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Week 1 Term 1

2nd Feb 2018

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

Dear Parents,

The family is the fundamental core of society. Raising a family, while the greatest blessing and joy, is hard work and such an important job. While we don't always 'get it right', we are only human and do the best we can under the circumstances at the time. That's why we need help and divine intervention from God. Let us pray...



*God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.*

*Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.*

*Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
[pause and remember family members].*

*Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen*

Since returning to school, there have been some unfortunate reports of rough play - *not bullying*- among boys. This is perfectly normal. Boys have always played 'cops and robbers', 'cowboys and Indians' (showing my age). However, the level of violence is a concern. Upon investigation and discussion with the children, it confirms that they are imitating violent movies and digital games - eg Grand Theft Auto, Call of Duty, which are R rated. I doubt any responsible parents would let their child watch an R rated movie. I understand that men play these games and, sometimes have their boys sit with them, spending father/son time. Please consider the impact this is having on your children and that they are bringing this 'play' into school with unfortunate consequences. Thank you to parents who work with the school in address all kinds of issues. Together we can do the job better. ☺

Dates to Remember

Next Week 3: Please remember to order your sausage sizzle BBQ. Monday is the last day for orders.

Wed 14th Ash Wednesday Mass 9am-Whole school

Thurs 15th:

BBQ Social commencing at 5.30pm- 7pm (refer to newsletter for details);

6pm info session on PBS4L

6.30pm: Parent information session Kinder – Year 2

7pm: Parent information session Year 3- Year 6

Fri 16th: 9am Opening Year Mass followed by SRC Commissioning Ceremony;

2.40pm: Infants Assembly - 2B

Changes to the calendar: 2019 Kinder Enrolment Information Night is now on Wednesday 21st March
Dancefever Interschool Challenge (Yrs 3-6) is on Friday 6th April



Gospel Reflection Sunday 11th February (6th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (Mk 1:40-45)
The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



Gospel Reflection

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

Living the Gospel

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!



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Parent Information Night /BBQ Social Evening

Each year in Week 3, the school holds an information evening for parents with their children's class teacher. We also have a separate evening for a social meet and greet. This year we are combining the two events. As Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and Friday is in Lent, this will be held on

Thursday 15th February.

*BBQ will be served from 5.30pm-7pm

*6pm Mrs Schroder will be providing a brief information session (optional) on PBS4L – Positive Behaviour for Learning. This will be held in the library

The grade information sessions will be in your child's learning space.

*Kinder to Year 2 will run from 6.30 – 6.55pm

*Year 3- Year 6 will run from 7-7.30pm.

If you have two sessions at the same time, our advice is to attend that of the oldest child as you have already experienced the younger. Please remember that this is a brief and general information session and not a time to ask teachers about your child.

The sessions are for parents, not for children. Children are welcome to play on the oval under teacher supervision while you attend the information sessions.

We hope that you find the BBQ a convenience as well as an opportunity to have a chat with other parents and teachers.

For catering purpose, all **BBQ meals need to be purchased in advance, with a token provided for each meal to be presented on the night.**

This is a sausage on a roll + a bottle of water = \$2 (onions for adults if you're quick)



There will be no sales on the night, only those pre-ordered.
MONDAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERING

Coles Sports for Schools

Please support OLA in the Coles Sports for schools program. Here are the details:

- * For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive 1 Sports for Schools voucher.
- * The vouchers need to be placed in the collection bin located in the school office.
- * Every voucher received by the school will go towards our overall tally. We will then be able to order sports equipment that our school needs to the value of the vouchers.
- * Program commences 7th February - April 3rd.

Make sure that you encourage family and friends to help OLA reach our target.

Mr Steve Cauchi

Assistant Principal

Literacy News

Ways to Build Children's Vocabulary

ENGAGE CHILDREN IN RICH ORAL LANGUAGE

Children learn words through talk, especially from listening to and participating in high-level conversations. For example, one study showed that young children whose parents use more "rare words" at the dinner table had higher vocabularies and later reading achievement than other children. In school we need to involve children in rich, meaningful conversations whenever we can.

Source: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/readingline/pdfs/ProfessionalPaper.pdf>

Words of the Week

This year our school's literacy goal is for all students to continue to use richer vocabulary and develop skills and strategies to improve their spelling ability.

Each week students will be introduced to a Root Word and then a rich word (Tier 2 word) introduced to them. There will be an infants and primary word. The word will be studied and used consistently throughout the week. Inside and outside each space, posters will be displayed for all to see.

