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Week 8 Term 1

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



Dear Parents,



Lent is a time of abstinence, prayer and good works/acts of giving. Today, we witnessed the ability to do good works and great generosity of our school community. The St Patrick's Day Gold Coin / green mufti helped raise \$715 for Project Compassion. This money, together with that from the boxes returned at the end of Lent, will make an enormous difference in the lives of many less fortunate across the world.

This morning, we had a small gathering for the blessing of our new statue of Mary and some significant Angels in the school's Marian Prayer Space. We thank Fr Warren for officiating this



special occasion.

Please take a moment to visit, remembering it is a place of prayer and respect. The letter box is for children to place a letter of special intention to Mary.

Today was also the day for supporting the fundraiser to refurbish the Parents' Retreat at Westmead Hospital.

Within the hospital is a parents' hostel where parents can stay whilst their child is in intensive care. The hostel has 29 small motel-like rooms. ...These rooms have been there for 21 years and are in desperate need of a facelift. "

Please click here for more details... <https://www.gofundme.com/2hachwrw>

The result of today's drive has allowed us to contribute over \$3200 to the fund and getting it much closer to the \$50 000 target.

This success would not have been possible without the generosity of the following:

Kellyville Village 

Rouse Hill Town Centre 



To the 'SPECIAL TREATS'
arm of OLA P&F

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and thank you to all of you who supported the sausage sizzle, including our helpers, and to the many who donated extra funds to go towards the drive. God willing, none of us will have to use this facility. Your generosity and 'acts of giving' will make the experience a little brighter for those who will.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Week 9 Thursday – Cross Country (Y3-6) weather permitting
- Friday Primary 5B assembly
- Week 10 Parent teacher student conferences.
- Friday- whole school assembly

NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reflection (Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:



'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.' (<http://liturgyhelp.com.au/> 16-3-2016 Greg Sunter)

Reflection

The Samaritan woman's personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt. Lent is a time for each of us to again – or for the first time – seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it.

Helping Children Understand Place Value

Children's understanding of Place Value is crucial to their success in all aspects of numeracy. Children need to understand that the value of a digit changes in quantity depending on where it is situated within a numeral. For example the digit '2' in the number 32 gives the digit '2' a ones value meaning 'two'. However the digit '2' in the number 324 changes the value of the '2' to 'twenty' and in the number 243 the digit '2' now changes to the value of 'two hundred'.

The language that we use as adults when teaching students is crucial in developing children's understandings of Place Value. In fact, at times our language is the reason for students misconceptions around Place Value.

We need to ensure that we don't define numbers according to their Place Value column rather than their quantity. For example: the number 5234 does *NOT* contain 2 hundreds, 3 tens and 4 ones. In actual fact, it contains 5 thousands, 52 hundreds, 523 tens and 5234 ones. This understanding is crucial when developing number concepts, especially larger numbers.

In the early years, concrete material such as MAB blocks are used to illustrate these concepts, but eventually we want students to visualise the above concept.

So what can you do at home? Talk about numbers! More specifically talk about the quantity of numbers and the value of digits within a number. Refrain from referring to digits purely based around their position within the Place Value column. Refer to numbers such as 356 as 'three hundreds' '35 tens' and '356 ones'. This will help develop their understanding of the quantity of larger numbers and develop their mental strategies when solving more complex questions.

God Bless
Mr Cauchi
Assistant Principal

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Spelling is just a small piece of the puzzle with regards to writing. Ways to use the spelling lists to increase vocabulary and improve grammar are:

- Have your children write the opposite (antonym) of each spelling word. Help them find the antonym if they don't know it at first.
- Have your children write a synonym (a word with a similar meaning) for each spelling word.
- Have them make the plural for each of the nouns on the list.
- Have them add prefixes (un-, in-, re-, pre-, im-, etc.) or suffixes (s, es, er, ed, est, ing, etc.) to words when possible (the new word must still be a real word.) Talk about how this changes the word, and/or its meaning. (For example, if the original spelling word is "possible" adding "im" to the word makes it "impossible" - the complete opposite in meaning.)

