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Week 5 Term 2

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

Dear Parents,

Life goes on, day by day, sometimes mundane. At times, amongst the ordinary, the importance of God and prayer in our life eludes us. That is, until we are impacted by some event that impacts upon us into awakening. In Luke's Gospel, we are reminded, *"But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."* Luke 21:36 The sudden loss of someone is a reminder of our immortality and how our lives are not ours but belong to God. We need to be 'awake' and ready at all times and be in a state to 'stand naked*' before Him when our time comes. An example of this has impacted on the OLA community recently when, after the high of being re-elected president of the P&F, Annemarie Bond lost her father suddenly that same night. Please keep him, Annemarie and her family in your prayers during this sad time. (*the term 'standing naked' is used in the Book of Genesis as Adam and Eve were 'naked' in the Garden of Eden. This means that they could comfortably bare all before God as they had no sin)



Congratulations

Last week, the Annual General Meeting was held for OLA Parents and Friends. The excellent work of the outgoing meeting was acknowledged, in both areas of social and fund raising. The elections were held as per protocol and I am pleased to announce the following as the members of the newly formed OLA P&F Committee...

President: Annemarie Bond
Vice- President: Kellie Owen
Secretary: Lee-Ann Wallis
Treasurer: Melissa Strong

Events

Kelly Cleary
Monique Falzon
Anne-Marie Apap
Rebecca Galea

Sub committees are:

Catering

Nicole Brown
Ela Hudson
Kylie Ross
Kylie Terzo

Second Hand Uniforms

Joanna Gladwell
Elicia Pace

The fact that the members are almost the same as the previous is testament to the good work that these parents have done and continue to do. Congratulations again and I look forward to working with you over the next twelve months in the interest of OLA students and staff and all other members of this school community.

Last week Mrs Callaghan (REC) expressed her desire to have another 12 months off before returning to work. Today, I received confirmation from CEDP that the role of acting REC will remain with Mrs Byrne.

I wish Mrs Callaghan all the best in her time over the next 12 months. Congratulations to Katrina on this reappointment which is testament to the good work she has done in the role to date

Dates to Remember

Tues 31st May ICAS Science – 7.55am
Thurs 2nd June Stage 3 Boys soccer gala day
Pyjama Day – Students can wear their pyjamas to school on this day.
Fri 3rd June Feast of the Sacred Heart – Whole School Mass at 9.00am (**change of time**)
Tues 7th June Athletics Carnival

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 29th May-Gospel Lk 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



Reflection

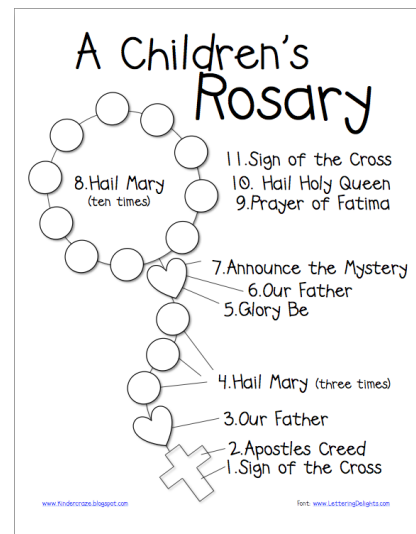
Luke's Gospel this Sunday, recounts the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. Miracles are signs and wonders that God can perform. Jesus being the Son of God is also God. Jesus performed miracles, for us. He wanted us to understand that the Kingdom of God had arrived. The events of this miracle reflect the Eucharistic celebration. Jesus takes, blesses, breaks and gives out the bread and fish to his disciples to share with His followers. In doing this, Jesus reveals who He is to His people. Jesus is Son of God sent by the Father who will give His body to be broken and His blood to be shed. The feast shared, represents a community where the body of Christ and hearing of God's Word can never be separated from care for social and physical needs. (God's Word 2016)

May is the month of Mary

The month of May is especially dedicated to 'Our Blessed Lady'. During this month many Christians spend time reflecting on Mary the mother of Jesus, through praying the Rosary. "The word Rosary means 'Crown of Roses'. Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses."* The Holy Rosary is a perfect prayer to devote to Mary throughout May. The Holy Rosary allows us to reflect on the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. The Holy Rosary is a prayer that we can all say together.



