

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

Dear Parents,

Today, OLA School community celebrated our annual Grandparents' Day. What can I say?! Each year it is bigger and better.

*Thank you* - to all those responsible for making the celebration of the Eucharist so perfect – Year 1 teachers and students, Mrs Cheadle and choir.

*Thank you* - to the OLA P&F and all the parents who helped provide a most outstanding morning tea

*Thank you* – to the teachers and students for being such perfect hosts while showing and sharing with their guests our beautiful school

*Thank you* – to all those who attended and made the day so very special for the children.

*Thank you* – God, for providing us with this beautiful day and allowing us to celebrate these wonderful and special people in our lives.

# NEWSLETTER



And great grandparents are even more special. 😊

Blessed are those  
 who snuggle and hug,  
 spoil and pamper,  
 boast and brag...for  
 they shall be called  
**Grandparents!**



### Upcoming Dates to Remember

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| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug   | ICAS English – 7.55am                    |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug    | OLA Day – Whole School Mass              |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug    | Author Visit – Deborah Abela             |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug | OLA Fiesta starting with Mass at 11.00am |



## **Sts. Joachim & Anne**

Joachim and Anne were greatly honoured by God who gave them a daughter conceived without sin who was to become known as the Mother of God! It would seem that they performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives.

### **Fact File**

We know very few facts about Sts. Joachim and Anne. The only recorded stories of them are from an apocryphal gospel dating from the 4th Century AD called the Protoevangelium of James. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."

(adapted from [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints))

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

### **Reflection**

The Reign (power and control) of God is also known as the Kingdom of Heaven. It takes place on earth and reaches its fullness in heaven.

Often in school, business, politics and social settings people try to assert their own power and take control of things. Where have you seen this happen?

When people surrender their life to God's power, life is different. Then people don't try to control things or one another; they try to work together so that God's way rules. This rarely occurs on earth, but it happens once in a while. There is peace, understanding and cooperation, and no fear, competition or dishonesty.

Have you ever seen this happen? If so, where? What was the situation? Do you think you can do anything to help bring forth the Reign of God – at home, at school, at your job, with your friends? Why or why not? What would have to happen to create a little heaven on earth?

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May God bless you and keep you safe

Katrina Byrne  
Religious Education Coordinator

*Photo taken in Jerusalem from the birthplace of St Ann*



**Dates for Diaries:**

**Book Week Celebrations:**

Each year, across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Children’s Book Week. During this time, our school will celebrate Australian Children’s Literature with a variety of activities. We would love you to be part of these celebrations so please put these dates in your diaries.

**Author Visit: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August.** This year we have invited Deborah Abela to speak to the students about what it is like being an author. Below is a link that gives an insight into who Deb Abela is and a list of books she has written. Thank you to the families who placed an order for a Deb Abela book. These are due to arrive before the visit so Deb Abela can sign them on the day.

<http://www.deborahabela.com/site/Welcome.html>

**Book Character Parade: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1pm.** The theme this year is ‘Escape to Everywhere.’ Students will wear their costume to school and then at 1pm parade through our school carrying the book this character appears in. After the parade, parents will have an opportunity to have lunch with their children and are invited to visit our library to purchase from the Book Fair and view the beautiful displays the students have created related to one of the short-listed books for 2017. The day will conclude with ‘Rug Reading’ at 2:15pm.

Below is a link for Book Character ideas:

<https://au.pinterest.com/marcitate/book-character-dress-up-day/?lp=true>

**Words of the Week:**

**Infants:** delicious

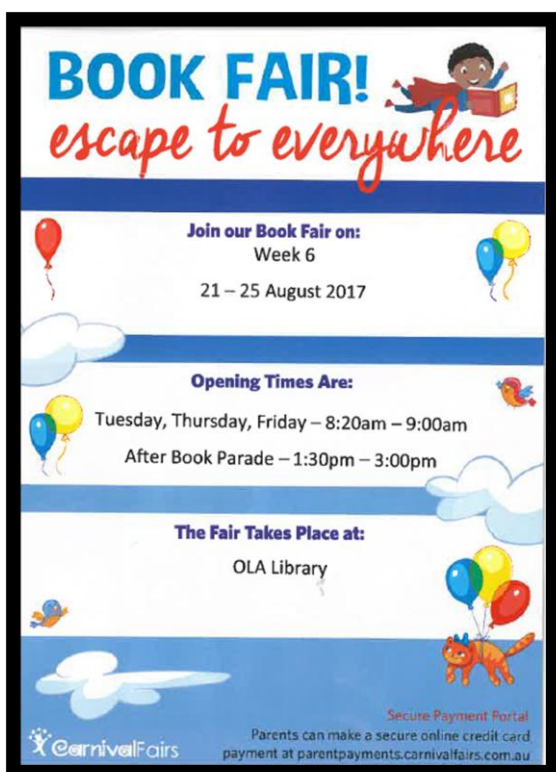
**Primary:** tassel

**Root Word of the Week:** semi

**Book Fair: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.** This year we are using Carnival Book company for our Book Fair. Students will visit our library at the beginning of Book Week and make a wish list with their teacher. This list will then go home. The purchasing of any books can be done by:

- Payment online
- Credit card details completed on wishlist
- Cash to school
- Parent to visit bookfair

The library will be open on the Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 8:20-9:00am during Book Week.



**Book Covering**

*If anyone can assist in covering new books/readers for the library, could you please pop into the office to collect a bag of books + contact. If you can't pop in, please let us know and we will send some home with your child.*

*We thank you for your continued support with the book covering.*

Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator

# Netball Gala Day

This message from one of our parent coaches, says it all...

*'I just wanted to say how proud I am of these boys. Playing netball with other students that have never played before can be really hard, but these boys were brave and took on the challenge.*

*We lost all but one game, but they tried their very best until the final whistle. They were always respectful of the umpires and of me as a coach. They played well, despite going home deflated, but I held my head held high as our boys really represented what OLA stands for all day.*

*Well done Team B! You should be very proud of yourselves!*

**Thank you, Mrs Kelly, and to everyone involved especially our super students.**



## Sun shining! Wind gusting! Whistles blowing!

What a great day! We had 120 students represent us proudly at this annual event at Kellyville Netball Complex.

Congratulations to all players on their sportsmanship and the manner in which they represented our school. I was so proud of you.

Many thanks also to Bec Price, Belinda Galvin, Megan Mooney, Rebecca, Awhina Signorelli, Sarah Lenane, Lesley Kelly, Jane Hayden, and Jill Johnston who gave up their time in the weeks prior and on the day to coach the teams. Thanks to school staff - Mrs Aspinall, Miss Grima, Mrs Hurst, Miss Marchant, Mrs Byrne and Mr Cauchi who also trained the students.

And a game can't be played without umpires!! Thanks to Awhina Signorelli, Megan Bennett, Rebecca and supporting umpires from local schools.

Winning isn't everything but CONGRATULATIONS to the 9 Pink and 12 yellow team who won their divisions. You were all winners because you played as a TEAM and had fun!!

From a parent: *"Thank you for the opportunity for my child to participate in this. She's never been able to represent the school before!"*

**Mrs Schroder.**

## WELCOME!!



This week we welcome students from Nanzan Christian School in Japan. Thank you to the families who have billeted these 18 students. This afternoon they presented a cultural presentation for the school and presented the school with a gift.

Our school receives a stipend for hosting our guests. As a fundraiser, the school has happily committed this money to be donated to the

Westmead Hospital Parents' Retreat Go Fund Me campaign.

# Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017



Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (Attached to this newsletter) and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).



*Terina Macare*

## Mindfulness at OLA

**Mindfulness is paying attention without being “caught up” in your thoughts.**

Next week all grades will be watching a video clip about focusing attention and discussing what this means for them both at home and during class time. Link included for your viewing.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgXZW6Xqokw>

A poster for the 20th Anniversary Mass at St Joseph's Primary School Schofields. The poster has a blue background. At the top left is the school's logo, which features a cross and a dove. The main text reads: "You are invited to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the founding of ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOFIELDS". In the center, the number "20" is written in large white font, with "years" written in a smaller white font below it. To the right of the "20" is a box containing the following text: "20TH ANNIVERSARY MASS", "THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST AT 9AM IN THE COMMUNITY SPACE FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA", "RSVP BY 30TH JULY", and "lstudans@parra.catholic.edu.au or 9626-1328". At the bottom left, another box contains the text: "BACK TO ST JOSEPH'S PICNIC &amp; EXHIBITION", "SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - 10AM TO 2PM", "SCHOOL GROUNDS &amp; LIBRARY", "RSVP BY 30TH OCTOBER", and "lstudans@parra.catholic.edu.au or 9626-1328".



