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Week 3 Term 1

16th Feb 2018

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

Dear Parents,

Well, what a big week! Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday also known as Pancake Day, the last day of Ordinary Time, traditionally the day for when we fully consume all the 'luxuries' in our physical lives in preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent. In days gone by, these were such things as eggs and fats ie butter oil, etc, the ingredients that made our foods rich. For this reason we have Pancake Tuesday (to use up all the eggs), or Mardi Gras, French for Tuesday of the Fats.

The school community attended Mass on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, the most important event in the Liturgical calendar, a period of forty days in which we are asked to **pray, abstain and do good works** in some way.

On Thursday evening, we held the grade information sessions, combined with the family BBQ gathering, provided by the school. Thank you to all those involved - Mr Cauchi and Mr Meinardo who cooked the BBQ and especially Helen and Tracey for coordinating the event. Thank you to the teaching staff for their assistance and presentations for parents; thank you to all of you who came along for the event. It was a great evening with the children having lots of fun. ☺

This morning we gathered as a community for the opening school year Mass as well as the commissioning of the 2018 Student Representative Council. Thank you to all those involved, in particular Fr Warren, Mrs Byrne, Mrs Cheadle and the choir, all servers and readers and especially Congratulations to the newly elected SRC. These are:

School Captains: Gabriella Bond and Thomas Lenane

School Vice Captains: Marcus Odd and Olivia Hudson

Sports House

Francis (Green)

Marian (Blue)

Gabriel (Gold)

Clare (Red)

Captain

Tamsyn Brown, Cooper Oblea

Alanna Lock, Julian Vargas

Jasmyn Robertson, Nick Kamber

Georgia Domars, Ashton Galea

Vice Captain

Alicia Dersch, Zac Lesar

Olivia Lincoln, Hudson Galvin

Ayden Strong, Gabriella Muscat

Ella Owen, Jane Whelan



NEWSLETTER

	Girls	Boys
Year 1B	Alexandra Craven	Reid Sammut
Year 1 G	Olivia Medjumurac	Cameron Ives
Year 1W	Lola Quinlan	Sean McKeever
Year 2 B	Anna Lee	Alonso Buda
Year 2 G	Chelsea Strong	Ryan Knipler
Year 2 W	Georgia Sourial	Noah Lavercombe
Year 3 B	Paige Mitrovich	Cameron Muscat
Year 3 G	Maia Villanueva	Thomas Gutwenger
Year 3 W	Maddison Dyke	Matthew Kamber
Year 4 B	Macy Owen	Marcus Farrugia
Year 4G	Roxie Pace	Logan Hayden
Year 4 W	Amelia Bond	Jett Laborte
Year 5 B	Mia- Bella Trifiro	Roman Bizzanelli
Year 5G	Janelle Mensah	Salvatore Colosimo
Year 5W	Marissa Farrugia	Bowen Clearly



Dates to Remember

Week 4:

Mon 19th Feb:

Wed: 21st:

Thurs 22nd Feb:

Fri 23rd Feb:

Changes to the calendar: - **Cross Country NOW Monday 19th March**

Zone Swimming Carnival

6.00pm Cyber safety with Constable Rob Pate (all parents welcome)

7pm OLA P&F AGM (please refer to page 3 in this newsletter for more info)

Yr 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

- 2019 Kinder Enrolment Information Night is now on Wednesday 21st March

- Parent/teachers/student conferences are in Week 9

- **Dance fever Interschool Challenge- 4th April**



Gospel Reflection Sunday 18th February (First Sunday of Lent)

Gospel (Mk 1:12-15)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels

looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Gospel Reflection

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

Living the Gospel

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

(<http://liturgyhelp.com.au>). © Greg Sunter 15-2-2018)

Project Compassion Box

On Ash Wednesday, every family in OLA received a Project Compassion Box. Project Compassion is one way families can make a Lenten promise and display almsgiving to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations can go a long way to helping others to have the basic needs in life.



Our Lenten Promises

We are on a journey that started on Ash Wednesday. Lent is time to focus on what we need to do to be more like Jesus.

What can you do during these 40 days to show the face of Jesus?
FAST! PRAY! ALMSGIVING!



Mindfulness at OLA in 2018



Each grade has received a mindful present this week, a beautiful indoor palm. Every day when the grade participates in a mindful exercise the plant will be watered and nurtured, extending caring for self to also include caring for something else. Some Kindergarten students are demonstrating the five finger breathing technique in the photo below. Terina Macare



Cyber Safety

Commencing 6pm to 6.50pm in the Year 3 space.

