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Week 2 Term 2

10th May, 2019

"Celebrating 10 years of Education"

Dear Parents,

This is the first newsletter for Term 2. This term we welcome six new families to our school community and trust that your children have settled in well.

Last week's Gospel was about the time Jesus appeared to the disciples by the shores of Lake Galilee. They had been fishing all night but caught nothing. The 'stranger' on the shore asked them, as you do ask a fisherman, if they'd caught anything. At their negative response, the man suggested they try the other side of the boat. (I am always intrigued by their response which was to do as he suggested. Anyone knows that an 'expert fisherman' doesn't appreciate being told how to fish ☺) However, they tried and the result was a load of fish such that it broke the nets. It was only then, following this extraordinary event, that John recognized the 'stranger' as Jesus.

Jesus is always present in our lives – sometimes we readily recognize Him, often we do not try hard enough. How often is Jesus present in the day to day? Every moment. How often do we say, "It is the Lord!"?

Mothers' Day

This morning, we gathered at Mass to celebrate our mothers. Thank you to everyone who helped contributed towards this event – Father John, Mrs Byrne (REC) Mrs Cheadle and the choir, Year 5 students and teachers for their reflection, all readers and servers and to all the students and family members who attended. A special 'thank you to the P&F once again for organising an amazing morning tea for the mums and the stall earlier in the week. This is a special time just for mums, who do so much for us, to be spoilt. We wish you a lovely Happy Mothers' Day this Sunday. ☺



Wednesday (May 15th) in Week 3, is **International Day of Families**. This is a special day we celebrate the importance of families - the foundation of our society.

You are invited to join your children on the playground at 1.20pm for a BYO picnic lunch, and the SRC will host games. We are asking for a gold coin donation which will be a contribution to Catholic Care supporting the needy and marginalised in our diocese and to the *Adopt a Farmer* Initiative.

After play break, all students and families are asked to join in a special prayer service - the Rosary - for families everywhere - commencing at approximately 2.20pm.

Dates to Remember

Next week is NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5.

Wed 15th May: Family Day 1.20pm family picnic followed by Rosary (approx. 2.20pm) in the church

Fri 17th: Infants Assembly 1G; Andrew Chin Surveys sent to all.

Fri 24th May: Primary Assembly 5W

Mon 27th: Andrew Chin workshop (select group)

Wed 29th: Stage 3 Girls Soccer gala day;

6pm Parent workshop- Helping your child with Literacy for Year 1

6.30pm: parents understanding A-E Reporting (Year 1 parents but all welcome)

7PM P&F MEETING

The term calendar events can be found on our website at

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Calendar>

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. We hear The Word and are given messages to help us show the face of God.

Sunday 12th May Gospel reflection (John 10:27-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'



Living the Gospel

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

Sunday 19th May Gospel reflection (John 13:31-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another;

just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Living the Gospel – Love is all around

Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing 'love' used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of 'love', the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It's easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God's love when we recognise just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

(LiturgyHelp.com. Greg Sunter 10-5-2019)



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This term many of Our Lady of the Angels students will be preparing to receive the sacrament of their First Holy Communion. May we keep these students in our prayers, as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist in their body and soul.

Project Compassion

Thank you to all our OLA families who supported Caritas over the Lenten period. The money donated through Project Compassion will provide basic needs to those in need. OLA \$1,820.00 – such an amazing effort

What is happening @OLA in Religious Education

- Year 3 and Year 6 starting the trial of the draft Learning Framework for Religious Education.
- Wednesday 15th May International Day of Families Day (Gold coin donation to CatholicCare)
 - 1.20:picnic/games
 - Family Rosary in the church after Lunch Two break.
- First Holy Communion program commenced
Students other than OLA Year 3 students
 - Lesson 1-Parent and child @ 7pm
 - Lesson 2-Parent and child @ 7pm
- All students preparing for their First Holy Communion
Thursday 30th May @ 7pm-Instructional Mass
Rehearsal Dates
Thursday 6th June @ 7pm (First Holy Communion-Sunday 9th June @ 12 noon)
Thursday 13th June @ 7pm (First Holy Communion-Sunday 16th June @ 12 noon)
Thursday 20th June @ 7pm (First Holy Communion-Sunday 23rd June @ 12 noon)

This Sunday, May 12th, is World Day of Vocations.
Please pray for more vocations to the Church.



