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Week 2 Term 2

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

2207 *The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom.*

Family life is an initiation into life in society." Catechism of the Catholic Church

Dear Parents,

Today OLA School held a special day of celebration of families. The family is the foundation stone of society. It seems to me, there are many forces working against traditional families resulting in the breaking down of the family and the fabric of society.

The following is an excerpt from POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION AMORIS LÆTITIA OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND DEACONS, CONSECRATED PERSONS, CHRISTIAN MARRIED COUPLES AND ALL THE LAY FAITHFUL ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY...

"The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church. "The unitive end of marriage is a constant summons to make this love grow and deepen. Through their union in love, the couple experiences the beauty of fatherhood and motherhood, and shares plans, trials, expectations and concerns; they learn care for one another and mutual forgiveness. In this love, they celebrate their happy moments and support each other in the difficult passages of their life together... The beauty of this mutual, gratuitous gift, the joy which comes from a life that is born and the loving care of all family members – from toddlers to seniors – are just a few of the fruits which make the response to the vocation of the family unique and irreplaceable", both for the Church and for society as a whole.

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child and his Mother, to bow down and worship him (cf. Mt 2:11). Like Mary, they are asked to face their family's challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). The treasury of Mary's heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families."

Amorous Laetitia is long but easy read and very inspiring.

Thank you to the families who led the congregation to pray the Rosary. That was very special.



NEWSLETTER

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Dates to Remember

Week 4

Mon 21st 8.50am Pentecost Prayer

Tues 22nd 6pm: Year 1 Parent education session on Literacy and A-E reporting

Tues 22nd 7pm: P&G meeting

25th Primary assembly 4B

Week 5

Mon 28th ICAS Science 7.55am (change of date)

Tues 29th St 3 girls soccer gala day

Fri 1st : Infants assembly 1W

NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

One of the most powerful things a family can do is pray together. There is no greater prayer than the Mass. Attending Sunday Mass together is important.

OLA FORMATION GOAL: For students to further develop their knowledge of God's presence in their lives through a deeper understanding of the Scriptures.

Students at OLA are learning to reflect on the Scriptures using the **THREE SENSES**-Literal (About the story), Spiritual (Church teachings and sacraments) and Application (Being the Face of God through your Words, Actions and Thoughts)

After reading the Scripture story as a family think of the following questions:

WHERE IS GOD REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURE? (SPIRITUAL SENSE)

HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE? (APPLICATION SENSE)

Sunday 20th May: Gospel Reflection-Pentecost Sunday (Jn 20:19-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'



Gospel Reflection

Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit – the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up people into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

What changes in you do you wish the Spirit could blow your way? How can you cooperate with the Spirit? In what ways do you need more courage, knowledge, direction or commitment? What else might you need? In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples before Pentecost? In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples after Pentecost? When people speak about your school, would they say that it has school spirit? What do they mean by that? How is school spirit like the Holy Spirit? (LiturgyHelp.com ©Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart - St Mary's Press)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLA

Week 4: Monday 21st May-**Pentecost prayer at the Monday morning assembly (Year 4)**

Week 5: Thursday 31st May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Parent/Child sessions 6 and 7pm)

Week 6: Thursday 7th June-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Instructional Mass 7.30pm)

Week 7: Tuesday 12th June-**Feast of the Sacred Heart Liturgy** @ 9am assembly (Mini Vinnies group)

Thursday 14th June-Holy Communion Practice (Group 1-17th June) 7.30pm

Friday 15th June-Winter Sleep Out PJ Day (Wear your PJs for the day)

Thank you, Year 2, for inviting me to your liturgy and birthday celebration of the Church on Earth – the Feast of Pentecost, which is this Sunday. I was very proud of the way you participated, and I would like to extend a special thank you to the teachers for their preparation and parents/grandparents who attended.

International Day of Families

Today OLA celebrated International Day of Families. We celebrated this day by coming together to pray the Rosary in the Church. It was amazing to see so many families from OLA uniting in prayer. This day was held to raise awareness for all the services Catholic Care provide to families within our community.

We want to thank all parents, grandparents and carers who attended prayer, joined us for our special lunch picnic and games, attended the special families assembly and came to rug reading. Your endless support is greatly appreciated.



NETBALL GALA DAY

We have now received details for the netball Gala Day. This will be held on Wednesday, August 1 at Kellyville Netball courts.

