Our Lady's Voice
Our Lady of Victories Primary School

9 March 2017
Term 1 Week 7

Dates to Remember

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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:
There will be some activities at OLV to celebrate tomorrow, Friday 10 March:
- Mass: 9:00am
- Morning Tea: 9:30 – 10:30am
- Open Classrooms: 10am to 10:30am
- 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.

Our captains attended the Diocesan CSW Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday. They had the following to say:
Gemma: The CSW Mass was very moving and the choir was beautiful.
Bailey: The Mass was very interesting because there were lots of priests celebrating.
Julie: I liked the choir a lot, they sang really well.
Jai: I really liked the singing, it was very good. There were lots of teachers and students there.

Welcome: We welcome Ari B to our school community. We wish him a successful transition to his new school and look forward to seeing him fitting into our community.

OLV Feast Day: We will be celebrating the feast day of our school’s patron saint on 23 March. Year 5 will lead the parish Mass at 9am. We will be having a BBQ Sausage Sizzle lunch from 11am for the children and any hungry parents. There will be a fun session of mixed games after lunch beginning at 12 noon. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome to join us for any of the activities.

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.

If parents of Year 6 are looking for Application forms for a Catholic high school, these will be sent home in Week 9. They need to be returned to school by end of Week 1 in Term 2. These will then be forwarded to the respective high schools. Parents have a choice of sending their children to San Clemente at Mayfield or St Peter’s, Adamstown. Parents may not make application for enrolment at both schools. Further information regarding enrolling in a Catholic High School is available on the CSO website at https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/parents-community/how-to-enroll

If parents are looking towards the public or selective high school, they should contact that school.

Canteen Volunteers: Now we have a canteen co-ordinator we are aiming to create a more permanent canteen volunteer roster. We are contemplating the idea of having the canteen open for a second day but we need volunteers. Included with today’s newsletter is a form requesting volunteers for the canteen. If you wish to join in and help on canteen once a month, please return the form to the office ASAP. Thankyou.

P & F meets 4th Monday every month.

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Easter Raffle: One of our more successful fundraisers is our Easter Raffle. Attached is a booklet of raffle tickets for the annual Easter raffle which will be drawn Thursday 6 April. Each family has been allocated 15 tickets to sell and the P&F would appreciate your support in selling these tickets. Ticket stubs and funds raised can be returned to the office the zip lock bag provided and clearly labelled ‘Easter Raffle’. Anyone who would like more tickets to sell can collect them from the office.

If you are unable to sell all of the allocated tickets, that is OK, please ensure you return them to the office by Friday 31 March.

Easter Parade: To help support the Easter Raffle we will be having an “Easter Bonnet/Fancy Dress” Out of Uniform Day on the 31 March. The children may dress up in an Easter theme and/or make a bonnet for a parade. Instead of a gold coin donation, we ask that you send your children to school with a donation of Easter eggs, bunnies or chocolates as a contribution towards the annual Easter Raffle prizes. If you have any unused baskets to donate, please bring them in as well.

School Photos: The children will be having their photos taken on Monday 13 March. Parents should have received an envelope and instructions on how to order any photos of your child and their class. If you wish to have family photos taken, then please contact the office.

All the children will have an individual photo and a class photo taken, though there is no obligation to purchase a package. Please ensure the children are in their full summer uniform, shoes shined and hair combed. Please ensure your child is at school before 8am ready for the whole school photo.

Diocesan Pastoral Contribution:
Thank you to the families who have returned their Diocesan Pastoral Contribution form. We require a response from every family in regard to this Voluntary contribution. If you have not returned as yet it would be appreciated if you could return this ASAP. Extra copies are available from the office, Website, Skoolbag and Facebook.

OLV student success: Just wanted to let you know how awesome our OLV kids are doing at San Clemente. At the SRC award ceremony yesterday (Student Rep Council) there were children from OLV selected as representatives in every year....
Yr 7 Tom Maher
Yr 8 Jasmine Hole & Scarlett Newton
Yr 9 Georgia Wortboys & Sharni Tilbrook
Yr 10 Max Noble School Captain

Congratulations, children! Everyone at OLV is very proud of you!

Class News:
What's happening in your child's class?

