



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 1 Term 3

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

**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to school for Term 3. A special welcome to a number of new students and their families joining our community. I trust all students are well rested and ready for another busy term of learning. As I opened the gates for the students this morning, I was met by a sea of smiling faces and a chorus of, "Good morning Mrs La Rocca," and I reflected on how lucky I am. As I opened the gates for the students this morning, I was met by a sea of smiling faces and a chorus of, "Good morning Mrs La Rocca," and I reflected on how lucky I am.



Yesterday was the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim. These are reputed to be the parents of Mary, and, therefore, Jesus' grandparents. They were well into a good age and prayed hard to God to have a child. Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. The new parents ran to meet one another at Jerusalem's Gate, and rejoiced in the new life which God had promised would be theirs. This child was Mary, the future mother of our saviour of the world, Jesus Christ.

Grandparents are special people in all our lives, especially those of the children. For this reason, each year we celebrate Grandparents Day, which will be next Friday and part of the BIG weekend of celebration for the feast of Our Lady of the Angels. We hope you will join us at 9am Mass on this coming Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August. As this is a special day in honour of Mary, her statue will be prominent at the front of the church. We are inviting students to bring flowers – even just one flower- and, in procession, place this at her feet at the end of Mass.

You should have received notice on Wednesday outlining the events of the coming week as well as details around ordering lunch. Thank you to the P&F for organising the BBQ. **After some recent discussion around the sad plight of our farmers in the current drought, it has been decided that any profit from the BBQ will go towards supporting**

**<https://aussiehelpers.org.au/about/>. Because the BBQ was not meant to be a fundraiser, there will be little profit. However, there will be a donations bucket on Friday for anyone wanting to contribute.**



Our biggest celebration is the annual Parish Fiesta. This is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August, commencing at 11am with Mass followed by the procession of Our Lady and the Rosary. We are looking forward to seeing many of our First Communion recipients leading the procession.

*The OLA Fiesta is a considerable event in the calendar of our local community. Not only is it a fun and fabulous day, the school has always enthusiastically and happily supported it as an event for building community as well as a fundraiser. Every day I arrive at school and make a visit to the church, as I did through all my school years. Our students are so fortunate to attend Mass each week. This provides not only special time with God through the Eucharist, but for many, it is the only 30 minutes of quiet and reflection in their week. This is why they are so well behaved. This is only possible because we have a church here on site. Understandably, associated with this privilege are still the financial commitments from the construction and ongoing running costs. Funds raised from the Fiesta serve the parish and, therefore, our school significantly as well. The school is wanting for nothing. I thank you, in advance, for your support in making the Fiesta the success it always has been.*

**Thank you.**

Last Monday, teaching staff participated in a day of professional learning around reading and comprehension. It was an excellent opportunity to hone skills in the delivery of teaching and learning for our students in this area. Thank you to Mrs Hurst, supported by Mrs McKay (CEDP), who facilitated this day. It was excellent. Thank you, also, to Mrs Arayon for her work as acting REC in the absence of Mrs Byrne who we welcome back this term.

## NEWSLETTER

### Dates to Remember

Week 2: Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Netball Gala Day
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	OLA Day
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Grandparents Day (10 am-12.30pm); NO ASSEMBLY ON THIS DAY
Week 3: Wed-Fri	Year 6 Canberra Overnight Excursion
Week 4: Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Pupil Free

One of the most powerful things a family can do is pray together. There is no greater prayer than the Mass. Attending Sunday Mass together is important.

**OLA FORMATION GOAL:** For students to further develop their knowledge of God's presence in their lives through a deeper understanding of the Scriptures.

