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Week 1 Term 2

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"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find".

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you got to spend some precious family time enjoying the beautiful Autumn weather.

The week began with a moving ANZAC day ceremony, which was led by the Year 2 students. ANZAC day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices made, both past and present, by those who have served in our armed forces. It does not glorify war but hopefully helps us appreciate and protect the freedoms we enjoy in the lucky country.



On Monday some students met Mrs Eisenhuth at the Wrights Rd War Memorial to attend the ANZAC day ceremony. Thank you to these students and Mrs Eisenhuth for representing us so proudly.

Prayer of Remembrance

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks
this day for the peace and security we enjoy,
which was won for us through the courage
and devotion of those

who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice
may not be in vain,

but that their spirit may live on in us
and in generations to come.

That the liberty, truth and justice
which they sought to preserve

may be seen and known in all nations.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Financial Audit

The external auditors visited OLA today. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Goldsworthy, who, once again, prepared thoroughly for this and passed with flying colours. Bravo Helen!

God bless,

Mrs Cathy Hey

Dates to Remember

Wed 4 th May	Mothers' Day Stall
Fri 6 th May	Mothers' Day Mass (whole school) followed by morning tea
Tues 10 th May	NAPLAN Writing/Language Yrs 3 & 5
Wed 11 th May	NAPLAN Reading Yrs 3 & 5
Thurs 12 th May	NAPLAN Numeracy Yrs 3 & 5 Yr 1 excursion to Taronga Zoo

Maths club will resume in **Week 3**

NEWSLETTER

Gospel according to John (Jn14: 23-29)

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”



This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries. As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Parents are always helping their children prepare for something, whether that consists of getting ready for school, preparing for an exam, or making preparations to go on holidays. In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his Passion, death, and Resurrection. He promises his Holy Spirit, gives them the gift of his peace, and tells them not to be troubled.

As a family, talk about the kinds of events that you have prepared for together; surgeries, funerals, holidays, and first days of school are some examples. Talk about why it is important to prepare for important events in our lives. Talk about how Jesus prepared his disciples for his Death and Resurrection and how he wanted them to be prepared for what would happen so that they would be able to believe.

Talk about how, as a family, you can prepare for Pentecost (only 2 weeks away), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

Source: Loyola Press

Mrs Lisa Hurst, Acting REC

Literacy News

Listen to your child read every day. The reader your child brings home from school should be an easier text for them to read for pleasure and to help build their fluency and confidence. Here are some ideas you can use when reading with your child:

- Look at the cover, title, pictures and talk about what the book might be about
- Talk about the story so far and what might happen next
- After reading, talk about the story and ask questions
- Talk about the pictures and how they add meaning to the text

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Uniform

Thank you to those students who have returned to school presented beautifully. Due to the unpredictability of the weather, students are permitted to wear either full summer or full winter uniform for the next two weeks. All students must be in **FULL Winter** uniform by **Monday 18th May, 2016** (Week 4).

* A reminder that boys' haircuts are to be of consistent length, with no lines or extremes of length (gradual cuts only). It is required that long hair be pinned back or tied in plaits or a ponytail. Ribbons and headbands are to be in the school colours or those provided.

* Sports shoes should be predominately white.

* Sports socks are to be white ankle socks not the cutaway type.



Thank you for your support in ensuring your child adheres to the uniform policy, which was agreed to upon enrolment.

BIG BOOT CAMP @ OLA

On Wednesday 27th April, we had our first 'Big Boot Camp'. This event was a great success, as we had over 50 students, mums and dads join us to get fit at OLA Boot Camp. The event was also a fund raiser for WYD 2016. It was great to see, students getting involved and not giving up, during the Burpee challenge. This was a great way to give all students a taste of the Primary Boot Camp we have every term. A big thanks goes out to Miss Grima, who organised the activities for the morning. Thank you to the staff who also came to join in and help out. We were asked if we would be organising another one and we are pleased to announce that the next 'Big Boot Camp' will be on Wednesday 25th May @ 8am. More details will come in future newsletters.

Mrs Byrne and Miss Grima





P&F NEWS



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Don't forget the Mother's Day stall will be on this coming Wednesday. Thank you to all those who have returned their notes and money. A special thank you to all those who have volunteered to help on the day. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

MUMS... see you at the Morning Tea after the 10am mass next Friday.



Calling all Dads!

Are you free next Friday from 10.30-11.30am???

If you are able to come and make tea and coffee and help out at the Morning Tea after Mass, we'd love your help! Pop into the kitchen at the back of the church ☺

Thank you and see you then!

OLA FIESTA

FIESTA MEETING -WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH OFFICE AT 7.30PM.

We hope a representative from every grade/stall will be able to attend.

