Dear Parents/Guardians

On behalf of the staff of OLG I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday break. The term finishes this Friday afternoon and recommences for students on Wednesday 27 April. The school’s ANZAC service will be conducted at 8.35am on Friday 29 April. The first whole school mass of the term will be celebrated on Wednesday 4 May.

Long-term, Dedicated Service to OLG Students
Mary Happ was a classroom teacher at OLG in the days when many of the teachers were nuns. She married Michael, and later they both began offering our students instrumental lessons. While they had spoken of retirement it came as an unhappy surprise when they said they would not be returning next term.

The advent of the involvement of Sacred Heart in our instrumental program will certainly ease the transition by offering a wide range of instruments including those the Michael and Mary have covered so well, for so many years.

I sincerely thank them for their many, many years working with our students and wish them well in retirement.

Tournament of Minds
OLG has a history of involvement in TOM reaching back twenty years or so with an impressive record of success at the State and, to a lesser extent, the National level. Our process at OLG is to select a group of students from Years Five and Six for an extended period of training across Term Two.

This training period not only improves the skills of the participants but allows to observe how well they perform in a group problem solving situation as well as the level of their performance skills. All these are important attributes of a successful TOM team member.

Selection of the initial squad is based on:

- Performance on both the ACER General Ability Test (AGAT) and the ACER Test of Learning Ability (TOLA)
- Peer nominations coming from a survey instrument administered to all Year Five and Six students; and
- Teacher nominations.

The four teams we will enter will each be comprised of three or four Year Six and three or four Year Five students, with just seven members in each team.

The training sessions are great learning experience in their own right as is involvement in a TOM team regardless of the level of their competitive success.
Caring for the Education and Well Being of Each Of Our Students.
I have said it many times but it is worthwhile repeating, especially on the back of our three way interviews.

Your child is precious, both to you and your school. If you have a concern, your first response should be to immediately (by the next day, if possible) contact your child's teacher. Share your concerns with a view to having some sort of agreed plan put into place to address them - if they still exist after that initial discussion.

That plan should simply but clearly lay out what both you, as parents, and the school are aiming to achieve and how, with agreed timelines regarding further progress updates. Clearly, for more intractable issues, other staff members or outside agencies may need to be involved and this will extend the time before something definite can be put in place.

Above all, understand that your child's teacher and the school are your partners in such a plan. Rarely will it be that either you or the school has full responsibility for the success of the plan. It will come about as the result of partnership.

If at any stage you feel unhappy with how things are going, then by all means arrange to meet with me. I know, however, that I can assure you, that your child's teacher is serious about addressing your child's needs just as the school is serious about supporting that teacher with all its available resources, in achieving that goal.

The Creation of a Sacred Space.
You may not know that the convent has a backyard grotto devoted to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Given that the convent will ultimately be demolished, we have a plan to create a new space where individuals or class groups may gather in prayer, contemplation or simply to be in a quiet, reflective place.

With the most generous support of Melisa and Jamie of North Shore Landscapes, it is planned to create such a space in the small courtyard off the north side of the library. Given the 9 years of service that Sr Irene Kubacki gave to the children of our school and the members of the parish, we would like to name this space, something along the lines of: the Sr Irene Kubacki Marian Garden.

Having tangible reminders of the work of the Sisters, over close to sixty years, in our school is both important and appropriate.

Reading Books and Levels
For a parent it is interesting to note which reading level your child is on and to note his/her progress through those levels. Each student has three levels of texts for reading and these are based not just the child’s ability to ‘decode’ (work out the words on the page and say them), but more importantly to demonstrate comprehension of the text. The latter will be evidenced when the child can:

- Answer literal, inferential and evaluative questions based on the text
- Use their knowledge of syntax and semantics to correctly decode unknown words in the texts or at least come up with substitutions that are both syntactically and semantically appropriate.

[As an example, I can read/decode Latin reasonably well but I have absolutely no idea what it means – no comprehension means no true reading is taking place, just decoding.]

The three levels:

**Instructional.** A student’s reading level is determined to be instructional when a decoding accuracy rate is between 90 and 94 percent. This is a text that the child can use to learn to extend their decoding and comprehension skills during teacher-lead lessons.

**Independent.** A student’s independent (sometimes labelled easy) reading level corresponds to an accuracy rate is over 94 percent. This is a text the student is able to read by him or herself without teacher support and would be the level of ‘home readers’.
**Frustration.** A child’s *frustration* (sometimes labelled *hard*) reading level is determined when a student’s accuracy rate is below 90 percent. At this accuracy rate comprehension of the text is severely hampered and the reader will gain little from persevering.

The determination of these levels is a bit flexible, though, as a teacher may use information such as the types of errors made, previous reading behaviours and comprehension questions to make a decision about instructional level.

