

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

Dear Parents

We have made it to the end of another term. I extend my thanks to all members of the community who have worked hard to make it another successful term of learning and fun, especially the wonderful OLA staff.

Congratulations to all children who have made their First Holy Communion over the last three weeks.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mon 17th July

First Day of Term 3

Fri 21st July

Photo makeup day – for those students who missed photos last Monday (change of date from last week)

Fri 28th Grandparents Day

Term 3 Calendar is attached with this Newsletter email.

Gospel Reflection Sunday 2nd July 2017 (MT 10:37-42)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus talks to us about service.

If Jesus appeared to you in the flesh and asked you to be a special disciple, what do you imagine that might entail?

How do you picture 'big-time' service – living in the inner city? volunteering at a shelter? spending a week at a mission? doing voluntary work for a summer? or joining a missionary order and spending the rest of your life in Africa?

How do you picture 'ordinary' service? Give some examples. Some jobs have great potential for simple human service, for example, smiling and being extra friendly as you bag groceries, looking out for what the children may need as you babysit, noticing whose coffee cup is empty as you wait on tables, or being sure the newspapers you deliver are always placed close to your customers' door.

What are some simple things that you might do every day that can be compared to giving someone a cup of cold water?

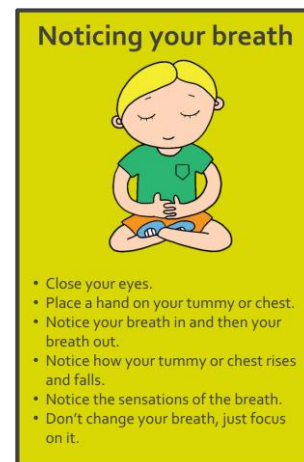
What kind of reward do you think comes to someone who serves another?

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Mindfulness at OLA

Students have been learning to be mindful by breathing and noticing their breath. Focusing on the present moment calms the mind and body. Perhaps you could try some mindful breathing during the holidays.

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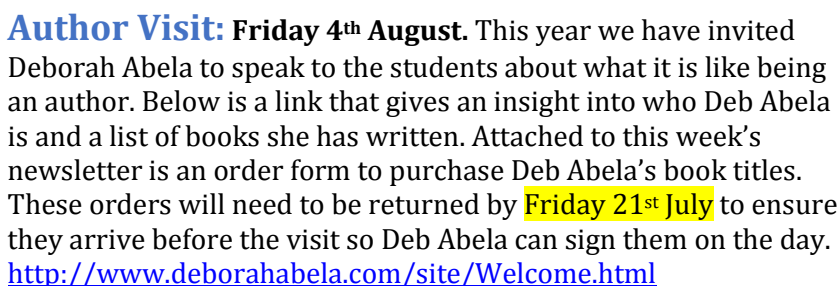
Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Helping your child at home with spelling requires patience and a non-school-like setting. Don't try to be a teacher. Be a parent who teaches. Your child wants to please you-they want your honest, sincere praise. Keep the activities short-and fun, and do them regularly, with variety.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omGOgQ>

Book Week Celebrations:

please put these dates in your diaries.



Order forms must be returned to school before the date of the visit.

from 8:20-9:00am during Book Week.

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

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.

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

Literacy Coordinator

Bishop Office

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early Bird Registration

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008! Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC

Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta

Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit www.acyf.org.au now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August. For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428 jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

-Volunteers for ACYF

ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality? Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

Sea Sunday Appeal: 9 July

Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

75th Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Family Movement - Sunday 16th July

On the 16th of July 1942 Father Kentenich together with Family man, Dr. Fritz Kühr founded the Schoenstatt Family Movement in the Dachau Concentration Camp. Come and join us to find out about the history, give thanks for the past and look forward to the future. The 16th of July is Covenant Sunday. All are welcome.

11am Holy Mass followed by Family Fiesta (rego essential for catering purposes) 2pm Presentation 3pm Adoration and Renewal of the Covenant 3:30 Afternoon Tea <https://www.facebook.com/events/1430850330307339/>

Abraham Conference 2017: 16 July

...brings together Jews, Christians and Muslims to create connections, build relationships and discuss critical issues of importance to us all in a multicultural, multi-faith society. We each bring our own perspectives, together we are enriched and empowered to act on our shared values and beliefs. Sunday 16 July 2017, 2.00pm – 6.00pm at Parramatta Mission Fellowship Hall, Uniting Church in Australia, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. Cost: \$20.00 [Concession: \$10.00 student/pensioner]. Register at EventBrite: AbrahamConference2017.Eventbrite.com.au

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship: applications now open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

Applications close 17 July 2017.

Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Holy Hour for Vocations:

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7.00pm-8.00pm (check with Fr John Paul for the new time) for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 20 August

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775,

Greystanes Parish OLQP Social Group

Join us for a Tour of Cowra, 17th October to 20th October. Four fun filled days, includes three nights accommodation at Cowra Services Club Motel, self-guided tour and lunch, Japanese Garden, Cultural Centre Cowra, Wine tastings in Canowindra and more.

