



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 2 Term 4

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

Dear Parents

Next week is the Feast of All Saints – November the 1<sup>st</sup>. It is one of the few remaining Holy Days of Obligation – obligation to attend Mass. The whole school will attend the 9am parish Mass and we hope you join us. For this reason, there are no class Masses during the week.

Who are the saints and why do we have them? The Catholic Church believes that saints are ordinary and typical human beings who made it into heaven. In the broader sense, everyone who's now in heaven is technically a saint. Saints are human beings who lived holy lives in obedience to God's will and are now in heaven for eternity. Some of these 'ordinary' people, such as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Francis of Assisi, lived extraordinary lives and have been beatified by the Pope. These are the ones to whom we traditionally pray. (St Anthony never fails to help me find things I've lost).

My father suffered a massive stroke and died after 5 months. In words of comfort, Fr Warren explained that these five months were his sharing in Christ's suffering and earned him a place in Heaven. He was buried on the first day of my new job as founding principal of OLA School. I talk to him often. For those whose souls are still to reach Heaven, we pray for them on All Souls Day.



The day before All Saints Day is Halloween – a word derived from 'all hallos eve'. While its roots stem from a pagan festival, its popularity has increased in recent years. Please be mindful of your child's safety if they engage in activities for Halloween. This warning is one that comes from your police each year.

### Education and Mission Mass.

Yesterday I attended this annual event with Mrs Byrne, Mrs Arayon and the students from Mini Vinnies. (Please refer to pg 3) This is an opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary work done in schools to support Mission Australia. At the end of Mass, the winners of this year's Year of Youth - Art Competition were announced and presented with their prize.

Congratulations to Elizabeth McKee who won first prize in this competition. Elizabeth was the winner of all infants' students across Parramatta Diocese – which is lots!! Well done! We are proud of you. 😊

*Elizabeth is here with Bishop Vincent and Mr Greg Whitby and her winning entry.*



### 2019 Kindergarten Orientation

This Wednesday, we welcome the kindergarten students and parents of our 2019 Kinder Class. This will be from 9am-11am, the first of two sessions. For those of you who remember, it can be a very daunting and busy time for first time parents. I encourage any parents who are on the grounds in the morning to extend a warm welcome and guidance if they seem 'lost'. For those using the drive through, please drop your children on time and exit the carpark as soon as possible. The morning session for parents is for NEW PARENTS ONLY and will be held in the hall (old church). Many thanks.

*Thank you to our P&F who have today provided us with a beautiful morning tea to celebrate World Teacher's Day.*



### Dates to Remember

Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Basketball Gala Day
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Day 9.15am – 11.00am
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	All Saint's Day – Whole School Mass 9.00am
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	All Soul's Day – Prayer at morning assembly Assembly: Infants Yr 2 poetry

NEWSLETTER

**Gospel Reflection-Sunday, 28th October 2018**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B**  
**(Mk 10:46-52)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Reflection for Young People by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Bartimaeus' popularity increases immediately with the attention he receives from Jesus. One minute the crowd is scolding him to keep quiet, the next minute they are reassuring him and urging him to go to Jesus. Jesus' gift to Bartimaeus is not only his sight but also his status in the community. By reaching out to the outcasts of society, Jesus brings general acceptance to them. How might you be able to bring general acceptance to the 'outcasts' at your school? What would happen if those students seen as unpopular were suddenly being given sincere attention and friendship by popular students? Bartimaeus' response to Jesus' healing is to become his follower. Jesus tells him, 'Be on your way'. Bartimaeus chooses then to follow the way of Jesus. If Bartimaeus had been given sight, and yet failed to recognise God's blessings in his life, would that have been much of a success story?

You have been given many blessings by God. Do you always recognise your good fortune? Are you grateful to God for all you have? How are you a success story? What response would Jesus want you to give, as a demonstration of your thankfulness for all you have been blessed with?

## **FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*This year the students at OLA completed the information sessions during Religious Education lessons in class. Below are the dates that apply to our OLA students receiving their Sacrament of First Reconciliation.*

-Tuesday 30th October @ 7pm - Parent meeting with Fr Warren

Reconciliation Dates- An email was sent to all parents last week, asking you to select one of the following dates for your child/ren to receive their First Sacrament of Reconciliation.

