



## Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 7 Term 1

10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

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

Dear Parents,

Lent is a time of preparation for the greatest feasts in the Liturgical year, Easter. Catholic social teaching is concerned with the right ordering of society so that its members may fulfil their earthly vocation and attain their eternal destiny. In other words, our whole lives are a time of preparation for our greatest moment.


I asked a class of Year 6 students once what they thought this moment would be. I was astounded that a couple identified this as the moment of death. Indeed, our moment of death is when we come face to face with God and, therefore, must be our greatest.



As with all special events – graduations, weddings, holidays – their success is very much determined by the degree of preparation. So it is with our lives and our rewards afterwards that God's saving plan has promised us.

Let us extend this Lenten time of preparation to beyond the 40 days and think about how this is applied to our whole life. This starts with the human person and our relationship with God.

### POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER



- 1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."
- 2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.
- 3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE MIDDLE. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.
- 4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.
- 5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.

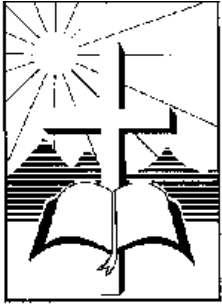
At OLA this year, we are having a drive on raising the awareness of mental health/well-being. As each person is created in God's image, each individual is in nature the essence of God and must be treated with the appropriate dignity and respect. This begins with dignity and respect for self. If we do not love ourselves, it is not possible to love others. We all at times, forget this, me included. Lent is a time to me mindful of this.

For term one, staff members are working on developing the skills of mindfulness. The intention is to move the focus to the students and later in the year, to parents. Hopefully by the end of 2017, we are all skilled at 'going to our peaceful place' and be people that reflect God to all they meet.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar OLA Cross Country  
St Patrick's Day – Green Mufti  
Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser  
Infants Assembly 2W

NEWSLETTER



## Gospel Reflection

### Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March: Second Sunday of Lent-Year A (Mt 17:1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

***His face shone 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.'



### Reflection

*Matthew's Gospel this Sunday recounts the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. Jesus reveals the Transcendent Truth of who He is in front of the human eyes of Peter, James and John. Jesus reveals who Peter, James, John and each one of us will become in Him. We are invited to embrace the mission of Christ and follow the path Jesus has prepared for us to guide us to the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One, and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.*

(<http://liturgyhelp.com.au>. © Greg Sunter 5-3-2017)



### Project Compassion Box

On Ash Wednesday, every family in OLA received a Project Compassion Box. Project Compassion is one way families can make a Lenten promise and display almsgiving to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations can go a long way to helping others to have the basic needs in life.

What can you do during these 40 days to show the face of Jesus?  
FAST! PRAY! ALMSGIVING!



## 17<sup>th</sup> March- ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS.

Green Mufti can be worn on this day. Children must wear covered in shoes (and of course runners for the children participating in the cross country).

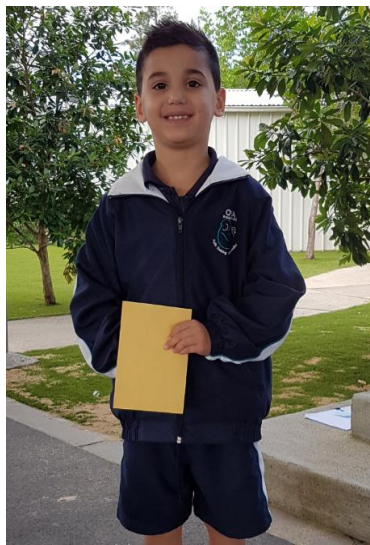
Please bring a gold coin donation for Project Compassion for St Patrick's Day and 50c for special treats.

The SRC will be preparing fun activities during recess times.



Thank you to everyone who has sent in their lunch order for next Friday for the sausage sizzle and popper fundraiser. It's not too late to order, so please send in your paper bag with name, class, sauce option and \$5.00 on Monday as we will be collating all the orders on Tuesday.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bowen Cleary and Isaac Rapa on being our first recipients of the Archangel Award. These boys have consistently shown respect for themselves, others and the environment by following our school behaviour expectations. The boys received their certificate and medallion at a school assembly.



*Our Lady  
of the Angels  
Primary School*

Building strong foundations in faith and learning



### 2018 ENROLMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

7pm Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 1 Wellgate Ave Kellyville



For further information, please phone 8814 5989

### 2018 Information Night

This night is for **NEW FAMILIES** only. If you have any friends that are wanting to enrol for next year, please let them know about our information night.



