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Week 5 Term 3

18th August, 2017

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

Dear Parents

Feast of The Assumption

On Tuesday 15th August, our school community attended the Parish Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Fr Warren alerted us to the stain glassed window in the church which depicts Mary being carried up to Heaven by Angels, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. A beautiful pictorial image which reflects on the importance and role of our Blessed Mother Mary in our Catholic Faith. On this Feast day, we are reminded that our Mother Mary, who was free from sin, said 'YES' to be the Mother of Jesus. She was "blessed among woman" and lived her life as a faithful servant of God. She shared closely in the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

At Midday, each school day, our students pray the *Angelus*. Let us reflect on the words of this prayer:

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



Dates to Remember

Mon 21st Aug	Book Fair Week (Sales - Mon,Tues,Thur&Fri)
Wed 23rd Aug	Year 6 Canberra 3 day excursion
Thurs 24th Aug	Book Parade 1.00pm + Rug Reading 2.15pm + Book Fair
Thurs 25th Aug	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Wed 30th Aug	Father's Day Stall
Fri 1st Sep	Father's Day BBQ and Liturgy

NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER:- 8808 7300

You can still contact us on the old numbers, but when we ring you, this is the number that will now show on your phone. Please add this number to your contacts list.

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 6: Gospel Reflection Sunday 20th August 2017 (Mt 15:21-28)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

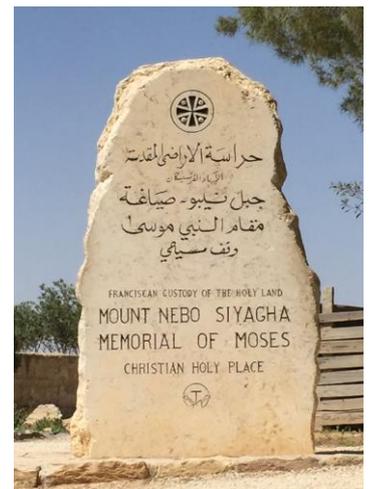
Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Reflection

A *pagan woman* approaches a *Jewish man* and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people. This remarkable *pagan woman* stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory. That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'. We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

Mrs Byrne's Holy Land Pilgrimage Reflection

Each week I will share images and reflections of my Holy Land Pilgrimage. The first place we visited was Mt Nebo in Jordan. Mt Nebo is about 817 metres above sea level and it was the place where Moses was shown the Promise Land. Our group celebrated Mass in a little church on the top of Mt Nebo. Here we listened to the Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20. We were asked to listen with our eyes, meaning the eyes of our mind. Just like Moses listened to God as he looked out over the Promise Land. We were asked to reflect how we will listen with our eyes to the needs around us and what words and actions could help those in need?



What's happening in RE @ OLA

Sacrament of Confirmation

- 24th August Parent Session
 - 31st August Lesson 1 for parents and children.
 - 7th September Lesson 2 for parents and children.
 - 14th or 21st September rehearsals
 - 15th or 22nd September Confirmation nights
- Forms need to be completed and handed into the parish office.*

Religious Literacy Assessment

Over the next few weeks, Yr 4 and Yr 6 will be completing an online assessment focusing on Religious Education. In Yr 4 Religious Education lessons, students will also be focusing on a Scripture passage and reflecting on the sacrament of reconciliation and forgiveness in a variety of ways.

Fathers' Day prayer

1st September Fathers' Day Liturgy at 9am
OLA will be having their annual Fathers' Day BBQ breakfast followed by a prayer prepared by Kindergarten. We look forward to celebrating with all our OLA fathers.



Katrina Byrne
Religious Education Coordinator

NAPLAN Online School Readiness 2017

Last week, Year 3 and Year 5 parents received information regarding NAPLAN online. This means that in 2018, children who sit the NAPLAN tests will no longer have paper-based tests, instead moving to computer-based assessments. CEDP are undertaking significant planning, development, research and trialing to ensure the smooth transition to online testing.

All NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14th August and 22nd September. The readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online.

The readiness test will allow schools to:

- Become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and process.
- Ensure that schools have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN online.
- Provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format.

At Our Lady Of The Angels. Years 3 and 5 will participate in the school readiness test in the week of 11-15 September.

- Year 3 students will undertake online assessments for numeracy, reading, and language conventions. This is all included in the one assessment.
- Year 5 students will undertake all NAPLAN areas including writing online.

It is important to note that the school will NOT receive any student data from the online trial. This is a school readiness assessment for us to ensure that we are ready to administer the test in the future.

For further information please see <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

2017 NAPLAN results – Students in Years 3 and 5 will have brought home their NAPLAN results this week. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher should you wish to discuss any aspect the NAPLAN report.

Reminder: Under no circumstances are parents to approach any student directly to resolve issues or concerns arising from school matters. It is important that these matters are dealt with through the appropriate channels at school, via classroom teachers and school leadership. I thank you for your cooperation on this matter!

