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Week 1 Term 3

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I trust you have spent some extra quality time with your children over the two-week break, being 'present' for your children, even for a short time, is more valuable than spending hours in the same room but being preoccupied and not 'really there'. Children (and dogs, I find) are very perceptive at detecting sincerity so there is no pretending to listen. I hope you also found some time for yourself as you deserve.

During my break, I attended Sunday Mass at the cathedral in Goulburn. Visiting different churches is interesting and noting the ways they do things differently e.g. both collections are done at the same time and no one takes their handbag with them when they go to receive Communion (as they do in my parish). One thing that seems to be the same is the sea of silver heads. There aren't too many gathering where I am consistently among the youngest. This doesn't seem to be the case at Our lady of the Angels and that is a credit to Fr Warren and all of you. However it is a fact in most parishes and we are reminded to pray for all young Catholics that they may renew their obligation to practise their faith through regular attendance at Sunday Mass, especially with their children.

PBS4L

Many years ago, I attended a course at Sydney Uni. on advanced teaching skills. I always remember the facilitator saying, 'Who is going to love the neglected, tattooed and pierced* teenager in juvenile detention and take the time to build his/her self-worth?'

This week, Mrs Schroder and I attended a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Conference in Brisbane. As you know, OLA launched the PBS4L (also PBL) program just over 12 months ago. The foundations of PBL are to provide those in our care with a positive view on themselves and confidence in their ability. Feeling positive allows engagement and engagement means better learning outcomes. Our challenge for us is to continue to build a positive environment and have confidence in student expectations. We cannot do this alone. We need you to also practise this positive attitude at home. This is our goal for this term and we hope you will join in supporting us.

*not that there is anything wrong with tats and piercings ☺

Welcome...

This term, Mrs Hunt (Tracy) joins the OLA Admin Staff as full time. Tracy has worked for many years at OLOR Kellyville, assisting in Library as well as admin. For the past two years she has worked in a part time capacity but, with the growth of the school and the ever-increasing demands in administration, this full time role will provide the dire need for assistance. Most schools of our size (and even smaller) have three full time office staff. I take this opportunity to acknowledge Helen Goldsworthy and the excellent way in which she calmly and efficiently orchestrates the many and varied demands of the school office. Welcome Tracy.

KTOOSH

From next week, KTOOSH will be operating out of the two demountable buildings and no longer accessing the end of the Parish Office building. As you can appreciate the growth of this service over the years has demanded a much bigger area from which to function. KTOOSH will be contacting their clients regarding the move and the implications for students.

I would like to thank Fr Warren for his generosity in allowing KTOOSH to have the use of this space, badly needed for the parish office.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Wed 26 th July	Netball Gala Day
	Japanese Students Arrive
Fri 28 th July	Grandparents Day
Tues 1 st Aug	ICAS English – 7.55am
Wed 2 nd Aug	OLA Day – Whole School Maxx
Fri 4 th Aug	Author Visit – Deborah Abela
Sunday 6 th Aug	OLA Fiesta starting with Mass at 11.00am

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 1 Gospel Reflection (Matthew 13:24-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

Gospel Reflection

Sunday's Gospel reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like. Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat. The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops? Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

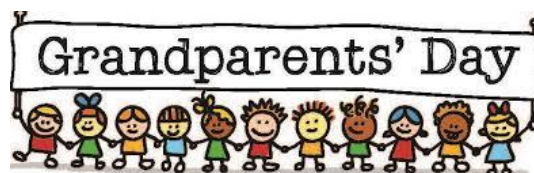
To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.



God Bless,

Katrina Byrne

Religious Education Coordinator



**Grandparents' Day at OLA
will be celebrated on Friday
28th July starting with Mass at
9am.**

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 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.

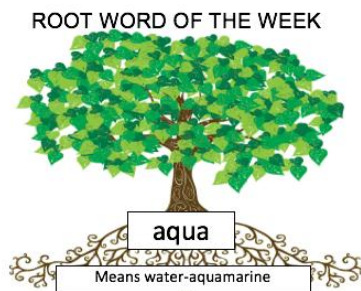
Can you please Email the office if your child is able to accept this invitation.

