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Week 7 Term 1

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

Dear Parents

Sometimes people wonder why we celebrate **St Patrick's Day**. I will attempt to summarise the Mysterion (God's saving plan) in a few lines... God created the world and, as a relational being, wanted to share all that was created and so created man and woman. They lived in harmony until the fall, the first sin. This damaged their relationship with God as it was and there was no hope of redemption. Because God loves us, He promised to send a saviour who came about 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ. Jesus showed and taught the people how they must live and treat each other if they want eternal life in Heaven. He also had to die and rise three days later to prove that he was truly, the Son of God and Saviour. When he ascended into Heaven forty days later, He left His work to His disciples to continue. This was the beginning of the Christian church. Over the next 500 years, this Word spread throughout Asia Minor (Greece, Turkey), and eventually throughout Europe. These Europeans (particularly Spanish, Portuguese and French) spread Christianity to the Americas. St Patrick took the Word to Ireland and is recognised as responsible for its conversion. It was the Irish priests, brothers and sisters that brought the Catholic faith to Australia and were instrumental in establishing Catholic schools. For two thousand years the 'baton' has been passed and today, as baptised Catholics, it is in our hands to continue to spread the message.



God's saving plan is not complete. Jesus' mission was to bring about a world of justice and love and this continues to be our mission as well. God's mission will be fulfilled when we are all one with Him at the end of days.

...and *that* is why (my understanding) Catholic schools celebrate St Patrick's Day. ☺

**Congratulations** to Year 5 on their excellent manners and behaviour during their visit to the Bathurst Goldfields earlier this week. The management made a point of asking the teachers to let me know how impressed they were. I am very pleased and proud- as can you be, too. :)

## 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**. Enrolment forms will be sent home next week.

# NEWSLETTER

## Dates to Remember

<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	OLA Cross Country Yrs 3 - 6 – Centenary Oval
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<u>2019 Kindergarten Information Night 7.00pm – NEW FAMILIES ONLY</u>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Whole School Stations of the Cross at the Friary
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Holy Thursday. Easter Hat Parade 12pm
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	DanceFever Interschool Challenge – 5.30pm at Homebush
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	End of School Term

Winter uniform from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May (week 3)

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **Gospel Reflection (Jn 12:20-33)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

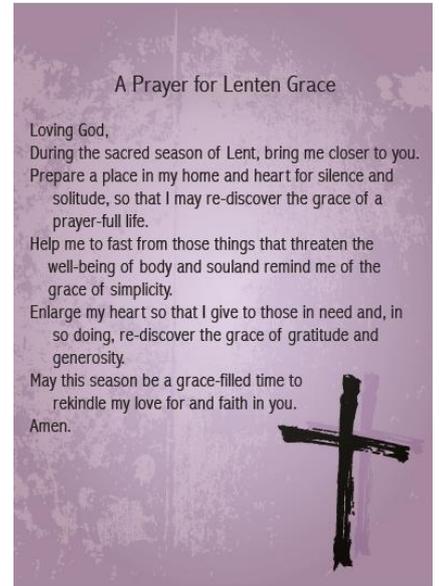
'Now the hour has come  
for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
I tell you most solemnly,  
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies,  
it yields a rich harvest.  
Anyone who loves his life loses it;  
anyone who hates his life in this world  
will keep it for the eternal life.  
If a man serves me, he must follow me,  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.  
Now my soul is troubled.  
What shall I say:  
Father, save me from this hour?  
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.  
Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;  
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.  
And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter. (Liturgyhelp.com, 16/3/2018 © Fr Michael Tate)

***A letter is attached to this newsletter regarding the students attending the Friary Gardens & Shrine at Kellyville to experience a journey through the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school by next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March.***

# St Patrick's Day



## Prayer of St Patrick

*I arise today  
Through God's strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me  
Afar and anear,  
Alone or in a multitude.*



## *Christ shield me today Against wounding*

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

*I arise today  
Through the mighty strength  
Of the Lord of creation.*



**Thank you for the gold coin donations today. We raised \$628.00 towards Project Compassion**

St Patrick's Day is when we celebrate the remembrance of St. Patrick, who was a Patron Saint in Ireland. He died on the 17th of March 461 AD. St. Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture to remember St. Patrick, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century. He was well known for using a green three leaf clover to explain the connection of the Trinity.

Today at school we celebrated St Patrick's day by all wearing green clothing and donating a gold coin which goes towards Project Compassion. All the School Captains, Colour House Captains and SRC's hosted games at first break. Games played included: coin run, Irish dancing, sack races and more. We enjoyed hosting these activities and hope everyone enjoyed getting involved in them.

