

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

Dear Parents,

This Sunday is the Feast of the Ascension. After His resurrection, Jesus stayed on Earth for forty days to prepare His disciples for their work to come. Jesus told them that He would return to His Father in heaven but not to worry as He promised that he would send a helper.

After witnessing Jesus death, the disciples were scared and worried about what the authorities might do to them, being followers of Jesus. Soon after the Ascension, the disciples and Mary were together in a room when something amazing happened...



"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2: 1-4



The helper had come as promised – the Holy Spirit. The Spirit provided the gifts of knowledge, wisdom, courage, right judgement, wonder, understanding and reverence. Jesus came on earth to begin His mission of building a world of justice and love. These gifts of the Holy Spirit are what allowed the disciples to continue the work of Jesus, their Master. From Jerusalem to Asia Minor and across the then known world, largely the Roman Empire, Christianity grew

and spread. In many cases at the cost of lives given in the name of Jesus as Christians practised their faith and celebrated the Eucharist in secret. Over two thousand years later, this mission is also our mission. It became ours in Baptism and was 'confirmed' at receiving the Holy Spirit in Sacrament of Confirmation. It is renewed each week when we partake in the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays.

Data from last year shows that, in the UK, people of no faith outnumbered Christians. Our Catholic faith gives us the promise of hope for everlasting life. People of no faith are at risk of having no hope and purpose in their lives. I want my children and grandchildren to live in a Christian world that promotes Justice and Love. I hope you do, too. For this reason, we need to be 'actively Christian', open to proclaiming and acting out our Christian values. The Holy Spirit provides us with the tools to do this if we are aware, pray for it and receive it.

Reminder

Next Friday, June 2nd, is a pupil free day. There will be no supervision on this day.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mon 29th May	Ascension Prayer
Tues 30th May	ICAS 7.55am Science
Thurs 1st June	Rug Reading Afternoon
Fri 2nd June	Staff Development Day – Children DO NOT attend school on this day
Tues 6th June	Athletics Carnival
Wed 7th June	3.30- 4.30pm. Year 1 –Parent Workshop: Understanding A-E Reporting/ Literacy – ways to help your child read (supervision for children available)

Sunday, 28th May 2017: Ascension of the Lord

Gospel (Mt 28:16-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Gospel Reflection



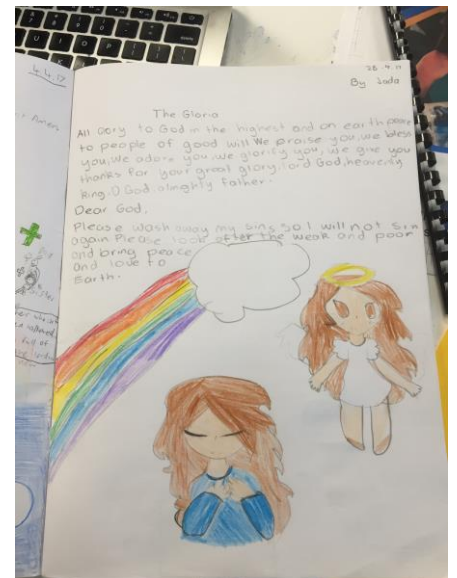
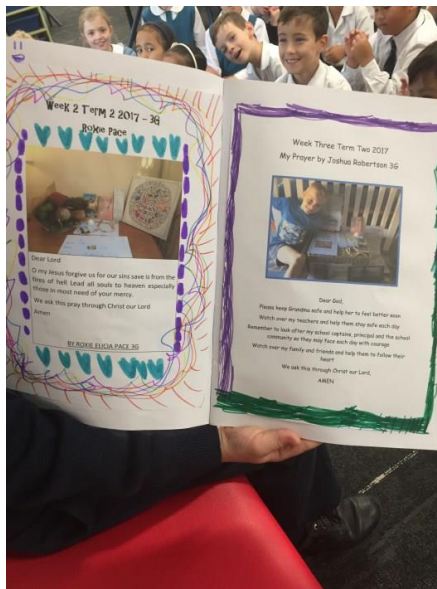
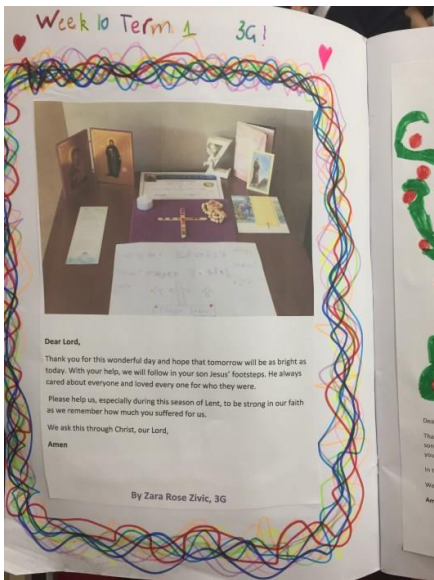
Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday->

OLA Prayer Bags

Over the last five weeks, students from each class K-6 have been chosen to take home their class prayer bag. This provides families the opportunity to take time out of their busy days to pray. Students prepare a prayer space in their home and pray as a family, dedicating some special personal attentions the family members may wish to pray for. Thank you to those families who have shared a special time together over the past five weeks to pray. Here are some examples from Yr 3 and Yr 5.



