

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

Dear Parents

Today the school community gathered for Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Whenever you have a special intention, remember to pray to the Sacred Heart – *"Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee"* – and things always work out for the best. It does for me. In our school, this Mass is traditionally the 'poor man's Mass' and aligns with the Vinnies Winter Appeal. I would like to commend Mrs Zivic and the Mini Vinnies Team for driving this SOCIAL JUSTICE Program and Pyjama Day. Many disadvantaged people will be much warmer this winter thanks to your generosity regarding donations of blankets and warm clothing.

Congratulations to the following students who are recipients of this term's Principal Award. I look forward to sharing morning tea with them next Tues day and hearing about their term and why they think they received this award. ☺



Term 2

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



Action Plan

Each year, schools set goals in Formation, Literacy and Numeracy. This is the basis for an Action Plan which is reviewed each term by team members from other schools. The feedback from our meeting yesterday outstandingly favourable...

- * Students were engaged and on task across all stages. (Despite wearing pyjamas)
- * Learning Intentions and Success Criteria were evident across stages and in all KLAS.
- * Learning Intentions and Success Criteria were co-constructed and in child friendly language.
- * Most students were able to articulate when talking about their learning.
- * The students were able to answer questions in a way that gave clear directions/feedback about their learning.
- * It was noticed about the 'prominent' position of the prayer space in some rooms.
- * Children were confident in explaining their thinking.
- * In some classes, children were using electronic devices effectively to support their learning.
- * Learning spaces were 'vibrant' and rich in print.
- * Word walls/towers were evident.

Many commented on how beautiful our learning spaces are and how lucky we are to be in such a beautiful school. We already knew that. ☺

Thank you to the whole staff for all their hard work especially to Mr Cauchi, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Hurst for their work preparing for this day.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thurs 29th June Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Last Day of Term 2
Mon 17th July First Day of Term 3
Wed 19th July Photo makeup day – for those students who missed photos last Monday
Term 3 Calendar will be sent out next week.

Mid-Year Reports

Today your child has received his/her mid-year report. Please refer to the segment later in this newsletter by Mr Cauchi.

Gospel Reflection (Mt 10:26-33) Sunday 25th June, 2017

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Living the Gospel

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

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First Holy Communion

On Sunday 25th June, many students from Our Lady of the Angels will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. May we keep them in our prayers as they receive the Body of Christ for their first time.

Congratulations to the following students; *Ava C, Isabella C, Maya C, Isobel C, Lachlan C, Janiya D, Sienna D, Mikayla E, Logan H, Sienna J, Lara K, Sahara K, Daniel K, Katia L, Dylan L, Sarah M, Eva M, Marcus M, Riharna P, Ethan P, Harriet P, Emma Q, Noah R, Ben R,*

Social Justice-Caring for the homeless

On Thursday, 22nd of June, the OLA teachers and students took part in Pyjama day, where we got to wear our pyjamas to school. To be able to wear our pyjamas, we had to either bring in a gold coin donation or warm blankets and clothes to donate to those who are less fortunate than us.

The reason why we take part in pyjama day each year, is so that we can remember and help those who don't have a roof over their heads. These people have to sleep outside, even in the middle of winter, without any warm



clothes or ways to prevent themselves from falling ill. We also take part in it so that we can give generous donations to those who are living on the streets, we can help them to keep warm this winter!

Thank you to all of the families in our community who have donated to this worthy cause.

*By Enaya Puri and Sophia Tapley
Mini-Vinnies Group*



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

- Listening skills do help spelling. "What letter does 'chart, end with?" What letter does 'piano' begin with?" Play these games just for a few moments before dinner, or after breakfast to develop your child's ability to hear sounds in words.
- Rhyming words is another game that can build spelling skills. "Can you think of a word that rhymes with fill?" As your child says hill, Bill, till, and so on, write them down. They'll soon notice, themselves, that they have identical endings.
- Remembering. This is a game to develop visual memory. Write one word on a piece of paper. Leave space underneath it. Tell your child to look at it as long as they want, that is, until they can remember the letters, then have them fold the paper so that they cannot see the word. They are then to try to write the word from memory. Let them check it themselves, and if they have misspelled, try again.
- Practice in spelling can come in a variety of ways. For example, you might ask them to help you make a grocery list by looking at the advertisement for a local supermarket. You could check the items you want to purchase, and you could ask them to make a list to help you out.