### **What is Number Busting?**

You may have heard your child talk about doing 'number Busting' during mathematics lessons. But what actually is number busting? Number Busting is the ability to partition a number (quantity) and reason about these quantities. Many students can read, write and order 2 or 3 digit numbers but struggle to 'partition' the number.

Number Busting is an activity that can be used to help children understand quantities of numbers. It allows children to manipulate a quantity to find that is made up of a variety of smaller quantities. It is important that children understand and attempt to 'bust open' a number in many ways.

Most children benefit from using concrete materials such as bead strings, to manipulate when busting a number but as the children develop their understandings of quantities we want to remove the need to 'see' the number and imagine the quantity.

Children use this knowledge to solve other mathematical problems.

### **Number Busting Challenge!**

#### **Try This!**

Think of a number between 70 and 90 (smaller numbers for younger children, larger numbers or even fractions for older children).

Next, find as many ways as possible to split or partition this number in 2 minutes. Include some interesting or creative solutions. There is no limit to the number of splits. Avoid using the same operation every time.

Choose your favourite solution and explain why you have chosen it to a family member. Remember to do **HARD THINKING!**

Share your favourite number bust with your classroom teacher! Have fun!

God Bless  
Mr Cauchi  
Assistant Principal

### **Literacy News**

#### **Helping Your Child with Spelling:**

- Using mnemonics to help memorise tricky words. For example, "There is a cess pit in necessary."
- Finding words within words. For example, "There is a rat in separate."
- Making links between the meanings of words and their spelling. For example, sign, signal, and signature.
- Using a dictionary as soon as they know how to.
- Encourage your child to have a go at spelling words they are unsure of. This will give them the opportunity to try out spelling strategies and to identify those that they find useful. You can help them to use the strategies outlined above and praise their efforts.

Source: [www.dewarenne.org.uk/documents/download/5430](http://www.dewarenne.org.uk/documents/download/5430)

#### **Whole School Writing Task:**

This week all students completed their first whole school writing task. This piece of writing will be used to assess students' writing and design teaching/learning tasks to cater for individual needs. Teachers encouraged students to use rich vocabulary and check spelling used in their writing piece.

#### **Next week's WOW words are:**

**Infants:** startle

**Primary:** tedious



Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

## OLA SPORTS STARS

We have had lots of student's trialling for MacKillop teams. Our latest stars are Marko Rangan and Kenny King.

Congratulations to Marko Rangan who has been selected to represent MACKILLOP at the NSWPSA Basketball Championships and to Kenny who have been selected to represent MACKILLOP for Under 11 Rugby Leach!

### Cross Country Volunteers – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help with the Cross County next Friday, the 17th of March. Could all volunteers meet me at the Student Access to the office at 8:30 am on the day for a brief meeting.

Miss Samantha Pepin

### Parent/Teacher/Student Conference – Week 10

A email was sent home today outlining the details for making an interview time. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions:-

Code for this event is **kx8tu**

**Great to see so many parents already take up this excellent opportunity!!  
Don't miss out- enquire now and book your two FREE SESSIONS**

## FREE TRIAL SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES MARCH 14 & 15

THE SCHOOL AT AIPA WILL BE OFFERING SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AT OLA COMMENCING TERM TWO.

MARG HAYNES HAS BEEN TEACHING DRAMA FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND IS A MULT-AWARD WINNING WRITER & DIRECTOR IN ADDITION TO THE TEACHING. MARG'S QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE BA(HONS), ATCL, LTCL, FTCL (P), ACE, CSCA, CVCA. SHE IS ALSO A JP.

CLASSES WILL COVER DICTION, INTONATION, PERFORMANCE POETRY, IMPROV, DRAMA GAMES AND SCRIPTED WORK. PARENTS WILL BE ISSUED WITH A WRITTEN REPORT AT THE END OF TERMS TWO AND FOUR AND STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF PERFORMING AT AIPA'S DRAMA WEEKEND IN AUGUST.



THE SCHOOL AT AIPA WILL BE OFFERING A TWO-WEEK OBLIGATION FREE, COST FREE, TRIAL THIS TERM SO THAT CHILDREN CAN ATTEND A CLASS TO SEE WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.

FREE TRIAL DATES: 7TH & 8TH MARCH & 14TH & 15TH MARCH, 2017. STUDENTS CAN ATTEND ONE WEEK OR BOTH, DEPENDING ON THE DEMAND.

