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Week 4 Term 1

17th February, 2017

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

Dear Parents,

This morning we gathered as a community to celebrate the opening of the school year and sharing the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Last year, our Religious Education and Evangelisation focus was building the awareness of God in our presence. At Mass today we sang a beautiful hymn that is based on a saying of St Mary McKillop – "There where you are, God is". Following are the lyrics to this beautiful hymn

*There where you are, you will find God
God in the ordinary moments each day,
The breath of our living and the dying we face.
God in our dreaming the light ever near,
The hope in our brokenness, hardness and fear.
God in the rising from every pain,
There in the arms that reach out to embrace.
God in our footsteps when we dance with the lame.
The voice in the stillness and the giver of grace.
God in our blindness when we wake and we see,
Christ in the face of the lost and the weak,
Right there where you are, you will find God.
Our good God.*

Mass was followed by the commissioning of this year's Student Representative Council. -

School Captains John Paul Collosimo and Bella Masters

Blue House

Captains

Sebastian Mileto
Ariane Maher

Vice Captains

William Blazey
Julianna Constantino

Gold House

Captains

Jesse Eldred
Sienna Farrugia

Vice Captains

Thomas Dobaj
Rebecca Cleary

Vice Captains: Lucas Lesar and Ashley Cummings

Green House

Captains

Nicholas Zahorsky
Jade Richardson

Vice Captains

Millie Edwards
Patrick Bennett

Red House

Captains

Nick Hallal
Montana Burt

Vice Captains

Charlie Hallal
Antonia Manago

Class Boy SRC

1B Olivia Vella
1 G Brayden Kingcott
1W Christian Medjumurac
2B Maddix Laborte
2G Lucious Cappello
2W Charlie Mileto
3B Marcus Mileto
3G Boston Roberts
3W Thomas Cutuk
4B Hayden Lavercombe
4G Lachlan Hollier
4W Lucas McLuskey
5B Ashton Galea
5W Austin Turner

Girl SRC

Isaac Rapa
Mia Lesar
Leah Ocampo
Chloe Holden
Isabella Smith
Ebony Lynch
Madison Zahra
Georgia Reid
Julia Zammit
Anneliese Gutwenger
Kiara Wijaya
Sienna Mooney
Olivia Hudson
Gabriella Bond



NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Fri 24th Feb: Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Assembly: Primary 6G Benediction: Infants
Wed 1st Mar: Ash Wednesday – whole school mass 9.00am
Fri 3rd Mar: Assembly: Infants 2G Benediction: Primary

Gospel Reflection

Sunday 19th February 2017: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time-Year A

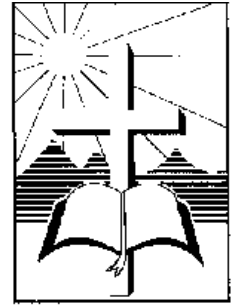
Matthew 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



Gospel Reflection

Living the Gospel – Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus. (Liturgyhelp.com, Greg Sunter 16-2-2017)



2017 Student Representative Council



Parent Information Night

Thank you to all those parents who attended the recent Parent Information Night. I was delighted with the positive feedback I receive from the parents as they were leaving. OLA staff members are very generous with their time (two late nights this week) and this extra work makes it all the easier when it is appreciated. Thank you for those who also attended the P&F meeting straight after. It was so nice to see so many new faces and we hope to see you again as the P&F do a wonderful job supporting our school.

Absenteeism.

As previously communicated, absenteeism is a system-wide focus this year and, therefore, our school's focus as well. It was one of the reminders presented at the Information Night. The issue about partial absences was raised, in particular related to students who represent the school at sports days. These students are entered as absent from school but attending an event offsite representing the school. This suffices the attendance record for the day. Because finishing times vary and are not in our control, the 'sign-out' sheet at the venue is kept for our records. In the case of extraordinary circumstances such as last Friday, the option is given for students to be collected earlier. This was neither a request nor an expectation. Therefore, if your child was collected before 3pm, it is a partial absence, understandably. Schools' concern does not lie with students who, over twelve month have up to twenty partial absences. However, when the same student is chronically late, in some cases totaling 57 PAs, then that is a concern.

OLA performance.

In 2016, the current Year 3 scored the best attendance rate at 94% with the lowest grade scoring 80.4%.

We understand things happen – we simply raising awareness in the interest of maintaining an average around 90%. WE CAN DO IT!!

Hills Zone Carnival

We would like to wish the following students the best of luck on Monday 20th at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. I am sure that will represent Our Lady of the Angels will lots of pride and sportsmanship.

