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Week 4 Term 3

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to be back at work and particularly to be among the people that make up this school community. The five weeks off for me were very different in that it was a time to enjoy the ordinary – no 'special' occasions, no rushing around of trips – rather the banality of toiling the soil, planting seed and trees, enjoying nature, friends and family and, yes, in particular spending time with our darling granddaughter, and of course daily prayer. I continue to be in awe of how readily we can find God in the 'ordinary' – if we are open to Him. Yesterday, along with many other principals, RECs and members of the clergy, I attended an address by Rev. Michael Miller, Archbishop of Vancouver. He reminded us that schools are evangelising educational communities where proclaiming the Gospel is at the centre of all we teach and do and say; that it is not so much what we teach but the way we teach is influenced by Christ's love and divine mercy for us. It is imperative that all we, teacher and parents, do is directed towards our students and children having a personal relationship with Christ. The feast of St Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop, is the perfect time for this.

Each of us is created in God's image and likeness and, therefore, our challenge is to recognise God in each person we meet. To develop that personal relationship with Christ is that simple - it starts with the way we relate to each other.

THANK YOU!

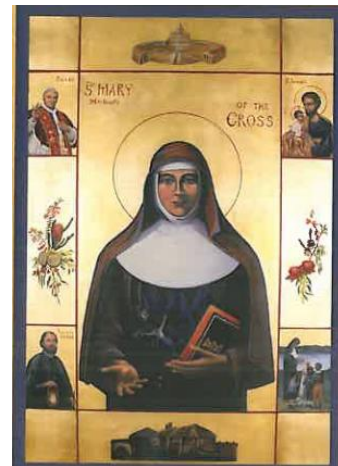
*To everyone who participated in the success of the **OLA Fiesta** last weekend. Fr Warren was delighted with the turnout and the spirit in which the parish community reveres and celebrates the feast of our patron, Our Lady of the Angels.

*To the P&F for the purchase of OLA representative sports strips for interschool competition

*To the P&F for their fabulous job with the Walkathon. I was sorry to have missed such a wonderful and generous expression of strong school community. While we are grateful to the P&F committee for the excellent organising and promoting of the event, none of these events would be successful without you, the parent body, the staff and the students as you are the school.

Future events were discussed at last Wednesday's P&F meeting among which was the Fathers' Day Breakfast. At the meeting, the P&F Executive reported that there was some doubt around how that will look this year due to it coinciding with Stg 2 Touch Football but, more disturbing, that there had been some concern that the 'treats for dads' was not in balance with that for mums. I think we all need to be reminded that these events have always been about the students and building community. Fathers' Day Breakfast is about seeing the look of delight on the children's faces that one day in the year as they come into school with their dad or significant father figure. Through such events, we provide the opportunity for our students to see the importance of showing love to and appreciation for important people in their lives - their dad, mum, grandparents. This is OLA tradition, since the beginning – providing opportunities to see God in others and building God's Kingdom of love and justice. We look forward to seeing as many dads there, as usual, that can make it. Once again, thank you to Annemarie and her team for the excellent organisation and overseeing of all of these events, past and future and to all the members of the community who come forward to offer your help – we know we can always rely on you. ☺

NOTE: there is no whole school Mass on Friday 14th and daily attendance by class will be as normal. Saturday, 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption and a holy day of obligation.



Dates to Remember

Tues 11th Aug ICAS Maths 8.00am

Thurs 13th Aug Zone Athletics Carnival

Fri 14th Aug Feast of the Assumption – Liturgy at Assembly commencing 2.30pm.

NOTE: MONDAY 17TH AUGUST IS PUPIL FREE DAY. STAFF ON SITE ON THAT DAY.



GOSPEL (John 6:41-51)

'To celebrate that God feeds us for the journey.'

Meanwhile the Jews were complaining to each other about him, because he had said, 'I am the bread that has come down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven?"'

Jesus said in reply to them, 'Stop complaining to each other. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day'.

It is written in the prophets; they will all be taught by God; everyone who has listened to the Father, and learnt from him, comes to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except him who has his being from God: he has seen the Father.

In all truth I tell you, everyone who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread which comes down from heaven, so that a person may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread, which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Reflection

In Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus say again, that He is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that He is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

Think of the many ways God feeds your family and each member of it. We are fed with friendship, kindness, joy, health, care, love, and many more ways that you may think of. When we receive the Eucharist, we give thanks for these gifts. What are some ways your family shares these gifts with others?

