

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

Dear Parents,

Today is my last day as I am taking Long Service Leave until the end of the term. Mr Cauchi will be in the role of Acting Principal and Mrs Hurst as Acting Principal. I leave with every confidence knowing the school in the good hands both Mr Cauchi and Mrs Hurst along with Mrs Byrne (REC). God willing, I will finally get to Assisi where I will light a candle and pray for all the members of OLA School community.

You might have guessed I am particularly passionate about family- the foundation of society. I leave you with this message from Pope Francis on the family.



Pope Francis on the Family — What Makes a Family Holy?

First: the family prays.

...I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me: But how can we? ...But in the family how is this done? After all, prayer seems to be something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace...

Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God... all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents...praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.

Next, the family keeps the faith.

Here too, we can ask: How do we keep our faith as a family? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank account, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often "racing" from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this "racing" could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families. ...They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to everyday things the salt and the leaven of faith.

And finally: the family experiences joy.

I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. You can regard it as a kind of "homework". Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? You can answer this question.

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well. ... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!

Dates to Remember

Week 6 Wed 29 th Aug	Father's Day Stall
Fri 31 st Aug	Father's Day BBQ and Liturgy
Week 7 Thurs 6 th Sept	Verse Speaking Years 1 – 4 (Windsor)
Fri 7 th Sept	Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day
Week 8 Fri 14 th Sept	KG Assembly

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 26th August 2018, Gospel Reflection (John 6:60-69) Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Gospel Reflection

For the last few weeks we have heard a number of readings from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John focusing on the teaching of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. This reading is the last in the sequence and shows the reaction to Jesus' teaching. What Jesus has been saying in this discourse is incredibly confronting to his Jewish audience. Jesus asserts that he has come down from heaven – from the Father – and that through knowing him one can know the Father. Jews were the first people to have a concept of one God. This belief did not allow for any spouse or child of God, nor any personal manifestation. They struggled with what Jesus was saying because his claim to have come down from heaven could be seen as blasphemous. No wonder many of them walked away from Jesus and wanted nothing more to do with him!

Jesus gives an interesting response to them. He tells them that it is the spirit that is important, not his human flesh, and that the spirit is what he has been sharing with them through his words and actions. He is trying to say to these faithful Jews, don't be hung up about the fact that I'm here in person, listen to my message as you've never heard it before. It is an interesting thought for our modern audience as well. How often do we fail to hear the message of Jesus because we are dismissive of the way in which it comes to us; the messenger; or the circumstances in which we hear it? The message is all the more confronting when it comes from an unlikely (or even un-likable) source. The message of Jesus is to be found in our everyday encounters with everyday people.

Living the Gospel

We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium – the person – IS the message (or at least should be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave. (LiturgyHelp.com, Greg Sunter)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RE @ OLA

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

Book Week Celebrations

We have had a wonderful **Book Week** at OLA. A huge thank you to the families who attended our Rug Reading and our Book Fair. The displays in our library were a marvelous way to celebrate the shortlisted picture books and a chance to see our wonderful responses to a shortlisted book.

Thank you to the staff for supporting and promoting our Book Week celebrations. To Mrs Wagner, and the staff who worked tirelessly to set up our Book Fair. Thank You!

Whole School Writing Task

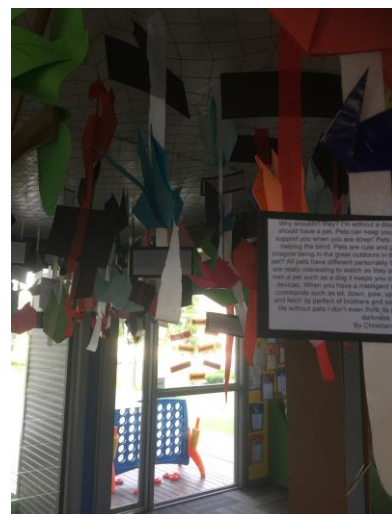
In week 7 the students will complete their third whole school writing task. We look forward to seeing the improvements in the students' writing pieces. The students have followed and utilised the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' over the past two terms. We look forward to sharing these successes at our Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences in Week 9.

Root Word of the Week: **hydra-** water

Words of the Week:

Infants: hydrate

Primary: dehydrate



Mrs Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Staff Formation Day 2018

This year OLA staff travelled into the city to learn about the outreach programs at St Canice Elizabeth Bay and Wayside Chapel in Kings Cross. This was an incredibly challenging and emotional day for staff, who gained a lot of understanding for the people in our community who are homeless or lonely.



We learned about the importance of the dignity of a person and the simple gesture of genuine friendship that many around us crave. A smile, a hug or shaking one's hand. We met Rob from the Wayside Chapel, who shared his own story. He shared how the Wayside welcomes everyone from all walks of life. Their doors are always open. An important takeaway from this day is that everyone has a story and it is important to listen to their stories, learn about your neighbour and show them how they can be the face of God.