Literacy News

Root Word of the Week Initiative:

Commencing next week, all students will study a root word each week. This is to promote the study or etymology of words. Our literacy goal this year is for students to develop strategies to assist in spelling unknown words. Many of the words we use come from a root word. Once you take away any prefixes or suffixes, the root will be normally at the front or the back of the remaining word. A little digging will uncover just what the root word really means. For example, in a word such as scissors, the root word is sciss, which means cut. Studies show that if we know the meaning of the base word, we will be more willing to spell the rest of the word by adding a prefix or suffix to the word.

Next week's root word is 'aqua'



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.

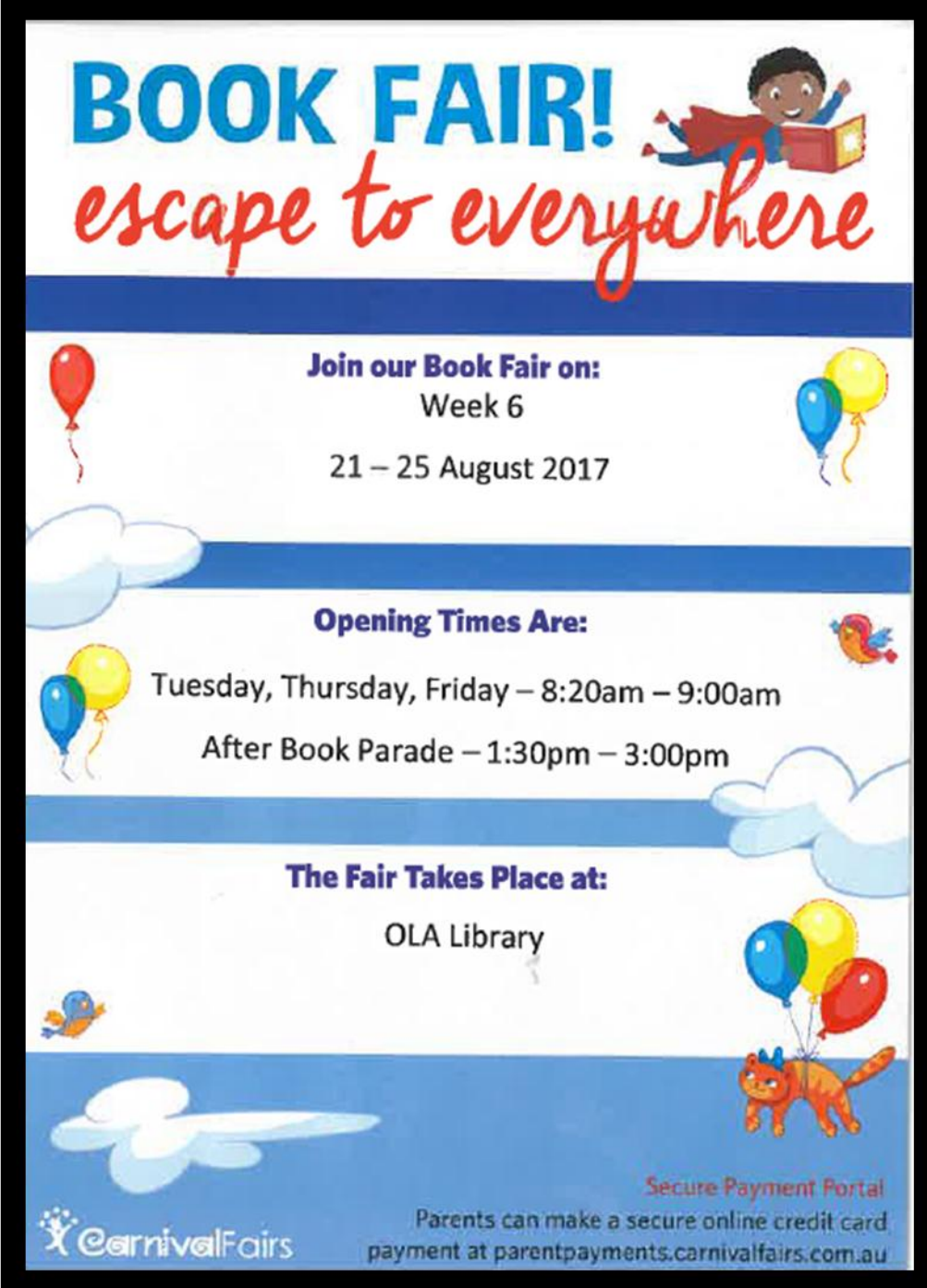
Author Visit: Friday 4th August. This year we have invited Deborah Abela to speak to the students about what it is like being an author. Below is a link that gives an insight into who Deb Abela is and a list of books she has written. Thank you to the families who placed an order for a Deb Abela book. These are due to arrive before the visit so Deb Abela can sign them on the day.