We have 5 parents who can assist with coaching which will enable us to send eight teams this year. This is lower than our usual number of participants and some students will be disappointed. If you are able to help. Please send an email to the school. Forms will be distributed next week.

Change of Date – ICAS Science

The ICAS Science will now be held on **Monday 28th May at 7.55am NOT 29th May** as previously stated.

TTFM

This coming week, we will begin inviting students (Years 4-6), teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of the Angels Primary School.

The survey is anonymous, completely confidential and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device. This will become live on the 21st May and the survey period will run for a couple of weeks. Information for parents encourage you to participate. Thank you.



Tell Them From Me

Walk Safely to School Day

Thank you to parents, grandparents and carers who braved the cold this morning to participate in Walk Safely to School Day! It is the 19th Year of the annual event, which aims to encourage all Primary School children to walk and commute to school safely. We were very lucky to have received an Active Travel Grant from NSW Department of Health where the stickers and posters were produced. Congratulations again to the following children who had their designs made into stickers and posters.

<i>Stage Winners</i>	<i>Poster</i>	<i>Sticker</i>
<i>ES1- Kinder</i>	<i>Emily Gomes</i>	<i>Keyon Okunzuwa</i>
<i>S1- Yr 1 & Yr 2</i>	<i>Elizabeth McKee</i>	<i>Jack Austin</i>
<i>S2 Yr 3 & 4</i>	<i>Giancarlo Mazza</i>	<i>Sophia Dobaj</i>
<i>S3 Yr 5 & Yr 6</i>	<i>Brianna Arellano</i>	<i>Olivia Hudson</i>



Miss Crozier



Uniform

You just have to look around the streets to note just how important the school uniform is as a presentation of a student and also the image of their school. We have a very smart school uniform, the rules around which are largely being ignored. From Monday, students will be handed a uniform infringement notice addressing incorrect uniform. These photos show what correct uniform looks like for boys and girls. We thank you for your cooperation.



Or knee high socks



OJA
Uniform Infringement Notice

Name: _____ Date: _____

Class: _____

Infringement Description: _____

Given by: (Staff member's name) _____

Please ensure:-

- That the top button is done up, or at least the tie is tight enough that it appears to be buttoned up
- Black leather shoes, not black joggers, are to be worn with the uniform
- Jumpers are the uniform for girls, not cardigans
- Woollen vest can be worn by either girls or boys
- Sports jacket is to be only worn on sports days.
- Fluorescent sport shoes are not allowed.



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Invest in a set of plastic magnetic letters that are available at many discount, toy, and variety stores. Let your child spell the word by successively placing the magnetic letters on the magnetic board. You can show them the word, then remove it. Have them name each letter as they locate it and place it on the board. This is good for developing the correct order for letters within the words.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omGOgQ>

Writeon 2018

WriteOn 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 2018 writing competition opens in Term 2 (30th April) and close in Week 10, Term 2 (4th July). **Students are asked to submit entries to their teacher by Friday 29th June.**

Imaginative pieces may include:

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



Sydney 1949 Photograph by Ted Hood

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: **mis-** to send

Words of the Week:

Infants: admit

Primary: missile

Dates for Diaries:

Term 2 Whole School Writing Task-Thursday 15th June

Term 3 Book Week-Monday 20th-Friday 24th August

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



Mindfulness in action at OLA: Cultivating Kindness, Appreciation and Positivity,

Why should we take the time to give compliments every day?

Giving compliments makes it easy to connect with others in a meaningful way. It's also a sure-fire method for bringing more positivity to your life. The best part is that the more we give, the more we receive in return — every time. Basically, observing the best in others and complimenting them in a genuine way is important for both you and the person on the receiving end. For you, taking the time to notice someone is sure to increase humility, decrease self-centredness, and help you to feel your power and connectedness. For the receivers, your compliments are little reminders that they are here, seen, and a part of a community. Bottom line: **Compliments are a win-win!** This term OLA will be exploring cultivation of kindness, appreciation and positivity. What are some other ways you could increase kindness, appreciation and positivity in your life? Terina Macare

FROM THE CLASSROOM OF 1G...

This week has been all about families. Tuesday, 15th May was the 'International Day of Families'. Families come in all shapes and sizes. It is through the love of a family that we first come to know the love of God.

At Our Lady of the Angels, we are privileged to belong to a community filled with such wonderful families!

