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Week 2 Term 2

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"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find".

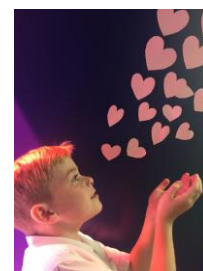
Dear Parents,

This week we celebrate Mothers' Day. It was delightful to witness the children selecting a gift for their mum at the Mothers' Day stall on Wednesday. I love watching the children as they think about a gift that their mum would enjoy. Thank you to the wonderful team of mums who helped out on the day and those who co-ordinated in the weeks leading up to the event – Kelly Cleary, Kelly Owen, Rebecca Galea and Annemarie Bond.



This week I asked lots of children what they love about their mum and many responded with a list of the all the things mums do for them – cooking dinner, making their bed, washing their clothes etc. Of course, we know that being a mum is so much more than that but these things are harder for children to articulate – love, pride, trust etc. This got me thinking about an article I was recently reading by Michael Grose (parentingideas.com.au) where he discussed that our aim as parents should be to work yourself out of a job! In a practical, physical sense he means we need to make our children less, rather than more, reliant on us. The challenge is to think of a job/chore that you regularly do for your child that they could start to do for themselves. Encourage success through this independence. By doing this we are teaching our children vital life skills. The emotional connection between parents and children strengthens with this independence and trust.

As we celebrate Mothers' Day this weekend, let's be thankful for the gifts of all mothers. Perhaps take some time to thank your mum for the life skills and independence she passed on to you. We are mindful of those who do not have their mums with them this weekend, for whatever reason.



May God's gentleness and peace be in your heart.
May God's strength be with you in times of trouble.
May you grow each day in wisdom and grace.

And may Mary, our Mother who knows joy and sorrow always walk beside you.

God bless,
Mrs Cathy Hey

Dates to Remember

Tues 10 th May	NAPLAN Writing/Language Yrs 3 & 5
Wed 11 th May	NAPLAN Reading Yrs 3 & 5
Thurs 12 th May	NAPLAN Numeracy Yrs 3 & 5 Yr 1 excursion to Taronga Zoo
Mon 16 th May	Students return in FULL winter uniform Kindy excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
Tues 17 th May	ICAS Digital Technology Competition. 7.55am
Wed 18 th May	Cyber Safety – 6.00pm Presented by Constable Rob from Castle Hill Police. Parents Welcome 7.00pm P&F AGM – All parents welcome

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

NEWSLETTER

Gospel according to John (Jn17: 20-26)

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

“Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”



This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer of Jesus. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus ask that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.

One of the greatest gifts that we are given in our family life is protection from harm. Families work together to keep one another safe in a physical sense. When families work together to strengthen their sense of God and community, we build the spiritual strength to turn from those things that would lead us away from God and the Church. Jesus' prayer for his disciples can also be a prayer for our family life.

Gather as a family and talk about the things that you want most for each other. Talk about the fact that as we work toward these things we also work to protect one another from other things, especially harmful things.

Source: Loyola Press

Mrs Lisa Hurst, Acting REC

Literacy News

Reading Afternoon

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of reading with their child. Our next afternoon will be **Thursday 19th May at 2:15pm.**

Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book.

This means one picture of dad/grandpa/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading.

Bug Club is coming to OLA!:

In the next couple of weeks our school will be using a reading program called 'Bug Club'. Students on levelled readers will have access to e-Books and comprehension activities using a username and password. Students will be motivated to read at home by earning rewards (coins) after completing the e-Book and activities. All students will have access to this reading club whilst at school. The teachers can use resources in the classroom for whole group and small group instruction. For further information, please see the link below.

<http://home.bugclub.com.au/MyPasses/pdf/parents-help.pdf>

Thank you to Mrs Trifiro for creating some wonderful book reviews for our school. These will be placed around our school to promote the love of reading.

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

NAPLAN – Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests on 10th, 11th and 12th May. They will be assessed in writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy. While these assessments provide us with some valuable data about your child's learning, it is important to remember that this is a snapshot of your child's learning in some areas and doesn't measure things like creativity, kindness, empathy, faith, sporting or artistic ability. These aspects of your child are also very important and valuable in making your child the wonderful individual that they are.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Next week is still a transition week where either FULL summer or FULL winter uniform may be worn. Full winter uniform is to be worn by Monday 16th May.

* Please ensure boys have their school shirts tucked in.

* Girls are not to wear nail polish to school and hair ties/ ribbons to be in school colours.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students are well presented.

From the Office

Notes for the Athletics carnival will be going home next week. An email went home to year 2 parents yesterday requesting confirmation if you wish your child, who is turning 8 years this year, to participate in the primary athletics carnival. Please only respond to the email if you wish for your child to participate in the primary carnival. Otherwise all K-2 students will be participating in their own infants athletics carnival on the same day at the same ground.

