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Week 5 Term 1

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

Dear Parents,

Catholic schools have been a major component of Australian education for over 175 years. During that time they have adapted to changing circumstances and changing times. In recent decades, as both the Church and Australian society have changed, Catholic schools have continued to develop and to grow in quality and public esteem.

Catholic schools:

- contribute to the Church's mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- offer the Catholic community and the people of Australia an educational foundation for life to the full, meaning the full development of the person - intellectually, spiritually, physically, morally and emotionally;
- fulfil parents' rights in a democratic, free society to choose the schooling for their children which reflects their own values, beliefs and hopes as Australians; and
- have proven over successive generations that they contribute significantly to the development of the Australian community.

(cited from https://www.ncec.catholic.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=16)

Next week, from 4 - 10 March 2018, Our Lady of the Angels School will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** (CSW). The theme for CSW 2018 is 'Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LEARNING'.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

Our school will celebrate by beginning the week by:

Monday morning at 8.50am - whole school prayer;

Wednesday: Leadership mini retreat for Year 6 students

Thursday: whole school writing task – mystery stimulus

Friday: 9.25am to 1pm - Whole school STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities; 2.15pm – community Rug Reading (all welcome) 2.40pm: Infants assembly

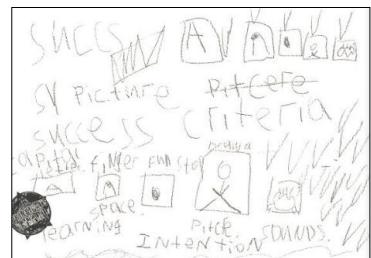
At OLA, we regularly take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day. Many of you take the opportunity to share in some of these. While some schools have an open day, we reserve opening up the school to showcase on special occasions such as Grandparents' Day.

This special week on the Catholic Schools' calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

Why do we do what we do?

This is a question I regularly ask of teachers (and myself) with regard to teaching learning tasks. It is terrific to see teachers implement the practice of naming the 'learning intention' (*This is what we want to learn today*) and, even more importantly, co-constructing the 'success criteria' with the students (*How are we going to know we have learnt it?*)

Jackson has only been in Kinder for 5 weeks and already he has adopted this approach with his learning...



Dates to Remember

Friday 9th Mar

Rug Reading 2.15pm; Primary Assembly 5B

Mon 12th Mar

Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion

Fri 16th Mar

St Patrick's Day; Infants Assembly 2W

Mon 19th Mar

OLA Cross Country – Centenary Oval

Wed 21st Mar

2019 Kindergarten Information Night – NEW FAMILIES ONLY

Changes to the calendar: -Cross Country NOW Monday 19th March

- 2019 Kinder Enrolment Information Night is now on Wednesday 21st March

-Parent/teachers/student conferences are in Week 9

- Dance Fever Interschool Challenge- 4th April

Gospel Reflection Sunday 4th March (Second Sunday of Lent)

Gospel (Jn 2:13-25)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Reflection

No matter what the rule or law is, some people can find a way around it. Sometimes they obey the 'letter' of the law, but they disregard the 'spirit' of the law. Sometimes they pretend to misunderstand the meaning of the law. And sometimes they actually get away with breaking a law by paying off someone who is supposed to be guarding the law.

Is it ever okay to break a law? Why or why not? Give examples.

What are some school rules or family rules that you hate to keep? What do you dislike about them? What are some rules or family rules that you wish other people would keep, but they don't? Why do you like those rules?

Do you think it would be possible to run a country, a school, an organisation or a family without rules or laws? Why or why not? How would life be different? (Liturgyhelp.com. Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart, 22-2-2017)

Lenten reflection

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to Him.



**Lent Act: If possible, give to charity-practice
One of the Three Pillars of Lent.**

RE @ OLA

5th March Catholic Schools Week Prayer

16th March-St Patrick's Day Prayer/Gold Coin
Donation Activities (Run by SRC for the students)

HOLY WEEK

26th March- Palm Sunday prayer

28th March-Grade visits to the Shrine in Kellyville.

29th March- Holy Thursday

30th March- Good Friday

31st March- Easter Saturday

1st April-Easter Sunday

Please see Parish Bulletin for all Holy Week/Easter services)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child/ren have received their sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact parish office if you have not received information about First Holy Communion information sessions and dates.

