

## *"Celebrating 10 years of Education"*

**Dear Parents,**

How time gets away! This Newsletter will be the last for Term 3. On Monday morning I asked the students to remember to pray for rain. I reminded them that God hears the prayers of little children above all else. The wonderful rain we received at the start of the week is proof of this.

Next Monday is International Day of Peace. Let us pray St Francis's peace prayer...

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love.*

*Where there is injury, pardon,*

*Where there is doubt, faith.*

*Where there is despair, hope.*

*Where there is darkness, light.*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek as to console,*

*To be understood, as to understand.*

*To be loved, as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.*

*And it is in dying, we are born to eternal life.*

***Our Lady of the Angels, Pray for us.***

***St Francis of Assisi, Pray for us***



This week, the teachers made themselves available to meet with you and your child/ren to discuss their learning over the past two terms. Teachers are obligated to provide one interview session per year. At OLA, the generosity of staff allows for two per year. Thank you to all the parents who made their child's education a priority by booking a time to meet. Our success as educators is very much reliant on the partnership with you.

### **Term 3 Principal Award Recipients**

**Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their teacher for this award.**

KB	Tristan Cappello	4B	Maxim Stankiewicz
KG	Brae Aldaba	4G	Zachary Ormsby
KW	Jai McLuskey	4W	Molly Nvene
1B	Anne-Marie Blazey	5B	Daniel Knowles
1G	Alana Apap	5G	Calum Graham
1W	Alissar El Khoury	5W	Milan Yadav
2B	Ryan Salac	6B	Isaac Aguilan
2G	Zachary Dixon	6G	Ivana Edelinski
2W	Alex Vozzo	6W	Bryce McDonald
3B	Isaac Rapa		

*I look forward to  
having morning tea  
with them next  
Tuesday and chatting  
about the past term.*



### **Dates to Remember**

#### **Week 10:**

Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Principal's Morning Tea
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stg 3 Touch Footy Gala Day
	Last Day of Term 3

#### **Week 1:**

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Resumes Term 4
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Assembly: Yr 1 Verse Speaking



**God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. We hear The Word and are given messages to help us show the face of God.**

### **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-22nd September 2019 (Lk 16: 1-13)**

Jesus said, "The one who is honest in small things, will be honest in great. The one who is dishonest in small things will be dishonest in great. If you cannot be trusted with money, who will trust you with genuine riches?"

#### **Gospel Reflection-Reversal of Fortunes (LiturgyHelp.com-Fr Michael Tate)**

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd. Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's *Magnificat*).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are *passing*, so that we may be received into the *eternal* habitation.

### **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-22nd September 2019 (Lk 16: 19-31)**

Jesus told a parable, "There was a rich man. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus. He longed to fill his belly with the scraps from the rich man's table. Both men died and the rich man went to hell where he was in torment. Abraham said to him, 'In your life good things came to you and bad things to Lazarus. Now he is in comfort and you in agony.'"

#### **Gospel Reflection**

The rich man ('Dives') is so totally *self*-absorbed in the *self*-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. *He* created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This chasm, *created* by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making.

We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those 'carried gently by the angels into Paradise'.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

*Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who received their sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their daily lives.*

Makiah A, Christian A, Leila B, Grace B, Marcus B, Roman B, Zane B, Lucas B, Denzel C, Jericho C, Bowen C, Sarah C, Jared C, Jacob C, Ivana E, Brendan E, Lauren E, Michael E, Marissa F, Max F, Parker G, Peter G, Lachlan H, Natalie H, Rafael I, Chanel J, Bailey K, Hayden L, Patrick L, Angelica M, Bryce M, Lucas M, Dante M, Madison M, Bella M, Zachary N, Amelia N, Romeo O, Nikki O, Kobe O, Rachael P, Noah R, Drew S, Marc S, Joshua S, Eva S, Lucy T, Ante T, Mia-Bella T, Christian V, Kiara W, Isabel W, Isaac x





