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Week 6 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,

This coming Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ. This marks the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, sort of the church's 'new year's eve'. This feast is a time when we see processions in celebration and recognition of this great gift that Jesus left us, His body and blood, as food for our salvation. It is for this reason we are obliged to attend Mass each Sunday and participate in the Eucharist. This also marks the end of the special Jubilee Year of Mercy. I hope it was as special for you as it was for us. Please refer to the notices from the Bishop's Office further in this newsletter.

Building update.



In 2009, James Darmanin (y6- left) was the first student to step through the doors of OLA school. This was to attend orientation for the first Kinder group on this site, opened in 2010. On Wednesday, Zach Nicholls led the way for Y3 students to be the first to accommodate our new and last building for this school. Today, kinder students moved into the existing downstairs space (formerly Y3) which is Kinder home from now on. Work can now start on the old Kinder space to become our future library. I am still hopeful

that the rest of the school will be moving into the new spaces as planned.

On the topic of our growing school, this week, OLA participated in **Snap Sydney**. I am pleased to report that OLA pics featured second and third in the series in the online report. This can be seen here.

<http://bit.ly/2giwUg5>

(Please note: the school does not endorse any other stories in that publication.)



What a great photo and how much we have grown! **Thanks go to Mr Metcalf** who brought in his drone to take the photo. Please be assured that we were fully aware of ensuring the safety of the student at all times during this filming.

Dates to Remember

Mon 21 st Nov	Swimming Program for Year 1, 2 and 4
Mon 28 th Nov	Swimming Program for Kindy and Yr 3
Wed 30 th Nov	Italian Day
Fri 2 nd Dec	Whole School Assembly – Principal's Award

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th November 2016: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe-Year C

Gospel (Lk 23:35-43)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Gospel Reflection

What do you know about kings? Kings have power and authority. They live in palaces, with good food, entertainment and servants.

How is this image similar to your idea of who Jesus is? How is this image different?

Do you think Jesus made a big deal about being a 'king' when he was hanging out with the Apostles? How do you think he treated them?

Lots of people wonder what INRI stands for. Think of each 'I' as a 'J', and it's easier to see.

Jesus of Nazareth, King ('Rex' in Latin) of the Jews. Jesus wasn't in the habit of calling himself King of the Jews.

How do you think he got that title? Who would have most likely seen him as a real king and leader? Why? Who might have used that title only in a mocking way? Why?

If Jesus came today instead of two thousand years ago, do you think modern people would see him as a king? Why or why not?

Do you see Jesus as a king? If not, why not? If so, a king of what? or a king of whom?

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Operation Christmas Child

One last thank you for your kind donations towards Operation Christmas Child. We have sent off close to 300 boxes to this appeal. To find out where our boxes will be delivered check the website next week for a link (as we are having trouble with the link).

Bishop's Office

Xt3 Advent Calendar

This year's Xt3 free Advent Calendar looks at the Nativity scene through the eyes of a child. The website and app contain videos, meditations and podcasts for the Christmas season. Available on the First Sunday of

Advent: www.xt3.com/advent

Advent – a Season of Hope: 26 November

This Reflection Day starts at 9.30am and concludes at 3pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Presenter: Sr Mary Louise Walsh ISSM. Cost: \$25, BYO lunch – morning & afternoon tea provided. To register tel (02) 4773 8338, info@schoenstatt.org.au

Annual Advent Festival: 27 November

All are welcome at Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. This year we will pre-empt the O Antiphons, and pray these ancient cries of Come O Morning Star, Come O Holy Guide, Come O Prince of Peace! On 1st Sunday of Advent, 3.30pm Afternoon Tea followed by the Festival at 4.30pm for one hour. RSVP for catering purposes by 21 November. Contact: (02) 9484 6208, mtstbenedict@bigpond.com Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills, entrance off Hull Road.

