

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

Dear Parents,

As Our Lady of the Angels is our patron, Marian feast days are particularly significant. Wednesday was the 15th August, the **Feast of the Assumption**, a Holy day of obligation to attend Mass. The story of Mary goes back to the beginning – the Creation. God created everything and, being a relational being, then created man (Adam) with whom to share it. He created a companion for Adam, Eve. Everything was perfect and man and woman lived in complete harmony with God. Along with their existence, God gave Adam and Eve free will and, in their 'human-ness' they succumbed to temptation. This meant that they could no longer be one with God and from then on, each person is born with the taint of this 'original sin'.

In his loving and merciful nature, God had a saving plan for His people, to give Himself, the Son, to become human, though divine.

Mary, by the Immaculate Conception, was born without sin just as Eve was. For this reason, Mary is often referred to as the 'new Eve'. Mary was chosen to be the vessel for the saviour. She, too, had free choice and when the Angel Gabriel came to her to ask if she would become the mother of the Christ, she said, 'Yes', despite



all the challenges this brought.

This was the moment of the INCARNATION, the story which is revered in Angelus. It was the point at which salvation was made possible for all people, the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth in which we, over two thousand years later, continue to work towards bringing about completely. It is because our salvation was made possible through Mary, that we owe her our devotion.

The praying of Angelus at noon by every member of Parramatta Diocese, and now Sydney as well, is a very strong and powerful demonstration of our devotion to Mary and what her actions have meant for us. It is also a reminder that we, too, are called every day to respond positively to what God asks of us.

It was because she was so special that she was assumed to heaven, body and soul with the Angels taking her to her place with her Son -**the Assumption of Mary**.



On Monday 13th August, OLA staff participated in a Formation day that had us all out in the community, learning more about how we can put our hand up and help others. We will share more about our day in the Week 5 newsletter. Keep your eyes out for photos, reflections and how the OLA community can help others in need in next week's newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

Week 5 Book Fair

Mon 20th Aug

Tues/Wed

Wed 22nd Aug

Thurs 23rd Aug

Week 6 Wed 29th Aug

Fri 31st Aug

Week 7 Thurs 6th Sept

Fri 7th Sept

Captivate Dress Rehearsal – Homebush

Captivate Expo 6.30pm Homebush

Voice of Youth Cluster Finals Year 6

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Father's Day Stall

Father's Day BBQ and Liturgy

Verse Speaking Years 1 – 4 (Windsor)

Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day

One of the most powerful things a family can do is pray together. There is no greater prayer than the Mass. Attending Sunday Mass together is important.

OLA FORMATION GOAL: For students to further develop their knowledge of God's presence in their lives through a deeper understanding of the Scriptures.

Students at OLA are learning to reflect on the Scriptures using the THREE SENSES-Literal (About the story), Spiritual (Church teachings and sacraments) and Application (Being the Face of God through your Words, Actions and Thoughts)

After reading the Scripture story as a family think of the following questions:

WHERE IS GOD REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURE? (SPIRITUAL SENSE)

HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE? (APPLICATION SENSE)

Sunday 19th August 2018, Gospel Reflection (John 6:51-58) Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

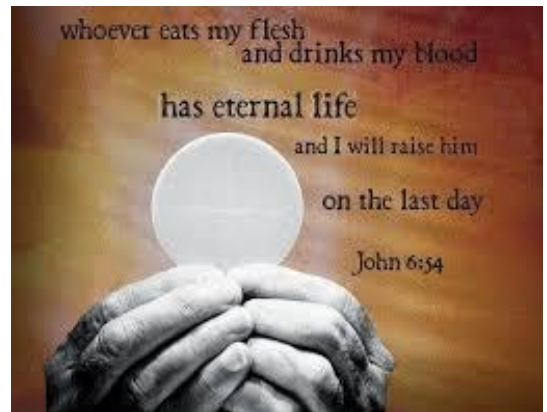
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'



Gospel reflection

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose? The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond? (LiturgyHelp.com, Dianne Bergant CSS)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RE @ OLA

Week 5: 23rd August-Confirmation Parent session @ 7,30

Week 6: 30th August-Confirmation-Lesson 1 (Parent and child)

-Confirmation date 14th September @ 6pm.