# OLA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fun Day & Colour Explosion Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September



*"I feel so fortunate to be part of this School Community"*



*"It was a fabulous event. Big thanks to our amazing P&F and school staff for organising such a fun and memorable day"*

*"Today will be etched in our memories"*



*"What a wonderful experience for everyone, making great memories"*



*"It was an awesome celebration"*



*"This day will forever be in the kid's memories and a bonus was to raise money for the school"*



*"Such a fun day with my kids"*



*"Thank you so very much for all your work and effort in organising this for our children. It was a fab day and will be a fond memory for many years to come."*

### **Fun Day & Colour Explosion Video**

In 2009, our school community began with 19 students and their families. Today, we have grown to 537 enrolments and looking to over 560 next year.

Last Friday, we celebrated our 10th anniversary with a Family Picnic Fun Day, finishing with a Colour Run, the major P&F fundraiser for the year. Many thanks to the P&F, to our sponsors - AFL, Cheer Energy, Dancefever, Motiv8, Netball NSW, NRL and Western Sydney Wanderers and a *BIG* thank you to Mr Cauchi for organising the day.

[Click here](#) to view a brief video with images from the day.

## **Literacy News**

### **Holiday Tips for Parents-Avoiding the Holiday Slide in Reading**

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the holidays. Try these strategies to help your child improve their reading during the break and beyond:

1. **Six books to success:** Research shows that reading just six books during the holidays may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your local library. Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities. Libraries often run reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what's available in your area.
2. **Read something every day:** Encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to read. Find them throughout the day:
  - *Morning:* The newspaper — even if it is just the comics or today's weather.
  - *Daytime:* Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. For example, if your daughter likes the food channel, help her look for a recipe on the network's Web site — then cook it together for more reading practice.
  - *Evening:* End the day by having your child read to you from the book he is currently reading (one of the six books, above). Have them rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help them be more fluent — able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression.
3. **Keep reading aloud:** Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so they will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that they will do better when they read on their own.

It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

*Source:*

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/developing-reading-skills/three-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide>

### **Term 4**

#### **Dates:**

Wednesday 4th December-Spelling Bee & Rug Reading starting at noon

Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator

We would appreciate it if parents DO NOT send glass drink bottles to school with their children. We have had a few instances where the bottles have broken on the playground and this is dangerous to all children playing in this area.



## RESPECT FOR SELF, OTHERS, ENVIRONMENT

Our focus for the last two weeks has been *respecting myself and others by following expectations at line up times.*

Over the last few weeks we had noticed increasing issues with students not responding to 'stop and drop' and being late to lines.

We have focussed on this and have been reteaching these expectations. We will continue to focus on this for the next week.

Your support in discussing these expectations with your child is appreciated.

Focus	Respect for Self.	Respect for Others.
Be in the right place at the right time	Move off immediately Move calmly and safely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be ready at the right time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow teacher instructions – <b>stop</b> at 'stop and drop'.</li> <li>Listen respectfully to others.</li> </ul>

Each term we tally the number of Angel cards collected during that term. The class with the highest average wins a class reward. The class for term 3 is 1G.



Introducing **OLA**, our new PBS4L mascot. **OLA** came to our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary fun day to meet the students.

**OLA** will be here again on day 1 of next term when we introduce another reward system – our **OLA** tokens. These will be given out frequently in class and on the playground when students are meeting our expectations of 'RESPECT for self, others and environment'. The tokens will be collected as a grade. When the grade has reached a level they will choose a reward from a menu designed with their teachers.

Look forward to seeing more of **OLA**.

# From the classroom ... Kindy

Kindergarten have thoroughly enjoyed culminating their Science and Technology learning through a design and make task. We were lucky to have the assistance of some Year 6 students during this time.

Our PBL task began with a problem. Little Red Riding Hood had to take some supplies to her sick Grandma but it was raining. How could she transport the goods to Grandma's house without them getting wet?