Students at OLA are learning to reflect on the Scriptures using the **THREE SENSES**-Literal (About the story), Spiritual (Church teachings and sacraments) and Application (Being the Face of God through your Words, Actions and Thoughts)

After reading the Scripture story as a family think of the following questions:

**WHERE IS GOD REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURE? (SPIRITUAL SENSE)**

**HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE? (APPLICATION SENSE)**

## **Sunday 29th July 2018, Gospel Reflection (John 6:1-15) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So, they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



### **Gospel Reflection**

*Who has the courage to bring forth those five barley loaves and two fish? A young person! It is a young person who makes the decision to share personal food with a crowd of people. That young person gives us an example of how we should be. That one young person makes a difference. Have you ever been in that situation? Have you ever done something that served as an example to adults as well as to other young people? If so, what did you do? What happened? So often we want to make a difference, but we feel as if we cannot. 'I am only one person. How can I make a difference?' is what we often ask ourselves. But most major changes in the world happen because one or two people have the courage to try something new. Have you ever tried something new? Have you ever had a dream about doing something different or starting a movement that might bring about a major change in people's behaviour or attitude? If so, what is it? If not, what do you wish you could accomplish? If you had been the only person in a hungry crowd who would admit to having brought any food along, would you have offered it to Jesus so it might be shared with more than five thousand people? Why or why not? Lots of times we try something new and it fails. At that point, we have two choices. We can either give up or we can try again in a way that applies our learning from the first failed attempt. Sooner or later we will make a discovery: we will discover the right way to do something new, or we will discover that we've put enough time and energy into a difficult quest and it's time to change gears and focus on something else. Have you ever failed at some attempt, then learned enough to try and try again until you finally succeeded? If so, what happened? Have you ever failed at some attempt, tried again a few times, and finally decided that it was time to stop trying and to move on with something else? If so, what happened? (LiturgyHelp.com, Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart)*

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RE @ OLA**

Week 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> August-Our Lady of Angels Feast Day (9am Parish Mass)

3<sup>rd</sup> August-Grandparents' Day

Week 6: 31<sup>st</sup> August-Fathers' Day BBQ and Liturgy

Week 8: 14<sup>th</sup> September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)

Week 9: 21<sup>st</sup> September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)

## Literacy News

### 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Competitions

Students from K-Year 9, who are registered for the 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge, are invited to enter the 2018 Words and Art Competition.

Entries must be based on a book from the official 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Book List, and will be judge in three categories; K-2, 3-6 and 7-9. Entries may be individual students or from groups of students from a school.

Winners in each category will win a special visit by one of the three Australian authors for their school.

Students may respond to the question in one of two ways:

1. Create an artwork (illustration, drawing, painting, graphic interpretation) or a video, PLUS write up to 25 words explaining why they chose this particular book

2. Write a written piece of up to 250 words answering the question. This could be in the form of a book review



The competition closes on Friday, September 7, 2018.

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/enter-the-2018-premiers-reading-challenge-words-and-art-competition/news-story/568040072c47f3bbed47710114dd5e7>

### Dates for Diaries:

**Term 3 Book Week**-Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Rug Reading & Book Fair Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 1:30pm

### Book Week:

**Theme: 'Find Your Treasure'**

**Author Visits:**

**Years K-3-Matt Cosgrove will visit on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August**



Matt Cosgrove

Matt Cosgrove, lover of words, pictures and books in general, is the author and illustrator of the exciting new series Epic Fail Tales. These totally disgusting, yet completely awesome, retellings of classic fairy tales with a twist include *Snow Man and the Seven Ninjas*, *Attack of the Giant Robot Zombie Mermaid* and, coming soon, *Little Stunt Riding Hood*. Guaranteed no sloppy kissing, no handsome princes and no happily ever after! This year Matt was the official ambassador for Scholastic National Family Reading Month as well as the winner of the inaugural NSW Premier's Reading Challenge BookFest Illustrator Battle.

In a long and varied career, Matt has been the creative director of Australian fashion magazine *marie claire*, lecturer in comic art at Western Sydney University and one of the guys who drew the catch phrases for the TV show *Burgo's Catch Phrase* (really!). He has illustrated countless picture books, collaborating with industry legends such as Jackie French and Glenda Millard. He has also campaigned tirelessly for the inclusion of Pictionary as an Olympic sport (not really – but he definitely should).

Brace yourself for an avalanche of new books written and illustrated by Matt coming your way!

