

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

Dear Parents

Your children are in good hands –

Currently I am in Canberra with our Year 6 students on a 2 night, 3 day excursion. The last three days have been busy, visiting Parliament House, War Memorial, National Institute of Sport, National Capital Exhibition, Kosciuszko National Park, Telstra Tower, National Museum, Questacon and the Electoral Education Centre. It has been a wonderful opportunity for the Year 6 students to learn about the history and the significance of our Nation's Capital City as well as spend quality time with their peers outside of the regular school environment.

This opportunity for the students is only made possible because of the generosity of the staff that attend. Staff who willingly leave behind their own personal family and commitments so the children can have this experience. As you would appreciate, the commitment to attend a 2 night excursion with 74 students involves a lot of prior planning, but also a high level of responsibility, ensuring medication is administered and comforting sick students or those who just need a little TLC. I would like to thank Mrs Leach, Miss Meyer, Mrs Schroder, Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Jurcevic, who accompanied myself, and at all times ensured that the first priority was the welfare and safety of the children in our care.

At OLA, our teachers willingly give up their time to meet the needs of your children every day. Initiatives such as Tournament of Minds, ICAS testing, Boot Camp, Athletics/relay training, Maths Olympiad, Sacramental celebrations, not to mention the hours of lesson preparation, assessment, report writing, etc. These happen because of the wonderful OLA staff who are prepared to be at school before or after regular school hours, or give up weekends. This is a commitment that the staff are happy to do because they see the educational value in the activity.

Finally, the 'face' of the school are our wonderful office ladies. They are always there to greet you with a smile when you enter the office. They are there to comfort children and offer First Aid if there has been an accident or an illness, or if a child has forgotten their lunch. They are there to accept cakes and treats for birthday celebrations, or to greet you when you sign in as visitors to the school. They are always calm and answer your calls or queries with a smile.

I know how lucky I am to lead such a dedicated team of staff who show the face of Christ to the children in their chosen vocation. Being a teacher involves so much more than teaching. Do you agree? If you do, why not take the time to show your appreciation by saying 'Thank You'. Just as important, teach your children to also show their appreciation to their teacher. The OLA community have a lot to be thankful for!

God Bless
Mr Cauchi
Acting Principal



Dates to Remember

Wed 30 th Aug	Father's Day Stall
Fri 1 st Sep	Father's Day BBQ from 7.30am and Liturgy
Tues 5 th Sept	a3 Captivate Performance 7pm, St Dominic's Kingswood (Yrs 5/6)
Thurs 7 th Sept	Verse Speaking – Windsor Function Centre Yrs 1-4
Fri 8 th Sept	Choral Recital – Windsor Function Centre Yrs 5-6

Sunday, 27 August 2017: Gospel Reflection Week 7 (Mt 16:13-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

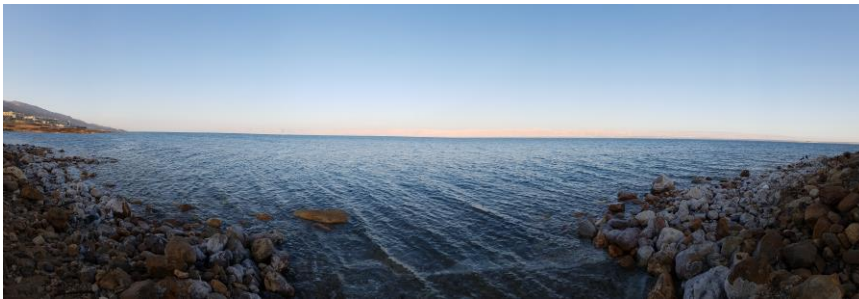
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Gospel Reflection

The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is. (Liturgyhelp.com 22-8-2017)

Mrs Byrne's Holy Land Pilgrimage Reflection



After the visit to Mt Nebo, we stayed overnight on the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea was a place of beauty, full of minerals and no living things.