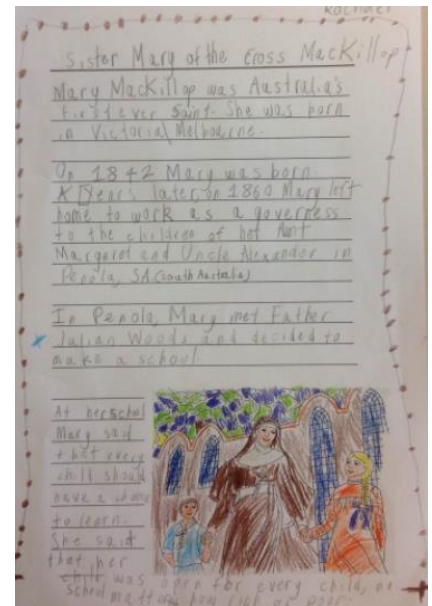
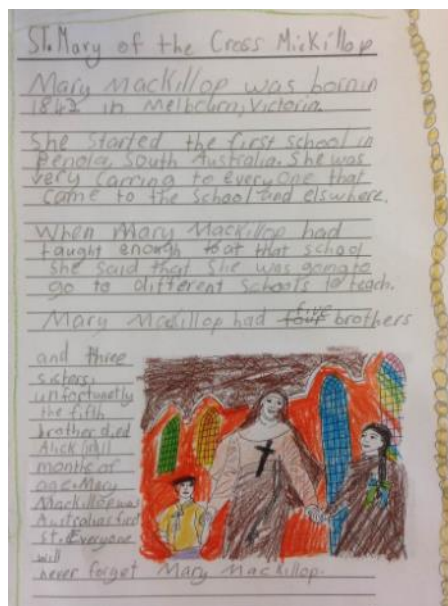
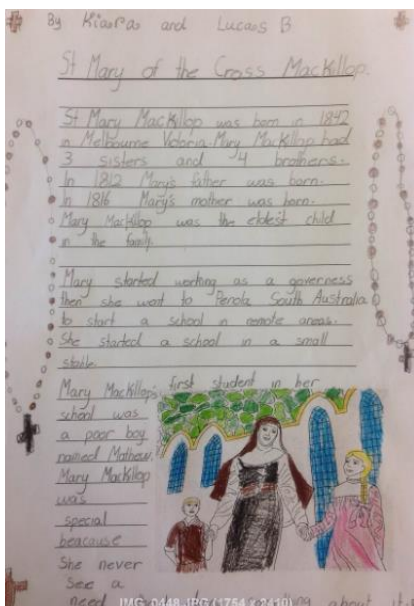
Are there new ways you can think of as a family?

Foyer Prayer Space

We would like to thank all our OLA families who have contributed to our prayer space in the office foyer. For the rest of the year the students from K-6 will prepare a collage of work to create a display about the Saint of the week. We hope to share the importance of our weekly saints through the children's work. This collage will also be displayed in the Newsletter each week. Here is the first one...



Saint of the Week: St Mary of the Cross



Mrs Katrina Byrne
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



Parent Sacred Space.

Thank you to the **Falzon family** who sponsored the prayer space this week. The **Vella family** will be sponsoring the space for our last week, which is next week.



Lost Property – We would like to ask all parents to take the time this weekend to check your child's jumper and jacket (or any that may be in their bag) to see if it belongs to them. We have had a lot of parents come to the office looking for clothing that has been lost. It is very easy for a child to put a jumper/jacket into the wrong school bag. Please return to school anything that does not belong to your child. Thank you for your support and assistance with this.

Approaching children - Please remember that if your child is having a problem with another child, it is never OK to approach that child directly. All concerns need to go through the school – the class teacher is the first port of call.

Skoolbag App - Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc). This makes the app even more accessible than before with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up "Skoolbag" in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen.

Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

Russell Brothers Reserve Dedication

On Monday 3rd August 2015, 9 students from Year 6 were chosen to represent OLA at the Russell Brothers Reserve Dedication in Rouse Hill (formerly known as Second Ponds Oval). Other schools that attended were Rouse Hill High, Rouse Hill Anglican College and Riverstone High School.

Local Government and Council officials attended this ceremony along with our State and Federal Members, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, Salvation Army and the Australian Returned Services League. The Dedication Ceremony was hosted by Rotary.

We listened to an address by the President of the Rotary – Vinegar Hill, Bruce Nicholls, along with other official representatives. We heard about the story of William and Arthur Russell, both former residents in Kellyville, sang the National Anthem, watched the raising of the flag and then had lunch provided by the host.

