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Week 6 Term 3

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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied."

Dear Parents

Today we continue to the next line of the Beatitudes, above. The hunger and thirst to which Jesus refers is metaphorical. While there is a great injustice in the world, many choose to ignore and remain indifferent because it is too painful to acknowledge. In this line, Jesus is saying that we cannot be indifferent to the injustice but rather feel the pain of those who are victims. Jesus asks us to do something to bring justice into the world and 'you shall be satisfied' – we will be rewarded.



History in the making...



One of the great joys of being part of a new and growing school are the events that 'make history'. The past ten days has presented some of these. Firstly, congratulations go from us all to Tiarne McLuskey. **Voice of Youth** is a Public Speaking Competition for Year 6 students. Tiarne, whose topic was 'Life is Better with BBQ Sauce', is one of a number of entrants into Voice of Youth over the past four years but is the first OLA student to win at the network level. This is a marvellous achievement for her and OLA as she is one out of 45 Year 6 students against other schools who have a pool of over 90 students. Tiarne will now proceed to compete in the Western Region finals on the 13th Sept. We wish her all the best.

Last Thursday, 46 students from Years 3-6 represented OLA at the **Hills Zone Athletics Carnival**. The following students were successful in proceeding to the Diocesan Level. ... Kenny King (Shot put), Charlotte Anderson (8 yrs 100 metres), Remi Ferdinands (Discus), Jade Richardson (11 yrs 200 mts, shot put), Riley Price (Discus), Sebastian Cauchi (13 yrs 100 mts) and Tyler Spiteri (discus) who set a **new Zone Record**. Also the girls relay team– Jade Richardson, Nicola Topic, Hollie Ford and Claudia Coombes – will proceed to the next level. Congratulations to all the students who participated to achieve their personal best and represented OLA with lots of pride and fine sportsmanship.

Of course, none of these successes happens without a number of people giving generously of their time and effort. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Hey who provided the final touches in the speech and to Mrs Byrne, Ms Grima, Ms Crozier and Ms Maccarone who coached the athletics students. **Thank you.**



DWF Fundraiser – Mini Olympics Gold Coin

Thank you to Mrs Byrne (REC) and the SRC for organising this 'funraiser and fundraiser' in support of the DWF and those in our community who are in need. \$552.00 was raised with your support.

Good luck to...

- To the **Tournament of the Minds** Team who will compete this Sunday. This is another first for OLA and I would like to acknowledge Mrs Schroder for all the extra hours and work she has given for these students. We thank you.
- Ms Maccarone as she enters into the Sacrament of Holy Marriage this Saturday. OLA school community sends you every blessing to you and your partner on this special day and for the years ahead.

Dates to Remember

Mon 29 th Aug	Year 6 Three day Excursion to Canberra and Snow
Thurs 1 st Sept	Yrs 1 – 4 Verse Speaking at Windsor Function Centre
Fri 2 nd Sept	Yrs 5 & 6 Verse Speaking at Windsor Function Centre
Mon 5 th Sept	Yrs 5 & 6 a3 Captivate Performance 7pm at Kingswood
Mon 12 th Sept	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences during this week
Fri 16 th Sept	Stage 2 Touch Football – boys and girls
Fri 23 rd Sept	Stage 3 Touch Football – boys and girls
	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

NEWSLETTER

NAPLAN

Last week, our students in Year 3 and Year 5 received their NAPLAN results. It is important to note that these results are of one assessment at one given time. In summary, I am pleased to report that the percentage of OLA Year 3 students in the top two bands was well above the state average in all domains except in Spelling which was 1% below. The percentage of OLA Year 5 students in the top two bands was well above the state average in all domains except in Spelling which was level with state average. This is part of important data that affirms the hard work done but, more importantly, provides direction for future focus.

What a week!! The following is a summary of this week's events that were organised to celebrate BOOK WEEK...

- **Monday: Author Visit - Jess Black** visited our school on Monday 22nd August to talk to all grades about what it is like being an author. Jess Black is an Australian author of children's books. She has written over twenty-five junior fiction books and has two picture books coming out in 2016. Jess is the co-author of the hugely successful *Bindi Wildlife Adventure* series, the *RSPCA Animal Tales* series and *The Kaboom Kid* series with David Warner. Jess has a new four book series called *Keeper of the Crystals*. Book one, *Eve and the Runaway Unicorn*, is available from June 1st. Students had the opportunity over the past few weeks to view some of her work and become familiar with her writing style and also had the opportunity to buy her books and have it signed by Jess during her visit.
- **Thursday:**

PO-ET-RY! It's all about Enunciation and Expression!

