



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 6 Term 2

1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017

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

**Dear Parents,**

Much of the Christian traditions are founded in the Jewish We recall that Jesus, as a Jew, returned from the desert to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. This, in the Christian tradition, became His Last Supper, and we know how the rest of that story goes.

Last Sunday was the feast of Pentecost. In the Jewish tradition, the fiftieth day was known as the Festival of Weeks. Counting both the first and last days, it is "fifty days" from the day after Passover Sabbath to the day after the Pentecost Sabbath. This feast eventually received the name Pentecost, from the Koine Greek word Pentecost, meaning "fiftieth day."

In Acts 2: 5-6, "*Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.* And when this sound rang out, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking his own language...." The reason there were so many people from different lands, was because they, as God-fearing Jews, came to the holy city of Jerusalem, to celebrate the Pentecost. How wise is God to select this day to mark the beginning of His Church on Earth! It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that all people of all nations could 'understand' His words.

Today, God speaks to us through the words in the New Testament but do we always understand? I know I don't. Remember to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of understanding and knowledge so that we can do God's work, and do it well.



## **First Holy Communion**

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, many students from Our Lady of the Angels will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. May we keep them in our prayers as they receive the Body of Christ for their first time. Congratulations to the following students; **James A, Amelia B, Tayla B, Ella D, Sophia D, Georgia F, Amity G, Alicia G, Nadia G, Michaelangelot L, Justin M, Solomon M, Charlotte M, Nathan O, Macy O, Roxanne P, Joshua R, Mitchell R, Acacia S, Olivia S, Cohan S, Ayden S, Jayden T, Aidan V, Caitlyn W and Zara Z.**

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Public Holiday
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.55am ICAS Writing
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.55am ICAS Spelling
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Pyjama Day
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Feast of the Sacred Heart – Mass at 9.00am
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
	Last Day of Term 2
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	First Day of Term 3

NEWSLETTER

# Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June: The Most Holy Trinity 2017

## Gospel (Jn 3:16-18)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
God sent his Son to save the world through him.  
Jesus said to Nicodemus,  
'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.'



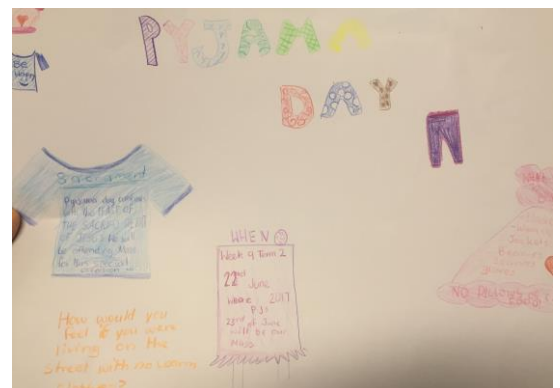
## Gospel Reflection

Trinity is love and love is Trinitarian. The Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God in three divine persons, and united in perfect love, is revealed to us in their love for humanity.

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice. (<http://liturgyhelp.com.au/>. Greg Sunter)

## Pyjama Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Hi, my name is Cooper and my name is Melissa. We belong to the Mini-Vinnies Social Justice group at OLA. On **22nd June** we will be having Pyjama Day to give less fortunate people things to keep warm in the winter. You could bring blankets, jumpers, socks or anything warm. Alternatively you can bring in a gold coin donation. On Pyjama Day you can wear any pyjamas you have, you may also wear slippers or a dressing gown. The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be celebrated the following day, 23rd June. We will have a Mass to celebrate this important Feast Day. Thank you in advance for supporting this very important social justice initiative.



**By Cooper and Melissa, OLA Mini-Vinnies Group**

## Literacy News

### Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Invest in a set of plastic magnetic letters that are available at many discount, toy, and variety stores. Let your child spell the word by successively placing the magnetic letters on the magnetic board. You can show them the word, then remove it. Have them name each letter as they locate it and place it on the board. This is good for developing the correct order for letters within the words.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omGOgQ>

### Year One Parent Meeting:

Thank you to the parents who attended the parent information session on Wednesday afternoon. The focus of the meeting was to discuss ways to build reading comprehension at home and to explain the reading system in the classroom.

The Year One teachers will attach the presentation and handouts from the meeting to this week's Communication Sheet.

### Next week's WOW words are:

**Infants:** foolish

**Primary:** deteriorate

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Thank you to the amazing OLA community for your wonderful donations towards the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea during Rug Reading last Thursday. Your contributions were very generous and as a community we raised \$1144.55.

"\$1000 can help support our ground-breaking research into new and better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer, with the potential to save thousands of lives" Cancer Council.

Today after first break we drew the raffle. Thank you to all who contributed towards Cancer research and entered a ticket in the raffle. The winners were L Wallis, L Quinlan, Mitchell Ross and Alicia Dersch. Congratulations! We hope you enjoy your small treat and thank you for your support.



