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Week 6 Term 4

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

Dear Parents

Parents Tips On Helping Children With Numeracy

Before children start school, they often talk about maths with curiosity and wonder. They get excited by patterns in nature. They would rearrange a set of toys and found, with delight, that they had the same number? It is important that we all encourage children to continue to be excited to learn about mathematics.

Here are some steps to take....

- Encourage children to play maths puzzles and games – anything with a dice will help kids enjoy maths and develop a number sense which is critically important.
- Always be encouraging and find logic in their thinking, even if they are wrong. For example, if a child multiplies 3 x 4 and gets 7, we could say – "Oh I see what you are thinking, you are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4, when we multiply we have 3 groups of 4."
- Never associate maths with speed. We know that forcing children to work quickly on maths is the best way to start maths anxiety.
- NEVER share with the children the idea that you bad at maths at school or you dislike it. This gives the child an excuse leading them to think that maths is hard and unachievable.

Perhaps most important of all – encourage a "growth mindset". Let students know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being good at maths is all about working hard. When children have a growth mindset, they do well with challenges and do better in school overall. When children approach a task with a "fixed mindset" and they encounter difficult work, they often conclude that they are not "a maths person".

God Bless
Mr Cauchi
Acting Principal

NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

Mon 26 th Nov	Brainstorm Productions Incursion K – 2
Fri 30 th Nov	Swimming Program commences for Kindy & Year 4
Mon 3 rd Dec	Assembly: Infants Awards
Wed 5 th Dec	Advent Prayer 8.50am
Fri 7 th Dec	Spelling Bee, Rug Reading
	Yr 1 Incursion
	Assembly: Whole School Principal's Awards
Mon 10 th Dec	DanceFever – Students to wear their sport uniform
Tues 11 th Dec	DanceFever – Student to wear their sport uniform
Wed 12 th Dec	Swimming Carnival Years 2 – 5
	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm
Thurs 13 th Dec	Year 6 Wet'n'Wild Fun Day
Mon 17 th Dec	Meet the 2019 Teacher (not the 10 th as in the calendar)
Tues 18 th Dec	End of Year Mass 9.00am Andrew Chinn 6.00pm
Wed 19 th Dec	Last Day of School for Students – MOTIV8 Fun Day

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Gospel Reflection (Jn 18:33-37)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Gospel Reflection

Jesus tells his closest friends that he is the Messiah, the One chosen to come and lead Israel into a new way of life. Only, their idea of a messiah king is different. They are waiting for a Jewish political leader who will take over the nation and destroy their enemies, then persecute them the way the Jews have been persecuted by the political powers of their time. The ways of Jesus are different. He is a 'king' of nonviolence, forgiveness, unconditional love and service.

How would this difference in the expectations of a messiah king affect the perceptions of Jesus' followers? How might it lead to them doubting that he is truly the Messiah?

How might it explain their cowardice at the time of Jesus' arrest and trial?

The Lord's Prayer we pray at Mass every Sunday includes this line: 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'.

What does it mean for the Kingdom to come to earth, the same way it exists in heaven? What would that look like?

What would the world be like if everyone on earth did the will of God?

What part do you play in bringing to this world the Kingdom Jesus has in mind? Are you playing your part? If so, how? If not, why not?

It takes courage to play your part. When have you done something courageous for the Kingdom of Jesus? What happened? When have you had the chance, but not the courage you needed? What happened?

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH PROGRAM @ OLA

THANK YOU!!!!

Dignity - 'the state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect'.

Thank you to the OLA community who generously donated to our 'Dignity pack' appeal. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our community. Not only did we receive donations, but many families donated a dignity pack, adding special notes for the receiver to find. Thank you also to the P&F who sourced a lot of products and donated items. When thinking about what we received, it is hard to think you would ever need any of these things, but for many their homes become unsafe and they leave with only their clothes on their back. It is important that the dignity of every person is treated with kindness and respect. We learn from the greatest teacher, who taught us to 'Love one another as I have loved you,' Jesus was there for everyone and has taught us how to love, be kind, compassionate and show the face of God to others, so they also know that God loves them and they are also the face of God.