Root Word of the Week: mis- *wrong*

Words of the Week:

Infants: mistake

Primary: mistreat

Date for Diaries:

Friday 9th March-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of '**Rug Reading**' out on the playground with their child at **2:15pm** during 'Catholic Schools Week'. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



PARENT HELPERS???

Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??

It has been heartening to see how many of our parents, grandparents, etc, have completed the Child Protection Training in anticipation of helping out at school. Whenever this is done, the school is notified by email and the names added go on a register to which we refer when someone wants to come into the school. The list is growing, thank you.

To avoid disappointment, please make sure you have completed this. The URL is:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

This includes helping at school in areas such as gross motor, lunches, reading groups, etc.

This must be completed every 2 years.

The Mathematical Assessment Interview – What Now?

Over the past two weeks, every child will have undertaken a Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI). This has been a valuable opportunity for teachers to individually assess the thinking and attitude of each child towards numeracy. Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta have been conducting the MAI for several years now. It is conducted at the beginning of each school year and data is analysed at an individual, class, grade, school and system level.

Why do the MAI?

Children's lives are enriched through interactions with their family, friends and environments. Through these encounters, they construct and learn number concepts and skills. Before beginning school, children know names of many numbers, can recite some sequences of number names and attach a numerical value to small collections of items. (Gervasoni & Perry, 2015). Many children have acquired a degree of number sense that allows them to solve intuitively the problems they encounter as part of their daily living and learning. However, like all learning, this is not the case for all children.

In order for teachers to maximize the mathematics learning for all children there are several factors that come into play...

1. What does the student already know?
2. What are the next steps?
3. What learning experiences will best enable the student to achieve those next steps?
4. What are some possible difficulties or 'hurdles' that may prevent student progression.

This is where the MAI comes into play. The MAI outlines a reference framework of growth points, (milestones or major stepping-stones) across four number domains of counting, place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. It maps out a likely course of children's mathematical learning and it provides the teacher with the opportunity to identify what the student has already mastered and subsequently plan suitable learning opportunities that will maximize growth.

After analyzing student responses in a MAI, teachers are able to determine growth points, monitor growth and student progression, identify mathematically vulnerable students and plan learning experiences that will most effectively enable children to reach the next growth points in their mathematical learning.

Over the next few weeks, we will explore each of the number domains and the role they play in mathematical learning. We will begin next week by exploring the domain of ***counting***. We will also outline some basic activities/experiences that you can do to assist your child in each domain.

Mr Stephen Cauchi, Assistant Principal



PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

Our Lady of the Angels school has implemented a framework called PBS4L. The framework establishes common expectations for all - teachers, parents and students - treating all with respect.

PBS4L follows our school rules:

- Respect for self*
- Respect for others*
- Respect for environment*

The purpose of the framework is:

- o to reduce behavioural problems in a proactive way and therefore increase time for instruction and learning*
- o to help all students feel connected to the whole school community*
- o to increase wellbeing*
- o to reduce absenteeism*
- o to create a positive school climate*
- o to maximise learning*

Teachers have created lessons to teach the children the behaviour expectations in all settings across the school.

If you would like to know more about our PBS4L framework, there will be an information session at 6pm on Thursday, February 15. All welcome.

*Jan Schroder
PBS4L Coordinator*

From the Office....

Thank you to all parents for your patience during the first weeks of school. The office desk and phone is often at its busiest at this time of year and so we do appreciate your patience.

Just a few reminders:-

Notes/money for the Office - Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class note bag. This system allows the office to receive notes and money without parents being required to actually come into the school. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information. For those new to school life, if a note says, 'please return to the office' we mean for it to come through the notebag to the office. Thanks

Change of Details - It is **critical** that the school has up-to-date contact details for all students at all times. Please ensure that any phone, address or contact details that change are relayed to the office as a matter of urgency. It is most distressing for children and staff if we are unable to contact parents in the case of a child being ill or injured.

Visiting the School - A reminder that during school hours, **ALL** parents, visitors and classroom helpers **MUST** sign in at the front office and collect a Visitors Sticker and then sign out as they leave the school, even if it is at the end of the day.

Late/Early Leavers - If your child is late for school or needs to be collected early, you must attend the office and fill out the Late/Early Leavers Slip. If your child arrives at 8.50am or later, you need to come into the office to sign them in. If there is a need to pick up your child early, please **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE** to ask that your child is ready for when you get here. They will be called only when a parent has arrived to collect them. This is in the interest of minimising work in what is already a very busy office and in reducing the amount of lost learning time for your child. It is also recommended that appointments are made out of school time, wherever possible.