Constable Rob Patterson will be presenting a talk on how to keep your child safe in this digital world. This is for all parents of students any age.

Followed by...

OLA P&F Annual General Meeting

This Wednesday at 7pm

All positions will be vacated and new committee members are being sought.

The OLA P&F meets once a term, usually Week 4. The primary objective of this body is to build community.

We look forward to seeing many people come along.

Please refer to the OLA P&F Constitution attached to the email.

PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL ASAP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAND FOR ANY OF THE POSITIONS OF:

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- TREASURER
- SECRETARY
- PRC REPRESENTATIVE

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Children can find writing a real challenge. They need encouragement, support and praise for their efforts. You can best support your child by:

- encouraging them to write on every possible occasion, praising their efforts and, importantly, letting them see you writing whenever possible;
- playing word games with them, for example, I spy, Scrabble, Boggle and Find the Word puzzles;
- pointing to interesting or new words as you read to your child (without interrupting the flow of the story);
- composing emails together.

Source: www.dewarenne.org.uk/documents/download/5430

Root Word of the Week: sub- under

Words of the Week:

Infants: submarine

Primary: submerge

Date for Diaries:

Friday 9th March-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of '**Rug Reading**' out on the playground with their child at **2:15pm** during 'Catholic Schools Week'. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

PBS4L

Last night approximately 40 parents came along to learn more about our PBS4L structure. I hope you found it informative. Parents asked for the handouts to be attached to the newsletter, as they are.

Congratulations to our Archangel recipients this week:
Allanah Lock, Zachary Ormsby and Charlotte Ives.



PARENT HELPERS???

Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??

It has been heartening to see how many of our parents, grandparents, etc, have completed the Child Protection Training in anticipation of helping out at school. Whenever this is done, the school is notified by email and the names added go on a register to which we refer when someone wants to come into the school. The list is growing, thank you.

To avoid disappointment, please make sure you have completed this. The URL is:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

This includes helping at school in areas such as gross motor, lunches, reading groups, etc.

This must be completed every 2 years.

How important is Counting in mathematical learning?

Before a child even begins Kindergarten, they will have experienced thousands of opportunities to encounter number, in particular, counting. The pre-school years offer many experiences and opportunities to use counting strategies to solve numerical problems that they are faced with. Counting forwards by ones, twos, fives and other multiples are strategies that are very helpful when adding and multiplying problems. Similarly, counting backwards is essential in the development of subtraction and division problems. Counting enables children to keep track of a quantity as they are increased or decreased. In the early years, children learn counting by rote. They learn the sequence of numbers, as if learning the alphabet. As they become more accomplished counters, they recognize a pattern, such as 'teens', and 'ty' to represent a new 'ten'. In the early years of primary school, the emphasis becomes on 'one to one' correspondence, (recognizing each number represents a quantity – evidenced by children touching and moving each object as they count.) As their understanding of counting develops children are then encouraged to begin counting from a number other than 'zero', count by numbers other than by ones, (eg. Skip counting forwards and backwards by 2s, 5s, 10s and then other combinations.) In upper primary, the counting is extended into rational number, (counting by halves, thirds, quarters, etc) It is important that children develop a thorough understanding of counting in order for them to be successful in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Counting is the first domain tested during the Maths Assessment Interview (MAI). Below is a list of the counting growth points. Please note that the numbers **DO NOT** correspond with the year of schooling. In fact it is hoped that children in the middle years of primary school are moving towards numbers 5 and 6. Many children begin Kindergarten may already be able to do number 3 or 4.

Counting Growth Points

1. Rote count to 20
2. Counting Collections
3. Count by 1s, forwards and backwards, including various starting points and know one more/less.
4. Counting from 0 by 2s, 5s and 10s, including various starting points and know 2, 5, 10 more/less than a number. (without needing to count)
5. Counting from any given number by another number other than 1. Example counting by 3s, 4s, 7s, etc.
6. Can count forwards and backwards using fractions and decimals.

The importance of the MAI, is that it identifies to teachers which growth point the child is at, therefore allowing them to plan the learning experiences so that the child can reach the next milestone (growth Point)

Next week we will look at addition and subtraction!

