

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

Dear Parents,

'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'

At the start of this year, the church in Australia received Papal approval for our country's bishops to hold a Plenary Council. This process has not been undertaken for over thirty years. It is an open invitation to all members of the Catholic Church to voice their opinion, reflection, experiences and views in response to the key questions above. Please do not miss this opportunity to have your voice heard.

Further information may be found at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



Speak boldly and listen with a humble heart



Listen to what the Spirit is saying



Your voice is important, share your experience



Listen to God by listening to one another

***REMINDER: all students need to be collected by 3.40pm at the end of the supervision period. Most schools do not offer this and your attention to this is appreciated.**

***Reminder that it is inappropriate to email teachers directly, as per the parent handbook. This is in the interest of parents and staff members. All emails should be sent through the school office and they will be forwarded on. Thank you to the parents who observe this request.**

***PUPIL FREE DAY - PLEASE NOTE DAY 1 NEXT TERM IS A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Dates to Remember

Week 8

Tues 19th June – Stg 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Week 9

Tues 26th June – Stg 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Fri 29th June – P&F BBQ Special Lunch

Whole School Assembly

Week 10

Fri 6th July – LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Mon 23rd July – First Day of Term 3- **Pupil Free Day**

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 17th June 2018: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B
Gospel (Mk 4:26-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'



Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Reflection

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.



Please keep in your prayers the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday 17th June.

M Arora, T Arora, A Attard, M Bassili, J Bolina, J Bowen, B Bowen, I Castellan, L Cleary, L Cleland, G Dolahenty, T Gutwenger, C Holden, A Hollier, S Iori, C Ives, W Johnston, H Ko, G Labbad, E Lynch, O McManus, P Mitrovich, C Muscat, Z Ormsby, A Oxspring, P Rosano, R Rochaix, T Rochaix, M Saward, L Smyth, D Vella, H Vozzo, N Zahorsky

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Invest in a set of plastic magnetic letters that are available at many discount, toy, and variety stores. Let your child spell the word by successively placing the magnetic letters on the magnetic board. You can show them the word, then remove it. Have them name each letter as they locate it and place it on the board. This is good for developing the correct order for letters within the words.

<https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/spelling/#.WQsL5omGOgQ>

Writeon 2018

WriteOn is an annual **writing competition** open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. It is designed to encourage students to develop their imaginative writing skills, and supports the teaching of writing. The competition aligns with the learning objectives in the NSW English K-10 Syllabus. The WriteOn 2018 writing competition opens in Term 2 (30th April) and close in Week 10, Term 2 (4th July). **Students are asked to submit entries to their teacher by Friday 29th June.**

Imaginative pieces may include:

- narratives
- letters
- poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries.

Schools submit their best entry from each stage.

The entries are judged by a panel of experienced primary teachers from each sector.

For more information, please visit the NESA site.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/writeon-competition>

2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Competitions

Students from K-Year 9, who are registered for the 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge, are invited to enter the 2018 Words and Art Competition.

Entries must be based on a book from the official 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Book List, and will be judge in three categories; K-2, 3-6 and 7-9. Entries may be individual students or from groups of students from a school. Winners in each category will win a special visit by one of the three Australian authors for their school.

Students may respond to the question in one of two ways:

1.Create an artwork (illustration, drawing, painting, graphic interpretation) or a video, PLUS write up to 25 words explaining why they chose this particular book

2.Write a written piece of up to 250 words answering the question. This could be in the form of a book review



The competition closes on Friday, September 7, 2018.

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/enter-the-2018-premiers-reading-challenge-words-and-art-competition/news-story/568040072c47f3bdbed47710114dd5e7>

Root Word of the Week: *cir around*

Words of the Week:

Infants: circle

Primary: circumference

Dates for Diaries:

Term 3 Book Week-Monday 20th-Friday 24th August Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



Sydney 1949 Photograph by Ted Hood

Pyjama Day

Once again we have been overwhelmed with such generous donations for our annual St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents and children who supported this very important social justice initiative. We also raised \$650.00 in gold coin donations and we are going to purchase more blankets etc to add to our collection for St Vincent de Paul. Well done also to the Mini-Vinnies team who promoted this special day and took the time to collect all the warm and woolly blankets and doonas.