* <http://www.theholynosary.org/>



Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass-'Poor Man's mass'

Whole school mass will be on Friday 3rd June at **9am**
(Please note the change of time).

Pyjama day Outreach (*Please note the change of day*)

On **Thursday 2nd June**, students will be allowed to wear their pyjamas as a way of Primary students being able to support the annual 'Vinnies Winter Sleep Out'. All students can wear their pyjamas and joggers on the day. We ask that students **bring in warm jumpers, clothes, blankets etc** to donate to St Vincent de Paul to distribute to the homeless (this is a great time to have a clean out of your cupboards). Please send in above items before Friday 3rd June, as St Vincent de Paul will be picking up our donations on this day.



Athletics Carnival

OLA annual athletics carnival is on the 7th June. Please send in permission slip asap. If you are able to assist on the day, please complete the parent volunteer's section on the note.

Volunteers needed

We have some large items that need to be transported and delivered to Centenary Oval for OLA Athletics Carnival. If you have a 4WD or ute and are able to assist us with transporting equipment, can you please contact the office and let us know.

Literacy News

Vocabulary building tips

1. Notice new words when you're reading or listening. Talk about the importance of a large vocabulary and make an effort to learn new words.
2. Talk about what to do when we discover unknown words. (Hint: Don't just skip them.) Try using context clues or use another resource to find the meaning. Teach kids to locate words in the dictionary or use an online resource...

<http://homeliteracyblueprint.com/building-vocabulary/>

Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book.

This means one picture of dad/grandpa/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading.

Bug Club is here! This is a digital reading resource that supplements our current reading program. Students will continue to bring home their guided reader. All students will have access to Bug Club at school. Here is the link for students to log on. Students will need to sign in and then click on the 'Bug Club' icon. <http://www.pearsonplaces.com.au/>

For more information, please see link below.

<http://home.bugclub.com.au/MyPasses/pdf/parents-help.pdf>

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Invitational Netball Gala Day

We will be registering teams for the Netball Gala Day to be held on Tuesday, July 26. Boys and Girls from years 4, 5 and 6 have been asked to nominate if they wish to participate. Teams will be announced in the next few weeks.

We will require a coach, umpire and manager for each team. If you are able to assist, please email the office and mark the subject 'NETBALL'.

Jan Schroder



ICAS competition - Science

The next of the 2016 ICAS competitions (**Science**) will be held next Tuesday morning (31st May), beginning at 7.55am sharp in the Year 3 classroom. Please ensure participating students bring a lead pencil and an eraser. It is not possible for extra time to be allocated if a child is late so please ensure punctuality.

OLA's Got Talent

Have you got Talent? Can you dance, sing, act or play an instrument? Are you a magician, comedian or a jump rope skipper extraordinaire? Then we want you!!!

This term we will be holding grade heats for our first ever 'OLA'S GOT TALENT! Heats will take place in class time in week 8 with semi finals to take place in week 9 on the Wednesday and Thursday during second break.

The big grand final will take place at the OLA Fiesta- so you must be available to perform there if you enter. (14th August 2016)

Register your interest by the end of week 7 on a Registration Form (Attached with the newsletter) and the OLA'S GOT TALENT Committee will inform you of when your heat will be. Performances need to be less than 3 minutes in length and can be a solo or group performance.

(It will be student's responsibility to organise, transport and provide all relevant props or music needed for performances).

We look forward to seeing all of your amazing talents.

