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Week 8 Term 2

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Dear Parents,

Last week we spoke about the Beatitudes as being a prayer significant in this year of mercy. We have discussed this and as a staff felt it appropriate to address a line each fortnight. The first line is above. My understanding of Jesus' message is that we should not be obsessed with material possessions but need to completely humble ourselves, giving our life to God and God's intentions. In doing so and putting God before 'things', Heaven will be ours. This aligns with the first commandment – *'I am the Lord, Thy God; thou shall not have strange gods before Me'*. These 'strange gods' refer to the priority we give to material possessions or activities over God, eg not having time to go to Mass on Sunday because of football.



First Holy Communion

This Sunday is the second of two occasions when children in the parish will receive Holy Communion for the first time. The majority of these are OLA students in Year 3. Please remember them in your prayers.

Brianna Arellano, Marcus Billyard, Roman Bizzanelli, Lucas Buda, Marcus Castellan, Sarah Cleary, Jared Cleland, Salvatore Colosimo, Max Cutroni, Charlie Da Ruos, Ivana Edelinski, Brendan Ewer, Max Fischer, Hudson Galvin, Parker Galvin, Natalie Holopikian, Rafael Ira, Jackson Jacobs, Bailey Knowles, Angelica Manago, Antonia Manago, Madison Mihalic, Amelia Novelli, Caitlyn Parlmer-Burton, Drew Sammut, Luke Shelly, Joshua Streater, Ante Topic, Mia-Bella Trifiro, Christian Vargas, Isabel Williams, Bella Molano.

I thank the school staff members for attending Mass at OLA on these days in recognition of the special occasion for these students.



Congratulations

To the following students who have been nominated by their teachers to be this term's recipients of the Principal's Award:

Paityn Ng
Maraya Macario
Trinity Oxspring
Luke Smyth
Michael Fuda
Madison Saward
Ava Silva
Harrison McQuaid
Raymon Chayban
Angelica Manago

Marc Skoljarev
Christian Vargas
Charli Molloy
Nicholas Gomez
Patrick Bennett
Natasha Eyles
Coby Clements
Riley Price
Tyler Spiteri



Dates to Remember

Friday 1st July: Last day of term 2 – no assembly; Whole school Benediction at 2.40pm;
Monday 18th July: First day of term 1

NEWSLETTER

Gospel of the Week

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (Luke 9: 51-62)

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



Reflection

The second half of Sunday's Gospel paints a picture of an unsympathetic and uncompromising Jesus. However, in the light of where this passage is placed in Sunday's readings— the beginning of the end – it takes on more significance. Firstly, the incident of rejection in Samaria allows Jesus to make very clear that he will never resort to violence as a solution to any problem. The reaction of the disciples seems a bit extreme as a response to an inhospitable action! Jesus' rebuke to them reminds us that what he has offered all along is an invitation that was open to all – if some don't accept the invitation you can't call fire down on them from above!

The passage identifies the urgency and demanding nature of Jesus' mission. He and his followers are constantly on the move and have no room for comforts and cosy beds. When we reflect on the today's first reading it is in direct contrast. The message of Jesus is that the work of the Kingdom is even more important than duty to family and duty to the dead. Once he has set his face towards Jerusalem and his own death, there is no turning back – he is absolutely committed to his mission.

Today's gospel can be seen as falling into a category of Gospel passages that are often referred to as the 'hard sayings' of Jesus. These hard sayings are often confronting and even offensive to the audience – particularly a modern one. The harshness of the language and sentiment seems to jar with our image of the compassionate Jesus. Yet, these challenging teachings remind us of the hard edge that is contained within Christian beliefs and teachings. They call for strength in the face of overwhelming odds and commitment even in the face of custom and family loyalties.

(Liturgy Help, (23-6-2016) © Greg Sunter)

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST- The 24th June is a symbolic solemnity. It is the feast day of St John the Baptist.



John the Baptist is known for evangelisation and his baptising of Jesus Christ. He was the son of Elizabeth and Zachariah, who were told they were too old to bear children, until the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would have a son who would be known as the Son of God and her cousin Elizabeth was also expecting a child. The angel Gabriel also visited Elizabeth and Zachariah and told them they would have a son and should name him John. Zachariah did not believe the angel Gabriel and for this was unable to speak until his son was born and named John, in fulfilment of God's will. When Mary visited Elizabeth, John leapt in her womb, revealing to Elizabeth that the child Mary was carrying was to be the Son of God.