# P&F NEWS



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out on a stall for the OLA FAMILY FIESTA. Each grade has been allocated stalls & we **REALLY REALLY REALLY** need more volunteers.

Please click on the link <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aZ5-f5GY4qDQbimGaQ7VnADfA PPPUO LNY8uqfojULg/edit?usp=sharing> or copy and paste into your browser to offer an hour of time on the day. Thank you ☺



## Ride Wrist Bands

**Pre-sale ENDS next Friday! (Credit or Cash).** Cash payments can also be sent into the school office in an envelope with your full name, correct

money and mobile number. Alternatively, you can pop into the Parish Office at anytime to make your pre-purchase. Receipts/bands will not be sent home. These need to be collected on the day from the RIDES STALL.

**\$25 pre-purchase OR \$30 on the day**

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to everyone who has made the effort to sell raffle tickets. Please return these to the office by August 4<sup>th</sup>. All tickets must be accounted for sold or unsold.



**KB** for the most returned raffle tickets!

Today they received a FREE special treat donated by **HARIBO AUSTRALIA**



# HARIBO

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## WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS INSIDE THE PARISH HALL FROM MONDAY.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept electrical items. Thank you ☺

**THANK YOU** To everyone who stayed behind and helped wrap lucky dip items and fill showbags... after the Grandparent's morning tea.....We couldn't have done it without you!

## OLA FIESTA MARIAN PROCESSION - CARRYING OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS STATUE

We are in need of men to do the honour of carrying the Our Lady of the Angels Statue during the OLA Fiesta Marian Procession, beginning at 12pm on Sunday 6th August. Volunteers will be asked to carry the statue through one section of the procession. The more volunteers we get, the easier it will be to carry the statue and will allow us to rotate the volunteers throughout the procession. Please contact Anne-Marie Apap on 0410623439 or [curlyannie@hotmail.com](mailto:curlyannie@hotmail.com) if you are able to help us.



## SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction items are amazing! Place your bids after the weekend masses or on the fiesta day! Bids close at 5pm.

### ITEMS INCLUDE:

- 🕒 TICKETS TO BEER & BBQ AFTERNOON WITH TIM AND KYLE
- 🕒 CANBERRA FAMILY ADVENTURE
- 🕒 HIGH TEA FOR FOUR CROWNE PLAZA HAWKESBURY VALLEY
- 🕒 CROWNE PLAZA TERRIGAL 'ONE NIGHT' OCEAN VIEW ROOM
- 🕒 NUNZIO'S ITALIAN \$200 MEAL VOUCHER
- 🕒 REPETITIONS GROUP FITNESS & PERSONAL TRAINING' 3 MONTH GOLD MEMBER VOUCHER
- 🕒 ZWILLING J.A. HENCKELS 7 PIECE KNIFE BLOCK SET
- 🕒 IBIS STYLES 'THE ENTRANCE' ONE NIGHT ACCOMODATION
- 🕒 TOOHEYS ENTERTAINMENT PACKS
- 🕒 \$100 OFFICEWORKS VOUCHER
- 🕒 BEAUTY GIFT BASKET
- 🕒 SCENIC WORLD KATOOMBA BLUE MOUNTAINS UNLIMITED FAMILY DISCOVERY PASS
- 🕒 ALL SEASON' SINGLE BED SHEET PACK
- 🕒 COMPLETE SINGLE BEDDING PACKAGE

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## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Come and watch the local talent on display!

*\*\* times are approx. only*

**1pm:** John Day

**1.30pm:** Jess T. Performing Arts & Fitness

**2.10pm:** Starlets Cheerleading

**2.45pm:** Instyle Performing Arts

**3.30pm:** Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

**4pm:** Dancing with Maree

**4.40pm:** Higgins School of Irish Dancing

**5.10pm:** DT Performing Arts

**MAJOR PRIZE RAFFLE  
FIREWORKS**

**SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER – AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>** : Kylie Burt, Mariana Cutuk, Melanie McKee, Kylie Terzo, Jaye Blye & Alison Streater. Thank you!



*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*



Thank you to everyone who helped make today's 'Grandparent's Morning Tea' so special. The food was spectacular and the company so sweet! It was a beautiful morning.



## From Year 3

“Never see a need without doing something about it,” this quote from St Mary of the Cross echoed through the minds of Year 3 as they visited Mary MacKillop Place on Monday, the 24th of July. The students enjoyed learning about Mary and her importance to Australia. They learnt about her 2 miracles and how she believed that everyone deserved the right to an education. Year 3 then enjoyed a lovely lunch under the Harbour Bridge in Milsons Point where they got to participate in some fieldwork for Geography. What a beautiful city we live in!