The OLA'S GOT TALENT Committee

OLA'S GOT TALENT Registration Form

Name: _____

Class: _____

Names of other people in your performance and class:- _____

Name of performance:- _____

Type of performance (eg dance): _____

Please list anything you may need, ie music _____



P&F NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Annemarie Bond and her family who lost her father suddenly last week. This has been a very difficult and sad time, Annemarie and her family are very grateful for all the love and support they have been given from the OLA school community.

Thank you

The P&F Team would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past 12 months. We have achieved a lot, worked hard and had lots of fun along the way. We could not have done anything without the amazing help and support we get from the school community. So a big **thank you** goes out to all those who have baked, wrapped, decorated, donated, served special treats, cooked a Fathers' Day BBQ, worked on a Mothers' Day stall.... the list goes on and on. So many of you have given up so much of your time and we truly appreciate everything you have done. Together we have done great things that benefit our school and our kids.

We look forward to another great year ahead!

The P&F team for 2016/17

Annemarie Bond – President
Kellie Owen – Vice President
Lee-Ann Wallis – Secretary
Melissa Strong - Treasurer

OLA FIESTA

Preparations are well underway for the OLA Fiesta. Watch this space for more updates over the coming weeks.

Fiesta Market Hall

DO YOU SELL CRAFT OR HAVE A 'MARKET STALL' HOBBY?

Do you make or sell candles, soaps, jams, baby clothes or knick-knacks????

We are inviting school families and parishioners to be a part of the market hall at the OLA Fiesta. It would be wonderful to have a variety of market stall holders all under the one roof!

For more information, please contact Monique Falzon at moniquerosejewellery@hotmail.com

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – June 3

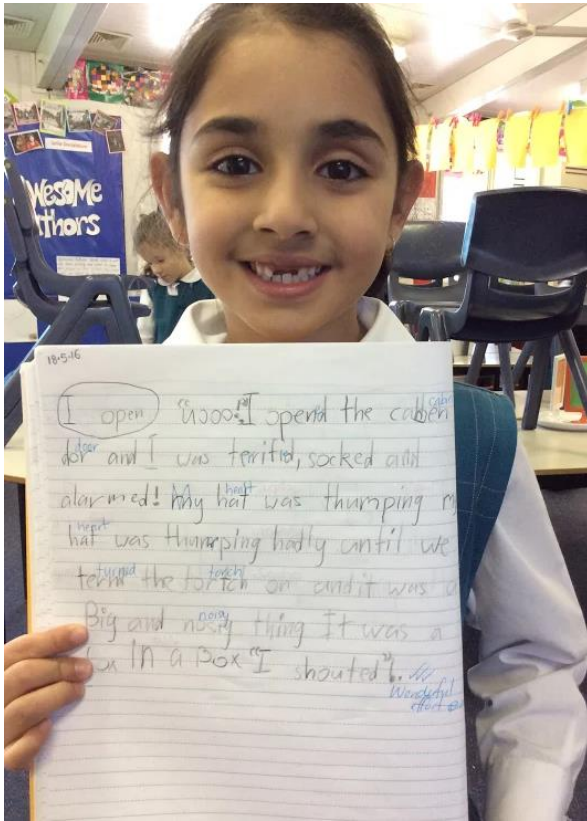
The roster for next week... Dee Izci, Julie Finch, Lee-Ann Wallis, Toulia Nemitsas, Michelle McQuaid



