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Week 4 Term 4

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*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of what is right,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Dear Parents,

Today we come to the last line of the Beatitudes, above. I remember how, as a primary school student, we were often asked by the nuns that taught us, "Are you prepared to die for your faith?" It was a time when great emphasis was placed on keeping in good relations with 'our nearest northern neighbour'. Needless to say, it put fear into the hearts of children. Nevertheless, it still applies today, maybe more than ever. There is no pleasure in being persecuted. However, accepting ostracism in the name of our faith leads us to a deep joy in the very recesses of the soul, as we are drawn into the very heart of God's special place for His people.



Last week, we reflected on the line in The Beatitudes on peacemakers and how Christians, at times, need to take up arms and fight and even die for peace. Today the school community gathered in recognition of Remembrance Day. We remembered all those 'peacemakers' who fought and even gave their lives in the name of peace and freedom. This is what we remembered today and gave thanks that, through the sacrifices of these men

and women, we are privileged to live in a democratic country and enjoy free speech.

Thank you to Mrs Schroder who presented this ceremony this morning along with the members of Boys' Shed. I must also congratulate the students on the way they presented themselves with the greatest respect – a credit to the school and to their parents.

## **Reconciliation.**

This Year of Mercy has had a particular emphasis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the nature of our forgiving God. Please remember the children in the parish, in particular our Year 2 students, who are preparing to receive this sacrament for the first time. As parents, we can set the example of regular attendance to gain this Grace and special closeness to God.

Thank you to everyone in the community who supported our '**Operation Christmas Child Appeal**'. We almost reached 300 boxes, an enormous effort considering we thought we might get a hundred. Your generosity continues to astound and will warm the hearts of and bring a smile to the faces of many little people children this Christmas.

## **Building update.**

During this week, Mrs Goldsworthy and other admin staff have been very busy vacating the larger part of the admin block. This is in preparation for refurbishments over the next five weeks. Next Wednesday, Year 3 will be the first class group to move into the new space, once this has been given the approval and complies with all safety requirements. Then, on Friday, Kindergarten will move into the ground floor of the existing building (currently Y3). This will allow work to begin on the new library.

This is a tedious and exhausting process my terrific staff has undergone each year and comes with working in a new and growing school. I am pleased to say that this is the final move for grades to relocate into their permanent spaces. I thank you all for your understanding and cooperation and give my complete assurance that the student safety is always at the fore.



# NEWSLETTER

## **Dates to Remember**

<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Swimming Program for Years 1, 2 and 4</b>
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Year 5/6 CPR Program</b>
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Swimming Program for Year 1, 2 and 4</b>
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Swimming Program for Kindy and Yr 3</b>
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Italian Day</b>

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time-Year C  
Gospel (Lk 21:5-19)**



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

**Gospel Reflection**

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the Gospel of Luke. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before He is to be put to death. The end is coming and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The purpose of Luke's Gospel this week conveys a message about Jesus. The Jews were attached to the temple of Jerusalem and in 70 AD, the temple was destroyed by the Romans. The people were disheartened and confused. The Jews felt this was the end of the world. Luke's chief message is that in our lives there will be distrust, disharmony, destruction, trouble, violence and persecution, but Jesus instils in us hope and He assures us that we will not perish. We need to keep our faith and stand firm and believe that Jesus is always with us, through the good times and the bad. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.' (Liturgy Help 11/11/16 Greg Sunter/ God's Word 2016 Daily Reflections)

**Mandala Club.**

Every Monday Mandala club happens in the Year 2 rooms. We do lots of pretty patterns and pictures. We listen to quiet music. We can use our special pencil cases and pencils on our tables. Miss Crozier runs Mandala club. We enjoy Mandala club a lot it is really fun and peaceful! Would you like to join us too?

By Lily, Lauren, Amelia and Celina.



## Literacy News

### Vocabulary building tips

We all know about Scrabble, but there are a variety of other word games you can play with children. Several old-school favorites are Boggle, Hangman, and Apples to Apples.

