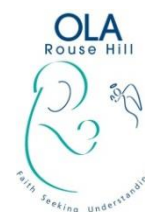




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Week 3 Term 3

4th August, 2017

"There where you are, God is". St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents

On Wednesday we gathered as a school community to celebrate the Eucharist in honour of our patron, Our Lady of the Angels – feast day 2nd August. Father Warren spoke of it being ten years since the parish was established. In this this we have grown from this... to this...



It has been amazing growth and testament to you, members of OLA community - God's church on earth, the 'body' of Christ - continuing Jesus' mission of building a world of justice and love. Some years back while studying, Bishop Anthony was the lecturer and was asked what it was that sustained the Catholic church Christian for over 2000 years, while so many other 'religions' came and went. He explained that it was the fundamentals of faith hope and charity and the incredible response to others in need for which Christians were known. This is evident over and over at OLA. This week we had a call for help for one of our families in need and the response has been tremendous. *Thank you.* Thank you to the many people who wrote to me to thank the school for Grandparents Day. Again, this would not have been possible without the generosity of so many. These messages make it all the more worthwhile and are truly appreciated. This Sunday, the parish will celebrate with Mass, processions and Fiesta – a wonderful OLA tradition. We hope to see many people present and participate in strong acclamation of our devotion to Mary.

Staff changes.

Today, Miss Theoharous leaves OLA Staff to go overseas and I am happy to welcome back Mrs Moulton from Monday to continue in this role. Also, Miss Grima has been seconded to the IT Dept of CEDP for the remainder of the year. Pina has been a strong and reliable staff member of OLA since we started in 2010, more recently taking on the role of implementing the use of IT to support learning across the school. This secondment is recognition of her good work and is an opportunity that she cannot be denied. While not on class, Miss Grima will be still attending OLA each Thursday and Friday in her new role. Welcome to replacing Miss Grima will be Miss Claxton on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Murray on Wed, Thursday and Friday. It is very challenging to find replacement teachers at this stage of the school year and we are very fortunate to have these two teachers who are very familiar with the Y5 students and equally excited about working with them. I might add that the students were very happy when told this, as well.

I wish all these teachers the very best for the future.

Also, I will be taking long service leave for five weeks commencing this Monday. While I will miss the community, especially the students, I am looking forward to the break. I know I can do this with confidence in the knowledge that I leave this lovely school in the capable hands of Mr Cauchi who will be Acting Principal, Mrs Hurst as Acting Assistant Principal and, of course, Mrs Byrne as REC.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday 6th Aug	OLA Fiesta starting with Mass at 11.00am
Tues 8th Aug	Feast of St Mary Mackillop Liturgy 8.50am
Tues 15th Aug	Feast of the Assumption 9.00am whole school mass

School Phone Information...

There has been a change to the school phone number. You can still call 02 8814 5989 to reach us, however, the number that you will see if we call you is: 02 8808 7300

NEWSLETTER



**View from
The Church of
the
Transfiguration
Mt Tabor,
Israel**

Gospel Reflection: The Transfiguration of the Lord (Mt 17:1-9) Sunday 6th August 2017

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

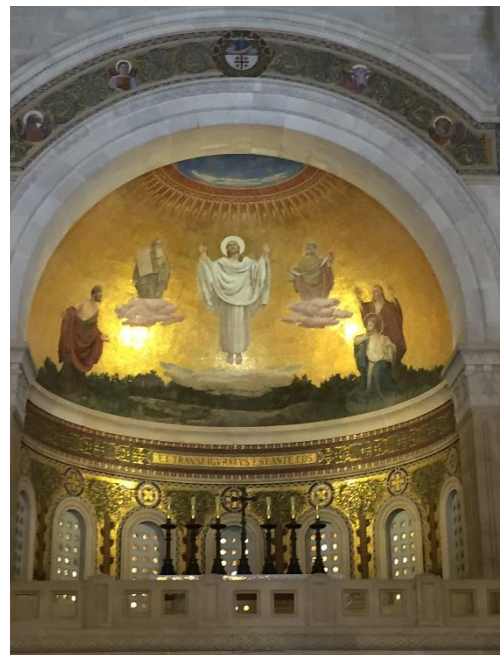
Living the Gospel

Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives we have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact – sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!