#### TUESDAY:

3.05PM – 3.45PM: KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS  
3.45PM – 4.45PM: YEARS THREE & FOUR

#### WEDNESDAY:

3.15PM – 3.55PM: YEARS ONE & TWO  
3.55PM – 4.55PM: YEARS FIVE AND SIX

TERM FEES ARE \$ 30.00 FOR THE 40 MIN CLASS (9 WEEKS) AND \$180.00 FOR THE 60 MIN CLASS.

TO BOOK FREE TRIAL OR ENROL FOR TERM TWO, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AT AIPA ON

02 9966 3013 OR 02 9966 0353 OR EMAIL [PAM@AIPA.COM.AU](mailto:PAM@AIPA.COM.AU)

## From the office.....

**Absent Notes** – If your child is away for any reason, an absent note must be sent to school on their return. This can be done either in writing to the teacher, by email to [ola@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) or by the skoolbag.app. It is a government requirement that the reason must be specific, not just family reasons, or family commitments.

**Family Leave** – If your child is going to be away for 10 days or more, then you need to complete an Application for Exemption form which needs to be submitted to the office, with a copy of your travel documents (eg flight details) and a Certificate of Exemption will be sent home to you. If it is less than 10 days, then a letter prior to leaving to the office/teacher needs to be sent in with the respective dates. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Withdrawal from School** – It is part of the CEDP Policy that a term's notice in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. Please give as much notice as possible to avoid being charged.

**Early Collection from School** – If you need to collect your child early from school, please **DO NOT** ring the office and ask us to have them here waiting for you. We will only call for the children once you have arrived.

**Book Covering** – With the new library nearly completed, we have a lot of readers to be covered. If you can assist with this (contact is provided), please call into the office to pick up a bag of books.

**Winter Uniform** – Just for the new families at school, the students will go into their winter uniform in Term 2, Week 4, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Winter uniform will be available in the uniform shop towards the end of this term.

**Kindergarten Siblings 2018** – If you have a child due to start kindergarten next year, please email the office with your child's name, DOB and the sibling's class and we will arrange for enrolment forms to be sent home to you in the next few weeks.

**Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences** will take place in week 10, beginning on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please the note that was emailed home today, and also the details in this newsletter regarding making your interview time online.

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## Play Project

On Tuesday March 7th, 2017 Year 3 went to the 'Play Project' for sport. We had heaps of fun and played lots of games. There were two teams and their names were *Sydney FC* and *The Wanderers*. The two captains who got chosen were Riharna and Ethan. We also got split into four groups and made our own games with some sports equipment. 3B went first, 3W went next and 3G went after 3W. One activity was with three cones and you had to run to the first cone and come back. Then you had to go to the second one and back again to the third cone. The main lesson we were taught was that playing games is lots of fun and to stay healthy we should 'Huff and Puff' after school each day. We had lots of fun!

**By Lauren and Ethan, 3B**





# From the Classroom..... of 4B

## Indigenous Art

This term we have been learning about Indigenous artworks. A tradition of the Indigenous People was to use dots in their artworks with lots of Earthy colours including: black, orange, brown, white, red. We 4B, have made two different Indigenous artworks. Our first artwork that we created was a representation of a hand with four symbols that told a story. Our second artwork we created was a representation of an Australian animal. We had the option of choosing either a goanna or a turtle to draw and paint. 4B had an amazing experience when they creating these artworks.

Max F



"I enjoyed the artworks that we have created because they were colourful, bright and shiny. We enjoyed the dot paintings because painting them was a lot of fun."

By Hayden L and Drew S.



"I enjoyed making beautiful designs on the back of my lizard".

Anneliese G



"I enjoyed doing my hand painting because it involved lots of dots and there was lots of different colours".

Akeesha G



"I enjoyed doing the background of my turtle because it looks like it is swimming".

Lauren E





# P&F NEWS

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS SALE - FRIDAY MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 8-9.30AM

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. The uniforms have been sorted and are being washed over the next few weeks. 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.

### STOCK AND SIZES AVAILABLE:

Tracksuits – Sizes 4,6,8 and 18	Boys Winter Shirts: Sizes 6,8 & 14
Sports Shorts – Sizes 4 & 6	Summer dress - Sizes 4 & 6
Boys Summer shirts – Sizes 12-20	Winter Tunic -4,6 & 18
Boys Long Pants –All sizes except 10	Girls Winter Shirts – Size 4
Library bag, ties and hair accessories also available.	