OLA students had the great privilege of having Annette Kossaris work with them for a day on their poetry recital. Annette is a renowned writer of children's poetry.

Each year, OLA students participate in the verse speaking section of the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod and Annette's poems are often a popular choice for their recital.

Annette, who runs her own school of Performance Poetry for Children, was very happy to be back working a school and especially pleased that schools are still valuing the importance of speech. She went on to say that she was particularly impressed of the spirit in the school, the rapport among the teachers and their obvious interest in the students. "You should be proud!" she said. We are. ☺

The school is very grateful to Annette, not only for her time but for the poetry books she donated and dedicated to OLA students. These will be a source of poetry recital for many years to come.

Thank you to Mrs Cannavo for organising this visit.

Thursday afternoon also saw our regular whole school reading afternoon

- **Friday: Book Fair.**

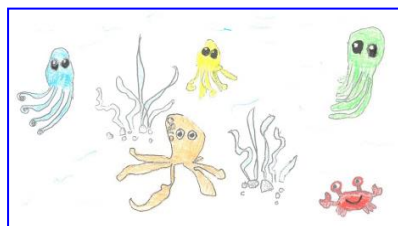
Very much extra work and time goes into organising these events. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Mrs Hurst, Literacy Coordinator, for what she does in the interest of Teaching and Learning for our students.

Toilet Block – mural competition

Last week we had some work carried out around the grounds. This included the removal of trees and clearing of scrub (still ongoing) and repairs to the fence to the netball courts. Also the Year 1 toilet block was repainted and spruced up a little.

Thank you to the children who entered the mural competition. Some wonderful entries and some of the explanations of the designs were very insightful and profound. It was a difficult task for staff to vote. The criteria came down to what was appropriate and simple to replicate.

The winner of the design for the boys' toilets is Max in Y1W with 'Under the Sea'. The girls' toilet design was a tie and therefore will be an adaptation of both drawings by Alicia Dersch in Y4 and Taleah Kingcott in Y4. Congratulations to these students.



Sunday, 28 August 2016:

Sunday, 28 August 2016: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C (Luke 14:1. 7-14)



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Gospel Reflection

In Luke's Gospel this Sunday, Jesus has been invited to share a meal with the Leading Pharisees. This image of Jesus is one that we don't normally have of Jesus, as we always picture him sharing a meal with the marginalised. These occasions where Jesus shared a meal with the wealthy and those who placed great importance on their status were always a time for Jesus to teach them how they should behave. Jesus always left them with a message of how they should treat others less fortunate than themselves. His message in the Luke's Gospel about humility is something we can all relate to in our own lives. It is part of human nature to want to fit in and want to belong. Sometimes the way we behave is not sincere and we are tempted to seek acceptance, no matter who we hurt and the future consequences. When our sense of belonging is achieved through harming, humiliation or exploitation of others then we are placing ourselves in a status of more importance and are not concerned with the way we are treating others. We need to remember the commandment, "Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another." (Jn 13:34-35) (Liturgy Help © Greg Sunter, 25-8-2016)

WHERE IS GOD IN MY DAILY LIFE?

Last weekend, my son played his soccer semi-final, which ended in a penalty shoot out after extra time. One of his teammates took his penalty shot and missed. This had been an extremely long and competitive game and my son's team had remained undefeated throughout the regular season, so the other team certainly wanted to be the first team to beat them. I watched a 17 year-old boy from the opposing team walk to the goal square to take his penalty shot and then stop to console our player and gave him a hug. Where was God in this occasion? For me it was in the humility of this teenager to not raise his teams status and importance but to feel genuine disappointment for our player and display dignity, respect and sportsmanship for the game and all the players.

Where can we see God in our daily lives? We would love our OLA families to share their own story to add into the newsletter.

OLA Olympics Mufti day

It was great to see all our students dress up to represent the many countries and flags in our world. Thank you for your kind gold coin donation. This will go towards the DWF fund that supports many people in our community.

Mrs Katrina Byrne, Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator

NEATNESS AND TIDINESS

Paying attention to one's appearance and personal cleanliness from an early age encourages students to take pride in the way they present themselves, not only at school, but at all times. Hair is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of the styles that are unacceptable include: ridges, undercuts, steps, any excessive shaping with products, and any shaving cuts. Hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face and eyes. Ribbons, hair clips etc should be school colours. In the interest of safety, stud earrings only are permitted. (2016 Parent Handbook p 19)

Hills Zone Athletics Carnival

Last week, 45 students represented OLA at the Hills Zone Carnival held at Blacktown Olympic Athletic Centre. The students participated with enthusiasm and gave every event they were in their all, demonstrated great sportsmanship and showed excellent behaviour throughout the day. Both Mrs Hey and myself were proud of all the students and their wonderful achievements.

