

## NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents,

***"Written poetry is different. Best thing is to see it in performance first, then read it. Performance is more provocative" – Adrian Mitchell***

I stumbled across the above quote recently and was reminded of it on Thursday when our students from Year 1 -4 participated in the Hawkesbury Verse Speaking Eisteddfod. I only wish that my memories of learning and speaking poetry during my primary school years were as fond as what OLA students will hopefully remember. Our students have been rehearsing their poetry for a while now and seeing it all come together on stage at the Eisteddfod was amazing. Our Year 4 Students were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place, Year 3 students 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Year 2 students 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Year 1 3rd place. Choral speaking requires a lot of discipline. The children are adjudicated on their ability to be controlled, unified and harmonized and their ability to speak with unity of articulation as well as unity of pitch and inflection. Congratulations to all the students and teachers who prepared the children so thoroughly so that they can confidently speak in front of hundreds of people.

Across the year, OLA students are provided with numerous opportunities to showcase their talent. This term alone, OLA students have participated or will participate in Verse Speaking, CAPTIVATE choir, Tournament of Minds, Zone and Diocesan Athletics, ICAS competitions, netball, soccer, touch football gala days and sacramental programs with confirmation taking place in the next few weeks. All wonderful opportunities that seek to educate every child academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

God Bless  
Mr Cauchi  
Acting principal



### Dates to Remember

<b>Week 8</b> Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yr 4 Excursion
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yr 3 Excursion
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)
<b>Week 9</b> Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Stage 3 Boys Touch Footy Gala Day
	Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)
<b>Week 10</b> Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last Day of School for Term 3

**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 9th September 2018, Gospel Reflection (Mark 7:31-37) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

#### **Gospel Reflection**

*As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It wouldn't be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical. Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'. Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing.*

*It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith. We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'*

*(LiturgyHelp.com, Fr Michael Tate)*

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RE @ OLA**

Week 8: 13<sup>th</sup> September-Confirmation rehearsal @ 7.30pm.

14<sup>th</sup> September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)

Week 9: 21<sup>st</sup> September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)



Please keep in your prayers our Year 6 students preparing to receive their sacrament of Confirmation.

## Literacy News

### Helping Your Child with Spelling:

**Experience stories.** Let your child write about the things they like. They can illustrate the stories himself or cut pictures from magazines to illustrate them. Let them write the words without assistance unless they asks for help. Misspelled words can then be used in little games you play with your child. A one-line "story" may be all that they can handle. If so, fine.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omG0gQ>

### Whole School Writing Task

This week students completed their third whole school writing task. The students followed and utilised the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success'. We look forward to sharing these successes at our Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences in Week 9.



Here is the link to the short film the students viewed before either retelling the story or writing about a time when they or a fictional character experienced a 'Eureka' moment.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=9&v=UULaseGrkLc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=UULaseGrkLc)

### Verse Speaking

Congratulations to our Years 1-4 students on yesterday's performances at the Hawkesbury Verse Speaking Eisteddfod. We are so proud of the group performances and achieving such fabulous results in the different categories. The benefits of participating in these eisteddfods is so vast. From building confidence in performing to a large audience to speaking clearly with great expression and then transferring this to spelling unknown words correctly. To our teachers, OLA students are so lucky to have such dedicated teachers who have worked so hard to prepare them for these events.

Thank you to the parents who could join us at the Windsor Function Centre.

### OLA's Results-

Year 1-Third Place

Year 2-Equal Second Place

Year 3-Second Place

Year 4-First Place & Overall Perpetual Trophy

We are so proud of you!

**Root Word of the Week:** **medi-** middle, between

**Words of the Week:**

**Infants:** medium

**Primary:** median

Mrs Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator



***World Youth Day Raffle Tickets  
Due next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September***

*We have not received many WYD raffle tickets back and CEDP are now starting to chase us for them. These MUST be returned either sold or unsold. Can all tickets please be returned by next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.*

**Design the new Coles Shopping Bag competition** – the winner's school will receive \$5,000.

Please see the attached note, if your child is interested.

## Uniform

Whenever OLA students are required to participate or compete against other schools in events such as Verse Speaking, I am constantly reminded by parents, (not just OLA parents but parents of other schools too) about how stunning our school uniform looks when worn properly. Which serves as a constant reminder that each student (and parents) have a responsibility to ensure that their children come to school wearing the correct uniform and with pride! This includes tucking their shirt in, wearing the correct shoes, socks, jackets, jewellery, hats and hair styles. If you are unsure of the correct uniform, please consult our uniform policy. Teachers are currently issuing 'infringement notices' for students not wearing correct uniform. Please help us to teach the children the importance of wearing the correct uniform to create a sense of community and belonging.

## Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

An email was sent home yesterday regarding the Parent/Teacher conferences which will take place during week 9, on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th September. There will only be two days available for interviews, all teachers will be conducting their interviews on these two afternoon/evenings. **No other times will be available.** Teachers may be available to speak with you over the phone if you cannot make it. Interviews will be held in the upstairs Year 5/6 space. Infants will be held in the year 5 space and primary in the year 6 space. To avoid congestion upstairs, please wait in the Kindergarten Cola area and only proceed upstairs a couple of minutes before your allotted time. Please see the note attached to this newsletter, or the email that was forwarded to everyone yesterday.

