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Week 4 Term 2

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

Dear Parents,

This has been a very busy and eventful week.

Thank you to the parents who attended the workshop on Managing Anxiety. One of key messages was that anxiety is a very normal and necessary emotion for us to have as part of our growing and learning and for our survival. However, often students present as excessively so and, after the information session, we can recognise many cases where this may be exacerbated by parents' unreasonable and unnecessary levels of anxiety impacting their children. The key message for us all is to focus on 'the now'. Thoughts about 'what could happen' are just thoughts, not facts, thoughts which can be damaging and counter-productive. Something else to consider, which I have flagged in the past, we all know how stressful mornings can be - getting out of bed on time, dressed, breakfast, that home reader that cannot be found, etc. etc., not to mention getting yourself ready for work. These all lead to patience being tested. Sometimes, we can do things and speak out of turn and unknowingly upset our child. It is possible you drop your child at school and not think another thing of it but some children carry that stress, despair and anxiety with them for the rest of the day - worried about you and your relationship. This invariably impacts on their ability to focus. Remember to always 'make things right' with your child - a hug and a kiss and an 'I love you' - before you drop them for their day.

This session aligned with our focus this year on Wellbeing and improved Mental Health. We are all created in God's image and have responsibility to ourselves to be the best we can be to continue Jesus' mission to bring love and justice to the world. We hope this was an opportunity to help some of you and, in turn, your children.

Thank you and Congratulations...

We recently underwent our annual Internal/ Finance Audit which was, again, a resounding success. Thank you to Mrs Goldsworthy (assisted by Mrs Hunt) for the amazing job she does, at so many different levels, in the office.

Also, this week our school took part in the annual Peer Review process. This is an educational review, with two weeks' notice, carried out by CEDP. This year was the Stage 1 team for English and Science. The findings were many commendations and NO recommendations. I cannot express how very proud I am of these staff members who, like all OLA staff members, are dedicated hard working professionals. *Thank you.*



P&F AGM

Thank you to the outgoing P&F Committee for another great year of fundraising and fun-raising. It is no surprise that these same members have been voted in for a 3rd term. These are:

- President: Annemarie Bond
- Vice President: Kellie Owen
- Treasurer: Melissa Strong
- Secretary: Leanne Wallis
- PRC Rep: Mrs Lucious

We wish this P&F Committee all the best in this role. Please note that this committee's term will terminate in 2018 Term 1 week 4 at which time the role will align with the school year.

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mon 22 nd May	7.15pm Information Night for Santa Sophia College at OLA
Tues 23 rd May	ICAS 7.55am Digital Computers
Thurs 25 th May	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Mon 29 th May	Ascension Prayer
Tues 30 th May	ICAS 7.55am Science
Thurs 1 st June	Rug Reading Afternoon
Fri 2 nd June	Staff Development Day – Children DO NOT attend school on this day
Tues 7 th June	Athletics Carnival

Sunday 21st May 2017: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reflection (Jn 14:15-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will
no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will
live.

On that day
you will understand that I am
in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my
commandments and
keeps them

will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Living the Gospel

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

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First Holy Communion

Can we keep in our prayers the many students from Our Lady of the Angels, preparing for their First Holy Communion in June. May the Holy Spirit watch over them as they prepare to receive the Eucharist at their First Holy Communion.

Mrs Byrne

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/#.WQsL5omG0gQ>

Dates for Diaries:

Thursday 1st June-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of 'Rug Reading' out on the playground with their child at 2:30pm. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

As part of the Rug Reading on Thursday 1st June, the staff of OLA will be participating in the **Biggest Morning Tea**, to raise funds for the Cancer Council. We would like to invite all families attending, to bring an afternoon treat to share with your child and a travel mug. We will supply you with a cuppa to enjoy, while you share a book with your children.



The P&F have generously put together some small prizes that will be raffled off on the day. Raffle tickets will cost \$1, all monies raised will be donated to the Cancer Council. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jacqueline Cheadle

Next week's WOW words are:

Infants: wander

Primary: obscure

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



We are still looking for 7 FAMILIES to host **Japanese Students** (aged around 11 years).

To host a student, your own children can be of any age. Also, KTOOSH have confirmed that they will accommodate any of their families billeting Japanese students.

This has been a regular practice over the past years. OLA School acts as host to students from Nanzan Christian School in Japan. The students have always proven to be very polite and grateful and it has been a wonderful experience for the host family as well as their guests.

