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Week 4 Term 1

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"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find".

Dear Parents,

This Newsletter finds us in the second week of Lent. We are reminded that this is a time of preparation for the most important feast of the Liturgical year, Easter. This preparation is done through abstinence, alms giving and prayer. Each is done without heralding. The better prepared we are for any event, the greater is our reward at the end. In many ways, our life here on earth is like Lent. The way we live our mortal lives prepares us for our immortal life after death. What that means for each of us is determined by how well we have loved and followed Jesus and His teachings.



World Youth Day 2016 – Krakow

Last year I was pleased to announce OLA was sending two teachers to WYD16. I am grateful to Mrs Byrne and Ms Grima for putting up their hand. While this is no means a pleasure trip, it is an amazing opportunity for anyone. I am confident our community will be further enriched by the experience this offers Katrina and Pina, especially our students.

Last year, CEDP raised money for WYD16 through a raffle. Our school community was very generous in its response. However, there are still a number of books unsold. These will be distributed to families new to OLA this year and we appreciate your support as well.

This raffle will be drawn late March.

Last week and Friday Social/Disco

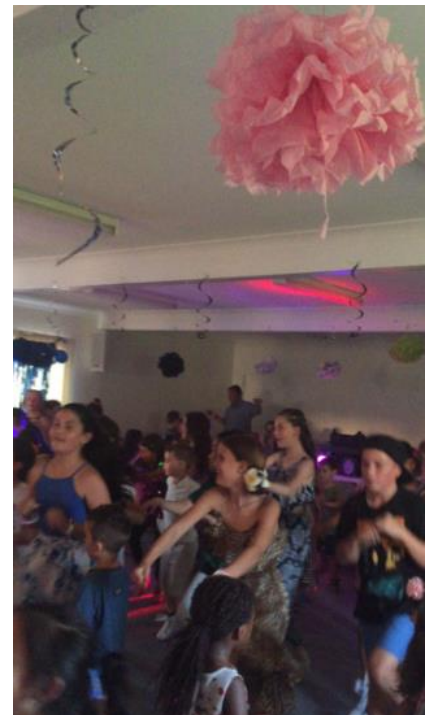
Thank you to the many people who attended the information sessions. We hope you found this informative.

Thanks also to those who came on Friday evening. This event has been a tradition since the school

began in 2010, starting with the parent group on the left.

Special thanks to all the staff members who once again gave up another evening to support this school event and to the members of the P&F who worked hard all day to decorate our 'DISCO'!! Thanks so much.

You did a great job as usual. *(here are some pics of the night, Mrs McBrien showing her dance moves - ☺)*



Dates to Remember

Week 4: Parent Book Talk on Wed 4-5 pm in Yr 3 space.

Week 5: Monday =Hills Zone Swimming; Friday= Dio Swimming carnival

Week 7: MONDAY SCHOOL PHOTOS

PUPIL FREE DAY ON 4TH MARCH - FRIDAY WEEK 6;

THERE IS NO SUPERVISION FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY.

NEWSLETTER

This Sunday's Gospel



Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after this had been said, He took with him Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray. And it happened that, as he was praying, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became sparkling white. And suddenly there were two men talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing, which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they woke up and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter



said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what he was saying. As he was saying this, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Gospel Reflection

In Luke's Gospel, he speaks of the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. The disciples fall asleep on the mountain and wake up to see that Jesus' face has changed in appearance and His clothing becomes sparkling white. Jesus is also with Moses and Elijah. A cloud appears and the disciples can no longer see Jesus. They are afraid, but they hear God's voice that tells the disciples that Jesus is the 'Chosen One' and that they need to listen to Jesus. The temptations and struggles Jesus faces through being betrayed, rejected and crucified are part of Jesus being human. It is His transfiguration on the mountain that just like the disciples we see Jesus exalted in all His glory. For us we need to make sure that we do not fall asleep like the disciples. We need to be spiritually awake to listen to our Lord and follow Him. Through Luke's Gospel, we learn how we can share in His glory and enter the gates of heaven. We need to carry the burden of the cross with Christ, listen to His words and be merciful on our faith journey.