The next day we visited the area where John the Baptist baptised Jesus on the River Jordan. It was an extremely humble, peaceful and prayerful place. We celebrated the Eucharist on the River Jordan and had time to reflect on who had been here and what had happened. We were asked to reflect on the meaning of the word promise and the Baptismal promises we have made to God; *"God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen"*



What's happening in RE @ OLA

Sacrament of Confirmation

- 31st August Lesson 1 for parents and children.
 - 7th September Lesson 2 for parents and children.
 - 14th or 21st September rehearsals
 - 15th or 22nd September Confirmation nights
- Forms need to be completed and handed into the parish office.*

Fathers' Day prayer

1st September Fathers' Day Liturgy at 9am

OLA will be having their annual Fathers' Day BBQ breakfast followed by a prayer prepared by Kindergarten. We look forward to celebrating with all our OLA fathers.

YEAR 7 ENROLLING NOW

Santa Sophia Catholic College

Open Day Meet the Principal and see what Santa Sophia can offer your child

Saturday 26 August - 10.30am to 1.00pm

in the grounds of St John Paul II Catholic College
85 Hambledon Road Schofields



Santa Sophia Catholic College prepares learners for life through wisdom, faith, hope and love.

The College will open in January 2018 on the temporary site of St John Paul II Catholic College, Schofields with the initial focus on secondary education (Year 7).

Santa Sophia Catholic College will grow to include:

- early learning/preschool
- Kindergarten to Year 12
- out of school hours care and vacation care
- a learning needs hub and
- post school pathways with tertiary and business partners.

For further information, visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au or email santasophia@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Come along to our
Open Day to learn more.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be holding the 'Father's Day Breakfast' at the school grounds from 7.30am on Friday 1st September 2017.

This is a special time for fathers, grandfathers or other significant male carers and their children here at OLA. We look forward to hosting a delicious breakfast for them.



Happy
Father's
Day

For this event, we ask for the help from the **Year 1 and 6 families** to set up, BBQ, serve and clean up on the day to help this morning run smoothly.

Reminder: Under no circumstances are parents to approach any student directly to resolve issues or concerns arising from school matters. It is important that these matters are dealt with through the appropriate channels at school, via classroom teachers and school leadership. I thank you for your cooperation on this matter!

Afternoon Pickup

A reminder that students being picked up after school must wait in the 'parent pick up area' and parents need to drive through the car park or park in one of the adjacent streets, or at the ovals across the road, and collect your children from there. Recently, children have been waiting outside the front of the school near the bus stop and getting picked up there. **THIS IS A NO STOPPING AREA** and the rangers will be booking anyone that stops there to collect their child.

This only adds to the afternoon congestion and compromises the safety of all children. Please help us in ensuring the safety of your children. A copy of the new council fines is attached.

Medical

If your child is feeling unwell, either with a slight fever, feeling sick in the stomach, cough etc, could we please ask that you keep them at home. Between the flu epidemic and gastro bug, we have had quite a few staff away, and have had many children in sick bay with all of these symptoms and with the current weather conditions, we need to try to limit the spread of germs.

Your understanding and consideration with this is appreciated.

IMPORTANT

School Leave of Five Days or More

It is very important if you are going to take your child/ren out of school for five days or more that the Application for Exemption Form is completed. We will then issue you with a signed Certificate.

This is a government requirement.

We have had several cases recently, particularly through the government census period, where this has not been done and therefore, we do not have the necessary paperwork for when we are audited. The Application for Exemption form can be found on our website.

Literacy News

Book Week Celebrations

We have had a wonderful **Book Week** at OLA. It was fantastic to see the students having a fabulous time dressing up as their favourite book character. A huge thank you to the families who attended our parade, Rug Reading and our Book Fair. The displays in our library were a marvellous way to celebrate the shortlisted picture books and a chance to see our wonderful new library. Thank you to the staff for supporting and promoting our Book Week celebrations. It was great to see staff dressing up as their favourite book character. To Mrs Wagner, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Goldsworthy and the teachers who worked tirelessly to set up our Book Fair. Thank You!

