

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

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrated Mothers' Day. Once again, it was a terrific turn out beginning with a celebration of the Eucharist together. Thank you to Year 3 who were responsible for preparing this Mass, to Mrs Cheadle and the beautiful singing of choir, Mrs Byrne for overseeing and, of course, to Fr Warren. This was followed by a stupendous morning tea hosted by the P&F(right) made possible by the generosity of our families. Once again, they have outdone themselves. It is greatly appreciated.



When God Made Mothers.

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

God nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...."

I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure." Can it think?"

Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

What's it for?"

It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius, " said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

— Erma Bombeck,



Dates to Remember

Mon 14 th May:	Student to wear Winter Uniform 8.50am Ascension prayer
15th-17 th May	NAPLAN Y3 and Y 5
Wed 16 th May	Kinder excursion
Friday 18 th May	Walk Safely to School Day Family Fun Day 1pm – 3pm. (see p 3)

NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

Rejoice with your
FAMILY
 in the beautiful
 land of life.
 - Albert Einstein

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 13th May: Gospel Reflection-The Ascension of the Lord (Mt 16:15-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Gospel Reflection

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers, generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the *whole* of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos. (LiturgyHelp.com, Fr Michael Tate)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLA

Week 3: Monday 14th May-**Ascension prayer at the Monday morning assembly (Year 2)**

Thursday 17th May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Parent session 7.30 pm)

Friday 18th May- International Family Day (See Flyer)

Week 4: Monday 21st May-**Pentecost prayer at the Monday morning assembly (Year 4)**

Thursday 24th May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Parent/Child sessions 6 and 7pm)

Week 5: Thursday 31st May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Instructional Mass 7.30pm)

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF



OLA FAMILY FUN DAY

On Friday 18th June, OLA is celebrating International Day of Families.

On this day we hope to be raising awareness of the importance of families, especially families in need.

The day will consist of a number of events and we ask for a **gold coin donation** for the services provided by Catholic Care.

Catholic Care provides many services for families.

For more information about Catholic Care go to the Catholic Care website.

(<https://www.catholiccare.org/>)

Timetable of events in which parents are invited to join their children:

1pm-whole school prayer for families in the church.

1.30-picnic lunch and games organised by OLA

Student leaders and SRC.

2.15-1G Assembly

2.35-Community Rug Reading

3pm: Home time

NAPLAN.

Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). If this involves your child, it is important for them to be at school before the first bell.

There are various views on this kind of testing/assessment process. *It is important to keep in mind it is one test of a kind, on one given day. The true value of your child is that he/she is loving and a person of integrity. As parents, we have the responsibility to instil these qualities in them and, above all, nurture their souls through Sunday Eucharist.

<https://www.smh.com.au/education/why-i-m-making-my-son-sit-a-test-i-know-he-ll-fail-20180504-p4zdhm.html>

TTFM

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students (Years 4-6), teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey.

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of the Angels Primary School.

The survey is anonymous, completely confidential and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device.

This will become live on the 21st May. More information is to come.



Tell Them From Me

Winter Uniform

Students are to wear their full winter uniform from next Monday, 14th August.

Please note: the **jumper** is to be worn with the school uniform.

The bomber jacket **is not** to replace the jumper but is to be worn in addition to the jumper. Please assist us by ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform at all times.

Thank you

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Write letters. Corresponding with a friend or relative-or a simple statement at the bottom of a letter you write to someone your child knows-offers them opportunities to spell.

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

Writeon 2018

WriteOn is an annual **writing competition** open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. It is designed to encourage students to develop their imaginative writing skills, and supports the teaching of writing. The competition aligns with the learning objectives in the NSW English K-10 Syllabus. The WriteOn 2018 writing competition opens in Term 2 (30th April) and close in Week 10, Term 2 (4th July).

Imaginative pieces may include:

- narratives
- letters
- poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries.



Sydney 1949 Photograph by Ted Hood

Schools submit their best entry from each stage.

The entries are judged by a panel of experienced primary teachers from each sector.

For more information, please visit the NESA site.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/writeon-competition>

Root Word of the Week: par- equal

Words of the Week:

Infants: partial

Primary: parity

Dates for Diaries:

Week 3-Friday 18th May-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of **'Rug Reading'** out on the playground with their child at **2:30pm** during the 'Family Fun Day'. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

Term 2 Whole School Writing Task-Thursday 15th June

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Netball Gala Day



Each year Our Lady of the Angels students participate in the Netball Gala Day held at the adjoining netball courts.

We are waiting on information for the gala day but we anticipate it will be on Wednesday, August 1.

Before we send out forms for students wishing to participate, we would like an indication of community support for the day.