<http://www.deborahabela.com/site/Welcome.html>

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. The purchasing of any books can be done by:

- Payment online
- Credit card details completed on wishlist
- Cash to school
- Parent to visit bookfair

The library will be open on the Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 8:20-9:00am during Book Week.




BOOK FAIR! 

escape to everywhere





Join our Book Fair on:
Week 6
21 – 25 August 2017

Opening Times Are:
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:20am – 9:00am
After Book Parade – 1:30pm – 3:00pm

The Fair Takes Place at:
OLA Library

 **Secure Payment Portal**
Parents can make a secure online credit card
payment at parentpayments.carnivalfairs.com.au

The poster is a colorful flyer for a book fair. It features a blue and white striped background with various illustrations including balloons, clouds, a boy reading, and a cat. The text is in a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts.

20 Minutes Reading a Night		
		
Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
		
Reads 20 minutes per night.	Reads 5 minutes per night	Reads 1 minute per night.
3600 Minutes per year	900 Minutes per year	180 minutes per year
1800 000 000 WORDS PER YEAR	282 000 WORDS PER YEAR	8000 WORDS PER YEAR
90 th percentile	50 th Percentile	10 th percentile
By the end of Year 6, Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole days. Student "B" will have read only 12 whole days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary ? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school....and in life? Nagy and Herman (1987)		

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.



From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (Attached to this newsletter) and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.



Mindfulness at OLA

Mindfulness is extensively scientifically researched and proven to have many positive health benefits. The following link is to a short clip which highlights the benefits of mindfulness, kindness and gratitude from a student's perspective. What benefits do you think mindfulness could bring to your family?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUJs0fXTWTE>

Terina Macare

P&F NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out on a stall for the OLA FAMILY FIESTA. We **REALLYREALLYREALLY** need more volunteers to help on the day. Please click on the link or copy and paste into your browser offer an hour of time on the day. Our OLA community is very much appreciative of your generosity of time and spirit.



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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aZ5-f5Gy4qDQbimGaQ7vnADfAPPPUOLNY8uqfojULg/edit?usp=sharing>



Ride Wrist Bands

These will be on sale before and after assembly for 2 more Fridays **ONLY!** We will be near the large undercover area (Credit or

Cash). Cash payments can also be sent into the school office in an envelope with your full name, correct money and mobile number. Alternatively, you can pop into the Parish Office at anytime to make your pre-purchase.

\$25 pre-purchase

\$30 on the day

PRE-PURCHASE ENDS FRIDAY AUG 4th

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return raffle tickets by Wednesday Week 2. The class who returns the most raffle tickets by this day will receive a **FREE** special treat on Friday! All tickets must be accounted for sold or unsold.

CONGRATS
KW... Still in the lead! Can your class beat them?



Get ready..... There will be an
AMAZING SILENT AUCTION!!!
Bids are already being accepted after weekend masses.
See you after weekend masses to accept your bid!