ACU Advent Lessons and Carols: 28 November

Led by the ACU Strathfield Student Choir. Starts 6pm, followed by light refreshments. Barron Memorial Chapel, Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus, 25A Barker Rd, Strathfield. Details tel (02) 9701 4223, AVC.NSW-ACT@acu.edu.au

Scripture Reflection Evening – The Gospel of Matthew: 30 November

The Institute for Mission is hosting a Bible study evening led by Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Sr Michele is a biblical studies lecturer at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and will be opening up the Gospel of Matthew in preparation for the upcoming Advent season and liturgical year. This evening will be a great start to the next step in our worship cycle. From 7pm-9pm at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP by 25 November: charbel.dib@ifm.org.au

Trip to Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Sutton Forest: 6 December

You are invited to join the Sacred Heart Parish community for a day trip that includes coach travel, morning tea, self-guided tour of the grounds and shrines. BYO picnic lunch. Departs 9.30am from Sacred Heart Parish, 14 Ralph St, Westmead, returns approx 4pm. Cost: \$15pp. Bookings close: 29 November. Tel (02) 9635

9262, office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au

Formation in Themes of Faith

This guided exploration of key components of Catholic life is designed for people who are keen for mutual conversation and prepared reflection – no prior formal studies in faith are required. The Institute for Mission partners with the Institute of Faith Education (Archdiocese of Brisbane) in offering this program. Participants complete the Institute of Faith Education's Beginning Theology course. An engaging collection of provided readings are the stimulus for the group to further explore the Catholic faith. The process helps participants in their competency and ongoing growth regarding several key areas of life in faith: God (themes of Spirituality and Trinity), Word of God (themes of Scripture, Old and New), People of God (themes of Church, Sacrament and Spirit) and Living in God's Love (themes of Catholic teaching and living). Applications close 11 December.

Details: <http://www.ifm.org.au/themesoffaith>

Mass for the Holy Innocents: 28 December

The principal celebrant for the 23rd annual pro-life Mass will be Sydney's Bishop Richard Umbers. Mass at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville, followed by a rosary procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents for devotions and benediction. Everyone is welcome to pray for the protection of all human life (especially the unborn) from conception to natural death. A luncheon will be provided – please bring a plate to share. Inquiries (02) 9629 2595.

Girls' Camp at Mount Schoenstatt: 11-14 January 2017

Girls aged 10-12 are invited to a three-day camp at Mt Schoenstatt. We will explore how our faith connects with our everyday lives. Program also includes prayer, craft and fun activities. From 4pm on Wednesday 11 January to 4pm on Saturday 14 January. Venue: Home of Light, Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: \$110 (includes food and accomm). RSVP: Monday 12 December (registration form and deposit required). Inquiries: Sr M Luka 0439 537 843, sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

Mass for World Day of the Sick: 9 February 2017

Everyone is welcome to this annual Mass in acknowledgment of carers and those for whom they care. Includes the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah St, Blacktown. Plenty of parking – refreshments to follow.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey on Communication at OLA. These are the findings...

Data snapshot – 113 parents responded

Communication notes (K-4)

-99% of K-4 parents know the communication sheet are emailed weekly

-81% always read the communication sheet and 17% sometimes read it

-11% print the communication sheet

-It is very important to 75% of respondents that the communication sheet continues in the current format in 2017

Newsletter (K-6)

-80% always read the newsletter

-17% usually read the newsletter

-5% print the newsletter

Skoolbag app (K-6)

-95% of respondents have downloaded the skoolbag app

Blog (5-6)

-26% of 5/6 parents always or usually read the blog

One thing we do very well at OLA is communication. It is what the parents who have come from other schools often say. Those who have always been here know no different. The newsletter is an important communication process. (For the 2% who don't read it, I guess, won't be reading this either.)

In all areas parents responded with suggestions and ideas which will be taken into consideration. We are constantly looking for ways to improve communication – ways that are efficient and effective for you and for us. Whatever we use, it's a two way process so thank you to the vast majority who work with us in the interest of the students, your children.

School Travel 2017

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Please see the attached flyer if you would like to apply for a school opal card, or if your child is currently in year 2 as they need a new card for travel in the primary grades.

Cool Kids Music

A flyer for Cool Kids Music is attached for 2017. Please see this if you are interested for next year.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will re-open in its new space (behind the canteen) on Tuesday 29th November from 8.15am – 9.30am. You can also send through your uniform at any time and this will be filled and either sent home with your child or collected from the office. Please note: NO items of uniform (including hats) will be able to be purchased over the office counter anymore, as they will no longer be easily accessible.