Book covering – if any parents could assist us in covering books for the library, please call into the office. We will provide you with contact. Thanks.

Book Club – Bookclub will be going home today. If you wish to purchase, please do so online by next Friday 13th May. Please DO NOT send cash into school. It will be returned home as we cannot send cash off to Scholastic.

Cyber Safety Talk

Recently, students in Year 4 and 5 started their journey of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) allowing them to bring a device to school to help enhance their learning. As part of our practice in educating the students about how to use these devices we had Senior Constable Rob Paterson from Castle Hill Police Station come out and talk to our Years 4-6 students about Cyber Safety and Cyber Bullying.

Cyber Safety Talk for Parents on Wednesday, 18th May 2016 at 6pm. Please come along and learn more about Cyber Safety and what you can do at home.

Here are some of the things we learnt...



We all learnt something new about how to keep safe online. We watched a few clips on bullying and how to stop it from happening. The policeman also briefed us on the equipment he used and what they were. By Giaan L

Constable Rob spoke to us about Cyber bullying. I learnt that some forms of social media such as Facebook and Twitter can lead people to send things to someone that are mean and ongoing is a form of cyber bullying. If the police find out you can get into trouble. By Charlotte Z

In this week's newsletter we have an information sheet about YouTube. Over the next few weeks a new information sheet will be attached to the newsletter. There are original copies of these fact sheets in the office foyer for you to take, if you wish.



P&F NEWS



Thank you to everyone involved in the Mother's Day Stall. There were many volunteers who helped before the day as well as on the day! The day ran so smoothly. Thank you for making this day so special for our children!

Thank you also to the team who organised the beautiful morning tea this morning for our wonderful mums. As always, these events would not be possible without your generous and continued support.

*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS!
HAVE A LOVELY DAY!*

OLA FIESTA



WOW! An amazing turnout of 'grade teams' at the fiesta meeting held on Wednesday evening.... The meeting had to be moved to the Parish Hall to cater for the crowd!

Thank you to the grade representatives and their teams who have begun organising the logistics of their stall.

In particular we still *NEED* some volunteers to help run stalls from year 3 & 5. If you can help the grade representative, please email us at olapfc@gmail.com or contact us via our face book page.

We thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and support. We have had a wonderful response so far and look forward to working together.

DO YOU SELL CRAFT OR HAVE A 'MARKET STALL' HOBBY?

**Do you make or sell candles, soaps, jams, baby clothes
or knick knacks????**

We are inviting school families and parishioners to be a part of the market hall at the OLA Fiesta. It would be wonderful to have a variety of market stall holders all under the one roof!

For more information, please contact Monique Falzon at moniquerosejewellery@hotmail.com

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – MAY 6: The roster for next week... Kellie Owen, Sonia Nicholls, Melissa Strong, Maria Muscat and Prue Meighan . Thank you!

P&F AGM WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH – 7PM



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*





A special thank you to the Year 1 teachers, Mrs Hurst (Acting REC) and students who prepared the beautiful Mothers' Day Mass this morning. Also to Mrs Reid, who came in on her day off to assist with the choir. It was lovely to see so many mums come along to celebrate in prayer and then with morning tea.



Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country – Tuesday 3rd May

On Tuesday, 3rd of May over 40 students represented OLA in the Diocesan Cross Country at the Sydney Motorsport Park. They are to be commended for their efforts!

Congratulations to the following students who will be going through to the next stage:-

Sebastian M and Thomas D in Year 5 and

Seronique T and Ella S in Year 6.

Jessie E and Jade R in Year 5 are reserves.

A BIG thank you to all the parents for their support during training and on the day. A special thanks to Mrs Eldred, Mrs Burt, Mrs Cutuk and Mr Sievwright.



MacKillop Winter Trials

We would like to wish Ella S, Montana B all the best for the MacKillop Girls Soccer Trials being held in Canberra today.

We also have William A, Kenny K and Riley P trialling for the MacKillop Boys Football team in Canberra. All the best boys.



Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am

Tuesday 17th May 2016

Enrolments for Year 7 2018



Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

From the Classroom – 2B

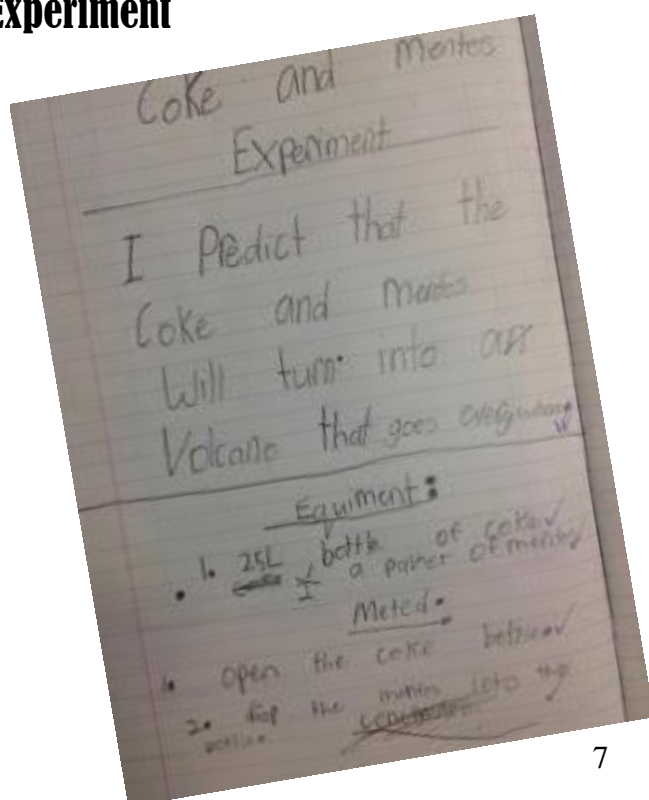
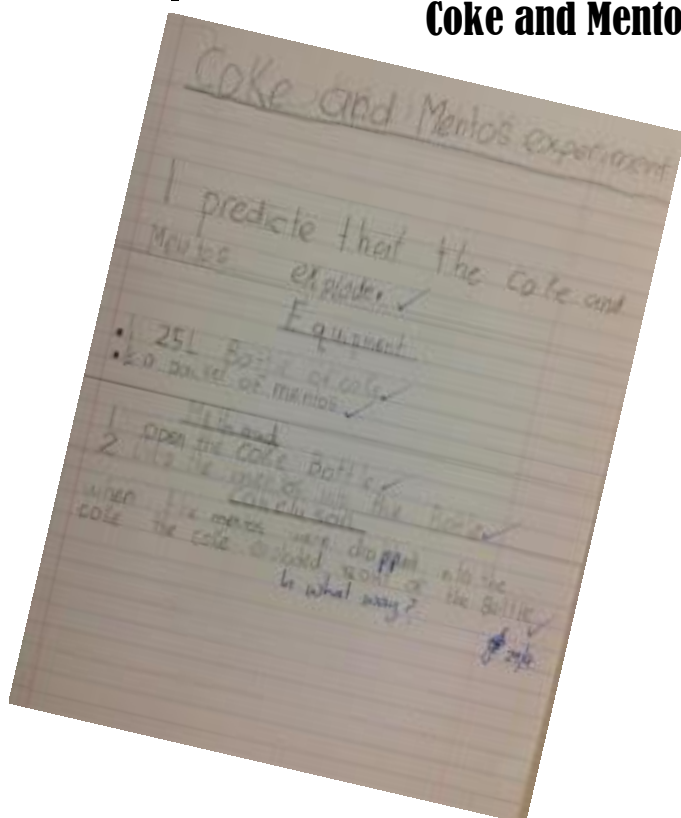
In Year 2 we have started a science unit called Material World. We have started investigating and identifying ways that everyday materials can be physically changed and combined for a particular purpose.

Last week the children participated in an experiment called Coke and Mentos. We asked the children to predict what they thought would happen when the Mentos were dropped into a full bottle of Coke. Many children predicted that it would “explode”.

We then carried out the experiment, with much excitement!



Coke and Mentos Experiment



From the Parish Office...

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Sacraments of Initiation

First Communion For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation in 2016 First Communion will take place in June 2016. The first Parent-only session will be held on **Thursday, 19 May at 7.30pm**.

If you have a child in Year 3 or an older grade who has completed their Reconciliation and is not registered for First Communion, we ask that you contact the parish office for further information.

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

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

Sacrament Co-ordinator: Christine Leahy

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What people say about our wonderful school

Today we had a grandparent call the school complimenting our children on their wonderful behaviour whilst at Mass today. She said it was a pleasure to attend and was very glad that she did.

Ukulele Club

Only 3 Spaces Left!

Thurs 3:40-4:10pm
at school

Only available in Term 2, 2016 for Year 1-6 students.

Please call Emma or Nat on 0457-668-742

Term 2 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Eva Bond	Nate Luther	Abbey Buxton
Kinder G	Luka Vaughan	Evan Galea	Jordan Holden
Kinder W	Owen Cook	Trinity Oxspring	Harrison Jones
Year 1B	Dylan Halwani	Jake Brown	Isabella Stein
Year 1 G	Olivia Fallone	Alexandra Tirador	Harry Niemiec
Year 1W	Matthew Kamber	Chloe Holden	Patrick Doueihy
Year 2 B	Marcus Farrugia	Katia Lesar	Isabella Cauchi
Year 2 G	Mitchell Ross	Emma Cleary	Justin Medjumurac
Year 2 W	Dylan Lopresti	Alivia Turner	Emma Quijano