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Week 4 Term 2

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

*2207 The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society." Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Dear Parents

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, the day that is recognised as the birthday of the Church on earth. Before He ascended into Heaven, Jesus promised the disciples that He would send a helper to continue God's work, to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven, the reign of God, a world of justice and love. This helper, the Holy Spirit, came upon the disciples and Mary and gave them the gifts - knowledge, wisdom, strength, wonder, right judgement, courage and understanding – that enabled them to go out into the world and proclaim the good news. This good news (Gospel) is that our God is a loving and merciful God and that each of us, through Baptism, are invited into eternal life with Him.

God so loves us that His saving plan began immediately after the Fall of Adam and Eve. He asked Abraham to prepare the people for the Saviour. God sent His Son to be born human and die for us to bring the message of salvation to all. This message has continued to be passed on by the people of the church for 2000 years. Today, it is we, members of the Catholic Church that, through our Baptism, are called to continue to bring this message to others in the things we do and say. At the end of each Mass, we are asked to 'go forth and spread the news' and continue Jesus' message and build a world of justice and love. The Old Testament taught us to love our neighbour. Jesus, in the New Testament, teaches us to love our enemy – quite a challenge.

*Spirit of Light; you who shed your radiance on us*

*Come Sacred Spirit, light up our hearts*

*Spirit of Comfort; you who console the broken and the poor*

*Come Sacred Spirit, your peace bestow*

*Spirit of Strength; you who heal our wounds*

*Come Sacred Spirit, our strength renew*

*Oh Refreshing Spirit, you fall as the freshness of dew*

*Come fall on all that is dry and parched in our hearts and in our world*

*Oh Warming Spirit, you melt the frozen and bend the stubborn will*

*Come warm the chill that pains our lives*

*Oh Holy Spirit, Come visit us with your grace and your light*

*Come Holy Spirit, Come.*



## NEWSLETTER

### Dates to Remember

<u>Week 5</u>	<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b> ICAS Science 7.55am (change of date) <b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup></b> St 3 girls soccer gala day <b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup></b> : Infants assembly 1W
<u>Week 6</u>	<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> Athletics Carnival <b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> – PUPIL FREE DAY
<u>Week 7</u>	<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Public Holiday <b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June</b> ICAS Spelling 7.55am <b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Pyjama Day. School STEM Day

NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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 27th May: Gospel Reflection-The Most Holy Trinity (Mt 28:16-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in

heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



### Gospel Reflection

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into *this* image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' (LiturgyHelp.com, Fr Michael Tate. )

### Living the Gospel – The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus. (LiturgyHelp.com, Greg Sunter. )

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLA

**Week 5:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Parent/Child sessions 6 and 7pm)

**Week 6:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June-Sacrament of Holy Communion (Instructional Mass 7.30pm)

**Week 7:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June-**Feast of the Sacred Heart Liturgy** @ 9am assembly (Mini Vinnies group)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June-Holy Communion Practice (Group 1-17<sup>th</sup> June) 7.30pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June-Winter Sleep Out PJ Day (Wear your PJs for the day)**

# Uniform

You just have to look around the streets to note just how important the school uniform is as a presentation of a student and also the image of their school. We have a very smart school uniform, the rules around which are largely being ignored. We have implemented a Uniform Infringement Notice which students will be handed addressing incorrect uniform. These photos show what correct uniform looks like for boys and girls. We thank you for your cooperation.



Or knee high socks



**OJA**  
*Uniform Infringement Notice*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Infringement Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: (Staff member's name) \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure:-

- That the top button is done up, or at least the tie is tight enough that it appears to be buttoned up
- Black leather shoes, not black joggers, are to be worn with the uniform
- Jumpers are the uniform for girls, not cardigans
- Woollen vest can be worn by either girls or boys
- Sports jacket is to be only worn on sports days.
- Fluorescent sport shoes are not allowed.



## Literacy News

### Helping Your Child with Spelling:

**Develop auditory and vocal skills.** Good spellers are usually good readers and good speakers and vice versa. Using the school or local library helps your child develop some of these skills. Children need to use the language they will be writing. Give your child the opportunity to talk with you.

Source:

<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 (30<sup>th</sup> April) and close in Week 10, Term 2 (4<sup>th</sup> July). [Students are asked to submit entries to their teacher by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.](#)

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>

### 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/568040072c47f3bdbed47710114dd5e7>

**Root Word of the Week:** **plic-** *to fold, to bend*

**Words of the Week:**

**Infants:** complicate

**Primary:** implicate

**Dates for Diaries:**

**Term 2 Whole School Writing Task-**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

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

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

## Mindfulness in action at OLA: Cultivating Innovation, Imagination and Creativity



During the week teachers participated in a creative challenge to experience what it is like when students are presented with a such challenge. They represented in clay what their faith means to them. The creativity of this activity isn't about the artistic modelling of the clay, rather in creating a concrete representation of an abstract idea. How would you represent your faith? When you think about your faith and what it means to you what ideas come to mind?