Cost: \$860 per person twin share (+\$198 single supplement).

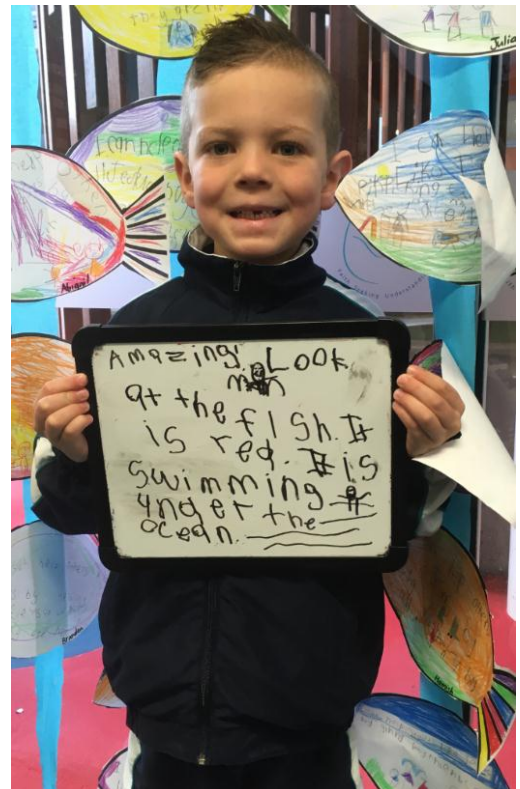
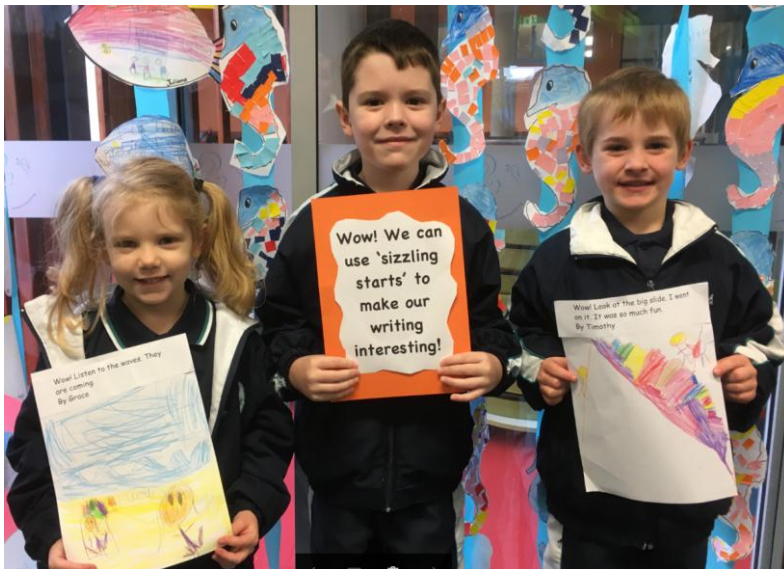
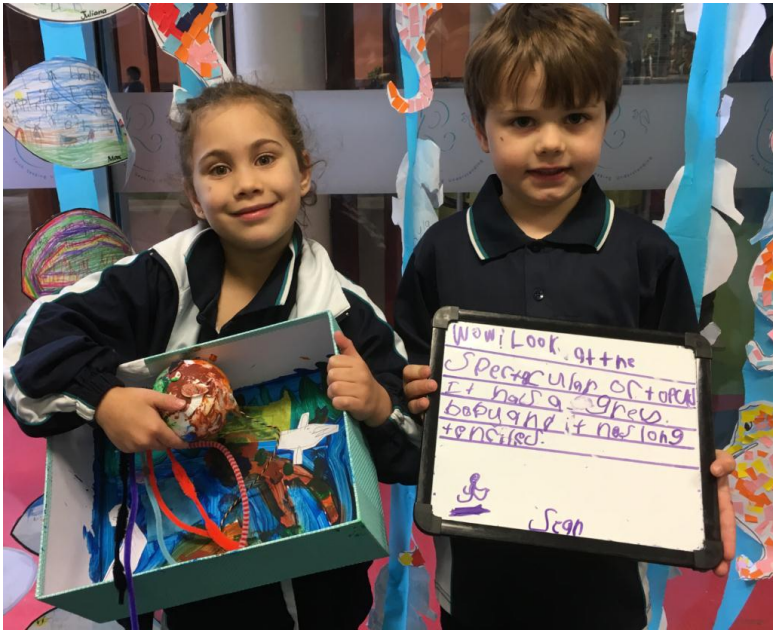
Deposit: \$200 payable with booking. Balance by 1 August 2017.

