

"Celebrating 10 years of Education"

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Newsletter for Term 4. It plans to be a very busy and eventful ten weeks, probably more so than usual.

Lessons for children -

1. It is not uncommon for parents, and we as teachers as well, to remind children to say, 'Thank you'. In the Gospel over the last few weeks has been a focus by Jesus on the servitude towards others, the Good Samaritan and, in particular, the miracle of the ten lepers. Only one remembered to thank Jesus.

Every day, we are presented with gifts from God. These range from the small – a roof over our head, food on our plate, to bigger things – happy, healthy family, driving from A to B and arriving safely. All of these things we take for granted. We need to be reminded to take a moment in your day, wherever and whenever, to give thanks to God for all we have.

2. "That's not fair! I wasn't ready!" How many times have we heard this from children? And some adults.

We have all known someone who has passed away after a long illness. It was expected. Usually, in such cases, this allows for putting one's affairs in order. We also know of others who have suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us 'to be ready, be prepared' as we can be called any time. Live each day as if we will be called anytime.

Every day we are 'on the road to Emmaus'. Do we fail to recognise Jesus walking along side?

Year 1 Liturgy

On Monday, the Year 1 students invited their families to a liturgy to celebrate the Church as a community of people who gather in faith. After our Scripture reading, the parents placed a family photo onto the sacred space alongside the children's family drawings. This term, we hope there will be more opportunities for families to attend liturgies with their child's grade.



On Thursday, Fr Warren announced to the staff that Mr Tony Calabria will succeed me in the role of Principal of OLA, commencing 2020. I congratulate Tony on his appointment – he is a lucky man and I am very pleased to know that OLA will be passed into such good hands.

Eva La Rocca

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. We hear The Word and are given messages to help us show the face of God.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time-29th October 2019 (Lk 18:9-14)

Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

This week's gospel passage reflects on the teaching of Jesus about prayer. This passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Living the Gospel

Prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time-3rd November 2019 (Lk 19:1-10)

In Sunday's gospel, Jesus has drawn very near to Jerusalem – Jericho is just a short distance from Jerusalem – and Jesus is moving steadily closer to the Passion of his final days.

Zacchaeus is as keen as the rest of Jericho to see Jesus as he passes through the town. However, because he is so short he can't see past the crowd and because he is a despised tax collector, no one was going to make room for him to see. He goes to the extreme length of climbing a tree just to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Like other characters in the gospel, his determination to simply catch sight of Jesus is an indication of his readiness to accept the message of Jesus. Because of his evident willingness to welcome the message of Jesus into his life, Jesus prompts Zacchaeus to welcome Jesus into his home. The readiness of Jesus to enter into the house of someone regarded as a sinner causes great scandal among the onlookers. What's more, Jesus is prepared to eat with this man as well – a sign of complete acceptance. The welcome of Zacchaeus meets the welcome of God. Jesus declares that salvation has come to Zacchaeus' house and that he is a son of Abraham – one of the faithful. His words are directed to the crowd, not Zacchaeus. They are so determined to draw lines between those who are acceptable and those who are not that they have failed to notice what Jesus has taught all along – that faith can flourish in all people and is not determined by their social status.

Gospel Reflection

Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character! 'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming. We could pause for a moment to pray to become more conscious of the gaze of the Divine Seer. There could be 'over-the-top' consequences!

(LiturgyHelp.com)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Over the next couple of weeks, many of our students will be preparing for their sacrament of their first reconciliation. May we keep these students in our prayers, as they examine their conscience and prepare to ask God for forgiveness to strengthen their relationship with Him.

Dates to Remember

Week 3:

Wed 30th Oct: Kinder 2020 Orientation 9.15am – 10.45am
Basketball Gala Day

Thurs 31st Oct: Yr 1 Excursion to Powerhouse Museum

Fri 1st Nov: Feast of All Saints – Whole School Mass
Assembly: Yr 3 Verse Speaking

Week 4:

Mon 4th Nov: Crazy Hair/Hat Day – **Gold Coin Donation** for Social Justice

Wed 6th Nov: Kinder 2020 Orientation 9.15am – 10.45am

Fri 8th Nov: Assembly: Yr 2 Verse Speaking

CRAZY HAT AND HAIR DAY



On Monday 4th November OLA will be holding a crazy hair and hat day.. Children will be able to wear crazy hair and/or a crazy hat for the day. Students participating in the crazy hair and hat day are asked to bring in a gold coin donation for our mission outreach program this term.

