

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

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday's Gospel was the story of the Road to Emmaus, where the disciples walking along the road, deep in conversation about the recent events of Jesus' death and resurrection, fail to recognise the stranger who joins them. This is also true for us. Many times we are so busy with our own affairs that we fail to recognise and remember Jesus who walks alongside us always. Our Formation Goal for this year is to further develop our awareness of Jesus' presence in our life and how we can make connections to the Christian Scriptures in the New Testament. Sometimes we think God abandons us in our time of greatest need. In fact, that is the time that God is closest and we receive the greatest strength and grace.



*One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

*After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.*

*This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.*

*I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."
He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."*

Are you an ANXIOUS PARENT?

**There will be a special workshop for parents on dealing with the anxieties of parenting.
This will be on Wednesday 17th May commencing at 5.30pm, just before the P&F AGM
which commences at 7pm. The presenter is Joseph Degeling
(<https://www.josephdegeling.com.au/>)**

We realise this is a difficult time of the evening but tried to do both in one evening to avoid too many nights away from family.

Thank you to the P&F for their work in running yet another successful Mothers' Day Stall. Please note May 12th for the Mothers' Day Liturgy at 10am, followed by morning tea.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Week 3 NAPLAN (Tues Wed and Thurs);
Fri 12th May 10am - Mothers' Day Liturgy followed by morning tea

Week 4 Wednesday 17th 5.30pm Parent Workshop on **anxieties of parenting**
Followed by the P&F AGM at 7pm

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday. All the children did really well and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done to Jesse Eldred and Lucas Lesar for making it to the next round. I can't thank all the parents enough for your support in both the early training days and cheering the children on on the day. A big thank you to Mrs Eldred for marshalling the children and to Mrs Mileto for washing all the singlets. Ms Pepin



Break Free

EXPLORING THE NATURAL ALTERNATIVES TO THE PILL

Sat, 20th May 2017, 2:00pm-3:30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta

- Empower yourselves with knowledge of your fertility
- Hear from accredited educators
- Hear practical insights from men and women using natural fertility methods
- Save your body and the environment

Please register your attendance via one of the following:
 ☎ (02) 8838 3460 ✉ nfs@parra.catholic.org.au 🌐 www.parralmf.org.au/nfs

Great news!!! - OLA Library opens next week! Thank you to Mrs Wagner for all her hard work in preparing this beautiful new space for the students and promoting a love for reading and books. Since the school opened in 2010, we have never had a library as such but Mrs Wagner did a great job in utilising what was the staff study as a makeshift library for the students. I am sure everyone is looking forward to visiting each week, once again. The library will also be open on some days at recess times to be enjoyed by the students.



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Develop auditory and vocal skills. Good spellers are usually good readers and good speakers and vice versa. Using the school or local library helps your child develop some of these skills. Children need to use the language they will be writing. Give your child the opportunity to talk with you.

Source:

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

Literacy Professional Learning:

This year our school's literacy goal is for all students to use richer vocabulary and develop skills and strategies to improve their spelling.

During the holidays, fifteen staff members attended a course presented by Misty Adoniou, a Senior Lecturer in Language Literacy and Teaching English as a Second Language at the University of Canberra. In her workshop, teachers looked closely at the linguistics of words and ways in which etymology (word origins), morphology (meaning components), phonology (sounds) and orthography (spelling conventions) provide strong, multiple pathways into learning words.

Staff will continue to engage in professional learning by unpacking Misty Adoniou's book, **Spelling It Out: How Words Work & How to Teach Them** during this year's staff meetings.



Last Friday, staff engaged in the professional development course, **Seven Steps to Writing Success**. This K-6 writing program aims to empower teachers to inspire our students to rapidly improve their writing skills and more importantly, learn to love writing. A wonderful day of learning for our staff.



Next week's WOW words are:

Infants: crackle

Primary: magnificent

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

UNIFORM

Typically, the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year. When the students return to school for Term 2, there is a period of three weeks where there is flexibility between summer and winter uniform. The whole school needs to be in WINTER uniform for Week 4.