Enquiries: Frances 9636-5548/ 0421 027 119.

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

From the Classroom of KW

Wow! This term in Literacy the children in KW have been busy learning about using 'Sizzling Starts' and adjectives. KW have been using 'Sizzling Starts' and adjectives to make their writing interesting. Here are some wonderful examples of their work!





P&F NEWS

@ **RAFFLE TICKETS** will be sent home with families on the first day back next term. A FREE Friday special treat to the class who returns the most books by the due date.



@ **RIDE WRIST BANDS** will be sold after each weekend mass and before /after Friday assemblies for the first 3 weeks of next term.

@ **VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers to help at the stalls on the fiesta day. Most of these are completely organised simply requiring someone to oversee it for the day. If you can help please email us.

DO YOU SELL CRAFT OR HAVE A 'MARKET STALL' HOBBY?

We are inviting school families and parishioners to be a part of the market hall at the OLA Fiesta. It would be wonderful to have a variety of market stall holders all under the one roof! This will involve a \$65 fee with a prize gift donation valued at \$30 for the Chocolate Wheel.

For more information, please contact Annemarie at olapfc@gmail.com

If you are able to help Annemarie organise the Market Hall and be the point of contact, please email ASAP. It will involve liaising with Market Stall holders prior to and on the day of the event.

NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY JULY 20th PARISH HALL 7pm

Thank you to those who came to the meeting on Wednesday morning with enthusiasm and excitement. We have had a wonderful response so far and look forward to working together in the short weeks ahead.



SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO OFFERED TO HELP WITH THE TERM 3 ROSTER. DUE TO OVERWHELMING VOLUNTEER SUPPORT YOU MAY ONLY BE ON THE ROSTER ONCE. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. THE ROSTER IS NOW COMPLETE.



Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

Fidget Spinners / Bay Blades.

As with all crazes that come and go, they are often the source of great distraction and disharmony among students.

Please note that we ask that there are **NO Fidget Spinners or Bay Blades** to be brought to school next term. Thanks for your support.

From the Assistant Principal's Desk...

As we come to an end to yet another busy term, I would like to acknowledge once again the many success and achievements that our students and staff have achieved, and summarise some of the key events that have taken place in Term 2.

- This term the staff began a focused K-6 approach on the teaching of writing called 'Seven Steps of Writing'.
- Years 3 and 5 sat NAPLAN testing
- Several students trialled and were selected in MacKillop sporting teams.
- Liturgies and Prayers – ANZAC, Mothers' Day, Ascension, Pentecost, Feast of the Sacred Heart.
- OLA went through a comprehensive curriculum audit – 'Peer Review' and was commended on the great work by our colleagues.
- ICAS testing – Science, Writing, Spelling.
- Students celebrating First Holy Communion
- Whole school athletics carnival
- Netball trials
- Year 6 debating
- Tournament of Minds
- A3 music program
- Stage 3 boys/girls soccer gala day.
- Lunch time clubs: Cooking, choir, recorder, debating, Mini Vinnies, Lego, library, passive play, garden, chess
- School photos
- Teachers continued their numeracy professional learning on multiplicative thinking led by a teacher educator from CEDP
- Students received semester 1 reports
- Action Plan meeting where colleagues from neighbouring schools visited OLA to discuss our Formation, Literacy and Numeracy goals and walk through our classrooms. (Again with very positive feedback)
- Rug Reading afternoon
- Class expos showcasing the great learning happening at OLA
- Kindergarten excursion
- Class assemblies

I would like to thank once again, the dedicated OLA staff that goes to great lengths to ensure that students at OLA have numerous opportunities to shine. Every child at OLA is blessed with a special gift and we endeavour to give every opportunity for the children to share that gift with our community.

God Bless

Mr Cauchi

From the Parish Office...

First Communion - Congratulations to all the children who have received their First Communion. Fr Warren was excited this morning to see all the children receiving their 2nd, 3rd or 4th!! We hope to see you all at Mass over the weekend.

Confirmation - All Year 6 students will have, this week, received an Enrolment form for Confirmation.

OLA Family Fiesta 2017

Please keep Sunday 6 August free

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)

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

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Contact information: O.L.A. Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Rouse Hill

Ph: 8883 4063 Fax: 9629 7603

Congratulations to the Term 2 Principal's Award recipients

Lily Haynes	Lily Quinlan
Zara Buchanan	Cohan Sommer
Madeleine Giovas	Peter Giovas
Lucas Clarke	Noah Ribeiro
Jack West	Grace Bennison
Harrison Jones	Cooper Oblea
Grace McMartin	Brianna Arellano
Francesca Topic	Enaya Puri
Isabella Stein	Rebecca Cleary
Aidan Vilathgamuwa	Beatrice Espejo



*Have a happy and safe holiday. See you next term. God bless.
Eva La Rocca
Principal.*