God Bless
Mr Cauchi
Assistant Principal

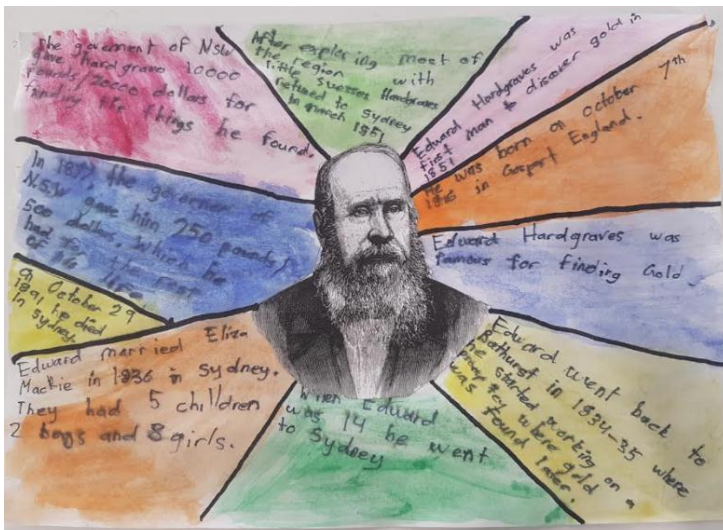
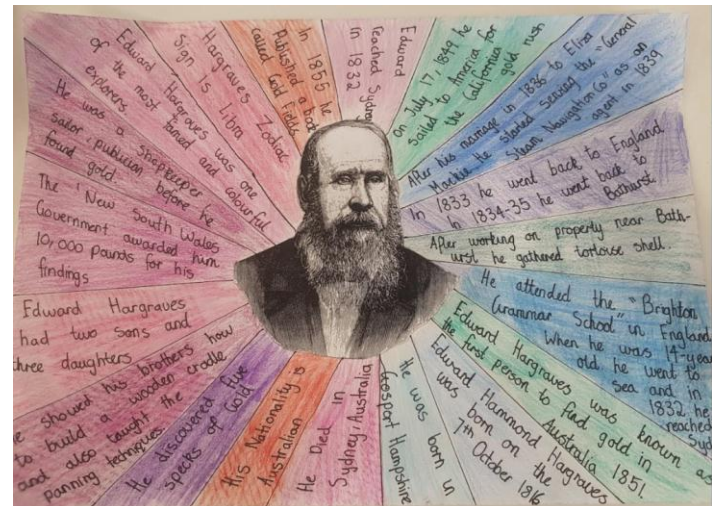
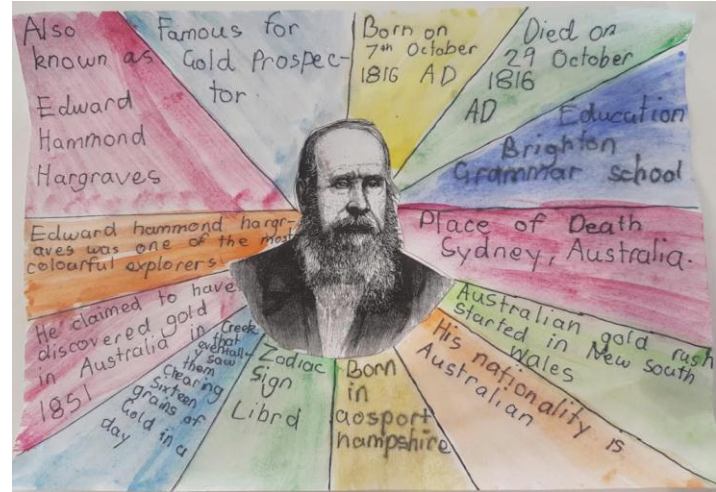
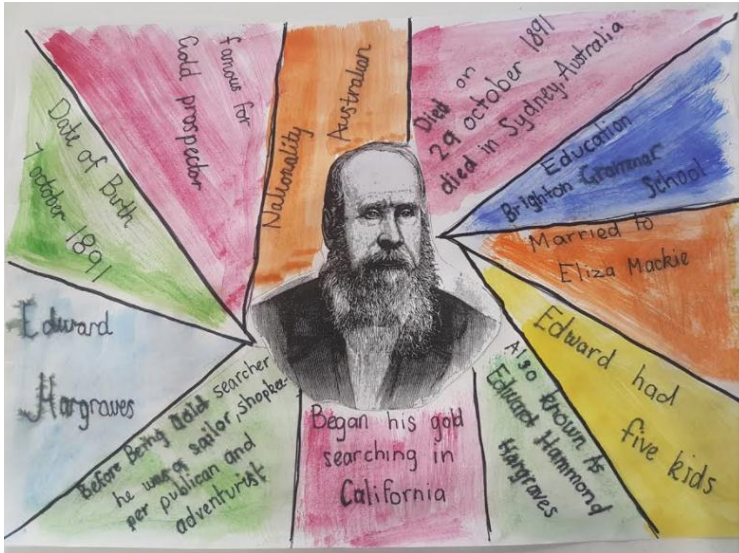
Library Monitors