The gold coin donations will be collected and sent to the Ursuline Sisters who are currently building a school in Cambodia. This school offers children a chance to attend school when they otherwise would have not been able to do so. The gift of education to the New Hope school in Battambang, will ensure the sisters are able to provide more opportunities for enrolments in the future.



We have been lucky to be donated day passes from 'Raging Waters' (formerly known as 'Wet and Wild') to raffle on the day. Each pass allows two people into the park. If your child brings in a gold coin donation, they will receive a raffle ticket and go into the draw to win one of two day passes to Raging Waters Sydney.

Due to students wearing their summer uniform on the day, it is encouraged to not use coloured hair spray on this day.

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Experience stories. Let your child write about the things they like. They can illustrate the stories himself or cut pictures from magazines to illustrate them. Let them write the words without assistance unless they asks for help. Misspelled words can then be used in little games you play with your child. A one-line "story" may be all that they can handle. If so, fine.

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

Root Word of the Week

Week 3-mech-means machine

Week 4-terr-means land

Dates for diaries

Wednesday 4th December-2019 Spelling Bee at 12pm and 'Rug Reading' at 2:30pm

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Library Monitors -Term 4

Congratulations to Heidi Nicholls, Taylor Saward, Paige Mitrovich and Tahnia Arora who will be the Library Monitors for this term.



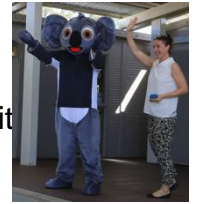
Launch of OLA – our PBS4L mascot



“Wow! That was awesome!”

“OLA was brilliant!”

“We got to do a dance. It was so much fun.”



Last Friday we officially launched our OLA mascot and OLA tokens. It was an exciting day with all of the school involved.

We started with a FLASHMOB dance to the song **Respect**. The whole school was involved led by our year 6 group. Everyone was so excited and enthusiastic to join in.

OLA appeared with Mrs Hodgess and they joined in the dance!

OLA lives near our school and had seen how hard the students were working on showing RESPECT.

OLA introduced tokens which will be given out ‘freely and frequently’ to recognise positive behaviours. The tokens are collected in a reward container in the classroom. When the token reaches the required level, the whole grade will choose a reward from their specially designed menu.

What a great afternoon capped off with a Caramello Koala for everyone from OLA!

Check out the video of the day. <https://youtu.be/LOCt0KVFbaY>



Thank you to the P&F and families who provided the generous morning tea today for International Teachers Day. It was delicious.



Wednesday 30th October & 6th November - Parking

On the next two Wednesday mornings we will be holding our Kindergarten Orientations. We would appreciate it if all current parents could move off quickly on these mornings to allow our new parents and those with kindy siblings to park and bring their children into school. On 6th November, Santa Sophia will also be holding their Kindergarten Orientation which means that there will be those extra parents as well.

Your assistance, patience and understanding is appreciated.

From the Office..... IMPORTANT

Updating Details: It is important for the office to be kept up to date with any change in details, so if your circumstances have changed (particularly if there are now two addresses) please email these details through to the office. This is a requirement of CEDP as all contact details must be current.

Absences: When sending through absent notes, either by email or skoolbag app, please advise the reason for the absence. **This is a government requirement** and it will save us time by having to chase you for the reason. Saying that your child 'will not be at school on...' is not sufficient.

Leave Absences: Despite numerous requests, we still have families going on holidays without applying for leave. If your child is going to be away for **five days or more** you must complete the Application for Extended Leave Form (this can be found on our website). Once again, **this is a government requirement**, and we are audited on this. Please provide this form at least three weeks prior to departing.

