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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Next Saturday 8th August

Australia's First Saint

Born 15th January, 1842

Died 8th August, 1909

Beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995

Canonised in Rome on 17th October, 2010

'Never see a need without doing something about it'

Mary MacKillop encourages us to be of service to others. Each one of us has the potential to help others if we so choose. Being able to see a need and know what to do is often the challenge, a challenge that Mary MacKillop modelled for us in her life. Why not, along with the children, make the effort this week and always do something about a need you may be aware of.

Mary MacKillop is a wonderful role model to us all. She was indeed a woman of faith and devotion. Her attitude of '**never see a need without doing something about it**' inspires us to reach out to others and to truly make a difference.

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne, Victoria. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. Mary cared about people who had no-one to look after them such as boys and girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people. Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola. There she met Father Julian Tension Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph's School in an old stable.

On 19th March 1866 – St Joseph's Day – Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God's work. As more and more young women joined Mary as Sisters, they were able to start more schools. All children were welcomed at their schools, even if they couldn't pay. In Adelaide they opened a place for women who had nowhere to live, an orphanage for children who had no parents to look after them and a house where poor people could come and stay. The Sisters visited people who were in gaol and those who were poor and sick. Mary MacKillop was kind to all people. She died on 8th August 1909 in North Sydney. Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children.

She is Australia's First Saint.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Tony Calabria
Principal

PLEASE NOTE

PUPIL FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

FRIDAY 21st AUGUST

Children do not attend school on this day.



Sunday 2nd of August
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel Reflection
Year A

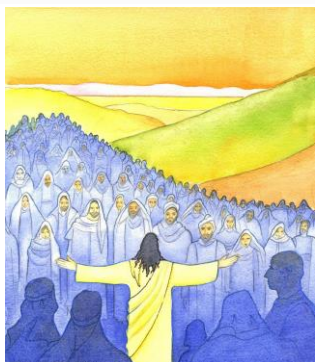
[Matthew 14: 13-21](#)

Gospel Reflection- Food for all

This miraculous feeding is the first of two such accounts in the gospel of Matthew. (It also appears twice in Mark and once in both Luke and John.) In this account, there are twelve baskets of leftovers. These baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a metaphor for Jesus as the one who provides nourishment and satisfaction for the entire Jewish population. The imagery in the second story (Mt 15:32-39) emphasises that Jesus also feeds and satisfies the gentile people. Between them, the two accounts present Jesus as the one who provides spiritual food for all.

Living the Gospel – Grieving John

The passage begins with Jesus receiving the news that his cousin, John the Baptist's death. In response, Jesus immediately withdraws to a lonely place where he can be alone with his disciples. His response to this terrible news is to take time out. He wants to go away to a quiet, lonely place to pray and grieve. He doesn't just take the news in his stride and carry on regardless; he steps back from the busy-ness of life to mourn. It's a lesson for us in times of stress and grief: the response Jesus models is to take time to grieve the loss.



Reflection

A kind word or acknowledgement goes a long way in lifting a person's spirit.

*Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash and it is gone,
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on,
spreading, spreading from the centre,*

*flowing on out to the sea,
and there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.*

*Drop a careless, unkind word,
and in a minute, it is gone,*

*But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.
They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the centre as
they go and there is no way to stop them,
once you've started them to flow.*

*Drop a word of cheer and kindness,
just a flash and it is gone,*

*But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing,
dashing wave,
'til you wouldn't believe the volume of one kind word you
gave.*



Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who are celebrating their birthday this week.....

Mon 3rd Aug
Flynn Richardson

Sat 8th Aug
Selina Fearn

Wed 5th Aug
Blaize McDonald
Charlotte-Rose Naim
Abhijna Sundaram
Taylor Saward
Miss Clare Crozier
Mrs Sarah McBrien

Sun 9th Aug
Ava-Rosemarie Martin
Ruby-Jean Martin
Ethan Phelps

Fr Carlos visiting Year 6 today



Reminders

Book Club: Please remember that all book club orders **MUST** be completed online. Please do not send any money to school as we cannot accept it.

Drink Bottles: As the bubblers are still not being used due to COVID19, please ensure that you send your child to school with a drink bottle each day.

