

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

Dear Parents,

Today, your child should have received their Semester 1 report. We hope this is informative and confirms the good works done over the past two terms.

Congratulations to the following students who are this term's recipients of the Principal's Award.

The Principal's Award goes to a student who has consistently worked well and shown Gospel values towards others over the term. I look forward to the Principal's Morning Tea next Tuesday.



Student	Term 2	Year 3 G	Willow Johnston
Kinder B	Cruz Camilleri	Year 3 W	Harrison Niemiec
Kinder G	Zara Pisani	Year 4 B	Jaeden Mensah
Kinder W	Lachlan Newman	Year 4 G	Ella Dimech
Year 1 B	Leonardo Rosano	Year 4 W	Taylor Cummings
Year 1 G	Natalia Ponturo	Year 5 B	Kobe Ormsby
Year 1 W	Sean McKeever	Year 5 G	Georgia Nemitsas
Year 2 B	Blaize McDonald	Year 5 W	Madison Mihalic
Year 2 G	Ashlee Charlton	Year 6 B	Nikolas Graczyk
Year 2 W	Grace Wallis	Year 6 W	Isabella Iori
Year 3 B	Aidan Attard		

To the P&F for providing a special Sausage Sizzle Lunch today. Also, for their recent donation of \$20 000 made possible because of their hard work and dedication and your support and that of the extended community. These funds will go towards the new fitness gym for students Yr 4-6.

Thank you

Congratulations to all the children who recently received their First Holy Communion. Please remember that their second and third, etc, are each just as special and important.



***REMINDER: all students need to be collected by 3.40pm at the end of the supervision period. Most schools do not offer this and your attention to this is appreciated.**

***PUPIL FREE DAY - PLEASE NOTE DAY 1 NEXT TERM IS A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Dates to Remember

Week 10 Fri 6th July – LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Week 1 Mon 23rd July – First Day of Term 3- Pupil Free Day
Week 2: Thursday 2nd August – combined OLA Day and Grandparents Day (am-noon).
 Please refer to the Parent T3 Calendar attached to this newsletter as well as online at <http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Calendar>

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 1st July, 2018: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel (Mk 5:21-24. 35-43)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.



Reflection

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be open handed as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

(LiturgyHelp.com Dianne Bergant CSS)

Literacy News

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). **Students are asked to submit entries to their teacher by Friday 29th June.**

- Imaginative pieces may include:
- narratives
- letters
- poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries.



Sydney 1969 Photograph by Ted Hood

Schools submit their best entry from each stage.

The entries are judged by a panel of experienced primary teachers from 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>

Dates for Diaries:

Rug Reading- Thursday 2nd August, during Grandparents' Day

Term 3 Book Week- Monday 20th-Friday 24th August

Rug Reading & Book Fair Thursday 23rd August from 1:30pm

Book Week:

Theme: 'Find Your Treasure'

Author Visits:

Years K-3-Matt Cosgrove will visit on Thursday 16th August

Mrs Lisa Hurst, Literacy Co-Ordinator

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 prince 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





Mindfulness in action at OLA: Cultivating Kindness, Appreciation and Positivity.

Some mindful tips that just might make a difference to your day. Terina Macare

5 Simple Everyday Ways to Develop KINDNESS & GENEROSITY

mindful
mindful.org

- 1 **Pause at the stop sign**
When you're at a stop sign, a red light, or when your phone rings, take a moment to wish yourself or another well.
May I be happy and safe.
May I live with ease.
- 2 **Engage the grocery clerk**
When you're shopping or standing in line, strike up a conversation. Listen when they talk. Smile gently.
- 3 **Connect with someone in need**
Establish the intention to respond with kindness whenever you meet someone on the street who asks for support. Ask them how they are doing. Give some money if you like.
- 4 **Extend to your fellow commuters**
Let the act of taking your seat be a cue to practice kindness toward other travelers.
May you be happy.
May you be safe.
May you be free from harm.
May you live with ease.
- 5 **Listen for the ping**
Use your phone reminders to be mindful and send yourself thoughts of kindness throughout the day.



HOW MUCH SLEEP DOES YOUR CHILD GET EACH NIGHT?
Children up to Year 2 should be in bed no later than 7-7.30pm; Yr 3/4 by 8pm and Y5/6 at 8.30pm at the latest. Most important to this routine is **NO SCREEN TIME** at least an hour before, ideally go to bed 30minutes before and read in bed. This is calming and preparing them for a good sleep.



