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Week 1 Term 2

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. The term has started well with students settled and well into their learning.

Last Sunday's Gospel reading was about Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. Any good farmer knows the importance of pruning, cutting off the parts of the vine, or any plant, so that it may flourish in its perfection and best.

It is said that Michelangelo saw a block of stone and said, "An angel is imprisoned in that marble; I must get him out." A sculpture is revealed in its perfection through the process of 'taking away' what is excess and not needed, that which spoils it.

In our lives, we need to reflect of the extra 'baggage' we take on; the things that lessen us in being the best we can be, the way God made us. The most significant thing we can do to be the best we can is to **'Keep holy the Sabbath day'** – attend Mass on Sunday with our children. This helps to keep our relationship with God alive and to live good lives.

Mothers' Day

Next Friday, the whole school will attend Mass on Friday to honour all mothers. This will be followed by morning tea. This is always a grand event of great numbers. I look forward to mingling with all mums and grand-mums. Thank you to the P&F for organizing this.

The Mothers' Day Stall will be held on WEDNESDAY, not Thursday as previously noted on the calendar. Please make sure your slips and payments are in before then as instructed by the P&F.

Thank you to Mrs Lenane for taking our school captains to represent our school at the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

The Ode

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Dates to Remember

Monday 7 th May	Photo make-up day
Tues 8 th May	7.55am ICAS Digital technology
Friday 11 th May	Primary assembly: 5B
Mon 14 th May:	8.50am Ascension prayer
15th-17 th May	NAPLAN Y3 and Y 5
Wed 16 May	Kinder excursion
Friday 18 th May	Family Fun Day 1pm – 3pm.

NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

Calendar of events is available at

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Calendar>

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (Jn 17:11-19)

Sunday 6th May

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Father, may they be one, even as we are one.

“Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,

keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost,

and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,

I have sent them into the world,

and for their sake I consecrate myself

so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’”



Gospel Reflection

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul’s mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

‘Catholic’ simply means ‘worldwide’, and the Church’s universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ’s victory over death and the true meaning of love: ‘No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.’

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, *catholic* and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity. (LiturgyHelp.com, Fr Michael Tate.)

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT OLA

- Week 1:** Thursday 3rd May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Parent Session:7.30pm)
- Week 2:** Friday 11th May- **Mothers’ Day Mass 9am**
- Week 3:** Monday 14th May-**Ascension prayer at the Monday morning assembly (Year 2)**
Thursday 17th May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Parent/child sessions 6pm and 7pm)
Friday 18th May- International Family Day (See next page)
- Week 4:** Monday 21st May-**Pentecost prayer at the Monday morning assembly (Year 4)**
Thursday 24th May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Parent Session 7.30pm)
- Week 5:** Thursday 31st May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Parent/child sessions 6pm and 7pm)

Rejoice with your
FAMILY
in the beautiful
land of life.
- Albert Einstein

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF



OLA FAMILY FUN DAY

On Friday 18th May, OLA is celebrating International Day of Families.

On this day we hope to be raising awareness of the importance of families, especially families in need.

The day will consist of a number of events and we ask for a **gold coin donation** for the services provided by Catholic Care.

Catholic Care provides many services for families.

For more information about Catholic Care go to the Catholic Care website.

(<https://www.catholiccare.org/>)

Timetable of events in which parents are invited to join their children:

1pm-whole school prayer for families in the church.

1.30-picnic lunch and games organised by OLA

Student leaders and SRC.

2.15-1G Assembly

2.35-Community Rug Reading

3pm: Home time

TTFM

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.



Tell Them From Me

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of the Angels Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device. More information to come.

Library monitors

Congratulations to Charlotte Ives, Grace Labbad, Lily Quinlan and Boston Roberts who will be the Library Monitors for Term 2.

Their duties will include

- collecting library book return tubs from all classes.
- sorting library book returns and placing these books in the correct location on the shelves
- making sure shelves and library furniture are tidy and clean.

I look forward to working with these students in their new role as Library Monitors

Sara Wagner
Library Assistant



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Experience stories. Let your child write about the things they like. They can illustrate the stories himself or cut pictures from magazines to illustrate them. Let them write the words without assistance unless they ask for help. Misspelled words can then be used in little games you play with your child. A one-line "story" may be all that they can handle. If so, fine.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omGOgQ>

Writeon 2018



Sydney 1949 Photograph by Ted Hood

WriteOn is an annual **writing competition** open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. It is designed to encourage students to develop their imaginative writing skills, and supports the teaching of writing. The competition aligns with the learning objectives in the NSW English K–10 Syllabus. The WriteOn 2018 writing competition opens in Term 2 (30th April) and close in Week 10, Term 2 (4th July).