Sometimes we experience powerful moments of connection with God or with other people. Sometimes this might be through a special experience of nature; a meaningful retreat experience; a powerful sense of being 'in tune' with another person; a reflective prayer experience; or some other significant experience. The temptation when we have these experiences is to wish that we could remain in the experience. The challenge, however, is to take that experience back into the everyday of our lives – changed by it without remaining in it.

(<http://liturgyhelp.com.au/> 2/8/2017)

Inside The Church of The Transfiguration



Looking forward to celebrating OLA Parish 10th Anniversary this weekend.

Our Lady of the Angels-Pray for us

Katrina Byrne (Religious Education Coordinator)

ARCHANGEL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have earned Archangel awards over the last two weeks! These students are recognised for showing respect for themselves, others and the environment.

Well done to Makiah, Kimberly, Sienna, Joshua, James, Eva, Lucy and Lucas!



OLA FEAST DAY/MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday 6th August 2017

We would like to invite all our OLA families to join in the celebrations for the OLA Feast day, starting with Mass at 11am, the Marian Procession and then followed by the OLA Fiesta.

First Holy Communion; If your child received their First Holy communion this year, the Parish would like them to take a special place in the Marian Procession and wear their First Holy Communion outfit on the day.

School Leaders/SRC members; To represent the students of OLA primary School at the School Captains and SRC members have been invited to be part of the Marian Procession on the day. Please wear full winter uniform.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

Don't forget to collect the Earn & Learn Stickers from Woolworths. Between 26th July and 19th September, for every \$10 spent, you will earn 1 sticker. Please place these on a sticker sheet and when the sheet is complete, drop it into the collection box here at school or at your local Woolworths.



Mindfulness at OLA

Mindfulness is paying attention without being “caught up” in your thoughts. Students have explored the following video about focusing their attention. Link provided for your viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgXZW6Xqokw>

Next week each grade will be choosing an area to focus their attention on and examine what that skill will look like, sound like and feel like in the classroom and create an anchor chart for display in their learning space.

Terina Macare

Book Covering

If anyone can assist in covering new books/readers for the library, could you please pop into the office to collect a bag of books + contact. If you can't pop in, please let us know and we will send some home with your child. We thank you for your continued support with the book covering.

School Banking

As of Term 4, 2017 we will no longer be placing tokens in the deposit pouches. You will be able to keep track of your tokens via the CommBank Youth App, or if required, from us.

To download the app, or for more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Literacy News

Dates for Diaries:

Book Week Celebrations:

Each year, across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time, our school will celebrate Australian Children's Literature with a variety of activities. We would love you to be part of these celebrations so please put these dates in your diaries.

Author Visit:

Today Deborah Abela visited our school to share what it's like being an author. The students had an opportunity to have books signed and speak to Deborah about her books. A wonderful day for our students. For those students wanting to purchase more of Deborah's book titles, **Carnival Books** will have a supply of her books for sale in week 6 for our annual **Book Fair** (Monday 21st August-Friday 25th August).



Book Fair: Monday 21st August-Friday 25th August. This year we are using Carnival Book company for our Book Fair. Students will visit our library at the beginning of Book Week and make a wish list with their teacher. This list will then go home and parents may visit library to purchase or send money in with their child. The library will be open on the Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 8:20-9:00am during Book Week.



Book Character Parade: Thursday 24th August 1pm. The theme this year is 'Escape to Everywhere.' Students will wear their costume to school and then at 1pm parade through our school carrying the book this character appears in. After the parade, parents will have an opportunity to have lunch with their children and are invited to visit our library to purchase from the Book Fair and view the beautiful displays the students have created related to one of the short-listed books for 2017. The day will conclude with 'Rug Reading' at 2:15pm.