From the 45 students, we have 10 students competing at the next level in the following events

- 4x100m Relay event (Senior girls-Nicolas T, Jade R, Claudia C and Hollie F)
- 8Yr girls 100m-Charlotte A
- 13Yr boys 100m-Sebastian C
- Discus- Remi F
- Discus- Tyler S (who on the day **broke the record** and now currently holds the Hills Zone Record for 29.8m)
- 200m- Jade R
- Shot Put- Jade R
- Shot Put-Riley P
- Shot Put-Kenny K



A special thank you to all the parents who helped both Mrs Hey and myself throughout the day. It was greatly appreciated and wonderful to see so many parents there supporting their children.

Congratulations to our OLA students representing the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Carnival, Results will be posted in next week's newsletter.

Miss Pina Grima



Thank you to everyone who has helped us with the afternoon traffic situation by staggering the pickup times of your children. It has been noticeable this week that the traffic has flowed better on Wellgate Avenue.

Literacy News

Vocabulary building tips

The “Take a Walk” game is an activity that brings family members together in an enjoyable, relaxing way. It takes at least two people. A walk is taken around the neighbourhood or perhaps around a local shopping area. On one trip the thrust may be, “Let’s name everything we see that begins with the letter B.” On another walk, it might be naming everything that begins with the letter G. Or everything that is the colour purple. You might add an element of fun by saying, “We’ll get one point for every word we name. Let’s see how many points we can get.” (Involves arithmetic as well as vocabulary.)

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

A **BIG** thank you to all the teachers, students and parents who participated in our Book Week celebrations.



2016 Book Week (22-26th August)

Theme-Australia! Story Country

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.

Words of the Week

Infants- blush

Primary-foresight

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

Uniform Shop - Important Notice

The uniform shop is going to be temporarily unavailable whilst renovations are taking place from Wednesday 14th September until late October/early November.

Please check whether you are going to need any summer uniform prior to 14th September so that you can place an order. We have minimum stock of summer uniform at this stage, and will only order what is needed, as we do not have a lot of space to store a large amount of stock. Please **DO NOT** leave it until the last minute.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation during this time.

Mrs Goldsworthy

From the Classroom....

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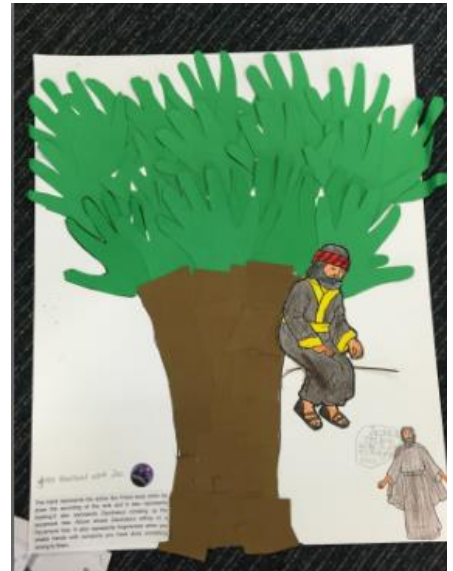
This term, in Religion, Year Four have been focusing on the unit Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing. As part of this unit, we had to create a project to show our understanding of forgiveness and healing using either the scripture passage on 'The Forgiving Father' or 'Jesus and Zacchaeus'. We were able to present our understanding in a creative way and we chose to create iMovies, presentations using Keynote and Slides and posters. Here are two examples of the work we produced....

Here are some thoughts about our experience...

It was fun to complete the project but at the same time it was hard. I liked that I was able to create a slide presentation that showed my understanding in a creative way... Ella O



I enjoyed creating a poster to show my understanding of reconciliation. I chose a poster as I enjoy designing and making posters. Jackson J



I made a powerpoint to show my understanding of reconciliation. I liked the idea of a powerpoint as I could insert pictures that I thought related well to reconciliation. I learnt new skills when creating a powerpoint... Gemma G





P&F NEWS

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to everyone involved in the Father's Day Stall.

There were many volunteers who helped before the day as well as on the day! The day ran so smoothly.

Thank you for making this day so special for our children!



Father's Day Breakfast



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DADS & OLA CHILDREN... ARE YOU COMING??