### **OLA FEAST DAY/MARIAN PROCESSION** **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

We would like to invite all our OLA families to join in the celebrations for the OLA Feast day, starting with Mass at 11am, the Marian Procession and then followed by the OLA Fiesta.

**First Holy Communion;** If your child received their First Holy communion this year, the Parish would like to take a special place in the Marian Procession and wear their First Holy Communion outfit on the day.

**School Leaders/SRC members;** To represent the students of OLA primary School at the School Captains and SRC members have been invited to be part of the Marian Procession on the day.

*Can you please Email the office if your child is able to accept this invitation.*



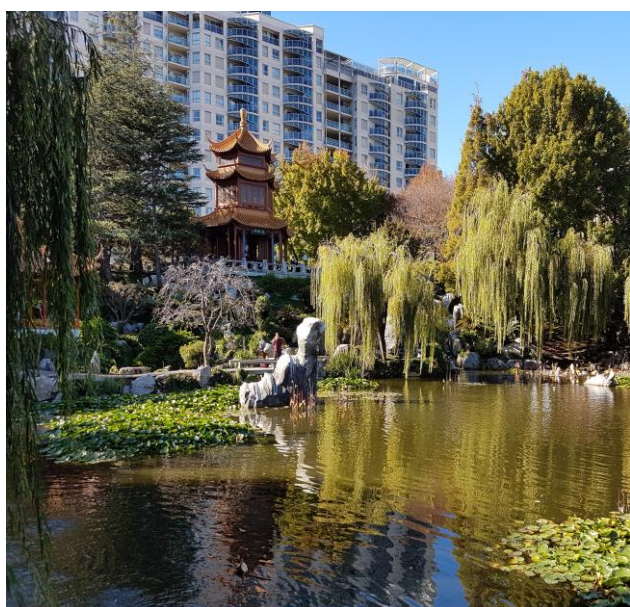
## *From the Classroom of...6G*

At the start of Term 2, Year 6 went to the Chinese Gardens in the City as part of our excursion. We went on a walk through the Chinese Gardens where we saw many interesting things from the Chinese culture, such as willow trees, waterfalls, rivers, small ponds and little Chinese huts.

We used this walk through the gardens as inspiration for our Shan Shui Artwork. During the trip we took photos of things that we could use in our Shan Shui art. Shan Shui is an ancient Chinese form of art that has been around for centuries. To make a Shan Shui artwork you need a focal point, the heart of the piece. Pathways and rivers usually lead up to the focal point. You also need a threshold. A threshold would usually be something grand and big like mountains and the sky. Last but not least, lots of trees! In our artworks you will see willow trees, cherry blossom trees, pine trees and bonsai trees.

The making of these artworks has been challenging, but interesting. It is nice to use a range of different materials and concepts to what we are used to.

By Anthony Cutuk and Malachi Cauchi 6G



*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, 17 August at 7.30pm.

**Parish Fiesta - Sunday, 6 August**

**Your Invitation**

You are all invited to come along and celebrate Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day on Sunday, 6th August.

Rides, Stalls, fantastic Foods, Friends and Fireworks

All commencing with our Feast Day Mass at 11am and procession, the Fiesta celebrations will commence at 1pm concluding with Fireworks at 6pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Pre-Paid Wristbands** are currently on sale \$25- each (on the day they will be \$30 each)

Please note that there **WILL NOT** be mass at 10am and 5.30pm.

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**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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Term 3 Week 2	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Phoenix Rich	Mirelle Ferdinands	Ethan Maddaford
Kinder G	Joshua Stewart	Sebastian Georges	Nicholas Thornton
Kinder W	Fionn Galway	William Mallard	Felecity Yacoub
Year 1B	Olivia Vella	Jack Austin	Gianluca Russo
Year 1 G	Millie Mackereth	Isaak Blye	Joshua Muscat
Year 1W	Saoirse O'Neill	Rory Whitehurst	Jack Maher
Year 2 B	Jelana Tolentino	Grace McMartin	Ethan Streater
Year 2 G	Max Luther	Natalia Zahorsky	Aiden McGrady
Year 2 W	Alexia Clements	Ileesha Gunasekara	Lachlan Heaney

*Thanks for another great week. Until next week, God bless, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.  
Eva La Rocca,  
Principal*