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Week 10 Term 3

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

Dear Parents

This week many of you had the opportunity to visit the learning spaces to see some of the fantastic work the students have been doing across the grades. I am sure that you will agree that the students were able to showcase their learning and more importantly articulate the learning that has occurred. The importance of students explaining their learning can never be under estimated, after all, it is only when we can explain and teach a concept to someone else that we can truly say that we know it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students and parents for their contributions to what has been a very busy term. Together we achieved great success. This term alone we celebrated: OLA Day, Grandparents Day, Fiesta, Feast of St Mary MacKillop, Feast of the Assumption, Year 6 Canberra trip, Book Fair, Hills Zone Athletics, Diocesan Athletics, Author visits, Creative Arts Expo (Years 3-6), Voice of Youth Finals, Rug Reading, Debating, Father's Day stall, liturgy and breakfast, Verse Speaking (Years 1-4), Stage 3 Touch football, boot camp, Tournament of Minds, ICAS competitions, skipping performances, several excursions and most recently parent teacher conferences.

These opportunities only happen with the dedication and commitment of a wonderful team of staff who go over and beyond to ensure OLA students experience success. I am grateful that the teachers at OLA always have the best interest of the students first and foremost in all they do.

I recently came across the following words of wisdom which outlined ten reminders for when we are feeling stressed, tired, overwhelmed, anxious or just too busy. It helps to put a bit of a perspective on things:

- You don't have to solve all of the problems today.
- You don't have to go fast. You just have to go.
- Keep calm, nobody else knows what they are doing either.
- Sometimes our stop doing lists needs to be bigger than our to-do list.
- Focus on progression not perfection.
- When you feel like quitting, remember why you started.
- Be gentle with yourself, you're doing the best you can.
- You don't have to figure everything out at once.
- When life seem overwhelming, keep calm and carry on.
- You can do anything, not everything.

Next term we welcome back Mrs La Rocca from her long service leave. I would like to thank everyone for your kind words and support during my role of Acting Principal and wish to extend my gratitude to Mrs Lisa Hurst for stepping up to the Assistant Principal role.

I wish you all a safe and Blessed school holiday period, especially if you are travelling. I pray that you are able to spend valuable family time with your most precious possession, your children.

God Bless
Mr Cauchi
Acting Principal

Dates to Remember

Mon 15th Oct	First Day of Term 4
Tues 16th Oct	Yr 6 Excursion – Sydney Observatory
Wed 17th Oct	Yr 6 League Tag Day – North Parramatta
Thurs 18th Oct	Kindy Excursion to the City
Fri 19th Oct	Yr 1 Incursion

Assembly: Yr 1 Verse Speaking Poetry

PLEASE SEE TERM 4 PARENT CALENDAR ATTACHED

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 30th September 2018, Gospel Reflection (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

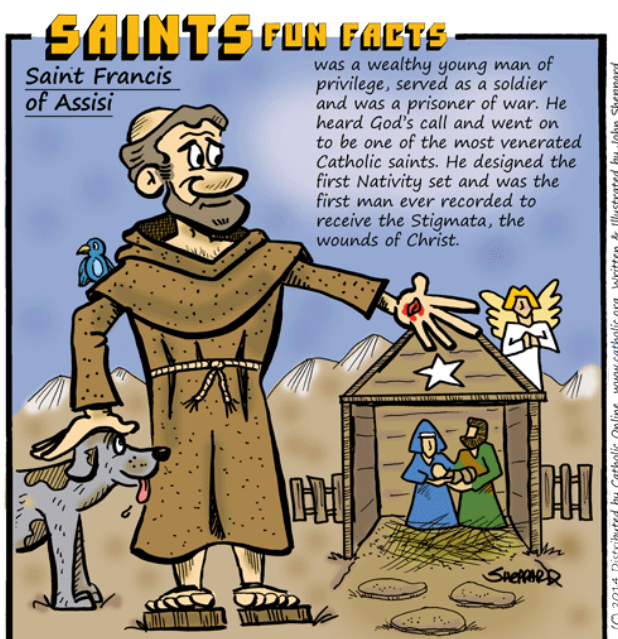
Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone around his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Gospel Reflection

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office. However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them. Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

(LiturgyHelp.com, Dianne Bergant CSS)



St Francis of Assisi Feast Day 4th October

On the 4th of October, we remember the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Maybe take some time on this day to prayer for peace. 'Peace before us, peace behind us, peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.'

