



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 6 Term 4

17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

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

Dear Parents,

We undoubtedly live in times that are seeing changes and events that we never imagined possible. (and that is not limited to Italy not making it into the World Cup!)

Recent events that have unfolded potentially pose a challenge to us as Catholics, a challenge for us to remain steadfast and true to what we believe. Initially, it may not be the case. The implications for future legislation are concerning, at least they are for me. Above all, I pray that this country continues to value and respect freedom of speech, religion and people's values. May God bless us all.



No assembly for next two weeks due to swimming lessons.



## NEWSLETTER

Week 7: Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

Week 8: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

### Dates to Remember

Swim Program Continues 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 Term 4 Week 7-33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 25:14-15. 19-21)

***Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.***

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

### **Reflection**

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here. (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)

Please keep in your prayers our OLA Year 2 students who have been preparing for their Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will be receiving their First Reconciliation over the next couple of weeks.

#### **Operation Christmas (Samaritan Purse)**

If you have an empty or full box at home can you please return them by 3pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, as the boxes will be picked up next week.

#### **Blessing for the children**

Forgiving Father,

You are with these children as they begin their journey to your forgiveness. Open their ears, minds, and hearts to the teaching of your Son. Fill them with the Spirit of love, peace, joy, and kindness.

Amen



### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

This year, OLA will be presenting the Nativity Story and Christmas Carols at our annual Christmas Celebration. The Nativity Story will also be presented at before the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. If you are attending the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, can you please let the office know, as I will be choosing children attending the Mass to act out the Nativity Story at 5.15pm before the 5.30pm Mass.





## Market Week

This week Our Lady of The Angels participated in Market Week. Market week is a week where schools and organizations sell items and all the money raised is donated to the Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission is a fundraiser that raises money for the less fortunate. Overall, we raised approximately \$1,880 and OLA are very proud of our achievement.

Kindergarten made yummy biscuits, Year 1 made coasters, Year 2 made rosary beads and Year 3 made bookmarks. Year 4 had an Italian Day, where they sold Pizza, cupcakes and other delicious foods.

Year 5 painted and decorated rocks, and Year 6 made jelly cups and cupcakes.

The face of God was shown in many different ways. People donated more than money then I'm sure anyone was expecting, as they knew it was going towards a good cause. Everywhere we went there was kind attitude and behaviour.

Overall market day was a huge success. We raised a great amount of money, to donate to charity. Each day everything sold out, and we all had fun and enjoyment in creating the items, selling the creations, and donating the money to charity.  
By: Gabriella Muscat & Jane Whelan  
Minnie Vinnie's members.



## Literacy News

### Words of the Week:

**Infants:** scrumptious

**Primary:** arduous

**Root Word of the Week:** pedi/pede- foot

### Spelling Bee Final

Students will be competing in a Spelling Bee in their learning spaces over the next weeks. Two or three students are then to be chosen from Year 3 to 6 for a school Spelling Bee Final. Years 2-6 will be attending. Parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 12:00pm

Rug Reading-Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 2:20pm

Whole School Writing Task 4-24<sup>th</sup> November

Mrs Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

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### Maths Olympiad 2017

This year we had 40 students compete in the Australasian Maths Olympiad Contest. We had a Year 5 and Year 6 team who participated in 5 contests held across terms 2 and 3. It is an impressive achievement to be selected to participate in this program.

Last Friday, students were presented with their certificates and awards. Congratulations to the following students who were presented with special awards:-

#### Year 6

##### Joint First Place

Jessica Bollard     Anthony Cutuk     Isaac Sultana

##### Encouragement Award

Alex Pantaleone

#### Year 5

##### Joint First Place

Matthew Diesto     Julian Vargas

##### Encouragement Award

Tamsyn Brown

The Year 6 team received a certificate for scoring in the top 25% of participants as a 'team'.

Isaac Sultana, Anthony Cutuk, Jessica Bollard, Melissa Preston and Charlie Cutroni received a pin for scoring in the top 10%.