Source: Shawn Greer

### Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

These summer holidays, Mr Greg Whitby is again launching his Summer Reading Challenge to encourage all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, poetry, book, e-book or novel. This year there is no minimum number of books to read and there are more chances of winning a prize.



### Words of the Week

Infants- groan

Primary-deft

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

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## Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics Competition

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 20 children from our school were selected to attend the Parramatta Diocesan gymnastic competition at the Sydney gymnastic centre. The competition was a fun filled day where everybody worked really hard. Congratulation to Rebecca Cleary who received 4 medals and Sadie O'Neill for placing in the top 5. There were four apparatuses vault, static, floor and mini tramp. Well done to everybody you did a great Job. We thank Miss Marchant for taking up her time to work with all of us this term. This was a great experience and hope to do it again soon.

Marissa Farrugia 3W Sienna Mooney 3B





# From the Classroom of....

## 1G

### Writing in 1G!

In 1G we have had a very busy term writing in many different forms from Summaries to Poetry! Here are just a few samples of the amazing work our little treasures have produced lately! We hope you enjoy them!

#### Cinquain Poems....

##### Tornado

Tornado  
Pulling, gravity  
Windy, loud, dangerous,  
Hide in secret bunkers,  
Wild.  
by Harry

##### Weather

Storms,  
Flashing, lightning,  
People under cover,  
I feel really frightened,  
Thunder.  
by Cameron

##### Hurricanes.

Hurricanes,  
Scary, frightened,  
Big and mean,  
I don't like it,  
Dangerous.  
by Paige

##### Weather

Rain,  
Cold, wet,  
Freezing, shivery day,  
Rain starting to fall,  
Plop!  
by Zoey

#### Catalogue Poems...

##### Birthdays

Birthdays  
Cake  
Presents  
Lolly bags  
Balloons  
excited  
Cool  
Fun  
Surprise!  
Lots of children playing!  
Birthdays.  
by Maddix

##### Birthdays

Birthdays,  
Fun,  
Scary,  
Open lots of presents,  
Happy,  
Balloons,  
Treats,  
Hiding games!  
Birthdays!  
By Ethan

##### Birthdays

Birthdays,  
Fun,  
Crazy,  
Balloons,  
Cake,  
Presents,  
Loud,  
People laughing,  
Birthdays.  
By Gabi

#### Dylan Thomas Portrait Poems....

Have you ever seen a loving family?  
Loving hugs,  
Cute puppy,  
Mum, Dad,  
A loving family.  
by Alexandra

Have you ever seen a Kookaburra?  
Brown feathers,  
Black beak,  
Little claws,  
Big tail,  
Feed-me-please!  
by Claire

Have you ever seen a running race?  
Moving fast,  
Everyone trying,  
Trying hard,  
Doing their best.  
by Michael

Have you ever seen a rainbow?  
Bright colours,  
Cool colours,  
Warm colours,  
Cold colours,  
Bright, colourful, lovely.  
By Isla

A summary of Marine creatures by Isabella Smith

My book is called Marine creatures. This book is an information text. It is written by Kerry Nangle. My book is about some marine creatures and how they move something like that. There are sea horses, whales, sharks, Saw fishes, frog fishes, angler fishes, balers, octopuses, turtles, green turtles, and sea lions. The story is set in the ocean. I would recommend this book to my friends.

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League Tag Day





## P&F NEWS

What a fun day we had on Sunday! We visited 15 stores and still managed to fit in a delicious 2 course lunch! It was a wonderful opportunity to begin our Christmas shopping and to spoil ourselves a little! Thank you to everyone who came on the day, we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did!



**THANK YOU** to all the parents who attended our last 'General Meeting' for the year on Wednesday evening. We look forward to seeing you again at our next meeting in Term 1, 2017.



### EXCITING NEWS!

At Wednesday's P&F meeting, those present voted to donate \$3000 to the school towards new banners for our 'Sport Colour Houses'.