The following is the program:

26th July 2017 (Wed): Arr. OLA Primary School and meet host families (15:20)

27th (Thurs): Integrated program (at school)

28th (Fri): Integrated program (at school)

29th (Sat): Free with host families

30th (Sun): Group visiting SVD church in Marsfield (11:00-13:00- dropped at OLA grounds at 10.30am)

31st (Mon): Integrated program (at school)

1st Aug (Tue): Integrated program (at school), farewell depart (from school) at 13:00 approx

It is preferred that these children are billeted in twos and have their own room. The **host family will receive \$40 x 6 nights = \$240 (per students) X 2 students = \$480 per family**

If you are interested in considering hosting a couple of students, please email the school with 'Japanese' in the subject line. Families selected will be 'first in' basis.

We are looking forward to sharing in this rich cultural experience once again.

Peer Review

Each year schools undergo a thorough and rigorous compliance process, conducted by Catholic Education Parramatta (CEDP), in line with NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). This involves a process whereby colleagues, teacher educators and other CEDP Team Leaders review and critique documentation ensuring mandatory school compliance. On Tuesday our Stage 1 teachers were asked to present documentation, (teaching program, annotations, evaluations, scope and sequences, assessment plans, work samples, assessment samples, mark books and records of achievement) in the two nominated areas of Science and English.

I cannot begin to tell you how extremely thankful and proud I am of our staff. Our Stage 1 teachers have worked collaboratively and tirelessly ensuring that all the required documentation was made available and organised in such a way that resulted in an outstanding presentation to our colleagues from other schools.

The feedback that we received was amazing and a just reward, affirming of the great work that takes place at OLA in every classroom. We received numerous commendations not only about the mandatory requirements but also about the quality of teaching practices evident in our school. Despite our teachers wanting recommendations and some ideas for future direction, (as we are always looking to do things better) the reviewing schools could not think of any recommendations, such was the comprehensive presentation from our team.

I know that the parent community join me in showing appreciation to the outstanding teachers at OLA. Their commitment and dedication to getting the best learning outcomes from your children is second to none and I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all the teachers for going over and beyond expectations for the OLA students.

ICAS Testing

A reminder that the ICAS Science test for those students who have nominated to participate will take place next Tuesday 30th May. Students need to meet Mr Cauchi at 7.55am.

Assistant Principal
Mr Cauchi

Debating

Last week we participated in our first debate for 2017 at OLOR. The girls debated confidently, however lost the debate by a narrow margin. Our next debate will be at OLA at 1.40pm on Thursday 25th May. Parents of the participants are welcome to attend.

PBS4L

Taylor Cummings and Isabel Clarke received with Archangel Award last week and Leah Ocampo received her award this week. Congratulations girls.



Book Covering

If you can assist with the covering of library books and readers, please pop into the office. We will supply the contact.

School Fees

Families should receive their term 2 school fees over the next few days. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.



From the Classroom2W



May is the month we dedicate to Mary our Mother, it's a great time to honour her. Mary, who by becoming the Mother of God, assumed a special role in our lives and became a mother to us all.

May is also the month we remember and give thanks for our own mothers. In 2W, we have said the 'Hail Mary' together as a class in our beautiful Mary Garden. We hope all our Mums had a beautiful day last Sunday.



We love you Mum!!



P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Wednesday night, the P&F AGM was held and there was a wonderful turn out. I would like to begin by thanking the team of 2016 and congratulating them on another exciting and rewarding 12 months.

In 2016-17 we raised approximately **\$29693** and have donated **\$18000** to OLA School. This could not be achieved with the tireless efforts and generosity of so many.

We hope that in 2017 we can continue to build the OLA community.

I would like to introduce and warmly welcome the P&F Committee for 2017. There was a wonderful response to being a part of this team and the room was definitely buzzing on the night.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Annemarie Bond

Vice President: Kellie Owen

Secretary: Lee-Ann Wallis

Treasurer: Melissa Strong

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Nicole Brown, Kelly Cleary, Geraldine Farrugia, Joanna Gladwell, Katie Mandarano, Taryn McGrath, Maria Muscat, Annie Niemiec, Kylie Ross, Laurette Sider, Alison Streater, Kylie Terzo & Sarah Whitehurst.