10th Anniversary Initiative

As part of our anniversary, we have employed the services of Andrew Chinn to write a new school song. We were privileged to have had the first song penned by our very own foundation parents. We have now 'grown up' and feel it is time for a new song. Andrew has worked with our school for some years and is familiar with our context. As part of the inclusive and collaboration, a survey will be sent out NEXT FRIDAY so that all members of our community have the option to contribute to this very significant process. Thank you.

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>

Write On Competition



Hats Off 2019 Photograph by Joy Lai (Courtesy of State Library of NSW)

To participate in the competition, students compose an imaginative text of up to 500 words in length using the image above (eight different hats on display stands) as a stimulus.

Write On is an annual **writing competition** open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. It is designed to encourage students to develop their imaginative writing skills, and supports the teaching of writing. The competition aligns with the learning objectives in the NSW English K-10 Syllabus. The WriteOn 2019 writing competition closes in Week 10, Term 2 (5th July).

Imaginative pieces may include:

- narratives
- letters
- poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries.

Schools submit their best entry from each stage.

The entries are judged by a panel of experienced primary teachers from each sector.

For more information, please visit the NESA site.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/writeon-competition>

Root Word of the Week:

Week 3-vac-means empty

Week 4- therm- means heat

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

Understanding A-E Academic Reports

At the end of this term, your child will receive their mid-year academic report. For all students Year 1 to 6, this is in the form of the legislated A-E Report style. As this is the first time Year 1 students receive the A-E Report, there will be a brief information session on Wednesday 29th May at 6pm in the Year 1 space. for Year 1 parents but all are welcome. This will be followed by a session for Year 1 parents on assisting your child with reading and writing at 6.30pm.



This week we took delivery of two large Orange Recycling Bins and the children were informed that OLA will be participating in recycling all 10c containers that are brought to the school. Children in all classes are being taught about the benefits of recycling to the environment and how we can all 'do our bit'.

All products that contain the 10c recycling logo are placed into the orange bins, and when full they are collected, money is deposited into the school account which can be used to purchase resources, donate to charities, etc,

Please encourage your children to remember to participate in this scheme to look after our world for many generations to come.

Once again, we are participating in the Woolworths Earn and learn sticker promotion. Just earn your stickers by shopping at Woolworths, and place your stickers in the box at Woolworths Rouse Hill, or drop them off at the school. The more stickers we earn, the more we have to spend!



From the Classroom of Year 1

At the end of last term, Year 1 dressed up in clothing from the olden days and celebrated a 'History Day'. We had been learning about family and school life in the past, so we invited some parents and grandparents to teach us how to play games they played when they were younger. We learnt how to play hopscotch, quoits, marbles, pick up sticks and elastics. It was such a fun day!!

"I loved learning how to make cat's cradle with wool." Ruby 1W

"I had fun playing hopscotch on History Day." Connor 1G

"It was fun learning the songs to sing while we were jumping on the elastics." Vienna 1B



OLA Sports Report –

Congratulations to Hayden Lavercombe on being selected into the **Parramatta Diocese Open Rugby Union** team. Hayden will attend the MacKillop trials next term. We wish Hayden the best of luck at the next trial.

Congratulations to the following students who represented OLA at the Diocesan Cross country on Tuesday:

Year 2: Noah.C, Lola.Q, AvaBelle.C

Year 3: William.H, Lucas.C, Jordan.H, Rohan.P, Ruby.M, Addison.G, Heidi.N

Year 4: Charlie.M, Molly.N, Kobe.c, Logan.C, Aidan.A, Lucious.C, Gabriela, R, Camyrn.S, Francesca.T

Year 5: Aidan.V, Emily.L, Ella.D, Thomas.C, Marcus.F, Marcus.M, Jericho.C, Madison.Z,

Charlotte.A, Isobel.C, Katia.L, Sarah.M

Year 6: Dante.M, Arad.R, Noah.R Bowen.C, Kobe.O, Marc.S, Christian.A, Madison.M, Sienna.M, Sarah.C

Congratulations to Noah and Gabriela Ribeiro who both finished 4th in their events. Noah and Gabriela will be representing Parramatta at the next NSW CPS cross country later in the term. We wish them both the very best!



The **2019 St Bernadette Netball Invitational Gala Day** will be held on Wednesday 31st of July. We are asking for any parents who wish to volunteer to coach a team on the day to please email the school your expression of interest.



What is Positive Behaviour Support for Learning?



PBS4L is a whole school framework that helps us create positive learning environments for all students at Our Lady of the Angels.



The PBS4L framework is a research based and proactive school wide system that establishes clear behaviour expectations.