Mrs Jacqueline Cheadle

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### Debating Team

This week we travelled to Blessed John XXIII to debate the topic "Bottle Flipping is a harmless craze". We were the negative team, and had the difficult task of convincing the audience that bottle flipping was in fact harmful. We had some very strong and convincing arguments about the impact of the plastic bottles on our environment, the angst that it causes parents and teachers, and the limited teaching and learning opportunities that it presents to children.

While we were convincing in our arguments, and spoke well, we did not win the battle this week. Congratulations to Paige Hayden, Ava Grace Bennett, Alannah Lock and Sophia Tapley for all of their hard work!



Our debating star of the week is Ava Grace Bennett. Her speech was well thought out, and her arguments were strong and convincing. Ava Grace used social justice issues and environmental concerns to highlight the greater problems associated with bottle flipping, thinking beyond the obvious issues. She also scored exceptionally high marks from the adjudicator, and definitely did not show the nerves associated with taking part in her first debate. Well done Ava Grace!

Mrs Kylie Leach  
Year 6 Teacher



## Year 1 Workshop

It was only a small handful of parents that attended this session on Wednesday afternoon. It was dreadful weather so I thank you and I am confident it was worth your while. Thank you to Mr Cauchi for his presentation on Understanding A-E Reporting and to Mrs Hurst and the Year 1 teachers for their presentation on How Literacy Works in Year 1.



## Mindfulness at OLA

### Mindfulness Professional Learning

Last Friday, staff engaged in professional development around **Mindfulness** presented by Georgina Manning founder of the Peaceful Kids Program. Mindfulness is scientifically proven to have many positive health benefits as well as providing lifelong coping skills. Over the coming weeks, students from K-6 will be learning basic theory on Mindfulness and different ways to practise Mindfulness and integrate it into their lives. This week students have been learning to notice their breathing. The following link is to the Peaceful Kids website. <http://www.peacefulkids.com.au/program.html> We encourage you to please ask them about this and share in the practice at home. A relaxed body means a relaxed mind which results in less anxiety and stress.

Terina Macare

## SCHOOL HOURS OF SUPERVISION START AT 8.20AM

Many people are ignoring this and dropping and leaving students unsupervised. I have asked these students to wait quietly and in prayer inside the church. Please exercise patience in the morning. This is one parent's experience...

*The reason I am writing to you is that it saddens me about how many times I have been bullied or abused or whatever you want to call it, in the school car park. I dropped the girls off at 8:18 am, 2 minutes early. I thought 2 minutes shouldn't cause any problems. So instead of waiting in front of the office I drove around the bend and waited until the gate was opened by a staff member. Unfortunately, I waited there for 5 minutes and during that time I had one person blow their horn, then another did the same and I could see her yelling at me, waving her hands through my mirror. Her number plate was \*\*\* \*\* (reg no and description provided).*

*It is not only irresponsible but unsafe to leave their children there. Not to mention the disrespect these people have shown towards me over the years at school. We teach being respectful, responsible and being safe at school but the parents cannot even do it!! All they need to practise is respect and consideration for each other. I WAS doing the right thing by NOT leaving the girls unsupervised. They should NOT be driving off and leaving their children there unsupervised.*

*When we first arrived at OLA in 2011 it was a different group of parents. They showed so much love and care. All they have to remember is to keep their kids safe and be nice to one another. Is that too hard to do or too much to ask of someone?*

### My response...

*I couldn't agree with you more - it is very disappointing. It's true that things seem different in 2011. The truth is, there is a very small percentage of people who are inconsiderate and unkind in their actions. In 2011, our population was around 140 from 80 or so families. The 1% were 0.8 people. Today, with 520 students and about 350 families, that 1% is more like 4 people and you're more likely to encounter them as they are quite 'loud'. I, too, get disheartened but try and focus on the 346 families of the 514 students who are kind and considerate.*



# From the Classroom of 1W

In 1W we have been learning about showing and not telling our stories. The children have been learning about how they can use descriptive language to write interesting descriptions. Here are some of the fantastic descriptions of colours that we have been working on.



Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008!

Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

- Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC
- Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta
- Over 18 years of age – register as an individual
- Visit [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au) now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before

August



For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, [jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

Time for Us Weekend for Families: 16-18 June

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more detail or to register contact: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 728

334, [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1835800090073744/>

### St. Anthony of Padua relic to visit Diocese of Parramatta: 20-21 June

To Mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima a Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Venerated by both Sister Lucy of Fatima and Pope Francis will be visiting Australia in June 2017.

Tuesday, 20th June 2017, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Avenue KELLYVILLE. Mass: 9:15am & 7:00pm.

Wednesday, 21st June 2017, St Anthony of Padua Church 27 Aurelia Street TOONGABBIE. Mass: 9:30am & 7:30pm.

### **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 30 June**

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on 'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time'. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587>. For more information: [cgsaust.org.au](http://cgsaust.org.au)

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

### **Congratulations...**

To Jasmyn Robertson

Jasmyn Robertson is ready for her first taste of national competition at the 2017 Border Challenge in Queensland later this month. The Border Challenge is an event for level six and seven gymnasts to compete against interstate rivals. Jasmyn qualified for the event after finishing second at the Border Challenge Trials in late April. She said she didn't expect to do as well as she did. "It felt like I was flying over a rainbow," she said. "I was really excited."