School Fees - The CEO will be sending out the school fees over the next week. A note will be sent home next week explaining the fees for this year. This information has also been placed on our website. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Medication - If your child needs medication at school, new medication forms will need to be completed and given to the office. Please see us if you need to discuss anything, or you need the forms. **No medication is to be kept in your child's school bag.**

Student's Birthday

As the grades are becoming larger, we ask that if you send a treat in for your child's birthday that you only send enough for his/her class (not the whole grade). Also if you are sending in ice blocks, you will need to drop them at the office at about 1.30pm as we don't have enough room in our freezer to keep them frozen throughout the morning. Cupcakes can be left at the office in the morning.

Class Numbers are:-

Kindy - 29 each Yr 1 - 30 each Yr 2 - 25 each Yr 3 - 23 each Year 4 - 29 each Yr 5 - 23 each Yr 6 - 28 each

School Banking

School banking has now commenced. Please bring the bank books in on Wednesday and they will be returned on Thursday. Banking packs have been sent home with kindergarten today and if any other students in the school would like a pack, please let the office know and we will send one home.

Thank you.

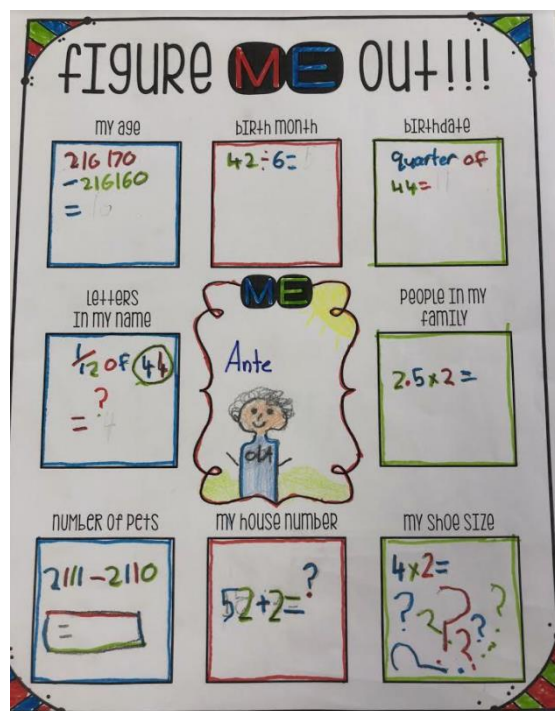
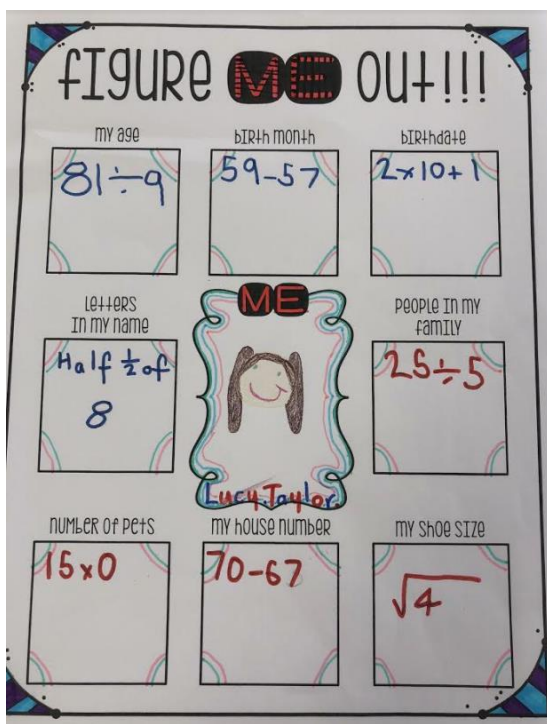
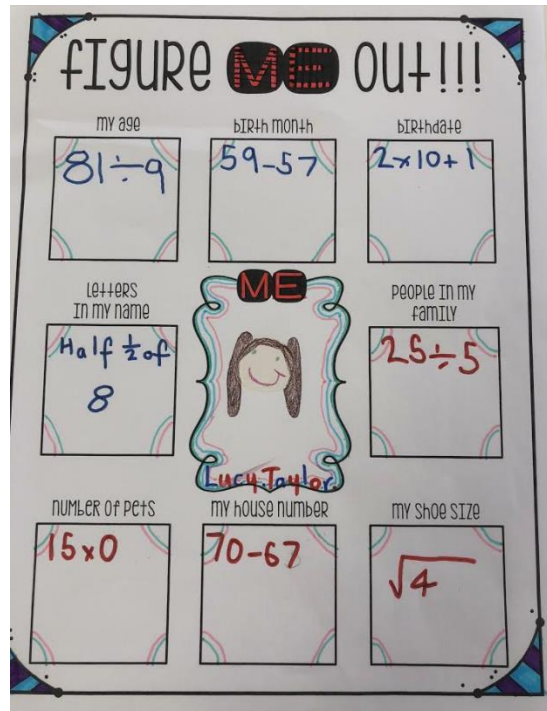
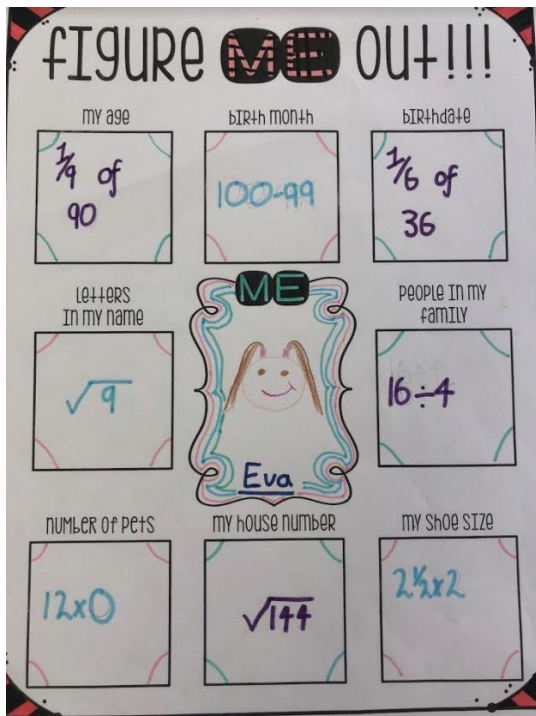
From the classroom of