Whole School Writing Task

Next week the students will complete their third whole school writing task. We look forward to seeing the improvements in the students' writing pieces. The students have followed and utilised the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' over the past two terms. We look forward to sharing these successes at our Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences in Week 9.

Words of the Week:

Infants: splurge

Primary: forage

Root Word of the Week: *ist- one who makes/does*

Mrs Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator



Voice of Youth 2017

This term each student in Year 6 wrote and presented a speech on a topic of their choosing for the annual Voice of Youth competition. The speeches were initially presented within each class group. Nine students were then selected to compete in the Year 6 final. After witnessing an impressive display of research, diverse subject matters and outstanding delivery, two finalists were selected by our adjudicators (Mrs Hurst, Mr Cauchi and Mrs La Rocca).

Congratulations to Isabella Masters and Karl Fischer, who represented OLA in the cluster final last week at St Andrew's Primary School, Marayong. Isabella delivered a compelling speech titled 'Defamation', which asked the audience to question what we read in the media and consider the impact headlines can have on those affected. Karl entertained the audience with a speech titled 'The Road Trip from Hell'. He had the audience laughing along to anecdotes we could all relate to.

Bella and Karl were competing in a pool of ten students from five different local schools. They spoke with poise and confidence in front of a very large audience.

Congratulations to Bella, who was the runner up in this highly competitive field. We are very proud of you both!

Mrs Elaine Lombardi & Mrs Kylie Leach



Mindfulness at OLA



The state of flow has been described as the most productive state of mind in which to work. It's like the complete immersion in an experience. Some people describe it as being in the zone or totally engrossed in the moment. It is the full involvement in flow, rather than happiness that makes for excellence in life. Flow happens when a person's skills are fully involved in the present moment. Almost any activity can produce flow,

provided that the relevant elements are present, so, it is possible to improve the quality of life by making sure that the conditions of flow are a constant part of everyday life. Students of OLA will be exploring the concept of flow over the coming weeks. Terina Macare

Multiplicative Thinker's Club.

Every Monday during Lunch two children from years three and four have been working hard to solve problems multiplicatively. The theme of Peter Pan in Number land has been so much fun to explore and solve creative problems. We were working on using arrays to find multiple factors of two and three digit numbers. We discovered that if a number has a factor of only one and itself they are called PRIME NUMBERS.

Kind regards,
Miss Bradford.