Afternoon Pickup

A reminder that students being picked up after school must wait in the 'parent pick up area' and parents need to drive through the car park or park in one of the adjacent streets, or at the ovals across the road, and collect your children from there. Recently, children have been waiting outside the front of the school near the bus stop and getting picked up there. **THIS IS A NO STOPPING AREA** and the rangers will be booking anyone that stops there to collect their child.

This only adds to the afternoon congestion and compromises the safety of all children. Please help us in ensuring the safety of your children. A copy of the new council fines is attached.

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 Monday, 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 at the **Book Fair**

Our School Book Fair Is Coming Soon

Every Purchase Helps Our School Get FREE resources!

100's of books will be available to choose from, giving children easy access to fun, engaging reading material.

Parents, Family and Friends all welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.



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: cheerful

Primary: translucent

Root Word of the Week: geo-earth

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Mindfulness at OLA

Mindfulness is paying attention without being "caught up" in your thoughts. How do you feel now? How often do you stop and notice your thoughts? What do you do when you feel cluttered by deadlines and the business of life?



Stop and try some deep belly breathing. Terina Macare

BOOK FAIR!

escape to everywhere

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

Monday **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



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.

Thursday Cooking Club

In term 3, year 6 students have had the opportunity to participate in cooking club every Thursday at lunch. The students have been very enthusiastic, and enjoyed baking cookies and eating them with milkshakes.



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UNDERSTANDING NAPLAN AND THE NEW CHANGES

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Our guest speaker for the evening is:
Mr Paul Easton
Director of Performance
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)



EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

Join in the conversation with:
The Hon Alex Hawke MP

Federal member for Mitchell
Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection



Question and Answer Session!

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events

Monday, 21 August 2017

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)
(Term 3 - PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)
at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Villiers St, Parramatta
Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

PRC Topics
Cluster Group Discussion
Constitution Working Group
How is your School Parent Body Structured?
What is Parent Collaboration?
Strategic Planning

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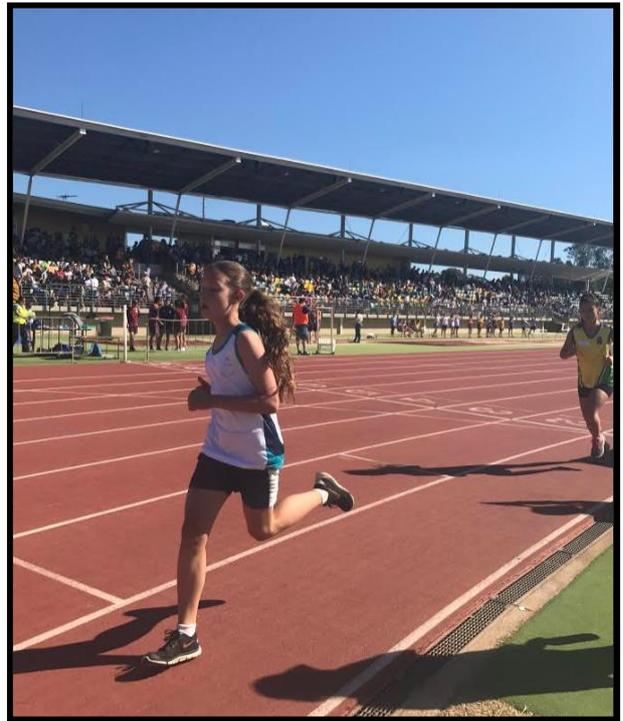
From the Classroom of....5W

This term in Visual Arts, Year 5 has been exploring outdoor landscapes. This week, we recreated images we brought from home using chalk pastels. We used many different techniques to develop different textures in our artworks and replicate different subject matters. In this photo, we have Marcus, Zac, Gavin, Brianna and Taleah holding their creations, the likeness to their original image is amazing!



Diocesan Hills Zone Athletics Carnival

*Students from Years 3 to 6 represented Our Lady of the Angels at the Diocesan Hills Zone Athletics Carnival yesterday. The students showed great sportsmanship and comaraderie. We wish the students who made it to the next round (Friday 25th August) the best of luck!
Congratulations.*



Debating

Over the last two weeks we have travelled to Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville to debate the topic “Celebrities are good role models”, and hosted a debate here against Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill on the topic “The internet is more harmful than useful”.

When we were the negative team, and had the task of convincing the audience that “Role models are someone you can trust, good examples are a must!” We had some very strong and convincing arguments about the impact that the bad behaviour of celebrities has on their fans. The fact that what is shown on social media is not the real world, which gives young impressionable fans the wrong idea about the way life should be lived. The girls also argued that celebrities are there to entertain or do their job in the public eye, they are not there to offer us advice on topics that they are not experts on. All of the girls worked together as a team, and were so convincing in their arguments, that they won the debate this week.