5G~ Figure Me Out!

Over the past week, 5G have been gradually creating a 'Figure Me Out' poster. We have had to explain different things about ourselves using a variety of algorithms. Examples of questions we were asked to answer were: our age, birth month and day, letters in my name and how many people we have in our family.

During this activity we saw and learnt about a new symbol called Square Root. Once we had finished our maths questions, there was space where we had to draw a small self portrait. When we were all done we had to pass our sheet onto another person and they had to figure out your maths questions.

5G loved this activity as we were able to show our mathematical thinking in a fun a creative way!



Skoolbag App

Our Skoolbag app is a way of informing you of upcoming events or cancellation due to the weather, results from carnivals and gala days, giving updates while students are on excursions and other important information about major events within the school.



We have a large portion of the school already using this app.

If you do not have the app it is free to download. To install it, just search for our school name "Our Lady of the Angels Primary Rouse Hill" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

There are many benefits to having this app on your device:

- You may select to receive notification for your child's grade only.
- Absentee notes can be completed on this app.
- Access to newsletters and news events linked directly to our school website.
- Instant notification when excursions are postponed, assemblies cancelled due to bad weather, delays during excursions and other important information.
- Online permission notes in the future.

If you already have this app, it is up to you to update your settings to receive the correct push notifications. To update this click the "More" button on the bottom right of the app, then "Setup Push Notifications". Turn on the Push categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch. You will receive alerts specific to the selected grade and all alerts sent as a whole school.

School Website

Another form of communication at our school is the school website. <http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/home> The website is regularly updated with stories of different things that have occurred, upcoming events, the term calendar and access to permission notes. This section can be found in 'News and Events' then 'Parent Notes' or

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/parent-notes>

In Parent Notes you will find an up to date school uniform list, medication notes and leave of exemption forms. Throughout the year, it will be updated as needed with excursion notes, sporting notes and special event notes.

Every day matters! The cumulative effect of absenteeism can have a significant impact on learning, social and emotional wellbeing.

Please note the change that, soon, the roll will be taken on the line at 8.50am, the official start of school. It is important that your child is at school on time to avoid a history of partial absences.

If your child is absent...	That equates to...	Which is...	And over their school life from Kinder to year 12 that is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	Almost 1 and a half years of school
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks a year	Over 2 and a half years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years of school

Uniform Shop

The OLA Uniform Shop is open on
Mondays from 8.20am – 9.30am

Uniform orders can be left at the office, through the notebag, via email or over the phone at any time throughout the week, and they will be **filled on Mondays and Wednesdays.**

Please note that we are **unable** to supply a hat or any other item first thing in the morning from the office as the uniform shop is not in the admin building.