Mrs Zivic and the Mini-Vinnies Team



PBS4L

Congratulations to our archangels this week: *Leah Ocampo, Maraya Macario, Alexandra Terzo, Ivana Edelsinki and Addison Galvin.*



Athletics Carnival 2018

What started out with blue skies and no clouds quickly turned to grey skies with scattered showers here and there. This did not stop us from running the carnival. I would like to send an enormous thank you to Mr Anderson for transporting and helping us set up our new gazebos. To the handful of parents who were at the carnival to help set up and assist throughout the day THANK YOU. Without you, our carnival would not be able to run. Your support and assistance was greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to the Dance Fever team for organising and running the events throughout the day. I would like to thank the P and F for supplying drinks and snacks to the volunteers and for manning their stall along with Mrs Blazey for operating her coffee van at the event. I am sure many parents appreciated a hot cup of coffee on such as cold winter's day. Thank you to Castle Hill Highway Patrol for helping ensure students and teachers were able to cross Withers Rd safely.

Athletics Age Champion 2018

Age		Name	Year
Junior Boys	Age Champion	Thomas Cutuk	2018
Junior Girls	Age Champion	Charlotte Anderson	2018
11 Yr Boys	Age Champion	Zachary Nicholls	2018
11 Yr Girls	Age Champion	Ava Bennett	2018
Senior Boys	Age Champion	Marcus Odd	2018
Senior Girls	Age Champion	Olivia Hudson	2018

Colour Champions

Year	House Champion	Year	Spirit Cup
2018	Gabriel	2018	Marian

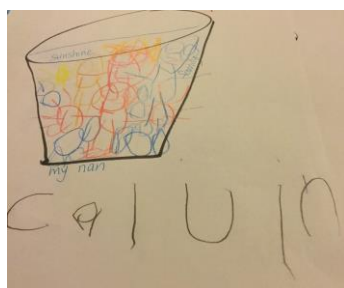
Miss Grima



Mindfulness in action at OLA: Cultivating Kindness, Appreciation and Positivity

Have you ever heard of a 'Moodle'? A 'moodle' is a drawing or a doodle with the power to change your mood. All that is needed is a pencil, imagination, an open mind and being prepared to delve into your innermost thoughts, ideas and concepts. The photos of the following mindful task required the students to draw the glass half **FULL** of cheer. Firstly they were asked to close their eyes and imagine all the things that lift their mood and fill them with delight. The following examples from KG are just delightful and a wonderful example of appreciation.

What fills your cup with cheer? Terina Macare



Debating

In Week 3, Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill visited Our Lady of the Angels to debate the topic "Television is better than books". We were the affirmative team, and although we did not all agree that television is better than books, we found some good arguments to prove our point.

We had some very strong and convincing arguments about the information that television programs give us these days, the cost difference between buying books and buying television channels, and the extensive time taken to publish a book and therefore causing the reader to get 'old news'.

We were convincing in our arguments, and spoke well, and won the battle this week! Congratulations to Charlotte Zahra, Ava Bennett, Alannah Lock and Jasmyn Robertson for all of their hard work!

A special thank you also to Mrs Singh, who gave up her time to adjudicate the debate. It was not an easy task!



Our first "Debating Star of the Week" for this year is Charlotte Zahra.

As third speaker, her speech was well thought out, and she really summed up our teams case well. Charlotte did a great job of getting our team line "Books are in the past, TV will last" across to the audience and ensuring that the adjudicator was left with no choice but to agree with us and the arguments that we put forward. She scored high marks from the adjudicator for her efforts, and definitely did not show the nerves associated with taking part in her first debate. Congratulations Charlotte!

