

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

Dear Parents

***'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world...'***  
(Nelson Mandela)

On Monday I was invited into the Year 6 Learning Spaces to participate in a literacy activity in which the Year 6 children skyped a classroom in Japan. The students were able to link up and interact with the Japanese students and participate in an 'eye spy' quiz, in which clues were given about a famous Japanese or Australian landmark. It provided a wonderful opportunity for the Japanese students to practice their English by listening to Australian children's pronunciation and expressions.

The experience led me to reflect on the changing landscape of education, and how technology and new innovations have made schools and learning a very different experience to when I was at school. The fact that children in Rouse Hill could live stream and have a lesson with a school in Japan with a 2 hour time difference is amazing, and a wonderful opportunity for both the Japanese and our children to connect.

God Bless  
Mr Cauchi  
Acting Principal



## Dates to Remember

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

Swimming continues for Years 1, 2 and 3.  
Brainstorm Productions Incursion Yrs 3 – 6  
Assembly: Yr 4 Poetry  
Brainstorm Productions Incursion K – 2  
Assembly: Infants Awards  
Advent Prayer 8.50am  
Spelling Bee, Rug Reading  
Yr 1 Incursion  
Assembly: Whole School Principal's Awards



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, 18th November Gospel Reflection (Mk 13:24-32)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

***He shall gather his elect from the four winds.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

### Reflection

There is often a lot of talk and frenzy about the end of the world coming. It especially happens with certain natural phenomenon such as comets, eclipses, and meteor showers. It's important to understand that Jesus insisted we cannot know the day or the hour, that we cannot predict when this will happen. Sometimes unusual events in the heavens are just natural phenomenon for us to enjoy, not to worry about. Do you worry about the end of the world? If so, why? If not, why not?

When you hear talk about predictions of the end of time, how do you feel? What do you say? What do you think about? Do you ever worry about dying? If so, why? If not, why not? Are you interested in cosmic happenings – planet alignments, comets, stars and the like? How so?

(LiturgyHelp.com, Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart-St Mary's

Press)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Over the next three weeks, many of our OLA students will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for their first time. This is an important sacrament that can be received throughout our lives, so we can be forgiven for our sins and strengthen our relationship with God.*

*Please keep these students in your prayers.*

### **Reconciliation Dates**

- Saturday 17th November @ 9.45am
- Saturday 24th November @ 9.45am
- Thursday 29th November @ 7.30pm

### **The following dates apply to students who do not attend OLA.**

- Thursday 15th November-Lesson 2: Parent and child session @ 6.30pm

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH PROGRAM @ OLA

**Dignity**-‘the state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect’.

This year the OLA community will reach out to others in need and create 'Dignity packs' for a variety of local outreach programs. It is important for us to teach children about the gift of giving and understand that things we take for granted are things that people in our community desperately need. We want to show the face of God, but also show others that they are the face of God and that someone loves them; If you have any toiletry or handbags you are able to donate, we will be using these to create the packs.

We would like to thank the generosity of our OLA families, in giving to those in need. If you are still wanting to donate items, we need deodorant and sanitary items.





## Literacy News

### Parents' Guide to helping children with reading at Home

You make a difference to your children's reading journey. Your role as an advocate for your children's reading success cannot be overestimated. It has a direct impact on the ease and confidence with which they pursue their reading and writing.

It is the joy and love of sharing a good book on a nightly basis that sets the foundation for their reading success and ensures that reading is given the priority it deserves. Reading regularly with someone who cares is the inspiration that all readers deserve.

As parents and carers, you create the home context for reading and set the tone for how reading is valued. Fear, anxiety, stress and humiliation have no place in the reading experience. The 'payoff' for reading together has to be worth coming back to night after night after night. When reading together is the best time of your children's day and the best time of your day, it is worth turning up. The right book infused with fun, laughter, and love goes a long way in creating life-long readers who in thirty years' time recall with joy being snuggled on the lounge with you and their favourite book.

Source: [http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis\\_prod/w/Teaching\\_Resources/Parents\\_guide.aspx/](http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx/)

### Words of the Week:

**Infants:** suspend

**Primary:** suspect

**Root Word of the Week:** *sus-* below and under

### Spelling Bee Final

This week all students received a spelling list for this year's Spelling Bee.

#### Infants Spelling Bee:

The Spelling Bee for Infants grades will take place in class during Week 7. A K, 1 & 2 Spelling Bee champ will be awarded at the end of that week and presented at the Years 3-6 Spelling Bee in Week 8, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Primary Spelling Bee

In Years 3-6 students will be competing in a Spelling Bee in their learning spaces during weeks 6 & 7. Three students are then to be chosen from Year 3 to 6 for a whole school Spelling Bee Final. All parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm to watch the Spelling Bee Final then to stay for Rug Reading. Below is a link to 'The Premier's Spelling Bee Procedures' we will follow. Good luck to all students!