Terina Macare

## TTFM

Thank you to those parents who have already completed this survey. We would appreciate it the survey can be completed by as many parents as possible, to provide us with feedback for our school. It will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. It can be accessed with the following link:

The survey closes at 4pm on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/4yk4j>



### Change of Date – ICAS Science

The ICAS Science will now be held on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.55am NOT** 29<sup>th</sup> May as previously stated.

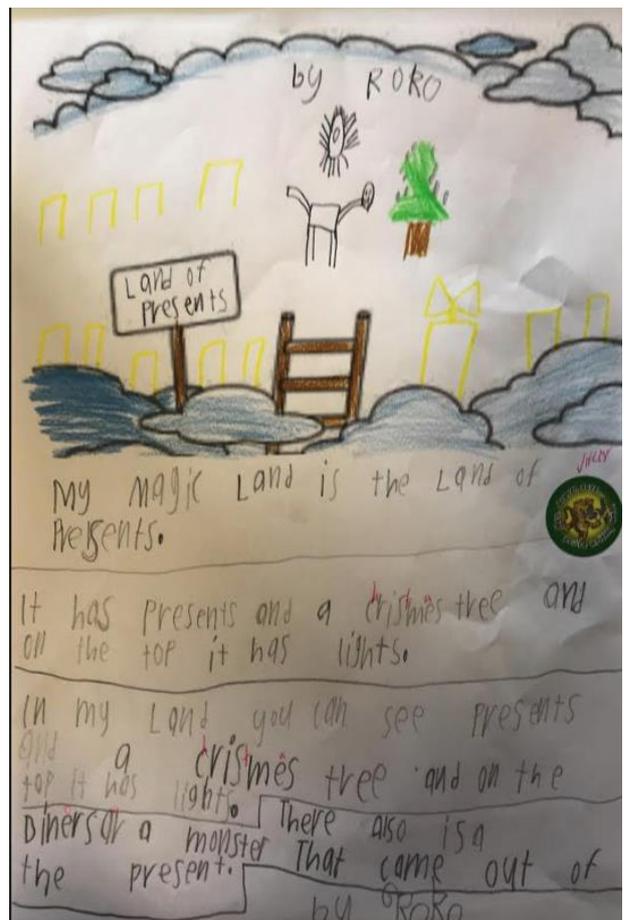
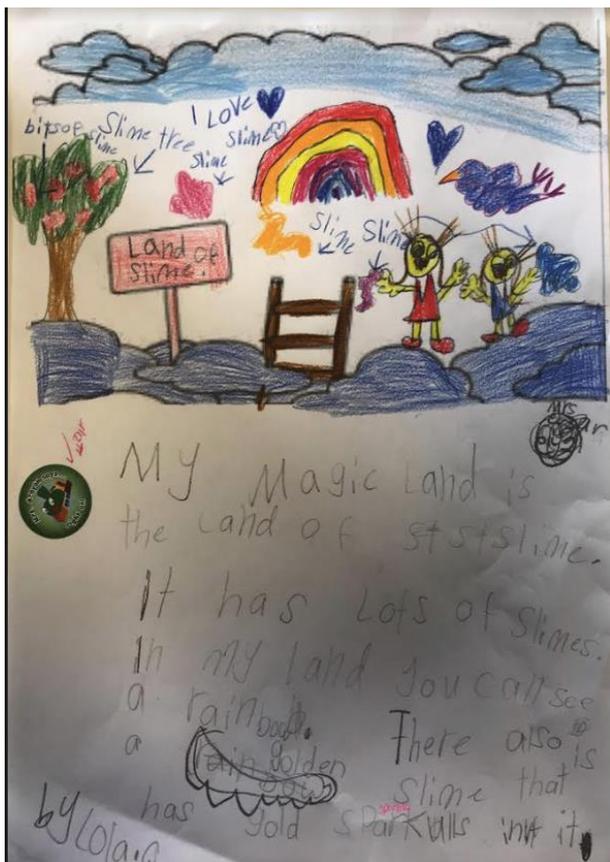
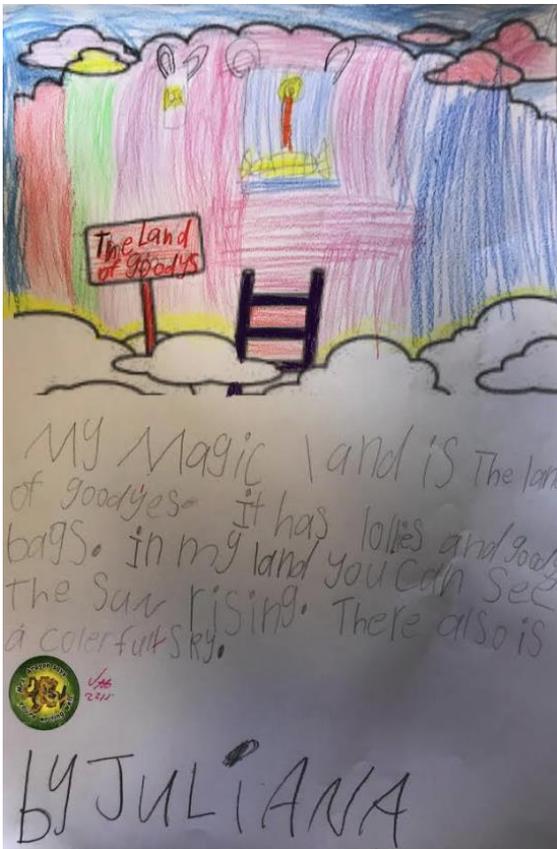
### Netball Gala Day - Wednesday August 1

