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Week 7 Term 3

1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017

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

Dear Parents

## Happy Father's Day

*This morning we celebrated Father's Day with a yummy BBQ breakfast. Once again, thanks to the wonderful and tireless work of the P&F and parents who were here as early as 6am preparing the BBQ to feed the many fathers and children that joined us. Many of our teachers also were here to ensure that all the sandwiches were distributed. It was lovely to see so many fathers here sharing breakfast with their children. The BBQ was followed by a liturgy led by our Kindergarten children, who captured the essence and meaning of Father's Day with a heartfelt reflection. Yesterday the children had the opportunity to purchase their gifts from the Father's Day stall, again made possible by our wonderful P&F. I thank them for the time and dedication that they offer to the OLA community to ensure that our children and families can experience such wonderful opportunities.*

*We wish all our dads, grandads and father figures in our lives a very happy Father's Day for this Sunday.*

*God Bless  
Mr Cauchi*

## A Prayer for Fathers

*God, bless all the fathers of the world.  
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.  
Help them to be a father like You are.  
Give them grace, strength, wisdom and love  
to be teachers and guides  
for the young who look up to them.*

**Our Father**  
**WHO ART IN HEAVEN**  
*hallowed be thy name.*  
**Thy kingdom come**  
**Thy will be done**  
on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
**Give us this day our daily bread**  
and forgive us our trespasses  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESSPASS AGAINST US.  
*Lead us not into temptation*  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
*Amen.*

### What Makes A Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
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The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad*

*myorkutglitter.com*

### Dates to Remember

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	a3 Captivate Performance 7pm, St Dominic's Kingswood (Yrs 5/6)
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Verse Speaking – Windsor Function Centre Yrs 1-4
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Choral Recital – Windsor Function Centre Yrs 5-6
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stg 2 Touch Footy Gala Day
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Stg 3 Touch Footy Gala Day
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Last Day of Term 3

NEWSLETTER

## Gospel Reflection Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 (Matthew 16:21-27)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

***Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.***

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

### Reflection

"What will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?" These words of Jesus changed many lives of many great people. There is a proverb that says, "To gain something we have to lose something." Sometimes we need to go without to have a better understanding of those less fortunate than ourselves. In Lent, we give up a luxury or spend the time reflecting in the sacrifice Jesus made for us through prayer, to remember Jesus died for our sins. The questions we should reflect on are 'What am I losing and what am I gaining?' Am I willing to sacrifice something in order to gain what is lasting and eternal? (God's Word 2017 Daily Reflections)

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(<http://poem4today.com/fathers-day-prayer-and-blessing.html>)

## Operation Christmas Child

Last year OLA decided to support Operation Christmas Child. This was an extremely successful Social Justice program, where many families gave of their time and generosity to share God's love and provide a unique gift to children around the world who need some Christmas Cheer.

This year we have decided to continue our support of Samaritan Purse Foundation for our Christmas outreach program. ([www.samaritanpurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanpurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/))

Operation Christmas Child is all about giving children from poverty or war stricken countries the precious gift of God's unconditional love. We are asking families at OLA to collect a shoebox from the office and fill it with something to wear, something to play with, something for school, something to love, something special and something for personal hygiene. The shoebox you pack with your family will very likely be the first gift the child has ever received.



**If you and your family would like to participate in 'Operation Christmas Child', please contact the office by email, note or in person to let us know that you would like a shoebox this year. We will send shoeboxes home as soon as they are delivered.** Attached to the shoebox will be information on how to pack your shoebox and labels for you to select a boy or girl and a particular age group and how to pay the \$9 postage. If you would like more than one shoebox let us know so we can collect more shoeboxes. The children will be learning about 'Operation Christmas Child' in class as part of their mission units in Religion. We will encourage children to add a photo and note in each shoebox so the child/ren can see who has given them their gift. We would also like our families to send in a family photo to create a photo board displaying how we can be the 'Face of God.'



### Library Monitors

Congratulations to Gemma Haynes, Cohan Summer, Angelica Manago and Zach Nicholls for being appointed Library Monitors for the rest of this term and until Week 2 Term 4. I look forward to working with these students in the library.