***A special thank you to the team, including some fresh new faces who eagerly helped sort and wash. Your help is very much appreciated!***



## OLA FAMILY FIESTA NEXT MEETING - MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

Thank you to those who attended the highly productive 'brainstorming' meeting this afternoon. We are off to a great start with some great plans!

We are seeking support from families and are asking that you put your thinking caps on. Perhaps you might like to get together with a few buddies to run a stall, or you are able to contribute through contacts or donations. We are very excited about this special celebration and look forward to continue building our wonderful community.

***If you have any ideas, would like to help or run a stall or can offer a donation please contact us and we can get the ball rolling.***

## PARISH BALL

*Would you like to dress up and go out for a fun night with friends? Join us at the Parish Ball on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at Castle Hill RSL. Tickets are \$80. You can*

*join a table of other school parents or book one of your own. With or without a partner...*



*Contact us via FB or email or pop in to the Parish Office. Hope to see you there ☺*

**SPECIAL TREATS FEBRUARY 24:** Jo Gladwell, Mariana Cutuk, Kylie Burt, Sarah Clearly, Lauren Lynch & Monique Falzon. **ALL PROCEEDS FROM TODAY'S TREATS TO BE DONATED**  
[www.gofundme.com/2hachwrw](http://www.gofundme.com/2hachwrw)

*\*If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) or message via our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you during the year!*



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## OPEN EVENING MONDAY 13 MARCH

4PM TO 8PM - SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS

Year 7 2018/2019 enrolment information, Year 7 & 11 subject stalls, tours,  
BBQ & more! Meet our welcoming College community & explore our  
educational opportunities.



### Congratulations to the following students who received these awards:

**Academic** for working hard  
**St Francis** for showing the qualities of St  
Francis  
**Einstein** for celebrating mistakes as an

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

*Eva La Rocca, Principal*

Term 1 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Amalia-Rose Trifiro	Macy Owen	Charlotte Anderson
Year 3 G	Milan Yadav	Dylan Lopresti	Sienna Jeffriess
Year 3 W	Janiya De La Cruz	Jett Laborte	Matilda Wallis
Year 4 B	Akeesha Gunsekara	Sienna Fallone	Parker Galvin
Year 4G	Janelle Mensah	Marcus Castellan	Kiara Wijaya
Year 4 W	Dante Merrin	Mia-Bella Trifiro	Grace Bennison
Year 5 B	Zac Signorelli	Cooper Oblea	Gabriella Muscat
Year 5W	Zac Sprowles	Oliver Vrljic	Jada Scoulou
Year 6 B	Ashley Cummings	Mia Sprowles	Enaya Puri
Year 6G	Elysia Connellan	Connor Knowles	Malachi Cauchi
Year 6 W	Charlie Cutroni	Cody Kingcott	Sophia Tapley

### From the Parish Office...

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night in Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 pm. This is a great way to do that something extra for Lent.

#### LENTEN REFLECTION

You are invited to join Fr. Warren for prayer & reflection during the 5 weeks of Lent, every Wednesday commencing on 8 March in the Hall at 7:30pm. Those who are interested in participating, kindly put your name on the sign-up sheet at the Church foyer table this weekend.

#### Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on Saturday, 18 March after the 5.30pm Mass. If you are interested, just email me back and I will add your name to the list. Cost is \$10 for 3 books. BYO: nibbly & drink. **Cash Jackpot!! \$550.00**

#### Parish Ball

On Saturday, 29 April, the Parish will be holding a Ball at the Castle Hill RSL Club. Tickets go on sale next weekend \$80-. Please contact the parish office for further information.

#### EASTER SERVICES at OLA

**Palm Sunday:** normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

**Holy Thursday:** Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm

**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross 10am

Confessions available after the stations

The Passion Liturgy 3pm

**Easter Vigil:** Saturday evening 6.30pm

**Easter Sunday:** 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

After Mass, there will be a special morning tea and Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny!

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!

\*\*\* Actor's Needed \*\*\*

For the Good Friday Stations of the Cross being presented by the OLA Youth at 10am. Any Year 6 student who would like to be involved, please contact Faith - Youth Co-ordinator.

Please note there will be Rehearsals commencing at 4:00 pm on Sunday, 26/3/17, 2/4/17 and 9/4/17.

#### **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

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#### **Rouse Hill Rams Soccer Club**

Registration is now open at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) and you can check out our Facebook page or our website ([ramssoccer.com.au](http://ramssoccer.com.au)) Call Emma on 0458204703 or email on [contact.soccer@rousehillram.com.au](mailto:contact.soccer@rousehillram.com.au) for any enquiries.