

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

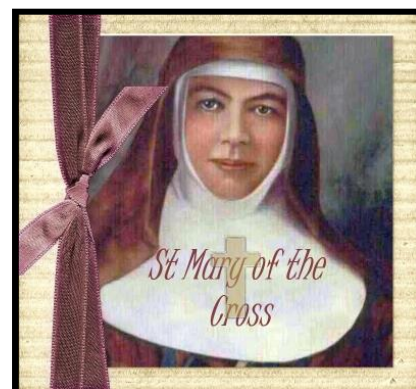
Dear Parents

Last Friday, students from 3B shared with the community at their assembly a play outlining the journey and life of Australia's Patron Saint; St Mary MacKillop. The presentation and confidence in which they were able to portray the key milestones in her life was very impressive. Today, St Mary MacKillop is celebrated and remembered as an Australian woman who devoted her life to caring for the poor and defending the rights of all people. Born in Fitzroy, Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney in 1901, St Mary MacKillop was born of Scottish migrants, the eldest of 8 children. She was educated by her father, however Mary had her own visions of starting a school, which she eventually did in Penola, in an old stable. At the age of 24, in 1867, Mary became the first Sister of St Joseph and the first Mother Superior. Within 2 years, there were 127 nuns and 17 schools. Later, Mary MacKillop would be excommunicated from the church, however this only made her faith grow stronger. Later, Mary's work was recognized and the Sisters of St Joseph were formally approved by the Pope in Rome. Before returning to Australia, Mary visited Scotland and Ireland, where she found 15 young woman who agreed to join the order in Australia. Over the next decade, convents and schools were set up across Australia and New Zealand. In 1901, there were 750 sisters in the order at the time of her death.

Mary's journey tells of a remarkable story of an amazing woman. St Mary MacKillop walked the streets and roads that we do today. She cared and worked for our ancestors. Her story shows us that even today, we too can aspire to a saintly life. Her tireless dedication and trust in God are an inspiration, not just to Australians, but also to many throughout the world. Her great work continues to be carried out today by the Sisters of St Joseph. I thank Year 3 for sharing St Mary MacKillop's inspirational story.

St Mary MacKillop Prayer

*Ever- generous God,
You inspired St Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful
To the Gospel of Jesus Christ
And constant in bringing hope
and encouragement
to those who were disheartened , lonely, or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
And joining with St Mary MacKillop. We ask that you grant our request.
We ask that our faith and hope
Be fired afresh with the Holy Spirit so that we too,
Like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage,
Trust, and openness.
Ever-generous god, hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen*



Dates to Remember

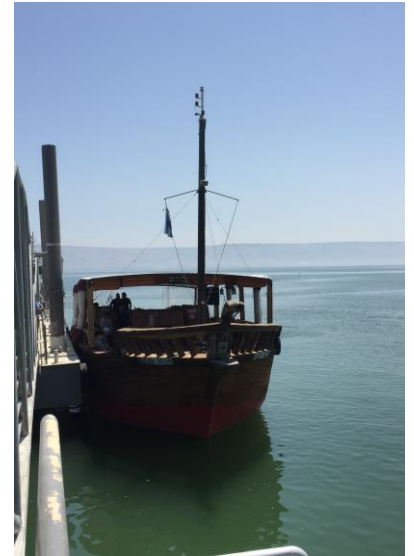
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| Tues 15th Aug | Feast of the Assumption 9.00am Whole school mass |
| Thurs 17th Aug | Hills Zone Athletics Carnival |
| Mon 21st Aug | Book Fair Week |
| Wed 23rd Aug | Year 6 Canberra 3 day excursion |
| Thurs 24th Aug | Book Parade 1.00pm + Rug Reading |
| Thurs 25th Aug | Diocesan Athletics Carnival |

Gospel Reflection 13th August 2017 (Mt 14:22-33)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

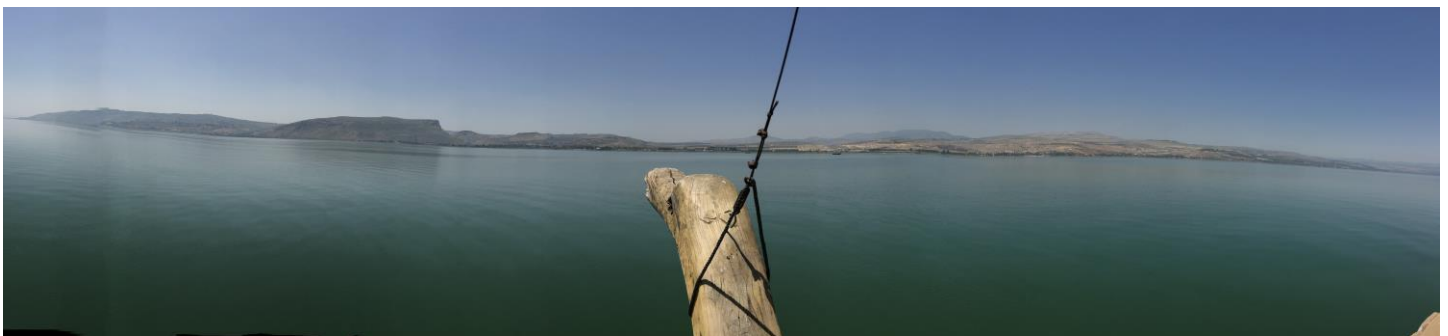
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Gospel Reflection