Source: <https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/369469/HelpingYourChildwithSpelling-AParentsGuide.pdf>

Next week's WOW words are:

Infants: batch

Primary: entangle

Lisa Hurst

OLA SPORTS STARS

Congratulations to Jade Richardson in Year 6 who was successful in being chosen to be in the MacKillop Representative Team in Netball. This means Jade, who recently was selected for Baulkham Hill 12 year old Representative Team, was one of 15 girls selected to be part of this team from all Catholic schools in NSW south of Sydney harbour. Well done, Jade! Good luck in Canberra. We are proud of you. 😊



Cross Country Update

Thank you for all the parents who have emailed me in regards to helping. If you are available next Thursday (weather permitting) and you can help, we would love to have you there. Please meet me at the 'Student Access' door so I can brief you on the day.

- Miss Samantha Pepin

Parent/Teacher/Student Conference – Week 10

A email was sent home today outlining the details for making an interview time. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions:-

Code for this event is kx8tu

Great to see so many parents already take up this excellent opportunity!! The children who participated this week had a terrific time.

**Don't miss out- enquire now and book your two FREE SESSIONS
Held in the PURPLE DEMOUNTABLE next to the basketball court**

FREE DRAMA CLASSES NEXT WEEK AT OLA



THE SCHOOL AT AIPA WILL BE OFFERING AN OBLIGATION FREE, COST FREE, TRIAL THIS TERM SO THAT CHILDREN CAN ATTEND A CLASS TO SEE WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. THE REGULAR AFTER SCHOOL SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES WILL COMMENCE TERM TWO ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY



FREE TRIAL DATES: 21ST & 22ND MARCH, 2017
LOCATION: PURPLE DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOM
(NEXT TO UNDERCOVER BASKETBALL COURT)

TUESDAY:

3.05PM – 3.45PM: KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
3.45PM – 4.45PM: YEARS THREE & FOUR

WEDNESDAY:

3.15PM – 3.55PM: YEARS ONE & TWO
3.55PM – 4.55PM: YEARS FIVE AND SIX

TERM FEES ARE \$130.00 FOR THE 40 MIN CLASS (9 WEEKS) & \$180.00 FOR THE 60 MIN CLASS

TO BOOK FREE TRIAL OR ENROL FOR TERM 2, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL @ AIPA ON
ON 02 9966 5013 OR EMAIL PAM@AIPA.COM.AU



From the office.....

School Fees – Term 1 school fees are now due and payable. Reminders will be sent out next week. If you need to discuss any aspect of the fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

Absent Notes – If your child is away for any reason, an absent note must be sent to school on their return. This can be done either in writing to the teacher, by email to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au or by the skoolbag.app. It is a government requirement that the reason must be specific, not just family reasons, or family commitments.

Family Leave – If your child is going to be away for 10 days or more, then you need to complete an Application for Exemption form which needs to be submitted to the office, with a copy of your travel documents (eg flight details) and a Certificate of Exemption will be sent home to you. If it is less than 10 days, then a letter prior to leaving to the office/teacher needs to be sent in with the respective dates. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Withdrawal from School – It is part of the CEDP Policy that a term's notice in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. Please give as much notice as possible to avoid being charged.

Early Collection from School – If you need to collect your child early from school, please **DO NOT** ring the office and ask us to have them here waiting for you. We will only call for the children once you have arrived.

Book Covering – With the new library nearly completed, we have a lot of readers to be covered. If you can assist with this (contact is provided), please call into the office to pick up a bag of books.

Winter Uniform – Just for the new families at school, the students will go into their winter uniform in Term 2, Week 4, Monday 15th May 2017. Winter uniform will be available in the uniform shop towards the end of this term.

Kindergarten Siblings 2018 – If you have a child due to start kindergarten next year, please email the office with your child's name, DOB and the sibling's class and we will arrange for enrolment forms to be sent home to you in the next few weeks.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will take place in week 10, beginning on Monday 27th March.