-Saturday 17th November @ 9.45am

-Saturday 24th November @ 9.45am

-Thursday 29th November @ 7.30pm



**The following dates apply to students who do not attend OLA.**

-Thursday 8th November-Parent only session @ 7.30

-Thursday 15th November-Lesson 2: Parent and child session @ 6.30pm

## **Dignity Packs**

**Dignity**-the state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect.

This year the OLA community will reach out to others in need and create 'Dignity packs' for a variety of local outreach programs. It is important for us to teach children about the gift of giving and understand that things we take for granted are things that people in our community desperately need. We want to show the face of God, but also show others that they are the face of God and that someone loves them; Below are a list of items we would like each stage to bring in. Later this term we will be assembling the 'Dignity packs' as a community. If you have any toiletry or handbags you are able to donate, we will be using these to create the packs.

Kindergarten-Dental-toothpaste, toothbrush, toothbrush container

Stage 1 (1/2)-small packet of tissues, deodorant, body wash, soap, soap container, face washer

Stage 2 (3/4)-small shampoo/conditioner, brush, hair elastic bands, comb

Stage 3 (5/6)-Sanitary items, shaving cream, razors

We will also be adding a special item, since it is Christmas. General items; make up, aftershave, perfume etc

Thank you for your support and reaching out to others in need.

Katrina Byrne

# Pop-Up Prayer- Mini Vinnies

It's always important to take the time to pray. Over the past two weeks, the OLA Mini Vinnies team put on a Pop-up Prayer for children in infants. We listened to the Annunciation story and then responded to the story in different ways. We coloured in an Annunciation picture, wrote prayers, prayed a decade of the Rosary and even got to put together an Annunciation puzzle. Some of us recreated the story using playdoh. We had lots of fun and learnt a lot about Mary.



## National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

**A reflection for all the agencies, ministries, parishes, clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta for 11am on Monday 22 October 2018**

This reflection is to acknowledge and recognise the importance of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse being delivered today by the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison.

Today is a very important day when the prime minister will say sorry to all those people in Australia who, in the past, were hurt as children in places where they were supposed to be loved and cared for, including our churches and schools.

The prime minister will not only be saying sorry to the people for the hurt they have suffered, but also to acknowledge and recognise their courage in telling their stories.

With their voice, these brave people were able speak out and ask for help. It has meant that many of those who caused the harm have been brought to justice, and other children have been saved from harm. It has also helped us as a Catholic community to learn from the past so that this does not happen again.

The Diocese of Parramatta, including our parishes, schools, ministries, agencies, staff, clergy and volunteers are joining together today to acknowledge the National Apology, to remember the children who were hurt, and to give thanks to those who found courage and strength in speaking out.

We stand together to acknowledge the harm caused by those within Catholic institutions who sexually abused children or responded to abuse in a way that was ineffective or inadequate, and to honour the immense courage of those who found their voice and spoke the truth which saved others from harm.

**For more information about the National Apology, please visit [www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au](http://www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au) or call 1800 604 604.**

### SOME THINGS TO NOTE PLEASE...

- **Children are not permitted to play on the primary gym**
- **Parents collecting students at the end of the day are asked to wait in the basketball area and keep the area around the stage and infants' gym free of traffic. Teachers will escort all students to the basketball court area.**
- **Please exit via the gate closets to parish office**
- **There will be no soccer or football during play times until the construction is completed, probably the end of the term.**
- **Parents/grandparents using the drive through in the afternoon are reminded to stagger the pick-up times as follows:**

If your **OLDEST** child is in KINDERGARTEN, your pickup time is 3PM.

**NO OTHER PARENTS SHOULD BE ARRIVING BEFORE 3.10pm.**

If your **oldest** child is in Year 1 or Year 2, please pick up from 3.10pm

If your **oldest** child is in Year 3 or Year 4, please pick up from 3.20pm

If your **oldest** child in in Year 5 or Year 6, please pick up from 3.30pm.

All younger siblings will wait with the oldest sibling, under teacher supervision

**These requests are in the interest of all students' safety and smooth running of the school. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW ANY STUDENTS ON THE PRIMARY GYM UNSUPERVISED. IF YOU ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO PLAY THERE, WE ASK THAT YOU SUPERVISE THEM CLOSELY. NOTE THAT ANY INJURY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT.**

### **OLA Debating Team**

This year an extremely talented group of Year 5 and Year 6 students have taken part in the Inter-schools debating competition. Every three weeks we would debate against other schools in our area on a range of topics.

