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Week 8 Term 3

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

Dear Parents

One of the most important conversations you can have with your children at the dinner table is to ask them about their school day. If your children are anything like mine, you might be familiar with the standard response 'good', 'ok' or 'same as yesterday!' My children are now teenagers and it is only recently that I have realized that if I really want to find out about their school day, I needed to reframe the way that I asked the question, rather than ask the standard 'How was your day?'

Therefore, try these conversation starters to determine how your child is travelling, academically, emotionally or socially. Their responses may just surprise you....

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you witnessed/showed today?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at play time?
5. Did you help anyone today?
6. Did you say 'thank you' to anyone today?
7. Did you see evidence of God's love today?
8. What made you laugh?
9. Did you learn something new that you didn't understand?
10. Who inspired you today?
11. What was your most/least favourite part of the day? Why?
12. What is something you heard that inspired you?
13. What is something you saw that made you think?
14. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday?
15. What is something that challenged you?
16. What questions did you ask at school today?
17. Tell us your top two things from the day?
18. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
19. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
20. If you could change one thing about your day what would it be?
21. What kind of person were you today?
22. What made you feel happy? Proud? Loved?
23. What made your teacher smile/frown?
24. What is your goal for tomorrow? Next week?
25. If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

Source: Carolyn – Evergreen Parenting

God Bless
Mr Cauchi
Acting Principal

Dates to Remember

Week 9 Tues 18 th Sept	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
Wed 19 th Sept	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
Fri 21 st Sept	Stage 3 Boys Touch Footy Gala Day Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)
Week 10 Tues 25 th Sept	Dance Fever Skipping Expo
	Infants: 9.00am Primary: 2.20pm
Fri 28 th Sept	Last Day of School for Term 3

NEWSLETTER

OLA FORMATION GOAL: For students to further develop their knowledge of God's presence in their lives through a deeper understanding of the Scriptures.

Students at OLA are learning to reflect on the Scriptures using the **THREE SENSES**-Literal (About the story), Spiritual (Church teachings and sacraments) and Application (Being the Face of God through your Words, Actions and Thoughts)

After reading the Scripture story as a family think of the following questions:

WHERE IS GOD REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURE? (SPIRITUAL SENSE)

HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE? (APPLICATION SENSE)

Sunday 16th September 2018, Gospel Reflection (Mark 8:27-35) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Gospel Reflection

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.' No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality, which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. (LiturgyHelp.com, Fr Michael Tate)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RE @ OLA

Week 9: 21st September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)

Please keep in your prayers the following OLA Year 6 students who will receive their sacrament of Confirmation on Friday.

Alissa A, Brianna A, Ava B, Mikayla B, Tamsyn B, Lara C, Gavin C, Natasha C, Jacob C, Alicia D, Georgia D, Ashton G, Gemma G, Samantha G, Olivia H, Isabella I, Thomas L, Rylan M, Charli M, Gabriella M, Kalan O.



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Write letters. Corresponding with a friend or relative-or a simple statement at the bottom of a letter you write to someone your child knows-offers them opportunities to spell.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omGOgQ>

Date for Diaries:

9th November-Whole School Writing Task #4

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

Root Word of the Week: multi- many

Words of the Week:

Infants: multiply

Primary: multitude

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Mindfulness in action at OLA: Cultivating Self-Awareness

A Growth Mindset

Do you know about 'The Learning Pit'? Do you know why it is important for students to be challenged and struggle with their learning? Do you know what 'The Eureka' moment is? The answers to all these questions can be found at the following link. <https://vimeo.com/128462566>

Terina Macare

Dance Fever Skipping Expo

Parents are invited to view the skills their children have learnt over the past nine weeks at the Skipping Expo which will take place on Tuesday 25th September (Week 10).

