

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

**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope you had a lovely two weeks with your children and that Easter was a special time to share with family and friends, remembering and celebrating Christ's passion and resurrection.

On the 25th April 1915, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, ANZAC as it came to be known, received its baptism of fire and became one of the immortal names in history. On Monday morning, the school community gathered to think of the comrades who went out to the battlefields of the First World War, Second World War, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan but did not return. We wish to be worthy of their great sacrifice. Let each of us dedicate ourselves to the service of the ideals for which they died. Let their memory inspire us to work for the coming of a new light into the dark places of the world.

That 'light' is no greater than the light Christ brings to us through His death and resurrection, which we celebrated just recently at Easter. Jesus said, *'I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness'* (John 8:12) Let us, as Catholics, have the fortitude to continue to follow Christ and ensure that His light shines through us in all we do and say to all we meet.

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning,*

*We will remember them.*

*Lest we forget.*

Our school leaders lay a wreath on behalf of OLA at the Castle Hill Dawn Service.

Thank you Mrs Eisenhuth for organising this special contribution.



*Lord, we give you thanks for the freedom we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them. We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace. Amen.*

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Week 2**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Week 3**

**Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TOMORROW**

**Mothers' Day Stall**

**MacKillop Trials (Canberra)**

**NAPLAN (Tues Wed and Thurs);**

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am - Mothers' Day Liturgy followed by morning tea**

## Measles outbreak in western Sydney

There is currently an outbreak of measles in South Western and Western Sydney, with at least 9 people having acquired the disease in the region during March 2017.

The reported cases include children and infants who have attended childcare centres and secondary schools. There is potential for the measles outbreak to spread further as the infected young people have large social networks both within and outside of their schools, and some have travelled on public transport whilst infectious. Measles is highly infectious and anyone who isn't vaccinated is at risk of infection if they have had contact with an infectious case.

Immunisation is effective in preventing measles. It is important for everyone to ensure that they have received at least two doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR). Infants and young children are vaccinated with measles containing vaccine at 12 months and 18 months of age. Older children and adults born during or after 1966 should ensure that they have been vaccinated with two doses of vaccine. Unless people are certain they have had two doses of measles vaccine, they should visit their GP as soon as possible for **free** measles vaccination.

The first sign of measles is usually a high fever, a runny nose, cough, and red, watery eyes. The rash usually starts on the face and upper neck and spreads over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days.

People with measles symptoms should seek medical advice as soon as possible phoning the emergency department or GP beforehand, stay home from work or school, and limit other activities to avoid exposing other vulnerable people, such as infants, to the infection.

Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html>

### UNIFORM

Typically, the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year. When the students return to school for Term 2, there is a period of TWO weeks where there is flexibility between summer and winter uniform. The whole school needs to be in WINTER uniform for Week 3.

Please note that the school jumper takes priority over the bomber jacket, which is only intended for extreme cold weather and worn over the jumper. Long sleeved tops worn under short sleeve shirt/sports shirt is not uniform.

Good Luck to

Montana Burt, Thomas Dobaj, Kenny King, Lucas Lesar and Jade Richardson who travel to Canberra next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May for playing in their respective area of sport in the NSW trials. It is extraordinary to have so many students from one school, especially this young school. I hope to travel to Canberra to be present to support them . 😊



## P&F NEWS

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

This year the Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please return all order forms to pre-pay for your child/rens' Mother's Day gift purchases by next Tuesday. (Attached with this newsletter)



*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*

**EVERY DAY MATTERS...EXTENDED LEAVE – TRAVEL (5 DAYS OR MORE) REQUIRES AN EXEMPTION FORM REQUESTING LEAVE. (Available on line or from the office)**

All note of explanation must be presented for any absenteeism upon return to school. Schools are mandated to report ‘habitual’ absentees or lateness.

**Only 15 days leave per year over sick leave.**

If your child is absent...	That equates to...	Which is...	And over their school life from Kinder to year 12 that is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	Almost 1 and a half years of school
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks a year	Over 2 and a half years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years of school

Absenteeism

**Every day matters!** The cumulative effect of absenteeism can have a significant impact on learning, social and emotional wellbeing.



Looking for any families interested **in hosting Japanese Students** (aged around 11 years).

This has been a regular practice over the past years. OLA School acts as host to students from Nanzan Christian School in Japan. The students have always proven to be very polite and grateful and it has been a wonderful experience for the host family as well as their guests.

The following is the program:

- 26th July 2017 (Wed): Arr. OLA Primary School and meet host families (15:20)
- 27th (Thurs): Integrated program (at school)
- 28th (Fri): Integrated program (at school)
- 29th (Sat): Free with host families
- 30th (Sun): Group visiting SVD church in Marsfield (11:00-13:00- dropped at OLA grounds at 10.30am)
- 31st (Mon): Integrated program (at school)
- 1st Aug (Tue): Integrated program (at school), farewell depart (from school) at 13:00 approx

It is preferred that these children are billeted in twos and have their own room. **The host family will receive \$40 x 6 nights = \$240 (per students) X 2 students = \$480 per family**

**If you are interested in considering hosting a couple of students, please email the school with ‘Japanese’ in the subject line. Families selected will be ‘first in’ basis. We are looking forward to sharing in this rich cultural experience once again.**

*Congratulations*

to the Mazza Family on the early arrival of baby Gabriella, a sister for Giancarlo. Wonderful news and we look forward to meeting her.



*Have a good weekend. God bless and stay safe.*

*Eva La Rocca*

*Principal.*