Source:

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

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Debating

This week we hosted Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville to debate the topic "That Planes are Better than Trains". We were the affirmative team, and had the challenging task of convincing the audience that plane travel was better than travelling by train.

As usual, the team came up with some very strong and convincing arguments about the safety concerns when it comes to trains, the cost of travelling by train compared to that of planes, and the difference in travel time between planes and trains.

While we were again convincing in our arguments, and were able to refute the other team's misleading statements, we did not win the battle this week. Congratulations to Melissa Preston, Carys Fitzgerald, Phoebe Strykowski and Sascha Strykowski for all of their hard work!

Thank you to Mrs Giglio for adjudicating, and for all of the debating team for their hard work in preparing for today.

Our debating star of the week is Phoebe Strykowski. She is an amazing third speaker who is able to sum up the team's case convincingly each time she takes on that role. Phoebe works tirelessly on her preparation for each debate, even when she is not one of the speakers. She helps others formulate their arguments, and works on coming up with catchy team lines to convince the audience. Well done Phoebe, you have a bright future in debating and public speaking!



Mrs Kylie Leach
Year 6 Teacher

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

On Thursday, the 22nd of June, a select group of boys from Stage 3 competed in the Parramatta Soccer Gala Day, at Jamison Park, Penrith. We showed incredible skill and great sportsmanship throughout each game. The teams we faced were tough. However, tough they were both OLA teams gave it their best. Both teams managed to place 2nd in their pool. A special thank you to Mr Izzard and Mr Ewer who referred games throughout the day. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the parents who came out to support us on the day.

Anthony K and Jesse E



Mindfulness at OLA



Mindfulness has many benefits for students in the classroom. It has been proven to; calm the mind, calm the body, increase focus and attention, increase the ability to learn, develop self-awareness, lessen anxiety, help manage emotions and can be a life long coping skill.

For your information an article about the health benefits of meditation and being mindful by Dr Craig Hassed has been attached to the newsletter.
Terina Macare

Mid-Year Reports

At this time of the year our teachers are analysing assessment tasks, reporting student growth and progress and preparing to meet with you to discuss your child's learning.

Throughout the year, teachers regularly meet with their teaching partners to reflect, analyse and compare each students work with the syllabus standard. This reflection phase allows teachers the opportunity to evaluate the success of teaching strategies as well as setting a clear direction for future planning for the learning of the students in their class. This phase allows for individual needs to be clearly understood and specific programs to be developed.

At Our Lady Of The Angels, we have developed high expectations for our students' learning. When you receive your child's report, remember to refer to the statements of achievement that describe your child's level of success in each Key Learning Area. Also remember to pay attention to your child's work habits. You might like to keep the following tips in mind when reading your child's report:

Look for strengths first. Focus on the strengths and celebrate these areas. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort needs attention, then this is something on which they need to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, speak to your child about how pleasing this is and how it has a positive impact on their learning.

Broaden your focus to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being.






Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Students from Years 1 to 6 will receive a level of achievement in each Key Learning Area based on a scale described by the letters A-E. It is important to remember that the majority of students are expected to receive 'C' grades which indicate that they are achieving the expected outcomes.

A considerable amount of time and consideration is put into allocating the grades for each student. Grades are allocated based on a number of variables such as student work samples, assessment tasks, observations and class work.

Please keep in mind that your child's grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage this year.

Sometimes the A-E scale is confusing for parents as it is not graded in the same way that reports were constructed when we were at school. To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

E	D	C	B	A
A person on 'L' plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver	A person on 'P' plates drives independently but is still learning	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	Advanced driver training with extra skills	Grand Prix Racer
				

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>

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 25 June

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering. Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 30 June

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on 'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time'. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587>. For more information: cgsaust.org.au

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Discernment Retreat: 1 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite women aged between 18-35 to their Discernment Retreat involving reflections, prayers and a social gathering. Lunch will be provided. 1 July 2017 at 9:30am, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

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/>

Mackillop Softball Trials

On the 20 June 2017 Jacob C and Marcus O competed in the MacKillop Softball trials. Marcus and Jacob participated in the day, using all their softball skills and knowledge to hopefully be selected in the team. Great job Jacob better luck next year. Congratulations to Marcus who was successful in the second round softball competition. Marcus was chosen from 21 kids down to 12. He will be playing in October later this year.



Archangel Awards

We have had many students receive Archangel awards over the last few weeks. It is an impressive achievement to acquire 60 Angel cards.