Charlotte A, Madison Z, Taylor C, Emily L, Amelia B, Isobel C, Ella D, Leila B, Sienna M, Bailey K, Eva S, Lachlan H, Gabriella B, Felicity S, Anton B, Eoin T, Hudson G, Montana B, Rebecca K, Jesse E, Karl F, Lucas L, Nicholas Z, Carys F, Melissa P, Beatrice E, Sophia T, Sebastian M, Thomas C, Lucas M

CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSE ELDRED (Year 6) WHO WAS SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE MACKILLOP AFL REPRESENTATIVE TEAM. OLA is proud of you.



How do Children Learn To Use Numbers?

When first learning to use numbers, children rely on having the objects with them (concrete material) in order to add, subtract, multiply or share equally. Usually, early numeracy learners will rely on the need to see (or touch) each object to count them one at a time.

In order to develop their counting and numeracy skills, we need to encourage children to start counting from larger numbers rather than always beginning at 'one.' We should be asking them to add or subtract another number from their original number. We also need to help children 'visualise' and build mental images of numbers or 'quantities' so they do not always have to rely on seeing every object. This develops their number sense and idea that a number represents a quantity, not just another number within a sequence of numbers. It's important to focus on what we call a '*number triad*'. That is the child being able to recognize the numeral, quantity and written word.

What can you do at home?

- Play card games such as '21 or bust'. In this game, two cards are dealt to each player who adds the numbers together. Each player may ask for more cards with the aim of being the person closest to 21 without going over.
- When shopping, ask your child to help you work out 'how many more items are needed... *'For example: I have 7 mandarins here, how many more do I need to make ten?'*
- Look at house numbers when going for a walk. Ask the child to imagine a mental number line. *'What will the next house number be? What about the house ten doors further along?'*
- When reading a book, look at how many pages are in the chapter. Ask the child; *'how many more pages do you need to read to reach the next chapter?'*
- Point out road signs that indicate distance to next town. *'How much further do we have left to travel? How far have we travelled since the last town?'*
- Count eggs in a carton or ice cubes in a tray by twos or fives.

God Bless
Mr Steve Cauchi
Assistant Principal

PARENT HELPERS???

Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??

It has been heartening to see how many of our parents, grandparents, etc, have completed the Child Protection Training in anticipation of helping out at school. Whenever this is done, the school is notified by email and the names added go on a register to which we refer when someone wants to come into the school. The list is growing, thank you.

To avoid disappointment, please make sure you have completed this. The URL is:

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

This includes helping at school in areas such as gross motor, lunches, reading groups, etc.

Year 6 Sport Shirt

Just a reminder that orders for the year 6 sport shirt need to be in on Monday. If you need to pay by credit card, please write your details on the bottom of the slip.

Bookclub

Please remember that if you are ordering bookclub that you need to do it online. NO cash is to be sent into school as we do not send any cash to Scholastic. Once you order online, it is not necessary to send anything into school.

Book Covering

We have a few bags of library books that need covering. If you are able to take a bag home, with contact, please contact the office.

Literacy News

World Read Aloud Day

This week we celebrated **World Read Aloud Day**. This initiative motivates children, teens and children world-wide to celebrate the power of words and creates a community of readers taking action to show the world that the right to literacy belongs to all people.

Here are two brief recounts and some photos of Year 2 & Year 6 reading to Kindergarten as well as Mrs La Rocca reading to Year 6. Thank you Mrs Leach and Mrs Lombardi.

To start the day, Year 6 went down to Kindy where we either read a book to them or they could read a book to us.

Then, just before second break, Mrs La Rocca came in to share some poems with us. She read us three poems, my favourite was the Nuisance Poem.

By Amelia Dimech

At first we went down to Kindy to read aloud to them for World Read Aloud Day. While we read to the Kindergarten children they listened to us and looked at the pictures I think it was really fun to be able to read to the Kindergarten kids!

Before second break Mrs La Rocca came up and read a few little poems to us for World Read Aloud Day. Some poems were funny and the Nuisance Poem was really silly. World Read Aloud Day was fun. I especially liked the poems that Mrs La Rocca read to us, because they were entertaining little poems to listen to.

By Connor Knowles

Next week's WOW words are:

Infants: howl

Primary: grotesque

Dates for Diaries:

Thursday 9th March-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of '**Rug Reading**' out on the playground with their child at **2:30pm** during 'Catholic Schools Week'. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator





P&F NEWS

P&F GENERAL MEETING

What a wonderful turnout for the first P&F meeting for the year! It was great to see so many new faces. Many ideas and thoughts were discussed and we had an extremely productive evening.