Friday 2nd September 7.30am

This is a special time for fathers, grandfathers or other significant male carers and their children here at OLA. We look forward to hosting a delicious BBQ breakfast for them.

Please RSVP for catering purposes:

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Sept 2nd : Rebecca Galea, Kelly Cleary, Belinda Connellan, Michelle McQuaid, Melissa Buda

Friends and families of OLA, you are invited to the OLA 'Bargain Buyers Shopping Tour' on Sunday, November 6th, 2016.



This is an all-day shopping trip on an air conditioned coach. It promises to be an enjoyable day full of bargains, laughs and tired feet. It is also a really good way to get your Christmas shopping out of the way early.

Departure: 7:00am sharp (Please arrive 15 minutes earlier)

Return: 6:00pm (approx)

Meeting point: 'Our Lady of the Angels' front gate. (1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville)

COST: \$55

BOOK EARLY AS TICKETS ARE LIMITED

FRIDAY SPECIAL TREATS : TERM 4

Thank you to all of the helpers for their flexibility and enthusiasm this year! *We will be putting together a roster for Term 4. No experience necessary and toddlers are welcome! If you are able to give 45 minutes of your time from 1.20pm once or twice per term, please forward your **name and contact number** to Annemarie olapfc@gmail.com This new roster will be emailed out before the holidays.*



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms so far. 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.

Thank you for your help and support in our school parent community. We can be contacted via email olapfc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*



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Below are just some of the services we provide;

- Disability services under NDIS
- Keeping Kids in Mind and Rollercoasters – programs for separated parents and their children
- Cool Kids - a skills based program that teaches children (6-12yrs) and their parents how to better manage the child's anxiety
- Counselling services – for all stages and circumstances of life, including grief, gambling and financial counselling
- Triple P and other parenting courses
- Marriage counselling and support
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We run a number of other social services in the community which include

- Family Daycare
- Refugee Settlement Services
- Homelessness service for teen mothers
- Indigenous community hub
- Volunteer based service for the elderly

We have created www.inspir8.com.au which aims to inspire, reassure and encourage primary age children in Years 3 – 6

OFFICE LOCATIONS: Blacktown, Emerton, Orchard Hills, Parramatta, Penrith, Springwood

From the Parish Office...

OLA Family Fiesta - Sunday, 14 August

A very big thank you to Mrs La Rocca, the OLA School Community and the OLA P&F Committee for your help for the OLA Family Fiesta.

Your Invitation

You, your family and friends are invited to come along and celebrate Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day on Sunday, 14 August.

Mass starts at 11am followed by a procession.

Rides, food stalls and entertainment will commence at 1pm and we will conclude with fireworks at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Please note that there **WILL NOT be mass at 10am and 5.30pm.**

We are also selling Pre-paid Wristbands for \$25- for unlimited rides.

These can be purchased prior to August 13!

Thank you

Thank you so much for your help in selling the Raffle Tickets to your family and friends. We are now collecting these back for the most fantastic Raffle ever!! Wishing you all good luck with this draw.

All Year 3 Students who received their First Communion in 2016 are invited to join our procession after the 11 am Fiesta Mass and LEAD this procession. This is to a tradition to acknowledge those in our community who have received their Sacraments this year.

The Feast of the Assumption

Monday, 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption. This is one of two remaining Holy Days of Obligations where you are obligated to attend mass. Our Parish will be having mass **at 9am and 7.30pm.**

Confirmation

There will be a Parent Only session on Thursday, 18 August at 7.30pm.

For further enquiries, please contact the parish office directly.

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

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Assistant Priest: Fr John Rizzo

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Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There will be three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on:

Tuesday 6th September, Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 17th November 2016
9.15 – 11am

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our three upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students 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.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

Until next week, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca,

Term 3 Week 6	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Ethan Billyard	Abbey Buxton	Paityn Ng
Kinder G	Jordan Holden	Isaak Blye	Saoirse O'Neill
Kinder W	Owen Cook	Patrick Pacella	Venus Mabhena
Year 1 B	Tahnia Arora	Zachary Ormsby	Isaac Castellan
Year 1 W	Solomon Sloane	Patrick Doueihy	Abbey Hollier
Year 1 G	Gabriela Ribiero	Maddix Laborte	Olivia Fallone
Year 2 G	Harrison McQuaid	Denison Cu	Joshua Robertson
Year 2 W	Tayla Buxton	Alivia Turner	Marcus Mileto
Year 2 B	Aidan Vilathgamuwa	Julia Zammit	Joyce Ghobrial
Year 2 W	Alivia Turner	Taylor Buxton	Marcus Mileto