



Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 2 Term 1

8th Feb 2019

"Celebrating 10 years of Education"

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for 2018. How delightful it is to see all the students, glowing from a good holiday and enthusiastic to learn. The staff began the year as we always do, with Mass. As Catholic people of faith, we carry on Jesus' mission to build a world of justice and love. Our role, parents and educators, is to teach those in our care the Christian way to greet and treat all those we encounter, to show others the face of our loving God through our own words and actions.

Welcome, officially, to our new staff members –class teachers Mrs Savoia (1G), Mrs Hodgess (2B) and Mr Lee (6W); PDH teacher Mrs Lopez (Tues-Thurs); School Counsellor Mrs Wainwright (Tuesday and Wednesday); TA Mr Leonard; and we welcome back Mrs Rizk who will be taking Yr 6B on Thursdays. These professionals come with a range of experience and expertise. They join our excellent staff at OLA and I am confident will contribute further to an already highly professional and dedicated team. I would like acknowledge staff that spent days at school during the holidays preparing for their students.



Welcome to big school

Special welcome goes to all the new students and their families, especially the Kinder students who started last week. OLA welcomed 73 kinder students this year. Balloons lined the way that welcomed

these little boys and girls in sea of smiling and (only a couple) teary faces, the tears mostly from their parents. It was lovely to see these kindies waving to me through my window as they did a tour of the school with Mrs Sullivan. Thank you to the P&F for organising 'tea and tissues' which was very well received.

Ten years ago, nineteen 'little angels' began kindergarten on site at OLOR, Kellyville. This week we are very happy to show the same hospitality by welcoming Santa Sophia kinder students, staff and families to start their primary school. I know we will be as welcoming to them as OLOR community was to us.

Dates to Remember

Week 3: *Wednesday 13th February

5.30-6.30pm: BBQ for KINDER families, NEW Families and Parent Liaison Families ONLY;

* Parent information session (in the learning spaces): 6.30pm: Kinder – Year 2

7pm: Parent information session Year 3- Year 6

Fri 15th: 9am Opening Year Mass followed by SRC Commissioning Ceremony;

2.40pm: Infants Assembly - 2B

Week 4: Mon 18th Feb Zone Swimming Carnival

Wed 20th Feb 6.30pm- Parent session 'Dealing with Anxious Children'

Followed by **OLA P&F AGM** commencing at 7pm. All welcome.

Fri 21st Feb Dio Swim carnival

Primary Assembly: 6G

The term calendar events can be found on our website at http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Calendar

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Gospel Reflection Sunday

Sunday, 10th February 2019: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C Gospel Reflection (Lk 5:1-11)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke **They left everything and followed him.**

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Reflection

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!' This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies - 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.

Living the Gospel - Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse! (LiturgyHelp.com, Greg Sunter 7/2/2019)



There is no BBQ Social Evening for the whole school.

Because of the increased number of students and current limited space, it has been decided it is time to change the start of year 'welcome to OLA'. This year, there will be a BBQ for ALL KINDER families, new families from Y1-6 and families of any class liaison parents. These parents have already received information regarding this, and we look forward to meeting all new families as well as some of our current OLA parents.

Parent Information Night

Each year in Week 3, the school holds an information evening for parents with their children's class teacher.

The grade information sessions will be in your child's learning space.

*Kinder to Year 2 will run from 6.30 – 6.55pm

*Year 3- Year 6 will run from 7-7.30pm.

If you have two sessions at the same time, our advice is to attend that of the oldest child as you have already experienced the younger. <u>Please remember that this is a brief and general information session and not a time to ask teachers about your child.</u>

The sessions are for parents, not for children. Children are welcome to play on the oval under teacher supervision while you attend the information sessions.

Little things make your child resilient and independent...

*Like being at school on time

*Like not carrying their bag for them

*Letting them pack their own bag

*Like not making exceptions for them -they want to be like everyone else

Do you feel your child is anxious? Come along and hear from Lynne Wainwright, our school counsellor, on dealing with anxieties in children- 6.30pm Wed 14th Feb.



This conference might be of interest to some...

Followed by

OLA P&F Annual General Meeting

This Wednesday at 7pm

All positions will be vacated and new committee members are being sought.

The OLA P&F meets once a term, usually Week 4. The primary objective of this body is to <u>build</u> community.

We look forward to seeing many people come along.

Please refer to the OLA P&F Constitution attached to the email.

PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL ASAP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAND FOR ANY OF THE POSITIONS OF:

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
 - TREASURER
 - SECRETARY
- PRC REPRESENTATIVE

SOME THINGS TO NOTE PLEASE...

- Children are not permitted to play on the primary gym
- Parents collecting students at the end of the day are asked to wait in the <u>basketball area</u> and keep the area around the stage and infants' gym free of traffic. Teachers will escort all students to the basketball court area.
- Please exit via the gate closest to parish office
- There will be no soccer or football during play times until the construction is completed, probably the end of the term.
- Parents/grandparents using the drive through in the afternoon are reminded to stagger the pick-up times as follows:

If your OLDEST child is in KINDERGARTEN, your pickup time is 3PM. **NO OTHER PARENTS SHOULD BE ARRIVING BEFORE 3.10pm.**

If your **oldest** child is in Year 1 or Year 2, please pick up from 3.10pm
If your **oldest** child is in Year 3 or Year 4, please pick up from 3.20pm
If your **oldest** child in in Year 5 or Year 6, please pick up from 3.30pm.
All younger siblings will wait with the oldest sibling, under teacher supervision

• Parking is limited in and around the school (Rangers have already been spotted during drop-off and pick-up). Please utilise the parking at both ovals across the road and walk into school or meet your children there.

