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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

*Congratulations and thank you once again for your support. We encourage you to continue doing the best you can in this time of remote learning. If we can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.*

*It's lovely to hear stories of how the children are enjoying their time learning at home. We certainly miss them all but as the Premier has announced it is important that if your child can stay at home they must stay home. Covid numbers continue to be significant and the priority is the health and safety of all in our community. Thank you for your support in this area.*

*Please take a moment to look at our Facebook page [Click here](#). The children's work that has been posted in relation to Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day earlier in the week is just beautiful and illustrates their love of Mary, our faith and of their beautiful school. We will continue to share some of these in our newsletter over the coming weeks.*

### Feast Day of Mary MacKillop this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 'Never see a need without doing something about it'

The children will have a special Mary MacKillop prayer celebration this Monday morning on their Zooms. 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 coming 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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Click on this link above to watch

THE SEQUEL  
**'BACK IN BLACK'**

Sunday 8th August 2021

Matthew 6:25-34

### Gospel Reflection

This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today's gospel is, "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891) Surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don't worry, be happy?

### Living the Gospel

When we read in today's gospel that we are "not to worry", the word, worry, might better be translated as *distracted*. Jesus says to not be distracted or consumed by the pursuit of money, food and nice clothes. He says that it is the gentiles – those who do not know the love of God – who set their hearts on attaining these things. We are immersed in a culture in society that values these outward signs of success above all else. The challenge is to avoid being caught up in the *distractions* of our material society. One way to do that is through regular prayer and reflection.



### **Mary MacKillop Feast Day**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

Australia's First Saint

Born 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1842, Died 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1909

Beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995

Canonised in Rome on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2010

Mary assures us of God's presence when she says  
*"There where you are you will find God."*  
Mary MacKillop 1871



*Let us pray*

*Mary MacKillop walk beside me. Encourage me to take heart. Show me how to place my cares into the hands of our "good" God, to trust in the providence of God to provide for my needs, and the needs of our world. Amen.*

### **Mary MacKillop would be Proud And so are we at OLA.**

Millyana from 1W has followed in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop by setting up a stall at the front of her house with staple items, which are free to those in the community who need it most during this difficult time of lockdown and loss of work. At the end of each day, Milly and her brother box the items that are left and with their family deliver the hampers to local families struggling during this time.

Well done Milly. We are so proud of you.



## THANK YOU TO OUR OLA COMMUNITY FOR CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS FEAST DAY IN LOCKDOWN

We were amazed at all the work the students shared with us to celebrate our OLA Feast Day. There were beautiful prayers of thanks, posters, slideshows and lots of videos where students sang our school song! Here are just a few samples. Check out our Facebook page for more.

Dear Our Lady of the Angels,  
I would like to pray for all the teachers and staff who put their hard work, time and effort into teaching us all that they can. I am really lucky to be a student at OLA with all the awesome teachers that help us learn, to the best we can and to push ourselves to the best of our abilities. I hope that everyone stays safe.  
Amen  
Hridaya.G

Our lady of the Angels is special to me because they take good care of me, they teach me very well, they are always there for me, they help me when I need help. It is special to me because of my teachers and friends. It is the best school in the whole entire universe. I never want to leave it and if I do leave it I will probably bring my kids there.

By Braxton Conliffe 4B

Dear Our Lady of the Angels  
Thank you for everything you have done for me  
Thank you for being caring and kind  
Thank you for helping when I need it  
Please bless my friends family and teachers  
and everyone who has helped me in my life  
Amen

Dear Our Lady of the Angels,  
I am thankful for all the staff members and teachers that take hours out of their day to teach and take care for the students of OLA. Thank you for using your spare time to make fun activities for us to do at school.  
Amen



### COVID-19 Financial Assistance during Lockdown 2021

All families received a letter this week from CEDP describing financial assistance during lockdown 2021. Please read this letter and do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your options for fee support or deferment. To ensure that this process is fair and aimed at those most in need, you may be required to provide supporting documentation about your circumstances. If you still have questions or concerns following initial discussions with the school, please contact the Community Liaison team at [cl@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cl@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### Zoom Meetings

It has been wonderful to see the beautiful smiling faces of all our students through Zoom.