Years K-2 9.00am – 9.40am

Years 3-6 2.20pm – 3.00pm



Congratulations

to Jericho (Year 5) for his recent participation in the MacKillop Golf team. It is always wonderful to see OLA students representing in their chosen sport at a higher level and I was even more proud to receive the following email from the MacKillop team Manager:

"As you would be aware, one of your students, Jericho Cirera, represented MacKillop at the NSWPSA Golf Championships this week. I was fortunate to be the MacKillop Team Manager.

I just wanted to let you know that Jericho was a wonderful representative of our region. He played well, showed a great attitude and most importantly upheld the core values of our faith in his interactions with others."

Thank you Jericho for representing your school in such a positive manner.

World Youth Day Raffle Tickets Are now Due to be Returned

Thank you to the families who have returned the WYD raffle tickets. These MUST be returned either sold or unsold. Can all tickets please be returned as soon as possible.

From the Classroom of...

3W Geography: Australia's nearest neighbours

Year 3 in Geography have been learning about the similarities and difference between Australia and our closest neighbours. This week 3W went on an excursion to China Town in the city and discussed the similarities and differences they noticed.



Library Borrowing

There will be **NO LIBRARY** borrowing next week, however students need to return **ALL** library books they may have at home.



Congratulations to Mrs Buckley and her husband on the birth of a baby boy yesterday, Finn. We can't wait to meet him and give him lots of cuddles.

When is sick too sick for school



If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years





From the P&F...



Movie Night – Saturday 21st September 5pm Christopher Robin

BOOK NOW!

OLA P&F have booked out an entire cinema room for our community at **Event Cinema's Castle Hill**. Bring your kids; family and friends so we can all enjoy the exclusive use of a room to ourselves! You can even talk through the ads without anyone 'Ssshhhhing' the back of your head.



All tickets are \$12. Seats are limited, so reserve your seats now!
Why not make a night of it and enjoy the local restaurants for dinner.
Please see note attached to the newsletter.

Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 6th November

We will be holding the Melbourne Cup Raffle / Sweep this year. Tickets will be sent home at the start of Term 4. All tickets will be \$1.

To go along with our Melbourne Cup theme, we are thinking of holding a social event during the day. This is a time to put your best outfit on, dress or suit, grab the fascinator or special tie and join your fellow OLA parents for some laughs.

Family Photos – November Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th

After the success of last year, you will have the opportunity to have a family photo shoot and get those much treasured family photos. Ask anyone from last year, the photos were beautiful and just in time for Christmas made a beautiful gift. Details will be out shortly

A big thank you to **Early Start Discovery Space in Wollongong** for donating 3 family passes to an upcoming raffle we will be holding (details coming soon). If you get a chance, you need to check out this place. It is loads of fun for both kids and adults. See website for more details
<http://earlystartdiscoveryspace.edu.au>

Special Treats – Special Treats – Friday 21st September



Lee-Ann Wallis, Natalie Dolahenty, Prasangi Gunasekera, Laura Krotofil,
Adriana Attard and Kelly Cleary

Next P&F Meeting 7th November 2018



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

Family Fun Night - OLA Parish Bush Dance

Saturday, 13 October at 6.30pm

All Welcome to join in a fun night of dancing and socialising.

Great Live Bush Band entertaining.

You are welcome to BYO dinner or purchase on the night a sausage sizzle and light refreshments.

Yummy Krispy Kreme donuts will be on sale for dessert. (to cover the cost of the Bush Band).

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: Mark Robinson

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Archangel Awards

*Congratulations to the following students who received the archangel awards this week:-
Nicholas Kamber, Ava Bennett,
Isabella Iori, Lucious Cappello
and Lucas Cleland.*



MindQuest 2018

Glenwood HS

Cnr Forman Avenue and Glenwood Park Dr

Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th November 2018

On **Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November 2018** the 89th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend ***MindQuest*** will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two-day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$195.00 (including GST).

Contact the school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 02 4959 7148

Closing Date: Friday 19th October, 2018