[www.mattcosgrovebooks.com](http://www.mattcosgrovebooks.com)



### Years 4-6

**Mick Elliott will visit on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**



Mick Elliott

Mick Elliott is the author of THE TURNERS trilogy, a hilariously disgusting adventure series for middle readers about Leo Lennox, a reluctant 13 year old shape-shifter. The series was nominated for an *Aurealis Award* for Best Children's Fiction and features on the *NSW Premier's Reading Challenge* list.

Mick is a television producer and scriptwriter at Nickelodeon. His producing credits include *Slime Cup*, *Camp Orange*, *SlimeFest* and hundreds of advertising campaigns.

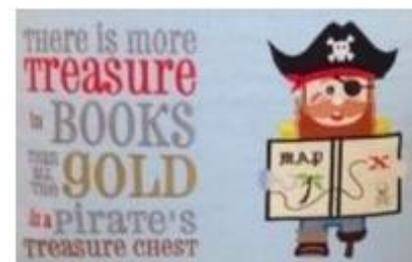
His dynamic and interactive presentations and creative workshops are always a hit with kids at schools and festivals.

Mick lives in Sydney with his wife, two kids and a garden full of lizards.

[www.mickelliott.me](http://www.mickelliott.me)



**Book Fair: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August.** This year we will again use Carnival Book company for our Book Fair. Students will visit our library 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 and Thursday from 1:30pm during Book Week.



Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

## Library Monitors

Congratulations to Olivia Ross, Danielle Vella, Sarah McKeever and Joshua Robertson

who will be the Library Monitors for Term 3.

Their duties will include

- collecting library book return tubs from all classes.
- sorting library book returns and place these books back on the shelves in the correct location
- making sure shelves and library furniture are tidy and clean.

I look forward to working with these students in their new role as Library Monitors



Sara Wagner, Library Assistant

## Mindfulness at OLA

**Mindful Movement** is in full swing in Year One at the moment. Follow the below link to try the mindful movement and discover the calming benefits.

<https://mindfulnessmatterstoday.weebly.com/mindful-movement.html>

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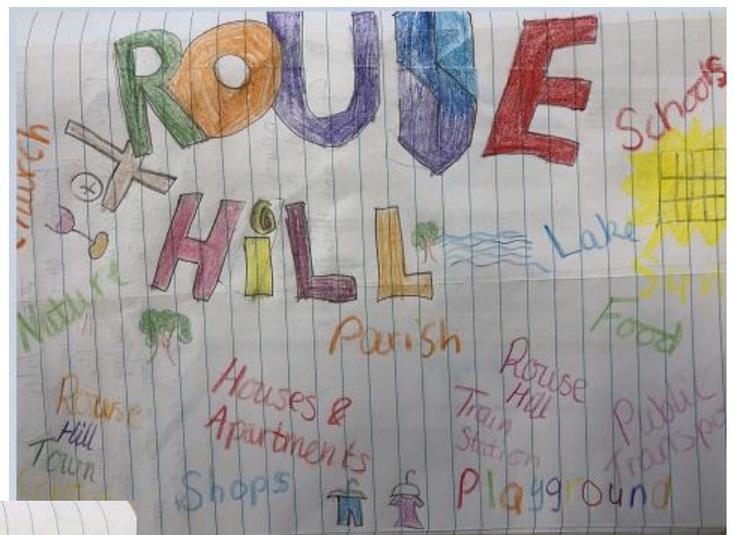
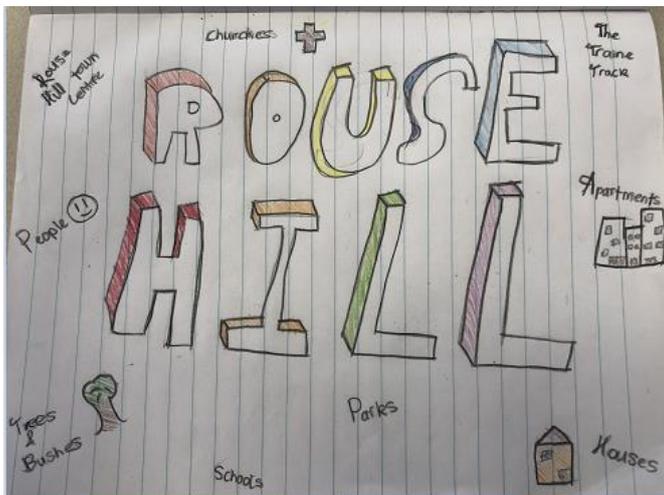


## Netball Gala Day Reminders – 1<sup>st</sup> August

- Students participating need to be at school at 8.15am to walk down with staff or meet at the netball courts (Rouse Hill Anglican College Gazebo) at 8.30am.
- Hot/Cold drinks and small snacks are available as well as a BBQ (cash only)
- Students are to wear their school hat, have sunscreen, plenty of water and food for the day.