## National Child Protection Week

*This week was National Child Protection Week. At OLA students drew and wrote words on a love heart mural to mark this important event. We all have a role to play in protecting children from harm and by building stronger communities, we can create safer environments for children. Please take this opportunity to speak to your child about the importance of Child Protection.*





Dear Parents

We appeal for your cooperation to help us to keep your children safe in the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times. As you know, the car park and surrounding streets are very busy particularly 30 min prior to the commencement of school and 30 minutes afterwards. We have stringent dismissal procedures that allow us to be able to account for the children and keep them safe. We have numerous teachers on duty and processes that allow us to safely dismiss approx 520 children each day within a 30 min period. However we also need your cooperation. Please adhere to the following procedures:

1. Only Kindergarten children can be picked up at 3pm.
2. Please use the drop off and pick up area of the car park when picking your children up or dropping off. The lane closest to the street is NOT a designated pick up and drop off area.
3. Please do not park in the designated pick up or drop off area as this blocks traffic and makes it a hazard for pedestrian traffic.
4. When parking in surrounding streets, do not park on kerbs, across pedestrian crossing or designated no stopping zones. Local police and council do patrol the area.
5. Do not exit your car to assist your children in putting bags and belongings in boot of the car or entering the car. Teachers on duty will assist the children.

We thank you for your cooperation in keeping the children safe.

## **Mindfulness in action at OLA: Cultivating Self-Awareness**

### **A Growth Mindset**

People with a growth mindset love new challenges and view setbacks as opportunities to learn. Students at OLA have been exploring what it means to have a growth mindset and the benefits to their learning. To discover more view the clip at the link below.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUWn\\_TJTrnU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUWn_TJTrnU)

Terina Macare

# From the Classroom of 3G.....

Over the past few weeks we have been exploring Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop in our Religion lessons. We have learnt that at a young age Mary decided that she wanted to help other people and in particular, children. She believed that all children, no matter how rich or poor, should have the chance to learn. She started a school with the help of Father Woods.

The children in 3G have been exploring Mark's Gospel, The Little Children and Jesus. They have been using their Literal, Spiritual and Application Senses to understand the gospel further. Below are some of their responses to the questions: Where is God in the passage? How does this passage relate to Mary MacKillop? How can we relate it to our lives?

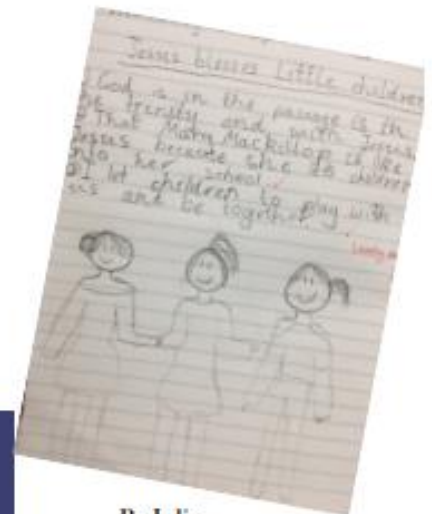


By Camryn

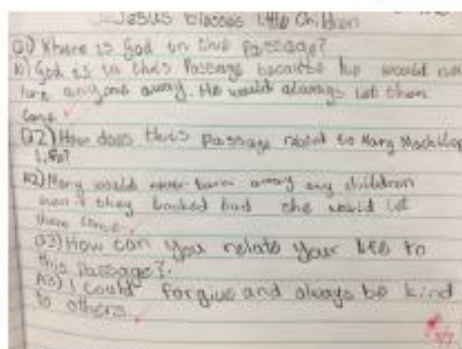


Let us all resign ourselves into His hands, and pray that in all things He may guide us to do His Holy Will ... When thoughts of this or that come I turn to Him and say: "Only what you will, my God. Use me as You will".

Mary MacKillop



By Julie



By Gabriella





# From the P&F...



WOW how the children loved their Special Treat Lunch today!  
What a treat, enjoying a hot pie or sausage roll to keep them fueled for a day's learning and fun.

**THANK YOU** again to the volunteers that make these events possible!



Movie Night – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 5pm  
Christopher Robin



Come along with your OLA friends to enjoy a movie night for the family at **Event Cinema's Castle Hill**.  
All tickets are \$12. Seats are limited, so reserve your seats now.

Why not make a night of it and enjoy the local restaurants for dinner.  
Please see note attached to the newsletter.

## Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

We will be holding the Melbourne Cup Raffle / Sweep this year. Tickets will be sent home at the start of Term 4. All tickets will be \$1.

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.

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

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 photos were beautiful and just in time for Christmas made a beautiful gift. Details will be out shortly

## Special Treats – Special Treats – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September



Taryn McGrath, Rebecca McDonald, Jodie Hawkins, Sarah Burgess, Jeanette Desira and Christina El Khoury

Next P&F Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018



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

### **Confirmations**

For children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 14th September - your rehearsal date will be Thursday, 13th September at 7.30pm.

### **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

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### **Archangel Awards**

*Congratulations to the following students who received the archangel awards this week:-  
Leila Balangon, Elijah Atkins,  
Vincent Cappello and Andre Mandarano.*



Term 3 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Lucas Cleland	Sophia Iori	Madison Saward
Year 3 G	Giancarlo Mazza	Charlotte Ives	Maddix Laborte
Year 3 W	Matthew Kamber	Molly Nvene	Ileesha Gunasekara
Year 4 B	Milan Yadav	Tanuja Ramasamy	Ava Camilleri
Year 4 G	Alicia Gladwell	Mikayla Edwards	Celina Wassef
Year 4 W	Janiya De La Cruz	Emily Lenane	Thomas Cutuk
Year 5 B	Kimberly Mabhena	Bella Molano	Sarah Cleary
Year 5G	Georgian Nemitsas	Sanjay Ramasamy	Romeo Okunzuwa
Year 5W	Christian Vargas	Rachael Perillo	Christian Attard
Year 6 B	Klaudia Stankiewicz	Kenneth Tjhin	Brandee Yeow
Year 6 W	Taleah Kingcott	Tamsyn Brown	Brianna Arellano