

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

## Dear Parents,

Today is the first day of winter and also marks the halfway point of this term. Teachers, many fighting sickness, have been busy with report writing. This involves hours of work on the parts of many people. These are expected to go out at the end of Week 9.

## Announcement

Today I announced to staff that Mrs Byrne has been seconded as Acting Assistant Principal at Trinity Primary School, Kemps Creek, for the period 21st June - 6th July, end of term. I wish Katrina all the best in this temporary role.

Mrs Arayon will step into the role of Acting REC at OLA and I wish her all the best. Mrs Murray will take on Katrina's duties of Year 6B teacher, the class of students with whom she is very familiar.

This morning, after assembly, I was walking though the school and marvelling on how well everything runs – a well-oiled machine, if you like. This is only possible because of the fabulous team – all the staff members- attending to their roles dutifully in the interest of the students and their colleagues. I thank you.

## TTFM

Thank you to all those who have participated in the *Tell Them From Me* survey. We hope that the information will provide guidance and future direction to do our work even better.



## Dates to Remember

<u>Week 6</u>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> June Athletics Carnival
	<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June – PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
<u>Week 7</u>	<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June – Public Holiday</b>
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> June ICAS Spelling 7.55am
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June – Pyjama Day. School STEM Day
<u>Week 8</u>	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> June – Stg 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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 3rd June: Gospel Reflection-The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (Mk: 14:12-16, 22-26)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

***This is my body. This is my blood.***

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said, 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

#### **Reflection for Young People by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart**

Jesus describes a very specific setting that his two disciples will encounter in the city. It must have been astonishing for them to discover everything that Jesus foretold. When those two disciples set out for the city, do you think they thoroughly trusted Jesus and believed that things would be exactly as Jesus had predicted, or do you think they might have had a 'Let's wait and see how this whole thing happens' attitude? What would your attitude have been if you were given such a descriptive prediction of what you were going to find? How would you feel when things turned out exactly as they were described? Would you feel eerie? trusting? frightened by the power? Would you be more drawn to the person who made the prediction (from admiration or awe)? Or would you be driven away from that person (from fear or a haunting sense)?

There is a lot of talk about blood in these readings. Blood was mysterious in the days before biology and an understanding of life functions. People would be sprinkled with the blood of sacrificed animals; people would sign important documents in blood. Do you become upset or feel that you might faint at the sight of someone's heavy bleeding?

When you were a small child, how did you react when you hurt yourself and then saw blood? Did seeing the blood make you feel more afraid and cry louder? Or did it distract you, bring out your curiosity, and calm you down?

What do you think is the connection between the age-old human fascination with blood and Jesus' telling us that the bread and wine we receive in his name are actually his true body and blood? (LiturgyHelp.com, Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart)

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLA**

**Week 6:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Instructional Mass 7.30pm)

**Week 7:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June-**Feast of the Sacred Heart Liturgy** @ 9am assembly (Mini Vinnies group)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June-Holy Communion Practice (Group 1-17<sup>th</sup> June) 7.30pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June-Winter Sleep Out PJ Day (Wear your PJs for the day)

## Uniform

The students are looking very smart in their winter uniform and we thank them and you for paying particular attention to keeping to the school rules.

Please ensure:-

- That the top button is done up, or at least the tie is tight enough that it appears to be buttoned up.
- Sports jacket is to be worn on sports days only.
- Sports shoes need to be predominantly white and definitely not fluoro.
- boys and girls shoes need to be black leather upper, not black leather sports shoe.



Thank you again to everyone who has observed the request for correct uniform, particularly those who have bought correct shoes etc.

## Afternoon Pickup Reminders

*Parents who collect their children after school in the playground are asked:-*

- ❖ *to move quickly away from the area near the play gym, Cola and OLA Street once they have collected their children.*
- ❖ *to exit through the side gate near the parish office.*
- ❖ *to not allow their children to play with balls and ropes, etc,*

*These requests are made to assist the staff supervising student waiting for car pick up; to quickly and safely move children to the car lines once their names have been called. This is made more difficult when some children are running around playing and yelling.*

*Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.*

## Morning Drop-Off

Please be mindful of the rules of the kiss and drop zone. Please do not wait in this area for any length of time but move off as soon as your children are out of the car.