Imaginative pieces may include:

- narratives
- letters
- poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries.

Schools submit their best entry from each stage.

The entries are judged by a panel of experienced primary teachers from each sector.

For more information, please visit the NESA site.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/writeon-competition>

Dates for Diaries:

Week 3-Friday 18th May-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of '**Rug Reading**' out on the playground with their child at **2:30pm** during the 'Family Fun Day'. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

Term 2 Whole School Writing Task-Thursday 15th June

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

PBS4L

We are continuing to focus on 'Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves'.

There are consistent reports of children being hurt during play. Please remind your children to play safely.

Congratulations to our Archangels this week: Jada Scoulou, Lauren Eyles. Sarah McKeever, Madison Mihalic and Nikki O'Neill

From the Classroom of..... 2W



This week we discovered how ingredients combine and change through heating and cooling. Our **"Kids in the Kitchen"** Science Day was so much fun! We learnt about the importance of safety and hygiene in the kitchen. We mixed, dissolved, heated and cooled many ingredients to make jelly, chocolate mousse, pizzas and popcorn. What an exciting day of learning!



Our resident master chefs 😊



P&F News



Mother's Day Stall - Wednesday 9th May
Mother's Day Morning Tea - Friday 11th May

The day is almost here, we can see the smiles on the children's faces as they are excited to buy something for Mum, Nan or another significant female figure in their lives. Make sure you have returned your note with correct money, so you don't miss out. Monday is the last day. As an added bonus, for every Mother's Day gift purchased, you will receive a ticket into a raffle to win some extra Mother's Day gifts.

Mother's Day Morning Tea will be held on Friday at the conclusion of Mass. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some yummy cake too.

We are also looking for some generous bakers to bake some yummy treats for us all to share. You can drop these goodies off to the office on Friday morning.



If you can help with the Mother's Day Stall or Mother's Day morning tea, then please send us an email or message on facebook. You can still volunteer if you have toddlers 😊

Special Treats -



Thank you to the volunteers on special treats on 11th May

Taryn McGrath, Annamaria Farrugia, Anne-Marie Apap,
Darlene Smith, Christina El Khoury and Jeannette Desira



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

On behalf of Mrs Lenane and Miss Pepin we would like to congratulate all our OLA representatives! We would also like to give a BIG thank you to Mrs Cutuk, Mrs Mileto and Mrs Clark who marshalled our children to their heats.

Diocesan Cross Country 2018

"TAKE YOUR MARK..."

"...GO

We were off and running, attempting to push our way to the front of the pack. There we were, racing down the straight, sweating & already feeling the burn in our legs. The crowds were cheering when we were coming down the track, sprinting and trying to do our best.

On Tuesday, the first of May OLA competed in the Diocesan Cross Country. We all did so well & some of us came quite close to getting to the next level. Having this experience is really fun and it keeps you healthy. We hope lots more OLA students get a chance to do this.

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the Cross Country this year, for getting out there and giving it their best. – Emily & Thomas



Mackillop Trials

On the 2nd May, Our Lady of the Angels had three boys Sal C, Hayden L and Hudson G, trial for the Parramatta Rugby Union team. We would like to congratulate Hayden L and Hudson G, who were successful in being selected into the 2018 Parramatta Rugby Union team to participate at the NSWCPs Rugby Union trials in Forbes on 1st & 2nd July. *Good luck boys!*



Term 2 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Hannah Burgess	Annie Blazey	Alessia Costa
Kinder G	Eva Millers	Locke Singh	Aiden Harvey
KinderW	Lucas Dobaj	Nate Sloane	Mia George
Year 1B	Joshua Stewart	Noah Falzon	Ilana McGrath
Year 1 G	Zavier Dabit	Olivia Medjumurac	Riley Niemiec
Year 1W	Patrick Cleary	Noah Cleary	Zara Buchanan
Year 2 B	Alonso Buda	Ethan Tierney	Ethan Billyard
Year 2 G	Ashlee Charlton	Luka Vaughan	Harry Jones
Year 2 W	Addison Del Rosario	Isaak Blye	Eva Bond