(God's Word 2016- Daily reflection. /<http://www.rc.net/wcc/readings/luke928.htm> 18-2-2016)



Community Prayer Book

Every morning a red letterbox will be placed outside Kindergarten for our OLA community to post any special prayer intentions for the week. . The letterbox will be emptied each morning and intentions will be placed in our community prayer book. The following Monday at the morning assembly, we will pray for those in our OLA community who need our prayers. We ask that you place intentions in an envelope and post in the letterbox. The letterbox will be emptied each morning and intentions will be placed in our community prayer book.

School Fees

The Catholic Education Office has advised that there has been a glitch with the school fees for the 8 pilot schools on the new finance system. They are very hopeful that this will be rectified as soon as possible, and hopefully the fees will be sent out next week. Of course, if you are dying to make a payment, please feel free to come in to the office and the payment will be put towards your fees. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Goldsworthy

HILLS ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday 22nd February, 28 students from Years 3-6 will represent Our Lady of the Angels at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. Students will be competing against 13 other Hills schools in the Parramatta Diocese. We would like to wish all of our students, lots of luck. We are proud of our students and know that they will swim with pride as they dive into the pool. Good Luck!



Struggling to find the best book for your child to read? Paul MacDonald from the Children's Bookshop (Beecroft) spoke to a large gathering of staff and parents from across all grades about the huge range of quality books available for children, and adults, to read. It was heartening to hear that print is still the preferred medium through which reading is done.

Paul gave some exciting tips about ways to enthuse the reluctant reader as well as ideas for programs to run within the community that encourage the love of books. A particular focus was the importance of fathers modelling reading to their children, especially their sons.

Thank you to Mrs Hurst, Literacy Coordinator, for organising this seminar.

The presentation on selecting the right book for your child may be viewed from our website at <http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/news-details/latest-news-global/buzzing-about-books/true>

Literacy News

Thank you to those parents who were able to join the staff for our literacy information afternoon. I have received fabulous feedback from many members of our school community. It was a great springboard into the many initiatives our school will introduce over the year.

Paul Macdonald spoke about great ways to promote 'reading for pleasure'. This year Our Lady of the Angels will:

Invite families once a term to enjoy an afternoon of reading with their child. Our first will be Wednesday 9th March at 2:00pm during 'Catholic Schools Week'

Create book trailers to promote a book

Display photos of members of our school community reading for pleasure

Create a picture book display outside our temporary library with book reviews

Invite an author to our school during book week in Term 3.

Invite male members of the family to video themselves reading a picture book to be viewed by classes

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Italian Studies

As part of our Italian cultural studies this term, some classes learnt about Carnevale.

Carnevale is a special time in Italy before Lent where people attend parties and balls wearing fancy masks. Students had fun this week designing their own masks.





P&F NEWS

P&F GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all those who came along to the P&F General Meeting on Wednesday night. It was great to see so many of you! We have so much happening at OLA this year. A special thank you to Mrs Schroder and Mrs Giglio for giving up their time to come and share with us the exciting new 'Positive Behaviour Support 4 Learning' program that is being implemented into the school. It sounds like a wonderful initiative to benefit our children and was well received by the parents in attendance.

GRADE CONTACTS

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have volunteered to be the grade contact people.

Grade	Contact
K	Alana Sourial & Patricia McKeever
1	Kylie Ross
2	Marie Sales & Anne-Marie Apap
3	Toula Nemitsas
4	Nicole Brown
5	Kelly Cleary
6	Natasha Pacella/ Natalie Spiteri

Throughout the year they may contact you to organise a night out or even a playdate. It's a great way to get to know other parents!

Thank you in advance to the grade contacts for their support this year in bringing together families in each grade. No doubt it will be a very social year!

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year it is our aim to hold one main fundraising event and then other smaller events mainly as social events. Our main focus being to build the community of Our Lady of the Angels.

This year, the Parish and school community will work together to organise the fiesta in AUGUST. This will also mean that financially the school will also benefit from half of the funds raised.