John was known for attracting large crowds across Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to be baptised, John knew who He was and told Jesus, that he should be baptising John. John baptised Jesus and then the heavens opened and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." John then told all his followers to turn towards Jesus and called Him "Lamb of God."

(http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=152 23/6/2016)



#DO SOMETHING DAY #GIVE YOUR BEST

It is great to see the students get into the spirit of Do Something day. This year being the year of Mercy, Pope Frances asks us to love one another of kindness are a simple gesture can warm a cool heart and put smile on a sad face. Everyone was to feel loved and this is a simple way to make everyone belong.

‘#DoSomethingday’

as Jesus told us to do. Random acts

of kindness are a simple gesture can warm a cool heart and put smile on a sad face. Everyone was to



Our Lady of the Angels community supported #Dosomethinggreat Day by making it a day of focus to go beyond the normal and do something extra special in some way – for someone or the world in general. Students were given a paper hand on which to write what they did. These were stuck onto paddle stick and placed into one of our grassed areas. Collectively they made a sea of hands waving in the wind. It was lovely to see this sight knowing that each waving represented an extra act of kindness by members of our community. We hope this will provide the impetus for raising awareness to ‘wave a hand’ more readily.

Literacy News

Vocabulary building tips

1. Interact with the words in some way. Draw their meaning. Act them out. Make them come alive so you’ll remember them.
2. Try to find concrete examples of new words whenever possible to make meaning more clear.

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

Whole School Writing Task

Yesterday all students completed a writing task. Students were given a beautiful seashell and wrote either an imaginative, informative or persuasive text. Our literacy focus this year is for all students’ writing to reflect an increase in the use of richer vocabulary. Well done to all students!

Week 10 Words of the Week Activity

Next week students will have an opportunity to complete a word puzzle using **all** their words of the week.

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. Thank you to this great role model!



Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Zone Cross Country

At regionals it rained and it was freezing. Our race was at 10:50 and while we were waiting I went to go hold the parramatta diocese banner with another student for the opening ceremony. While we were at the marshalling area we were freezing to death as we were just in a singlet and shorts.

After the race we felt like we were going to collapse as we were exhausted from the running and it was very hard for us as all the kids are runners and they practice a lot and they were really competitive and we are only soccer players.

Competitors: Date 17 June 2016

Ella S

Seronique T

Sebastian M

Thomas D

It was a very intense day, it was cold and wet. We all cheered each other on!

We had so many butterfly's racing through our stomach as we raced. It was a great experience for all of us. It was intimidating seeing all the other team tern up in there uniform. We all tried our best. It was great excise for us, we thank our school for their support and encouragement.

Sebastian and Thomas



Year 5 Science Day

Year 5 has been learning about the different properties of states of matter. Part of our PBL item was to create a recipe that demonstrated reversible and irreversible changes that materials undergo. Students then had fun observing these processes through cooking days held on Monday and Tuesday this week.

Can you guess what solids, liquids and gases were used to create this delicious Victoria Sponge Cake?

Today the students in Years 2, 4 and 5 experienced an incursion titled “Animals of the Dreaming” as part of NAIDOC week celebrations. Through song, dance and stories they learnt about the strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. Taronga Zoo brought along some animals to complement the interactive show.



From the Classroom of.....KG

This term in Science, Kindergarten have been learning all about 'Natural Environments'. To complete our unit, the students made dioramas and designed an environment to suit the needs of an animal. They had lots of fun creating these and presenting them to the class.



From the Office

School Fees - Term 2 school fees are now due and payable. If you have not yet paid this term's fees, could you please do so as soon as possible. If you need an extension of time, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange this.

Sibling Acceptance Forms – Please return any outstanding 2017 sibling acceptance forms as soon as possible.

Premier's Reading Challenge – keep reading

A reminder to those students who have registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge that you have until 19th August to log the books you have read onto the website. Some students have already finished the required reading and their logs have been validated.

Please refer to the attached flyer, Minecraft for Parents, as part of our school's awareness of cyber safety

Children should get paid for chores

Congratulations to our debating team –

Claudia Pacella

Maneesha Gunesakara

Remi Ferdinands

who effectively argued the negative viewpoint against the team from Our Lady of the Rosary School yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Legrande who was adjudicator. Well done to those students and thank you to Mrs Leach for preparing these students.