In Week 6, we travelled to John XXIII to debate the topic "That the internet has become more harmful than useful". This time, we were the negative team, and although we put forward some good arguments we were not the most convincing team on the day.

We highlighted the facts that the internet is not a threat, if people just use it with respect. There were lots of examples given about the importance of the internet these days, and the ways that it makes our lives easier. We also highlighted the ways that if used properly it can be beneficial for up to date information. Congratulations to Julian Vargas, Klaudia Stankiewicz, Isabella Ponturo and Georgia Domars for all of their hard work preparing for this debate!

Our "Debating Star of the Week" for Week 6 is Julian Vargas.

As our first speaker, Julian was able to set the tone for our debate. He made a convincing argument about the positive uses of the internet and the many ways that it has made our lives better. Julian spoke with confidence and commanded the attention of the audience. For his first debate Julian did a great job, and should be proud of the way that he spoke and presented his points. Great work Julian!

Our next debate will be in Week 9, where Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville will come to OLA to debate the topic "That mobile phones should be banned for primary school students". All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Kylie Leach, Year 6 Teacher



While we don't normally place adds in the Newsletter, we thought this was a little different, an opportunity to be part of breaking world records...

Toy Mania is hitting BIG W stores across Australia with the launch of everyone's favourite Toy Sale this coming Thursday, 21 June.

To share the excitement, we would love to invite students from Our Lady of the Angels Primary School to BIG W, Rouse Hill to take part in attempting to set the Guinness World Record for the largest number of people in one place dancing The Floss.

The TODAY Show, including Karl and Georgie, will be doing a live cross from 7.30am on the day to BIG W Rouse Hill capturing the fun, frenzy and Toy Mania!

Australian actor known from ABC The Nowhere Boys and regular live stage host for Nickelodeon Australia, Simon Mallory, will be hosting the event on Thursday and we will also have a few surprise special Aussie celebrities attending on the day that the kids won't want to miss!

To secure your spot, please respond to this email and let us know if students from Our Lady of the Angels Primary School are able to attend. **We will need the students to arrive by 7:00am on Thursday.**

Date: Thursday 21 June, 2018

Where: Outside BIG W, Rouse Hill Town Centre
Cnr Windsor Road & White Hart Drive
Rouse Hill, NSW 2155

