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Week 9 Term 1

24th March, 2017

"There where you are, God is".

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents,

What is a Sacrament? The Catholic Church teaches that the sacraments are "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament.

In laymen's term, we meet and come close to God through the Sacrament. These were 'instituted by Christ'. That is, Christ initiated and made them a crucial part of the rites and rituals of our Catholic church.

The Ten Commandments were given to Moses and God's people thousands of years before Christ. However, during His time on earth, Christ brought them into the context of the New Testament, specifically the third commandment, *Keep Holy the Sabbath Day*. This commandment mandates us to give one hour, from sunset Saturday to sunset on Sunday, to God by attending Mass. The Eucharist is central to our relationship with Christ. It is through this Sacrament that we receive the grace of God and become more like Him.

At school, the students are encouraged to go to Mass on Sunday. As children, they are only able to what they are taught and allowed, by you, their primary educators. We encourage you to make this a priority for your family.

QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLING SURVEY

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project in 2017.

QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

From 20-31 March all staff, approximately 120 students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents have been sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report at the end of May and will use this report to inform their planning.

If you have been selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Please note the dates below for Week 1 next term. Monday is a school day while Friday is a pupil free day. We did try to make it the Monday but this was not possible due to the availability of facilitators.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Week 10 Parent teacher student conferences.

Wed 29th Mar Kinder 2018 Information Night – New Families Only 7.00pm

Fri 31st Mar Whole School Assembly

DanceFever Interschool Challenge (yrs 3-6) Homebush 5.30pm

Tues 4th Apr Principal's Morning Tea (Fr Warren's Birthday)

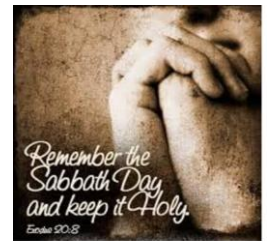
Fri 7th Apr Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Mon 24th Apr First day of Term 2 – Student DO attend school today

Tues 25th Apr ANZAC Day – Public Holiday

Fri 28th Apr Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th March 2017; Fourth Sunday of Lent-Year A (Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Gospel Reflection

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

See you at Mass this weekend!

OLA Parish Mass times

Saturdays-9am and 5.30pm

Sundays-8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

Confession

Saturdays-9.30am

CLASS PRAYER BAGS

Next week one student from each class will bring home a class prayer bag. In this bag are some ideas for your child and family to

reflect and pray throughout the week. There are some items to help you prepare a prayer space in your home. We encourage all families who have the prayer bag to take time out and pray as a family.



Lent-A time to Pray, Fast and give Alms

Lord Jesus,

I ask you to open my eyes as you did with the blind man, so that I may really see.

Tune my ears as you did with the man who was deaf and dumb, so that I may really hear what you are saying to me.

May the many experiences of my senses remind me to be aware of others and of all that is around me.

May all that I experience lead me closer to You.

Amen



From the Assistant Principal...

On Monday four staff members attended a professional learning day focused on teaching numeracy in the classroom. In the coming weeks, more OLA teachers will attend these sessions, facilitated by teacher educators from Diocese of Parramatta. These sessions unpacked what the 'numeracy block' (1 hour maths lesson each day) should look like, and teachers work shopped numerous games/activities and warm ups to facilitate deep reasoning skills, in line with our schools goal for the year.

The following is a reflection from some of our Year 3 teachers who attended the day last Monday.

"On Monday, Mrs Cheadle and myself attended a Professional Learning day on Mathematics in Years 3-6. We learnt so much and we were eager to implement our learning the next day in class. One important thing we learnt was changing our mindsets. Mathematics can sometimes be seen as challenging and this can impede us from wanting to learn more and, to at times, give up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxrPy1fjVU4> This video was shown at the Professional Learning Day and it really gives us an insight on how we all need to change our mindsets when completing something we deem challenging."

The concept of having a 'Growth Mindset' is crucial in any new learning but particularly in mathematics. Children will often comment, "I'm not good at mathematics", "I cant do maths!", 'maths is always hard!'. Sometimes this attitude is being reinforced at home when parents say, "I was never good at maths either!". Research has proven that having a 'growth mindset' goes a long way to achieving success. Changing the mindset from 'I cant' to 'I can with help...' is crucial. I hope that you take the time to watch the above video.