The Dedication Ceremony was an honour to be part of, giving some insight into local history and commemoration to all our returned servicemen and women.

By Bethany Dersch 5/6B



P&F NEWS

As the winning colour house, today the **RED** house enjoyed a yummy pizza lunch, washed down with some **RED** cordial! We thank **PIZZA HUT Rouse Hill** for their support in providing this lunch.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Stickers can be placed in the OLA box at Woolworths Rouse Hill Town Centre **OR** sent in to the school office.

FATHER'S DAY STALL NOTE

Please return these by next Wednesday. If you need a note, please find one attached to this newsletter that can be printed out.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY AUGUST 24 - Grandparent's Morning Tea

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 – Father's Day Stall

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4 - Father's Day Breakfast

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 7PM – **SOCIAL BINGO NIGHT!!** (Limited numbers so start thinking about organising your tables. Looking forward to a fun night just for the grown-ups. More info coming soon)

*** *If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email olapfc@gmail.com*



Parent Workshop

This week, the teachers ran another Workshop for Parents this time in Numeracy. Because the usual evening time has been poorly attended in the past, we trialled the new time of just after school. Unfortunately, there was little difference in the number of parents that came along, but to those who did, we say thank you!! From one parent I received the following...

'I wanted to take the time to thank you and your wonderful staff for a great event organised yesterday in aid of the development of our children. It was a great insight into seeing ways which we can help our children through fun maths activities at home. I know that not anyone can be a teacher, it takes dedication and a love for helping your students learn and I can see that dedication with the teachers of OLA.'

Too true!



*A Belated but very **BIG**
Congratulations to...
the Collosimo family on the arrival
of their beautiful baby daughter,
Olivia, a sister for John Paul and
Sal. God bless you all.*

August- 28th August – We have some exciting plans for Book Week this year. More details will follow in the coming weeks but we thought advance notice that we will be having a dress up parade (Friday 28th August) would be useful. So get those creative juices flowing and start thinking about a book character costume.

FROM THE CLASSROOM...Year 4G

This term, Year 4 have been learning about 'People and their Beliefs' as part of our HSIE unit. The students in 4G are researching the country China and have been learning about traditional Chinese folklore and the symbolic meanings of Dragons. We hope you like our Chinese dragon art.



From the Bishop's Office

If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. You can contact us tel (02) 9933 0233, email safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information please visit: www.safeguarding.org.au For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

Gospel concert 'Spirit of Joy': 5 September

Gospel Concert 'Spirit of Joy' is presented in association with the Sydney Sacred Music Festival. It will be held on Saturday 5 September 2015 from 3pm-5.30pm at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre. It aims to bring together people of all religious traditions to feel the joy of God, through spiritually uplifting/upbeat music and song. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 school-age children, \$35 family – two adults with up to four school-age children, children under five free. Bookings <http://www.trybooking.com/144537> For further information please contact Ann-Maree Timmings tel (02) 4773 8338 ext 236 or send an email to manager@schoenstatt.org.au

3rd Annual Faith in Marriage Conference: 23 August

This year's conference has the theme: Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage. This conference is aimed at married couples, engaged couples and individuals interested in marriage. Speakers include the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Fr Peter G Williams, Jonathan Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Brought to you by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. From 9am-3pm at Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: \$25 per person (\$50 per couple) includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea. On-site child minding for participants available for \$30 per family must be booked prior to the conference. Registration: CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

Diocesan Housing Affordability Table Talks

Affordable housing in Sydney is a major issue for people of all ages especially for young adults, families and the elderly. This event will involve reflection and discussion on how people experience this issue and the moral and social justice implications around housing affordability. The event will also explore possible next steps to turn the talking into action. Join the Family & Life Office and Social Justice Office for an evening of "Table Talks."

Date: WEDNESDAY, August 19th

Time: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm (Followed by supper)

Venue: IFM, 1 – 5 Marion St Blacktown (Enter down stairs past car park)

RSVP Family and Life Office

Ben Smith: BSmith@parra.catholic.org.au

Or Social Justice Office

Sr Louise McKeogh: lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au

2015 Choral Celebration

Be entertained by 11 primary schools who will sing in a captivating performance of traditional and contemporary music.

Watch as 20 weeks of rehearsals comes energetically together in a fine-tuned choral celebration.

CAPTIVATE presents

PRIMARY VOICES

EVENT INFO
A concert featuring Year 4-6 students in the CAPTIVATE Development Program delivered by 'a3 Australian Arts Alive', the education program of the Australian School of Performing Arts.

