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Week 8 Term 2

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# NEWSLETTER

*"Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find".*

Dear Parents,

When I was a child, I remember being taught about ‘plenary indulgences’ and how the saying of aspirations (little prayers) could earn days indulgence. They also had different values of earned. My favourite was ‘My Lord and my God’ which I said every time I genuflected. This was because it earned 296 days indulgence. That means, 296 days fewer that my soul would spend in Purgatory. (**CCC 1030** *All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.*)



This special Jubilee Year of Mercy offers to all of us the opportunity to be brought into the total state of Grace, perfectly purified. Last Friday, the staff attended a mini pilgrimage with the theme of the Year of Mercy. The day took us across the city through various Mercy Doors. We received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and attended Mass after which we prayed the Hail Mary, Our Father and the Creed. This is the process through which we achieved a state of purification. It is common practice to ‘pray for the souls in Purgatory’ for their quicker release into Heaven. The repeating of these prayers within the same 24 hour period releases the departed souls of your choice.

Please consider participating in this special opportunity. The nearest Mercy Door is at the Franciscan Shrine, 8 Greyfriar Pl, Kellyville, a beautiful place for prayer and reflection. The Beatitudes is a prayer central to the Year of Mercy. Let us pray...

***"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

***Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.***

***Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.***

***Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.***

***Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.***

***Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.***

***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.***

***Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."***

Gospel of St. Matthew 5:3-10

## First Holy Communion

This Sunday is the first of two when children in the parish will receive Holy Communion for the first time. The majority of these are OLA students in Year 3. Please remember them in your prayers.



*Christian Attard, Leila Balangon, Zane Boatwalla, Lara Caraos, Denzel Chang, Jericho Cirera, Bowen Cleary, Liam Doyle, Lauren Eyles, Michael Eyles, Sienna Fallone, Marissa Farrugia, Jonathon Fuda, Sienna Gibson, Peter Giovas, Anneliese Gutwenger, Lachlan Holier, Chanel Johnston, Cody Kingcott, Taleah Kingcott, Hayden Lavercombe, Patrick Leach, Bryce McDonald, Lucas McLuskey, Dante Merrin, Bella Molano, Zachary Nicholls, Kobe Ormsby, Rachael Perillo, Marc Skoljarev, Eva Sultana, Lucy Taylor, Lachlan Whitehurst and Kiara Wijaya.*

## Dates to Remember

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Last day of term 2 – no assembly

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

First day of term 1

## Gospel according to Luke 9:18-24

'Who do you say I am?'

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**You are the Messiah sent by God. It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer much.**



One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples he put this question to them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'The Christ of God' he said. But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this. 'The Son of Man' he said, 'is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.' Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.'

### Reflection

**Living the Gospel:** Jesus' question to the disciples is also addressed to us today. It is a question that every Christian person must answer honestly if they are to grow beyond the simple faith of their childhood. The answers revealed to us may change many times throughout our lives but it is our desire and honest efforts to answer the question itself that will continue to call us forward. Our answer to Jesus' question is an indicator of what we need him to be at that time; who we are at that time; and what we are called to be at that time.

### Something to think about:

*Why might Jesus have been identified with John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the ancient prophets?*

*Why might Jesus have commanded the disciples not to tell anyone about their revelation?*

*How has your answer to Jesus' question, 'Who do you say I am?' changed over time?*

*In what ways are you able to reveal to others who you say Jesus is? (Liturgy Help © Greg Sunter 2016)*



#DoSomethingday



Choose a random act of kindness for a stranger, or someone in our community that you don't know. OLA will be participating in '#Do Something day' on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We are asking our OLA community to do a random act of kindness and let us know by filling out one of our hands. We will then be placing hands on the grass area near the playground on the 24<sup>th</sup> June to demonstrate our willingness to behave in the image and likeness of Jesus and make our community a kind and caring place to be part of. Please take a hand near the red letterbox and write down your act of kindness. Hands can be placed in the red letterbox, if you wish to remain anonymous and we will place on the grass on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### Mini Vinnies

*CONGRATULATIONS to OLA MINI VINNIES GROUP*

Today our Mini Vinnies group received a blessing from Fr John to celebrate all their hard work in

Social Justice issues. These students were also presented their Mini Vinnies badges at today's assembly.