Below is a link for Book Character ideas:

<https://au.pinterest.com/marcitate/book-character-dress-up-day/?lp=true>

Words of the Week:

Infants: explosion

Primary: smidgen

Root Word of the Week: *act-to move or do*

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

From the Classroom of...6W

Over the last week, year six have been very lucky to have some Japanese guests visit and learn with us. We have learnt all about Japanese culture, food, art and language. I was one of the privileged children who was able to host them. They were all friendly and excited to experience our Australian culture. On Friday the students taught us all about Japan, from where it is located, to what games they play. This has been such an amazing experience and we hope to see them again soon!

By Phoebe Strykowski



Vesna Jurcevic

Year 6 Teacher
Our Lady of the Angels Primary School
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Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

NOOO!!! I just missed an epic goal (but at least it was closer than ever before). It was so fun to be at the gala day and we hope to go again soon. We learnt that it is not about winning, it is about having fun and participating.

At the gala day, we versed at least seven schools. The schools were tough to beat but we had an amazing time. We loved the support, fun and spirit we had on the day with everyone who went (even from the boys). We could not believe how good we were and we thank our amazing coaches.

- From Janelle, Sarah and Makiah

GOAALLLLL!!! OLA has scored again to win the match against the top team! What a game we shouted. "Nice game" we told the other team as we walked off the pitch with sportsmanship. We were proud to represent our school at Jamison Park and come 2nd and 3rd. The day was filled with lots of slide tackles, whistles and cheers. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped and supported us the whole day. No matter what the score was, they still cheered us on, and a big thank you to Mrs DeVita and Mr Campbell for training us out of their own spare time! We had so much fun playing all the games, even if we lost, drew or won.

- From Zane and Roman



Japanese Students.

Thank you to the parents who hosted our eighteen students from Japan who left on Tuesday. They were absolutely delighted with their stay and very grateful for the warm reception they received from OLA. The following email is an expression of the sentiment I am hearing from the host parents...



Well there isn't a dry eye our household tonight, as we arrived home without our two beautiful girls Nami and Hinano. Walking around finding delicate origami pieces and other mementos from their stay, really made us realise how much we miss them.

It was only 6 short days, but we really opened up our hearts and home to these children. Then without realising it, their gentleness and enthusiasm swept us all away, on the most wonderful adventure.

We have now made contact several times with their families and are looking forward to watching these two young ladies grow up through emails and photos.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a part of this program. We had no idea what was going to happen, but it was such an enriching experience for all involved.

Maybe there will be some families interested in hosting next time they visit.

ICAS Results

Throughout the year, many students have sat the ICAS tests. So far, Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling and English have all been completed. The Maths test is on Tuesday 15th September. OLA students have been performing outstandingly, with results in many cases across grades above national average. Congratulations to all children who elect to participate in the ICAS testing. Special congratulations to the following children for their outstanding results:

Science:

Year 2

Harrison Ko – Merit
Cameron Muscat - Merit
Georgia Dolahenty – Credit
Grace Labbad – Credit
Ebony Lynch - Credit

Year 3

Cohan Sommer – Merit
Joyce Ghobrial – Credit
Johnathan Teo – Credit
James Apap – Distinction
Aidan Vilathgamuwa – Distinction

Year 4

Patrick Leach – Merit
Rachael Perillo – Merit
Max Fischer – Credit
Madison Mihalic – Credit
Caitlyn Palmer-Burton – Credit

Year 5

David Parada – Credit
Ayden Strong – Credit
Harry Taylor – Credit

Year 6

Beatrice Espejo – Merit
Karl Fischer – Merit
Carys Fitzgerald - Credit

Digital Technologies

Year 3

Cohan Sommer – Credit
Jonathan Teo – Credit

Year 4

Madison Mihalic – Credit

Year 5

Harry Taylor – Credit
Ayden Strong – Distinction

Year 6

Karl Fischer – Credit
Charlotte Garcia – Credit
Phoebe Strykowski – Credit
Sascha Strykowski – Credit

Spelling:

Year 3

Sophia Dobaj – Merit
Celina Wassef – Merit
Julia Zammit – Merit
Aidan Vilathgamuwa – Credit
Lucy Tapley – Credit
Marcus Mileto – Credit
James Apap – Distinction

Year 4

Lucy Taylor – Credit
Rachael Perillo – Distinction
Caitlyn Palmer-Burton - Distinction
Zane Boatwalla – Distinction
Max Fischer – Distinction
Roman Bizzanelli – High Distinction

Year 5

Alicia Dersch – Credit

Year 6

Charlotte Garcia – Merit
Phoebe Strykowski – Credit
Karl Fischer - Credit

Voice of Youth.