Parent Representative Council member (PRC): Martina Thornton

A special thank you and 'welcome back' to our returning members. I'd also like to thank Fr Warren and the Parish Office staff. Father Warren is an integral part of our parish and has been extremely supportive and encouraging of P&F endeavours.

Thank you to Mrs La Rocca, Mr Cauchi and Mrs Hey who has now moved on, Mrs Goldsworthy, Mrs Hunt and all the school staff. It has been another busy and exciting 12 months and we thank you for your support, assistance and most of all your patience! OLA is fortunate to have you.

We look forward to continued work together to build the community of OLA.

Kind Regards

Annemarie Bond

President

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – MAY 19: Jo Gladwell, Monique Falzon, Marie Sales, Maria Muscat, Brooke Dyke, Kelly Cleary. Thank you!

**TERM 2 SECOND HAND
UNIFORMS SALE
FRIDAY JUNE 16th (8-9.30AM
& 2.15-3pm)**

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to **donate** to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the **clean** items to the school office in a plastic bag as soon as possible.

PRC PARRAMATTA : 7.15pm MAY 29th

'Raising Resilient Children' Dr Justin Coulson

Free event – Registration Essential

Held at the Catholic Learning Community of St John XXIII (St Marks) Link on our Facebook Page

CAN YOU HELP?

8.20-8.45am

'Kiss and Drop'

Crossing

Please see

Mrs La Rocca



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*



**Consider all options-
INFORMATION EVENING MONDAY 22 AT 7.15PM
at OLA School**

Santa Sophia Catholic College enrolments for 2018 are now open

Santa Sophia Catholic College is opening for Year 7 and 8 students in 2018. Preparations for the opening of the new school are well progressed and a Principal will be announced in June 2017.

The new learning community will be open to Year 7 and Year 8 students within the grounds of Our Lady of the Angels Primary School in Kellyville.

Once complete, the College will provide excellence in innovative learning and teaching for up to 2000 students from preschool to Year 12 and beyond, at Terry Road, Box Hill.

Applications are now being accepted for Year 7 and 8 students for commencement in 2018. Enrolment forms and further information about the application process can be found on our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au or contact Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 9840 5620.



Kids' Shed students utilising their carpentry skills – Thank you, Mrs Schroder!

From the Parish Office...

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on Saturday, 20 May after the 5.30pm Mass. If you are interested, just email the parish office and we will add your name to the list. Cost is \$10 for 3 books. BYO: nibblies & drink.

Playgroup

All Mums and Dads and Bubs are invited to come along to OLA Playgroup on every Thursday morning at 9.30am in the Parish Hall. For further information, please contact the parish office on 8883 4063.

Visiting the Church

We invite you and your children to come in and visit Our Lord in the church. We ask, however, that you remind the children that this is a place of prayer and adoration and ask that they show reverence and quiet at all times.

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: Christine Leahy

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REMINDER.... Official school hours for supervision start at 8.20am and finish at 3.40pm. Leaving children before this time means they are unsupervised. Many children are being dropped as early as 8am. This is unfair and unsafe. For this reason, I have asked any children at school early to sit quietly and pray in the church and wait until the gates open.

Lately I have noticed some of the children gathered and sitting on the sidewalk and kerb outside on Wellgate Ave. I have concerns about their safety here. PLEASE, if you need to drop your child before the gates open, OOSH is available. At the very least, speak to them about the expectation of waiting quietly in the church. Either way, there is no supervision by the school before 8.20am.

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation in the interest of your child's safety.

Term 2 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Gael Casino	Leonardo Fresta	Isabella Baker
Kinder G	Isaiah Balangon	Alex Vozzo	Ryan Salac
Kinder W	Abigail Dickson	Juliana Aguilar	Brandon Ciantar
Year 1B	Rohan Pillai	Ruby Millers	Jordan Nobleza
Year 1 G	Elijah Atkins	Leila Swindon	Laura Mckeever
Year 1W	Luciana Salib	Nate Luther	Ethan Billyard
Year 2 B	Gabi Ribeiro	Maddison Dyke	Aidan Attard
Year 2 G	Isla Ovrahim	Lucious Cappello	Isabella Smith
Year 2 W	Lachlan Heaney	Olivia Fallone	Alexia Clements

Congratulations to the Naim family (Charlotte KG) on the birth of their new daughter & sister, Aria Hope.



Until next week, God bless, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*