School Fees: All school fees are now due and payable unless you are an arrangement. If you still have fees outstanding, could you please attend to the payment of same as soon as possible. If you need to discuss a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

Leaving Students: If you know that your child is not returning to OLA in 2020, can you please complete the Withdrawal of Notice form and return it to the office as soon as possible. This form can be found on our website.

Matific: Next year we will be replacing Mathletics with Matific. Over the next few days the students will be getting a password to be able to access Matific for a trial period. We will clarify early next year whether the passwords will be remaining the same.

From the classroom ...

This term, Year 5 and Year 6 are completing a science unit together. Last week, we completed an amazing race challenge to develop teamwork, collaboration and problem-solving skills. We participated in activities such as Crack the Code, Junk in Trunk and Pass the Ping Pong, created a marshmallow launcher to launch marshmallows in a bucket, completed an obstacle course, had a SELFIE with the boss (aka Mrs La Rocca), solved a puzzle and put together the driving question. This week, we have been participating in workshops focusing on extreme weather events and geological changes. We will use this new knowledge to complete our PBL project. Here are some photos of our experiences over the last two weeks.





P&F News



Colour Explosion

Students who raised over \$10 in sponsorship would have received their prizes today. Not only was the Colour explosion a fun community event, we also raised funds to help make our OLA even better.

Teacher Appreciation Day

Today we coordinated a morning tea for our teachers (and staff) at OLA to show our Appreciation for all that they do. Thank you to anyone who sent in refreshments and also the students that made frames with beautiful messages about their teachers.

Kindergarten Orientation 30th October and 6th November

P&F will be hosting the Kindergarten Orientation morning tea on both 30th October and 6th November. If you can assist in welcoming the new families to OLA, we ask that you please contact the P&F via facebook or email. Have a cupper and share your OLA experience with the new families.

P&F meeting - Wednesday 6th November at 7pm

Next terms meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November.

Come along to hear what we have planned for the rest of the year and talk about how we can best utilise the money raised from our colour explosion to help the school and our children.

Family Photography Sessions - Sat 7th and Sunday 8th December

Do you have beautiful family photo's capturing your loved ones? Whether it be your immediate family, or you want treasured photo's of your children with their grandparents / family.

Take this chance to get professional family photo's!

The photography sessions will include a 30min outdoor photo session at Aberdoon Homestead Reserve Rouse Hill.

Session is \$30 which includes a 6x4 framed portrait from your session.

Simply fill out the attached note and return with the correct money by Friday 22nd November to secure a spot. These will make a great Christmas gift for family and friends.



<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyoftheangelspf/>

olapfc@gmail.com

Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association



Family Photography
 30 minute mini sessions
 7/8th December 2019

Bookings open Now!
 Contact Alison- 0417 674 529



From the Parish Office...

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

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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Congratulations to the following students who received an archangel award this week:

Emily Prnjak, Keeley Vaughan, Flynn Richardson, Ilara Buda, Ava Phelps, John Vickers and Harrison Spiteri. Julia Bolina and Ryan Salac



LOST – One of our students has lost the crucifix off her chain somewhere around the school. If anyone finds it, could it please be handed in to the office.

Awards

Term 4 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Reynash Gupta	Indii Blye	Clara Denisenko
Kinder G	Lyla Sofiak	Abby Zahra	Eva- Grace Niam
Kinder W	Gianni Mangano	Amelia Fava	Kate McKeever
Year 1B	Asher Vilathgamu	Niamh Sweeney	Zoe Farias
Year 1 G	Alessandro Albertini	Olivia Blackman	Aurelia Gresser
Year 1W	Alessia Costa	Jack Leahy	Giselle Desira
Year 2 B	Levi Cauchi	Juliana Aguilar	Ryan Salac
Year 2 G	Olivia Medjumurac	Sophia Mangano	Ethan Zachariah
Year 2 W	Mikyla Ghobrial	Ashley Cabunag	Kyra Heaney



Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2021

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2021. The closing date for Year 7 2021 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 27th March 2020.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2021 applicants, but open to any year group.

Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 5th December 2019
9.15 – 11am

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

Please note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held until our Open Afternoon in early March 2020 (date still to be confirmed).