Thank you

## Literacy News

### Helping Your Child with Spelling:

- Help your child write the spelling words on a separate piece of paper in alphabetical order.
- Have your children draw pictures for each of the spelling words. Have them write the word below the picture. Take all the pictures and create a spelling reference book over the course of the year.
- Create a word search with your child's spelling words. You can do this by making a grid of 10 squares by 10 squares, writing the spelling words in the grid, then filling up the other squares with random letters. Keep a list of your children's spelling words nearby for them to reference while doing the word search.
- Together, think of ways to remember the words. For example, *You HEAR with your EAR; He will be a FRIEND until the END; The ELEPHANT ate an ANT, that is why he has an ANT in him.* These types of memorization tricks are called *mnemonics*.
- Have your children write a story using as many of their spelling words as possible. Have them illustrate their stories.
- Make a concentration game out of the spelling words and play this game with your children.
- Dictate the words and their spellings onto an electronic device. Find moments for your children to listen to the recording - such as in the car or for a few minutes before bedtime. Or, help your children make their own recordings.

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

### Writeon 2018

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 (30<sup>th</sup> April) and close in Week 10, Term 2 (4<sup>th</sup> July). [Students are asked to submit entries to their teacher by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.](#)

Imaginative pieces may include:

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



Sydney 1949 Photograph by Ted Hood

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>

### 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Competitions

Students from K-Year 9, who are registered for the 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge, are invited to enter the 2018 Words and Art Competition.

Entries must be based on a book from the official 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Book List, and will be judge in three categories; K-2, 3-6 and 7-9.

Entries may be individual students or from groups of students from a school. Winners in each category will win a special visit by one of the three Australian authors for their school. Students may respond to the question in one of two ways:

1. Create an artwork (illustration, drawing, painting, graphic interpretation) or a video, PLUS write up to 25 words explaining why they chose this particular book
2. Write a written piece of up to 250 words answering the question. This could be in the form of a book review



The competition closes on Friday, September 7, 2018.

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/enter-the-2018-premiers-reading-challenge-words-and-art-competition/news-story/568040072c47f3bdbed47710114dd5e7>

Root Word of the Week: **ven** to come

#### Words of the Week:

Infants: adventure

Primary: convene

#### Dates for Diaries:

Term 2 Whole School Writing Task-Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 Book Week-Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

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## REMINDER for ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

### Athletics Carnival Tuesday 5th June 2018



A reminder that next **Tuesday, 5th June** we will be holding our athletics carnival at Centenary Oval, diagonally across from the school. **All children are to come to school** before the carnival to have their names marked off by their teachers, **except for those students competing in the 800m race**, who need to **be at the oval by 8.20am** for marshalling. If your child is competing in the 800m race and you are not able to drop them at

the oval by 8.20am (or they are at OOSH), please make sure your child comes to the office by 8.15am so that a teacher can walk them across the road. All other students will be walked to the oval with their class teacher. **Please note there will be no supervision for any child not competing in the 800m or long jump event which will all occur before 9am.**

Students can wear a t-shirt of their house colour or their OLA sport shirt and they **MUST** have their school hat. Please ensure that all students have plenty of water, sunscreen and food on the day as they are not able to purchase anything at the grounds. Students just need to bring what they need for the day in their excursion bag or a plastic bag. Please ensure **ALL** clothing is labelled.

Parent volunteers please meet Dance Fever teachers at the Oval at 8:50am for instructions.

## Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

The Soccer Gala Day, where do we begin? It was full of joy, giggles and excitement. The first part of our day began with waking up at 6:30 in the morning! Once we had arrived at Jamison Park, our first game was straight away which filled us up with nerves and excitement. We had lots of fun! Unfortunately, the Year 5 team didn't score any goals, but they tried their hardest to do so. However, the Year 6 team did! The Year Five team had some difficulties with people getting hurt and injured, but we managed to have some great saves from our goalkeepers and defenders. During each game, we were able to have some long break. We sat down and talked, practised and played games. Even though some of us were disappointed with the turnout of the game, at least we got to have.....ICE CREAM!

Overall, the Soccer Gala Day was one of the best days we've ever had!! The Year 6 team and the Year 5 team did an excellent job! Our goalkeepers did a magnificent job, they saved many amazing goals! Overall, all of us tried our very best and we did an amazing job! We had soooo much fun and couldn't change a single thing! Thank you to the parents, Mrs Giglio and Miss Grima who were able to support us on the day. We loved wearing our new OLA jerseys.

By Natalie H ,Georgia N and Eva S From Year 5



# From the classroom of KB

A few weeks ago, Kindergarten went on their first excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm, to gain a hands-on experience with farm animals and learn about their needs.

We have become very interested in reading factual texts about animals and decided to have a go this week at creating our own factual text about some of the animals we saw at the farm.