God Bless

Mr Cauchi

Assistant Principal

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

- Help your child write the spelling words on a separate piece of paper in alphabetical order.
- Have your children draw pictures for each of the spelling words. Have them write the word below the picture. Take all the pictures and create a spelling reference book over the course of the year.
- Create a word search with your child's spelling words. You can do this by making a grid of 10 squares by 10 squares, writing the spelling words in the grid, then filling up the other squares with random letters. Keep a list of your children's spelling words nearby for them to reference while doing the word search.
- Together, think of ways to remember the words. For example, *You HEAR with your EAR; He will be a FRIEND until the END; The ELEPHANT ate an ANT, that is why he has an ANT in him.* These types of memorization tricks are called *mnemonics*.
- Have your children write a story using as many of their spelling words as possible. Have them illustrate their stories.
- Make a concentration game out of the spelling words and play this game with your children.
- Dictate the words and their spellings onto an electronic device. Find moments for your children to listen to the recording - such as in the car or for a few minutes before bedtime. Or, help your children make their own recordings.

Source: <https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/369469/HelpingYourChildwithSpelling-AParentsGuide.pdf>

Bug Club

This digital reading resource will be available for the students to use at the end of the month. This will complement our guided readers in class. Students will be issued again with login cards. These will be the same username/passwords as last year. Our new students will receive their login cards soon.

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

OLA Cross Country 2017

On Thursday the 23rd of March, OLA had our school's annual cross country for 2017 at the Hills Centenary Park.

All the students from Years 2-6 that wanted to compete competitively and earn a place to compete in the Parramatta Diocesan Event walked over to The Hills Centenary Park across from the school grounds with their class teacher. Everyone that turned or was turning 11 or 12 this year had to run 3 km and the kids that turned or are turning 8 to 10 had to run 2km.

The first race of the day was the senior boys, followed by the senior girls and mixed boys and girls for the 11 years. For the 3km race they had to run the 3 laps around the oval and go down the hill twice, then do another lap around the oval until they reached the finish line where Mr Cauchi was there waiting to give us our place.

Then to start the 2km race, the 10 years boys and girls started to race. Then it was time for the 8 and 9 year boys and finally the 8 and 9 year girls were last to race. With the 2km race, the students only had to run two laps of the oval and down the hill once.

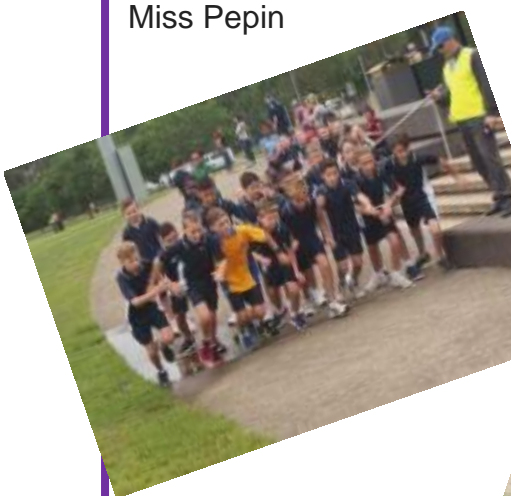
Everyone the race and even though the track was wet the students were still able to run competitively. Good luck to all those students competing at the Diocesan Cross Country next term. Thank you Miss Pepin, teachers and parents who organised the event.

Thomas Dobaj and Jesse Eldred(Gold House Captains)

OLA Cross Country

A BIG thank you to all the parents who gave up time in their day to help with yesterday's Cross Country. Without your help, it would not have been a great success! A note has been sent home today to all the children who have successfully made it to Diocesan. Training for Cross Country will commence **next Tuesday Morning, 8th March at 8am** with Miss Grima and myself. If any parents can come to help that would be great

Miss Pepin



From the office.....

School Fees – Term 1 school fees are now due and payable. Reminders have been sent out this week. If you need to discuss any aspect of the fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

Book Covering – With the new library nearly completed, we have a lot of readers to be covered. If you can assist with this (contact is provided), please call into the office to pick up a bag of books.

Kindergarten Siblings 2018 – We hope to send out the enrolment forms for kindergarten siblings next week. Please let us know, if you haven't already done so, if you have a child due to start school next year.

Winter Uniform – Just for the new families at school, the students will go into their winter uniform in Term 2, Week 4, Monday 15th May 2017. Winter uniform is now in stock. A reminder that the uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.20am – 9.30am. All other orders will be processed on Mondays and Wednesday and sent home with your child.

Please Note: The jumper is to be worn with the school uniform. The bomber jacket is to be worn over the jumper if a child is really cold NOT instead of the school jumper. Please help us by ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform to school.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We have attached a copy of the Premiers' Reading Challenge note that was sent home earlier this week. If you wish for your child to participate, please complete the slip and we will send home your password.

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Congratulations to Jesse Eldred who held the Diocesan Banner at the NSWCPSS Swimming Championships last Wednesday.

