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Week 9 Term 2

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Dear Parents,

This is the last Newsletter for what has been another event-filled and exhausting term. I thank my staff for their continued hard work and professionalism; I thank the students for their diligence and daily smiles and I thank you, the parents, for your work in partnership with us in the interest of your child's education.

Farewell and Good Luck...

To Mrs Buckley who leaves us today to go on maternity leave. I thank her for all she has brought to OLA School community and wish her all the very best for the birth of her baby as she and her husband enter into that very special vocation of parenthood. We look forward to meeting baby sometime next term and to Mrs Buckley's return when able.

Safe travels...

Also to Mrs Byrne and Ms Grima who will be attending World Youth Day in Poland. Their trip begins with a stop in the Philippines to work with other pilgrims to rebuild a school and church in a poverty-stricken part of the country that was devastated by earthquake.

I am confident both these staff members will return enriched by this experience of pilgrimage and, upon return, will bring to our school community a new depth and presence of God and the Holy Spirit.

Safe travels to all other members of our community who will be travelling over the next few weeks.

Congratulations

To the following students who have received this term's Principal's Award. It was a pleasure to share morning tea with them on Tuesday and have a chat about how their term has been and why they think they received the award. They knew it was because they have been working hard and, most importantly, being kind to others. ☺



NEWSLETTER



Paityn Ng
Maraya Macario
Trinity Oxspring
Luke Smyth
Michael Fuda
Madison Saward

Ava Silva
Harrison McQuaid
Raymon Chayban
Angelica Manago
Marc Skoljarev
Christian Vargas
Charli Molloy

Nicholas Gomez
Patrick Bennett
Natasha Eyles
Coby Clements
Riley Price
Tyler Spiteri

Dates to Remember

Monday 18th July: First day of term 1
Friday week 2: Grandparents Day
Tuesday Week 3: OLA Day

Please refer to the Term 3 calendar attached to this Newsletter email.

Sunday 3rd July 2016: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 10:1-9)

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."

Gospel Reflection

Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful He tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their 'names are written in heaven'. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things! (*Liturgy Help-Greg Sunter 1-7-2016*)

Stage Two Soccer Gala Day

Yesterday twenty-two boys and girls from Year 4 represented OLA at the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park, Penrith. It was an extremely chilly 1-degree at the start of the day before the sun appeared. Both teams played extremely well and faced tough competition from their opponents. Every student played well and supported their teammates throughout the day. The majority of the games saw both team draw their majority of their games.

A special thank you to Mr Sprowles for looking after the boys' team. Thank you to all the mums and dads who were there to support the children and who assisted me throughout the day. I was very proud of their sportsmanship and how they represented our school.

Miss Grima



Please refer to the following flyer which was emailed to Year 5/6 parents earlier this week. This course might be of interest to others.



ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

A three-session program for parents and carers
at **St Mark's Catholic College, Perfection Drive, Stanhope Gardens**
on **Thursday evenings of 11th August, 18th August and 25th August 2016**
from **6pm – 8pm.**

Learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

Registration

The course costs **\$10** per parent/couple/carer(s) to cover the cost of the parent workbook (only one required per family). This workbook will be available for purchase on the night.

Register for this course by contacting **St Mark's College office on 9852 0500**

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case

- An end to the arguing and yelling!
- It saved our lives
- Simple, sane, effective

Lost Property

Please take the opportunity of the holidays to check your child's jumper, jacket and hat as we have many children who have lost items that have names on them. Please also re-name if the label has faded.

Please return anything that does not belong to your family next term.

Premier's Reading Challenge – keep reading

A reminder to those students who have registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge that you have until 19th August to log the books you have read onto the website. Some students have already finished the required reading and their logs have been validated.



P&F NEWS

FIESTA RAFFLE TICKETS

Have you sold your 1st book of raffle tickets? Grab another from the parish office. The family having sold the most tickets will receive an incentive prize!!!

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER - TERMS 3 & 4

This roster has been emailed out. Please check your inbox. Thank you to all those involved each week.

FIESTA NEWS.....

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help out on stall for an hour on the fiesta day. Next term we publish the Entertainment Guide. Perhaps you may have an hour to spare either before or after your child's performance to help out. It should be a great day!



WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Donations for the White Elephant Stall will be received from Monday Week 2. Please take donations to the Parish Hall or see the Parish Office. Many Thanks!



Get ready..... There will be an AMAZING SILENT AUCTION!!!

Bids will be accepted prior to the fiesta day!

More info to come....

Are you able to help?

Following the special mass there will be a short procession following Our Lady of the Angels and the Blessed Sacrament. We need 10 men to assist in carrying the statue of Our Lady around the school grounds. This is a special honour and a tradition around the world. If you would like to be involved please pop into the Parish Office.



***Wishing you a happy holiday with your families.
See you next term!***



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

Last week I represented Mackillop in the PSSA NSW Rugby League trials in Wyong. Mackillop is made up of the Catholic school boys from Sydney to Canberra. I had to go through 2 other trials to get into the Mackillop team so I feel very lucky to be representing Mackillop. I played against boys from all over the state. There were 12 teams in total there competing to be in the NSW team. I played 8 games over 3 days so it was a very hard week of footy. The boys I was playing were very good players and the games were very tough. I gained a lot of experience and confidence from these trials and had a lot of fun meeting new people from all over the state. Thank you to my school for giving me this fantastic opportunity to represent Our Lady of the Angels.

Riley Price



From the Parish Office...

First Communion Congratulations to the remaining 57 children who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Confirmations For children in Year 6 who have received their First Holy Communion, there will be an Information Night about Confirmations at Our Lady of the Angels on Thursday, August 4 at 7.30pm.

Want to keep the kids entertained during the holidays!!!

You can buy your *Entertainment Membership* from us today!

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.

Playgroup

Next Friday will be the last Playgroup for this term. It will return on Friday 22 July at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing all mums/dads and bubs then!

Save the Date:

The date for the Parish Fiesta has been set for Sunday, 14 August. Make sure you keep that date clear in your diary!!

Scripture Reflection

Every Wednesday, Fr Rizzo will be holding Scripture Reflection which is based on the Gospel of the following weekend. A great way to receive a deeper meaning of each week's Gospel. Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the OLA Hall "Old Church". Everyone welcome.

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

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Building update...

You might have noticed that the building is progressing nicely and on time for the expected completion, that is handover and occupancy before the end of the school year. There will be some significant work being carried out over these holidays in the ground floor, Year 3 space. Much cooperation and patience is required when work of this nature is done and I thank the Yr 3 teachers and students for their understanding and for accommodating the necessary restraints.

*Until next term, have a happy
holiday. God bless and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca,*