\$15 000 DONATION

Last night those present at the meeting, on behalf of the parents and friends of OLA, decided to donate \$15 000 to the school. In the near future our children will have 3 new gazebo style shelters for learning and play. We look forward to yet another exciting new addition at OLA!



Changes in 2017

In the past the P&F have co-ordinated and run the social events at the school and this will continue in 2017.

To ensure that we do not exhaust our parent community helpers, each grade will be responsible for organising and supplying helpers for only ONE or TWO 'in school' events (depending on size of event) rather than all 10 events throughout the year. Of course the fiesta is an exception to this as all will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Angels as a community. Please refer to the planner below for 2017.

TERM 1	TEAMS TO ORGANISE/HELP
Tea and Tissues Morning Tea	Year 1
Swimming Carnival	Year 4 (Only 3 helpers needed to hand out refreshments)
Welcome /Social Night	School or P&F depending on activity
TERM 2	
Mother's Day Stall	Year 5
Mother's Day Morning Tea	Year 3 &4
Athletics Carnival	Year 3 (Only 3 helpers needed to hand out refreshments)
TERM 3	
Grandparent's Day	P&F: WHOLE SCHOOL
FIESTA	P&F/ WHOLE SCHOOL/PARISH
Father's Day Stall	Year 2
Father's Day Breakfast	Year 1 and Year 6
TERM 4	
Kinder Orientation Morning Teas	Kindergarten

SPECIAL TREATS FEBRUARY 24: Kellie Owen, Angela Camilleri, Jo Gladwell, Pauline Baker, Kylie Ross & Sarah Cleary

*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!



Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Classroom of 6G


This week, 6G have been busy working on procedural texts during Literacy. We discussed the purpose of this type of text and the many different forms it can take, including manuals, Ikea instructions and of course recipes.

The children were very excited to make their very own banana smoothie in our new kitchen facility. We then created a recipe by sequencing the steps in the correct order.

The Perfect Banana Smoothie

Ingredients

- 1 banana
- Handful of ice
- Milk
- Dollop of honey
- 2 tablespoons yoghurt
- Cinnamon (optional)



Method:

Peel and chop 1 banana into bite-sized chunks and place into a blender.

Add the honey and yoghurt to the smoothie (or more according to taste).

Place a handful of ice into the blender and pour the milk over the entire mixture.

Blend the ingredients until the puree is smooth and consistent.

Sprinkle cinnamon if desired.



From the Parish Office...

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation: For Children in Year 2 or older, this Sacrament will take place in Term 4 of 2017. Information will be sent out to the children in Year 2 at that time in both the school and Parish newsletters.

First Communion For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation, in 2017 this will take place in June 2017. For those children who were enrolled in the 2016 program of Reconciliation you will receive an email with all the dates of sessions.

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

Ash Wednesday - 1 March

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation but you are strongly encouraged to attend, receive the ashes and start the season of Lent in this holy way. There will be masses held at **9am** (school mass) and **7.30pm**.

Lenten Reflection

As Lent is approaching soon, Fr Warren will be presenting a Lenten Reflection every Wednesday night throughout Lent beginning March 8 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

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

Sacrament Co-ordinator: Christine Leahy

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**Our Lady of the Angels Parish
10th Anniversary
Parish Ball**



**29th April 2017
Save the date!!**



Congratulations to the following students who received these awards:
Academic for working hard
St Francis for showing the qualities of St Francis
Einstein for celebrating mistakes as an opportunity for learning.

Term 1 Week 4	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Vienna Bizzanelli	Ella Cintar	Vincent Capello
Kinder G	Molli Singh	Andre Mandarano	Zara Buchanan
Kinder W	Madeleine Giovas	Max Masters	Chloe Bassili
Year 1B	Rose Montgomery	Ethan Tierney	Trinity Oxspring
Year 1 G	Venus Mahbena	Joshua Muscat	Anna Lee
Year 1W	Maddison Younes	Trinity Manago	William Harvey
Year 2 B	Ethan Streater	Cameron Muscat	Zoey Chown
Year 2 G	Matthew Kamber	Orlaith McManus	Hudson Baker
Year 2 W	Ebony Lynch	Giancarlo Mazza	Ileesha Gunasekara

*Until next week, God bless, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca, Principal*