

**Dear Parents,**

Last Sunday marked the end of the Liturgical Year with the *Feast of Christ the King*. The following is from the homilies by Fater Kevin O'Shea CSSR...

*"Kingship originated some 5,000 years ago. It goes back to two places, where human culture began. One is ancient Sumer. It is the name of the marshes of southern Iraq. There the rivers Tigris and Euphrates converge, before they flow into the Persian Gulf. The other place is ancient Egypt. It is on the banks of the river Nile. Civilisation came by riverside. It was in these places that cities were built. They were open to attack and needed people to defend them. They needed armies, with leaders. The leaders were called kings. Kings were needed to win battles against enemies, and so protect the local culture. They were usually commanders in chief of the military. In the Jewish tradition, the king is King David. Jesus is the true David, so we call him Christ the King.*



*So, are we right in calling Jesus a King? You could say that Jesus fights evil and wins, that he rescues us from sin and death and raises us up. You could say that he has prepared a place, a paradise for us. We are used to saying these things. We are used to calling him Christ the King. But we ought to **pause and look** at what we mean....*

*None of the ancient images we have of him shows anyone crouching and humbled at his feet. He isn't from the upper-class urban elite, and he has no army. Instead – **he forgives, he acquits, he shows mercy, he bestows. He loves his enemies. He loves the unlovely. He loves the other.** He claims by preference those who have been made to cringe at someone's feet. If it is right to call him king, it is by using the word king in a sense that is the exact opposite of its native meaning.*

*It may be the feast of Christ the King, but it is also the feast of all those he has made kingly - all those who can and do forgive and recognise and love one another. But among them, Jesus is the firstborn, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead. They are not dead anymore."*

We often hear the term 'the Kingdom of God' or, more recently, 'the Reign of God'. Through Baptism, we are born into God's Kingdom, the purpose of which is to build a world of love and justice. We do this by recognising Jesus in ourselves and in each other.

**Thank you**

To Mr Cauchi for his work in my recent absence during sick leave. I am blessed to have such dedicated, capable and hard working people in my leadership team, especially Mr Cauchi.

## NEWSLETTER

### Dates to Remember

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

# Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

## First Sunday of Advent Year C

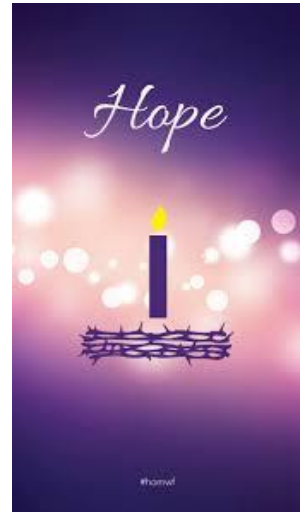
### (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



### Gospel Reflection

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope. The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest. What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God. (LiturgyHelp.com, Dianne Bergant)

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH PROGRAM @ OLA

**3<sup>rd</sup> December-Advent prayer @ morning assembly**

**12<sup>th</sup> December-Yr 6 Graduation Mass @ 6pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> December-End of the Year Mass @ 9am**

**OLA Christmas Concert @ 6pm**



ADVENT is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. It is a time where we think of those who need our prayers, for those in our community who are lonely and without homes and require basic needs. It is a time to forgive and be grateful for family and friends.

ADVENT is a time of HOPE!

Last week, we were able to give a little hope to those in need, by dropping off more dignity packs to St Canice in Elizabeth Bay and this week we have donated the rest of our dignity packs to St Vincent de Paul. Both charities were extremely grateful for the donations, as their supplies needed replenishing to provide people with simple basic needs.

It is the season for giving and the OLA community should be proud, that this Christmas they have given a little hope to those in despair. THANK YOU!



## 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/#.WQsL5omG0gQ>

### Words of the Week:

**Infants:** vertex

**Primary:** vertebrate

**Root Word of the Week:** **vert-** turn



### Spelling Bee Final

#### Infants Spelling Bee:

The Spelling Bee for Infants grades have taken place in class this week. A K, 1 & 2 Spelling Bee champ was awarded at the end of this week and will be presented at the Years 3-6 Spelling Bee next week 8, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Primary Spelling Bee

In Years 3-6 students have competed in a Spelling Bee in their learning spaces during weeks 6 & 7. Three students were chosen from Year 3 to 6 for a whole school Spelling Bee Final.

All parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11:45am 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:

*5<sup>th</sup> December-2018 Spelling Bee and 'Rug Reading'*

*Lisa Hurst*

*Literacy Coordinator*

### Library Books and Home Readers

Could you please check at home for any library books and home readers that need to be returned to school. Mrs Wagner has requested that all books be returned by next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December so that she can undertake a stocktake.

## Uniform Shop

Please note that the last day that the uniform will be physically opened is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We will continue to fill any emailed orders up until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**NO ORDERS WILL BE FILLED DURING THE LAST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL.**

We will be closed for stocktake and end of year procedures and nothing can be processed until we are advised by CEDP at the end of January.

## SCHOOL SHOES

As you prepare to purchase shoes for your children for next year, please note the correct shoes that need to be worn. Black leather upper school shoes and predominantly white joggers (no fluoro/solid colours). Your support in helping your children be respectful of school rules is appreciated.





## From the Classroom of KW

Wow! What a busy and fun filled week we have had in kindergarten. This week we started swimming lessons and for some it was their first time ever! We also celebrated our end of year liturgy and had our science PBL morning making shelters for 'The Three Little Pigs'. It was a great turn out with many parent helpers.



## 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 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.**

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26 November 2018		
Our Lady Of The Angels Primary School 1 Wellgate Ave NORTH KELLYVILLE NSW 2155		
<b><u>NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWN APPLICATION</u></b>		
Application Number:	13/2019/HC	
Development	Bus Depot and Associated Works	
Proposal:	Lot 3 DP 32107, 4-6 Mile End Road, ROUSE HILL NSW 2155	
Property:		
I refer to the Development Application for a Bus Depot and Associated Works at the above address. You are advised that this development application has now been officially withdrawn at the request of the applicant.		
Should you require further information or clarification, please contact Greg Samardzic on 9843 0276.		
Yours Faithfully		
		
Paul Osborne <b><u>MANAGER DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT</u></b>		





# From the P&F...



## Swimming Carnival - 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Christmas Carols - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas Carols night is almost here and we are looking for a special someone, who might be able to provide a little cheer to the children when they leave the church. If you know someone who might be able to provide a Ho Ho Ho to our special night, we would love to hear from you.



## Special Treats - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you to our volunteers -

Lee-Ann Wallis, Belinda Connellan, Donna Xuereb, Katie Mandarano, Natalie Dolahenty and Bronwen Robertson

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*

## CPR & LIFE SAVING

On Thursday the 8th of September, Year 5 and 6 participated in a Life Saving course. We started off by watching a PowerPoint presentation on CPR and other important information that we might need one day.

After the presentation, we were split into 3 groups and separated to do more activities. The activities were helping someone drowning, practicing CPR on dummies and creating a brochure for foreigners about water safety in Australia. The first activity I did was helping someone drowning. We had to throw out multiple objects to the person 'drowning' and gave them instructions to use it to get to safety.

The next activity was practicing CPR on the dummies. We learnt about the acronym 'DRSABCD' which stands for Danger, Response, Send for help, Airway, Breathing, CPR and Defibrillation. These are crucial steps to follow when doing CPR. We also learnt how to do the compressions and mouth to mouth (30 compressions and 2 breaths.)

The last activity we did was creating a brochure for foreigners about water safety in Australia. We were first given worksheets to do on what we learnt then we created the brochures. We had to explain what safety precautions to take when near water.

We finished the day by watching a video of Mr Bean failing at CPR and had to point out what was wrong that he did.

**By Alicia Dersch 6B**



### **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 your 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

### ***A Request from the Parish.....***

*If you are in the Church of an afternoon before student pickup, please **DO NOT** allow your toddlers to run across the altar.*

**Banking** – The last day for banking for 2018 is 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *From the Parish Office...*

### **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

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:** Mark Robinson

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Term 4 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Madeleine Two	James Farrugia	Asher Vilathgamuwa
Kinder G	Aiden Harvey	Eva Millers	Emily Gomes
Kinder W	Olivia O'Connor	Samuel Ewer	Jackson Navarro
Year 1B	Grace Lincoln	Lily Haynes	Leonardo Rosano
Year 1 G	Timothy Zimmermann	Charlotte Naim	Makayla Streater
Year 1W	Sean McKeever	Dean Jones	Tayah Youssef
Year 2 B	Ethan Billyard	Heidi Nicholls	Jasmine vella
Year 2 G	Declan Leach	Chelsea Strong	Thomas Weldon
Year 2 W	Gianluca Russo	Joshua Muscat	Rohan Pillai

### **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

An interesting view to consider for us all:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXV-8CjVXyg>

### **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.