
Year 5 B	Lucas Buda	Bailey Knowles	Michael Eyles
Year 5G	Ante Topic	Georgia Nemitsas	Marc Skoljarev
Year 5W	Max Fischer	Brendan Ewer	Rachael Perillo
Year 6 B	Isabella Ponturo	Alicia Dersch	Gavin Casino
Year 6 W	Jacob Connellan	Gabriella Muscat	Pierre-Antoine La

*Until next week
Mrs Eva La Rocca
Principal*

Bible Study:

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your haircut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

To this, the father replied: "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

Oakhill College Tour

We warmly invite all prospective students and families to attend an Oakhill College Tour on Thursday, 22 November 2018.

From 9.30am – 11.30am, the morning provides a great opportunity see how the College inspires students to aspire to greatness. Explore our beautiful grounds and facilities at the College and meet the Principal, Brother Steve Hogan. Visit <http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book-a-tour/> to reserve your place or contact the Registrar on 9634 0802 for further information.



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020. The closing date for Year 7 2020 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 22nd March 2019.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2020 applicants, but open to any year group.

Monday 26th November and Thursday 6th December 2018
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 note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held until our Open Afternoon.

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 12th March 2019.