## **Our Lady of the Angels 2016 Athletics Carnival**

On Tuesday the 14th June, all the students at OLA participated in our annual School Athletics Carnival. Students from Kinder to Year 6 got to enjoy a fun day of running, throwing, jumping around and playing games with their friends. Even Infants' students were able to participate in running and enjoy fun ball games with their house colour groups in their own mini carnival.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers that took time out of their day to volunteer and cheer at our K-6 carnival. We could not have succeeded throughout the day without you! Also a big thank you to all of the St Marks' High School students who came and helped organise our carnival.

Congratulations to all of the students that participated in the day and achieved a personal best. We would also like to congratulate all the students who have made it to the Hills Zone Carnival in Term 3. Well done to everyone who tried their best whether it be through competing on the day or just being part of a team and cheering each other on to support your House colour.

Good luck to all of those who have made it into zone, we hope you are proud of your achievements!

*Riley Price (Green House Captain) and Claudia Coombes (Blue House Captain)*

### **THANKYOU**

There is a lot of organisation that goes into a carnival day. I am always grateful for the willingness of parents to help me run the day and appreciate parents taking days of work to help me. I couldn't run the carnival without your help. It was great to see lots of new parents happy to help out throughout the day. I would like to thank the P and F for providing the parents' morning tea and snacks for our parent helpers and teachers out on the field. I would also like to thank our Year 5 parent who organised a safe crossing from school to the oval and the Kindergarten parent who donated water bottles for students to drink at the carnival.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We had many students break records this year. Some of those records were set in the early years.

Below are the students who broke records, achieved Age Champions and the Winning House Colour Results.

Age	TRACK EVENT	Name	Record	Year
Junior Boys	800 m	Sebastian M	03:05.93	2016
11 Yr Girls	800m	Seronique T	03:18.69	2016
9 Yr Boys	100m	Zachary N	00:15.43	2016
10 Yr Boys	100m	Thomas D	00:15.56	2016
11 Yr Boys	100m	Marc Z	00:15.15	2016
11 Yr Girls	100m	Hollie F	00:15.03	2016
12 Yr Girls	100m	Ella S	00:16.19	2016
11 Yr Boys	200m	Marc Z	00:32.81	2016
11 Yr Girls	200m	Jade R	00:33.19	2016
Senior Boys	200m	William A Sebastian C	00:32.28	2016
Senior Girls	200m	Ella S	00:34.75	2016
Junior Boys	Relay	Blue Team	01:10.00	2016
Senior Boys	Relay	Green Team	01:04.12	2016
Senior Girls	Relay	Green Team	01:06.03	2016
11 Yr Girls	Long Jump	Claudia C	3.49	2016
Senior Boys	Long Jump	Javier S	3.93	2016
Junior Boys	Shot Put	Kenny K	7.43	2016
11 Yr Girls	Shot Put	Jade R	7.85	2016
Senior Boys	Shot Put	William A	8.7	2016
Senior Girls	Shot Put	Claudia P	7.20	2016
Junior Boys	Discus	Cody K	22.70	2016
11 Yr Girls	Discus	Jade R	13.17	2016
Senior Boys	Discus	Tyler S	26.58	2016
Senior Girls	Discus	Claudia P	12.74	2016

## AGE CHAMPIONS

Age	Name	Age	Name
Junior Boys	Thomas D	Junior Girls	Shanae M
11 Yr Boys	Marc Z	11 Yr Girls	Jade R
Senior Boys	William A	Senior Girls	Ella S

