

Pope Francis' 2018 Easter Message

The power of God's love "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty."

"Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter! Jesus is risen from the dead!

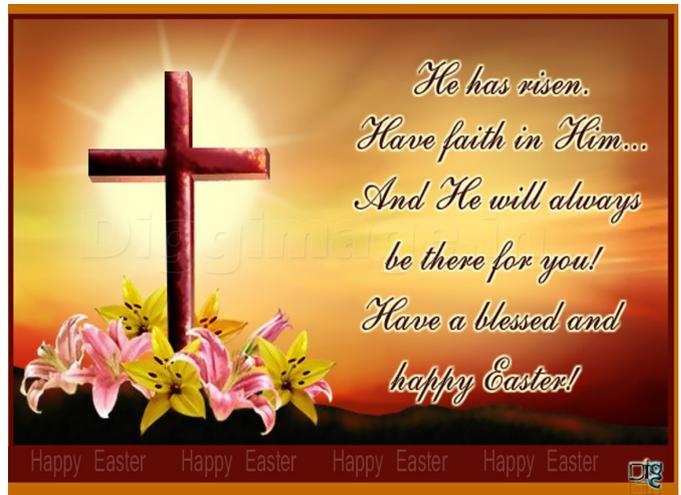
This message resounds in the Church the world over, along with the singing of the Alleluia: Jesus is Lord; the Father has raised him and he lives forever in our midst. Jesus had foretold his death and resurrection using the image of the grain of wheat. He said: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12:24). And this is precisely what happened: Jesus, the grain of wheat sowed by God in the furrows of the earth, died, killed by the sin of the world. He remained two days in the tomb; but his death contained God's love in all its power, released and made manifest on the third day, the day we celebrate today: the Easter of Christ the Lord.

We Christians believe and know that Christ's resurrection is the true hope of the world, the hope that does not disappoint. It is the power of the grain of wheat, the power of that love which humbles itself and gives itself to the very end, and thus truly renews the world. This power continues to bear fruit today in the furrows of our history, marked by so many acts of injustice and violence. It bears fruits of hope and dignity where there are deprivation and exclusion, hunger and unemployment, where there are migrants and refugees (so often rejected by today's culture of waste), and victims of the drug trade, human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery...

Dear brothers and sisters,

The words heard by the women at the tomb are also addressed to us: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen" (Lk 24:5-6). Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the resurrection (cf. JOHN PAUL II, Conclusion of the Way of the Cross, 18 April 2003). By the power of God's love, it "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty" (Easter Proclamation). Happy Easter to all!"

[See the whole of Pope Francis' sermon here](#)



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Principal's Message

**Happy Easter!
Jesus is risen!
Alleluia!**



Early Sunday morning I attended mass on MacMasters Beach with about 300 other early birds as we celebrated the core of our faith - That Jesus suffered and died for us and then rose from the dead. As the sun slowly rose out of the ocean, we were reminded that as Christians, we are people of HOPE.

A hope that reminds us that no matter what hardship or trial that we face, our God loves us and is



there with us in the midst of our pain and suffering. We know this because Jesus suffered the pain and humiliation of Good Friday that lead to his death on the cross. However, three days later he rose from the dead to show us that pain and death no longer is the end.

As people of hope, we are also called to be people of JOY. The joy of Easter should infect our lives and all that we do. People should be able to see the Joy of God's unending love radiate from us every day. This call to be people of joy was echoed by Pope Francis in *Evangelii gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel 2013) "The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew."

Alleluia Dinner

To celebrate the risen Christ and the end of a great term at OLR, I invite families to join us for our Alleluia Dinner on Friday 6th April from 5:30pm in the school playground. The school will provide a free BBQ and we ask families to bring a shared salad or dessert, a picnic rug or something to sit on.

(Please note that this is an alcohol free zone as per CSO policy)

To help with catering, please let us know if you are able to join us by completing [this quick online form](#) by Thursday. This is just an indication of numbers.

Sadly, we say **goodbye to Fr Stephen Hamilton** as he retires and moves back to Melbourne to be with his family. Fr Stephen has been a great blessing to our parish and will be missed by many. We wish him well and promise to keep him in our prayers.

ANZAC DAWN SERVICE- WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL, 2018

ANZAC Day is a special day in our country's calendar. As a school we have always been well presented at the Dawn Service with a small representation at the ANZAC Day March. This year ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays and many teachers have already made commitments that will exclude them from attending the services at The Entrance.

For this reason, I have decided that the **official school** representation will be at the **Dawn Service** where we traditionally form the guard of honour.

Students are **still welcome to attend and join in the March**, however they will need to be in the company of their parents as **no teacher** is available to attend.

All students are reminded that we traditionally form the guard of honour at the Cenotaph for the Dawn Service. It is expected that School Captains and Mini-Vinnies students make a special effort to represent our school at this Service although we understand that it is during the school holidays and families may be away on holidays.

Meeting Place: We will meet up at the Cenotaph at 5:10am for the 5:30am start. As there is always a crowd **please arrive early**. *Students will remain with teachers until parents collect them at the end of the Service.*

Dress: Full School Uniform and school jacket (if required).

Please complete the [attendance note](#) so we know who to expect.

Thank you

Harmony Day

OLR will be celebrating Harmony Day in Week 11 on Wednesday 11th April. We will be completing activities in our classroom related to inclusiveness and belonging and would love the students to come along dressed in something that symbolises their family's heritage. This could be as simple as wearing the colours of another country or dressing in an item of traditional dress for another country.