# From the Classroom of 5B.....

This week we have been introduced to our new Geography unit 'Factors that Shape Places'. We have discussed the ideas of how humans and their environment can shape the world around us. One of our entry events this week was to create a poster identifying the main features that shape our suburb of Rouse hill. The students enjoyed creating these posters, being able to use their prior knowledge as well as their artistic skills. We hope you enjoy!





# From the P&F...



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

To celebrate Grandparents Day, Grandparents will get the opportunity to share a sausage sandwich lunch with the children around the playground after visiting their classrooms to see what they have been learning.

Orders must be received by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Sandwiches are \$2 each. Don't miss out, there will be no purchasing on the day.

To make this a pleasant day for all Grandparents, we need your help! We need helpers to cook and prepare sandwiches. Please include your details on the note or contact us to let us know how you can help!

# FIESTA<sup>®</sup>

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August



Have you sent in your Lucky Dip Prizes yet? These will be sold at the Fiesta for \$2.

Ride bands will be sold at Friday assembly (\$25.00).



## We still need your help!

We need volunteers for:

- Setting up on the day
- Volunteering your time on a stall - Just 1 hour of your day
- Packing up at the end of the evening

Special Treats - There will be no special treats on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August as this is Grandparents Day.

Save the date \*\*\* Next P&F Meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm



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## From the Parish Office...

**Confirmations** There will be an Enquiry Session, for those children in Year 6 wishing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 16 August at 7.30pm.

## Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 5 August

### Your Invitation

You are all invited to come along and celebrate Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day on Sunday, 5th August. Rides, Stalls, fantastic Foods, Friends and Fireworks

All commencing with our Feast Day Mass at 11am and procession, the Fiesta celebrations will commence at 1pm concluding with Fireworks at 6pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Pre-Paid Wristbands** are currently on sale \$25- each (on the day they will be \$30 each)

Please note that there **WILL NOT** be mass at 10am and 5.30pm.

### You can buy your *Entertainment Membership* from us today!

The 2018 | 2019 Entertainment™ Book and Digital Memberships are here and features over \$20,000 worth of valuable up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for some of the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more **for only \$65**. So take advantage of the great offers available with your new Entertainment™ Membership now! Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from **Our Lady of the Angels Parish** again to support our fundraising efforts. Contact the Parish office for further information if needed.

### Angel's Hang Out



Straight after school, our doors are open to all Youth!

Every week, we have been doing something different, from Bingo to touch footie to dance-offs.

Come along from 3:30pm with some afternoon tea to share and get ready for an epic afternoon to finish your week. Only 2 left for Term 2!



Term 1 Week 1			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Zach Lee	Russell Rochaix	Solomon Sloane
Year 3 G	Maia Villaneuva	Mya Bassili	Charlie Mileto
Year 3 W	Jessica Bowen	Francesca Topic	Maxim Stankiewicz
Year 4 B	Ayden Stewart	Lilliana Venezia	Eva Mercieca
Year 4 G	Ben Roffmann	Logan Hayden	Tayla Buxton
Year 4 W	Daniel Knowles	Amelia Bond	Aidan Vilathgamuwa
Year 5 B	Noah Ribeiro	Marcus Billyard	Ivana Edelinski
Year 5G	Leila Balangan	Janelle Mensah	Bryce McDonald
Year 5W	Nikki O'Neill	Bowen Cleary	Akeesha Gunasekara
Year 6 B	Nathan Osborne	Oliver Vrijlic	Ashton Galea
Year 6 W	Jada Scoulou	Ava Grace Bennett	Nicholas Kamber