From the Classroom of...4B

Religious Literacy Assessment- Reconciliation

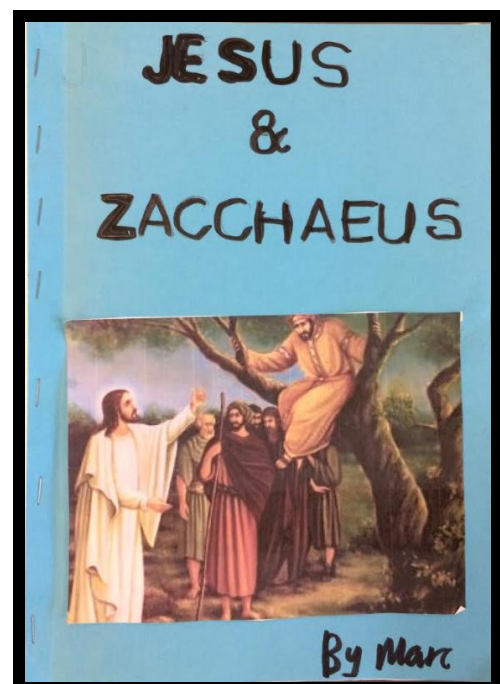
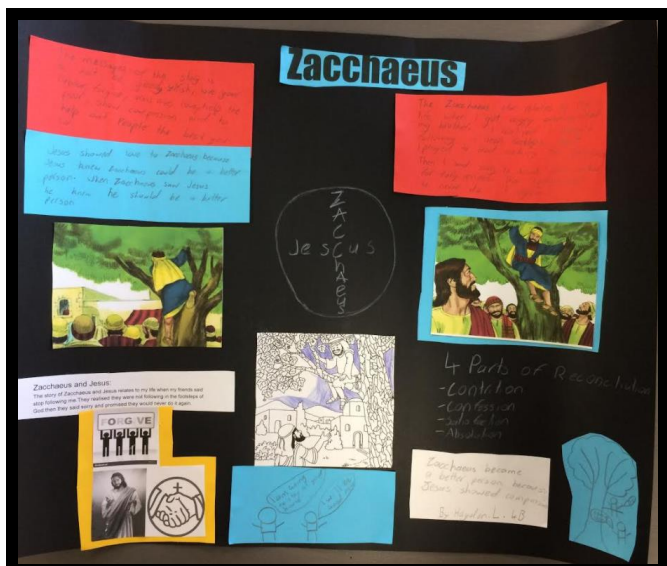
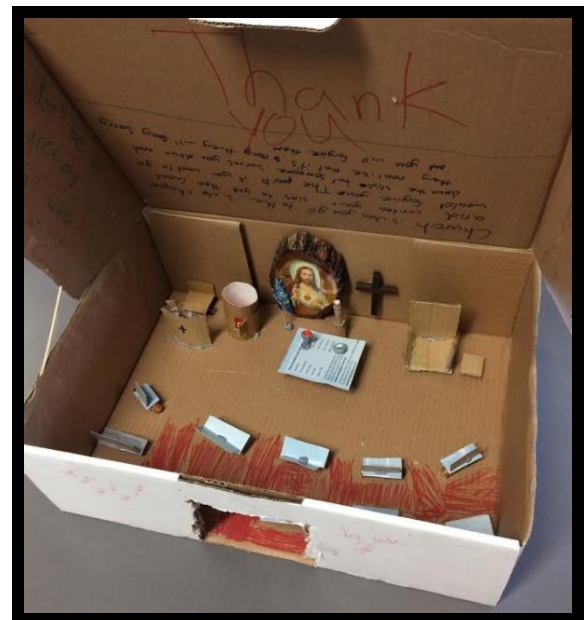
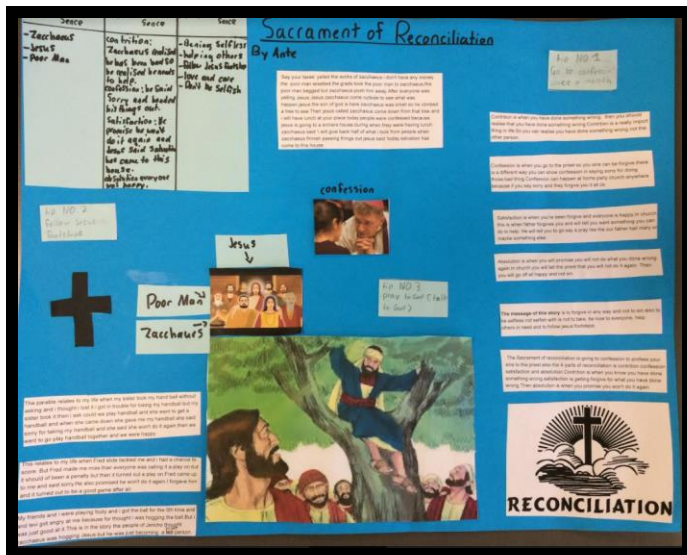
This term Year 4 have been looking at the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and in particular have looked at 2 Bible Stories: The Parable of The Prodigal Son and the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus.

We have also recently completed the Parramatta Diocesan Religious Literacy Assessment where we have had to explain why Reconciliation is so important within our faith.

As part of our Religious Literacy Assessment we also had to make a creative piece to show our understandings of Reconciliation. We created slideshows, iMovie's, Posters, sculptures, artworks and storybooks within our class.

Everyone had fun completing the Religious Literacy Assessment and we all had a blast!!

By Eva Sultana and Bella Molano





P&F NEWS

The FATHER'S DAY STALL will be held NEXT THURSDAY morning. Notes for the stall have been sent home on paper & electronically. Please complete the slip & forward with *correct* money to the school office in an envelope no later than **Tuesday**. Unfortunately only limited stock is available for money brought in on the day.