Roman and Janelle - Year 5.

## Its St Patrick's Day!

Today, Friday 16th March, it is going to be a blast. First, the day started with prayer presented by Yr 1, then a speech from mini vinnies because today is 'Bullying No Way Day'. Let's remember to be a buddy not a bully. Everyone brought in a gold coin donation for St Patrick's Day. At first break the School Captains and SRC are running fun games for the whole school to play and do. There is pin the shamrock on the Leprechaun, the three-legged race, coin run, potato sack race and more fun and exciting games and prizes.

After all that fun, Yr 6 are going to Santa Sophia High School to have a look at what wonderful experiences are happening there. At second break we are looking forward to special treats. We are having green lollies for St Patrick's day.

By Gabriella Bond and Marcus Odd



## Walk Safely to School Day – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

OLA will be taking part in the “Walk Safely to School” project. This involves a sticker and poster competition. There will be 10 winners! There will be two winners from each stage- (K), (Y1-Y2), (Y3-Y4), (Y5-Y6) One winner for sticker design and one winner for poster design. The winning designs will be printed and made into posters and stickers to be distributed on 18<sup>th</sup> May- Walk Safely to School Day.

The posters and stickers are to be made with the theme promoting Active Travel Walk (or cycle) Safely to School. We ask the children to include a slogan of 3-5 words on this theme within their poster designs. The stickers can be a slogan and artwork or just artwork. The sticker template for the competition is attached, the designs for the posters are to be done on **blank A4** sheets.

All entries need to be handed to your classroom teacher by **Friday 23rd March**. The winners will be announced **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

Good luck! Miss Crozier

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## Mindfulness at OLA: Cultivating Habits of Mind

The photos this week show the teachers being challenged to think mindfully by taking a responsible risk. The task was to sketch a vase of flowers using texta, so no chance of rubbing out mistakes, with the tip covered by a paper plate. The teachers were exploring what it is like for the students to step out of their comfort zone and challenge assumptions or learned behaviour.



Taking a responsible risk is explained for students in the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCTGJGjzay8>

What is it? – Drawing on past knowledge, being thoughtful about consequences, accepting uncertainty and risk of failure as a normal part of the process.

**Sounds like** – “I wonder what will happen if...” “What would I learn from stretching myself on this?” “I think I will attempt to...”

**Looks like** – Reaching for the next bar on the jungle gym. Watching to see what to do in a new situation, then trying it if safe. Accepting challenge because of what could be learned.

**Feels like** – I knew I could make it to the top. Wow!, I did it! I can ride my bike without training wheels!

When people hold back from taking risk they miss opportunities. Some students seem reluctant to take risks. They hold back from games, new learning, and new friendships because their fear of failure is far greater than their desire for venture or adventure.

Terina Macare

### PBS4L

Congratulations to our Archangel recipients this week – Aiden McGrady and Mya Bassili from year 3.

It has been great to see so many students responding to our call for 'Stop and drop' - and staying still.

The focus for the next fortnight will be "**playing safely - hands and feet to self**". We are receiving many reports of students using unnecessary force in play.



### *Early Years Assessments*

Over the past two weeks, K-2 teachers have been conducting the mandatory system wide Early Years Assessments. This assessment involves a one on one interview with each K-2 student, collecting data about children's knowledge of letters, words, books, writing vocabulary, sounds that letters and words make and reading ability. This data informs the teachers of where the children are at and what personalized instruction needs to happen next. In order for these assessments to occur, the K-2 teachers will have been released from class periodically over the past two weeks. The data is submitted on a CEDP data base to track school performance.

### *Maths Professional Learning*

A number of our teachers will be attending a numeracy workshop next week which will support them in their teaching of numeracy. This is valuable professional learning that will further develop their expertise in teaching children how to 'Work Mathematically'.

### *Year 5 Bathurst Excursion*

On Monday and Tuesday of this week I had the privilege of attending the overnight excursion to Bathurst with our Year 5 students. I want to commend the students on the way they conducted themselves and the way that they interacted with each other and the activities. Despite the rain on Tuesday, it was a valuable educational experience, supporting the Year 5 teachers unit of work on the 'Gold Rush'. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the teachers, Mr Campbell, Miss Grima, Miss Digwood, Mrs Giglio who gave up their family time to attend the overnight excursion.