Cake boxes will be sent home next week for donations to the Cake Stall. Details can be found on the fact sheet attached to the box.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

- Donations for the White Elephant Stall can be dropped of the week before the Fiesta. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept electrical items. Please take donations to the Parish Hall or see the Parish Office.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY - MORNING TEA

This is an enormous celebration for about 800 people! Please return your slip to offer your help of baking, setting/packing up or helping on the day. We thank you in advance for your assistance on this day!





📅 **NEXT WEDNESDAY: DUE DATE FOR LUCKY DIP ITEMS/ GOLD COIN.** Thank you in advance for the donations so far! Please keep these coming 😊

📅 **NEXT WEDNESDAY: RAFFLE TICKET COMPETITION CLOSES**
We will tally up the raffle tickets returned and the winning class will be determined. Keep your eye on the tally on our facebook page.

📅 **NEXT FRIDAY: GRANPARENT'S MORNING TEA**

📅 **NEXT FRIDAY:** We will be putting together the FUN-FILLED showbags and wrapping LUCKY DIP ITEMS for the Fiesta. Please pop into the hall if you have an hour to spare after the Grandparent's morning tea.

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – July 28: Jo Gladwell, Paula Lopez, Jennifer Gutwenger, Lauren Lynch, Kelly Cleary, Belinda Connellan.



Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association

Uniform Shop

A reminder that the uniform shop hours are Monday 8.20am – 9.30am.

All other orders will be processed on Mondays and Wednesdays and sent home with the children in their note bag.

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.



Congratulations to Marcus Billyard and Hayden Lavercombe (both in 4B) who had the opportunity to tour New Zealand in the school holidays to play Rugby. They both played 4 games against various clubs & attended master classes with ex-All Blacks players.

Library Monitors

Our new library which opened at the beginning of Term 2 has been a great success. It is wonderful to see so many students who are enthusiastic about reading and borrowing books each week. This term I am very excited to announce the four students who have been selected as OLA's first Library Monitors. Congratulations to **Mikayla Edwards, Isobel Clarke, Kirstie Graham and Leila Balangon** who were presented with their badge on Thursday 20th July.

Their duties will include

- collecting library book return tubs from the infants classes.
- sorting library book returns and place these books in the correct location on the shelves
- making sure shelves and library furniture are tidy and clean.

New library monitors will be appointed every 5 weeks.



I look forward to working with these students in their new role as Library Monitors

Sara Wagner, Library Assistant

From the Classroom of....6B

On Wednesday, Year 6 invited parents into our classroom for a Liturgy celebrating 'The History of the Catholic Church in Australia.' It was a beautiful celebration and all students participated with reverence and respect.

We were very lucky to be able to spend this prayerful time together. The Year 6 teachers are proud of the students who took on roles and read so well.

Thank you to our parents for joining us!



From the Parish Office...

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.

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 6 August

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 (on the day they will be \$30 each)

Please note that there **WILL NOT** be mass at 10am and 5.30pm.

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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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Congratulations to the Medjumurac family (Justine 3W, Christian 1W and Olivia KB) on the birth of their new baby brother, Lucas.



This adult jacket was left in the year 5 space at the end of last term. Please let us know if it belongs to you.

Until next week, God bless, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca, Principal

Term 3 Week 1			
Whole school			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	<u>Michelangelot La</u>	Katia Lesar	Mitchell Ross
Year 3 G	Zara Zivic	Taylor Cummings	Roxie Pace
Year 3 W	Charlotte Muscat	Tayla Buxton	Justin Medjumurac
Year 4 B	Ante Topic	Akeesha Gunsekara	Bryce McDonald
Year 4G	Lachlan Hollier	Kiera Wijaya	Salvatore Colosimo
Year 4 W	Jericho Cirera	<u>Lucas McLuskey</u>	Grace Bennison
Year 5 B	Pierre-Antoine La	Zach Lesar	Nikolas Graczyk
Year 5W	Alisa Adhihetty	Gavin Casino	Ella Owen
Year 6 B	Nicholas Zahorsky	Montana Burt	Ashley Cummings
Year 6 G	Anthony Cutuk	Brayden Tait	John Stafford
Year 6 W	Jack Bowden	Anthony Kamber	Tatum Crook