Thank you to the Year 2 families who are kindly asked to help at this event.



Father's Day Breakfast



DADS + OLA CHILDREN...
You are invited....

NEXT Friday 1st September 7.30am

This is a special time for fathers, grandfathers or other significant male carers and their children here at OLA. We look forward to hosting a delicious BBQ breakfast for them. **Thank you in advance to the Year 1 and 6 families for your help on the day.**

To avoid disappointment, please RSVP for catering purposes:

<https://goo.gl/forms/U8XiXjKzzXHsPUGH2>

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Sept 1st : Lee-Ann Wallis, Monique Falzon, Bianca Basile, Prasangi Gunasekara, Iarni Harvey & Brooke Dyke. Thank you ☺

PROFESSIONAL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY MINI SESSIONS

The OLA P&F have teamed up with Mel Hayes Photography to hold professional family photography sessions in November over 2 weekends. Keep your eye out for further information as sessions will book out quickly!



Thank you for your help and support in our school parent community. We can be contacted via email olapfc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*

From the Parish Office...

Confirmations

Children's Session - Next Thursday, 31st August at 7.30pm. Don't forget to bring your Confirmation Name with you!

Penrose Park, Berrima –

The Parish is holding a pilgrimage to Penrose Park on October 13th - marking the 100th Anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. If you or someone you know would like to attend, the cost is \$25 for the bus and BYO lunch and snacks.

We ask that you contact the Parish Office 8883 4063 to confirm your attendance.

The Coalition for Marriage

is leading the campaign to preserve marriage. Together with more than 80 groups from across Australia, representing over 3 million people, led by the Australian Christian Lobby, Marriage Alliance, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and the Anglican Diocese of Sydney, our ability to win the plebiscite and preserve family, faith and freedom will hinge on whether-or-not we act now. You will find in the Church foyer details on "How to Vote".

Baptism Seminar this Sunday 27 August after the 10am Mass in the Parish Hall.

The Wizard of Oz - Great Christmas Present Ideas!!!

The Parish are organising a group to go and see The Wizard of Oz Tickets are now on sale for Saturday, 3 February 2018 at 7.30 pm at the Capitol Theatre.

Tickets are \$120 each

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Parish Office.

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

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Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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NEW SCHOOL PHONE

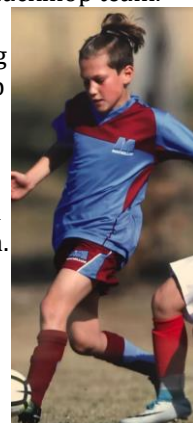
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You can still contact us on the old numbers, but when we ring you, this is the number that will now show on your phone. Please add this number to your contacts list.

New South Wales PSSA Boys Football By Lucas Lesar

From Tuesday the 15th to Thursday the 17th of August, I participated in the New South Wales PSSA Football tournament. My family and I had to drive to Inverell which was 8 hours away and was where the tournament was being held. I was representing the Parramatta Diocese in the Mackillop team.

We played 7 games; winning 4, drawing 1, and losing 2. We ended up coming 5th out of 12. There were 196 children that participated in the tournament and there was a lot of talent and competition. Overall, the weather was perfect for the playing conditions and this tournament ran very smoothly and was also very enjoyable.



Term 3 Week 6			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Makayla Streater	Summer West	Reid Sammut
Kinder G	Ava-Belle Chong	Elizabeth McKee	Caleb Xuereb
Kinder W	Juliana Aguilar	Sean McKeever	Charlise Mitrovich
Year 1B	Maraya Macario	Milana Buda	Ethan Tierney
Year 1 G	Raylin Chetty	Jack West	Clyde Naidu
Year 1W	Jack Maher	Sybellah Arora	Grace Wallis
Year 2 B	Olivia Ross	Nate Clements	Camryn Sammut
Year 2 G	Zach Lee	Mya Basili	Orlaith McManus
Year 2 W	Isabella Stein	Harrison Ko	Julie Bolina

*Until next week
Mr Steve Cauchi
Acting Principal*