3 March 2017
Term 1 Week 6

**Dates to Remember**

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**Project Compassion:**

"To launch Project Compassion for 2017 there was a Liturgy at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. All the School Captains from the Diocese joined us. The theme this year is Always Love Your Neighbour. The Pancakes at the end were delicious.” Bailey

"My favourite part of Project Compassion launch was the students from different backgrounds doing readings for the people of their cultural backgrounds. Also the pancake at the end were tasty." Julie

"The Liturgy was held at Sacred Heart Cathedral at Hamilton on Tuesday. It was very meaningful and the performance from Aspire was very uplifting." Gemma

"I enjoyed the time there, where I saw lots of things like a mini play which was cool, an old friend and good pancakes, but not better than our school’s pancakes." Jai

**Easter Liturgy:** We will be holding our Easter Liturgy on Friday 7 April. Please note this new date on your calendars.

**ANZAC Liturgy:** Please add 6 April to your calendar for our ANZAC Liturgy. Our guests from the Shortland sub-branch of the RSL will be joining us from 10am.

**Catholic Schools Week:** This year from 5 to 11 March 2017, Our Lady of Victories will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). The theme for CSW 2017 is Catholic schools: Great learning, Great communities which focuses on forging and strengthening relationships between Catholic schools and their local communities which enable them to continue to thrive. This is made possible through the support of the schools’ students, staff, families, priests, parishioners and members of the wider community.

During CSW, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day. For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us at Our Lady of Victories to celebrate with our school and parish community during CSW 2017.

This is an ideal opportunity to support our community of Our Lady of Victories and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible. This special week on the NSW/ACT Catholic Schools’ calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

There will be some activities at OLV to celebrate during the week. The main activity will be on Friday 10 March:

- Mass: 9:00am
- Morning Tea: 9:30 – 10:30am
- Open Classrooms: 10am to 10:45
- Mini concert: 10:45 – 11:15am

Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy the morning. Bring your relatives, friends, neighbours and maybe you know some prospective enrolments.

**P&F Meeting:** We had a healthy roll up at our Association meeting last Monday. We welcomed some new parents as well as established ones to the meeting.

An Extraordinary AGM was held prior to the General Meeting to canvas for new Office Bearers. The Association was successful in attracting some new faces to hold these positions. Congratulations and thanks to:

- President: Kylie Westaway
- Secretary: Rowena Olejnik
- Treasurer: Sally Walsh
- Canteen: Nicole Warburton
- Fund Raising: Kelly Carruccio (TBC)

If you have any suggestions and comments you would like to make for the Association, please contact our new Executive. The minutes of each meeting will be available electronically after each meeting on the school website at http://www.shortland.catholic.edu.au/f-documents-and-flyers.html, via the SchoolBag App and on the school Facebook page.

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Pupil Free Day: Parents are asked to add to their calendars a Pupil Free Day on March 17. The school will be closed so the teachers can spend the day developing a school-wide scope and sequence for Science and Tech.

Enrolments 2018: The enrolment period for 2018 begins next week. Parents who are seeking enrolment for their children at OLV in 2018 should ask for an Application for Enrolment from the office. If you are aware of any families that are also considering enrolling next year, please pass on this message.

Lock Down Drill: We will be practising a ‘Lock Down’ drill on Wednesday next week. During this drill, the children and teachers will ensure they are aware of how to react and what is a safe reaction to a threatening situation.

Pastoral Care Worker: It is with disappointment that I inform the school community that Mrs Melville our Pastoral Care Worker has had to resign due to family reasons. We are in the process of finding a replacement and will let the community know in due course.

Baby Congratulations: The storks were working overtime in our community lately. Special congratulations to the Ference and Fitzgibbon families on their little bundles of joy, a little brother Will for Annalise and also another little brother Max, for Harry. Best wishes to both families and we look forward to seeing them grow.

Homework Club: Our Homework Club in the afternoons is taking off slowly. Sr Anna is available to supervise the children each afternoon for any parents who have commitments after school time. Sr Anna is available each afternoon from Tuesdays – Fridays from 3-6pm. Parents may make a permanent booking or if something comes up, you can ring the school and look your children in for a casual afternoon. The cost is a $10 donation for each child each afternoon and they will have to supply their own snack if they want one.

School Photos: The children will be having their photos taken on Monday 13 March. Coming home today, parents should have received an envelope and instructions on how to order any photos of your child and their class.

Class News:

What’s happening in your child’s class?

Kinder

We learn something new every day in Kinder!
K-2 marked the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday liturgy, where we learned that the ashes remind us that we make mistakes and that we want to change our ways to be more like Jesus. We are exploring how Lent is a time of preparation before Easter and that Easter teaches us about new life. Our Kinders take part in daily Christian meditation – it’s a great way to pause, reflect and engage in meaningful prayer with God!
In English, we are learning more and more about the books we are reading including long and short words, commas, full stops, spaces and title pages. We are learning to summarise the events in a book – ask your child about the events we recorded in our story map of Rosie’s Walk!
In Maths we are actively using our knowledge of numbers 0-10 by learning how to add two numbers together to find the total. We have used dice, dominoes and counting blocks to assist our learning. Ask your child to add two groups of toys/books/hats together at home!
OLV will be showcasing the gifts and talents of all our students as part of Catholic Schools Week next Friday as part of a school assembly. Kinder can’t wait to share their learning with our visitors as we celebrate ‘Catholic Schools: Great Learning, Great Communities’.
Have a great week!