Sheep can play. Some sheep have black fluffy fur. Sheep are mammals. Sheep say 'baa'.  
~ Harrison Spiteri

The cow has smooth fur. It is black and white.  
~ Jeremiah Mataia

Sheep have little babies that are called lambs. The sheep are mammals. Mammals have fur or hair covering their body.  
~ Olivia Blackman

The cow is big and it has smooth fur. It is soft. The cow makes a 'moo' sound.  
~ Dexter Wijaya

Sheep have two ears. It is a mammal. It feeds its baby milk. Sheep can be black, brown or white.  
~ Adel Sibayan

The cow is big and wide. It has short fur.  
~ Hannah Burgess





## *From the P&F....*



### Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

P&F will have a cake stall to buy cakes, biscuits or lollies. All items will be \$1 so bring your change. A coffee van will also be there. Note this is only for spectators and younger siblings. Student will not be able to purchase any food or drinks.

Are you able to help at the athletics carnival? We need helpers for:

- Cake stall
- Taking refreshments to volunteers



### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August

The Fiesta meeting was held on Tuesday night. We would like to get expressions of interest for those willing to volunteer for:

- Contacting businesses for donations
- Assisting in the days preparations (leading up to the big day)
- Setting up on the day
- Volunteering your time on a stall
- Packing up at the end of the evening

If you would like your own stall, please contact the Parish directly.

Special Treats - No special treats on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, it is a Pupil Free Day.

Stay tuned for a Special Treat Lunch coming soon. Children will have the opportunity to pre purchase a special lunch.



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*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*

## PBS4L

Congratulations to our archangels this week: *Julian Vargas and Milan Yadav.*



Teachers are consistently collecting data on behaviour on the playground and in the classroom. **Hands on** behaviour persists as an issue on the playground. We discourage any hands-on behaviour whether it be intentional or not.

Over the next fortnight we will be having a big focus on '**Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves**'. Your support would be appreciated if you could also have this conversation with your children.

This week the teachers reviewed our school wide behaviour expectations matrix. We will share this via the newsletter in the next few weeks.

## Kids' Shed

WOW!!! Look at the pumpkin we've harvested today.

6.4 kgs



*Until next week, have a happy and safe weekend. God bless.  
Mrs Eva La Rocca  
Principal*

Term 2 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Sienna Gabriel-Dixon	James Farrugia	Elijah Dabit
Kinder G	Jeremiah Chayban	Charlotte Holden	Alessio Russo
Kinder W	Jennifer-Rose Murphy	Sienna Ng	Luca Mazza
Year 1B	Gael Casino	Ethan Dyke	Levi Cauchi
Year 1 G	Charlotte-Rose Naim	Eva Perry	Vienna Bizzanelli
Year 1W	William Mallard	Sophia Mangano	Sean McKeever
Year 2 B	Anna Lee	Blaize McDonald	Ruby Millers
Year 2 G	Milana Buda	Axel Pace	Jack Maher
Year 2 W	Evie Vargas	Brayden Kingcott	Gianluca Russo

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

### **The Feast of Corpus Christi**

This Sunday, Santa Sophia will be hosting a bbq lunch and Eucharistic Procession in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. All families from the parish are invited to come along.

### **Santa Sophia Catholic College**

85 Hambleton Road, Schofields

Time: 12pm sausage sizzle lunch

2pm Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of the college ~ led by Fr Warren

Please rsvp: dcastellino@parra.catholic.edu.au

### **First Communions 2018**

Next Thursday, June 7th at 7.30pm all Communion Families are invited to come along to Mass. This Mass is a little different as Fr Warren explains all the different parts, why we stand, why we sit, why the bells are rung. Compulsory for all candidates, but all families are invited.

### **2018 OLA Dinner Dance**

This year our Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 7th July 2018 at the Hawkesbury Race Club, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon with the Dress Code being Formal. We would love to see you enjoying a great night out. Tickets are now on sale at \$85 per person. Why not organise a table of friends? Contact the Parish Office for more details.

### **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.

### **We're fundraising with Entertainment**

The 2018 | 2019 Entertainment™ Book and Digital Memberships are here and features over \$20,000 worth of valuable up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for some of the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more for only \$65. So take advantage of the great offers available with your new Entertainment™ Membership now! Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from Our Lady of the Angels Parish again to support our fundraising efforts. Contact the Parish office for further information if needed.

## **Winter Youth Group Timetable**

Youth Group is at a new time, with our doors opening at **3:30-7pm**.

So far we had a **Table Tennis Championship**, an **Uno Tournament** as well as teams going head to head in **Jail**.

All Year 6 students are invited to come along on Friday to find out more.