Jasmyn has been competing in gymnastics for six years, beginning just before she started kindergarten. Now in year 5 at Our Lady of the Angels Primary School in Rouse Hill, Jasmyn said her favourite part of the sport is "learning new things".

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people, seeing what other gymnasts are like, having fun and hopefully getting new medals." (from Hills News, Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June)

Good luck, Jasmyn! We are proud of you.



### **Sickbay Clothes**

If your child comes home with a change of clothes from sickbay, could you please remember to wash and return them as soon as possible (this includes **underwear, socks, and tights**) as our stock is getting quite low.

## Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, Our Lady of the Angels participated in our school athletics carnival.

It was jam-packed and exciting day for the school. The activities that the primary students participated in were the 100m, 200m, 800m races, discus, high jump and shot put. The infants did novelties including shot put, sack races, javelin, discus, hurdles and 70m sprints. It was a fantastic and fun-filled day for everyone.

On behalf of OLA we would like to thank all the parent helpers and teachers who helped run this amazing day. We would like to thank Mrs Byrne and the DanceFever team for organising the day.

By Millie Edwards and William Blazey

Next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, the primary assembly will start at 2.30pm. I will be giving out Age Champion trophies and announce the winning House and Spirit Cup winners. Results and the OLA Zone Team will be announced in the newsletter next week. Thank you to all the parents who supported the children on the day.

Mrs Byrne

### ***Shirley & Marcy***

*A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.*

*So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbour if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.*

*The next school day, the neighbour and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbour girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.*

*As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?'*

*Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.'*

*The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?'*

*'That's just Shirley Goodnest, ' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.'*

*'Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?'*

*'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, ' Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'*

*May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always*

### **Maths Olympiad**

Practise will be held next Wednesday at 8.00am and the next contest will be held next Thursday in class time.



# P&F NEWS



Thank you to the wonderful parent group from Year 3 and P&F team who kept the teachers and other parent helpers 'refreshed' at the carnival on Tuesday. Your time and effort was most appreciated.

## 1 WEEK TO GO.....

FRIDAY JUNE 16th (8-9.30AM & 2.15-3pm)

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. If you have any items of clothing that you would like to **donate** to the 'OLA Second Hand Clothing Sale', please send in the **clean** items to the school office in a plastic bag as soon as possible.



**Australian Red Cross  
BLOOD SERVICE**

In January we set up an OLA community group with the 'Australian Red Cross Blood Service'. If you would like to donate blood as a way to help other, please follow the link below.

Don't forget to mention you are part of the 'OLA Community Group' when you register. Next blood drive: June 15 and 16 at 'The Fiddler'.

<http://donateblood.com.au/blood-donor-centre/rouse-hill-mobile-donor-centre-fiddler>

**SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER - JUNE 16:** Annemarie Bond, Natalie Dolahenty, Kylie Terzo, Kelly Cleary, Belinda Connellan, Alison Streater *Thank you!*



*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*





## From the Parish Office...

**First Communion** Congratulations to the 48 children who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

### Playgroup

All Mums and Dads and Bubs are invited to come along to OLA Playgroup on every Thursday morning at 9.30am in the Parish Hall. For further information, please contact the parish office on 8883 4063.

### Eucharistic Adoration

You are invited to spend a half hour with Jesus in Adoration.

We will be offering Him our petitions and prayers for Vocations (Singles, Married Couples or Religious) and for the Sick and Bereaved.

### Wednesdays (Prayers for Vocations) and

### Fridays (Prayers for the Sick and Bereaved)

from 9.30am to 7.30pm. Contact the Parish office to Commit to a time 8883 4063 or **just pop in** and make a 'visit'. Come alone or bring a friend.

### 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

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## NSWCPS & CCC Cross Country

We would like to wish Jesse Eldred and Lucas Lesar, who will be competing in the NSWCPS and CCC Cross Country on the 15th June. They will be representing Our Lady of the Angels and the Parramatta Diocese. Congratulations Boys!

## KTOOSH Services 2017

### July School Holiday

Program is attached to this newsletter

*Until next week, God bless, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.  
Eva La Rocca, Principal*

Term 2 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Joshua Basile	Levi Cauchi	Ilana McGrath
Kinder G	Maddison Kuea Vilila	Ethan Dyke	Khai Aldaba
Kinder W	Roko Deur	Leo Rosano	Kaley Chown
Year 1B	Ashlee Charlton	Georgia Sourial	Ronan Izci
Year 1 G	Addison Del Rosario	Luka Kurcubic	Venus Mabhena
Year 1W	Ethan Billyard	Nate Luther	Roman Iori
Year 2 B	Mackenzie Molloy	Maddix Laborte	Sophia Iori
Year 2 G	Dylan Halwani	Alysha Balangon	Isaac Castellan
Year 2 W	Alexandra Tirador	Solomon Sloane	Zachary Ormsby

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