Peter takes a big risk. Trusting Jesus, he steps out onto the lake in the middle of a storm. But when the wind frightens him, he begins to sink. Jesus is disappointed that Peter's faith isn't greater. When did you ever take a big risk because you trusted someone? Did it work out, or did you get into trouble? Is it wrong to have doubts and fears when you take a big risk, even when you trust the person you are with? Or is that just a healthy, practical, safe way to live? Do you think Jesus is being a bit harsh with Peter? After all, Peter did get out of the boat and walk on the water! Or do you think Jesus is justified in his comment, because Peter is already doing the impossible? A boat is often used as a symbol of the church. In this story it is easy to understand the symbolism of Jesus coming across the stormy waters and winds of modern times in order to help the church stay afloat.

What do you think are the biggest problems for the church today? What is causing the worst storm? Are you afraid we will all sink? Do you think we will be rescued? Do you think most concerned people will jump off the boat and weather the storm of life alone or on some other type of craft? What do you think will happen? (Liturgyhelp.com © Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart - St Mary's Press)



**CONGRATULATIONS to our
Archangel recipients this week –**

**Melissa, Rafael, Zachary, Georgia,
Thomas, Joyce and Alisha. Well
done.**



Literacy News

Dates for Diaries:

Book Week Celebrations:

Each year, across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time, our school will celebrate Australian Children's Literature with a variety of activities. We would love you to be part of these celebrations so please put these dates in your diaries.



Book Fair: Monday 21st August-Friday 25th August. This year we are using Carnival Book company for our Book Fair. Students will visit our library at the beginning of Book Week and make a wish list with their teacher. This list will then go home and parents may visit library to purchase or send money in with their child. The library will be open on the Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 8:20-9:00am during Book Week.

For those students wanting to purchase more of Deborah's book titles, **Carnival Books** will have a supply of her books for sale in week 6 for our annual **Book Fair**

Book Character Parade: Thursday 24th August 1pm. The theme this year is 'Escape to Everywhere.' Students will wear their costume to school and then at 1pm parade through our school carrying the book this character appears in. After the parade, parents will have an opportunity to have lunch with their children and are invited to visit our library to purchase from the Book Fair and view the beautiful displays the students have created related to one of the short-listed books for 2017. The day will conclude with 'Rug Reading' at 2:15pm.

Below is a link for Book Character ideas:

<https://au.pinterest.com/marcitate/book-character-dress-up-day/?lp=true>

Words of the Week:

Infants: luxury

Primary: distinguish

Root Word of the Week: *ful-full of*

Kindergarten students are challenging themselves and using our **WOW words**. Here are four examples from this week's word '**EXPLOSION**'. Well done Kindergarten! We are so proud of you!

Explosion I went
the bomb explosion
went the bomb in
the water.

Bahg, There was an
explosion in the
VOLCANO.



Wow! Look at the volcano
it is about to
erupt I am so
excited for it to
explode.

I can see a picture of
a volcano in my book.
I can see a picture of
volcano in my book.

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator



Mindfulness at OLA

Mindfulness is paying attention without being “caught up” in your thoughts.

Students have explored the following video about focusing their attention. Link provided for your viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgXZW6Xqokw>

Some classes have chosen to **focus their attention** on prayer time in the classroom and have completed a poster about what this would look like, feel like and sound like. Some ideas have been “I would feel close to God”, “it would feel calm”, “I would see all hands together”, “Eyes would be closed”. This type of activity teaches the students to transition from practising mindfulness to implementing mindfulness into everyday activities.

Terina Macare

Canberra Excursion - Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

On the 23rd August, Year 6 students will be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. The children will be 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 upon completion of the excursion.

BOOK FAIR!
escape to everywhere

Join our Book Fair on:
Week 6
21 – 25 August 2017

Opening Times Are:
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:20am – 9:00am
After Book Parade – 1:30pm – 3:00pm

The Fair Takes Place at:
OLA Library

Secure Payment Portal
Parents can make a secure online credit card payment at parentpayments.carnivalfairs.com.au

Carnival Fairs

IMPORTANT

School Leave of Five Days or More

It is very important if you are going to take your child/ren out of school for five days or more that the Application for Exemption Form is completed. We will then issue you with a signed Certificate.