This week the OLA Staff, were busy creating 'Dignity packs'. Here is what the OLA community has provided. We will start distributing these packs to a variety of charities.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Over the next three weeks, many of our OLA students will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for their first time. This is an important sacrament that can be received throughout our lives, so we can be forgiven for our sins and strengthen our relationship with God. Please keep these students in your prayers.

Reconciliation Dates

- Saturday 24th November @ 9.45am
- Thursday 29th November @ 7.30pm



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Invest in a set of plastic magnetic letters that are available at many discount, toy, and variety stores. Let your child spell the word by successively placing the magnetic letters on the magnetic board. You can show them the word, then remove it. Have them name each letter as they locate it and place it on the board. This is good for developing the correct order for letters within the words.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omGOgQ>

Words of the Week:

Infants: utensil

Primary: utility

Root Word of the Week: **ut-** use

Spelling Bee Final

This week all students received a spelling list for this year's Spelling Bee.

Infants Spelling Bee:

The Spelling Bee for Infants grades will take place in class during Week 7. A K, 1 & 2 Spelling Bee champ will be awarded at the end of that week and presented at the Years 3-6 Spelling Bee in Week 8, 5th December.

Primary Spelling Bee

In Years 3-6 students will be competing in a Spelling Bee in their learning spaces during weeks 6 & 7. Three students are then to be chosen from Year 3 to 6 for a whole school Spelling Bee Final. All parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday 5th November at 12pm to watch the Spelling Bee Final then to stay for Rug Reading. Below is a link to 'The Premier's Spelling Bee Procedures' we will follow. Good luck to all students!

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/desiree.lane2/2017%20PSB-Procedures.pdf>



Date for Diaries:

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

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Archangel Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received their archangel award this week:-
Mikayla Bowden, Marcus Castellan, Joshua Streater,
Lucas McLuskey, Kobe Coombes, Hugo Vozzo and
Maia Villanueva



From the Classroom of KG

This term Kindergarten have been doing an artist study. We have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh and looking at some of his famous artworks.

KG loved recreating Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' and 'Wheatfields with Crows'



Gymnastics Competition – Friday 16th November

We had a fantastic day at the gymnastic competition. All of the students did an amazing job and finished as the highest point scoring team for the blue division.



In the Individuals Jasmyn Robertson received 2 golds and a silver medal. She also received the highest point score overall for the blue division girls. Joshua Robertson received a gold and silver medal. He also received the third highest point score overall for blue division boys.

We are so proud of how all the students represented the school and were very excited to see their hard work pay off.



Thank you to the P&F for the purchase of the new leotards. They looked amazing.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Afternoon Pick Up

As you know the afternoon drive through/pick up between 3.00 and 3.40pm is very congested. The school has procedures in place which aim to reduce the congestion however parents often vent their frustrations about other parents not following the school pick up arrangements.

Please adhere to the following pick up arrangements:

- The entrance to the driveway should not be blocked. We have had complaints that cars are waiting at the entrance to the driveway or entering the driveway and waiting until 3.10pm when they can then pick up children from Years 1-6. This then creates a queue along Wellgate Avenue because the Kindergarten parents can't get in.
- If your child is in Year 1-6 or an older sibling of a kindergarten student, unless you are parking your car and picking up your child please do not enter the carpark and join the queue.
 - If your OLDEST child is in KINDERGARTEN, your pickup time is 3PM.
 - **NO OTHER PARENTS SHOULD BE ARRIVING BEFORE 3.10pm.**
 - If your **oldest** child is in Year 1 or Year 2, please pick up from 3.10pm
 - If your **oldest** child is in Year 3 or Year 4, please pick up from 3.20pm
 - If your **oldest** child in in Year 5 or Year 6, please pick up from 3.30pm.
 - All younger siblings will wait with the oldest sibling, under teacher supervision

These requests are in the interest of all students' safety and smooth running of the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

2019 Students

If your child/ren are not returning to OLA in 2019, can you please complete the attached Withdrawal of Notice Form as soon as possible (both parents need to sign the form). We have quite a few new students commencing in 2019 and this will help us with the classes for next year.