For every debate these hard working and dedicated students would prepare, rehearse and argue their points, often on the side of the argument that they did not necessarily agree with. A lot of time went into preparing every debate, and I thank them for putting in so much effort.

I would also like to thank the families of these students. They worked with their children to prepare for their debates, listened to their speeches and gave them feedback that helped to improve their writing.

A special thank you to the parents and family members who gave up their time to drive the students to the other schools for our debates and for taking the time to come to OLA to support us in our home debates as well.



Well done to the following students; Georgia Nemitsas, Sienna Younes, Akeesha Gunasekara, Makiah Arora, Julian Vargas, Charlotte Zahra, Klaudia Stankiewicz, Isabella Ponturo, Alannah Lock, Jasmyn Robertson, Ava Grace Bennett and Georgia Domars.

## Literacy News

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#### Ways to Build Children's Vocabulary

*Read to them.....*

Studies indicate that children do learn words from books read aloud to them. Most helpful will be reading aloud books and other materials (such as magazines or environmental print) that have some, but not too many, words that are new to children. Read-aloud of storybooks is important, but also important is read-aloud of other types of text, such as information books. Some research even suggests that teachers and parents highlight vocabulary more when reading aloud information books than when reading aloud stories.

Source: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/readingline/pdfs/ProfessionalPaper.pdf>

#### Words of the Week:

**Infants:** credible

**Primary:** credible

**Root Word of the Week:** cred- *to believe*

#### Spelling Bee Final

In week 5, all students will receive a spelling list for this year's Spelling Bee.

#### Infants Spelling Bee:

The Spelling Bee for Infants grades will take place in class during Week 7. A K, 1 & 2 Spelling Bee champ will be awarded at the end of that week and presented at the Years 3-6 Spelling Bee in Week 8, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Primary Spelling Bee

In Years 3-6 students will be competing in a Spelling Bee in their learning spaces during weeks 6 & 7. Three students are then to be chosen from Year 3 to 6 for a whole school Spelling Bee Final.

All parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm to watch the Spelling Bee then to stay for Rug Reading. Below is a link to 'The Premier's Spelling Bee Procedures' we will follow. Good luck to all students!

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



## 2019 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2019 Information For Parents of **current** Year 4 and Year 5 students. Registration is open to children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport.

Please see the attached note for all information regarding the team sport trials for next year. Please note that basketball and tennis registration closes on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (next week)

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week you would have received an email from research company JWS Research asking you to complete a short survey about the reasons for sending your child to a Catholic school. Thank you to those who have responded to this. There has been a good response rate so far but we are hopeful of getting as many replies as possible.

If you haven't already done so, could you please click on the link in your email and complete the survey. It will take only about 15 minutes to do. **The closing date for the survey is today, 26 October.**

If you did not receive an email inviting you to participate in the survey, please email Jacqui Lowe from JWS Research at [jlouw@jwsresearch.com](mailto:jlouw@jwsresearch.com).

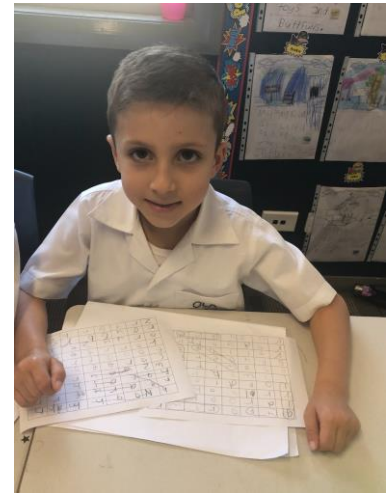
Thank you for your support of this important project.

# News from 1B

This week we have been looking at different activities to practice our spelling words. Last Friday we participated in a spelling rotation. We have attached some photos from the day! We will be using these spelling activities as a part of our Homework this term.



We needed to find letters in a magazine to make words- Alegra



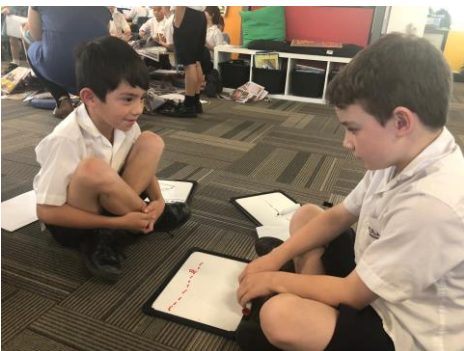
We wrote words in the boxes to make a finder-word- Noah F



I was making words using Newspapers- Leo F



I made and out of play doh- Ella



I was playing hangman with Eli - Lucas



# From the P&F...



## Kindy Orientation - October 31<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November

Yes can you believe that another Kindy Orientation is about to take place. Kindergarten parents are asked to provide food for morning tea on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please refer to email.