-Confirmation date 21st September @ 7pm.

31st August-Fathers' Day BBQ and Liturgy.

Week 7: 6th September- Confirmation-Lesson 1 (Parent and child)

-Confirmation date 14th September @ 6pm.

-Confirmation date 21st September @ 7pm.

Week 8: 13th September-Confirmation rehearsal @ 7.30pm.

14th September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)

Week 9: 21st September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Spelling is just a small piece of the puzzle with regards to writing. Ways to use the spelling lists to increase vocabulary and improve grammar are:

- ☐ Have your children write the opposite (antonym) of each spelling word. Help them find the antonym if they don't know it at first.
- ☐ Have your children write a synonym (a word with a similar meaning) for each spelling word.
- ☐ Have them make the plural for each of the nouns on the list.
- ☐ Have them add prefixes (un-, in-, re-, pre-, im-, etc.) or suffixes (s, es, er, ed, est, ing, etc.) to words when possible (the new word must still be a real word.) Talk about how this changes the word, and/or its meaning. (For example, if the original spelling word is "possible" adding "im" to the word makes it "impossible" - the complete opposite in meaning.)

Source: <https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/369469/HelpingYourChildwithSpelling-AParentsGuide.pdf>

Dates for Diaries:

Term 3 Book Week-Monday 20th-Friday 24th August

The library will be open on the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 8:20-9:00am and Thursday from 1:30pm during Book Week. Children have visited our library this week to create a 'wish-list'. If parents are unable to visit school to purchase these books, money or credit card details may be sent into the office.

Author Visits: This week Matt Cosgrove & Mick Elliott visited our students. It was a great opportunity for the students to meet these two authors. A fantastic way to kick off our Book Week Celebrations.



Root Word of the Week: *erg- work*

Words of the Week:

Infants: energetic

Primary: ergonomics

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Reflection

What did I do today?

What was important
about what I did?

Where could I use this
again?

Do I see any patterns
or relationships in
what I did?

What should I do next?
How can I adapt this
content or skill to make
a difference in my life?

Mindfulness in action at OLA: Cultivating Self-Awareness

The Reflective Student

The importance of being reflective is something highly promoted, valuable and pro-actively encouraged. Being reflective allows one to take a step back and try and understand both the success and potential failings of a lesson, a situation or a way of doing something. It is important to be both honest and realistic during reflection. Students have begun exploring being reflective based on the higher order thinking skills of Bloom's Taxonomy and may be seen in the attached picture. Terina Macare



Some of the boys from Kid's Shed today made great use of "Jumping Jack", the pumpkin from the school vege garden. They made pumpkin soup, pumpkin scones, pumpkin pie and pumpkin chips. Budding chefs in the making.



Jumper/Jackets

We would appreciate it if you could check the labels of your child's jumper and/or sports jacket that are at home. We have had a lot of parents advise us that these items have been lost and they are labelled. If you have an item that does not belong to your child, can you please ask them to hand it to the class teacher next week.

Your attention to this is appreciated.

Congratulations to Jericho Cirera who recently represented OLA at the NSWPCS Golf tournament. Jericho has been selected to be part of the Mackillop Golf Team which will be playing at Lakeside Golf Course, Camden on September 11-13. Well done Jericho.



Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Last week Year 6 went on an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school.



Wow !!

Three baby boys this week,

Congratulations to:-

Mrs Rizk on the birth of Marcus yesterday,

Mrs Cremona (Jacob Yr5) on the birth of Michael on Monday, and

Mrs Gresser (Felicity Yr1 and Aurelia K) on the birth of Victor earlier this week,

We look forward to seeing the new members of our community very soon.

From the Classroom of 4G.....