Today I, with Mr Cauchi and Mrs Hurst, had the unenviable task of judging this year's Voice of Youth finalists. As Mr Cauchi said, any of those nine speeches could have been on the stage for the final event – engaging, entertaining, generating empathy - so selection was very difficult. The two finalists in equal first are Bella Masters and Karl Fisher and reserve is Phoebe Strykowski. Congratulations to them and well done to all the finalists and to all year 6 students who undertook that daunting task of preparing and presenting their speech.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Friday 25th August. Please ensure all books are entered online prior to that day in order for your child to receive their certificate.

P&F NEWS

THE 'OLA FAMILY FIESTA' IS THIS SUNDAY!



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out on a stall for the *OLA FAMILY FIESTA*. All rostered volunteers who turn up on the day will be entered into the 'lucky door' prize draw. Thank you in advance for helping to make each stall a success. 😊

OLA ART HALL

Back by popular demand!

Visit the Art Hall located in the 'Parish Hall' to purchase beautiful artworks designed and created by the talented children of OLA!



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO GET BAKING! ALL ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON SATURDAY FROM 2-5PM OR ON SUNDAY! THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction items are amazing! Place your bids by 5pm on Sunday!

ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Ⓢ TICKETS TO BEER & BBQ AFTERNOON WITH TIM AND KYLE
- Ⓢ CANBERRA FAMILY ADVENTURE
- Ⓢ HIGH TEA FOR FOUR CROWNE PLAZA HAWKESBURY VALLEY
- Ⓢ CROWNE PLAZA TERRIGAL 'ONE NIGHT' OCEAN VIEW ROOM
- Ⓢ NUNZIO'S ITALIAN \$200 MEAL VOUCHER
- Ⓢ REPETITIONS GROUP FITNESS & PERSONAL TRAINING' 3 MONTH GOLD MEMBER VOUCHER
- Ⓢ ZWILLING J.A. HENCKELS 7 PIECE KNIFE BLOCK SET
- Ⓢ IBIS STYLES 'THE ENTRANCE' ONE NIGHT ACCOMODATION
- Ⓢ TOOHEYS ENTERTAINMENT PACKS
- Ⓢ \$100 OFFICEWORKS VOUCHER
- Ⓢ BEAUTY GIFT BASKET
- Ⓢ SCENIC WORLD KATOOMBA BLUE MOUNTAINS UNLIMITED FAMILY DISCOVERY PASS
- Ⓢ 'ALL SEASON' SINGLE BED SHEET PACK
- Ⓢ COMPLETE SINGLE BEDDING PACKAGE

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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Come and watch the local talent on display!

*** times are approx. only*

1pm: John Day

1.30pm: Jess T. Performing Arts & Fitness

2.10pm: Starlets Cheerleading

2.45pm: Instyle Performing Arts

3.30pm: Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

4pm: Dancing with Maree

4.40pm: Higgins School of Irish Dancing

5.10pm: DT Performing Arts

**MAJOR PRIZE RAFFLE
FIREWORKS**



THANK YOU to everyone who donated a Lucky Dip item or gold coin! Due to your generosity \$130 was used to assist in purchasing drinks for the Drink Stall!



RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to everyone who has made the effort to sell raffle tickets. Please return these to Kate at the Cake Stall on Sunday. All tickets must be accounted for sold or unsold.

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – AUGUST 11th : Lee-Ann Wallis, Monique Falzon, Marie Sales, Maria Muscat, Adrianna Attard, Louise Hollier. Thank you!



**AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU TO
OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS OF THE
'OLA FAMILY FIESTA'!**

Action Paintball Annangrove	Fernwood Castle Hill	Newline Transport
ALDI Rouse Hill	Fyna Foods Australia	Northpoint Wholesale
Allan Drew Funerals	Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Rouse Hill	Nunzio's Italian Quaker's Hill
Beacon Lighting Castle Hill	Greg and Annemarie Hassion	Nuts Galore Rouse Hill Town Centre
Belle Property Castle Hill	Haribo Australia	Officeworks Castle Hill
Big W Rouse Hill	Harvey Norman Castle Hill	Pandoras Restaurant Rouse Hill
Billabong Retreats	Higgins School of Irish Dancing	Parramatta Eels
Captain Cook Cruises	IBIS STYLE The Entrance	Peprina Fields
Castle Hill RSL	IGA Rouse Hill Village	Questacon
Castlebrook Memorial Park	Instyle Performing Arts	Repetitions Group Fitness & Personal Training
Cherrybrook Pharmacy - Appletree Centre	JB HI-FI Bathurst	Rouse Hill Village Shopping Centre
Clusterpix Phototgraphy	JEM Finance Group	Scenic World Blue Mountains Australia
Cockington Green Gardens	Jess T. Performing Arts and Fitness	Silver Stars Cake Decorating Supplies
Costco Marsden Park	Jill Johnston	Sipahh Australia
Crayon Rocks Australia	John Day	Soul Pattinson Rouse Hill Village
Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley	KFC Rouse Hill	Starlets Cheerleading
Crowne Plaza Terrigal	Let's Go Kids Magazine	Sydney Living Museums
Dancing With Maree	The Lions Club	Tennis Australia
Danielle Cauchi	Martelli's Fruit Market Cherrybrook	The Australian Hotel and Brewery
DT Performing Arts	McDonalds Australia	The Hills Lodge Hotel & Spa, Grand Mercure
Entrata Restaurant	Meze Me Restaurant	Vagabond Cruises
Eurolight Castle Hill	My Treasure Rouse Hill Village	Waves Aquatic Centre
Fantasy Hair By Amanda	Nandos Australia	Wesfresh



Our Lady of the Angel P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 6 August

A very big thank you to Mrs La Rocca, the OLA School Community and the OLA P&F Committee for your help for the OLA Family Fiesta.

Your Invitation

You are all invited to come along and celebrate Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day on Sunday, 6th August.

Rides, Stalls, fantastic Foods, Friends and Fireworks

All commencing with our Feast Day Mass at 11am and procession, the Fiesta celebrations will commence at 1pm concluding with Fireworks at 6pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Pre-Paid Wristbands are currently on sale \$25- each until 4pm Friday 4/8 (on the day they will be \$30 each). Please note that there **WILL NOT** be mass at 10am and 5.30pm.

Thank you

Also Thank YOU for your help in selling the Raffle Tickets to your family and friends. Wishing you all good luck with this draw. The winners will be called on Sunday afternoon and notified in the School newsletter and Parish bulletin next weekend.

All Year 3 Students who received their First Communion in 2016 are invited to join our procession after the 11 am Fiesta Mass and LEAD this procession. This is to a tradition to acknowledge those in our community who have received their Sacraments this year.

Confirmations There will be an Enquiry Session, for those children in Year 6 wishing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 17 August at 7.30pm.

You can buy your Entertainment Membership from us today!

The 2017 | 2018 Entertainment™ Book and Digital are on sale **for only \$65.**

The Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption. This is one of two remaining Holy Days of Obligations where you are obligated to attend mass. Our Parish will be having mass **at 9am and 7.30pm.**

Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm. **Weekdays:** Mon -Sat: 9 am

Confessions:

9:30 am Sat

Baptisms & weddings: By appointment

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Parish Secretaries: Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

Sacrament Co-ordinator: Christine Leahy

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Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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Ph: 8883 4063 **Fax:** 9629 7603

Congratulations to Marko Rangan representing OLA and the MacKillop team who won the NSW state champions last week. Marko has been selected in the NSWPSA Basketball team. We wish Marko lots of luck at the Pacific Schools Games in Adelaide in December. What a great privilege and achievement for one of our OLA students to be selected to represent NSW. Congratulations Marko!