## Melbourne Cup Raffle - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November



Melbourne Cup Raffle tickets are here! Students will bring them home today

This is our main fundraising event for 2018.

All tickets will be \$1.

Each child will receive a book of 20 tickets. Extra tickets will be available.

Class that sells the most tickets gets a PARTY LUNCH! Individual who sells the most gets a \$30 Timezone voucher. Next top 10 get a \$5 Timezone voucher. \* Ruffled if a tie

Watch Facebook and the noticeboard to see how your class is going



## Secondhand Uniform Sale - 7<sup>th</sup> November

Our next Secondhand Uniform sale will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am

## P&F Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm

Hear about the events planned for the rest of Term 4 and 2019.



## Family Photos - November Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Have you sent in your Family photo's booking? If not don't miss out. Capture some beautiful photos of your loved ones with the Family Mini Photographic Sessions by professional Photographer Mel Hayes.

\$30 includes a 30 min session and a small framed print.

Additionally the Digital images will be available for special price of \$220 (20+ images)

A big BIG thank you to The French Kitchen for their generous donation of lolly bags!

This is the place to go to if you are catering for small or big events. With a range of gourmet foods, cakes, confectionary & party ware. Located in Castle Hill on Victoria Ave.

Check out their website for more information <https://thefrenchkitchen.com.au/>

## Special Treats - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October



Thank you to our volunteers

Jodie Hawkins, Kylie Ross, Kelly Cleary, Sarah Cleary, Brooke Dyke and Candice Buda



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*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*

## *From the Parish Office...*

### ~ Sacraments ~

#### **Reconciliation Program**

Tuesday 30 October @ 7.30pm

There will be a Parent Meeting presented by Fr Warren, explaining the new structure of the Reconciliation Program here at OLA.

#### **RCIA**

This Sunday ....

If you or someone you know may be thinking of becoming a Catholic, there is an Information Session being held on Sunday, October 28th at 11am in the Parish Meeting Room. Contact the Parish office for further information.

#### **New Altar Servers**

Coming soon ....

Beginning Tuesday 6 November and running for 4 Tuesdays, Fr Warren will be holding a course for those interested in becoming an altar server. You will need to have received your First Holy Communion. Enrolment forms are available from the Church foyer.

#### **10 Year Anniversary Magazine**

On Sale Now ...

For only \$10- the first 10 years of our parish. This 68 paged glossy magazine has some wonderful stories and shows how far our Parish has come in 10 years. This can be purchased from the Piety Store or the Parish Office.

#### **Youth**

Inviting all Youth every Friday to come and join in the fun. BYO afternoon snack and water bottle.

#### **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:** Mark Robinson

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Congratulations to Charlotte Muscat in 4W on the birth of her new baby sister, Bella. She is beautiful.

### **Mount St Benedict Centre Children's Relaxation and Meditation Workshop**

This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find the stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions.

Date: Saturday 10 November

Time: 1.30pm-4.30pm

Location: Mount St Benedict Centre, [449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills](#) (entry off Hull Road)

Cost: \$30 per child and \$25 per sibling

For bookings or enquiries contact 8752 5390 or [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au)



Term 4 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Grace Labbad	Cameron Muscat	Russell Rochaix
Year 3 G	Orlaith McManus	Keira Mooney	Gabriela Ribeiro
Year 3 W	Luke Smyth	Hugo Vozzo	James Conn
Year 4 B	Emma Quijano	Katia Lesar	Emma Cleary
Year 4 G	Madison Zahra	Jayden Makdessi	Joseph Abdallah
Year 4 W	Charlotte Muscat	Raymon Chayban	Jett Laborte
Year 5 B	Lucas Buda	Hayden Lavercombe	Marcus Billyard
Year 5G	Parker Galvin	Janelle Mensah	Natalie Holopikian
Year 5W	Zac Nicholls	Lauren Eyles	Madison Mihalic
Year 6 B	Alannah Lock	Thomas Lenane	Lara Caraos
Year 6 W	Zac Lesar	Isabella Iori	Harry Taylor



Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Maths Olympiad this year with Mrs Schroder. Today they received their certificate at assembly.