**Please note the times for Zooms will continue the same as this week:**

- 9.00am - Years 5 & 6 (Monday – Friday)
- 9.30am - Year 1 and Kindergarten (Mon, Wed, Fri)
- 10.00am - Year 3 & 4 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
- 10.30am - Year 2 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Please keep an eye on your child's google page, particularly infants, for reading session zooms.





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

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Ava-Rosemarie Martin  
Ruby-Jean Martin

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Athena Sales  
Ric Barbatano

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Christian Medjumurac

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Roko Deur  
Benjamin Nicholls

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Olivia Iori  
Amy Tawadrouse  
Ava Nobleza

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Harrison Dolahenty  
Alannah Said

**Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Mrs Melissa Xuereb  
Lachlan Boje

## IMPORTANT

### **Change of Circumstances - Important**

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.

### **Keep Active**

Whilst online learning is taking place, we encourage you to ensure that your children have regular breaks from a screen (whether they are using it for learning or just playing) to be active, ie to stretch, run, jump etc. It is easy to loose track of time and be sedentary for long periods. Why not set your alarm on your phone and do some regular fitness together.

## *Values Matter at OLA* *'Fair Go'*

What are values? *Ideals that guide our behaviour.* They are ideals and beliefs we hold as special. Caring for others, for example, is a value; so is the freedom to express our opinions. Values are what people think is right and wrong, good and bad, desirable and undesirable.

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This week we are focussing on the value of: **Fair Go** – pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly – for a just society.

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Mt5:6**

In this beatitude Jesus invites us to be passionate about the promotion of justice, not just thinking that the concept of justice is a good idea. Justice people are action people.

**This value includes the following characteristics:**

- Respecting authority. *Do you teach by example?*
- Being involved in your community. *What do you do as a family/individuals to show you 'care'?*
- Does your child belong to a community group that is involved in helping others? *As a family, do you provide for people less fortunate than yourselves? Eg, St Vincent de Paul.*
- Accepting other people and their backgrounds and
- Being tolerant and understanding of difference which includes religious, physical, family or personality differences.

The overall message:-

*Being committed to the principles of social justice, opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.*

## **Theme for the Week** **“Fair Go”**

Our theme this week is another of the 9 values for Australian Schooling. It focuses on treating others fairly and allowing others to participate; promoting justice, acceptance and tolerance. This value helps our society live in harmony and to foster relationships.

### **TERM 3 DATES**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Last day of Term 3 for students.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Staff Development

*I hate it when  
I am singing a song  
and the artist  
gets the words wrong!!*

Congratulations to the following students for completing the  
**Premier's Reading Challenge.**

Benjamin Pisani KG, Harrison Shaw KB, Ava Nobleza 1B, Zara Farias 2G, Evelyn Lynch 2G, Andre Youssef 2B,  
Amelia Dalla 3G, Alessio Russo 3W, Gianluca Russo 5G, Mia Lee 5B, Jordan Nobleza 5G & Ruby Millers 5W



## How to Support Writing at Home

1. **Help your child learn the letters of the alphabet.** Read ABC books, play letter-matching games, and work on puzzles to help her identify letters. Invite her to make letters using clay.
2. **Take pictures of an activity** that is especially interesting to your child. Use them to write a story together.
3. **Keep a portfolio** of your child's writing attempts. At different times in the year, show your child her writing samples and comment on her progress.
4. **Bring writing materials with you** whenever you go out to the grocery store, doctor's office, or a restaurant.
5. **Celebrate your child's writing** by prominently hanging her work in places where it is visible to all. Knowing that writing is important will go a long way toward motivating her to write more.

### Writing supplies to have on hand:

- paper (lined and unlined)
- colorful stationery
- chunky pencils, markers, and crayons
- ink pads and rubber stamps

**Source:** <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/kids-activities-and-printables/activities-for-kids/reading-and-writing-ideas/5-easy-ways-to-support-writing-home.html>

## Home Activities

### Click on these links:

[Helping your child build vocabulary](#)

[How to Build Reading Fluency](#)



Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator



Today was Australian Primary Principal's Day. The OLA Community would like to say thank you Mr Calabria for everything that you do for our children. The students, staff and parents appreciate your amazing leadership!

Congratulations to the McCrory family (Noah KG) on the birth of their new baby sister, Willow. Welcome to the OLA community.