Katrina Byrne
OLA Religious Education Coordinator

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

If your child is working on a class spelling list and can only remember half of the words, speak to their teacher. Don't tackle an entire spelling bar in one sitting. Take one-third for example, each evening, to work on with your child. Break the practice into small units. Try fifteen minutes of review when they get home; fifteen minutes before dinner; fifteen minutes after dinner. Shorter periods given frequently are more effective than one massive review-which is also exhausting and frustrating.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omG0gQ>

Dates for Diaries:

Thursday 1st June-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of '**Rug Reading**' out on the playground with their child at **2:30pm**. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

As part of the Rug Reading on Thursday 1st June, the staff of OLA will be participating in the **Biggest Morning Tea**, to raise funds for the Cancer Council. We would like to invite all families attending, to bring an afternoon treat to share with your child and a travel mug. We will supply you with a cuppa to enjoy, while you share a book with your children.

The P&F have generously put together some small prizes that will be raffled off on the day. Raffle tickets will cost \$1, all monies raised will be donated to the Cancer Council. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jacqueline Cheadle



Next week's WOW words are:

Infants: relax

Primary: scurry

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



We are still looking for 5 FAMILIES to host **Japanese Students** (aged around 11 years).

To host a student, your own children can be of any age. Also, KTOOSH have confirmed that they will accommodate any of their families billeting Japanese students.

This has been a regular practice over the past years. OLA School acts as host to students from Nanzan Christian School in Japan. The students have always proven to be very polite and grateful and it has been a wonderful experience for the host family as well as their guests.

The following is the program:

26th July 2017 (Wed): Arr. OLA Primary School and meet host families (15:20)

27th (Thurs): Integrated program (at school)

28th (Fri): Integrated program (at school)

29th (Sat): Free with host families

30th (Sun): Group visiting SVD church in Marsfield (11:00-13:00- dropped at OLA grounds at 10.30am)

31st (Mon): Integrated program (at school)

1st Aug (Tue): Integrated program (at school), farewell depart (from school) at 13:00 approx

It is preferred that these children are billeted in twos and have their own room. The **host family will receive \$40 x 6 nights = \$240 (per students) X 2 students = \$480 per family**

If you are interested in considering hosting a couple of students, please email the school with 'Japanese' in the subject line. Families selected will be 'first in' basis.

We are looking forward to sharing in this rich cultural experience once again.

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

Yesterday, 25 girls went to Jamison Park, Penrith to represent the school in the Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day. The girls displayed excellent sportsmanship, great skill and excellent team work. Both Mrs Lombardi and Miss Grima were extremely impressed with the girls and their positive attitude throughout the day. Well done girls on your efforts. Thank you to the mums and dads who were able to assist us through the day and watch their children play soccer.



Debating

Congratulations to our debating team who narrowly defeated Mary Immaculate Primary School, Quakers Hill yesterday. The topic of the debate was *That children Should Learn a Second Language*. The girls were impressive with their **Sizzling Starts** – sound effects – of greeting the audience in a foreign language, dialogue and a question – in sign language!

Their 'tagline' was particular effective *Uno lingua noioso unsecondo lingua su punteggio! One language boring, a second language outscoring!*

Congratulations again Sascha, Sophia, Pheobe and Mikayla

PBS4L

Congratulations to Sienna Mooney, Rachael Perillo and Janelle Mensah from year 4 who received their Archangel Award this week.