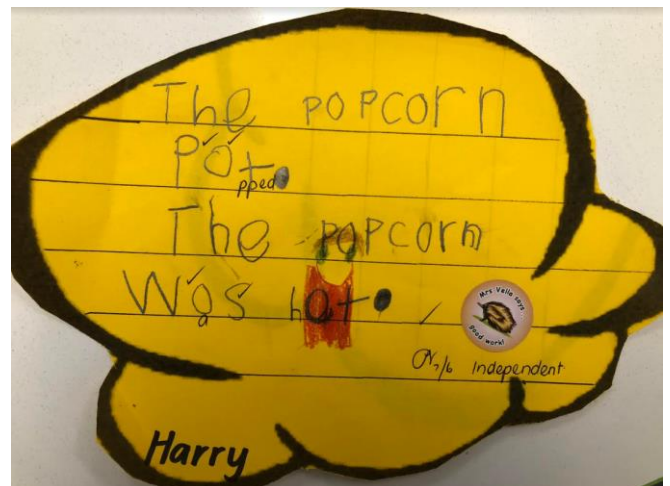
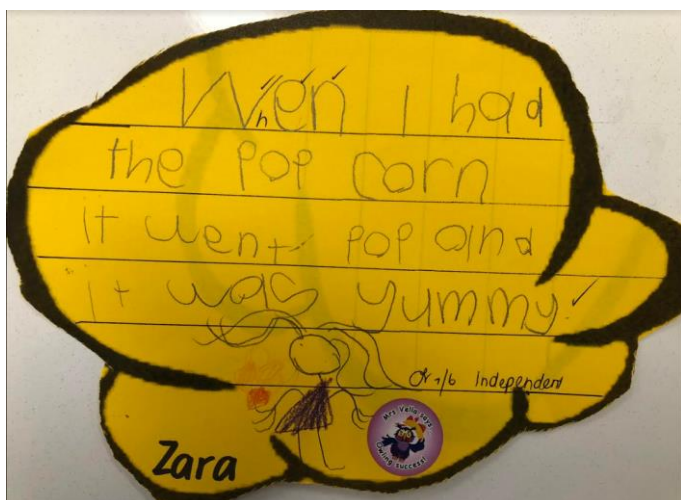
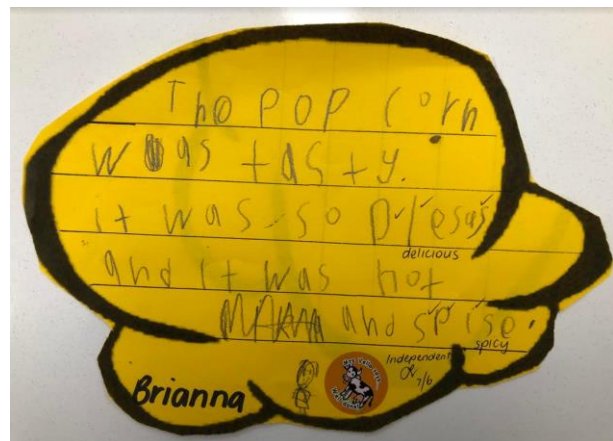
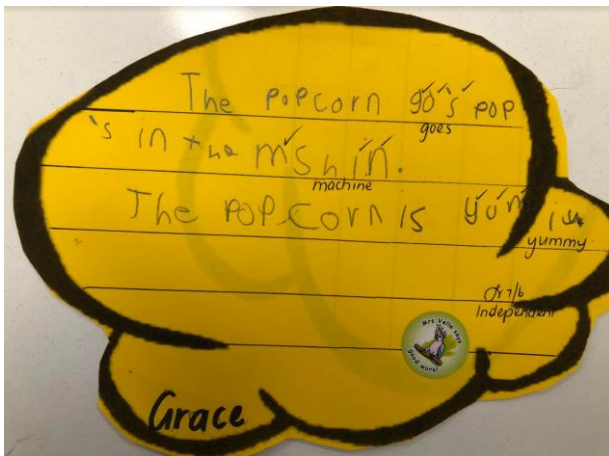
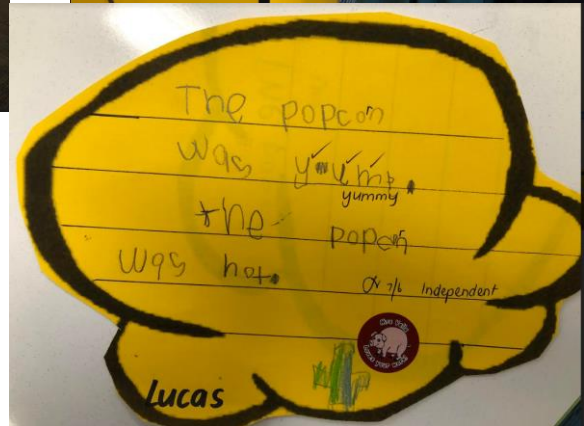
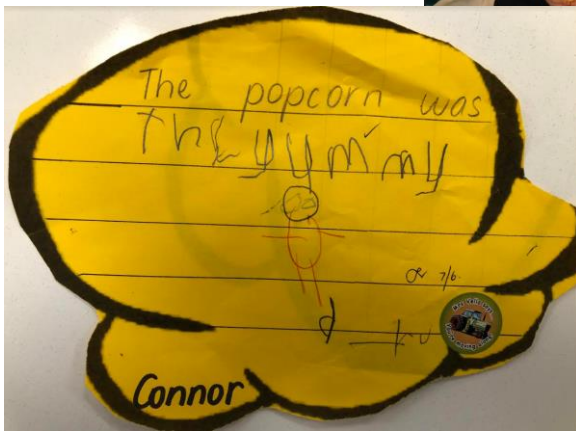
Time: 7:00am - 7:30am The crowd practising 'The Floss'
7:30am - 8:00am TODAY Show Live Cross & Guinness World Record attempt

If you have any questions, please call me on 0405 063 964 We can't wait to see you there!