**Sara Wagner**

*Library Assistant*



### School Fees

Just a reminder that all school fees should now be finalised. If you have any outstanding fees, please attend to the payment of same as soon as possible. If you would like an extension of time, please contact Mrs Goldsworthy and an arrangement will be put in place. If you were on the flexible payment plan, then these will either have finished or be finishing up within the next week or so.



# **STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics**

**By Max F and Zane B**

*Stem is a fun group that helps us learn about all the different areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We get set a lot of fun challenges to do in a certain amount of time. Like we have to make a balloon car in 60 minutes or bottle flip 3 different types of plastic bottles 15 times each and see how many times we can land it. So stem is a fun learning group which all of my group and I love and the best thing about it is that you don't know what to expect every time you go there so you don't know what you're doing. Mrs Lopresti has been a great and fun teacher who puts all of her spare time just to make this special club a good one. Not only do we get to do the experiment we also get to record how we did it and all the science and maths behind that simple task. In Mathematics we have learnt how to change fractions into percentages and work out the average (mean) of a variety of numbers. Every fortnight we do stem and then we swap with another group who does stem*

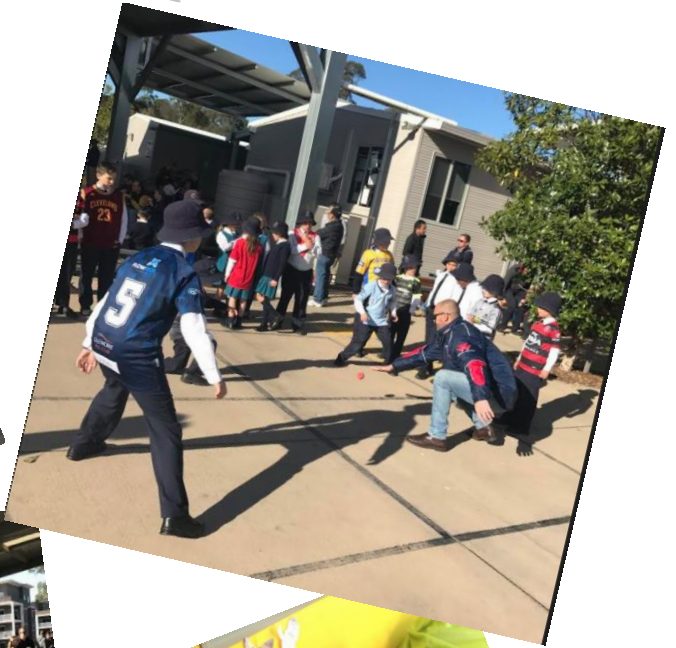
**STEM - By Eva and Leila**

*This term we have been doing activities in a club called Stem - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We get challenges second week based on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. In our first lesson for stem we did bottle flipping. We had to choose how much water we could put in the bottle and we could see how it works out. We had to measure with a ruler how much water we should put in. We put a quarter of the water in the bottle. We used three types of bottles to see which one works best. For us the small bottle was the best at flipping. The next fortnight we had to make a car that all four wheels had to move and it had to be air powered. We had to use a balloon to make it move. One of the problems was that we didn't have enough air to blow into the balloon so the balloon did not go very far. We have learnt about different forces in science and Newton's Laws of motion. Eventually we did get it to move at the end. For us stem is very, very fun!*





# Father's Day BBQ Breakfast



## Debating

This week we travelled to Blessed John XXIII to debate the topic "Homework should be banned".

We were the negative team, and had the challenging task of convincing the audience that "Homework is great, there's no debate!" This was a difficult topic to debate as we all agreed that homework should be banned, but as experienced debaters the girls were able to put that aside and come up with excellent arguments.

We had some very strong and convincing arguments about the positive impact of homework on their lives now and in the future, the ways in which homework will help them at high school, and even an acrostic poem using positive words to describe homework.

Congratulations to Ava Grace Bennett, Jasmyn Robertson, Alannah Lock and Bella Masters for all of their hard work preparing for the debate!