Congratulations to Camryn Sammut, Georgia Dolahenty, Amity Galea and Ethan Phelps who will be the Library Monitors for Term 1.
Their duties will include:
-collecting library book return tubs from the infants classes.
-sorting library book returns and place 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



From the classroom of 5W

In Year Five, we have been learning about the Gold Rush. We have found out many interesting facts from reading our shared text 'Gold Fever' by Kimberley Webber. As we focused on this book, we have learnt about their living conditions, the types of food eaten, tools used to pan for gold and how they made their way to the goldfields. One interest fact we learnt was that Edward Hargraves found the first piece of gold in Australia. To help us learn more about him, we completed an information report on him. Below are some examples of our finished product...



2018 OLA Swimming



WHAT A BUSY WEEK!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the various school celebrations and events this past week. Special congratulations to Kinder students who were so very well behaved throughout two long Masses. Good job! 😊



From the Parish Office...

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation: For Children in **Year 2** or older, this Sacrament will take place in Term 4 of 2018. Information will be sent out to the children in Year 2 at that time in both the school and Parish newsletters.

First Communion: For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation, in 2017 this will take place in June 2018. These children will have received an email with all the dates of sessions. Please return this selection at your earliest convenience.

Confirmation: For children in Year 6 who have completed and received Reconciliation and First Communion, Confirmations will take place in Term 3. **Information will be sent out to the children in Year 6 at that time.** For any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office

Stations of the Cross

Commencing this Friday, all Friday nights throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the Church.

OLA Playgroup

Operating weekly from the OLA Community - all ages are welcome. Every Thursday morning 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. For further info contact Melissa 0425 423 680.

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

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

You're invited to.

Playgroup!

Thursdays at 9:00am
Venue: OLA Parish Hall
Coordinator: Melissa
0425 423 680

Playgroup operates weekly from the Our Lady of the Angels' Community and is a fantastic opportunity to meet local families. All ages are welcome and you may wish to come weekly or on a casual basis. If your child/ren are starting school in 2019, it is a wonderful way to meet new friends too. Come along and enjoy a relaxed environment where the children can play and the mums can sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. We operate each Thursday from 9.00am.

We would love to meet you!
Contact either myself or the Parish office for further information. *Regards, Melissa*

Coles Sports for Schools

Don't forget to collect your vouchers when you spend \$10 or more at Coles.

Term 1 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Keyon Okunzina	Amelia Raad	Vienna Gergely-Hollai
Kinder G	Brianna Charlton	Madison Ross	Harrison Dolahenty
Kinder W	Lachlan Newman	Ruby Masters	Lachlan Riley
Year 1B	Maxmillian Nvene	Ella Ciantar	Khai Aldaba
Year 1 G	Natalia Ponturo	Amelia Gutwenger	Timothy Zimmermann
Year 1W	Dean Jones	Mirelle Ferdinands	Yianni Tassios
Year 2 B	Paityn Ng	Patrick Pacella	Nate Luther
Year 2 G	Leah Ocampo	Ryan Knipler	Luka Kurcubic
Year 2 W	Laura McKeever	Rose Montgomery	Elijah Atkins

Please refer the attached ICAS Letter for students in grades 2 to 6

Until next week, God bless and stay safe.

Eva La Rocca, Principal



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OPEN DAY

21 MARCH 4PM - 7PM

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OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday, 11 March 2018

11.00am – 3.00pm

423 – 513 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill

Inspiring students to aspire to greatness

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 13 March 2018 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 6TH APRIL 2018

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Evening

Tuesday 6 March, 2018
4pm or 6pm

There will be two information sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered at the College.

Enrolment packages will be available at the Open Evening, or for collection from the College Reception. Information about the College is available online at www.mariancollege.nsw.edu.au

EACH SESSION WILL:

- 📖 Commence in the College Hall, where the Principal and students from Year 7 and 12 will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College.
- ✝ Be followed by guided tours of the school. Visitors will be able to view activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.
- ✂ Follow exactly the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you (4pm or 6pm).

Applications for Year 7, 2019 close on Friday 4 May, 2018.

Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer: marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au **9654 6700**