Please note that if you child attends even one day of school next year and then you withdraw them, you will be charged the 10-week notice fee.

Thank you for assisting us.

Mrs Helen Goldsworthy



From the P&F...



Dignity Packs

A massive thank you goes out to LaCorium Health, who donated a carton of Dermal Therapy soap free wash and dry skin lotion for the dignity packs.

LaCorium Health are a Sydney based Company with offices all over the world. They have a very selective portfolio of quality brands. Dermal Therapy being one of their brands has a large range of moisturisers, lip balms and foot care. All products are created to protect and relieve a range of skin conditions such as, dry skin, eczema, itchiness and more.

You can find their products at Coles, Chemist Warehouse, Priceline, National Pharmacies and many more.

Check out their website for more info on their skincare range

<https://dermaltherapy.com.au>

Take a browse through LaCorium Health's website and check out their other brands

<http://www.lacoriumhealth.com>



Swimming Carnival - 12th December

We are after some volunteers to help provide refreshments to the volunteers on the day. Usually from 9am till 2pm. If you are able to help, please contact the P&F via email or on Facebook.

Secondhand Uniform

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.



Special Treats - Friday 30th November

Thank you to our volunteers -

Alison Streater, Christine Falzon, Jeannette Desira, Bianca Basile, Prasangi Gunasekera and Candice Buds

If you would like to help with any P&F activities, we would love to hear from you. Contact the P&F on Email, Facebook or see one of the P&F representatives.



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

Reconciliation Program

This Saturday

Congratulations to those children who are doing their First Reconciliation this weekend. Please remember arrived at the church at 9.30am for a 9.45am start.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Next Friday

Deacon Christopher Del Rosario, a founding Parishioner of Our Lady of the Angels, will be our first Ordination to the Priesthood. This is a very special occasion for the whole parish. You are invited to attend his Ordination Mass on Friday, 30 November at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7.30pm. Chris will then say his first Mass here at Our Lady of the Angels on Saturday, 1 December at 10am. All parishioners are invited to attend this historical mass.

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

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

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Term 4 Week 6			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Pippa Rosano	Paige Mitrovich	Zach Lee
Year 3 G	Camryn Sammut	Maddix Laborte	Maia Villanueva
Year 3 W	Claire Siewwright	Logan Cleary	Jessica Bowen
Year 4 B	Charlotte Anderson	Eva Mercieca	Cohan Sommer
Year 4 G	Maya Cauchi	Timothy Rochaix	Celina Wassef
Year 4 W	Emma Browne	Amity Galea	Milla Price
Year 5 B	Roman Bizzanelli	Noah Ribeiro	Kobe Ormsby
Year 5G	Jacob Cremona	Leila Balangon	Dante Merrin
Year 5W	Angelica Manago	Madison Mihalic	Grace Bennison
Year 6 B	Felicity Scott	Michelle Giglio	Hudson Galvin
Year 6 W	Matthew Diesto	Ayden Strong	Samantha Grosvenor

Library Book Covering

We have some library books/readers that need covering. If you can help us with this, please pop into the office and we can give you a bag of books and some contact. Thanks, Mrs Wagner

Application for Extended Leave

Please remember to complete the Application for Extended Leave form if your child is going to be away for five days or more.

There have been an increasing number of families lately that have not completed the forms prior to going away.

We have been instructed that the absence will be marked as 'unexplained' if the leave has not been approved prior to departure. The form can be found on our website or request one from the office.

Banking – The last day for banking for 2018 is 5th December.

Commonwealth Bank has experienced delays with the reward items. If your child doesn't receive it by the end of the year, it will be next year.

Congratulations to the Riley family (Lachlan KW) on the birth of their baby boy, Xavier.