From the Classroom..... of 4G

This term, Year 4 has been looking at European exploration and the colonisation of Australia. We have been lucky enough to go on an excursion to Botany Bay to look at Australian history from the perspective of Indigenous Australians and the Europeans. Below are some pictures from our day.

It was an interesting walk around Botany Bay and we saw where Captain Cook landed.
- Kiara



We had lots of fun! We got to do bush walking and taste a plant.
- Lucas and Lachlan H



We loved learning about Captain Cook's arrival and how the Indigenous people lived before colonisation.
- Janelle



P&F NEWS

We are proud to announce that \$161.50 proceeds from last Friday's treats sales, including extra donations made on the day will be added to the school's total fundraised. Money raised will be donated to Westmead Children's Hospital. Further contributions can be made at www.gofundme.com/2hachwrw



OLA FAMILY FIESTA

MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 30th 7.30pm

- ☺ Would you like to run a stall or do you have a stall idea?
- ☺ Can you help us seek donations in the local and surrounding areas? (RHTC, Kellyville Plaza, Kellyville Village, Beaumont Hills, Castle Towers)
- ☺ Are you interested in having your own market stall? Please complete the expression of interest online. <https://goo.gl/forms/mKGqHZvecRsCNhV33>

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. Thank you in advance ☺

PARISH BALL

Would you like to dress up and go out for a fun night with friends? Join us at the Parish Ball on Saturday April 29th at Castle Hill RSL. Tickets are \$80. You can join a table of other school parents or book one of your own. With or without a partner...

Contact us via FB or email or pop in to the Parish Office. Hope to see you there ☺



SPECIAL TREATS MARCH 31:

Kellie Owen, Maria Muscat, Christine Zimmermann, Kylie Terzo, Angela Cammilleri & Karen Millers.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TREATS ROSTER IN TERM 2, PLEASE EMAIL US OR SEND A FACEBOOK PM. DUE TO OVERWHELMING VOLUNTEER SUPPORT YOU MAY ONLY BE ON THE ROSTER ONCE PER TERM.

Thank you to the team who sorted, washed and organised for the second hand uniform sale this morning. This is always a great opportunity to grab a 'spare'. Thank you also to all the families who have donated items. We look forward to another sale towards the end of Term 2.



2017|2018 Entertainment Books & Digital Memberships are coming!

To pre-order head to:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2186b64>

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*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



DRIVEWAYS

You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$180 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$325 and 2 demerit points

Congratulations to the following students who received these awards:

Academic for working hard
St Francis for showing the qualities of St Francis
Einstein for recognising mistakes as an opportunity for learning.

Term 1 Week 9	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Lauren Caraos	Marcus Farrugia	Ayden Stewart
Year 3 G	Ava Carney	Zara Zivic	Raymon Chayban
Year 3 W	Acacia Sales	Charlotte Muscat	Georgia McQuaid
Year 4 B	Eva Sultana	Lauren Eyles	Bryce McDonald
Year 4 G	Jacob Cremona	Michael Eyles	Kirsten Graham
Year 4 W	Bowen Cleary	Rishi Pillai	Nikki O'Neill
Year 5 B	Jacob Connellan	Charlotte Zahra	Kenneth Tjhin
Year 5W	Tamsyn Brown	Alannah Lock	Thomas Lenane
Year 6 B	Isaac Sultana	Rebecca Kausei	Ariane Maher
Year 6 G	Max Kelly	Shanae Makumbe	John Paul Colosimo
Year 6 W	Anthony Kamber	Charlie Hallal	Jack Bowden

From the Parish Office...

Parish Ball

On Saturday, 29 April, the Parish will be holding a Ball at the Castle Hill RSL Club. Tickets go on sale next weekend \$80-. Please contact the parish office for further information.

Santa Sophia

Bishop Vincent has announced that the new school at Box Hill will be named Santa Sophia. We ask that you continue to keep this school in your prayers. For further information regarding enrolments, please contact Parramatta CEO 9840 5600.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on tomorrow - Saturday, 18 March after the 5.30pm Mass.

BYO: nibblies & drink. Cash Jackpot!! \$550.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night in Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 pm. This is a great way to do that something extra for Lent.

EASTER SERVICES at OLA

Palm Sunday: normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am

Confessions available after the stations

The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday evening 6.30pm

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

After Mass, there will be a special morning tea and Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny!

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!

*** Actor's Needed ***

For the Good Friday Stations of the Cross being presented by the OLA Youth at 10am. Any Year 6 student who would like to be involved, please contact Faith - Youth Co-ordinator.

Please note there will be Rehearsals commencing at 4:00 pm on Sunday, 26/3/17, 2/4/17 and 9/4/17.

Until next week, God bless, have a lovely weekend and stay safe. Remember Sunday Mass.

Eva La Rocca, Principal