Our debating star of the week for week 7 is Alannah Lock. The year 5 girls had to prepare by themselves this week as year 6 were on camp, and under the watchful eye of Mrs Morrin, they worked so well together to create strong and convincing arguments. They worked to ensure that they backed each other's arguments up, and made a strong case which was brought home by Alannah. She as the 3rd speaker added depth to the arguments of the other girls and was able to sum up our team's case so well that the adjudicator had no choice but to award the debate to Our Lady of the Angels. Alannah was a clear and confident speaker, and left no doubt that homework should NOT be banned. Well done Alannah!



Mrs Kylie Leach  
Year 6 Teacher

## Diocesan Zone Athletics Carnival

*Last Friday ten students represented OLA in the Diocesan Zone Athletics Carnival. They all strived to beat their PB's and did it with such grace. A special mention goes to Mikayla Bowden and Olivia Hudson who helped support the Senior Girls' Relay Team. This event was one not to miss with three of our Year 6 students cutting camp short to compete on the day. Congratulations to all the students and we wish Jesse, Rebecca, Zachary and Joseph all the best when they represent the MacKillop Team in the next round.*





## Tournament of Minds

Last Sunday 21 students from years 5 and 6 took part in the regional final for Tournament of Minds. TOM is a problem solving competition where the students were given their challenge six weeks ago and have worked together to present a creative solution to the problem.

Congratulations to all 21 students but particularly to our **Science/Technology team** who **WON** the competition and will now represent Sydney West at the State final on Sunday, September 10 at the University of NSW!!!!

*From Jayden:* What I enjoyed about TOM was that it is creative and involves lots of teamwork. I enjoyed working together as a team, performing and making costumes and props. The things I learnt in TOM was how to work cooperatively with each other and how to express your ideas openly. I would definitely do TOM again!

*From Amelia:* The things I enjoyed about TOM was that we could be creative in as many ways as we liked. We could make our own costumes and props. I learnt to write scripts and to have more confidence in public speaking. I would love the chance to do TOM again because it's fun presenting your theory to people.



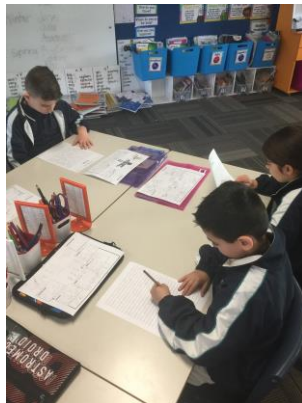
Mrs Schroder

## Literacy News

### Whole School Writing Task

This week the students completed their third whole school writing task. The students were given the word 'ESCAPE' and asked to write either an imaginative, persuasive or informative piece. The students have followed and utilised the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' over the past two terms. We look forward to sharing these successes at our Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences in Week 9.

Here are some of our Year 1 students completing their writing task using their story graph to help organise their ideas. Well done OLA!



### Book Fair:

Last week we held our annual Book Fair. Thank you again to the OLA Community for making this a huge success. Our total sales for the week were just over \$7000, with a commission of just over \$2500. This money will be used to purchase more books for our beautiful library and big books to be used in our learning spaces. Thank you again.

### Words of the Week:

**Infants:** marvelous

**Primary:** garnish

**Root Word of the Week:** counter- against/opposite

Mrs Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

## *From the Classroom of...4G*

On Monday 28th of August, Year four went on an excursion to Lane Cove National Park. We had a lot of fun and were amused by a fight between a full grown magpie that was very territorial of its land and a native bush turkey (the underdog) who managed to escape. We also got to dress up and learn all the different jobs that help sustain the environment. Towards the end of the day we played a couple of games that relate to what happens in the National Park (e.g predators vs prey) and we got to learn about the animals they're trying to keep out of the National Park like feral cats, dogs and foxes). We all had lots of fun and we recommend this great excursion.

- By Lachlan Hollier and Sal Colosimo

On Monday, Year 4 went to Lane Cove National Park. Did you know echidnas have spikes on their back that are made out of the same material as our nails? Or did you know that the Powerful Owl has strong claws, so strong that it can pick up any animal? We learnt many facts on our excursion! While we were there, we went for a walk in the park and saw lots of bugs like spiders, grubs, cockroaches and ants. We had fun and learnt lots about the National Park and different animals. We would love to go there again. Big thank you to Lane Cove National Park for teaching us so much!