Kinder
In Kinder we continue to learn about being part of a great Catholic School and a great community here at OLV Shortland!
In History we are learning about the past and the present. We read a dreamtime story from the past called ‘Tiddalick The Frog’ and created our own story map. During our speaking and listening time over the next 2 weeks it would be fantastic if your child could present something used in the past to share with the class (e.g.: an old telephone, camera/photo or school book).
In Sport we are broadening our fundamental movement skills as we explore how to throw, catch, roll and bounce objects. Our goal is to use these skills in a game soon! Make sure you have fun with these skills at home with your friends and family!
I am so very proud of my students and the steady progress they are making with the everyday skills they have developed such as learning the days of the week, counting forwards and backwards to/tfrom 10, the letters of the alphabet (we are up to the letter q), ‘clapping’ the sounds in their names (please practice at home!) and how to hold our pencil with the correct pencil grip. Keep it up!
Have a great week! ©

Year 1/2
It has been such a busy week. Well done to everyone on their efforts at last Thursday’s Athletics Carnival - the children participated with enthusiasm! In Religion this week we have wrapped up our unit on ‘Jesus The Teacher’ by using crayons to draw a picture to demonstrate our understanding of what the Kingdom of God is like. We shared a parable describing the Kingdom of God as growing like a mustard seed over time, into a tree that birds seek shelter in. We also read that the Kingdom of God is precious like a hidden treasure or pearl. In Spelling this week Yr 1 have been working on the sounds ‘st’ and ‘sm’ and Year 2 have been focusing on the ‘ck’ sound in the middle of words. Each week we are continuing to work on our recall/spelling of sight words using the mini-whiteboards. In Maths we are looking into multiplication and division. We have been observing how multiplication is the same as repeated addition through hands-on materials, making groups and working on number lines. This week’s focus has been Catholic Schools Week and Yr 1/2 are very excited about sharing with you some of the things we have been learning about this term. We’ve been rehearsing our performance for Friday's concert and we're looking forward to presenting this for our friends and families.

Year 3
Another busy week for year 3 as we prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week. We have worked hard on our performance and we hope that you can come and enjoy it. This week we have also worked on our understanding of fractions progressing to fifths and thirds in addition to halves, quarters and eighths. We continue to work on our writing skills, developing our ability to create a sensational start to the story by focusing on a beginning that is action packed or highly descriptive. In science we continue to work in our groups developing our understanding of animal classification. In religion we learnt more about holy days and celebrating for first century Jewish people. Finally, we used parts of our insect drawings drawn previously, which had been photocopied, and created mythical creatures following a study of the work of Chinese medieval artists.

Year 4
In Religion this week we looked at the story in Matthew’s Gospel that ends with the words "...whenever you did this for the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me." From this, we then talked about who the needy in our world are today and ways that the Church helps them in the name of Jesus. In Maths we have been working on consolidating our understanding of factors. We realise the importance of knowing the multiplication tables to help us in many aspects of our work. In English we continued learning some new vocabulary from the book "The Tale of Despereaux". We also designed a WANTED poster for one of the characters in the book. This week, we have also been hard at work preparing for our Mass, which celebrates Catholic Schools Week tomorrow, and practicing our concert item. We welcome a new student,
You know why they have them? Ask us, because we do! This week we will start researching different animals and their adaptations. In Maths, we have been focusing on our accuracy in trading and on becoming efficient problem solvers. In English, we finished our novel and shared our mixed feelings at the way it ended. Next week, we will email the author, Jackie French, and send her suggestions for a new cover, on which we are now working. In Bounce Back, we looked at what a reality check was and how we can get a one when there is a problem. We have also been practicing for our performance on Friday. We can’t wait to show you! – Mrs McGann

In Religion, we have begun our unit on Lent and Easter and we are exploring and deepening our understanding of the season of Lent through observing media and following up with discussion in groups and reporting back to the class. In English, we have been working in groups to create a script about bringing home “a lost thing” and imagining our parents’ reaction to it. The groups have started performing their act for the class and we are using peer observations to assess their performance and script. In Maths, we have had some fun working with multiplication, division and fractions and decimals to work out value for money using products from online catalogues from various supermarkets. In History we are continuing to understand the process involved in Federation and the structures of the government. Our Homework task related to this unit were well done last week! We are looking forward to our celebration of Catholic Schools Week tomorrow. We hope you can join us for Mass, Open Classroom and our ukulele performance!

**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 Pt) 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 2 km event and our Seniors in a 3 km 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**

After a great day on the track we would like to announce the champions for each division.

- **Junior Girls’ Champion:** Maria Kuku
  **Runner Up:** Jocelyn B
- **Junior Boys’ Champion:** Julian A & Peace H
  **Runner Up:** To be announced tomorrow after the concert.
- **Senior Girls’ Champion:** Lolo K
  **Runner Up:** Sienna W
- **Senior Boys’ Champion:** Ryan G
  **Runner Up:** Kane E

Well done to all the children. The top two placetgeters in each event will be selected to represent the school at the Regional Carnival.

May you be in heaven 5 minutes
Before the devil knows you’re dead.

Kind regards,
Gerry Vandermaat - Principal.

**ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS**

**Term 1 Week 6**

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Captains

**Awards**

Julian A The Whole School

Principal’s

**Awards**

Logan E Bailey W (Yr 3) Jai C.
### Canteen Roster - This is a temporary roster until volunteers are confirmed
More volunteers are desperately needed.

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