Head Lice

With the warmer weather now here, please regularly check your child's hair for head lice as we have had a few cases throughout the school.

Literacy News

Vocabulary building tips

Using post-it notes to label household items is a fantastic way to introduce young children to an array of words. This is great for youngsters who are still learning simple words. No matter what age they're at—even if they're not talking yet—children will learn to associate the written word with the item it's attached to. Review each item with your child; pronounce the word and ask them (if old enough) to do the same. Lamps, clocks, beds, and kitchen items such as salt and pepper shakers are all items you can label—though anything in your home that your child interacts with works.

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- timid

Primary-waft

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Dear Parents

Italian Day is fast approaching (30th Nov), and I'd like to thank everyone who has volunteered to either help on the day, or bring in food. We are still asking for more offers of food and some parents have asked for ideas on what to bring in. Some ideas include: pasta, pizza, Italian pastries or biscuits, cupcakes decorated with green or red icing, green or red jelly in cups. Please also keep in mind allergy requirements.

Once again, thank you so much for your help and support. The students had so much fun celebrating this day last year and I look forward to another fun day.

Signora Micallef

Maths Olympiad

Last week students received certificates and acknowledgments for great learning achieved in the Maths Olympiad contest. Congratulations to Remi Ferdinands for achieving the highest individual score for school. Remi received a trophy and a badge. Maneesha Gunasekara and Jessica Bollard achieved in the top 20% across Australia and received a patch. Nicholas Zahorsky received a special award for his enthusiasm in developing his learning. Congratulations to the 28 students who participated in this program.



From the Classroom of....

KW

Last week Kindergarten participated in a workshop run by 'The Drama Toolbox'. The theme was Circus and the children had the opportunity to dress in different costumes and act out the different characters and animals that are part of the circus. KW had so much fun, with the most popular parts being the lions and the elephants! It was fun to watch the tightrope walkers acting out their difficult task and performing their amazing jumps! The clowns and the prancing ponies were also really amusing! We were so lucky to have such a fun time developing our drama skills.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. 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 2nd before the school assembly.**

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER –Melissa Strong, Melissa Buda, Belinda Connellan, Lauren Lynch, Paula Lopez & Iarni Harvey. 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*

PBS4L

Many students are progressively working towards Angel awards. Last week we presented Seraph Awards to twelve students and today 3B are wearing mufti clothes as a special treat for having the most angel cards per class last term. In three weeks, we will tally the class with the most awards for this term.

We now have students on the way to achieve and Archangel Award - a gold medallion!!!



Congratulations

To **Tyler Spiteri** who has been competing in Melbourne at the National Softball Championships. Both NSW and QLD became equal National Softball Champion as they both only lost one game each during the whole tournament. Tyler contributed well with home runs in several games. Well done Tyler.



To **Anthony Kamber** who has been selected to represent Australia for the Under 11 Futsal Team. He will be travelling to Hawaii in December for this competition. Here is the link to his article in the Daily Telegraph.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/rouse-hill-times/sport/anthony-to-represent-australia-at-international-futsal-event/news-story/d03956c8055280ff9810851b36cb9935>

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Saturday, 26th November – Women's Reflection Day – Advent – a season of hope

Presenter: Sr Mary Louise Walsh

Cost: \$25 includes morning and afternoon tea. BYO Lunch

Where: Family Hall, Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Time: 9.10am to 3.00pm

Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone: 4773 8338

RSVP: 21st November.

www.schoenstatt.org.au

Until next week, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca, Principal

Term 4 Week 6			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Luka Kurcubic	Dominic Zimmermann	Addison Galvin
Kinder G	Christopher Gruca	Joshua Kim	Luka Vaughan
Kinder W	Harrison Jones	Axel Pace	Alonso Buda
Year 1 B	Jessica Bowen	Maddison Dyke	Giancarlo Mazza
Year 1 W	Pippa Rosano	Hudson Baker	Orlaith McManus
Year 1 G	Willow Johnston	Ethan Streater	Ileesha Gunasekara
Year 2 G	Mikayla Edwards	Amalia-Rose Trifio	Charlotte Anderson
Year 2 W	Jericho Cruz	Logan Hayden	Taylor Cummings
Year 2 B	Katie Lesar	Matilda Wallis	Acacia Sales