Congratulations to Christian Attard, Zane Boatwalla, Rose Montgomery, Olivia Ross, Leila Balangon, Tamsyn Brown, Drew Sammut, Julia Zammit, Dante Merrin, Katia Lesar and Marcus Castellan.

Several children also received an Archangel award today. Congratulations to Thomas Gutwenger, Janiya De La Cruz, Chanel Johnston, Logan Cleary, Eva Bond and Amber-Lilly Baker.

Kindergarten 2018 Acceptance Letters

These were due back today. If you haven't sent your acceptance letter back, please do so on Monday. We have many families on a waiting list and if your place is not confirmed, we will be looking at these other applications next week. Thanks

From the Classroom of KG

This term Kindergarten have been learning all about environments and living things in Science and Technology. This week KG have loved designing and making an environment for an animal. They can't wait to show their parents and friends in other grades next week!



P&F NEWS



Due to the change in location of Santa Sophia Catholic High School, the OLA FAMILY FIESTA will be back on Sunday August 6th ... Rides and fireworks too!!!! We are SUPER excited!!!!

We have less time to plan the fun so we need to work out how we can be involved in this enjoyable family day. If you would like to run a stall or have an idea you can make a reality, please contact olapfc@gmail.com OR PM our Facebook page ASAP. No time to waste! Thank you in advance!



SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – JUNE 30: Kellie Owen, Lee-Ann Wallis, Melissa Mileto, Anne-Marie Apap, Maria Muscat, Prasangi Gunasekara *Thank you!*



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TREATS ROSTER IN TERM 2, PLEASE EMAIL US OR SEND A FACEBOOK PM. DUE TO OVERWHELMING VOLUNTEER SUPPORT YOU MAY ONLY BE ON THE ROSTER ONCE PER TERM. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.



Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

First Communion Congratulations to the final group of children who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday. We ask that you keep them in your prayers. Thank you to Christine Leahy, Katrina Byrne and our facilitators for their continuing assistance.

The Fiesta is back on!!

With the changes to the location of Santa Sophia for 2018, we now have the grounds free to hold our Feast Day Celebrations.

Sunday 6 August is the date!!

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.

Playgroup

Next Thursday will be the last Playgroup for the Term. We will see you again Thurs. 20th June.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Year 6 Students who have received their first Communion will be able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Term 3. Further information to come. We can advise that the two dates will be Friday, 15 September and Friday 22 September. An enrolment form will go home with Year 6 students next week.

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

Uniform Shop

Monday will be the last day for any uniform supplies for this term as we will be stocktaking on Tuesday.

The shop will re-open on Monday 17th July, the first day of term 3.

*Until next week, God bless, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca, Principal*

Term 2 Week 9			
Whole school			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Isaac Kozyra	Alexandra Craven	Eva Perry
Kinder G	Riley Niemiec	Patrick Cleary	Juliana Wassef
Kinder W	Noah Cleary	Sophia Mangano	Grace Lincoln
Year 1B	Eva Bond	Blaize McDonald	Abbey Buxton
Year 1 G	Evangeline Vargas	Sofia Costa	Evan Galea
Year 1W	Dominic Zimmermann	Sienna Flores	Nathan Murphy
Year 2 B	Jake Brown	Zoey Chown	Cameron Muscat
Year 2 G	Claire Sievwright	Tahnia Arora	Hudson Baker
Year 2 W	Grace Labbad	Thomas Gutwenger	Julie Bolina
Year 3 B	Maya Cauchi	Lucy Tapley	Lachlan Connellan
Year 3 G	Mikayla Edwards	Alicia Gladwell	Logan Hayden
Year 3 W	Sienna Dixon	Ella Dimech	Joseph Abdallah
Year 4 B	Drew Sammut	Hayden Lavercombe	Caitlyn Palmer- Burton
Year 4G	Kimberly Mabhena	Natalie Holopikian	Michael Eyles
Year 4 W	Zane Boatwalla	Leila Balangon	Lucas McLuskey
Year 5 B	Isabella Iori	Zac Lesar	Rylan McGrady
Year 5W	Michelle Giglio	Jada Scoulou	Georgia Domars
Year 6 B	Karl Fischer	Olivia Jones	Sascha Strykowski
Year 6 G	Chiara Fallone	Melissa Preston	Alyssia Salib
Year 6 W	Amber-Lilly Baker	Breanna Debrincat	Paige Hayden