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

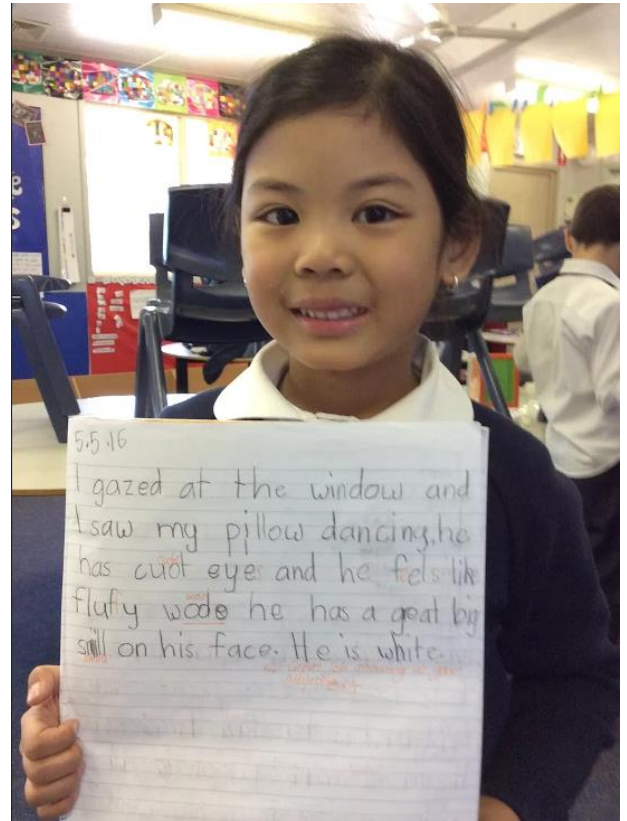
From the classroom..1B

Year One have been experimenting with creative and imaginative writing. They have been creating sizzling starts that hook in the reader as well as exploring show, don't just tell. Here are some examples by Mya and Alysha.



Mya's writing

"Ooooh!" I opened the cabin door and I was terrified, shocked and alarmed. My heart was thumping, my heart was thumping badly until we turned the torch on and it was a big and noisy thing. It was a fox in a box.



Alysha's writing

I gazed at the window and I saw my pillow dancing, he has cute eyes and he feels like fluffy wool. He has a great big smile on his face. He is white.

Stage Two Soccer Gala Days Trials

Due to the large number of teams in 2015, a decision has been made by the convenors that schools will be only allowed to register one boy and one girl team. As a result only students in Year 4 will be allowed to trial for the soccer gala day to be held at the end of the term.

These trials will occur on Monday (30th May) and Tuesday (31st May). Students' trying out for these teams will need to bring their sports shoes on Monday. All students who make the team will receive their note at the end of the week.

Introducing the School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

2.0km straight line distance or 2.5km walking.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

Parents whose children already have a School Opal card and are changing schools or campuses will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts.

How to apply

Applications for 2017 open at the start of Term 4, 2016.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed the student's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the student's new school for endorsement.

Step 3

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Free travel after sight paid journeys each week*
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more and apply at opal.com.au or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find one in your area visit retailers.opal.com.au.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from school and TAFE offices.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.



The Parent Representative Council – Diocese of Parramatta welcome all parents/carers, teachers and school leaders to join us for our 2nd General Meeting of 2016.

This is a great opportunity to find out what the other schools in the Diocese are doing in teaching and learning, social events, parent and friends committees and to keep up to date on what's happening! We encourage you to come with questions and provide feedback so that we can provide you with the support you need!

Date: Monday, 30 May 2016 at 7:00pm

Located at: Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC), Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion St (Ground Floor), Blacktown NSW 2148 ([View Map](#))

Topic: Special Needs Classes in our schools including ASPECT Western Sydney School Satellite classes

Presented by: ASPECT Western Sydney School

A little about our presenters this week...

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is Australia's leading service provider for people on the autism spectrum. Our specialised, evidence informed schools program is the largest in the world, with additional services that include information and advice, diagnostic assessments, behaviour support, parent and family support, and adult programs.

Autism is a lifelong condition that affects about one in 100 Australians, or 240,000 people. The word spectrum reflects the diversity of experience of people on the spectrum.

Our services provide people on the autism spectrum with the opportunity to realise their unique potential, as well as providing much needed support to their families, carers, friends and colleagues. Aspect's vision is to provide the best possible opportunities for people on the spectrum. We believe that people on the autism spectrum are *different brilliant*.