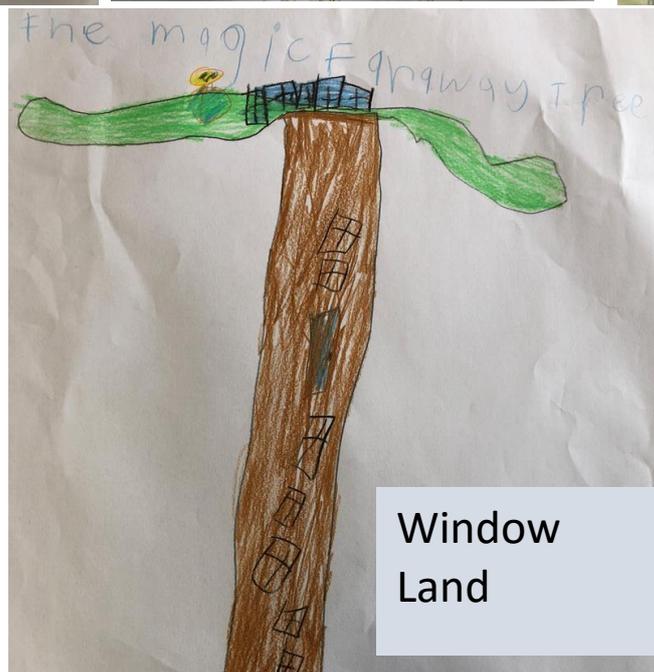
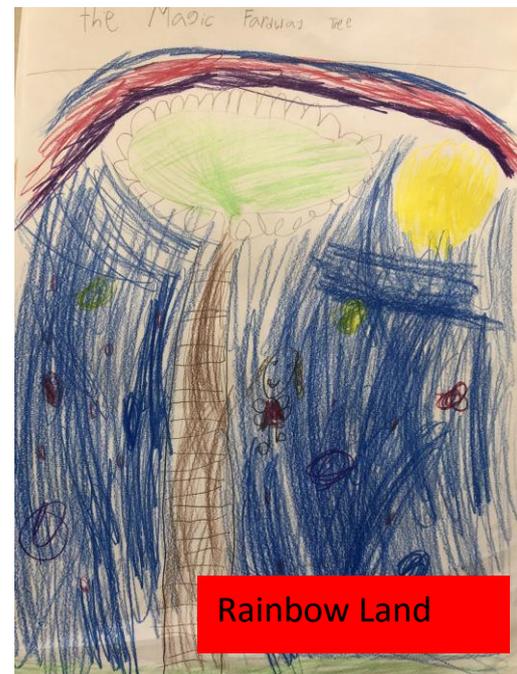
We usually take 100 students from year 4 to 6. Each team requires a coach, manager and an umpire. We do allocate some teachers to teams but we are limited to 3 or 4 teachers. We need the support of our school community if we are to continue to include this number of students. If you are able to commit to coaching, umpiring or managing a team please send an email to the school with 'netball' in the subject line.

Once we have an idea of support, we can make a decision on the number teams to enter.



From the Classroom of 1B...

This term children in Year One are reading the novel *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton. The story takes place in an enchanted forest where a magical tree grows. When the characters reach the top branches they discover many faraway lands. Here are some faraway lands the children in 1B would like to find at the top of the tree!





Happy Mother's Day !



We hope you all have a wonderful Mother's Day and enjoy the special gifts that were chosen at the stall on Wednesday.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped preparing, setting up, selling, baking and cleaning up after Mother's Day Stall and Mother's Day Morning Tea.



Congratulations to the winners of our raffle:

- 1st Prize: Charlotte Zahra - 6B
- 2nd Prize: Zara Pisani - KG
- 3rd Prize: Zoey Chown - 3B
- 4th Prize: Hugo Vozzo - 3W
- 5th Prize: Connor Hitchen - KG
- 6th Prize: Zane Boatwalla - 5W

Please collect from the school office on Monday.



**Next P&F Meeting
Tuesday 22nd May at
7pm**

Special Treats -

Thank you to the volunteers on special treats on 18th May



Lee-Ann Wallis, Katie Mandarano, Mariana Cutuk, Christine Zimmerman, Donna Xuereb, Joanne Zahorsky

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Congratulations to this week's recipients of the Archangel Award... Amelia Novelli, Ella Owen, Kyra Heaney, Rose Montgomery, Grace Wallis, Jordan Holden, Olivia Medjumurac and Erica Sommer



From the Parish Office...

First Communions 2018

Don't forget to come along to mass over the weekend (Sat. 5.30pm, Sun. 8.30am, 10am or 5.30pm) to collect the next prayer for your Prayer Book.

Next Thursday's session is a Parent Only session at 7.30pm

Reconciliations for Year 2 students and older (for those who have not yet completed their First Reconciliation) will take place in Term 4. Confirmation for Year 6 students will take place in Term 3.

Bingo

You are invited to come along to our Bingo Night on Saturday, 19 May after the 5.30pm Mass. If you are interested, just email the parish office and we will add your name to the list. Cost is \$10 for 3 books. BYO: nibblies & drink.

OLA Playgroup

Operating weekly from the OLA Community - all ages are welcome. Every Thursday morning 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. For further info contact Melissa 0425 423 680.

Visiting the Church

We invite you and your children to come in and visit Our Lord in the church. We ask, however, that you remind the children that this is a place of prayer and adoration and ask that they show

Term 2 Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Cameron Muscat	Zoey Chown	Paige Mitrovich
Year 3 G	Malenna Graczyk	Julie Bolina	Charlotte Ives
Year 3 W	Alexia Clements	Jessica Bowen	Mackenzie Molloy
Year 4 B	Dylan Lopresti	Macy Owen	Marcus Farrugia
Year 4 G	Roxie Pace	Amalia-Rose Trifiro	Denison Cu
Year 4 W	Lauren Caraos	Harriet Preston	Milla Price
Year 5 B	Kobe Ormsby	Michael Eyles	Sienna Younes
Year 5G	Bryce McDonald	Parker Galvin	Jacob Cremona
Year 5W	Christian Attard	Christian Vargas	Max Fischer
Year 6 B	Nathan Osborne	Isabella Ponturo	Ashton Galea
Year 6 W	Gabriella Muscat	Jacob Connellan	Tamsyn Brown



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