Jesse Eldred, Karl Fischer and Carys Fitzgerald received a patch for scoring in the top 20% of participants. Julian Vargas and Matthew Diesto also received a patch for scoring in the top 25% of participants across Australasia.





## Swim Program continues 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.

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### Our Facetime Exchange with Nanzan Primary School, Japan

by Kylan and Isaac

On Friday 10th November, nine Year 6 students had the opportunity to participate in a facetime call with 91 Japanese students from Nanzan Primary School. This was our first experience making a video call to an overseas school. The purpose of the call was to connect with students from another culture, to learn about each other's different ways of living and to share our different perspectives of schooling life. The Japanese students were also able to practise their English!

In the session, both schools were able to exchange fifteen questions. We took turns asking questions and responding. For the most part, it was easy to understand each other and Mr. Dupuis, their English teacher, helped with translation when we needed it. We covered topics such as food, school, weather and different events. It was also great to see so many familiar faces as some of the Japanese students had visited us at OLA earlier in the year.

Overall, this was a new experience for all of us and we had fun communicating with students from across the globe. We learnt a lot from the Japanese students about the way they live their lives.





# P&F NEWS

## FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

An email and text message has been sent out to those who have a booking for this weekend's family photo shoot (Saturday 18th Nov & Sunday 19th Nov). Due to a forecast of heavy rain we have had to make other arrangements, full details are on the email. If you have not received an email, please contact Taryn at [tarynmark@iinet.net.au](mailto:tarynmark@iinet.net.au) or on 0404 462 672. Thank you ☺

**RESCHEDULED**  
**NEW DATE ANNOUNCED**



**MEETING  
NOTICE!**

**FINAL P&F  
MEETING FOR 2017  
THIS Wednesday  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at 7pm**

*This is the last P&F meeting for the year. No need to RSVP or even speak on the night. We will hear what the P&F (as part of the parent body) have been up to. It is also an opportunity to hear from Mrs La Rocca all the wonderful things that are happening at OLA. There is also time to discuss any general business items which can be added to the agenda by submitting them to [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday November 21st. Please find attached the minutes to the previous meeting. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night. ☐*

### AGENDA

- Special Treats
- Father's Day Stall
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Family Photography Sessions
- Kindergarten Orientation Morning Tea
- Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Term 3 and 4 – 'Parent Representative Council' meetings
- Swimming Carnival
- Christmas Treat/Celebration
- Tea and Tissues Morning Tea
- AGM Date for 2018
- Defibrillator on school grounds