In particular we **NEED** some volunteers to help run stalls from years 3 & 5. If you can help the grade representative, please email us at olapfc@gmail.com or contact us via our face book page.

We thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and support. We have had a wonderful response so far and look forward to working together.

If you have any ideas, would like to help or run a stall or can offer a donation please contact us and we can get the ball rolling! We can be contacted on olapfc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – MAY 6: The roster for next week... Rebecca Galea, Jennifer Billyard, Prasangi Gunasekara, Melissa Mileto, Sarah Cleary and Lee-Ann Wallis. Thank you!

P&F AGM WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH – 7PM



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*



Angel Stamp Competition Winners!!!

We have SEVEN winners of our Angel Stamp Competition whose drawings are now being made into stamps to use in tracking positive behaviour of students.

Congratulations to:-

Jake Brown
Lauren Eyles
Isabelle Williams
Alissa Sweeney

Lucy Taylor
Ashley Cummings
Anneliese Gutwenger

The successful entries are below.



Mrs Giglio and Mrs Schroder

Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country – Tuesday 3rd May

Congratulations to all the children representing OLA!!

Just a reminder to those who have children representing OLA in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country next Tuesday at **Sydney Motorsport Park**. Primary Races commence at 9.50am with the Carnival concluding at approximately 2.30pm. Parking is available through **Gate A**. All Children need to be at the venue by **8am** so that they can walk the course. Please refer to the original note last term. Students are encouraged to eat a good breakfast in the morning and to bring plenty of water and food for the day. A School Bag reminder will be sent on the day to notify parents where we will be sitting.

Thank you,
Miss Pepin

FROM THE CLASSROOM... 2W

As a nation we celebrated ANZAC Day on Monday the 25th of April to remember the fallen soldiers and those who fought in the wars. As a school, we remembered them on Tuesday the 26th of April with Year 2 leading a small liturgy. We shared the story of The Last ANZAC and spoke about the relevance of poppies and why we use them in the remembrance of ANZAC Day. Here are some of our artworks of poppy fields.



From the Parish Office...

Public Address - Box Hill Catholic School

The parish invites parents to come along to a discussion regarding the new school at Box Hill on Tuesday, 3 May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Church.

Happy Birthday OLA Church

It is the Anniversary of the Church Opening. You are invited to come along to the Solemnity of the Blessing and Consecration of the Church with a special Mass and morning tea on Sunday at 10am.

OLA WYD '16 Dance Party

World Youth Day Pilgrims from OLA Invite you to our Dance Party. Tonight for Primary School children from 6pm-8pm in the Old Church. Oh and there is a theme: Red & White!!! Cost: \$10 - hope to see you all there.

We're fundraising with Entertainment

The 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book and Digital Memberships are here and features over \$20,000 worth of valuable up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for some of the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more **for only \$65**. So take advantage of the great offers available with your new Entertainment™ Membership now! Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from **Our Lady of the Angels Parish** again to support our fundraising efforts. Contact the Parish office for further information if needed.

Sacraments of Initiation

First Communion For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation in 2016 First Communion will take place in June 2016. The first Parent-only session will be held on **Thursday, 19 May at 7.30pm**.

If you have a child in Year 3 or an older grade who has completed their Reconciliation and is not registered for First Communion, we ask that you contact the parish office for further information.

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

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

Sacrament Co-ordinator: Christine Leahy



What people say about our wonderful school

Just a quick email to say what a wonderful job the teachers in Year 5 are doing for the students. I managed to get in and participate today at the Mad Scientist Day and the students were so polite and well mannered. Despite the fact I was in charge of an experiment that probably wasn't the most exciting (I think the dry ice was the favourite!) the students were still so enthusiastic and keen to learn. What a credit to parents and teachers. Thanks for a great morning (including boot camp!) (name provided)

Term 2 Week 1	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Bryce McDonald	Angelica Manago	Joshua Orton
Year 3 G	Marc Skoljarev	Leila Balangan	Max Cutroni
Year 3 W	Anneliese Gutwenger	Marcus Castellan	Rafael Ira
Year 4 B	Alisa Adhihetty	Charli Molloy	Natasha Charlesworth
Year 4 W	Matthew Dalton	Gabriella Bond	Kenneth Tjhin
Year 5 B	Enaya Puri	Kylan Ewer	Jayden Ormsby
Year 5 G	Malachi Cauchi	Cody Kingcott	Trinity Johnston
Year 5W	Elysia Connellan	Dylan Stacey	Nicholas Hallal
Year 6 B	Raphael DiLorenzo	Rex Finch	Marc Zammit
Year 6 W	Tiarne McLuskey	Tyler Spiteri	Sebastian Cauchi