Term 3 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Ava Camilleri	Lauren Caraos	Amalia-Rose Trifiro
Year 3 G	Harrison McQuaid	Lily Quinlan	Dylan Lopresti
Year 3 W	Georgia McQuaid	Emma Cleary	Harrison Fiorio
Year 4 B	Zachary Nichols	Anneliese Gutwenger	Andre Dabit
Year 4 G	Kirsten Graham	Makiah Arora	Joshua Streater
Year 4 W	Brendan Ewer	Marissa Farrugia	Lucas McLuskey
Year 5 B	Julian Vargas	Gabriella Muscat	Ava Bennett
Year 5W	Ayden Strong	Tamsyn Brown	Marcus Odd
Year 6 B	Alissa Sweeney	Enaya Puri	Isaac Sultanna
Year 6 G	Marko Rangan	Max Kelly	Shanae Makumbe
Year 6 W	Beatrice Espejo	Isaac Swinden	Jayden Ormsby

If you have any unwanted Lego at home, the school would love to take it off your hands.

4th Commandment – Honour Thy Mother and Thy Father

Final word and then I'll get off 'my soap box'...

My marriage vows were taken just over 41 years ago. I admit I don't remember much from the day but those important words said come back to me at each wedding I attend. Among them was the commitment to accepting children and raising them to know and love God. We do all these things as best we can. Sometimes, in hindsight, we realise we didn't always get it right but, at the time, we did what we thought was right and that's OK. We are human.

Your children are the most important part of your lives. However, if it was not for you, their parents, they would not exist. They are the product of your love, mum and dad, for each other. You, the parents have an obligation to each other, in the interest of your children's wellbeing. I am reminded of that instruction at the beginning of a flight...in the event of lack of oxygen, apply the mask to yourself first...The following is an article I found interesting - not demeaning the role of children but remembering the importance of the parents and modelling to your children that you are worthy of being honoured

Your kids should not be the most important in the family



JOHN ROSEMOND

I recently asked a married couple who have three kids, none of whom are yet teens, "Who are the most important people in your family?"

Like all good moms and dads of this brave new millennium, they answered, "Our kids!"

"Why?" I then asked. "What is it about your kids that gives them that status?" And like all good moms and dads of this brave new millennium, they couldn't answer the question other than to fumble with appeals to emotion.

So, I answered the question for them: "There is no reasonable thing that gives your children that status."

I went on to point out that many if not most of the problems they're having with their kids — typical stuff, these days — are the result of treating their children as if they, their marriage, and their family exist because of the kids when it is, in fact, the other way around. Their kids exist because of them and their marriage and thrive because they have created a stable family.

Furthermore, without them, their kids wouldn't eat well, have the nice clothing they wear, live in the nice home in which they live, enjoy the great vacations they enjoy, and so on. Instead of lives that are relatively carefree (despite the drama to the contrary that they occasionally manufacture), their children would be living lives full of worry and want.

This issue is really the heart of the matter. People my age know it's the heart of the matter because when we were kids it was clear to us that our parents were the most important people in our families. And that, right there, is why we respected our par-

ents and that, right there, is why we looked up to adults in general. Yes, Virginia, once upon a time in the United States of America, children were second-class citizens, to their advantage.

It was also clear to us — I speak, of course, in general terms, albeit accurate — that our parents' marriages were more important to them than their relationships with us. Therefore, we did not sleep in their beds or interrupt their conversations. The family meal, at home, was regarded as more important than after-school activities. Mom and Dad talked more — a lot more — with one another than they talked with you. For lack of pedestals, we emancipated earlier and much more successfully than have children since.

The most important person in an army is the general. The most important person in a corporation is the CEO. The most important person in a classroom is the teacher. And the most important person in a family are the parents.

The most important thing about children is the need to prepare them properly for responsible citizenship. The primary objective should not be raising a straight-A student who excels at three sports, earns a spot on the Olympic swim team, goes to an A-list university and becomes a prominent brain surgeon. The primary objective is to raise a child such that community and culture are strengthened.

"Our child is the most important person in our family" is the first step toward raising a child who feels entitled.

You don't want that. Unbeknownst to your child, he doesn't need that. And neither does America,

...and neither does Australia
(Taken from January 1st, 2017 Naples
Daily News, Fl. USA)

*Until Week 9, God bless and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca
Principal*