The Kindergarten children used their prior knowledge from investigations and experiments to assist with creating the transport. What an exciting learning opportunity this was for the students.







# P&F NEWS



## Colour Explosion

What an explosion of colour and fun the day was. Thank you to everyone who helped in making the day possible. It is a day that will forever be remembered by those at OLA. The smiles and laughter on the day, said it all.

Thank you to those students that got sponsorship for the day which helps with our fundraising efforts for the year. Our fundraising efforts will see us raise over \$26,000.

Special mention to Joshua Basile from 2W who raised \$1,020 himself



### Kindergarten Orientation

Can you believe that next term we will welcome 2020 Kindergarten children for orientation? We will be looking for the current Kindergarten parents to provide some morning tea for the 2020 parents. You will receive some communication closer to the date.

### P&F meeting - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm

Next terms meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Come along to hear what we have planned for the rest of the year and talk about how we can best utilise the money raised from our colour explosion to help the school and our children.

### Family Photography Sessions

Family Photography sessions will be held on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December and Sun 8<sup>th</sup> December. Perfect for a Christmas gift for family.



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*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*

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

**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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Congratulations to Zac Nicholls who travelled to Wagga Wagga last week to trial for the MacKillop Cricket Squad. He was successful in being selected in the MacKillop which will compete in the PSSA Tournament in October.

Well done Zac



*Congratulations to Ruby Masters (Year 1) and Rose Montgomery (Year 3) who recently competed at the NSW State Championships for Irish Dancing. They both competed extremely well and won the State Championships in their team events.*

*Congratulations to Jericho Cirera who was selected for the MacKillop Golf Squad and now will represent NSW at the National Championships in Toowoomba in November. Well done Jericho.*



*Congratulations to the following students who received an archangel award this week:*

*Sienna Galea, Lachlan Heaney, Roderick Raad, Matilda Wallis, Max Masters, Ilana McGrath, Charlotte Naim, Sebastian Georges, Cameron Muscat, Patrick Cleary and Sienna Mooney.*

*Absent: Ruby Millers, Abbey Hollier and Danielle Vella*





# Awards

Term 3 Week 9			
Whole school			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Jeanette Abboud	Clara Denisenko	Nicholas Smith
Kinder G	Hayden Spiteri	Ella Macdonald	Caleb Atkins
Kinder W	Hannah Nvene	Isabella Deur	Valentina Buda
Year 1B	Arella Sales	Harrison Dolahenty	Sienna Ng
Year 1 G	Micah Kenyon	Lachlan Newman	Olivia O'Connor
Year 1W	Lucas George	Luca Mazza	Sienna Galea
Year 2 B	William Conn	Nicholas Thornton	Khai Aldaba
Year 2 G	Ethan Dyke	Sebastian Georges	Gael Casino
Year 2 W	Patrick Cleary	Madeline Giovias	Max Masters
Year 3 B	Alonso Buda	Lucas Clarke	Trinity Manago
Year 3 G	Maddison Younes	Sienna Flores	Ruby Martin
Year 3 W	Sofia Costa	Elijah Atkins	Ethan Tierney
Year 4 B	Kobe Coombes	Julie Bolina	Orlaith McManus
Year 4G	Russell Rochaix	Cailee Graham	Aidan Attard
Year 4 W	Molly Nvene	Luke Smyth	Francesca Topic
Year 5 B	Jayden Wylie	Grace Vella	Zara Zivic
Year 5 G	Stella Signorelli	Cohan Sommer	Ava Camilleri
Year 5W	Jullia Zammit	Ava Carney	Lucy Tapley
Year 6 B	Hayden Lavercombe	Eva Sultana	Bella Molano
Year 6 G	Rishi Pillai	Arad Razaghi	Isabel Williams
Year 6 W	Leila Balangon	Manas Rawal	Akeesha Gunasekara

