

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

Dear Parents,

This newsletter finds us halfway through term 4 and hurtling towards the end of the year. Teachers are very much engaged in preparing their students' end of year reports.

On Monday, our school was host to some 230 visitors (195 students + staff) from Yokohama, Japan. The students were junior secondary students from a selective high school. The accompanying principal, Mr Osawa was very impressed by our hospitality, the beautiful facilities, the brilliant organization and the reception they received,



in general. As Catholics, it is our responsibility to ensure that every encounter with another is an opportunity to show the face of God. I am confident that each of them has returned home knowing what it means to be Catholic.

I am sometimes a little reticent about

such events as I am mindful of interrupting learning time. However, the experience on both sides was tremendously positive.

All students of the day were treated to an Aboriginal Cultural experience which included-Artefacts, weaponry, bush survival and history, Aboriginal song and dance, didgeridoo and storytelling

Thanks so much to our parent helpers on the day who did a mammoth job at preparing 800 BBQ sausages on a roll. As usual, without your help it would not have been possible.



Money raised from the OLA students' lunch will be contributed to this week's **'Market Week' drive for Catholic Mission.**

Thank you to all the grades for their effort in providing a special 'something' for this social justice activity. Year 2 students made Rosary bracelets which they sold on Wednesday after which we found quite a number of students kneeling and praying in the Mary space. ☺

No assembly for the next two weeks due to swimming lessons.

Week 6: Mon 13th Nov
Week 7: Wed 22nd Nov
Week 8: Mon 27th Nov

Wed 29th Nov
Fri 1st Dec

Dates to Remember

Swim Program Commences for Yrs 1, 2 & 3
12 noon – Spelling Bee Finals; Rug Reading afternoon;
Swim Program Commences for K & Yr 4
Yr 5/6 Sun Surf Program Dee Why - Day 1
Yr 5/6 Sun surf Program Dee Why - Day 2
Whole School Assembly, Principal's Award Presentation

Gospel Reflection Sunday 12th November 2017

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A (Mt 25:1-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Gospel Reflection

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

(Liturgyhelp.com Greg Sunter 2/10/2017)

What's happening in RE @ OLA

Sacrament of Reconciliation

-Sacrament of Reconciliation dates (18th, 25th November and 2nd December)

MARKET WEEK –Work for a day for Catholic Mission

We would like to thank all our OLA families for supporting MARKET WEEK. Students have been involved in selling items they created in class to raise money for Catholic Mission, Many students gave up their play time to help with the stalls. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies team who supported each grade every day. Congratulations OLA, our Social Justice program has been a great success!

On Monday 13th, Year 6 will be selling jelly cups to complete OLA Market Week.

THANK YOU-OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

OLA would like to thank the generosity of all our families in their willingness to create a special shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.

If you still have boxes, can you please send them into the office, as they need to be collected by Samaritan Purse to post. Please return any boxes that have not been used, as we need to pay for every box that was sent out to our families.

We have only received back about 200 of the 300 boxes that were given out to families. PLEASE return your box next week if you took one home. Thank you

Literacy News

Little People's Literacy Learning

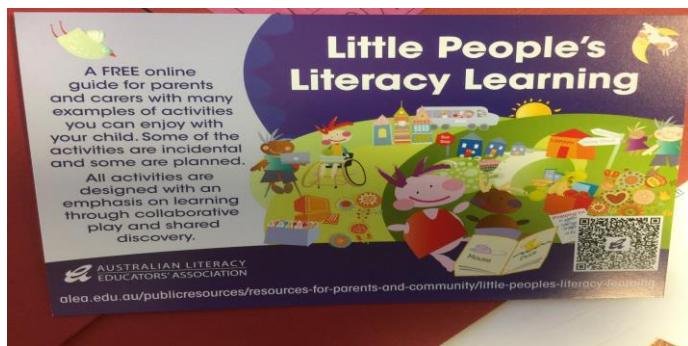
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Words of the Week:

Primary: enrage

Infants: especially

Root Word of the Week: carn- *flesh*



Spelling Bee Final

Students will be competing in a Spelling Bee in their learning spaces over the next weeks. Three students are then to be chosen from Year 3 to 6 for a whole school Spelling Bee Final. Parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday 22nd November at 12pm to view the Spelling Bee then to stay for a picnic lunch followed by Rug Reading at 2:20pm. Below is a link to 'The Premier's Spelling Bee Procedures' we will follow. Good luck students!