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/desiree.lane2/2017%20PSB-Procedures.pdf>



### Date for Diaries:

5<sup>th</sup> December-2018 Spelling Bee and 'Rug Reading'

Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator

### Archangel Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received their archangel award this week:-

Joyce Gobrial, Zac Signorelli, Marcus Odd, Joshua Robertson, Marcus Mileto, Georgia Domars, Celina Wassef, Brianna Arellano, Amity Galea, Isaac Kozyra, Makayla Streater, Cameron Ives and Eva Perry.





# From the Classroom of KB

This week in mathematics KB have been learning to find and compare the area of shapes.

We can find the area of shapes by covering the shape with tiles.

We discovered there were some 'rules' for measuring area:

- No overlapping of the tiles (Emily P)
- No gaps between the tiles (Harrison S)
- It's easier to measure with square objects like tiles or playing cards, because then there are no gaps (Hayden)







# From the P&F...



## Dignity Packs

A big BIG thank you to the Western Sydney Wanderers FC for donating drink bottles and bags for OLA's Dignity Packs.

When these guys say 'we are the west', they certainly prove it by supporting the community out in the West!

Western Sydney Wanderers FC started in April 2012, specifically established to represent Western Sydney. You don't even have to love soccer to enjoy one of their fast paced, edge of your seat games.

Let's show them our support by cheering 'We Sing for Wanderers' from the sidelines!

Check out the website for the next game and purchase your tix online

<https://www.wswanderersfc.com.au>

## Family Photos

For anyone who had these taken, I am sure you can agree after seeing the sneak peek, that they are beautiful photos. For those who ordered Family Photo's they should be in school next week.

## Secondhand Uniform

If you have any items of clothing that you would like to **donate** to the OLA Second Hand Clothing Shop, please send in the **clean** items to the school office in a plastic bag.

## Swimming Carnival – 12<sup>th</sup> December

We are after some volunteers to help provide refreshments to the volunteers on the day. Usually from 9am till 2pm. If you are able to help, please contact the P&F via email or on Facebook.



## Special Treats – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you to our volunteers - Kylie Terzo, Belinda Connellan, Rebecca McDonald, Sarah Jeffriess, Katrina Mazza and Jodie Hawkins

If you would like to help with any P&F activities, we would love to hear from you. Contact the P&F on Email, Facebook or see one of the P&F representatives.



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## From the Parish Office...

### ~ Sacraments ~

#### New Altar Servers

Coming soon ....

Beginning Tuesday 6 November and running for 4 Tuesdays, Fr Warren will be holding a course for those interested in becoming an altar server. You will need to have received your First Holy Communion. Enrolment forms are available from the Church foyer.

#### 10 Year Anniversary Magazine

On Sale Now ...

For only \$10- the first 10 years of our parish. This 68 paged glossy magazine has some wonderful stories and shows how far our Parish has come in 10 years. This can be purchased from the Piety Store or the Parish Office.

#### Youth

Inviting all Youth every Friday to come and join in the fun. BYO afternoon snack and water bottle.

#### 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

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Term 4 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Anne-Marie Blazey	Elijah Dabit	Dexter Wijaya
Kinder G	Keanu Edelsinki	Alessandra Flores	Flynn Coughlan
Kinder W	Lachlan Riley	Imani Kannangara	Luca Mazza
Year 1B	Fionn Galway	Ilana McGrath	Ryan Salac
Year 1 G	Isaiah Balangon	Madeleine Giovas	Vienna Bizzanelli
Year 1W	Mirelle Ferdinands	Zara Buchanan	Giacomo Crosato
Year 2 B	Jasmine Vella	Steve Wang	Ethan Mihalic
Year 2 G	Isaac Meighan	Ashlee Charlton	Prasaia Merrin
Year 2 W	Ronan Izci	Evie Vargas	Nathan Murphy

#### Library Book Covering

We have some library books/readers that need covering. If you can help us with this, please pop into the office and we can give you a bag of books and some contact. Thanks, Mrs Wagner



Congratulations to the Kuea Vilila family (Maddison 1W) on the birth of their baby boy, Peter.

Congratulations to Alannah Lock who has been chosen to dance (alongside Bella Masters, ex-student) in the stage show A Taste of Ireland. Well done Alannah

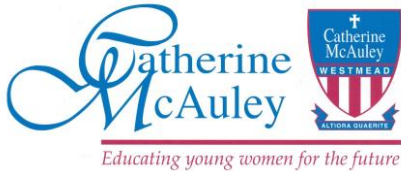


## Oakhill College Tour

We warmly invite all prospective students and families to attend an Oakhill College Tour on Thursday, 22 November 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.

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## Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020. The closing date for Year 7 2020 applications 1<sup>st</sup> round offers is Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2020 applicants, but open to any year group.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**9.15 – 11am**

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day. Please note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held until our Open Afternoon.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

**Save The Date** – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon will be held from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.