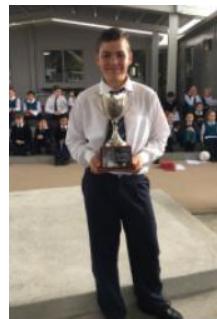
## HOUSE POINTS

Year	House Champion	Year	Spirit Cup
2016	Green	2016	Red



### Students representing OLA at the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival

Tyra A, Charlotte A, Kristiana B, Gabriella B, Natasha C, Claudia C, Natasha E, Marissa F, Hollie F, Charlotte G, Maneesha G, Daniella L, Shanae M, Tiarne M, Alexandra M, Macy O, Claudia P, Caitlyn PB, Jade R, Felicity S, Ella S, Seronique T, Nicola T, Kaitlin W, Madison Z, AJ A, William A, Patrick B, Malachi C, Sebastian C, Thomas C, Thomas D, Jesse E, Brendan E, Marcus F, Remi F, Hudson G, Jackson J, Kenny K, Cody K, Lucas L, Sebastian M, Zac N, Riley P, Marko R, Javier S, Tyler S, Levi S, Isaac S, Marc Z



### GOOD LUCK and CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate the following students who represented OLA and the Parramatta Mckillop team at the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships. **Sebastian M and Thomas D in Year 5 and Seronique T and Ella S in Year 6.**

## Literacy News

### Vocabulary building tips

1. Focus on learning the right kinds of words. Pick words that are more complex or descriptive versions of common words that kids already know. (For example, descriptive adjectives and verbs.) Also, focus on technical words kids need in order to understand a concept or a task that they are currently learning about. Refer to your child's Communication sheet for information on what they are learning.
2. Learn common roots, prefixes and suffixes to SUPER SIZE vocabulary knowledge. When you learn one word part, you'll begin to easily recognize many more words with the same word parts.  
<http://homeliteracyblueprint.com/building-vocabulary/>

Next week's 'words of the week' are: Infants- **grateful** Primary-**scurry**

### Reading is Cool! Reminder!

As part of our drive to raise the image of 'reading is cool', particularly among boys, we are seeking pictures of dads, or any males, reading a book. This means one picture of dad/grandpa/friend/ etc reading a picture book. If possible, a really good idea is a shot of the person in work dress - ie a policeman in uniform reading. Thank you to these great role models!



Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator

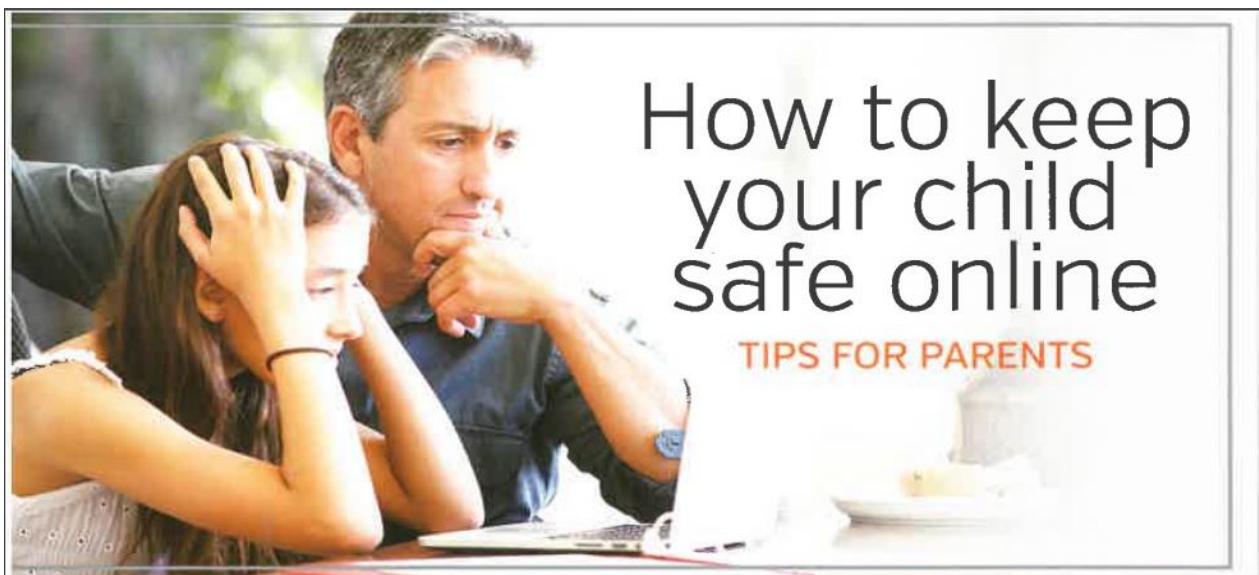
## Infants Sports Carnival

Students from years K-2 participated in their own mini sports carnival on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June while the primary participated in theirs. Infant students completed ball games, a 100 metre running race, shot put, javelin, egg and spoon races, sack races and an obstacle course. Students had a smile on their face while completing each activity and showed great sportsmanship. The infant's carnival wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did without the support from the parents who helped run each activity. Thank you to the infant teachers, who helped the parents at each activity, organized the children into groups and got into the spirit of the day.

### Cyberwise

This week saw the launch of Cyberwise which is a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta cybersafety campaign aimed at providing a range of resources, policies, teaching strategies and tips to support young people nationwide in becoming discerning and responsible users of technology and social media. The motto is to 'Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible'. In each learning space, there is a Cyberwise poster reminding students of these guidelines when using technology. These guidelines maybe used at home with your child/ren when using technology in the home environment.

Click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PirxPxIFJ7c> to see students from St Mark's Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens, explains what is Cyberwise. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with your child/ren to discuss how to be safe when using technology.



## How to keep your child safe online

### TIPS FOR PARENTS

Here are some tips for parents to keep your child safe online

#### BE SAFE

- Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them
- Set rules and monitor to make sure your child knows what information they can share or post online and which websites they can visit
- Teach your child to tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable about something they have found on the internet or received in an email
- Discuss with your child the importance of keeping personal information private. This sort of information can be used to identify or locate where they live, go to school or activities in which they are involved

#### BE RESPECTFUL

- Talk to your children about cyberbullying. Online communication should be responsible and respectful
- Children and adolescents who are being cyberbullied sometimes change their behaviour. If you are concerned they might be a victim of cyberbullying, talk to them and tell them you are concerned. Arrange to talk to a teacher or school counsellor
- Advise your child not to respond to any negative messages and to keep evidence. Tell them to report any negative messages they receive to you or another trusted
- Children and their parents can contact social media companies and ask for defamatory material to be taken down. If the material is not gone within 48 hours, a complaint can be lodged with the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

#### BE RESPONSIBLE

- Consider using inbuilt filters and controls on your digital devices and home network to manage your children's online access. Keep your virus protection up to date
- Talk with your child about being careful when downloading files or clicking on links. Some files or links may be harmful viruses or trying to obtain personal information
- Certain online activities (downloading illegal videos or music, plagiarism, sexting, identity theft, 'hacking' networks) are illegal and can result in criminal charges

For more information visit: [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)  
<http://catholicdigitalcitizenship.weebly.com/for-parents.html>