This week, 1G created an artwork of something they love doing with their family. We also discussed some of the reasons why we love our family. Here are some of 1G's artworks and reasons:

I love my family because we play lots of funny games like the 'try not to laugh game' and we always end up laughing.
-Olivia Iori

I love my family because when I work they give me money.
-Vincent Cappello

I love my family because we make funny faces and make each other laugh.
-Ethan Maddaford



I love my family because we jump on our trampoline and we jump so high that I feel like I am going to fall off.
-Olivia Medjumurac

I love my family because they always give me kisses.
-Isaac Kozyra



From the P&F....



P&F General Meeting - TUESDAY 22ND MAY 2018

No need to RSVP or even speak on the night. We will hear what the P&F (as part of the parent body) have been up to. It is also an opportunity to hear from the school all the wonderful things that are happening with our children. There is also time to discuss any general business items, these can be added to the agenda by submitting them to olapfc@gmail.com no later than Monday 21st May.
ALL WELCOME!

AGENDA

- Special Treats
- Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Mother's Day Stall
- Mother's Day Morning Tea
- Treasury Audit Report
- Online Payments - New reimbursement process
- Athletic Carnival
- Movie Night
- Family Photos - Term 4
- Melbourne Cup - Term 4
- Fiesta

We look forward to seeing you then!

Special Treats -



Thank you to the volunteers on special treats on 25th May

Kylie Terzo, Maria Muscat, Brooke Dyke, Monique Falzon, Flora Cauchi and Kylie Ross



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

Congratulations to this week's recipients of the Archangel Award...

Macy Owen, Thomas Gutwenger & Charlotte Anderson.



Congratulations to Mrs Goldsworthy on yet another successful Finance Audit. The results were outstanding. I/We are very fortunate to have such a capable and thorough finance officer as is Helen. Well done!

From the Parish Office...

First Communions 2018

Don't forget to come along to mass over the weekend (Sat. 5.30pm, Sun. 8.30am, 10am or 5.30pm) to collect the next prayer for your Prayer Book.

Next Thursday's session is a Parent Only session at 7.30pm

Reconciliations for Year 2 students and older (for those who have not yet completed their First Reconciliation) will take place in Term 4. Confirmation for Year 6 students will take place in Term 3.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on Saturday, 19 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.

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.

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

Term 2 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Giselle Desira	Asher Vilathgamuwa	Lucas George
Kinder G	Flynn Coughlan	John Vickers	Alessandra Flores
Kinder W	Cooper Roberts	Alissar El-Khoury	Nadia Mileto
Year 1B	Cooper Ross	Leonardo Fresta	Alexandra Craven
Year 1 G	Max Masters	Cameron Ives	Elizabeth McKee
Year 1W	Mikyla Ghobrial	Giacomo Crosato	Maddison Kuea Vilila
Year 2 B	Lucianna Salib	Lucas Clarke	Mia Lesar
Year 2 G	Lexi Terzo	Clyde Naidu	Addi Galvin
Year 2 W	Rohan Pillai	Saoirse O'Neill	Joshua Muscat

High School Musical Comes to Marian

We are proud to announce that Marian Catholic College will be presenting Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL Onstage on Wednesday 30th of May, Thursday 31st of May and Friday 1st of June 2018.

Our students have spent months rehearsing the challenging demands of this well-known musical. Actors, singers, dancers and musicians are currently honing their performance skills before the Musical comes to life on the stage of our school hall.

Seats are still available for Wednesday 30th May. Tickets can be purchased by going to the following link: <http://bit.ly/mckhsm>

Go Wildcats!



families



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FUSION Families Course.

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Tuesdays 6pm – 9pm (Dinner Included):
May 29, June 5, 12 and 19

Full rate \$80 per person **or** \$110 per couple

Concession \$50 per person **or** \$80 per couple

Registration www.familiescourse.com

(Closes Friday 25 May 2018)

Email sallie.hammond@fusion.org.au

Enquiries Sallie Hammond 0431 433 422



The **FUSION Families Course** forms a framework to build a healthy, strong and loving family life and covers key areas of family relationships including:

- Understanding Parenting Styles
- Having Values in our Family
- Building Nurturing Skills
- Understanding Ages and Stages
- Being Positive
- Building Honest Relationships
- Independence
- Dealing with Conflict
- Discipline

*“Really impressive in range and depth,
fun and engaging for participants,
a huge help in any family situation.”*

Steve Biddulph

(Internationally acclaimed author and educator on raising kids)