St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day: Term 3 - Week 2 Wednesday, July 26

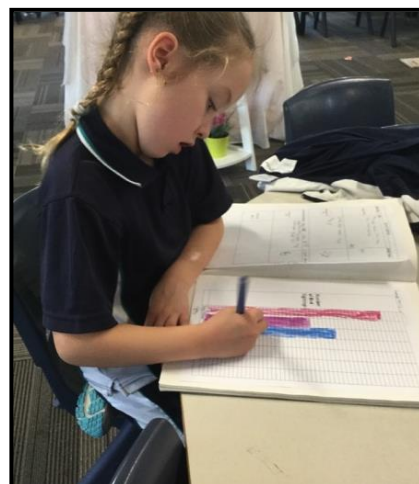
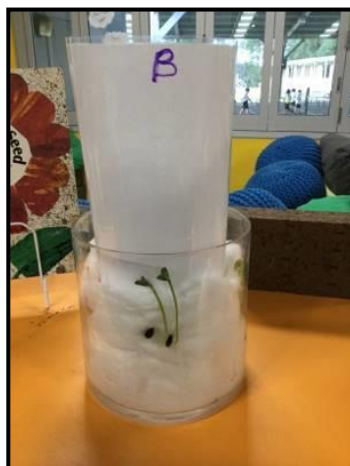
Notes will go out soon but we will only be able to form teams if we get umpires. At this stage, we only have 3 umpires.



Taylor Cumming
and Isobel Clarke

In the classroom with 1B.

Watch out! Scientists are on the loose. 1B have been very busy investigating our living world. They have planted mystery seeds, tracked, measured and recorded the growth of the seeds. Observed and graphed bird sightings within the playground and scientifically investigated whether Year One can have a positive influence on the number of bird sightings. They were also visited by a bunny called Captain-Jumps-A-Lot-Likes-To-Eat-Carrots, which sparked some descriptive and factual writing.



P&F NEWS

TERM 2 SECOND HAND UNIFORMS SALE FRIDAY JUNE 16th (8-9.30AM + 2.15-3pm)



Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to **donate** to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the **clean** items to the school office in a plastic bag as soon as possible.

PRC PARRAMATTA : 7.15pm MAY 29th

'Raising Resilient Children' Dr Justin Coulson

Free event – Registration Essential

Held at the Catholic Learning Community of St John
XXIII (St Marks)

<http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/home>

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – JUNE 2 : SDD

JUNE 9: Lee-Ann Wallis, Iarni Harvey, Karen Millers, Pauline Baker, Sarah Cleary, Kylie Ross. *Thank you!*



Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association



Santa Sophia Catholic College enrolments for 2018 are now open

Santa Sophia Catholic College is opening for Year 7 and 8 students in 2018. Preparations for the opening of the new school are well progressed and a Principal will be announced in June 2017.

The new learning community will be open to Year 7 and Year 8 students within the grounds of Our Lady of the Angels Primary School in Kellyville.

Once complete, the College will provide excellence in innovative learning and teaching for up to 2000 students from preschool to Year 12 and beyond, at Terry Road, Box Hill.

Applications are now being accepted for Year 7 and 8 students for commencement in 2018. Enrolment forms and further information about the application process can be found on our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au or contact Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 9840 5620.

From the Parish Office...

Playgroup

All Mums and Dads and Bubs are invited to come along to OLA Playgroup on every Thursday morning at 9.30am in the Parish Hall. For further information, please contact the parish office on 8883 4063.

Visiting the Church

We invite you and your children to come in and visit Our Lord in the church. We ask, however, that you remind the children that this is a place of prayer and adoration and ask that they show reverence and quiet at all times.

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

REMINDER.... Official school hours for supervision start at 8.20am and finish at 3.40pm. Leaving children before this time means they are unsupervised. Many children are being dropped as early as 8am. This is unfair and unsafe. For this reason, I have asked any children at school early to sit quietly and pray in the church and wait until the gates open.

Lately I have noticed some of the children gathered and sitting on the sidewalk and kerb outside on Wellgate Ave. I have concerns about their safety here. PLEASE, if you need to drop your child before the gates open, OOSH is available. At the very least, speak to them about the expectation of waiting quietly in the church. Either way, there is no supervision by the school before 8.20am.

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation in the interest of your child's safety.

Term 2 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Lara Kelly	Peyton Oblea	Riharna Pacella
Year 3 G	Lily Trimboli	Tyrone Lee	Harriet Preston
Year 3 W	Daniel Knowles	Julia Zammit	Olivia Sims
Year 4 B	Marcus Billyard	Bella Molano	Peter Giovas
Year 4 G	Chanel Johnston	Lucas Buda	Christian Attard
Year 4 W	Rishi Pillai	Georgia Nemitsas	Sienna Mooney
Year 5 B	Ashton Galea	Mikayla Bowden	Isabella Iori
Year 5W	Brianna Arellano	David Parada	Alisa Adhihetty
Year 6 B	William Blazey	Lucas Lesar	Thomas Dobaj
Year 6 G	Rebecca Cleary	Amelia Dimech	Sienna Farrugia
Year 6 W	Sebastian Mileto	Jade Richardson	Trya Abdallah

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

Eva La Rocca, Principal