Year 1/2

In Religion this week we discussed the term ‘Kingdom of God’. We read some parables from the Bible that mention the Kingdom of God and we discussed in pairs why Jesus wants us to live in peace and happiness together. We also took part in the Infants’ Ash Wednesday Liturgy yesterday morning to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. This week we had a special visit from Mrs Spencer. She was happy to tell us about ‘OLV in the Olden Days’ (!), when she was a student here. Mrs Spencer told us lots of interesting stories and showed us her original school uniform, her old exercise books and some black-and-white photos from her school days. In English we wrote summaries of what we learnt from Mrs Spencer and we will have our writing samples on display for you to read next week at our Open Day. This week in Maths we have been learning about Mass. We have been comparing objects using an equal arm balance to order them from lightest to heaviest. Yr 1/2 have also been using informal units to measure the mass of different objects. In Health we built towers in one minute using different materials. First, we did this activity on our own and then we did it again in a team. We realised we built better towers when we worked in a group, supporting each other, sharing our ideas and cooperating. These are important skills we need to rely on when working in teams, as well as being good communicators.

Year 3

Year 3 has been working hard developing an understanding of the reciprocal nature of multiplication and division. We worked on problem solving with word problems. In English, we continue to develop our writing skills working on the use of descriptive language.

In history, we read parts of the text Playground compiled by Nadia Wheatley. The text provides insight into Aboriginal understandings of the land and home. In Science, we developed an understanding of categorising living things according to whether they are animals or plants. In visual arts, we drew different stages of the meal worm lifecycle. In drama, we are preparing a readers’ theatre to present for Catholic Schools week. In religion, we continue to learn about the customs of life in Jesus’ time including clothing and types of occupations.

Year 4

This week in Religion we discussed ways Jesus showed love and compassion during His ministry. We also reflected on the question: What illness would you like Jesus to heal today and why? In English, after reading a few more chapters of ‘The Tale of Despereaux’, we wrote about the main idea, the key event of that part of the story, we predicted what might happen next and we wrote a fact and an opinion from that section of the story. We also discussed ideas around what is in people’s hearts and what might make someone’s heart be sad, joyous, heavy, etc. In Maths this week, we have been focusing on multiplication and division. We looked at the multiplication tables to find number relationships such as halves, doubles and triples. We also played some trading games with dice and MAB material and were introduced to the term ‘factors’. During our Bounce Back lesson this week we discussed the ‘U’ in BOUNCE – Unhelpful thinking can make you more upset. Some important things that we are trying out are: Focus on the future instead of the past. Accept that you can’t have everything you want. It’s not the end of the world if you are sometimes
disappointed. We had a great time at the Athletics Carnival yesterday. Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who were there. Thanks to Mr V for his organisation.

**Year 5**

We discussed what it means to belong to and be a follower or supporter of something such as a club or special interest group. We brainstormed lots of words to describe the qualities and behaviours of followers or supporters and created a vocabulary mind map to describe the concept of a 'follower'.

In Mathematics, we continued activities on length measurement using various devices to measure different distances around the school. We learned about noun groups in English focusing on examples from our class novel while in History we read a text that explored the different reasons behind British colonization of Australia.

In Religion this week, we have looked at numerous passages from the Bible, finding the reasons people followed Jesus before His death and resurrection and after Pentecost. We also participated in the Parish Mass for Ash Wednesday. In maths, we have been concentrating on addition and getting our columns, and therefore place value, correct. In English, we read about the arrival of the Second Fleet, which not only brought more tools and supplies, but death and disease, and our characters are dealing with the change to their lives because of this. In Bounce Back this week, we looked at the reasons why we need to talk to others about our problems. In Art, we created 3D artworks using cool colours and warm colours. In Science, we will identify why camels were used for explorations of Central Australia and which structural features help them to survive in desert environments. All of this and an Athletics Carnival too!

**Year 6**

In Religion this week, we observed a number of depictions of the Cross of Jesus. After discussing their varying aspects, we each painted our own depiction of the Cross. They look great on our wall! We discussed the influence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples and in our lives today. We participated in the Shrove Tuesday Liturgy by leading the school in a respectful and meaningful ceremony. In English we have been sharing our picture books on the SMART board. Each of us is completing a peer assessment sheet for each book. We worked together to decide on aspects of the books we wanted to assess and compiled a sheet which included them. All the stories are of great quality! We are working hard in Music to master the song, "Imagine" by John Lennon on our ukuleles. It is coming together well. We had a fun day at the Athletics Carnival yesterday and it was wonderful to see all our Year 6 members participate so enthusiastically. Well done!

**SPORTS CORNER**

School Cross Country

Seems Term 1 is a very sporty term.

On Wednesday, 29 March we will be conducting our school Cross Country Championships. A course will be laid out in Northcott Park (adjacent to the school on Lovell Pde) and the children will compete, running different distances according to their age groups.

The infants up to the age of eight will participate in a 1km event, 8-10yr olds in a 2km event and our seniors in a 3km event.

The children are encouraged to participate at their own pace and complete as much as they can, or more if they like. But, if children wish to represent the school at the Diocesan trials in term 2, then they will have to complete their distance under the qualifying times.

Racing commences at 10am and parents are invited and encouraged to come along and join in the exercise with their children.

Events commence at 10am.

**Athletics Carnival**

We had a great day yesterday. All the children had smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts as they ran, jumped and threw at our carnival. Not even the rain could dampen their enthusiasm. A special thanks to the parents that helped out in various capacities. Your time and support helped the carnival move along very smoothly. It was great to see so many parents, relatives and friends there supporting their children.

We will be presenting the ribbons and trophies on Monday at after morning liturgy.

**Lexia**

Lexia awards go to:

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Congratulations girls and boys!
Keep it up!

Mrs McCallum

Great win by the Broncos last night. Let’s hope the Knights can do the same on the weekend.

Kind regards,
Gerry Vandermaat - Principal
### Canteen Roster - This is a temporary roster until volunteers are confirmed

More volunteers are desperately needed.

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