Mindfulness at OLA in 2018



Classes are exploring what it means to be 'present' and are reading the text 'What it means to be present' by Rana DiOrio. Each grade is looking for opportunities to integrate mindfulness into their day to day routine and to be present in the moment. The photos below show Year Four viewing and responding to the text.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stnz10c2tt0>

You are invited to share the text with your family at home and discuss ways to live in the present moment. Terina Macare



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

If your child is working on a class spelling list and can only remember half of the words, speak to their teacher. Don't tackle an entire spelling bar in one sitting. Take one-third for example, each evening, to work on with your child. Break the practice into small units. Try fifteen minutes of review when they get home; fifteen minutes before dinner; fifteen minutes after dinner. Shorter periods given frequently are more effective than one massive review—which is also exhausting and frustrating.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omG0gQ>

Root Word of the Week: **bi-** two

Words of the Week:

Infants: bicycle

Primary: biannual

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



Congratulations to our Archangel recipients this week:-

Christian Attard, Ben Roffmann, Ava Camilleri, Riharna Pacella, Alisa Adhiketty and Dylan Halwani.

Next week we start our **fortnightly focus** of 'Stop and drop' / lining up quietly. Students will have a lesson in class teaching the expected behaviours and practising what this looks like. Settled lines help the students be ready to learn.



Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, OLA had six students represent the school and the Hills Zone at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival. For the first time, we were represented in the relay events to compete against all zones in the Parramatta Diocese.

I would like to congratulate Thomas L who competed in the Butterfly coming 9th overall, the Junior Girls Relay Team (Maddison Z, Charlotte A, Amelia B and Eva S) who came 6th overall and Lachlan H who was 5th in 11 Year Boys 50m Freestyle and 4th in 11 Year Breaststroke. Lachlan was successful in representing the Parramatta Diocese in the NSWCPSS Swimming Trials in March.

We wish Lachlan all the best at the next level and I would like to say how proud I am of all our swimmers representing OLA this year.



2019 Kindergarten Siblings

If you have a sibling due to start kindergarten next year, can you please send an email to the office with their name, date of birth and the class of your older child. We will send home enrolment forms the week of 19th March

IMPORTANT NOTICE - SCHOOL FEES

There has been an issue with CEDP sending out the school fee accounts and we expect that families should receive these in the mail next week. Please contact Mrs Goldsworthy if you have any queries about the fees when you receive the accounts.



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Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LIVES

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OPEN DAY
21 MARCH 4PM - 7PM

Santa Sophia Catholic College brings together the best we know about how young people learn and how to teach them. We are a school that fosters imagination and innovation. Santa Sophia Catholic College prepares learners for life through wisdom, faith, hope and love.

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From the classroom of 4G

What's happening in Year 4

As part of our art unit this term Year 4 have been investigating how pictures and artworks invite interpretations from audiences.

We have created a variety of pieces inspired by the traditional Aboriginal technique of dot painting.

Take a look at some of our creations.





P & F News



Second Hand Uniform - Thank you for your generous donations of your second hand uniforms. 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. Stay tuned for the date of our next uniform sale.



We are looking for helpers for the second hand uniform shop. So if you can help to sort the clothes and help run the shop, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please contact the P&F on Email, Facebook or see one of the P&F representatives.



Do you have some great ideas for fundraising or events for the school community? If so, we would love to hear from you.

Special Treats - Ice blocks



Thank you to the volunteers on special treats on 9th March

Alison Streater, Donna Xuereb, Iarni Harvey, Kylie Ross,
Sarah Cleary and Marie Sales

If you would like to be added as a volunteer for special treats, let us know, we would love to have your help!

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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night - Saturday, 17 March after the 5.30pm Mass. BYO: nibblies & drink.

First Friday of March and Stations of the Cross

Tonight we commence with Mass at 7pm and then continue with Stations of the Cross. This is a great way to do that something extra for Lent.

EASTER SERVICES at OLA

Palm Sunday: normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper
7.30pm

Adoration will be available till night

prayer at 10pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am
Confessions available after the stations
The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday evening 7.00pm

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

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.

Student Banking

If your child does school banking, please download the [CommBank Youth App](#). Tokens are no longer given out by the bank, but you can track the Dollarmite tokens on this app, as well as many other functions.

Remember to send banks books in on Wednesday and they will be returned on Thursday.

Coles Sports for Schools

Don't forget to collect your vouchers when you spend \$10 or more at Coles.

Book Covering

If you are able to assist with covering some library books, please see us in the office. We supply the contact.

Thanks,

Term 1 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Hayden Muscat	Madeleine Teo	Aurelia Gresser
Kinder G	Jack Leahy	Ilaria Buda	Sienna Galea
Kinder W	Arella Sales	Samuel Ewer	Lauren Cauchi
Year 1B	Leonardo Rosano	Eva Lowe	Charlise Mitrovich
Year 1 G	Madeleine Giovas	Isaac Kozyra	Isaiah Balangon
Year 1W	Chloe Basile	Brandon Ciantar	Summer West
Year 2 B	Derek Sun	Jasmine Vella	Gabriella Fedele
Year 2 G	Maraya Macario	Isaac Rapa	Venus Mabhena
Year 2 W	Grace Wallis	Olivia Vella	Noah Lavercombe

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