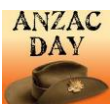


Dear Parents,

It has been a very wet and miserable start to the term. Despite this, it is lovely to see all our students and their lovely smiles. I welcome you all back to school – students, staff, parents – and look forward to another eventful and busy term. The Term calendar was emailed at the end of last term but always refer to the **dates to remember** at the bottom of this page.



*"My commandment is this: love one another as I have loved you.
The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them".*
John 15:12-14

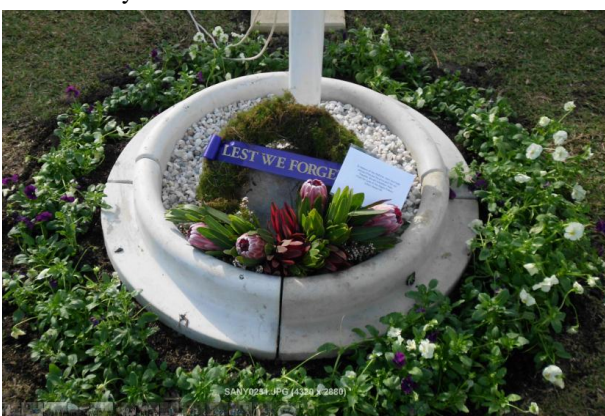


We have just recently celebrated the most important time of the Liturgical Year - Easter. Jesus gave His life for us so that we could live; live, that is, eternally in Heaven. At this time of ANZAC centenary we remember the many lives sacrificed so that we may live in a free country.

Last Sunday morning, I accompanied three of our student leaders as they attended the Castle Hill Wreath Laying Ceremony. OLA was one among many schools who were represented. As always, it was a very moving ceremony and certainly an opportunity to, once again, reflect how grateful we should be to our armed forces and grateful for this great country in which we live.

The thing that stuck me, most significantly, was that the ceremony was largely 'Christian-based' and how it made me feel 'safe'. I suppose, as a Christian, I could relate and, just like with all things with which we are familiar, it promotes a sense of pride and collective purpose - a bit like being amongst a crowd of strangers and seeking out a group that support the same team (a superficial analogy).

In 2012, I was privileged to go on pilgrimage with Bishop Anthony and fellow principals. We travelled along the Footsteps of St Paul which took us into Turkey, including Gallipoli. I don't need to tell you what an intensely moving experience that was. More significantly, this area of Asia Minor, is known as the cradle of Christianity. It is where St Paul, St John and many of the disciples travelled and spread the Word. It struck me, as we travelled through the countryside, that each of the little hills are no longer topped with a church and steeple as you see in many parts of Europe. Istanbul, once Constantinople- named after the Christian ruler Constantine- houses over 4000 mosques but only 26 churches, and these are very nondescript. It is imperative that we, as Christians, become more vocal, proactive and open in declaring our faith and Christianity if we are to live in an Australia that retains these Christian values at the core.



This afternoon, we held our own ceremony and blessed the memorial dedicated to the ANZACs. Thank you to everyone who made this possible, to Fr Warren for officiating, to the students who participated so respectfully, to all those in the community who attended including our local State Member, Ray Williams, Col. Crozier (Army Reserve), Mrs Orsby (Army Res), Mr Strykowski for plying the bugle and especially Mrs Schroder and Mrs Eisenhuth who prepared the liturgy marking this significant event in our country's history. We ask that members of the community, especially the students, show respect for this site by not playing around it.

NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

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| Mon 27 th April: | Internal Audit – <u>office open for urgent business only</u> |
| Fri May 1 st : | 2.30pm-Launch of Belief Statement; 7.30pm Opening and Blessing of new Church |
| Mon 4 th May: | School Photos – Students will be dressed in their full winter uniform |
| Tues 5 th May: | Diocesan Cross Country |
| Thur 7 th May: | Stage 3 girls' soccer gala day |



The Gospel reflection will return with Mrs Callaghan's (REC) return to work. The good news is that Mrs Callaghan is expecting a baby but this has presented some challenges with her health. She is expected back at school next week. Upon her return, she will be taking on the role of replacement teacher for Reading Recovery (Mrs Baker) and EMU Maths (Miss Fredericks and Mrs Giglio). I would like to thank all the staff who has been so supportive over the past few months and I know you, along with all the school community, wish Emma Kate all the best.

Welcome back...

Mrs Meyer who has returned from maternity leave and will be working as Executive Relief (for Mrs Byrne and Mrs Hurst) for two days a week.