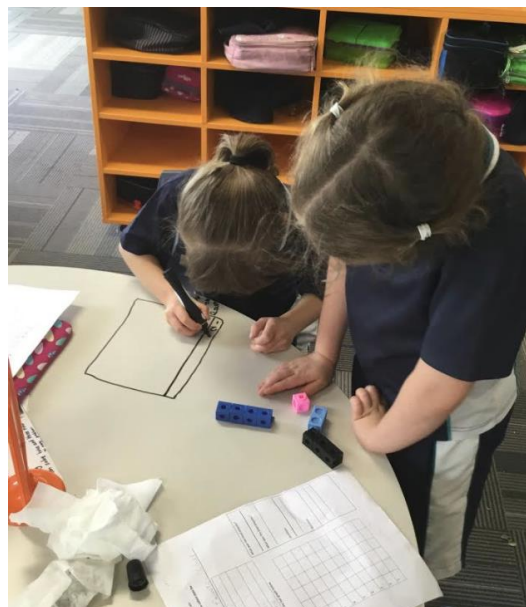
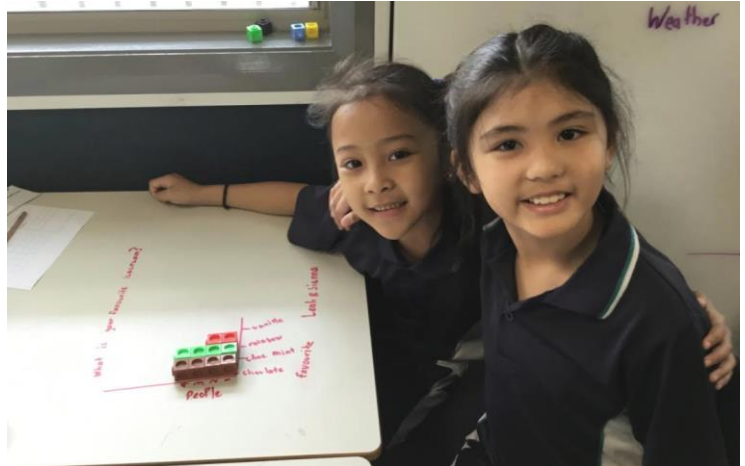
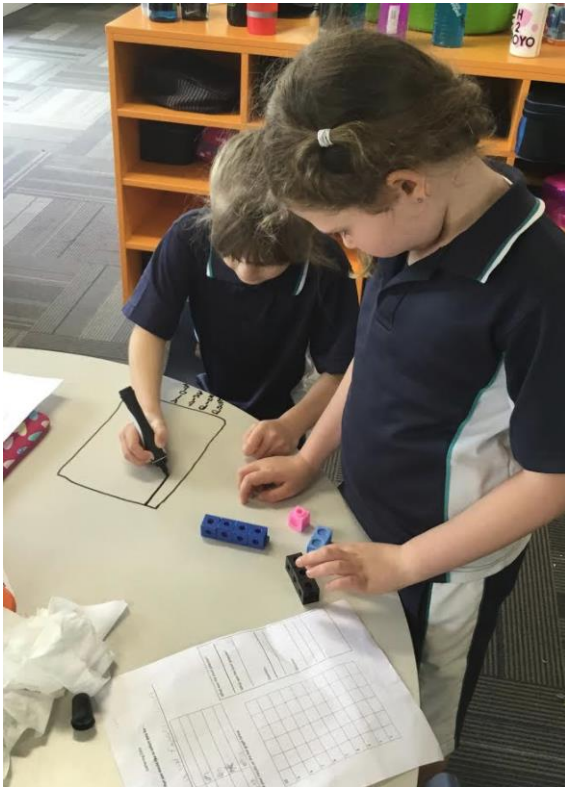
**SPECIAL TREATS NOV 24<sup>th</sup>: Lee-Ann Wallis, Marie Sales, Bianca Basile, Brooke Dyke, Flora Cauchi & Angela Camilleri Thank you ☺**

*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*



# From the Classroom of 1W

This week 1W have been learning all about collecting, displaying and interpreting data. We have created graphs on our favourite pets and ice-cream flavours. Today we took on the challenge of choosing our own questions and collecting our own data. Here are some of our results:





## ***From the Parish Office...***

### **Bingo**

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on tomorrow - Saturday, 18 November after the 5.30pm Mass. BYO: nibblies & drink. **Cash Jackpot!! \$250.00**

**Parish Christmas Party** - Keep free Sunday, 17 December for our Parish Christmas Party. Santa will be visiting. Please let him know if you are attending so that he can remember to bring your child (ages 0-12) a little gift. Food and drinks for sale.

### **Reconciliation - Year 2**

Congratulations to all the children who are currently doing their First Reconciliation.

### **Gingerbread House Making**

Please contact the office if you are interested in attending this night. Friday, 8 December at 7.00pm. Various shapes Houses, Nativity Scenes, Star Trees etc. Contact the Parish Office for the prices and bookings.

### **Altar Servers**

Congratulations to the children who are this weekend serving at the Lord's Altar for the first time.

### **Youth Evening**

Next Friday 24 November - Scavenger Hunt - Year 6 students are invited to come along. BYO some nibblies.

### **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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### **PBS4L**

Congratulations to the following students who received an Archangel Award this week:-

Sal Colosimo, Joshua Kim, Lucas Buda, Max Luther, Keira Mooney, Charlotte Zahra and Karl Fischer.



***Until next week  
Mrs Eva La Rocca  
Principal***