## From the Classroom....

### Roar! by KB

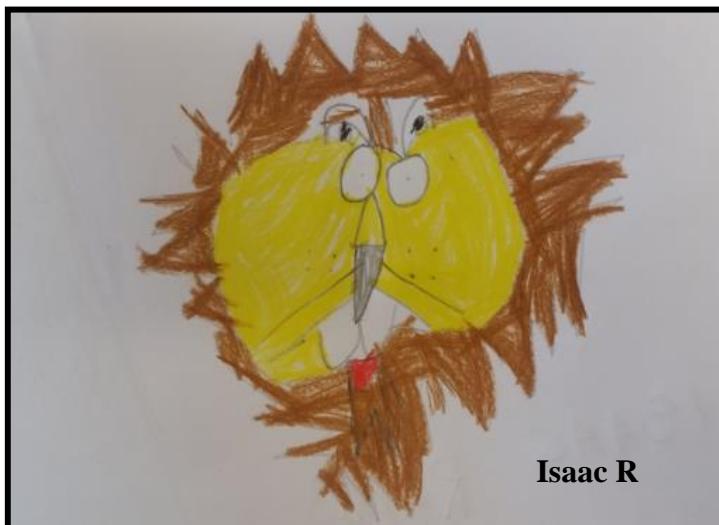
Students in Kindergarten have been learning about animals and their environments. We have been looking at visual texts and reading information books about different environments and the things we would see, hear and feel in these environments. The children have also had many opportunities to write about the things they have been learning. In Visual Arts we have been doing directed drawing sessions where children are guided through the steps of drawing an artwork as well as learning a variety of drawing techniques. Here are a few of our lion masterpieces to go with our Natural Environments unit.



**Heidi N**



**Paityn N**



**Isaac R**



**Raylin C**



**Abbey B**

# P&F NEWS



**THANK YOU** to the talented bakers who donated yummy treats to the cake stall at the Athletics Carnival. Thank you also to the wonderful volunteers who helped to set/pack up and look after the stall on the day.

**NEXT WEEK** is ..... '**Fiesta Collection Week'**. Each grade is asked to kindly donate a particular item to contribute to a school stall (approximate value \$2).

Grade	Donation
Kindergarten	Lucky dip novelty items ( <i>Appropriate for Preschool- Year 2 age</i> )
Year 1	Poppers (eg ALDI - \$1.89 for 6 pack)
Year 2	Packets of wrapped lollies (eg lolly pops, fizzers, gummy packets)
Year 3	Lucky dip novelty items ( <i>Appropriate for Year 3 age and up</i> )
Year 4	A packet of balloons ( <i>any shapes or colours</i> )
Year 5	\$2 Gold coin ( <i>This donation will assist in the purchase of first prize in the raffle</i> )
Year 6	\$2 Gold coin ( <i>This donation will assist in the purchase of first prize in the raffle</i> )

\*\*\* Please send your donation to school with your child/ren in week 9, beginning June 20 and these will be collected daily from the classroom. \*\*\*



## **FIESTA RAFFLE TICKETS:**

A book of raffle tickets per family will be sent home today. There will be an **incentive prize** for the family that sells the most tickets! Please collect **EXTRA** raffle books from the office as you need. Please contact the P&F if you would like a significant number of books to sell and we will ensure that we send these home. Tickets will also be sold after each of the weekend masses. If you are able to help do this, please email us or send a Facebook message. Thank you in advance.

**NEXT FIESTA MEETING  
THURSDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> - 7.30pm  
PARISH OFFICE**



### **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

Thank you for your generous donations of second hand uniforms so far. 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.

### **SPECIAL TREATS ROSTER - TERMS 3 & 4**

We are organising the roster for Terms 3 and 4. Are you able to give 45 minutes of your Friday from 1.20pm once or twice a term? No experience necessary, just a friendly smile and a small amount of time. Toddlers are welcome!



If you are already on the roster, please let us know if you would like to be included again. Please forward your *name and contact number* to Annemarie Bond at [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com). The roster for both terms will be completed prior to the holidays so please contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your contributions so far and we look forward to meeting you in the near future!



*Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association*

## From the Office

**School Fees** - Term 2 school fees are now due and payable. If you have not yet paid this term's fees, could you please do so as soon as possible. If you need an extension of time, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange this.

**Sibling Acceptance Forms** – Please return the 2017 sibling acceptance form by next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. If for some reason you are not accepting the place for next year, please let us know as soon as possible, as we have families on a waiting list for kindergarten and this will enable us to let them know as early as possible

### Premier's Reading Challenge – keep reading

A reminder to those students who have registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge that you have until 19<sup>th</sup> August to log the books you have read onto the website. Some students have already finished the required reading and their logs have been validated.