**State Champion**
Isaac James, 5B, was last Sunday crowned the Western Australian State Under-10 male Karate Champion. This continues his success at this level of competition as he earned Bronze in 2015.
Stellar achievement, Isaac!
*That is him on the right.*

**Anzac Service**
The school holidays are just over a week away. Lily Convery and Matthew Salamone will represent the school at the Dawn Service on 25 April but the school will hold its own Anzac Service on Friday 29 April starting at 8.35am

**OLG Debating teams vs Mel Maria Teams**
Debate 1
"Plastic bags should be banned". OLG was the negative team and the affirmative team from Mel Maria won. Students in this team were Grace Sputore, Brady Lamont & Maya Bogoyev.

Debate 2
"Humans are too dependent on electronics". OLG was the affirmative team and the negative team from Mel Maria won. Students in this team were Dianna Broadhurst, Sophia Joyce & Lucas Bendotti.

Debate 3
"All kids should play sport". OLG was the affirmative team and the affirmative team won. Students in this team were Siobhan Quin, Kyle Sloane & Josie Hicks.
Josie Hicks was awarded debater of the day.

We will be hosting next time in the last week of term 2. Our children did really well. We both agreed each team had their strengths and weaknesses. All OLG researched their topics and provided lots of evidence to support their arguments in lots of detail which stood out, while our competition had the public speaking confidence over us.
We need to improve rebutting skills.

It was a great day with lots of like-minded children getting together to learn from each other and have a bit of fun while competing.

Mrs Emma Bibra – Our Lady of Grace Gifted & Talented Coordinator

God bless

Chris Kenworthy
Principal
**UNIFORM SHOP:** Unfortunately girl’s tunic will not be delivered until during the holidays. To this end the Uniform Shop will open on Thursday 21st April from 10.00—11.30am for collection. Students commence Term 2 in full winter uniform.

If you have received a notification that your order is ready for collection please do so as soon as possible. Thank you. Jill.

**VISUAL ART VOLUNTEER GATHERING**
Monday 4th April
2.45pm – 3.15pm
OLG Visual Art Room
Please RSVP deed.donna@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Congratulations to Mitchell Rowell (5G) on making the Eastern Phantom team for Little League Baseball which will be travelling to Lismore in June.

**School Fees** – Just a reminder that if you are paying by the Term, your fee instalment is due by Friday

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**Please contact Pip Kent on 0439 091300 if you can help out.**

While the online ordering email confirmation is being rectified, once you place your order, please check in your “active orders” to ensure that your order has been captured correctly.

**Assembly:** This week’s assembly will be presented by the students in 2B. Parents of 2B children are invited to the staff room after the assembly for a cuppa with Miss Briony Barratt. Congratulations to the students who received merit awards at last week’s assembly.
Class Names

PPG  Ella Calcei, Chloe Southern
2G   Sophia Northwood, Dion Calcei
3G   Indiana Cartwright-Fahy, Elliot Hannigan
3W   Sarah Halleen, Erika Taylor
4G   Lucy McCallum, Bailey Allen
6B   Charlotte Walker, Jessica Meyers
6G   Cooper Re, Ruby Musca

Cake Stall: The Year 4 classes will be holding a cake stall in the Multi on Friday 8th April. Please come along and help support their fundraiser. A reminder to the Year 4 parents who will be baking for the cake stall that OLG has a Nut Free policy.

Our sincere condolences to Alexis (6B), Sebastian (4G) Low and family on the sad loss of their great grandfather.
Our sincere condolences also to Zachary Garcia (3G) and family on the sad loss of their great grandfather.

Message from Fr Patrick:
Easter continues to be celebrated within the Church for the death and resurrection of Jesus by his Father and our Father through the Spirit is the central tenet of our belief. Today’s Gospel is all about the personal transformation that happens when the two disciples on the road to Emmaus develop a personal relationship with Jesus as they gradually realise who He is and the amazing truth and reality of his newly resurrected self. We too can have that relationship with Jesus if we want it for ourselves and the members of our family.
Our next Sunday Psalm this week says it best, “Show us Lord, the path of life.” Life is a journey that we are all on and Jesus is our companion on the journey if we but recognise him there beside us, with the graces of the Spirit within us, on our way to the Father.
May we all support each other on our common journey to God. Fr. Patrick

A Special Night of Prayer & Song in the style of Taize.
By candle light.
Thursday 7th April 7.30pm - 8.30pm
A quiet service of music, readings, reflection, and meditation.
Our Lady of Grace Church
3 Kitchener St. North Beach
Contact 9448 4888 or Joan 9448 4457
all welcome, invite your friends!

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The joint presenters are Fr. Patrick on the spirituality of a lector and Mrs Madeleine Sullivan on the practical voice production skills necessary to be a lector. This course is free.
Please email Madeleine if you are interested to discuss more or enrol on mads.sissie@ me.com

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