We will be seeking a lot of support from families. We are asking that you put your thinking caps on. Perhaps you might like to get together with a few buddies to run a stall, or you are able to contribute through contacts or donations. We are very excited by the opportunity to be able to participate in the organisation of this event but know that it will be a challenge. *If you have any ideas, would like to help or run a stall or can offer a donation please contact us and we can get the ball rolling!*

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER

The roster for next week... Rebecca Galea, Jo Gladwell, Kylie Ross, Sarah Cleary, Ruby West and Angela Camilleri. Thank you!



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE – NEXT FRIDAY 1.45pm-2.45PM: PARISH HALL

We have a range of items and sizes available. There are both Summer and Winter items available as well as school and library bags and accessories. If you have any items of clothing that you would still 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.

Please be prepared for CASH TRANSACTIONS ONLY as card facilities will not be available.

****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 or message via our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you during the year!**



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Fresh Fitness is back!

This week, we had our first boot campers for 2016. Our numbers have grown this year, as more and more children want to be involved in Fresh Fitness Boot Camp. Over the two-days we have close to 50 students, up early and ready to participate in Boot Camp. We have been proud of the commitment of students over the past few years and know that our Term 1 group will continue with pride and a positive attitude!

Remember Boot campers it won't get any easier, but you will become fitter and healthier!



FROM THE CLASSROOM...5W

This term Year Five are studying the unit 'Australia Colonies' as part of the History Curriculum. To introduce the unit we held a Colonial Day where students got to dress up as a convict. Look at all the creative costumes the students created with their parents.



From the Parish Office...

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation: For Children in Year 2 or older, this Sacrament will take place in Term 4 of 2016. *Information will be sent out to the children in Year 2 at that time.* If you have a child in an older class and you would like them to do their Reconciliation, please collect a form. Notification will be in both the school and Parish newsletters.

First Communion For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation, in 2016 this will take place in June 2016. For those children who were enrolled in the 2015 program of Reconciliation you will receive an email with all the dates of sessions. If you are new to the Parish, please contact Geraldine if you wish to join the 2016 group and have already done Reconciliation.

Confirmation: For children in Year 6 who have completed and received Reconciliation and First Communion, Confirmations will take place in Term 3. *Information will be sent out to the children in Year 6 at that time.*

For any enquiries, please contact Christine Leahy, OLA Sacramental Co-Ordinator at parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday in the Church at 7.00pm.

Lenten Reflection

As Lent is approaching soon, Fr Warren will be presenting a Lenten Reflection every Wednesday night throughout Lent beginning February 17 at 7.30pm. Please advise the Parish office if you would like to join in.

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

Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

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What people say about our wonderful school...

"All the extra time and efforts put in by you both and the other teachers, is greatly appreciated. Our children are so blessed to have such dedicated teachers who are willing to give a lot of their own time to ensure our children can be involved in a variety of experiences."
(name provided)



Lollypop Duty.

We are looking for a parent volunteer to manage the traffic flow at the pedestrian crossing outside the school admin block **in the morning for 10 minutes** – 8.35-8.45am, similar to what Mrs Schroder does in the afternoon. Five people for ten minutes a week would be excellent. If you are willing to support us in this way, please email the school with Lollypop Duty in the subject. Many thanks.

Literacy / Numeracy Hint
Create a special reading place in your home with your child's favourite books within easy reach. Let your child help decorate it with patterns, shapes and designs.

Term 1 Week 4	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Isabel Williams	Sienna Mooney	Lachlan Hollier
Year 3 G	Kimberly Mabhena	Zane Boatwalla	Charlie Da Ruos
Year 3 W	Arya Clements	Lucas McLuskey	Akeesha Gunesevara
Year 4 B	Eoin Trainor	David Parada	Nicholas Kamber
Year 4 W	Marcus Odd	Nathan Osborne	Mikayla Bowden
Year 5 B	Patrick Bennett	Carys Fitzgerald	Alissa Sweeney
Year 5 G	Charlie Cutroni	Mia Spowles	Isabella Masters
Year 5W	Anthony Kamber	Rebecca Cleary	Phoebe Strykowski
Year 6 B	Kristiana Blazevic	Maneesha Gunasekara	Alexandra Mercado
Year 6 W	Caden Naidu	Jai Turner	Kalani Nobleza

*Until next week, God bless and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca,*