Thank you to all the students and parents who attended to support our team. We look forward to more debating news next term.

OLA Students are NUDE FOOD DUDES!

Year 1 students at Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, are learning about caring for the environment. In response, they designed some promotional fliers to advertise 'Nude Food Day' across the school.

"Early in the term we gathered the Year 1 rubbish from a typical day and took a photo. On Nude Food Day, we were thrilled to see the impact it had on minimising waste," said Mrs Macare, Year 1 teacher. "With the whole school behind the project, it has made a big difference to the number of rubbish bins needed".

OLA hopes everyone will keep up the practice of bringing 'nude food' to school and caring for the environment.

Before and after shots of just Year 1's rubbish...wow!!





P&F NEWS

This week was **'Fiesta Collection Week'**. If you haven't had a chance to send in your donation we will collect *final items or gold coins on Monday*. Thank you for your kind donation.

FIESTA RAFFLE TICKETS:



A book of raffle tickets per family was sent home last week. There is an **incentive prize** for the family that sells the most tickets! Please collect **EXTRA** raffle books from the office as you need. Please contact the P&F if you would like a significant number of books to sell and we will ensure that we send these home. Tickets will also be sold after each of the weekend masses. If you are able to help do this, please email us or send a Facebook message. Thank you in advance.

NEXT FIESTA MEETING
THIS THURSDAY JUNE 30TH - 7.30pm
PARISH OFFICE



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.

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER - TERMS 3 & 4

The roster for Terms 3 and 4 is *underway*. If you able to give 45 minutes of your Friday from 1.20pm once or twice a term please let us know .. Please forward your *name and contact number* to Annemarie Bond at olapfc@gmail.com.



SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER - July 1: The roster for next week... Annemarie Bond, Kellie Owen, Margaret Nagy, Yolandi Weldon, Rebecca Galea and Belinda Connellan. Thank you!



Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

First Communion Congratulations to the remaining 57 children who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Confirmations For children in Year 6 who have received their First Holy Communion, there will be an Information Night about Confirmations at Our Lady of the Angels on Thursday, August 4 at 7.30pm.

Want to keep the kids entertained during the holidays!!!

You can buy your Entertainment Membership from us today!

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.

Playgroup

Next Friday will be the last Playgroup for this term. It will return on Friday 22 July at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing all mums/dads and bubs then!

Save the Date:

The date for the Parish Fiesta has been set for Sunday, 14 August. Make sure you keep that date clear in your dairy!!

Scripture Reflection

Every Wednesday, Fr Rizzo will be holding Scripture Reflection which is based on the Gospel of the following weekend. A great way to receive a deeper meaning of each week's Gospel. Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the OLA Hall "Old Church". Everyone welcome.

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

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Until next week, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca,

Term 2 Week 9		Whole school	
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Ronan Izci	Addison Galvin	Ethan Billyard
Kinder G	Gabriella Fedele	Christopher Gruca	Joshua Kim
Kinder W	Venus Mabhena	Rose Montgomery	Jack Austin
Year 1B	Maddison dyke	Danielle Vella	Thomas Gutwenger
Year 1 G	Cameron Muscat	Hugo Vozzo	Maddix Laborte
Year 1W	Keira Mooney	Addyson Stoddard	Sienna Jacobs
Year 2 B	Lucas Cajic	Acacia Sales	Amity Galea
Year 2 G	Joseph Abdallah	Macy Owen	Denison Cu
Year 2 W	Harrison Fiorio	Sienna Dixon	Ella Dimech
Year 3 B	Joshua Streater	Lachlan Hollier	Makiah Arora
Year 3 G	Brendan Ewer	Madison Mihalic	Zachary Nicholls
Year 3 W	Lucas McLuskey	Rachael Perillo	Jonathon Fuda
Year 4 B	Sienna Achis	Olivia Hudson	Matthew Geoghegan
Year 4 W	Brianna Arellano	Lucy Finch	Oliver Vrljic
Year 5 B	Thomas Dobaj	Paige Hayden	John-Paul Colosimo
Year 5 G	Montana Burt	Isaac Swinden & Cody Kingcott	Lucas Lesar
Year 5W	Breanna Debrincat	Phoebe Strykowski	Sophia Tapley
Year 6 B	Maneesha Gunasekara	Ryan Muscat	Darci Buxton
Year 6 W	Anthony Parada	Caden Naidu	Jai Turner