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/desiree.lane2/2017%20PSB-Procedures.pdf>

Dates for this Term:

Spelling Bee Finals: Wednesday 22nd Nov at 12:00pm

Rug Reading-Wednesday 22nd Nov at 2:20pm

Whole School Writing Task 4-24th November

Mrs Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

Mindfulness at OLA

Food for thought!

A Mindful S.N.A.C.K.

The next time you're feeling stressed out, overwhelmed, or unsure, reach for a moment of calm awareness: a mindfulness SNACK. Here's how to do it:

S	N	A	C	K
Stop	Notice	Accept	Curious	Kindness
Just stop whatever you're doing. (Stopping, by definition, requires us to begin again. We can always begin again.)	What is happening within and around you?	This is a tricky one. Whatever it is you're struggling with (time, kids, sleepiness, frustration) acknowledge it for what it is, without judgment.	Ground yourself with questions about your experience and environment: What am I feeling? What do I need right now?	Respond to yourself and others (mistakes and all) with kindness and observe how that helps things get back on track.

By Carla Naumburg, PhD (carlanaumburg.com)

Swim Program commences next week for Years 1, 2 & 3

A few points to remember about our swim program which will start next week:-

- Swimming will be on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- It is a two week program.
- Students can wear their sport clothes on the days they go swimming for ease of getting changed.
- They are to wear their swimmers underneath their sport clothes.
- It is advisable for the girls to wear a one-piece swim suit.
- They need to bring:-
 - Thongs/sandals to wear to and from the pool
 - Towel
 - Change of underwear
 - T-shirt/jacket to wear to and from the pool
 - Rash vests are NOT to be worn as it is an indoor pool.
 - NO parents are to attend the swimming centre during the swim program.



Please make sure that everything is labelled and that your child recognises what he/she is bringing to school. Please understand that it is the children's responsibility to look after their own belongings.

PBS4L

WOW! Congratulations to the 31 students who received an Archangel award this week: Matilda, Tayla, Harriet, Daniel, Marissa, Olivia H, Matthew K, Ethan P, Lily, Elysia, Max K, Chiara, Stella, Irene, Emma, Isobel C, Anthony K, Charlie H, Maddix, Pippa, Jelena, Luke S, Chloe, Roman, Christian M, William H, Amelia G, Sean, Madeleine and Roko!!!!!!!!!!!!



MARKET WEEK - JELLY DAY! Next Monday Attention all Jelly Lovers!

Year 6 will be selling jelly cups on Monday 13th November as part of our fundraising efforts for Catholic Mission. Jelly cups will cost \$1.00. We will also have lolly-bags for sale for 50c. This will be the final event for Market Week.

We thank you for your support!

Year 6



P&F NEWS

NEXT WEEKEND

THE TIME HAS COME..... Thank you to those who took up the opportunity to grab a remaining timeslot at \$25 for the 'Family Photographic Session'. Taryn has been in contact with families who have booked a session to confirm dates and times. If you would like any further information or have a last minute booking, please contact Taryn directly on 0404 462 672 and she will be able to assist you. Thank you ☺



FINAL P&F MEETING FOR 2017
Wednesday November 22nd
at 7pm

SPECIAL TREATS NOV 17th : Kellie Owen, Lauren Lynch, Kelly Cleary, Belinda Connellan, Natalie Dolahenty & Louise Hollier. Thank you ☺



On October 30th OLA celebrated 'International Teacher's Day'. On this day the team organised this small token of our appreciation for the staff to enjoy on behalf of the parents and friends.