- By Angelica Manago and Amelia Novelli.







## P&F NEWS

### Father's Day Stall



Thank you to the year 2 mums and those from the P&F team who helped at the Father's Day Stall. The day ran so smoothly. The children enjoyed shopping and the day was a great success.

### Father's Day Breakfast



Thank you to everyone who helped bright and early this morning for the Fathers' Day Breakfast! It was wonderful to see the fathers, children and staff enjoying the morning together. We hope all the fathers and special people in our children's lives have a very lovely weekend.

## PROFESSIONAL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY MINI SESSIONS

The OLA P&F have teamed up with Mel Hayes Photography to hold professional family photography sessions in November over 2 weekends. Keep your eye out for further information as sessions will book out quickly!



### FRIDAY SPECIAL TREATS: TERM 4

Thank you to all of the helpers for their flexibility and enthusiasm this year! We will be putting together a roster for Term 4. No experience necessary and toddlers are welcome! If you are able to give 45 minutes of your time from 1.20pm once or twice per term, please forward your **name and contact number** to Annemarie [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com)

**SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: Annemarie Bond, Marie Sales, Taryn McGrath, Karen Millers, Melissa Mileto, Kylie Burt.**

Thank you for your help and support in our school parent community. We can be contacted via email [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) or via our Facebook page.



*Our Lady of the Angels*  
*P&F Association*

*From the Parish Office...*

**Confirmations**

Children's Session - Next Thursday, 7th September 6pm (for 15th Sept) and 7 pm (for 22nd Sept).

**The Coalition for Marriage**

is leading the campaign to preserve marriage. Together with more than 80 groups from across Australia, representing over 3 million people, led by the Australian Christian Lobby, Marriage Alliance, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and the Anglican Diocese of Sydney, our ability to win the plebiscite and preserve family, faith and freedom will hinge on whether-or-not we act now. You will find in the Church foyer details on "How to Vote".

**The Wizard of Oz - Great Christmas Present Ideas!!!**

The Parish are organising a group to go and see The Wizard of Oz. Tickets are now on sale for Saturday, 3 February 2018 at 7.30 pm at the Capitol Theatre.

Tickets are \$120 each

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Parish Office.

**Bingo!!**

Come along to the Parish Bingo Night on Saturday, Saturday 16th September at 7pm. RSVP to the Parish office by Thurs. 14th Sept.

**Youth - Dance Party!**

Year 6 Students - SAVE THE DATE

Friday 13th October OLA Youth are holding a Dance Party.

7pm-9pm in the Church Hall. Gold coin entry.

There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks on sale on the night. See you there.

**Mass times:**

**Sat** vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm. **Weekdays:** Mon - Sat: 9 am

**Confessions:**

9:30 am Sat

**Baptisms & weddings:** By appointment

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Parish Secretaries:** Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:** Christine Leahy

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**NEW SCHOOL PHONE**

**NUMBER:- 8808 7300**

You can still contact us on the old numbers, but when we ring you, this is the number that will now show on your phone. Please add this number to your contacts list.

**Archangel Awards**

*Congratulations to these year 6 students who have achieved an archangel award over the last two weeks - Connor, Nicholas, Ariane and John. It is great to see that you are recognised for consistently showing respect.*



*Until next week  
Mr Steve Cauchi  
Acting Principal*

**Canberra 3 Day Excursion**

In Week 6 of Term 3 the Year 6 students set off to Canberra for an amazing 3 days. We participated in lots of fun activities at a variety of educational venues including new Parliament House, the War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, Perisher, Kosciuszko National Park. The highlight of the trip though was going to Perisher to the snow. It was so much fun throwing the snowballs at the teachers and not getting in trouble for it. Another highlight was going to Questacon and going down the Freefall slide, and exploring the different levels.

Overall Year 6 had lots of fun with each other and strengthened and developed our friendships.

**Tatum Crook, Mia Sprowles, Lily Cassar**