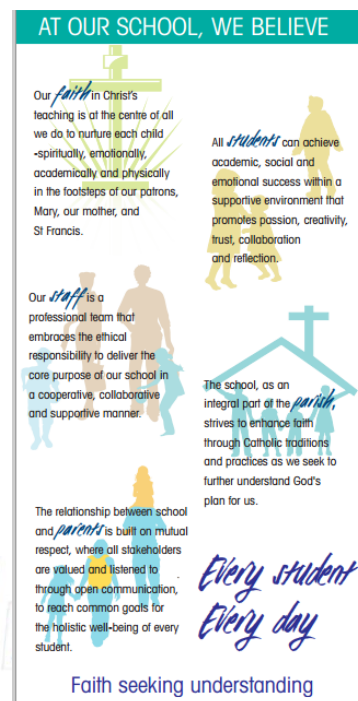
Our Lady of the Angels Primary School – Culture and Practice

Last year, 2014, was our fifth year as a school. It was considered timely for reflecting and defining our school's culture and practice. Towards the end of last year, the staff met for a day, under the guidance of Br Angus Kavanagh, for the process to begin. This was continued when we revisited it with new staff early this year. During the process, staff identified five key areas – faith, students, staff, parents and parish – and collaboratively compiled one belief statement for each. Fr Warren and the P&F executive were also consulted. Each statement is not only what we believe but was designed to present a level of accountability for all stakeholders. After some tweaking and fine tuning, I am pleased to say that the final product has arrived. This will be on display in the form of banners and plaques to be erected around the school. My commendation and congratulations go to all involved in this process and we are very pleased with the final result.

Next Friday, beginning at 2.20 pm before assembly, we will be having an official launch of this product. We hope you will join us for this.

Term 1 Principal's Award – enjoying morning tea

Claire Sievwright
Solomon Sloane
Kristian Cajic
Gemma Haynes
Solomon Montgomery
Harriet Preston
Ana Basic
Max Fischer
Arya Clements
Lauren Eyles
Jackson Jacobs
Ethan Graham
Shanae Makumbe
Jade Richardson
Elysia Connellan
Anthony Parada
Jacob Domars



Congratulations and Welcome to the Catholic Church.

Recently I referred to the beautiful new building out the front being the church HOUSE, and that, in fact, it is people who are members that make Church. In the holidays, a number of our school children received the sacrament of Baptism and became the newest members of the church. Please join with me to extend a welcome and congratulations to:

Ashleigh Graham, Jackson Jacobs and Sienna Jacobs.



Social skills

The social skill for this fortnight is:

How and when to interrupt appropriately. The children will be reminded to say, "Excuse me" and then to stop and wait.

Maths Club

Maths club will resume next Thursday at 8.20 sharp for interested students in Years 3 and 4. This is for any children who are interested in some extra work in tables and basic maths facts.



From the P&F.....

Welcome back to school everyone. The first item on the calendar this term is Mothers' Day. The P&F will be holding the usual Mothers' Day stall on Wednesday, 6th May. The details are in the attachment accompanying this Newsletter. The stall is very popular with the students so please return your form on time to avoid any disappointment on their part.

Also this term is the Annual General Meeting. This will be held on Wednesday 13th May at 7 pm in the Year 4 ground floor space. All positions are vacated and open for nomination. Hope to see you then.

Natalie Spiteri and the P&F Committee

Full day stop work action on Tuesday 28 April

As you may be aware, Catholic school employees have been negotiating with the Independent Education Union (IEU), and in consultation with teachers a new enterprise agreement. These negotiations are progressing well and the school employees expect to have a final agreement on which teachers and staff will be able to return to work later on Tuesday 28 April. The Union has asked for a full day stop work on Tuesday 28 April while these negotiations are still in progress. We support and respect the right of teachers and staff to take industrial action. Despite possible action, the school will continue as normal next Tuesday with students appropriately supervised. If parents are in a position to keep children at home, however, that would be appreciated.

WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Where: *In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.*

Dates/Times: ***Friday May 1st 2015** (operating from **8:00am to 1:00pm**) and **Saturday May 2nd 2015** (also operating from **8:00am to 1:00pm**)*

Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Jewellery, Plants, Toys, Furniture, Manchester, White Elephant, Fine Art and China etc.

We will also be providing tea and coffee during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who were recently devastated by Cyclone Pam in the Port Vila area of Vanuatu.

Opening and Blessing of New Church- next Friday May 1st at 7.30pm.

This event is open for all to attend. However, please note that a large part of the seating in the church will be reserved for invited guests. There will be plenty of extra outdoor seating available.

Photos - CORRECTION

For your information, school photos will be taken on Monday 4th May, week 3.

*Children will be wearing their **full WINTER** uniform for the photo.*

*Next week, every student will receive an envelope to place your order **with full instructions**.*

Bead Strings

I am looking for Scoobi Strings to use to make Bead Strings. If you are out and about and see some can you please let me know where I can buy them from.

VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of Bead string and kebabs for our classrooms. If you are available next Tuesday afternoon, it would be great if you could help out and make some bead string and/or bead kebabs. I will be setting up in the music room. Thank you for your support!

