

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

Dear Parents,

You may have noticed the quote that heads our Newsletter each week. This is by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Another favourite of mine by her is, *'Never see a need without doing something about it'*. Last week, our community saw the need to support our farmers and did something about it. **You raised \$2015.55.** This was a terrific result given that it was a spontaneous act. This money will be donated to Aussie Farmers.

It was Mary MacKillop's feast day on Wednesday, 8 August. Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne but spent most of her life in the Aussie outback. No one would appreciate the dire situation more than she. Let's pray together to Mary and ask for rain which is so badly needed.



*Dearest Mary of the Cross, hear our prayers for rain  
On this your country.  
Loving God,  
you made us holy in Baptism  
and brought us into the one  
communion of saints.  
Grant that we, like St. Mary  
of the Cross MacKillop  
may live always in your church  
and be welcomed into your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*



Have a look at this clip sent from Bishop Vincent on the Feast of Mary MacKillop  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trUzmgFsgCI>

Today marks the end of Week 3, already! In this time, we have welcomed five new families – 10 children- into our school. I would like to commend the OLA students for welcoming and embracing our new students. They saw a need and did something. God bless them.

## Dates to Remember

### Week 4: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Aug STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

#### Pupil Free Day

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 7.55am Maths ICAS  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Aug Feast of the Assumption 9am whole school Mass  
Thurs/Fri 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Author Visits

### Week 5 Book Fair

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Aug Captivate Dress Rehearsal – Homebush  
Tues/Wed Captivate Expo 6.30pm Homebush  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug Voice of Youth Cluster Finals Year 6  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug Diocesan Athletics Carnival

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 12th August 2018, Gospel Reflection (John 6:41-51) Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A reading from the gospel according to John

**I am the living bread come down from heaven.**

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets:

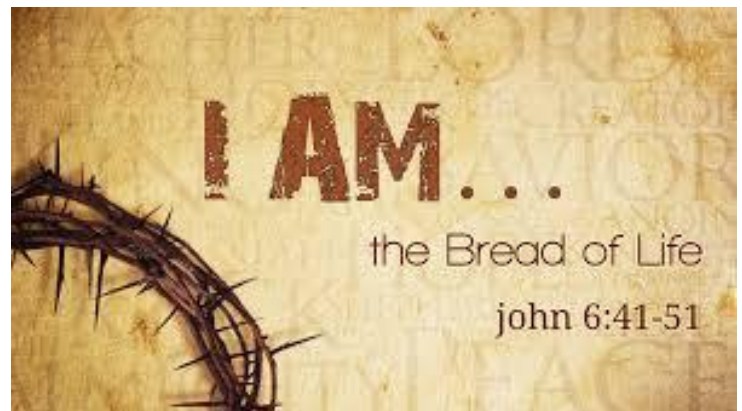
They will all be taught by God,  
and to hear the teaching of the Father,  
and learn from it,  
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,  
except the one who comes from God:  
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,  
everybody who believes has eternal life.  
I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert  
and they are dead;  
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,  
so that a man may eat it and not die.  
I am the living bread which has come down from  
heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



### **Gospel Reflection**

*There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah. There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the cultural diversity within the community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus. We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us. (LiturgyHelp.com, Dianne Bergant CSS)*

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RE @ OLA**

Week 4: 16<sup>th</sup> August-Confirmation Information Night @ 7.30pm

Week 5: 23<sup>rd</sup> August-Confirmation Parent session @ 7,30

Week 6: 30<sup>th</sup> August-Confirmation-Lesson 1 (Parent and child)

-Confirmation date 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 6pm.

-Confirmation date 21<sup>st</sup> September @ 7pm.

31<sup>st</sup> August-Fathers' Day BBQ and Liturgy.

Week 7: 6<sup>th</sup> September- Confirmation-Lesson 1 (Parent and child)

-Confirmation date 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 6pm.

-Confirmation date 21<sup>st</sup> September @ 7pm.

Week 8: 13<sup>th</sup> September-Confirmation rehearsal @ 7.30pm.

14<sup>th</sup> September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)

Week 9: 21<sup>st</sup> September-Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)

## Literacy News

### Dates for Diaries:

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

Rug Reading & Book Fair Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 1:30pm

### Book Week:

**Theme: 'Find Your Treasure'**

**Author Visits:**

**Years K-3-Matt Cosgrove will visit on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August**



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 princes 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 manie 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



**Years 4-6**

**Mick Elliott**

**will visit on**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**



Mick Elliott is the author of THE TURNERS trilogy, a hilariously disgusting adventure series for middle readers about Leo Lennox, a reluctant 13 year old shape-shifter. The series was nominated for an Aurealis Award for Best Children's Fiction and features on the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge list. Mick is a television producer and scriptwriter at Nickelodeon. His producing credits include Slime Cup, Camp Orange, SlimeFest and hundreds of advertising campaigns.

His dynamic and interactive presentations and creative workshops are always a hit with kids at schools and festivals.

Mick lives in Sydney with his wife, two kids and a garden full of lizards.  
www.mickelliott.me



<http://thechildrensbookshopspeakersagency.com.au/index.php>

**Book Fair: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August.** This year we will again use Carnival Book company for our Book Fair. Students will visit our library and make a wish list with their teacher. This list will then go home and parents may visit library to purchase or send money in with their child. The library will be open on the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 8:20-9:00am and Thursday from 1:30pm during Book Week.



Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



### Archangel Awards

*Congratulations to the following students who received an Archangel Award this week:-*

*Milana Buda, Luka Vaughan, Laura McKeever, Ronan Izci, Isaac Meighan and Elizabeth McKee.*

### School Banking

Please note that banking will be completed on **WEDNESDAY** next week only as our parents are not available on Thursday. Please ensure all bank books are sent into school on Wednesday morning.

### Jumper/Jackets

We would appreciate it if you could check the labels of your child's jumper and/or sports jacket that are at home. We have had a lot of parents advise us that these items have been lost and they are labelled. If you have an item that does not belong to your child, can you please ask them to hand it to the class teacher next week.

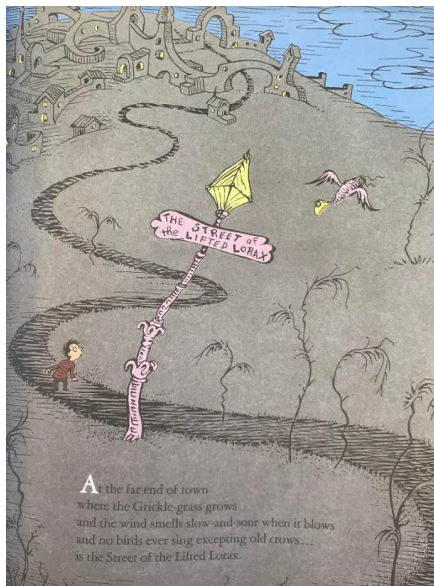
Your attention to this is appreciated.



# From the Classroom of 4B.....

In Year 4 we have been learning how to live sustainably. ALL of this rubbish was found on the playground after 2nd break on Tuesday. We decided to sort the rubbish into categories: landfill, recycling, REDcycle, compost, maybe.

If you would like to help our cause at home why not buy a worm farm, compost bin, bokashi bin from Compost Revolution and enter the coupon **ROUSEHILL** so that OLA can receive \$5 from your purchase to go to our gardening program.



**Congratulations to Caitlin Williams** who took the initiative to set up 'Caitlin's Cleaning Consortium', inspired by the work in Year 4.





# From the P&F...



Thank you to everyone who helped on Grandparents Day and supported our fundraising efforts for Aussie Helpers.

**WE RAISED AN AMAZING \$2015.55!**

Thank you to everyone that brought in donations for the Lucky Dip and for the volunteers on the day - drink stall, lucky dip stall, tattoo stall, face painting, art hall, markets stall, food stalls, ride bands, white elephant, slushies, performances and selling raffle tickets, without all of the generous support, the day would not have been possible.



Reminder that the Children's Artwork is still for sale in the office.  
1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5

## P&F Meeting - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm - See attached Agenda

Our school is very fortunate to have the resources we do but are there things that you wish we had at school, which we don't?

Why not come along and share your thoughts on how we can make OLA even better than it is. If you can't make it but you have some suggestions, please send us a message or email, so we can raise it on your behalf.

Even if you don't have any suggestions, you can still come along and hear the things that are planned for school in this term and next.

## Special Treats - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August



Taryn McGrath, Anne-Marie Apap, Christina El Khoury, Jeanette Desira, Leonie Blazey, Candice Buda

Stay tuned for our next Special Treat Lunch in September. Future Special Treat Lunches will include Sausage Rolls, Pies and chicken burgers. We would love to hear your ideas on others.



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*Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association*



## From the Parish Office...

**Confirmations:** There will be an Enquiry Session, for those children in Year 6 wishing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 16 August at 7.30pm.

### You can buy your *Entertainment Membership* from us today!

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.

## Oakhill College Tour

We warmly invite all prospective students and families to attend an Oakhill College Tour on **Thursday, 16 August 2018**.

From 9.30am – 11.30am, the morning provides a great opportunity see how the College inspires students to aspire to greatness. Explore our beautiful grounds and facilities at the College and meet the Principal, Brother Steve Hogan. Visit <http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book-a-tour/> to reserve your place or contact the Registrar on 9634 0802 for further information.

None of my children attended preschool. When my first son started school and experienced challenging issues with friends, my husband, in his wisdom and with good intent, advised him to 'punch it out'. I was horrified and responded accordingly.

When my first daughter started school, I was aghast by the mean and underhanded way some of the girls behaved. Talking to my husband about how boys don't do this, he reminded me about his advice some years earlier. Girls and boys are certainly different. My daughter is still scarred from her experience.

For those of us with daughters...this article was shared with me by an OLA mum. You might find it worth a read. <https://lindastade.com/girls-and-their-frenemies-2/>

## National Skills Week 2018

This may be of interest to stage 3 parents

<http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/>



Term 3 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Aidan Attard	Abbey Hollier	Solomon Sloane
Year 3 G	Aiden McGrady	Olivia Cutajar	Malenna Graczyk
Year 3 W	Georgia Dolahenty	James Conn	Claire Sievwright
Year 4 B	Ethan Phelps	Isobel Clarke	Lucy Tapley
Year 4 G	Mitchell Ross	Grace Vella	Julia Zammit
Year 4 W	Boston Roberts	Alana Ramos	Georgia McQuaid
Year 5 B	Patrick Leach	Chanel Johnston	Roman Bizzanelli
Year 5 G	Eva Sultana	Jacob Cremona	Salvatore Colosimo
Year 5 W	Lucas McLuskey	Kiara Wijaya	Zachary Nicholls