PBS4L: Postive Behaviour Support for Learning

As part of our PBS4L project, the teachers developed a matrix of behaviour expectations. Our focus at school for the next two weeks will be the expectation that everyone outdoors will be wearing a hat. If students do not have a hat, they are required to sit undercover in an area near the basketball court. Before school, students will be allowed to go to their bag to get their hat. Please talk to your child about taking their hat with them at break times as they will be unable to return to their bag or classroom to collect it. It's important to keep everyone safe.

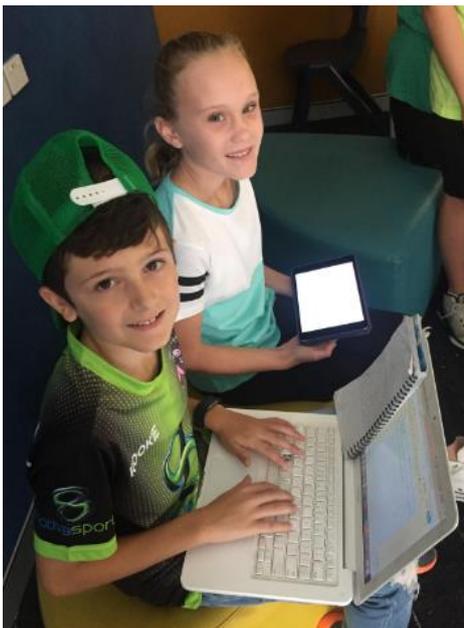
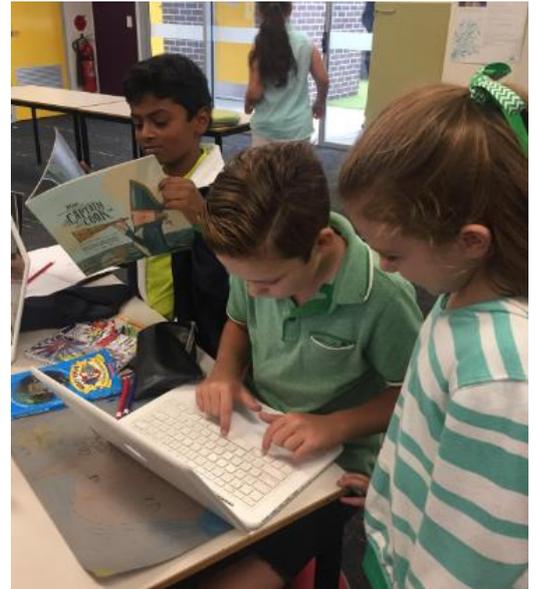
From the Classroom..... of 4W

This term year 4 has been completing a PBL about Famous explorers. 4W has been busily researching, writing information reports and creating multimedia presentations to share with their fellow peers about their famous explorer.



I really enjoyed researching and learning about La Perouse because he fought in over 15 wars against many countries. – GEOGRIA

I loved researching about Captain cook because it has been 250 years since he found Australia also known as Vans Diemen's land. – MIA-BELLA

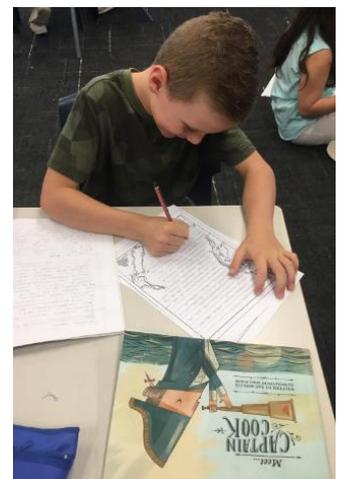


I liked researching Ferdinand

Magellan because I could learn more about my parent's country and I also learnt about his early life. RACHAEL



PBL has been fun because have enjoyed using technology and the challenges of researching – JERICHO





P&F NEWS

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS SALE - FRIDAY MARCH 24TH 8-9.30AM

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms this year. The uniforms have been sorted and are being washed over the next few weeks. 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 as soon as possible.

STOCK AND SIZES AVAILABLE:

Tracksuits – Sizes 4,6,8 and 18	Boys Winter Shirts: Sizes 6,8 & 14
Sports Shorts – Sizes 4 & 6	Summer dress - Sizes 4 & 6
Boys Summer shirts – Sizes 12-20	Winter Tunic -4,6 & 18
Boys Long Pants –All sizes except 10	Girls Winter Shirts – Size 4
Library bag, ties and hair accessories also available.	