How to stop CYBERBULLYING



LOG OFF the site where the bullying is happening.

BLOCK

BLOCK EMAILS or messages. Don't respond to them.

REC
RECORD

SAVE THE MESSAGE or email and show an adult.

TALK IT OUT

TELL SOMEONE you trust.



Check out more at www.thinkuknow.org.au or www.melbourn.gov.au

Please see attached flyer which gives some good hints on protecting your children from cyberbullying.



What is Instagram?

Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to 'like' and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?

Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

How are young people using Instagram?

Instagram is being used by young people to share photos, occasions and situations with their friends. The ability to like and comment on photos provides a useful communication function for young people as they explore and express their personality.

Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?

Any application when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware the dangers of communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

What are the privacy settings on Instagram?

Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the **Profile** option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the **Edit Your Profile** section scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure **Photos Are Private** is in the **On** position and select **Save**.

What could be revealed through an image?

A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain geolocation information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address.

How can my child limit geolocation information?

It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child utilises. For iOS devices, this can be disabled by accessing **Settings>Privacy>Locations** and disabling for Camera. On Android devices, users need to open the **Camera** app, access **Settings** and **disable GPS tagging**. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, please access the online user guide for the model of device.

It is also useful to discourage children and young people from using the Photo Map function on Instagram. This capability plots users' photos on an interactive map and could reveal sensitive location information.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?

It is important that young people only allow people they know and trust to access their photos and learn how to block and report inappropriate users. You can block users via the Instagram app on your mobile device. Open the profile page of the offensive user and select the **Further Options** icon on the upper right-hand side of the screen. Select the **Block User** option and when prompted by the dialog box, select **Yes, I'm sure**.

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation that carry serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on others as well as their own reputation.

How can I delete my child's account?

If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Instagram account.

To delete an Instagram account log into the account at instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select **Edit Profile**, click **I'd like to delete my account** in the bottom right.

Note: Accounts can not be reactivated and photos may be lost. Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

From the Parish Office...

Public Address - Box Hill Catholic School

Thank you to those parents who attended the Public Address. If you have a survey form, we ask that you return this to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Sacraments of Initiation

First Communion Next Thursday, 26th May we have our First Lesson with the Parents and Children at 7.30pm. Please remember that these attendances are compulsory. The Piety store is also selling before and after all masses some really nice First Holy Communion items.

We're fundraising with Entertainment

The 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book and Digital Memberships are here and features over \$20,000 worth of valuable up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for some of the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more **for only \$65**. So take advantage of the great offers available with your new Entertainment™ Membership now! Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from **Our Lady of the Angels Parish** again to support our fundraising efforts. Contact the Parish office for further information if needed.

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

Sacrament Co-ordinator: Christine Leahy

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Contact information: O.L.A. Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Rouse Hill

Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603



Debating

This week we hosted a debate against Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill. The topic was that new sports like surfing should be included in the Olympics. Mary Immaculate was the negative team and they won by a small margin. Thank you to the students from years 1 -6 who were a wonderful audience. They did our school proud.

Jan Schroder

Until next week, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca,

Term 2 Week 5	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Sienna Gibson	Iris Tsang	Luke Shelly
Year 3 G	Jericho Cirera	Mia-Bella Trifiro	Patrick Leach
Year 3 W	Isaac Xuereb	Hayden Lavercombe	Salvatore Colosimo
Year 4 B	Jacob Connellan	Sofia Silva	Alicia Dersch
Year 4 W	Pierre-Antoine La	Gabriella Muscat	Rylan McGrady
Year 5 B	Paige Hayden	Enaya Puri	Isaac Sultana
Year 5 G	Amelia Dimech	Amber-Lilly Baker	Kenny King
Year 5W	Marko Rangan	Jade Richardson	Melissa Preston
Year 6 B	Cooper Brown	Caleb McGrady	James Darmanin
Year 6 W	Mirko Basic	Ethan Kurcubic	Jacob Garofano