*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*



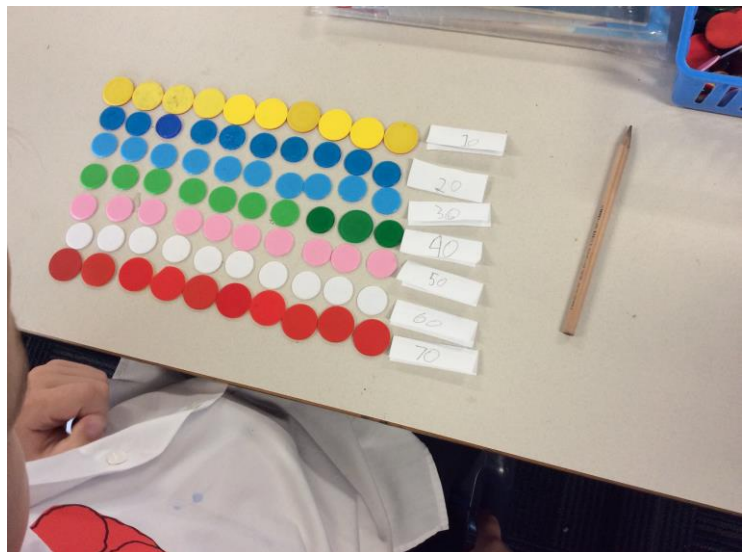
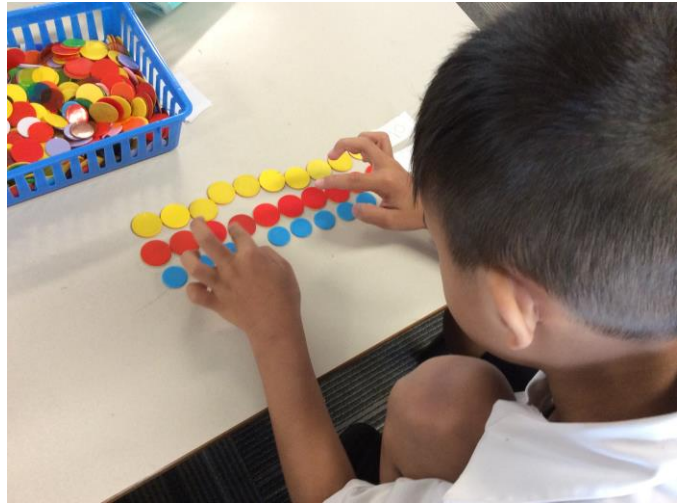
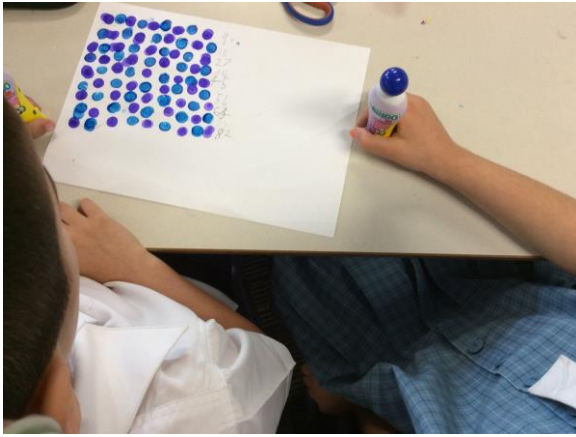
Spare School Clothes from Sick Bay

If your child comes home with a change of clothes, can you please wash and return them as soon as possible. We are in need of any spare socks, boys or girls, as these have gone home over the year and not been returned. If you have any old socks that you can donate to sick bay, please send them into the office.

Thank you

From the Classroom of 1B

1B have been exploring their understanding of multiplicative thinking by representing 'times as many' with a variety of concrete materials. Here is just some of our terrific learning.



1B have also been very busy learning about the water cycle in science and have even adopted a pet cloud.



From the Parish Office...

Bingo - will be held in the Hall on Saturday, 18 November from 7pm. Please advise if the office if you are attending.

Parish Christmas Party - Keep free Sunday, 17 December for our Parish Christmas Party. Santa will be visiting.

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

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Gilroy Catholic College Castle Hill is now accepting enrolments across **all** Years for 2018 and for Year 7 2019.

For information regarding enrolments please contact the College office during business hours Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm or email the Registrar Mary McBain mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu.au

*Until next week
Mrs Eva La Rocca
Principal*

Term 4 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Eva Mercieca	Milla Price	Maya Cauchi
Year 3 G	Celina Wassef	Milan Yadav	Emily Lenane
Year 3 W	Isabella Cauchi	Janiya De La Cruz	Jonathan Teo
Year 4 B	Parker Galvin	Marc Skoljarev	Hayden Lavercombe
Year 4 G	Kiara Wijaya	Patrick Leach	Marcus Castellan
Year 4 W	Nikki O'Neill	Brendan Ewer	Christian Vargas
Year 5 B	Natasha Charlesworth	Lara Caraos	Cooper Obbles
Year 5W	David Parada	Michelle Giglio	Alannah Lock
Year 6 B	Thomas Dobaj	Alex Pantaleone	Lucas Lesar
Year 6 G	Amelia Dimech	Malachi Cauchi	Connor Knowles
Year 6 W	Isaac Swinden	Jade Richardson	Charlie Cutroni