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Literacy News

Holiday Tips for Parents-Avoiding the Summer Slide in Reading

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the holidays. Try these strategies to help your child improve their reading during the break and beyond:

1. **Six books to success:** Research shows that reading just six books during the holidays may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your **local library**. Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities. Libraries often run reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what's available in your area.
2. **Read something every day:** Encourage your child to take advantage of every **opportunity** to read. Find them throughout the day:
 - *Morning:* The newspaper — even if it is just the comics or today's weather.
 - *Daytime:* Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. For example, if your daughter likes the food channel, help her look for a recipe on the network's Web site — then cook it together for more reading practice.
 - *Evening:* End the day by having your child read to you from the book he is currently reading (one of the six books, above). Have them rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help them be more fluent — able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression.
3. **Keep reading aloud:** Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so they will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that they will do better when they read on their own. It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

Source:

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/developing-reading-skills/three-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide>

Date for Diaries:

9th November-Whole School Writing Task #4

5th December-2018 Spelling Bee and 'Rug Reading'

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

2018 Year of Youth Art Competition

Spreading joy – how are we able to spread joy? Over the last ten weeks these students have been working hard to create these wonderful art pieces that help spread joy into the world. Congratulations to Taleah, Olivia (year 6) and Elizabeth (year 1) whose work will be displayed at our upcoming Education Mass in Week 2 (25th October) at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.



OLA Skipping Expo



From the Classroom of... 2G

The children in 2G have been super busy putting the finishing touches to their incredible models of famous Australian landmarks. Our Geography studies have taken us from Kakadu to Kangaroo Island and then back to St. Mary's Cathedral. I think you will agree they are terrific! Well done 2G!





From the P&F...

Melbourne Cup



Melbourne Cup - Tuesday 6th November

Our main fundraising event for 2018, is the Melbourne Cup raffle.

All tickets will be \$1. Each child receiving a book of 20 tickets.

Extra tickets will be available. Tickets will be sent home at the start of Term 4.

Family Photos - November Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th

Family Mini Sessions for \$30 includes a 30 min session and a small framed print.

Additionally the Digital images will be available for special price of \$220 (20+ images)

Photos to be taken at the beautiful gardens at Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents Kellyville



Kindy Orientation - October 31st and 7th November

Yes can you believe that another Kindy Orientation is about to take place. This is an opportunity for the current Kindergarten to provide morning tea and welcome the new families. More details to come.

Secondhand Uniform Sale - 7th November

Our next Secondhand Uniform sale will be held on 7th November at 8.30am



Special Treats - Special Treats - Friday 19th October



The sun is shining and that can only mean one thing....Ice blocks!
We will also have some lollies for sale on treat days.
The treat roster will be emailed out over the holidays.

Next P&F Meeting 7th November 2018



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From the Parish Office...

~ Sacraments ~

Confirmation ...

Congratulations to those Year 6 students who over the last 2 weeks received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Reconciliation ...

All Year 2 students will have today taken home their Penance Books together with an Enrolment Form. We ask that this form be returned to the Parish Office before October 18 with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate attached.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 who has not yet taken part in the Reconciliation Program, we ask that you contact the Parish Office, so that we can enroll them also.

School Holiday Fun!!

Family Fun Night - OLA Parish Bush Dance

Saturday, 13 October at 6.30pm

All Welcome to join in a fun night of dancing and socialising.

Great Live Bush Band entertaining.

You are welcome to BYO dinner or purchase on the night a sausage sizzle and light refreshments.

Yummy Krispy Kreme donuts will be on sale for dessert. (to cover the cost of the Bush Band).

**NO ANGEL'S HANG OUT
DURING HOLIDAYS**



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

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Archangel Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the archangel awards this week:-

Alicia Gladwell, Taylor Cumming, Tamsyn Brown, Jericho Cruz, Isaac Rapa, Amity Oxspring, Maya Cauchi, Amalia-Rose Trifiro, Marcus Mileto, and Georgia Sourial.



Congratulations Joseph on making it to State in 4 events! We wish you all the best next term when you complete in these events.