### *STEM Day*

Last week, all K-6 students participated in a STEM day. **Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)** are key competencies in preparing our students for the future. OLA students rotated through a number of activities that engaged the children in hard thinking and problem solving. It was a wonderful day which the children were enjoying very much. This is just another example of the many wonderful opportunities OLA students experience thanks to the hard work and commitment of our dedicated staff

### *St Patrick's Day Activities*

It was wonderful today to see our SRC representatives leading Games at Lunch today for the whole school. The SRC representatives led students through a variety of games to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Please see attached photos. Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

Mr Cauchi, Assistant Principal



## Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

On Monday morning to Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 went on our first educational overnight experience, to the Bathurst Gold Fields. Our tour guides told us about the finding of gold in the 1850s. We had an opportunity to experience what life on the goldfields would have been like. We did lots of different activities such as making damper, making mud bricks, seeing a blacksmith at work, touring the goldfields and gold panning. At the end of the exhausting day, we all sat around the campfire and did the last activity of the day which was colonial dancing and singing and learning about famous Australian music such as Waltzing Matilda.

On Tuesday, we visited the Bathurst Cemetery, to learn about our people's history. But before that, we had a chance to go on the Bathurst 1000 track on our coach. While at the cemetery, we had a chance to go on a treasure hunt and learnt about the significant people buried there. We also got to teach our tour guides, Sarah and Gary, The Floss dance and how to Dab. We had a quick pit stop before heading to Katoomba to go on the Skyrail. We had an amazing time learning and experiencing the 1850s. We would like to thank our tour guides for all the hard work they put into this experience. We would also like to give a big thank you to our teachers because if it weren't for them we would never have gone to Bathurst and had so much fun.

By Zane and Kiara.





## From the Classroom of..... 3B

3B have been creating some awesome Aboriginal inspired artworks. We drew some native Australian Emu's and created a background featuring the colours on the Aboriginal flag. We think they turned out great!





# P&F News



## Second Hand Uniform Sale - 2.15pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

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.

## Special Treats - Ice blocks



Thank you to the volunteers on special treats on 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Kelly Owen, Fleur Manago, Flore Gauchi, Anne-Marie Apap, Mariana Cutuk, Adrianna Attard

THANK YOU to those that contacted us to volunteer. Your help is much appreciated!

What does it mean to be a volunteer for special treats?

A group of rostered volunteers meet at the office at 1.20pm and then set up treats in the canteen. We sell treats to the children from approx. 1.30pm and finish up around 2pm. For those with younger children, you can bring them while you help.

If you would like to help with any P&F activities, we would love to hear from you. Contact the P&F on Email, Facebook or see one of the P&F representatives.



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*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*

### *From the Parish Office...*

#### **First Communions 2018**

Please note the first Parent only session will commence on Thursday, May 3rd at 7.30pm.

#### **Youth - Dance Party**

Year 6 students are invited to come along to tonight's Dance Party commencing at 7pm. \$5- entry for non-members. Friends \*DJ\* \*Dancing\*Fun\*

Food and Drinks on sale.

#### **Good Friday**

Each year OLA present to the Parish the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday morning.

The Youth Group presents this enactment for the Parish.

The Youth require some extra help in presenting this to the Parish and have asked if there would be any students and their friends from Year 6 who might want to take part. There will be rehearsals on Sundays at 4pm. Please contact the Youth at youth@ourladyoftheangels.org.au or you can just show up at the rehearsal.

#### **Bingo**

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

Stations of the Cross

Held every Friday night throughout Lent at 7pm. 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.

### *Parent/Teacher Conferences*

*These will take place during Week 9, ie from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.*

*A note was sent home with the students today with instructions on making your parent/teacher conference times. **The code for this session is cc27g***

*Bookings close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.*

### *OLA Cross Country Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March Years 3 – 6*

*A reminder that Year 3 -6 and some year 2 children will be walking across to Centenary Park on Monday morning for OLA Cross Country.*

*The children are to wear their sport uniform on Monday and please ensure that they have plenty of water, their hat and sunscreen.*

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

Term 1 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Olivia Blackman	Emily Prnjak	Cruz Camilleri
Kinder G	Alana Apap	Grace Tierney	Lucas Krotofil
Kinder W	Alessandro Albertini	Ava Phelps	Imani Kannangara
Year 1B	Lily Haynes	Fionn Galway	Alegria Shaw
Year 1 G	Kyra Heaney	Molli Singh	Andre Mandarano
Year 1W	Roko Deur	Joshua Basile	Serenity Naim
Year 2 B	Dominic Zimmermann	Jack West	Evan Galea
Year 2 G	Declan Leach	Chelsea Strong	Jordan Nobleza
Year 2 W	Sienna Flores	Trinity Oxspring	William Harvey