Quotes from the day . . .

"The thing they miss the most is not the food or the everyday items but the human touch - the communication with another person."

"Personal interactions are often more meaningful than 'things'."

"It's very easy to find yourself in this situation. It surprised me how quickly Rob's circumstances went downhill. Who in our community could be on the verge of the same pathway?"

"I came away wanting to make a difference and hopefully that is something that can be achieved."

"It's not homelessness it's someone **experiencing** homelessness."

In Term 4, we will be launching our outreach program that the whole school community can be involved in. We are thinking of the dignity of the person, that personal touch and to show them how in many different ways all people are the face of God. More information will be provided in the coming weeks!

Congratulations to the following students who received their archangel award this week:-

Hamish Connellan, Zara Buchanan, Kiara Wijaya, Dominic Zimmermann, Georgia Bowen, Anna Lee, Malachi Cauchi, Xavier Dabit, Nate Luther and Jane Whelan (Absent)



From the Classroom of 4W.....



Amity Galea:

"Look! What an amazing wave!" Yelled the other surfers. I paddled hard. Bump, bump. Whats that? I wondered. Gross its rubbish everywhere! This is disgusting we need to stop this waste and start recycling.

Ava Carney:

Where am I? Why is it so blurry? Can someone help me? Im panicking "HELP ITS STUCK GET IT OFF! I swim around as fast as I can trying to shake it off. It's no use this plastic bag is stuck.

Caitlyn Williams:

"Mmmm Yummy this Jelly Fish is going to be so delicious." "I'm going to eat it all up...ewwww gross...cough,cough,cough,cough...it's stuck...a...Jelly Fish...has...never... been...stuck...before oh no...! **THINK IT'S A PLASTIC BAG!**"

Tips for home and school:

How to Reduce: Stop using plastic straws,plastic cup and more even in restaurants. If a straw is a must, purchase a reusable stainless steel or glass straw. Use hard plastic containers instead of snap lock bags, foil or cling wrap.

How to recycle: two stop using plastic and use more contains and if you do not have a container for your lunch go and get a nood food lunch box. Try and find another use for something and up-cycle.



Captivate Choir



On Tuesday and Wednesday night, our OYF choir performed with many other schools at a 10 Year Anniversary Captivate Showcase. Our choir of 35 people practiced at break with the songs to be prepared for the nights. Doing captivate for the first time was a really great experience for our school because we got to learn different songs that we have never heard of before.

It was also really fun because we got to enjoy the amazing dancing and drama. On the performance nights, we found out that in the primary choir there were 1800 kids performing. In the high school choir, there was 250 students. On the night we had to join in with some of the acts. We had a show bag filled with props to use to join in with the acts.



We would like to thank Mrs Cheadle and Mrs Hurst for spending their time helping us with the songs and for looking after us on the two nights. We had an amazing experience and loved it so much, we would definitely do it again. On the night there were puppets that were named Creative: Play, Flow, Block, Spark and lastly Steve!!!!

Written by Eva S and
Leila B in Yr 5 :)



From the Office.....

World Youth Day Tickets – please return these tickets, sold or unsold, by Friday 14th September. It is important that all tickets are returned as we need to account for all of them.

School Fees – The term 3 school fees are due and payable on 29th August. If you haven't already done so, please attend to the payment of same over the next week. If you need an extension of time, please contact Mrs Goldsworthy to advise of this.

If you have been paying by the flexible payment plan, I will be checking these over the next week or so. Occasionally we find that a payment has been missed or the direct debit has been stopped one payment short and so I will be letting you know if you need to make any further payments to clear the fees.

Notes to the Office – Please remember that when we request that notes be returned to the school office that the students put the notes in the officebag in the classroom. There is no need for students to come into the office in the morning to hand in the notes. This is a little bit of responsibility that the students have.

Mrs Goldsworthy

Extended Leave of Absence – It is a mandatory system and Government requirement that you seek permission and confirmation of approval of leave during the school term if the student absence is greater than 5 school days. Therefore, if you are planning on going on a holiday, the paperwork for this needs to be submitted and approved **prior to the leave taking place** and needs to have supporting documentation (itinerary, flight details etc). Notification of holidays for more than 5 school days, without Principal consent, is marked on the school roll as 'absence unjustified', even if you notify the school that you have been on holidays when you return. The Application for Leave form can be found on the school website, or request one from the school office.

Mr Cauchi

Congratulations to Tamsyn, Georgia and Cooper. Their design for the Captivate 10th Anniversary Showcase was awarded 3rd Place and was featured on the inside back cover of the official program.

OLA will be celebrating National Child Protection Week on 2 September -8 September.

Our school will have a large love heart mural on display next Friday. Students, parents, and teachers are encouraged to draw pictures or write words to illustrate how we can help to create safer environments for our children.