This is a government requirement.

We have had several cases recently, particularly through the government census period, where this has not been done and therefore, we do not have the necessary paperwork for when we are audited. The Application for Exemption form can be found on our website and we have attached a copy to this newsletter.

From the Classroom of....5B

Currently in Year 5 we have been given the opportunity to create and explain a source to answer the following question in PBL groups. "How can Rouse Hill prepare, act, and recover from a catastrophic bushfire?" Therefore, this morning the Rouse Hill Rural Fire Brigade visited Year 5 to inform us about their service. They guided us around the truck, showed us their gear and we all had a turn with the hose. While informing us about their gear we got a great shock when they told us that they only had ninety seconds to be fully dressed in it. We learned about different information such as, if the fire gets over the truck or catches a light, there are little sprinklers all over the truck to prevent it happening. We also learnt that in an emergency there are covers like curtains to cover the inside of the windows to stop the heat coming in, and the firefighters put a special blanket over them and get down low so the heat passes over them and not through them. They let us play with their radio to indicate if there's a fire, have a turn of the hoses, wear their fire gear, go through the fire truck, put the sirens on, and many more fun things. Overall, we had a great time learning about the Rouse Hill Rural Fire Brigade, and all went home with a great head of knowledge on fires. We are very grateful that we had the opportunity to learn all about their service.

By: Charlotte Zarah & Jane Whelan.





P&F NEWS

The OLA FAMILY FIESTA was truly a day of celebration!
What an amazing day!!

The running of the day, the stalls, the performances and the atmosphere was truly a credit to our OLA families and friends, both school and parish! Thank you to all of the families and businesses in our local community for the generous donations. Thank you to the dedicated and enthusiastic team who worked tirelessly in the 5 short weeks leading up to the event, on the day and in the wrap up!

Thank you to Mrs La Rocca and all of the school staff for their support especially those who came to the mass and those who helped on a stall. A special thank you to Mr Cauchi who was there from early in the morning until late evening. We appreciate your support and assistance.

A very special thank you also to Fr Warren and the wonderful team in the Parish Office. We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with you again. It has been such an enjoyable experience for us all.

Thank you to everyone who has passed on kind words of thanks and congratulations for the success of day. These are all very much appreciated. It is this spirit that makes our community so special!

Overall, a wonderful family day for our community!

THE WINNERS OF THE MAJOR PRIZE RAFFLE ARE....

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| 1st Prize: | Topic family (ticket no. 1341) |
| 2nd Prize: | Dang Nuygen (ticket no. 4661) |
| 3rd Prize: | Ken Sewell (ticket no. 1936) |
| 4th Prize: | Lucy Whelan (ticket no. 5165) |
| 5th Prize: | Junainah Lynch (ticket no. 3379) |



Winners have been notified by phone and are being published in this weekend's Parish Bulletin.

THIS SATURDAY
9.30am-3pm
PARISH HALL



DRINKS FOR SALE: Please see the Parish Office if you would like to purchase any cases of soft drink.

- \$17 for 30pack Coke or Coke Zero
- \$5 for 10 cans KIRKS PASITO/LEMONADE/LEMON SQUASH

SPECIAL TREATS AUGUST 18: Kellie Owen, Iarni Harvey, Kylie Ross, Sarah Cleary, Taryn McGrath, Karen Millers

SPONSORS

Action Paintball Annangrove
ALDI Rouse Hill
Allan Drew Funerals
Beacon Lighting Castle Hill
Belle Property Castle Hill
Big W Rouse Hill
Billabong Retreats
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Captain Cook Cruises
Castle Hill RSL
Castlebrook Memorial Park
Cherrybrook Pharmacy - Appletree Centre
Clusterpix Photography
Cockington Green Gardens
Costco Marsden Park
Crayon Rocks Australia
Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley
Crowne Plaza Terrigal
Dancing With Maree
DT Performing Arts
Entrata Restaurant
Eurolight Castle Hill
Fantasy Hair By Amanda
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Fernwood Castle Hill

Fighting Fit Martial Arts Centre, ATA Sydney Australia
Fyna Foods Australia
Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Rouse Hill
Greg and Ann-Maree Hassion
Haribo Australia
Harvey Norman Castle Hill
Higgins School of Irish Dancing
IBIS STYLE The Entrance
IGA Rouse Hill Village
Instyle Performing Arts
JB HI-FI Bathurst
JEM Finance Group
Jess T. Performing Arts and Fitness
Jill Johnston
John Day
Kellyville Lions Club
Kellyville Pets
KFC Rouse Hill
Let's Go Kids Magazine
Maltese Beverages
Martelli's Fruit Market Cherrybrook
McDonalds Australia
Meze Me Restaurant
My Treasure Rouse Hill Village
Nandos Australia

