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Week 9 Term 1

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

Dear Parents,

Today, students and staff attended the Stations of the Cross at the Kellyville Friary. Many parents joined their children in this special prayer. I want to commend the students for the way they participated, respectfully and prayerfully. Thank you also to Mrs Byrne for arranging this very special experience for us all.

The following is the liturgy in which we participated. You might want to find time to pray this with your children on Good Friday, especially if you were unable to attend.

***We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You.
Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.***

Opening Prayer:

Jesus you came with a message of love and forgiveness. As we begin this journey with you, help us to understand that for you, your road to Calvary was a journey of love. Through walking this journey with you, may we learn to follow you more closely and accept the love you have for us.

The First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

Lord Jesus, it is hard for me to imagine the hurt your mother felt when you were condemned to death.

Pray: Dear Jesus, help me to love my parents and do what they ask.

The Second Station: Jesus Accepts His Cross

Jesus is now made to carry the Cross. He takes it because of His Father's will and of his own love for all people.

Pray: Dear Jesus, help me to say my prayers every morning and night.

The Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

Jesus was weak. He was tired, hungry and in pain. He stumbled on the rough, uneven ground.

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us when things go wrong and we feel like giving up. Help us to have another go.

The Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother, Mary

Jesus was carrying his cross, when he saw his Mother among the crowd. For a short moment he stops to talk to Mary.

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us to remember to take the time to talk to and say thank you to our parents and those who help us while we are growing.

The Fifth Station: Simon Helps Jesus Carry the Cross

Jesus was very weak. Simon saw this and went to help Jesus carry his Cross.

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us to be like Simon, help us help others.

The Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Veronica came out of the crowd and took a cloth, she wiped the face of Jesus.

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us to be like Veronica, to care about every person we meet.

The Seventh Station: Jesus Falls the Second Time

Jesus was getting weaker and he stumbled and fell for the second time.

Pray: Dear Jesus, give us courage to keep trying even when we fail at our first and second attempt.

The Eighth Station: Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem

Women who watch Jesus, cry for him as he passes. Jesus stops, and he asks them not to cry for him. He asks them to think of themselves and their children,

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us to be ready to listen to what others have to say – help us to put others first.



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The Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time

Jesus is very, very weak and tired. He stumbles and falls for the third time.

Pray: Dear Jesus, teach me to be kind to others with a helping hand.

The Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes

Jesus is stripped of his garments.

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us to be kind and caring to others by what we say and do.

The Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

The soldiers nail Jesus to the Cross.

Pray: Dear Jesus, keep me close to you in everything I do.

The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

At about mid-afternoon there was complete darkness over the land – Jesus cried out in a loud voice: “Father into your hands I place my spirit”. Then bowing His head he died.

Let us bow our heads (pause)

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for your great act of love. Help me always to be your friend.

The Thirteenth Station: Mary Holds Jesus’ Body

The disciples take the Body of Jesus down from the Cross and lay it in his Mother’s arms.

Pray: Dear Jesus, Mary’s held you in her arms. Help us to help and comfort others when they are sad and hurting.

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Buried

Joseph of Arimathea places the body of Jesus in a tomb cut out of rock. Then a large stone was rolled in front of it.

Pray: Dear Jesus, you were all alone in the tomb. There will be many times in our lives when we will be alone. Help us to spend that time thinking of you.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus, as we leave here this day help us to walk by Your side and know that you will be with us always.

May God of hope fill us with joy and peace now and in the future. Amen.



Dates to Remember

Wed 4th Apr	DanceFever Interschool Challenge – 5.30pm at Homebush
	NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR. ONLINE ONLY
Mon 9th Apr	School Photos
Fri 13th Apr	End of School Term
Mon 30th Apr	First Day of Term 2
	Winter uniform from Monday 14 th May (week 3)

Congratulations!!
to Amelia Gutwenger - First Place: Ceramics and Pottery. People Aged Under 8 Years of Age. You can see Amelia’s winning entry at the Easter Show.

Congratulations to our archangels this week:-

Zoey Chown, Trinity Manago, Isaak Blye, and Sienna Flores.

We are continuing to focus on playing safely - keeping our hands and feet to ourselves



*Have a wonderful Easter, celebrating the risen Lord and Saviour with your family. God bless and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca
Principal*

HOLY WEEK 2018 @ OLA

HOLY WEEK

- **Holy Thursday :** 7.30 PM Evening Mass of the Last Supper, Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm
- **Good Friday :** 10 AM Stations of the Cross, Confession available after the stations, 3 PM The Passion Liturgy
- **Easter Vigil :** Saturday evening 7 pm
- **Easter Sunday :** 8.30 AM, 10.00 AM, 5.30 PM
After 10am Mass, there will be a special morning tea & Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny! Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!!