There will be posters displayed around the school to promote this awareness. We can all play a role in creating safer environments for our children. Here are a few simple suggestions that we can all do every day: be kind, be a good role model, build community, respect young people, ask for help, don't judge. These are small but significant actions that can have a real impact on a child's life.

Regards,
Miss Nibal



DESIGN COMPETITION



Third Prize: Tamsyn Brown, Georgia Domars & Cooper Oblea
Our Lady of the Angels Primary, Rouse Hill



From the P&F...



Father's Day Stall - THURSDAY 30th August

Kids and siblings love to be able to shop and surprise their Dad or significant males in their lives with a hand chosen gift, even if it is another mug! But don't worry; we will have a great selection and variety of gifts for your child/ren to choose from.

The Father's Day Stall will have gifts for \$5. See order form attached



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. <https://goo.gl/forms/uklHOqVLKyjugF4H3>



Movie Night - Saturday 21st September

Come along with your OLA friends to enjoy a movie night for the family. All tickets will be \$12. You will need to reserve your seat, as seats are limited. Why not make a night of it and enjoy the local restaurants for dinner. The movie will be confirmed closer to the date but will be suitable for families.

Melbourne Cup - Tuesday 6th November

While it might seem a fair way off, Melbourne Cup will be here before we know it. We will be holding the Melbourne Cup Raffle / Sweep this year. To go along with our Melbourne Cup theme, we are thinking of holding a social event during the day. This is a time to put your best outfit on, dress or suit, grab the fascinator or special tie and join your fellow OLA parents for some laughs.

We would like to get an idea of whether you would like to have this social at an external venue, or come along to school for a catered event. Costs will be associated with both events.



Family Photos - November Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th

After the success of last year, you will have the opportunity to have a family photo shoot and get those much treasured family photos. Ask anyone from last year, the photo's were beautiful and just in time for Christmas made a beautiful gift. Details will be out shortly

Special Treats - Special Treat Lunch \$3 - 7th September - Pies and Sausage rolls



Special Treats - Friday 31st August

Lee-Ann Wallis, Melissa Mileto, Bronwyn Robertson, Sarah Jeffries, Mariana Cutuk and Iarni Harvey



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From the Parish Office...

Confirmations

Child & Parent Session

Thursday, 30 August at 6pm & 7pm

Please remember to bring your Confirmation Name and Sponsor information ENVELOPE to this session.

Family Fun Night - OLA Parish Bush Dance

Saturday, 13 October at 6.30pm

All Welcome to join in a fun night of dancing and socialising.

Great Live Bush Band entertaining.

You are welcome to BYO dinner or purchase on the night a sausage sizzle and light refreshments.

Yummy Krispy Kreme donuts will be on sale for dessert. (to cover the cost of the Bush Band).

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

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Contact information: OLA Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Bays Hill

School Safety- PLEASE CONSIDER!!!!

We are very fortunate to have the service of a drive through for drop off and pick up. Many parents are choosing to drop their children in various places throughout the car park. Please be mindful of the dangers involved in this. Also, this process is designed to be smooth and quick, made easier if children have their bags with them as they get out instead of in another place in the car. I would greatly hesitate having children put their bags into the hatch at the back of the car **IN FRONT OF A CAR WITH ITS ENGINE RUNNING. WHAT IF THAT DRIVER'S FOOT SLIPS OFF THE BRAKE??**

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.



You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods

**and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes
and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle**

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$187 and 2 demerit points

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Yesterday, 13 students from Years 3-6 competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Sports Centre.

These students competed in following events:

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

Congratulations to everyone for making it this far and for their achievements on the day.

Congratulations to Zac N (Long Jump) and Joseph A (100m, 200m, Shot Put, Long Jump) who will be competing in the next level in September.



Term 3 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Alysha Balangon	Lachlan Heaney	Natalia Zahorsky
Year 3 G	Willow Johnston	Max Luther	Dylan Halwani
Year 3 W	Jake Brown	Chloe Holden	Tahniah Arora
Year 4 B	Sarah McKeever	Stella Signorelli	James Apap
Year 4 G	Ella Dimech	Roxie Pace	Dennison Cu
Year 4 W	Olivia Sims	Emma Browne	Caitlyn Williams
Year 5 B	Jared Cleland	Kobe Ormsby	Hayden Lavercombe
Year 5G	Parker Galvin	Andre Dabit	Dante Merrin
Year 5W	Joshua Streater	Max Fischer	Marcus Castellon
Year 6 B	Marcus Odd Ella Owen	Jasmyn Robertson Zac Signorelli	Nikolas Graczyk Mikayla Bowden
Year 6 W	Georgia Domars Anton Blazevic	Eoin Trainor Olivia Hudson	Gabriella Bond Julian Vargas