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



No Parking

No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM

\$183

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.

PENALTIES FROM

\$330

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM

\$330

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



Mobile Phones

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM

\$439

+ 4 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

Speeding Offences



40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM

\$192

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

Pedestrian Crossings

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.

2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM

\$439

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM

\$330

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U turns

Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.

PENALTIES FROM

\$330

+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM

\$330

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Blindfold City Council

*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

Year 6 Debating

This week, Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville visited Our Lady of the Angels to debate the topic “Mobile phones should be banned for primary school aged children”. We were the affirmative team, and most of us agreed strongly with this topic.

We did a lot of research on the negative effects of mobile phones on young children, focusing on the distraction that it causes, the risk of bullying that comes with having a mobile phone, as well as the lack of maturity that stops children from using phones appropriately. The girls wrote very detailed arguments, filled with lots of data and research to back those arguments up. They all spoke well, and should be proud of the way that they performed in their first debate! Congratulations to Georgia Nemitsas, Akeesha Gunasekara, Sienna Younes, Makiah Arora and Charlotte Zahra for all of their hard work!

A special thank you also to Mrs Singh, who again gave up her time to adjudicate the debate for us.

Our “Debating Star of the Week” is shared between Akeesha Gunasekara and Sienna Younes.

Sienna wrote a great speech as third speaker, summing up her team’s case well. She outlined the arguments that we had made and strengthened those arguments with her own research and data that she had collected. Sienna had spent weeks working on her speech, only to be sick on the day and not able to attend the debate. A big thank you and congratulations to Akeesha, who stepped in and gave Sienna’s speech for her. She only had an hour to prepare (and learn the speech), and she spoke very well. What team work! Congratulations girls, and thank you to Charlotte who stepped in as refuter at the last minute too.



Our next debate will be in Week 5 of next term, when we will again welcome Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville to our school. The debate will start at 1.30 in the Year 6 classroom, and all are invited.

Mrs Kylie Leach, Year 6 Teacher

Stage 2 Soccer Gala day 2018

“GOALLLLLLLLLLL!” screamed team OLA, the entire crowd screamed as the goalkeeper jumped out to catch the ball but missed.

“Toot, toot, goal.” said the referee, blowing his whistle and finalising the goal.

Tuesday the 26th of June was the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day. Wow, it was fun. We trained so hard and the coaches agree it paid off.

There were four teams, two boys and two girls. We would like to say thank you to our coaches, Mrs Lenane, Mr Cauchi, Mrs Jurcevic and Miss Crozier. Thank you for all your hard work and support for all our teams. Well done to our Stage 2 players.

By Lily.Q and Sarah.M



Skoolbag App

Our Skoolbag app is a way of informing you of upcoming events or cancellation due to the weather, results from carnivals and gala days, giving updates while students are on excursions and other important information about major events within the school. We have a large portion of the school already using this app.

If you do not have the app it is free to download. If you have not checked your app in a while Skoolbag have made some changes.

To install it, download the app in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Create an account using your email address. Search for your school 'Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill'. Add your subscription groups.

There are many benefits to having this app on your device:

- You may select to receive notification for your child's grade only.
- Absentee notes can be completed on this app.
- Access to newsletters and news events linked directly to our school website.
- Instant notification when excursions are postponed, assemblies cancelled due to bad weather, delays during excursions and other important information.
- Online permission notes in the future.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups

SkoolBag

School Website

Another form of communication at our school is the school website. <http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/home>
The website is regularly updated with the term calendar and access to permission notes and newsletters.

This section can be found in '**Community**' then 'Newsletters' or 'School Notes'. In School Notes you will find an up to date school uniform list, medication notes, leave of exemption forms and permission notes. Throughout the year, it will be updated as needed with excursion notes, sporting notes and special event notes.

PBS4L

Afternoon pick up procedure

Our PBS4L committee has been reviewing our afternoon pick up procedures to ensure it flows smoothly for everyone. From next term, students waiting for 'kiss and ride' or for parents to arrive will wait on the verandah outside the library (N-Z) and in the Kinder COLA (A-M). Students are expected to wait quietly and be ready to move when their name is called.