Congratulations to Ava Grace Bennett, Jasmyn Robertson, Melissa Preston, Bella Masters and Jade Richardson for all of their hard work preparing for the debate!

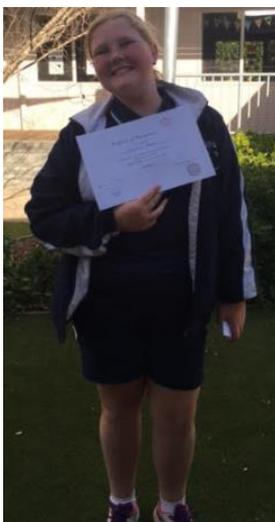
When we were the affirmative team, and had the task of convincing the audience that “There should be a restriction to stop this addiction!” We had some very good arguments and examples about online predators, viruses that are spread by computer hackers, the dangers associated with online gaming etc. The girls also built on their personal experiences with Officer Bollard who came to speak to us earlier this year about cyber-safety.

Again the girls worked together as a team, and this time we came away with a draw.

Congratulations to Paige Hayden, Alannah Lock, Mikayla Muscat and Sascha Strykowski for all of their hard work preparing for the debate!

Our debating star of the week for week 4 is Melissa Preston. She stepped in at the last minute to finish writing a speech and took on the task of debating with the girls. Melissa is not only a great speech writer, but she is a good public speaker. She is animated and entertaining, and was able to use strong persuasive language and humour to convince the adjudicator to agree with us that celebrities are not good role models. Well done Melissa, and thank you for helping out when we needed you - keep up the excellent work!

In week 5 we had a debating GROUP of the week. The girls who debated did a lot of the work on their own. With two debates so close together, they worked hard to ensure that they were ready for the debate. They had very convincing arguments and their speeches worked really well together. I am proud of the work that they have done and of the way they debated this week. Well done girls!



Mrs Kylie Leach
Year 6 Teacher



P&F NEWS

P&F GENERAL MEETING



Thank you to those who joined us at the meeting on Wednesday night. It was quite an informative and productive meeting. To keep 'in the loop' with what is happening or to 'have your say', please consider attending the General Meetings. They are held once per term and last no longer than an hour. We look forward to seeing you in November for the next meeting.

Father's Day Breakfast



DADS & OLA CHILDREN...
You are invited...

Friday 1st September 7.30am

This is a special time for fathers, grandfathers or other significant male carers and their children here at OLA. We look forward to hosting a delicious BBQ breakfast for them.

Thank you in advance to the *Year 1 and 6 families* for your help on the day.

Please RSVP for catering purposes:

<https://goo.gl/forms/U8XiXjKzzXHsPUGH2>

FATHER'S DAY STALL: This will be held on August 31st. The note will be sent electronically with the newsletter and a paper version next week. Thank you in advance to the Year 2 families for their help on the day.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms so far. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to *donate* to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the *clean* items to the school office in a plastic bag. The next sale date will be in Term 4.

SPECIAL TREATS AUG 25th : Jo Gladwell, Natalie Dolahenty, Katie Mandarano, Anne-Marie Apap, Katrina Mazza & Maria Muscat. *Thank you* 😊

Thank you for your help and support in our school parent community. We can be contacted via email olapfc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.



Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

Confirmations A Enquiry Session was held last night for those children in Year 6 wishing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation. If have not yet handed in your form, we ask that you do so by Monday 21st August. **No enrolments will be accepted after this date.**

Parents: Your next session will be on Thursday, 24th August at 7.30pm.

Penrose Park, Berrima –

The Parish is holding a pilgrimage to Penrose Park on October 13th - marking the 100th Anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, the cost is \$25 for the bus and BYO lunch and snacks. We ask that you contact the Parish Office 8883 4063 to confirm your attendance.

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.

Archangel Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Archangel awards this week:- Lucas McLuskey, Hayden Lavercombe, Isabel Williams, Aiden Vilathagamua, Harrison Ko, Isabella Cauchi and Amity Galea.



Term 3 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Ayden Stewart	Emma Quijano	Gemma Haynes
Year 3 G	Denison Cu	Boston Roberts	Sophia Dobaj
Year 3 W	Matilda Wallis	Isobel Clarke	Ireen Yoo
Year 4 B	Max Fischer	Eva Sultana	Lauren Eyles
Year 4 G	Marcus Castellan	Denzel Chang	Angelica Manago
Year 4 W	Nikki O'Neill	Dante Merrin	Sienna Younes
Year 5 B	Charlotte Zahra	Jacob Connellan	Jasmyn Robertson
Year 5W	Thomas Lenane	Zac Spowles	Olivia Lincoln
Year 6 B	Emily Bennison	Lily Cassar	Natasha Eyles
Year 6 G	Isabella Masters	Nicholas Hallal	Aria Guglielmi
Year 6 W	Kenny King	Hollie Ford	Sophia Tapley

*Until next week
Mr Steve Cauchi
Acting Principal*