We look forward to seeing these at Carnivals next year.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. We hope that those who attended the sale on Wednesday were able to find what they were looking for. 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 as soon as possible. **Items will be on sale on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> before the school assembly.**

### End of Year Kinder Dinner

An email was sent out to the Kinder parents for our end of year dinner THIS Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. So far we have quite a few attending! If you missed the email please contact Annemarie at [mnabond@bigpond.com](mailto:mnabond@bigpond.com)

Looking forward to another great night out!



**SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Lee-Ann Wallis, Jaye Blye, Sonia Nicholls, Jo Gladwell & Sarah Cleary Thank you ☺**



*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*

\*\*\* If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com)



## Australian Softball Championships

Next week Tyler Spiteri will be attending the School Sport Australia Softball Championships in Melbourne. Tyler was selected in the 12-man squad for the NSWPSA Boys State team back in September. This week Tyler has attended a training camp with his teammates. Tyler has shown great sportsmanship and has been working extremely hard on and Off the field to prepare for this fantastic opportunity. We wish him all the best next week at Championships.



## What Kindergarten have been up too!!!



The Kindergarten children have been enjoying playing on some great sport equipment during recess and lunch. Seronique, Ella Kristiana, and Rebbecca with the help of Mrs Byrne have been amazing in setting up the equipment and helping to supervise the wonderful activities. The kindergarten children have been actively playing bull rush, going through an obstacle course, jumping on mini trampolines and over hurdles and climbing through tunnels. The kindergarten children have been having fun while keeping fit and active.

By Seronique Taylor and Ella Sievwright

## Newsletter

**Premier's Reading Challenge -** Congratulations to all the students who completed the 2016 PRC. Certificates have been handed out. Don't forget to enter the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

**Walkers Line –** Many children are now using the walkers line, which is wonderful. We held a meeting with the students earlier in the week to remind them about our expectations around safety and behaviour when walking and would appreciate if you could reinforce these. We have asked siblings to walk together and mobile phones and balls/toys to remain in bags to avoid distractions. Children have been reminded not cross when the red light is flashing and to ensure they walk quickly once the light turns green. Please take some time to remind your children of these safety issues.

**Kiss and Drop –** Don't forget that Kiss and Drop is a reading zone. This extra reading for pleasure is a bonus and every child is encouraged to participate.

**Survey –**A survey has been shared with you regarding the different forms of communication used at OLA. Please complete this by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November so that the data can be analysed and used in our planning for 2017.

<https://goo.gl/forms/7XM50DDVQtB1isGy1>

## Swim Program

The swimming program is commencing next Monday for Years 1, 2 and 4.

The students will need to wear their swimmers underneath their school uniform and will need to bring the following items with them each day:-

- Thongs or sandals to change into and wear to and from the pool
- Towel
- Underwear
- T-shirt or jacket to wear to and from the pool.
- Goggles – optional (these **MUST** be labelled)
- Swimming cap – optional. The students must have their hair tied back if it is long enough to cover their eyes when wet, otherwise the swim school recommends that parents provide a labelled swim cap.
- Please note: rash vests are **not** to be worn as it is an indoor pool.

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

Term 4 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Parker Galvin	Michael Eyles	Sienna Mooney
Year 3 G	Leila Balangon	Branden Ewer	Christian Attard
Year 3 W	Sienna Fallone	Kobe Ormsby	Kiara Wijaya
Year 4 B	Kalan Oxspring	Hudson Galvin	Olivia Hudson
Year 4 W	Charlotte Zahra	Marcus Odd	Lucy Finch
Year 5 B	Jesse Eldred	Lily Cassar	Hollie Ford
Year 5 G	Amber-Lilly Baker	Trinity Johnston	Montana Burt
Year 5W	Sadie O'Neill	Tonkhao Sopaporn	Elysia Connellan
Year 6 B	Alexandra Mercado	Cooper Brown	Emily Odd & Madison Lee
Year 6 W	Caden Naidu	Mirko Basic	Anthony Parada