Parents waiting for students on the grass are asked to keep their children with them while waiting for others to arrive. This helps us manage all students leaving calmly.

Parents and students walking to cars or the street are asked to exit via the gate near the bush garden. This is to keep the office exit free for those students moving out to *kiss and ride*. Your cooperation with this request is appreciated.



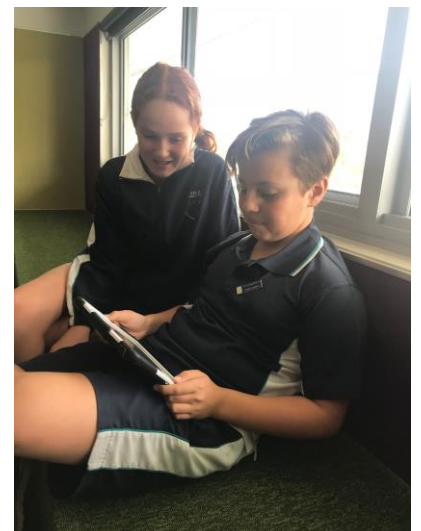
*Congratulations to the following students who have received archangel medals this week:-
Evan Galea, Patrick Pacella, Taylor Saward and Bryce McDonald*

***Congratulations to 2W** who have received the highest average of angel cards out of all classes this term! They will have a class reward next week.*

From the Classroom of 6W....

In Religion this term, we have been studying 'The History of the Catholic Church in Australia.' In their PBL groups, students have been creating presentations for our Japanese sister school, explaining the story of the Catholic Church in Australia.

For their presentations, students have been learning how to make a Prezi, which is a digital platform that enables them to share their ideas, research and timelines in a creative and engaging way. Here are some photos of students hard at work...





From the P&F...



Thank you!



Thank you to all our helpers today for our
Special Treat Lunch and Second Hand Uniform Sale.
Your help is very much appreciated!

Fiesta - Sunday 5th August

We need your help! We need volunteers for:

- Contacting businesses for donations
- Assisting in the days preparations (leading up to the big day)
- 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 -



Thank you to the volunteers rostered on Friday 6th July

Taryn McGrath, Darlene Smith, Flora Cauchi, Vanena Flores, Brooke Dyke and Rebecca McDonald

If you would like to be added to the Special Treats Roster next term,
please send us an email with your details



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

2018 OLA Family Fiesta

Save the Date!! Sunday 5 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.

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.

Do you have your copy of the Entertainment Book

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.

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.

School Holiday Excursion

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are proposing to go to The Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains on Friday, 20th July in the school holidays, following the 9:00am Mass.

However, this would only be possible with the help of parents on the day.

If you would be able to help out, please let us know so that we can make this excursion possible!

Term 2 Week 10- Whole school			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Tristan Williams	Hudson Jones	Alexander Gobran
Kinder G	Xavier Desira	Olivia Hartz	Connor Hitchen
Kinder W	Jasmine Fedele	Cooper Roberts	Antonio Dinos
Year 1B	Juliana Wassef	Aaron Phelps	Ryan Salac
Year 1 G	Liam O'Connor	Makayla Streater	Riley Niemiec
Year 1W	Caleb Xuereb	Serenity Naim	Luca Signorelli
Year 2 B	Nate Luther	Paityn Ng	Ethan Tierney
Year 2 G	Sofia Costa	Leah Ocampo	Isaac Meighan
Year 2 W	Noah Lavercombe	Laura McKeever	Georgia Sourial
Year 3 B	Madison Saward	Isaac Castellan	Zachary Ormsby
Year 3 G	Keira Mooney	Kobe Coombes	Camryn Sammut
Year 3 W	Danielle Vella	Alexandra Tirador	Malachi Rangan
Year 4 B	Emma Cleary	Matilda Wallis	Emma Quinjano
Year 4G	Alicia Gladwell	Sahara Knippler	Madison Zahra
Year 4 W	Ireen Yoo	Jonathan Teo	Amity Galea
Year 5 B	Sienna Younes	Isabel Williams	Michael Eyles
Year 5G	Sienna Gibson	Marc Skoljarev	Natalie Holopikian
Year 5W	Rafael Ira	Sienna Mooney	Lauren Eyles
Year 6 B	Jane Whelan	Hudson Galvin	Zachary Sprowles
Year 6 W	Ayden Strong	Charli Molloy	Rylan McGrady