Safeguarding Course for Parents – Online Webinars

Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 years) Thursday 20th August, 12.00-1.00pm

A one-hour webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old. This session will cover:-

- Ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying
- Strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- Skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- How to get help if things go wrong

Tech, Teens & Time Online (Secondary students) Monday 7th September, 7.00-8.00pm

A one-hour webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years. The session will cover:-

- Ideas to start the chat about harmful content, relationships and online harassment
- Strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- Online wellbeing strategies for teens
- How to get help if things go wrong

Parents and carers must register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:-

20th August 2020 session - [link to register](#)

7th September 2020 session - [link to register](#)

School Census Day – Next Friday 7th August

Friday 7th August is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If you know your child will be away on Friday 7th August, please email ola@parra.catholic.edu.au or use the Skoolbag App, advising the reason for the absence and when they will return.

This is of course a requirement that applies to every day of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Maths in Action



Tell Them From Me

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

Each year across the Parramatta Diocese, schools are invited to engage their communities in the

Tell Them From Me - Survey

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, 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.

The survey is anonymous and should not take too long to complete. We will send out a link to the survey via email shortly.

**Let us remember:
One book, one pen,
one child, and one
teacher can change
the world.**

Malala Yousafzai

School Photos

School Photo day has been scheduled for Monday 17th August



Information will be coming home shortly



Parents can access the 2020 booklist at the following address,

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

Congratulations to

Frankie Hollands, Emily Gomes, Lachlan Riley, Madison Ross, Ethan Zachariah,
Sophia Dobaj, Lucy Tapley

for completing the

Premier's Reading Challenge this week.

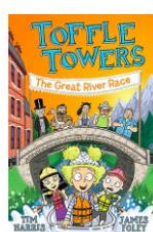
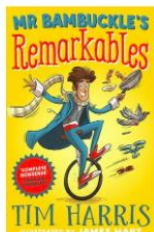
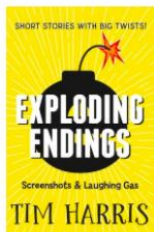
Book Week:

Theme: 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'

Author Visit:

On Monday 10th August, Tim Harris will visit our school. Tim is a bestselling author of several series for kids, including Toffle Towers, Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables and Exploding Endings. A former primary school teacher of 15 years, his stories are filled with quirky scenarios, loveable characters and plenty of imagination. Tim's 'humour with heart' writing style has seen his books receive multiple awards.

As part of his visit, Tim will sign copies of his books. If you would like a copy signed, please have your child bring these books into school on the day.



Book Fair: **Monday 24th August-Thursday 27th August**

this stage, students will visit the library and have an opportunity to create a 'wish list'. This list will then be sent home and parents will be able to pay for these books online. A receipt will be issued and children will then collect these books from our school library the next day.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page.

There are many videos and photos of our beautiful children learning and enjoying school, award winners for the week and a even throwback Thursday photos to celebrate our past.

<https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill> Or
Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our school website

Be sure to 'like us'

Term 3

Thank you for your support as we continue with a number of currently established routines: -

- Hand sanitizing for all students as they enter the school gates.
- Regular handwashing/sanitizing of hands throughout the day.
- Maintaining the 'goodbye at the gate' with parents not in the school grounds.
- No assembly in the morning, with children going straight into class at 8.50am and commencing their learning. A reminder that the gates will be closed at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time, please walk your child/ren to the office and sign them in. They will need to collect a 'Late Pass' before going to class.
- We will have very brief assemblies for the students at 11.30am after first break if required.
- Online canteen sales ONLY will continue in Term 3
- Various agencies with strict COVID guidelines will be re-introduced eg, DanceFever, Cool Kids Music.

PLEASE READ

Change of Circumstances

If there has been a change of circumstances in your home ie moving house, parent separation etc could you please email the office to advise us of any new address/es, phone numbers, etc. All up to date information is required by CEDP so that we can all work in better partnership with you.

Email Addresses

As most school notes are emailed, please don't forget to let us know if your email address changes. We encourage you to check your email (and/or spam) regularly for emails from OLA.