*Gold is more valuable than water.*

How effectively could you argue this?

Congratulations to our debating team –

**Claudia Pacella**

**Maneesha Gunesakara**

**Remi Ferdinands**

who effectively argued the negative viewpoint against the team from Blessed John XXIII last week . Special thanks to Carys Fitzgerald who stepped in as chairperson. Well done to those students and thank you to Mrs Leach for preparing these students.

Next Thursday's debate will be here at OLA against OLOR Kellyville. The topic is '*Children should be paid for chores*'. Parents are welcome, seated by 1.40pm in the old church, please.

### Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Stage 3 soccer team winners



Congratulations to the Stein family (Isabella 1W) on the birth of their new baby boy and brother, Jackson.  
Also congratulations to Mrs La Rocca and her husband on the birth of their third grandchild, Luca this week.

### **From the Parish Office...**

**Big Hero 6** All families are invited to come along to the showing of Big Hero 6 - **tonight** in the Parish Hall starting at 7pm. Tickets are \$10- each with a bag of free pop-corn!! Looking forward to seeing you all there!!

**First Communion** Congratulations to the 57 children who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

**Confirmations** For children in Year 6 who have received their First Holy Communion, there will be an Information Night about Confirmations at Our Lady of the Angels on Thursday, August 4 at 7.30pm.

### **We're fundraising with Entertainment**

**The 2015/2016 Edition has now expired.**

The 2016 | 2017 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.

### **Attention all Mums/Dads and Bubs - Playgroup**

All Parents and Bubs are invited to come along to OLA Playgroup on every Friday morning at 9.30am in the OOSH room. For further information, please contact Piaf on 0403 486 477.

### **Save the Date:**

The date for the Parish Fiesta has been set for Sunday, 14 August. Make sure you keep that date clear in your diary!!

### **Scripture Reflection**

Every Wednesday, Fr Rizzo will be holding Scripture Reflection which is based on the Gospel of the following weekend. A great way to receive a deeper meaning of each week's Gospel. Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the OLA Hall "Old Church". Everyone welcome.

### **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

**Assistant Priest:** Fr John Rizzo

**Parish Secretaries:** Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

**Sacrament Co-ordinator:** Christine Leahy

**Email:** parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Website:** www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Contact information:** O.L.A. Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue,

### **Maths Olympiad**

Solution to the problem two weeks ago

PIE + TIE = KEPT

P:6 I:3 E:4 T:8 K:1

634 + 834 = 1468

Notice for our Olympiad participants:-

*Maths Olympiad Contest 2 will be held on Wednesday June 8.*

What people are saying about our wonderful school:

*"I said to (wife) this morning that one of the best things we have every done for our girls was to enrol them at your school. The environment and feeling at OLA is exactly what our family was looking for, it is a credit to you and your staff."* Name provided.



*Until next week, God bless and stay safe.*

*Eva La Rocca,*

Term 2 Week 8			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Parker Galvin	Drew Sammut	Jared Cleland
Year 3 G	Lucy Taylor	Christian Attard	Ante Topic
Year 3 W	Max Fischer	Sienna Fallone	Marcus Billyard
Year 4 B	Liam Doyle	Ella Owen	Jackson Jacobs
Year 4 W	Brandee Yeow	Alexander Harrod	Taleah Kingcott
Year 5 B	Nadia Gruca	Hollie Ford	Jesse Eldred
Year 5 G	Mikayla Muscat	Ashley Cummings	Max Kelly
Year 5W	Nicholas Zahorsky	Sebastian Mileto	Alyssia Salib
Year 6 B	Emily Odd	Madison Lee	Isabelle Doueihi
Year 6 W	Kalani Nobleza	AJ Abdallah	Aaron Rebultan