The BIG W Toy Mania team, **Simona Yamine** Consultant (*Please note that there **will be** photography & filming being captured at this event)

From the Classroom of KG....

This week Kindergarten made popcorn in Science because we were learning about how food changes. We are becoming such great writers and have written some sentences about what we felt, heard, saw and tasted when we made the popcorn. It was so much fun!



From the Classroom of KW....

Over the past three weeks, KW have been busy creating various art pieces. We have been reflecting on our learning.

I like my art work because it has pretty feathers.

By Lauren Cauchi

I like my art work because I did my hand print on it.

By Lachlan Newman

I like my art work because it is pretty.

By Ruby Masters

I like my art work because we used crayons.

By Sienna Ng

I like my art work because it is colourful.

By Jackson Navarro





From the P&F...



Sausage
Sizzle



Special Treat Lunch - Friday 29th June

\$3 for a sausage sizzle and drink
See note attached to newsletter.

We would love volunteers to make this special lunch for our children, please email us to let us know how you can help



Second Hand Uniform Sale - 2.30pm Friday 29th June

It's not too late if you have any items at home, just send in the **clean** items to the school office in a plastic bag.

Check our facebook page for prices of items.

Fiesta - Sunday 5th August

We are looking for volunteers for:

- Contacting businesses for donations
- Assisting in the days preparations (leading up to the big day)
- Setting up on the day
- Volunteering your time on a stall
- Packing up at the end of the evening



Special Treats - Thank you to the volunteers rostered on Friday 22nd June
Kylie Terzo, Natalie Dolahenty, Bianca Basile, Katrina Mazza, Christine Zimmermann and Donna Xuereb



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

First Communions 2018

Congratulations to the children who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

2018 OLA Dinner Dance

This year our Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 7th July 2018 at the Hawkesbury Race Club, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon with the Dress Code being Formal. We would love to see you enjoying a great night out. Tickets are now on sale at \$85 per person. Why not organise a table of friends? Contact the Parish Office for more details.

OLA Playgroup

Operating weekly from the OLA Community - all ages are welcome. Every Thursday morning 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. For further info contact Melissa 0425 423 680.

We're fundraising with Entertainment

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.

Winter Youth Group Timetable

Youth Group is at a new time, with our doors opening at **3:30-7pm.**

So far we had a **Table Tennis Championship**, an **Uno Tournament** as well as teams going head to head in **Jail**.

All Year 6 students are invited to come along on Friday to find out more.



Term 2 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Lachlan Heaney	Alysha Balangon	Grace Labbad
Year 3 G	Gabriela Ribeiro	Gabriella Ponturo	Thomas Gutwenger
Year 3 W	Logan Cleary	Harry Niemiec	Georgia Dolahenty
Year 4 B	Georgia Reid	Sienna Jeffriess	Lily Trimboli
Year 4 G	Lily Quinlan	Acacia Sales	Joseph Abdallah
Year 4 W	Sienna Dixon	Joshua Robertson	Caitlyn Williams
Year 5 B	Bailey Knowles	Lachlan Hollier	Mia-Bella Trifiro
Year 5G	Denzel Chang	Amelia Novelli	Ante Topic
Year 5W	Brendan Ewer	Joshua Streater	Marissa Farrugia
Year 6 B	Natasha Charlesworth	Michelle Giglio	Alannah Lock
Year 6 W	Isabella Iori	Gemma Gladwell	Taleah Kingcott