Please note that the school jumper takes priority over the bomber jacket, which is only intended for extreme cold weather and worn over the jumper. Long sleeved tops worn under short sleeve shirt/sports shirt is not uniform.

From the classroom...3W and 2B

3D shapes are everywhere and 3W has learnt this through exploring our playground. This week we have put our detective hats on to locate as many 3D shapes in the school playground. We then discussed what the difference is between pyramids and prisms.

Here are some 3D shapes we found - can you name them?



This week 2B has been learning about 3D shapes in Mathematics. Here are some pictures of the students creating their own 3D shape and investigating the faces, vertices and edges of each shape.



PBS4L Update

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been presented with their Archangel medallions: Kiara Wijaya, Paityn Ng, Katia Lesar and Denzel Chang. We are very proud of the way in which you show respect for yourself, others and the environment!



Each term we acknowledge the class which has received the most angel cards per student.

Congratulations to 4G who have achieved the class award for term 1. They will soon choose a fun activity as their reward.

Next week, our lesson focus will be around respecting our safety and what is considered '*out of bounds*'. In our school and local community there are areas which are 'out of bounds' for safety reasons. Perhaps you can find some near your home, building sites, local parks or shops. Discuss why some areas might be *out of bounds*.



From the Parish Office...

Sacraments of Initiation

First Communion Lesson 1 for the children to attend will be held on Thursday, 11 June. Please refer to your previous email regarding the time allocation for this first lesson. A reminder also not to forget to collect the prayer cards from Father at mass on the weekend to add to your Prayer Book.

We're fundraising with Entertainment

The 2017 | 2018 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.

Visiting the Church

We invite you and your children to come in and visit Our Lord in the church. We ask, however, that you remind the children that this is a place of prayer and adoration and ask that they show reverence and quiet at all times.



Thank you to everyone involved in the Mother's Day Stall. The day ran so smoothly and the children thoroughly enjoyed choosing a gift for the special women in their lives.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA



Thank you in advance to the **Year 3 and 4** families for assisting with this event next Friday. Please ensure all food items are **NUT-FREE**. These can be dropped off at the church kitchenette from 8am. Please complete the return slip on the note sent home during the week. Thank you ☺

SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER - MAY 12: Melissa Strong, Adrianna Attard, Jennifer Gutwenger, Lauren Lynch, Kelly Cleary & Belinda Connellan. Thank you!

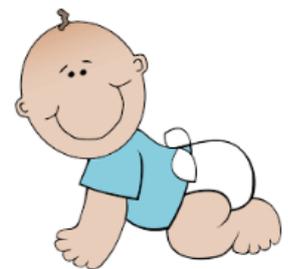
P&F AGM WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH - 7PM



*Our Lady of the Angels
P&F Association*



Term 2 Week 2	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Cooper Ross	Roderick Raad	Lucas Richardson
Kinder G	Alegra Shaw	Eva Lowe	Olivia Iori
Kinder W	Noah Falzon	Elijah Katzer	Cameron Ives
Year 1B	Milana Buda	Thomas Weldon	Isaac Meighan
Year 1 G	Chelsea Strong	Evan Galea	Elijah Atkins
Year 1W	Addison Galvin	Christian Medjumurac	Sybellah Arora
Year 2 B	Hugo Vozzo	Malenna Graczyk	Luke Smyth
Year 2 G	Isaac Castellan	Zach Lee	Keira Mooney
Year 2 W	Charlie Mileto	Charlotte Ives	Billy Bowen



*Have a good weekend.
God bless and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca
Principal.*

Congratulations to the Fresta family on the arrival of a baby brother for Leonardo who started in kindergarten last week. We look forward to meeting little Mateo very soon.

Congratulations to the Merrin family on the arrival today of baby Carter. We look forward to meeting Carter soon.



Mrs La Rocca was very fortunate and pleased to be able to see each of our OLA representative sports people participating in their respective sports today in Canberra. We will announce results next week. It was a very proud day.