Katrina Byrne

SPORT Diocesan Cross Country

Training will occur on Tuesday 28th April and Thursday 30th April at 8 am. We would like to give the students some hill training, so will be using the pathway outside of the school grounds that runs down past the netball courts. If you are able to help us on these mornings, meet us at 8am.

Students received a note today outlining the track and the timetable of events. There will be a reminder note next week about the day.

BOOT CAMP

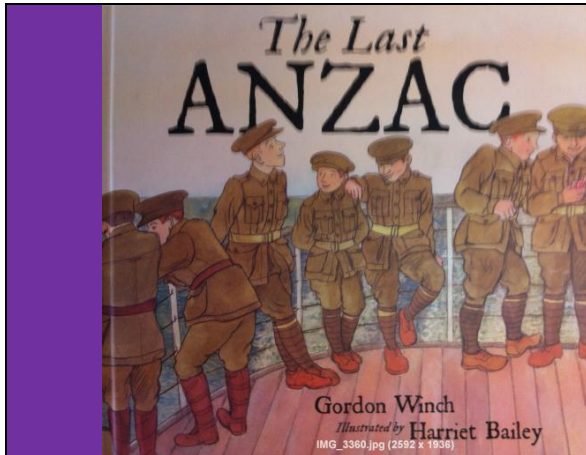
Boot camp will commence in Week 4 after the Diocesan Cross Country has occurred. Next week students wishing to express their interest in attending Boot Camp will be given a slip to complete at school. We will then let you know if your child/ren has been successful.

Mrs Byrne and Miss Grima

FROM THE CLASSROOM... Year 2B

In Year 2 this week we have read together "The Last Anzac". It is a picture book based on a true story of the last living Anzac. The students have created two art pieces in response. The first was their drawing of the Flanders fields. The students drew with perspective, measuring distance and size of the poppies to create great drawings. The second artwork was a painting of the last Anzac. Students discussed the choice of colours and the items a soldier would need to wear.

LEST WE FORGET



From the Parish Office...

Our New Church

"and upon this rock I will build My church" Matthew 16:18

There will be a special mass on Friday, 1 May at 7.30pm for the Consecration and Blessing of our new church. You are invited to attend. Please be aware that due to the great number of clergy, religious and dignitaries, seating will be ticketed. We ask that you also be aware of parking regulations and note that parking will be limited to neighbouring sporting fields.

We're fundraising with Entertainment

The Parish are also fundraising with the Entertainment Books. If you would like to order online before 27 April, you will be able to receive \$150.00 worth of Early Bird Offers for only \$65. Please contact the parish office and we will be able to provide you with the purchasing

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

All families will by now have been sent confirmation of their First Holy Communion date. If you have not yet received an email, we ask that you contact the Parish office immediately.

Please note that your first session will be on Thursday, 7 May at 7.30pm. All sessions are compulsory.

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am Wed -7pm Novena Mass to St Joseph for special intercessions for the Building of our Church.

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603



Numeracy Hint -

Look for and discuss patterns in the environment...tiles in a bathroom, stripes on clothing, pegs on the clothesline. Discuss what would come next if the pattern continued.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following families who recently welcomed new babies into their families...

- The Laborte family on the arrival of a baby sister, Aria, for Jet and Maddix
- Cleary family on the arrival of a fourth son, Nash Hunter
- Dyke family a baby brother Liam
- Masters family levelling the score of two girls and now a second son, Liam Michael.

Welcome to our community!



God bless and keep you safe over the weekend.

*Eva La Rocca,
Principal*

**'Student
of the
Week'**

Term 2 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Under B	Cameron Muscat	Zoey Chown	Isabella Smith
Under G	Paige Mitrovich	Hugo Vozzo	Amber Kim
Under W	Danielle Vella	Orlaith McManus	Madison Saward
Year 1B	Eva Mercieca	Lily Quinlan	Sahara Knippler
Year 1 G	Mikayla Edwards	Tyrone Lee	Tayla Buxton
Year 1W	Boston Roberts	Charlotte Muscat	Michelangelot La
Year 2 B	Kayleigh Naidoo	Roman Bizzanelli	Marcus Billyard
Year 2 G	Arya Clements	Chloe Huber	Luke Shelly
Year 2 W	Christian Attard	Ante Topic	Marcus Castellan
Year 3 B	Rylan McGrady	Ella Owen	Callum Galway
Year 3 W	Isabella Iori	Charli Molloy	Tamsyn Brown
Year 4 B	Kenny King	Connor Knowles	John Stafford
Year 4 G	Jessica Bollard	Tatum Crook	Kylan Ewer
Year 4 W	Dylan Stacey	Malachi Cauchi	Joshua Palmer-Burton
Year 5/6 B	Ella Sievwright	Tiarne McLuskey	Raphael Di Lorenzo
Year 5/6 G	Riley Price	Bradley Girdham	AJ Abdallah
Year 5/6 W	Bethany Webb	Emily Odd	Kalani Nobleza