In Year 4 our war on waste continues. Last week we investigated and sorted the rubbish found on the playground into various categories (landfill, recycling, REDcycle and compost). This week our challenge was to reduce the amount of disposable packaging we bring to school by using reusable lunchboxes, containers and utensils. Imagine the possibilities...



Hills Zone Athletics Carnival



Yesterday, thirty-nine students represented our school at the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Sports Centre. It was a fun day of racing and competition. The participants were standing in their position ready to race. Competitors, take your marks, get set, **BOOM** went the starter pistol. Each student participated well, showed excellent sportsmanship to their peers and other competitors. Congratulations to everyone on their achievements. Although we did not come first, we tried our hardest and we will hopefully make it in next year. Next week, we have competitors going to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival for the long jump, high jump, relay, 100 metre sprints and 200 metre sprints.

The following students competed at the Hills Zone Carnival:

Charlotte A, Brianna A, Ava B, Emma C, Addison G, Gemma H, Olivia H, Ebony L, Kimberly M, Angelica M, Madison M, Ella O, Macy O, Riharna P, Isabella P, Gabriela R, Jamsyn R, Felicity S, Eva S, Madison Z, Joseph A, Anton B, Lucas C, Jericho C, Thomas C, Brendan E, Bailey K, Hayden L, Thomas L, Jaeden M, Zac N, Marcus O, Kobe O, Rohan P, Mitchell R, Zac S, Ante T and Christian V

The following will be participating the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 23rd August:

Zac N, Bailey K, Sahara K, Macy O, Thomas C, Sam G, Jasmyn R -High Jump; Gabriela R and Charlotte A- 100m for their age group; Eva S, Gabriela R, Macy O and Charlotte A-Junior Girls Relay Team; and 100m, 200m, Shot Put-Joseph A.

We wish all these students the best of luck next week.

We would also like to thank all the mums, dads and grandparents who were there to support us as we competed in our respective events.





From the P&F...



The success of all the events below, are reliant on you, the community to help volunteer and make these happen. We would love to have your help, so come along and make some friends along the way.

Second Hand Uniform Sale - Thursday 23th August

Need some uniforms? This term we will have the second hand uniform open after rug reading. If you have any items you would like to donate to the second hand uniform, please send in clean items to the office prior to the sale.

Father's Day Stall - Thursday 30th August

Looking for a special gift for Father's Day? The Father's Day stall will have gifts for \$5. Orders need to be pre-ordered with the note attached to the newsletter.

Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 31st August

We invite you to come along and enjoy a Bacon and Egg sandwich with your Dad. Breakfast will start at 7.30am on the basketball court. Please RSVP to the Father's Day Breakfast invite.

Movie Night - September

We are planning a OLA social night at the movies. It will be held at the end of September before the holidays. Spots are limited. Stay tuned for more details to reserve your spot.

Special Treat Lunch - Friday 7th September

You asked and we listened! We know these are super popular with the children, so we are looking at alternative lunch options. There are a few on the list, Chicken Schnitzel sandwich, Pies and Sausage Rolls. If you have any other ideas, please let us know. Order details will be out shortly. Next on the menu, Pies and Sausage Rolls.

Special Treats - Friday 24th August



Annamaria Farrugia, Sarah Burgess, Darlene Smith, Adrianna Attard, Katie Mandarano and Donna Xuereb



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From the Parish Office...

Confirmations

Parent Only Session will be held on Thursday, 23 August at 7.30pm.

Selection Date Forms will be forwarded out to your emails prior to the next Session.

2018 OLA Family Fiesta

Thank you to all who participated in the beautiful celebration of Mass and Procession celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels our Parish's Patron Saint. To those who also sold raffle tickets, donated goods, baked items or volunteered to make the OLA Family Fiesta a success.

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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PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We have been advised by the council that Compliance Officers are undertaking patrols around the school this term and infringements will be issued where illegal parking is detected.

Please see the notices attached to the newsletter.

**You must not park your car over or
block access to a driveway.**

You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for
less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$337 and 2 demerit points