Newline Transport
Northpoint Wholesale
Nunzio's Italian Quaker's Hill
Nuts Galore Rouse Hill Town Centre
Officeworks Castle Hill
Pandas Restaurant Rouse Hill
Parramatta Eels
Peprina Fields
Questacon
Repetitions Group Fitness & Personal Training
Rouse Hill Village Shopping Centre
Saliba Agricultural Equipment
Scenic World Blue Mountains Australia
Silver Stars Cake Decorating Supplies
Sipahh Australia
Soul Pattinson Rouse Hill Village
Starlets Cheerleading
Sydney Living Museums
Tennis Australia
The Australian Hotel and Brewery
The Costi's Fish Market Rouse Hill
The Hills Lodge Hotel & Spa, Grand Mercure
Vagabond Cruises
Waves Aquatic Centre
Wesfresh
Yummie Tummies Fun Food Hire

P&F MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY – 7PM



AGENDA

- 2017 Family Fiesta – WRAP UP
- Pergola/Shelters
- Santa Sophia Catholic College
- Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Special Treats
- Grandparent's Day
- Fathers' Day Stall
- Fathers' Day Breakfast
- Term 3- Parent Representative Council Meeting
- Parent email -Uniform jacket
- Photography Sessions

No need to RSVP or even speak on the night. We will hear what the P&F (as part of the parent body) have been up to. It is also an opportunity to hear from Mr Cauchi all the wonderful things that will be happening with our children and school. If you would like to add a general business item please submit to olapfc@gmail.com no later than Tuesday August 15th

Thank you for your help and support in our school parent community.

We can be contacted via email olapfc@gmail.com or our Facebook page.



Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

OLA 2017 Family Fiesta - Sunday, 6 August

Thank you

A very big thank you to Mrs La Rocca, Mr Cauchi, the OLA School Community and the OLA P&F Committee for your help for the OLA Family Fiesta. It was such a great community day commencing with a beautiful Mass and procession. Thank you to the 2017 First Communion Candidates, OLA SRC Students and Parents who participated in the Procession under the guidance of Annemarie Apap and Joanna Gladwell. It was one of the best processions yet. Thank you, also, to all the Parents and Teachers who gave up their time to assist in the running of stalls and to the amazing bakers who baked for the cake stall. Your goods were delicious.

The Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption. This is one of two remaining Holy Days of Obligations where you are obligated to attend mass. Our Parish will be having mass **at 9am and 7.30pm.**

Confirmations There will be an Enquiry Session, for those children in Year 6 wishing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 17 August at 7.30pm.

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The 2017 | 2018 Entertainment™ Book and Digital are on sale **for only \$65.**

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: Christine Leahy

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

Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Friday 25th August. Please ensure all books are entered online prior to that day in order for your child to receive their certificate.

Book Covering

If anyone can assist in covering new books/readers for the library, could you please pop into the office to collect a bag of books + contact. If you can't pop in, please let us know and we will send some home with your child.

We thank you for your continued support with the book covering.

School Banking

Next week banking will be on Wednesday. Please send bank books in on Tuesday and Wednesday.

As of Term 4, 2017 we will no longer be placing tokens in the deposit pouches. You will be able to keep track of your tokens via the CommBank Youth App, or if required, from us. To download the app, or for more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

| Term 3 Week 4 | | | |
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| Student | Academic Merit Award | St Francis Award | Einstein Award |
| Kinder B | Liam O'Connor | Vienna Bizzanelli | Reid Sammut |
| Kinder G | Abigail Dickson | Madeleine Giovas | Noah Falzon |
| Kinder W | Charlotte Naim | Erica Sommer | Andre Mandarano |
| Year 1B | Jordan Nobleza | Chloe Kiernan | Isaac Rappa |
| Year 1 G | Ethan Mihalic | Mia Lesar | Chris Gruca |
| Year 1W | Joshua Kim | Alexandra Terzo | Jordan Holden |
| Year 2 B | Chloe Holden | Logan Cleary | Pippa Rosano |
| Year 2 G | Jessica Bowen | Lucas Cleeland | Alysha Balangon |
| Year 2 W | Billy Bowen | Zac Ormsby | Giancarlo Mazza |

*Until next week
Mr Steve Cauchi
Acting Principal*

If you have any unwanted Lego at home, the school would love to take it off your hands.

Photos from the Fiesta