A special thank you to the team, including some fresh new faces who eagerly helped sort and wash. Your help is very much appreciated!



OLA FAMILY FIESTA NEXT MEETING - MARCH 30th 7.30pm

Thank you to those who attended the highly productive 'brainstorming' meeting this afternoon. We are off to a great start with some great plans!

We are seeking support from families and are asking that you put your thinking caps on. Perhaps you might like to get together with a few buddies to run a stall, or you are able to contribute through contacts or donations. We are very excited about this special celebration and look forward to continue building our wonderful community.

If you have any ideas, would like to help or run a stall or can offer a donation please contact us and we can get the ball rolling.

PARISH BALL

Would you like to dress up and go out for a fun night with friends? Join us at the Parish Ball on Saturday April 29th at Castle Hill RSL. Tickets are \$80. You can

join a table of other school parents or book one of your own. With or without a partner...



Contact us via FB or email or pop in to the Parish Office. Hope to see you there ☺

SPECIAL TREATS FEBRUARY 24: Jo Gladwell, Mariana Cutuk, Kylie Burt, Sarah Clearly, Lauren Lynch & Monique Falzon. **ALL PROCEEDS FROM TODAY'S TREATS TO BE DONATED**

www.gofundme.com/2hachwrw

**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 or message via our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you during the year!*



Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

Congratulations to the Nichols family, especially Zachary (4B) and Heidi (1G), as they welcomed Joshua William Nicholls into their family last Saturday. We look forward to meeting little Joshua very soon.



And...Congratulations to the Rich family, as they welcome Aria into their family - a baby sister for Phoenix in Kinder. We look forward to meeting her very soon.

Mystery link....

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra/videos/1376466452375009/>

Congratulations to the following students who received these awards:

Academic for working hard
St Francis for showing the qualities of St Francis
Einstein for celebrating mistakes as an opportunity for learning.

Term 1 Week 8	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Luca Signorelli	Eli Nobleza	Giacomo Crosato
Kinder G	Caleb Xuereb	Natalie Vella	Erica Sommer
Kinder W	Ameila Gutwenger	Charlise Mitrovich	Hamish Connellan
Year 1B	Lucas Clarke	Ruby Millers	Noah Lavercombe
Year 1 G	Laura McKeever	Heidi Nicholls	Alonso Buda
Year 1W	Grace Wallis	Harry Jones	Lexie Terzo
Year 2 B	Nate Clements	Pippa Rosano	Jake Brown
Year 2 G	Olivia Cutajar	Grace Kim	Mya Basili
Year 2 W	Harrison Ko	Isabella Stein	Danielle Vella

From the Parish Office...

Parish Ball

On Saturday, 29 April, the Parish will be holding a Ball at the Castle Hill RSL Club. Tickets go on sale next weekend \$80-. Please contact the parish office for further information.

Santa Sophia

Bishop Vincent has announced that the new school at Box Hill will be named Santa Sophia. We ask that you continue to keep this school in your prayers. For further information regarding enrolments, please contact Parramatta CEO 9840 5600.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on tomorrow - Saturday, 18 March after the 5.30pm Mass. BYO: nibblies & drink. Cash Jackpot!! \$550.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night in Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 pm. This is a great way to do that something extra for Lent.

EASTER SERVICES at OLA

Palm Sunday: normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am

Confessions available after the stations

The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday evening 6.30pm

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

After Mass, there will be a special morning tea and Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny!

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!

*** Actor's Needed ***

For the Good Friday Stations of the Cross being presented by the OLA Youth at 10am. Any Year 6 student who would like to be involved, please contact Faith - Youth Coordinator.

Please note there will be Rehearsals commencing at 4:00 pm on Sunday, 26/3/17, 2/4/17 and 9/4/17.

Rouse Hill Rams Soccer Club

Registration is now open at www.myfootballclub.com.au and you can check out our Facebook page or our website (ramssoccer.com.au) Call Emma on 0458204703 or email on contact.soccer@rousehillrams.com.au for any enquiries.

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