SPORT @ OLA

Swimming Carnival 2018 Results

Congratulations to the following students who broke school swimming records;

Abby Hollier (8 Year Girls Freestyle)

Madison Zahra (10 Yr Girls Freestyle and Junior Girls Freestyle)

Isobel Clarke (Junior Girls Breaststroke)

2018 Age Champions

Junior Boys Age Champion	Cohan Sommer
Junior Girls Age Champion	Madison Zahra
11 Yr Boys Age Champion	Lachlan Hollier
11 Yr Girls Age Champion	Madison Mihalic
Senior Boys Age Champion	Eoin Trainor
Senior Girls Age Champion	Olivia Hudson

WINNING HOUSES

WINNING HOUSE 2018	SPIRIT CUP WINNER 2018
FRANCIS HOUSE (GREEN)	GABRIEL HOUSE (GOLD)

Hills Zone Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will represent OLA at the Hills Zone Carnival on Monday the 19th February.

Charlotte A, Brianna A, Amelia B, Maya C, Isobel C, Abby H, Olivia H, Emily L, Olivia L, Ebony L, Angelica M,

Madison M, Sienna M, Jasmyn R, Felicity S, Charlotte Z, Madison Z, Aidan A, Anton B, Lucas C, Thomas C, Hudson G, Peter G, Lachlan H, Bailey K, Patrick L, Thomas L, Lucas M, Dante M, Charlie M, Marcus M, Cohan S, Jayden T, Eoin T

February

9th February- Primary Assembly and Swimming Carnival presentation (Record breakers, Age Champions, winning House and winner of the Spirit Cup.)

19th February-Hills Zone swimming Carnival

23rd February-Diocesan Swimming Carnival



P&F NEWS

Until next week
Mrs Eva La Rocca
Principal

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Many families have expressed interest in purchasing second hand uniform items. Due to overwhelming interest in second hand items we are unable to meet individual requests throughout the term. At this stage there is an overwhelming supply of sizes 4 and 6. There will be a sale later in the term and prior notice will be given.

Thank you for all of the donations of second hand uniforms so far. Please continue to send in any **clean** items that you would like to **donate**. These can be handed into the school office in a plastic bag. The team are working hard to prepare items to be able to sell.

P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting is for all parents and friends of our school.

WEDNESDAY February 21st 7.00pm
following Constable Rob Patterson 'Cyber Safety'.



Please refer to the information below regarding the process to take place at this meeting.

8.5.3 At each Annual General Meeting all positions shall be declared vacant. The members of the Association shall elect an Executive Committee as required by 5.1. Other positions and sub-committees as determined by the meeting may also be elected at this time. The Parish Priest or the Principal shall conduct each election and declare the results.

8.5.4 Any candidate for the Executive Committee shall be nominated and seconded by members of the Association and if there is more than one candidate for each position, the election shall be decided by ballot. No absent member can be accepted as a candidate unless he/she accepts nomination in person or in writing.

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PARENTS and FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

*If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email olapfc@gmail.com or message via our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you during the year!



Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation: For Children in **Year 2** or older, this Sacrament will take place in Term 4 of 2018.

Information will be sent out to the children in Year 2 at that time in both the school and Parish newsletters.

First Communion: For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation, in 2017 this will take place in June 2018. These children will have received an email with all the dates of sessions. Please return this selection at your earliest convenience.

Confirmation: For children in Year 6 who have completed and received Reconciliation and First Communion, Confirmations will take place in Term 3. ***Information will be sent out to the children in Year 6 at that time.***

For any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office

Ash Wednesday - 14 February

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation but you are strongly encouraged to attend, receive the ashes and start the season of Lent in this holy way. There will be masses held at **9am** (school mass) and **7.30pm**.

Stations of the Cross

Commencing next Friday, all Friday night throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the Church.

OLA Playgroup

Operating weekly from the OLA Community - all ages are welcome. Every Thursday morning 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. For further info contact Melissa 0425 423 680.

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

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Term 1 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Harrison Ko	Aidan Attard	Isaac Castellan
Year 3 G	Thomas Gutwenger	Willow Johnston	Gabriella Ponturo
Year 3 W	Harrison Niemiec	Malachi Rangan	Logan Cleary
Year 4 B	James Apap	Lachlan Connellan	Ayden Stewart
Year 4 G	Timothy Rochaix	Isabella Cauchi	Grace Vella
Year 4 W	Sarah Jones	Olivia Sims	Charlotte Muscat
Year 5 B	Chanel Johnston	Sarah Cleary	Lachlan Hollier
Year 5G	Ante Topic	Denzel Chang	Natalie Holopikian
Year 5W	Nikki O'Neill	Grace Bennison	Drew Sammut
Year 6 B	Marcus Odd	Mikayla Bowden	Jasmyn Robertson
Year 6 W	Olivia Hudson	Georgia Domars	Julian Vargas



Congratulations to the Fedele family of the arrival of a new baby boy, Justin, a brother for Gabrielle and Jasmine. We look forward to meeting him very soon.

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