School Times – Late Arrivals

School commences at 8.50am and concludes at 3.10pm.

If you arrive any time from 8.50am then you **must** bring your child to the office to have them signed in and they will get a late pass. We have had a lot of children recently who have come to the office unattended. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Prescription Medication

Prescription Medication is only administered to students upon completion of the OLA Medication Administration Form, which is available from the school office or on our website.

Non-Prescription Medication

Non-prescription Medication will ONLY be administered by the school eg, Panadol, antihistamine, creams, eye drops etc, if they are accompanied by the Medication Administration Form. This medication will be sent home once the specified period is completed.

All medication for your child MUST be delivered directly to the office with completed paperwork and under no circumstances is any medication to be kept in a child's bag

Values Matter at OLA

During this term, starting this week, information on the 'Nine Values for Australian Schooling' will be presented each week in our school newsletter.

These core values have been identified as including a range of secular and religious world views, and are common to most cultures. They underpin Australian society.

As a Catholic School we teach according to Jesus Christ's gospel values which strongly reflect the values of LOVE, FAITH, HOPE, RECONCILIATION, KINDNESS, SELF CONTROL, GENTLENESS, INTEGRITY, RESPECT and JUSTICE. Below is a summary of the nine values for Australian schooling.

Nine Values for Australian Schooling

1. **Care and Compassion** – Care for self and others.
2. **Doing Your Best** – Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence.
3. **Fair Go** – Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society.
4. **Freedom** – Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australia citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.
5. **Honesty & Trustworthiness** – Be honest, sincere and seek the truth.
6. **Integrity** – Act in accordance with principals of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds.
7. **Respect** – Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view.
8. **Responsibility** – Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment.
9. **Understanding, Tolerance & Inclusion** – Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.

A key aspect of this ongoing values education is the importance of students developing responsibility, resilience and social skills through co-curricular as well as curriculum programs.

Theme for the Week **"Care and Compassion"**

(taken from The Nine Values for Australia Schools from the National Values Education Program)

Some Food for Thought

How do we care for ourselves?

Do we keep a healthy body and mind?

How do we really care for others in need?

Do we think of others who are in need?

Are we compassionate towards the needs of others?

How do we show care and compassion in our words and actions?

Term 3 Dates

Wednesday 29th July – Kindergarten Incursion
 Monday 10th August – Author Visit Tim Harris
 Monday 17th August – School Photos
 Thursday 20th August – Scholastic Book Fair Arrives
 Friday 21st August – Staff Development Day
 Wednesday 26th August – Kindergarten Incursion
 Year 4 Incursion

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the Academic and St Francis Awards this week:-

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Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Frankie Hollands	Aiden Ajay
KG	Victoria Zakharova	Minnie McManus
KW	Kianah Lesar	Alannah Said
Year 1 B	Hayden Spiteri	Oliver Coughlan
Year 1 G	Andre Youssef	Olivia Falzon
Year 1 W	Amelia Pelaez	Caleb Atkins
Year 2 B	Xavier Younes	Esther McDonald
Year 2G	Ally Flores	Jeremiah Chayban
Year 2W	Ilaria Buda	Tristan Williams
Year 3 B	Ava Belle Chong	Charlise Mitrovich
Year 3 G	Joshua Stewart	Ashley Cabunag
Year 3 W	Zavier Dabit	Leonardo Fresta
Year 4 B	Marcel Dalla	Harrison Jones
Year 4 G	Calla Zhu	Jack Austin
Year 4 W	Georgia Sourial	Gianluca Russo
Year 5 B	Mya Bassili	Gabriella Ponturo
Year 5G	Willow Johnston	Orlaith McManus
Year 5W	Russell Rochaix	Danielle Vella
Year 6 B	Riley Annis-Brown	Ava Carney
Year 6 G	Lilliana Venezia	Tanuja Ramasamy
Year 6 W	Alexis Beneke	Zara Zivic

AS YOU GROW OLDER, YOU
 BECOME MORE FEARFUL
 AND LESS FLEXIBLE.
 AND I MEAN THAT LITERALLY.
 I HURT MY KNEE THIS WEEK
 ON THE TREADMILL, AND IT
 WASN'T EVEN ON.