Our fortnightly focus is how to solve conflicts with our friends.

Below are the expectations on what conflict resolution looks like at our school:

Focus	Respect for Self.	Respect for Others.	Respect for the Environment.
Conflict Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay calm. Take a deep breath. Counting to ten. Seek help if you need it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands and feet to yourself. Use of kind words. Be fair and listen to others' points of view. Work out a solution together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use school property and areas appropriately. Share the equipment.



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way. Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 17 May 2019!

DOES YOUR CHILD COME HOME REPEATEDLY COMPLAINING ABOUT FRIENDSHIP ISSUES?

THIS IS FOR YOU!

Many parents contact the school with concerns over the ‘perceived bullying’ of their child where, in fact, they are experiencing normal friendship issues and need to build their resilience.

PLEASE PUT THIS DATE INTO YOUR DIARY

You are invited to attend and participate in a truly valuable parent event on the evening of **Wednesday 19th June** where we will have one of **Australia's most respected and popular** parenting authors and speakers, **Dr Justin Coulson** presenting on **‘9 Ways to a Resilient Child’**. Parents will learn the psychological secrets that build their child's sense of identity, strengths and growth mind-set in order to perform better, be happier and build resilience.

You are parenting at a unique time where advances in technology, the busyness of life and changes in our wider culture has led to a new range of challenges for our young people. As the primary educators of your children your role is vital and through evenings such as this we hope to support you to assist your children in the various issues they may be facing or face in the future.

Dr Justin Coulson is sought after for his expertise in family life, relationships, and wellbeing and resilience; and he is the founder of ‘Happy Families’ (<https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/>).

Dr Coulson has written 5 books, and is a three-time **bestselling author**. He is an occasional columnist for the **New York Times** and appears regularly in all of **Australia's major news outlets for television, radio, and print**.

Justin not only brings credibility and experience. He is at the coalface of family life. He and his wife Kylie are the **parents of six daughters**. Justin will be travelling to be at our event from Brisbane, Queensland.

It is so important that as a wider Catholic school community we can unite to share resources and support each other to create a strong positive family life for our children. This event will be a joint event amongst the following Catholic schools in our area:

Santa Sophia Catholic College (Primary and Secondary)
St John Paul II Catholic College
Our Lady of the Angels Primary
John XXIII Primary / St Mark's Catholic College

Details:

Date: Wednesday 19th June
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Location: College Hall, St Mark's Catholic College, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens
Invitees: All parents of students from K-12
Topic: **‘9 Ways to a Resilient Child’** *Parents* will learn the psychological secrets that build their child's sense of identity, strengths and growth mind-set in order to perform better, be happier and build resilience

We look forward to your attendance and being involved in this valuable event!

Archangel Award

Congratulations to our Archangel Award recipients for this fortnight:-

Leonardo Rosano, Sean McKeever, Chloe Holden, Harriet Preston. Gianluca Russo, Juliana Aguilar, Jack Maher. Georgina McQuaid, Bowen Cleary



Congratulations to Luca Vaughan who is the new SRC for 3G. Luca received his badge at the beginning of this term.

Library Monitors -Term 2

Congratulations to Jasmine Vella, Ashlee Charlton, Maddison Dyke and Zoey Chown who will be Library Monitors for Term 2.



From the Office...

Winter Uniform – All students are to return to school on Monday in their full winter uniform.

Please remember that the **JUMPER** is to be worn over the uniform if the children are cold in the first instance. The students are NOT TO WEAR the bomber jacket in place of the jumper, only over it.

Uniform Shop – This is open on Mondays from 8.20am – 9.20am. All other orders will be processed on Mondays and Wednesdays from next week.

Due to the changeover in season, we have been supplying uniform every day for the last two weeks, however from next week, we will be going back to filling orders on Monday and Wednesday.

Please either send the uniform order with your child in their bag, or email it through to us. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Headlice – It is a part of school life that head lice appear from time to time during the year. There have been a few cases recently, and we ask that all parents check your child's hair if their head is itchy and wash their hat. Please remind your children not to share hats and keep their hair tied back. If you find that your child has headlice, once you have treated it, then can return to school as normal.

Hillsbus – Please see the new timetable from Hillsbus that is attached to this newsletter.

School Photos – Will take place on Monday 17th June. Information & envelopes will go home the week prior to this date.

Sibling Enrolment for 2020 - The enrolment process for 2020 is well underway and interviews have commenced. If you have a sibling for next year and you have not lodged the paperwork yet, please do so next week, as we have had a lot of enrolments from new families and if you leave it to the end of the year, there may not be a place for you. Thank you for your attention to this.