Today I spoke to students about nominating for the netball gala day. Selections for teams will be held over the next week. All students interested will need to have their sports shoes in their bag each day as trials will be announced each morning. Thank you to those parents who have offered to coach.

Jan Schroder

## From the Classroom of 1W.....

In Year One we have been escaping to magic faraway lands as we read the Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton. 1W would like to invite you to come along to some of the magic faraway lands that we have created.





## *From the P&F....*



Thank you to everyone who attended the P&F meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We heard about exciting new plans for the school and some upcoming events for the school community.

### Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

P&F will have a cake stand to buy cakes, biscuits or lollies. All items will be \$1 so bring your change. A coffee van will also be there. Note this is only for spectators and younger siblings. Student will not be able to purchase any food or drinks.

### Fiesta - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August

There is a Fiesta meeting being held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, in the Parish Office. If you are interested in having a stall or would like to be involved in the planning, please attend this meeting or see the Parish Office for more details.

### Special Treats -



Thank you to the volunteers on special treats on 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Annamaria Farrugia, Iarni Harvey, Sarah Burgess, Vanena Flores,  
Claire Holden and Rebecca McDonald

Stay tuned for a Special Treat Lunch coming soon. Children will have the opportunity to pre purchase a special lunch.



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*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*

### **Pop up uniform stall**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 8.20am – 9.00am**

We will be selling Boys & Girls winter shirts in a variety of sizes for  
\$5 each!

Cash only and BYO bag.

Stall will be set up in front of the library.

**Congratulations** to this week's recipients of the Archangel Award...

*Olivia Sims, Gabi Ribeiro, Lauren Caraos, Jett Laborte, Jake Brown, and Patrick Leach*

**Class award**

Each term we tally the number of angel cards achieved by a class overall. This is then averaged by the number of students in the class to give a 'class award'. We've been a bit tardy in calculating this for term 1.

**The class who had the highest number of angel cards in term 1 is 4B!!**

The students and Miss Pepin have decided to have a mufti day as their reward. This will be on Wednesday next week, May 30. The students must wear closed shoes and their school hat.



**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 and Child session at either 6pm or 7pm.**

**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.

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**Winter Youth Group Timetable**

Youth Group is at a new time, with our doors opening at **3:30-7pm.**

So far we had a **Table Tennis Championship**, an **Uno Tournament** as well as teams going head to head in **Jail**. All Year 6 students are invited to come along on Friday to find out more.

**BREAKING NEWS**  
**Did You know Youth Group now starts at 3:30 pm!**  
 COME DOWN TO THE HALL STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL!

*Until next week  
 Mrs Eva La Rocca  
 Principal*

Term 2 Week 4	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Sophia Iori	Jelena Tolentino	Isabella Smith
Year 3 G	William Bowen	Charlie Mileto	Aiden McGrady
Year 3 W	Ethan Streater	Luke Smyth	Madison Dyke
Year 4 B	Justin Medjumurac	Ava Camilleri	Charlotte Anderson
Year 4 G	Amity Oxspring	Harrison McQuaid	Solomon Montgomery
Year 4 W	Marcus Mileto	Emily Lenane	Taylor Cummings
Year 5 B	Makiah Arora	Peter Giovas	Lucas Buda
Year 5G	Dante Merrin	Sienna Gibson	Sal Colosimo
Year 5W	Rachael Perillo	Akeesha Gunasekara	Lucas McLuskey
Year 6 B	Nikolas Graczyk	Zachary Signorelli	David Parada
Year 6 W	Samantha Grosvenor	Brianna Arellano	Pierre La

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