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Week 8 Term 1

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

Dear Parents

Some of you might know the story about the man who climbs out onto the roof of his house to escape rising flood waters. A fellow in a row boat comes past and asks him to get in. The man acknowledges but refuses the offer with the words, "I'm OK. God will save me."

The waters continue to rise forcing him to the top of a chimney. A helicopter hovers and lowers a rope ladder to the man. Again, the man acknowledges but refuses the offer with the words, "I'm OK. God will save me."

The man drowns. He meets God and asks, "Why didn't You save me?" God replies, "I sent you a boat and a helicopter. You refused both." Hindsight is a wonderful thing. God is present in every moment of our life. However, we are not always open to recognising 'the signs' of His presence. Our faith requires us to remember all that comes our way – the good and the challenging - is part of God's saving plan for us. We often ask, "Why?" of God. Even Jesus asked His Father, *'Why have You forsaken Me?'* Matthew 27:45-46



God's saving plan came to fruition with Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, the story that unfolds through Holy Week which begins this Palm Sunday. Next week, the students will be remembering this important time by attending Stations of the Cross at The Friary. We hope some of you will be able to join in this prayer.

NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

Wed 28th Mar	Whole School Stations of the Cross at the Friary
Thurs 29th Mar	Holy Thursday. Easter Hat Parade 12pm
Wed 4th Apr	DanceFever Interschool Challenge – 5.30pm at Homebush
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)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Mk 15:1-39)

Sunday 25th March 2018

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

Gospel Reflection

As we enter into Holy Week, let us reflect on the suffering of Jesus and how he gave His life for us to save us from Original Sin. May we spend time praying for our family and friends, those in need who are lost, lonely and feel no love. May we take time over the next week to reach out to someone with an open heart and a helping hand.

Garden of Gethsemane



Lent-A time to Pray, Fast and Almsgiving

Lord Jesus,
I ask you to open my eyes as you did with the blind man, so that I may really see.
Tune my ears as you did with the man who was deaf and dumb, so that I may really hear what you are saying to me.
May the many experiences of my senses remind me to be aware of others and of all that is around me.
May all that I experience lead me closer to You.

Amen



PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return Project Compassion boxes by Wednesday 28th March. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

HOLY WEEK 2018 @ OLA

Palm Sunday Mass at OLA church.

Monday 26th March: Palm Sunday Prayer @ OLA 9am assembly.

HARMONY DAY 2018

This year all students reflected on how we should live in harmony with others around us. To live in a peaceful world, we need to start with accepting others around us without judgement and prejudice. As Jesus teaches us. 'Love one another as I have loved you'.



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!!!





Mindfulness in action at OLA: Cultivating Self-Awareness

OLA has begun exploring The Habits of Mind, which were developed to help students cultivate an awareness of their thinking and provides a framework for developing visible thinking and problem solving. Over the coming weeks students will be exploring 'Creating, Imagining and Innovating'. The following clip is an introduction to students. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWGAUY-4I>

Terina Macare

Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

Spelling is just a small piece of the puzzle with regards to writing. Ways to use the spelling lists to increase vocabulary and improve grammar are:

- Have your children write the opposite (antonym) of each spelling word. Help them find the antonym if they don't know it at first.
- Have your children write a synonym (a word with a similar meaning) for each spelling word.
- Have them make the plural for each of the nouns on the list.
- Have them add prefixes (un-, in-, re-, pre-, im-, etc.) or suffixes (s, es, er, ed, est, ing, etc.) to words when possible (the new word must still be a real word.) Talk about how this changes the word, and/or its meaning. (For example, if the original spelling word is "possible" adding "im" to the word makes it "impossible" - the complete opposite in meaning.)

Source: <https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/369469/HelpingYourChildwithSpelling-AParentsGuide.pdf>

Root Word of the Week: trans- across

Words of the Week:

Infants: transport

Primary: transverse

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

PBS4L

Congratulations to our archangels this week:-

Thomas Lenane, Danielle Vella, Eli Nobleza, Mitchel Ross, Sienna Dixon, Georgia Reid, Zara Zivic, Lily Haynes, Reid Sammut and Ella Ciantar.



From the Classroom of..... 3G

This Wednesday we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It ties in well with our History unit as we research famous Australians and how they have benefitted Australia. We all have different cultures so it's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The children of 3G shared a book entitled *I am Australian Too* by Mem Fox. It outlines the different cultures that have shaped Australia. The students then coloured a hand with Aboriginal prints to represent that we need to include all Australians, especially our indigenous Australians the Aboriginals.





P&F News



Special Treats - No special treats this week as it is Good Friday.

We are preparing the roster for Term 2 special treats, so if you would like to help, please send us an email ☺

What does it mean to be a volunteer for special treats?

A group of rostered volunteers meet at the office at 1.20pm and then set up treats in the canteen. We sell treats to the children from approx. 1.30pm and finish up around 2pm. For those with younger children, you can bring them while you help.



Second Hand Uniform Sale - 2.15pm Friday 6th April.

Thank you so much for all the generous donations! 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.

If you would like to help with any P&F activities,
we would love to hear from you.
Contact the P&F on Email, Facebook or
see one of the P&F representatives.



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

From the Parish Office...

First Communions 2018

Please note the first Parent only session will commence on Thursday, May 3rd at 7.30pm.

Youth - Year 6 students

THIS FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH: BALL GAMES

Come along to enjoy an evening with plenty of ball games for everyone. We will meet at 7pm in the Parish Hall and head over to the oval at 7:30pm weather dependent.

EASTER SERVICES at OLA

Palm Sunday: normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Adoration will be available till night prayer at

10pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am

Confessions available after the stations

The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday evening 7.00pm

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

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.

Congratulations to Lachlan Hollier who swam for the MacKillop team last Wednesday.

“On Wednesday I went to Olympic Park to represent the MacKillop team in swimming. I swam against every other diocese in NSW like Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Goulburn, Canberra, Wollongong and Sydney South, East and North. I raced in breaststroke and finished 7th in my race and 16th overall. This was an amazing experience. Everything that happened at State was just incredible. It all went so fast and I don't think much is going to change next year. It's only going to get faster. I'm just going to keep training and try my hardest again to make it to that stage next year.”

Lachlan H



*Until next week, God bless and stay safe.
Eva La Rocca, Principal*

Term 1 Week 8			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Olivia Ross	Ebony Lynch	Solomon Sloane
Year 3 G	Lucious Cappello	Orlaith McManus	Giancarlo Mazza
Year 3 W	Jake Brown	Ileesha Gunasekara	Francesca Topic
Year 4 B	Lucy Tapley	Milan Yadav	Zara Zivic
Year 4 G	Joyce Ghobrial	Celina Wassef	Logan Hayden
Year 4 W	Peyton Oblea	Jayden Thornton	Riharna Pacella
Year 5 B	<u>Bella Molano</u>	Ivana Edelinski	Bailey Knowles
Year 5G	Rishi Pillai	Lucy Taylor	Isaac Xuereb
Year 5W	Kiara Wijaya	Zachary Nicholls	Sienna Mooney
Year 6 B	Brandee Yeow	Lara Caraps	Kenneth Tjhin
Year 6 W	Anton Blazevic	Cooper Oblea	Eoin Trainor