P&F News



Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We hope all Mother's enjoy their special gifts chosen by their children at the stall this week.

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the Mother's day Stall and Mother's Day Morning Tea a success. Without each and every one, it would not have been possible.

Out of envelopes? No worries! Please either use a plastic zip lock bag or brown paper bag when sending money to the P&F - this avoids any money being lost in transit.

Please ensure to only send \$AUD.

For special treats and other occasions where money is required.

Thank you



FIESTA

Fiesta will be held on Sunday 4th August this year. We will be looking for volunteers. If you are able to assist, please send us an email so we can co-ordinate volunteers with the Parish. If you are interested in holding a stall, a meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm at the Parish Office.

Special Treats - Thank you to our volunteers

17th May - Alison Streater, Candice Buda, Kelly Cleary, Kylie Ross, Brooke Dyke, Bianca Basile and Sarah Cleary

24th May - Mariana Cutuk, Monica Ponturo, Iarni Harvey, Adrianna Attard, Maria Muscat, Bianca Basile and Paula Lopez

Here are the winners for the Mother's Day Raffle. * Not too sure why this wasn't communicated through the emails? Perhaps it was to keep it a surprise??

I used the School Listing to enter orders, then manually adjusted according to how many gifts were purchased. Below are the cell numbers (from Excel spreadsheet attached). Thought to send a screen shot so all is transparent with winners. You may also need to publish in the Newsletter?

THANKS & HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Anna x

1st Prize – Olivia Medjumurac	2G
2nd Prize – Harrison McQuaid	5G
3rd Prize – Amelia Novelli	6W
4th Prize – Benjamin Andrews	KB
5th Prize – Grace Vella	5B
6th Prize – Isabella Deur	KW



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

NEXT P&F MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY AT 7PM

From the Parish Office...

First Communions 2019

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Only session.

Remember that you will need to come to one of the weekend masses to collect your child's Prayer.

Please also note that the next date you need to diarise will be the Instructional Mass on Thursday, 30

May at 7.00pm. This is compulsory for all Candidates and their families to attend.

2019 OLA Family Fiesta

Our initial Co-ordinators and Stall Holders Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 May at 7.30pm in the

Parish Meeting Room. Any interested parties are invited to come along.

Youth - Year 6 students

YOUTH CAMP 2019

Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th July @ Point Wolstoncroft

Year 6+ | \$250 per person

We are now taking \$50 deposits to save your place!

FUNDRAISING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: email youth@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Angels Hang Out ~ every Friday during term: 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Children's Prayer Group "Mary's Rose Garden"

This Saturday Mary's Rose Garden Prayer Group will be gathering to listen to the explanation of Bible

Stories. From 10am-12 noon - in the Parish Hall.

OLA Playgroup

Operating weekly from the OLA Community - all ages are welcome. Every Thursday morning 9am-11am

in the Parish Hall (during the school term). For further info contact Melissa 0425 423 680.



Welcome new babies into our community...

*The Merrin children who have a new baby brother yesterday

*Lyla Sofia in Kinder who had baby brother end of last term.

Congratulations to these families and we look forward to meeting them very soon.

HEALTH ALERT

It is apparent that there is a nasty gastro virus in the area and has struck quite a number of students and teachers. Please remind your children about the importance of washing hands etc and not sharing food.

If your child is complaining of not feeling well, please take heed.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards...

Term 2 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Ava Martin	Ashlee Charlton	Isaac Rapa
Year 3 G	Jack Maher	Gabriella Fedele	Maddison Younes
Year 3 W	Nathan Murphy	Harrison Jones	Sofia Costa
Year 4 B	Danielle Vella	Malachi Rangan	Julie Bolina
Year 4 G	Isabella Smith	Maddix Laborte	Cailee Graham
Year 4 W	Maia Villanueva	Tahnia Arora	Jake Brown
Year 5 B	Jayden Wylie	Georgia McQuaid	Celina Wassef
Year 5G	Jayden Makdessi	Macy Owen	Emma Cleary
Year 5W	Caitlyn Williams	Georgia Falzon	Roxie Pace
Year 6 B	Hayden Lavercombe	Kobe Ormsby	Bella Molano
Year 6 G	Rafael Ira	Marcus Billyard	Arad Razaghi
Year 6 W	Eduardo Siason	Amelia Novelli	Roman Bizzanelli



Until next time,
God bless and
stay safe.
Eva La Rocca,
Principal