Students and teachers will also share a communal picnic at lunch time to celebrate a sense of belonging at OLR. Click on this link to find out more.

[Harmony Day](#)

REMINDERS:

- ◇ Alleluia Dinner this Friday, 6th April
- ◇ Harmony Day, Wednesday, 11th April
- ◇ Anzac Liturgy, Friday, 13th April at 1pm in the School Chapel
- ◇ Friday, 13th April—Last Day of Term 1. Students return to school on Monday, 30th April.



Assistant Principal's Update

Uniform Policy: a few weeks ago we put out a draft Uniform Policy which will carry us through until the change over date for the new school uniform. Thank you to those parents who made comment. This Uniform Policy will come into effect on the first day of Term 2, 2018 and so from this date, staff will be encouraging all students to abide by this policy and wear the correct uniform with pride. Please use the link below to access the policy for your information.

[Uniform Policy](#)

In the first instance that a student is not wearing the correct uniform, they will be reminded by either their class teacher or a member of the leadership team and asked to be in correct uniform the next day. If this continues then a note will be sent to the parents requesting they support their child in wearing the correct uniform. If at any time your child cannot be in full school uniform please send a note

outlining the reason and the possible length of time, to your child's class teacher.

Thank you to those parents who are refraining from using the staff carpark during the hours of 7:45m-4:00pm. This makes OLR a much safer place for all.

Religious Education Co-Ordinator's Update

I hope you had a very happy and holy Easter weekend!

Holy Week Prayer Stations

Through the Holy Week Prayer Stations, we journeyed through the events of Holy Week with Jesus. It was a wonderful success, with all classes reporting back that it was a very moving and prayerful experience for the students and their teachers.

Easter Mass

Thank you to Fr Bill for joining us in our Easter celebration and leading us in a very special Mass to celebrate our Risen Lord. Thank you also to our musicians for their wonderful playing and singing!

ANZAC Liturgy

Please join us in the Chapel on Friday next week, 13th April at 1pm for our school ANZAC Day Liturgy, which will be led by Year 1.

**Anzac Liturgy—
Friday, 13th April at 1pm in
the School Chapel.**

Year One Writing Examples

Our Year 1 students have been practising their writing and are improving all the time.

[Zoe's "Tacky the Penguin"](#)

Haven't they done a great job writing and presenting their work?

They are writing some amazing pieces and we would like to share a few with you.

[Pauline's "My Warm Memory"](#)

[Gypsy's "Mother Owl"](#)

Well done all of Year 1 for your great work!

Star Point Awards



Isla K
Izabella S
Thomas McC



Taya W	Jacob G	Lauren H
Liam S	Kayla B	Johan B
Cohen M	Lachlan McM	Emma D
Emily T	Curtis K	Joseph H
Daniel S	Taylor C	Sam N
Mason L		





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<i>My Behaviour Impacts the Learning of others</i>			
Term 1/2			
Week 11		Week 1 Term 2	
Monday 09/04	Assembly 2.20pm	Monday 30/04	First day of Term 2 Assembly 2.20pm
Tuesday 10/04	Band	Tuesday 01/05	Band
Wednesday 11/04	Playgroup Harmony Day at OLR	Wednesday 02/05	Playgroup
Thursday 12/04	Morning Tea with Parents in the VSR at 9.15am. All welcome	Thursday 03/05	
Friday 13/04	Anzac Day Liturgy 1pm LAST DAY OF TERM 1	Friday 04/05	
Saturday 14/04		Saturday 05/05	
Sunday 15/04		Sunday 06/05	

Sports News

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to try out for **Polding Teams**.

- Elijah R - Hockey
- Matilda M - Soccer
- Hunter K - Touch

Cross Country

This Friday, about 80 students from OLR will be attending the Central Coast Catholic Schools' Cross Country Carnival at Mt. Penang. We wish all these athletes the best and know that they will represent our school with pride, but they will also do their best.



O.L.R Football

O.L.R Participated in an All Schools Central Coast Football Competition. We played 4 games on the 29th of March. Three of the games we had to play against Catholic Schools and we only had 2 tries scored against us. Though on the fourth we had to verse Kanwal Public School and, sadly the students lost 6 ~ 10. They were the best Catholic School on the day and were invited to a Sydney School Comp in a months time. Congratulations and thank you to the Students, the coach : Shane B, assistant coach : Jay B and our PE teacher: Peter H. Written by Quade and Ryan B

Canteen Update

CANTEEN ROSTER				
9th Apr	10th Apr	11th Apr	12th Apr	13th Apr
Libby B	Lauren S	Joan C*, Kristie S^, Gillian R	Amanda B, Melanie K	Amber W, Jo M, Danielle R*
TERM 2 30th Apr	1st May	2nd May	3rd May	4th May
Travis R	Kathryn C, Marianne M	Joan C*, Gillian R	Krystal F^, Brianna D	Amber W*, Siobhan M
7th May	8th May	9th May	10th May	11th May
Sarah P, Jade G*	Kathleen H, Kylie B	Desley G-B, Kristy Q	Robyn Mc, Felicia W	Priscilla P, Jessica S,

Hi All

Hope you all had a great Easter and enjoyed the break. The Easter Treats special was a huge hit with the children, they all loved it!! Thanks so much to the mums and dads who came in to help on the day, it was much appreciated.

If anyone is available to do canteen on Friday 13th, the last day of school, please let me know.

Amber Trench—Canteen Co-Ordinator