Monday 7 September 7pm
@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
54-97 Gascogne St, Kingwood

Tuesday 8 September 7pm
@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
54-97 Gascogne St, Kingwood

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
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Our Lady of the Rosary Primary KELLYVILLE
Mother Teresa Primary WESTMEAD
St Oliver's Primary HARRIS PARK
Corpus Christi Primary CRANE BROOK
Trinity - Primary KEMPS CREEK

St Bernadette's Primary DUNDAS VALLEY
Holy Trinity Primary GRANVILLE
Mary Immaculate Primary QUAKERS HILL
Our Lady of the Angels Primary ROUSE HILL
St Matthew's Primary WINDSOR

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Woolworths Earn and Learn is back

From 15th July until 8th September, for every \$10 spent at Woolworths you can collect stickers to place on sticker cards. When your sticker card is full, send it into school. We will then redeem these for some exciting resources for the school. Please pass this on to neighbours and grandparents who can collect on your behalf. I am happy to announce that we are the lucky recipients of a bonus \$250 voucher nominated by 'Suzanne'. Thanks for your support.

- ICAS Maths – Tuesday 11th – 7.55 am for 8am start.
- Social Skills – Weeks 5/6 = Dealing with losing.

Congratulations!

To Paige Cunneen who has been competing in Powerboat racing for the final round of the 2014-15 series which was held in Port Macquarie this past weekend. She came away from the round with a first place trophy and sponsorship for the 2015-16 season and now prepares to compete in the 2015-2016 Australian Formula Powerboat Grand Prix. Good luck, Paige! WOW!



From the Parish Office...

Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 2 August

A very big thank you to Mrs La Rocca, the OLA School Community and the OLA P&F Committee for your support for our Parish Fiesta on Sunday. It was another great success!!

All Year 3 Students who received their First Communion in 2015 are invited to join our procession after the 11 am Fiesta Mass and LEAD this procession. This is a tradition to acknowledge those in our community who have received their Sacraments this year.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are presently inviting any adults who would like to become a Catholic to participate in our formation program leading up to being baptised and received into the Church at Easter.

There will be an **ENQUIRY NIGHT** on **Tuesday, 15 September at 7.30pm** at the Church. Please inform those that may be interested to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Shelly on 0421 610 826 or the Parish office at parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr Warren Edwards

Mass times:

Sat vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm.

Weekdays: Mon -Sat: 9 am

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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Numeracy Hint



Regularly practise counting by 2, 5 and 10. This can be done both forwards and backwards. For children who master this quickly, count off the decade. This means instead of counting 10, 20, 30.... start at 13 and continue 23, 33, 43. This helps them to see the patterns in numbers.

Please note that OLA will be performing in this year's Hawkesbury Eisteddfod.

Thursday 3rd September is Verse Speaking for Years 1-3

Friday 4th September is Choir Years 4-6

Save the Date – Grandparents' Day

This year we will celebrate Grandparents' Day on Monday 24th August with Mass, morning tea and a mini concert. Please let grandparents know to keep this date free.

Term 3 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Isaac Castellan	Claire Sievwright	Sophia Iori
Kinder G	Zach Lee	Hugo Vozzo	Sienna Jacobs
Kinder W	Jett Fiorio	Giancarlo Mazza	Chloe Holden
Year 1B	Isobel Clarke	Katia Lesar	Jaeden Mensah
Year 1 G	Jonathan Teo	Lachlan Connellan	Emma Cleary
Year 1W	Denison Cu	Amity Galea	Harriet Preston
Year 2 B	Lucas McLuskey	Christian Vargas	Sienna Fallone
Year 2 G	Isabel Williams	Zane Boatwallla	Max Cutroni
Year 2 W	Makiah Arora	Denzel Chang	Christian Attard
Year 3 B	Felix Beegan	Callum Galway	Olivia Hudson
Year 3 W	Hudson Galvin	Nathan Cook	Thomas Lenane
Year 4 B	Amelia Dimech	Rebecca Cleary	Owen Huber
Year 4 G	Cody Kingcott	William Blazey	Breanna Debrincat
Year 4 W	Charlie Cutroni	Mia Spowles	Alissa Sweeney
Year 5/6 B	Rebecca Charlesworth	Raphael Di Lorenzo	Lachlan Monks
Year 5/6 G	AJ Abdallah	Milly Beegan	Kristian Skoljarev
Year 5/6W	Alana Berry	Timiya Naidoo	Emily Odd

*Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.
God bless.
Eva La Rocca,
Principal*