These requests are in the interest of all students' safety and smooth running of the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDER:

Acceptable Hair Styles for Boys.

The following is a passage in the parent handbook that refers to this...

"Hair is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of the styles that are unacceptable include: ridges, undercuts, steps, any excessive shaping with products, and any shaving cuts."

This includes boys' long hair in pony tails. Thank you to all those who have noted this expectation.









PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW ANY STUDENTS ON THE PRIMARY GYM UNSUPERVISED.

ASK THAT YOU SUPERVISE THEM CLOSELY.

NOTE THAT ANY INJURY IS THE RESPONSIBILTY OF THE PARENT.

From the classroom of Year 5

Year 5 Colonial Day 2019

Wow! Who knew that you could learn so much about the people in the 1800's in just one day!

This year, Year 5 on Monday, 4th of February 2019, we had a day of experiencing being a convict or free settler by dressing up as the people did in the olden days. We also got to have rations for the day which were two biscuits and a small bottle of water.

We first went into our breakout space, where we got really squished up and sprayed with water to represent the boat convicts and free settler took to arrive in Australia. Also, it represented the water that may have come through the cracks of the boat.

Then, we explored some images from the Industrial Revolution, famous people of the 1800s and see some artifacts that might have been used by people in the olden days, like damper and a gold pan.

After touring our museum, we were set the task to write a letter to be pardoned of our crime so we could become a free settler.

In the afternoon, we played marbles, had sack races and played knuckles to experience what children in the olden days played at school, at home and on the goldfields.

We all enjoyed Colonial Day and we all hope that Year 5 next year will enjoy it as much as we did.

By Lucy T and Charlotte M











SPORT @ OLA

Swimming Carnival 2019 Results Congratulations to the following students who broke school swimming records:

11 Year Girls 50m Freestyle: Charlotte A 11 Year Girls 50m Breaststroke: Isobel C Senior Boys 50m Breaststroke: Lachlan H

Junior Girls 50m Butterfly: Eva B 11 Year Girls 50m Butterfly: Madison Z

Senior Girls Butterfly: Leila B

Junior Boys Relay: Aidan A, Lucas C, Isaac M, Matthew K Senior Boys Relay: Lachlan H, Patrick L, Kobe O, Jayden T

2019 Age Champions

Junior Boys Age Champion: Lucas Clarke Junior Girls Age Champion: Alysha Balangon 11 Yr Boys Age Champion: Thomas Cutuk 11 Yr Girls Age Champion: Madison Zahra Senior Boys Age Champion: Lachlan Hollier Senior Girls Age Champion: Leila Balangon

WINNING HOUSES

WINNING HOUSE 2019: FRANCIS HOUSE (GREEN)
SPIRIT CUP WINNER 2019: CLAIRE HOUSE (RED)



Hills Zone Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will represent OLA at the Hills Zone Carnival on Monday the 18th February; Charlotte A, Alysha B, Leila B, Amelia B, Eva B, Isobel C, Chloe H, Emily L, Ebony L, Mia L, Kimberly M, Trinity M, Sienna M, Macy O, Riharna P, Madison Z, Aidan A, Lucas C, Lucas C, Thomas C, Lachlan H, Hayden L, Patrick L, Marcus M, Patrick P, Noah R, Cohan S, Ethan S, Jayden T.

If your child has been absent at all so far this year and you haven't sent a note in, can you please send an email or paper note of explanation as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

Our Lady of the Angels school has implemented a framework called PBS4L. The framework establishes common expectations for all - teachers, parents and students - treating all with respect.

PBS4L follows our school rules:

Respect for self Respect for others Respect for environment

The purpose of the framework is:

- o to reduce behavioural problems in a proactive way and therefore increase time for instruction and learning
- o to help all students feel connected to the whole school community
- o to increase wellbeing
- o to reduce absenteeism
- o to create a positive school climate
- o to maximise learning

Teachers have created lessons to teach the children the behaviour expectations in all settings across the school.

If you would like to know more about our PBS4L framework, there will be an information session at 6pm on Thursday, February 15. All welcome.

Jan Schroder PBS4L Coordinator

The Mathematical Assessment Interview –What Now?

Over the past two weeks, every child will have undertaken a Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI). This has been a valuable opportunity for teachers to individually assess the thinking and attitude of each child towards numeracy. Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta have been conducting the MAI for several years now. It is conducted at the beginning of each school year and data is analysed at an individual, class, grade, school and system level.

Why do the MAI?

Children's lives are enriched through interactions with their family, friends and environments. Through these encounters, they construct and learn number concepts and skills. Before beginning school, children know names of many numbers, can recite some sequences of number names and attach a numerical value to small collections of items. (Gervasoni & Perry, 2015). Many children have acquired a degree of number sense that allows them to solve intuitively the problems they encounter as part of their daily living and learning. However, like all learning, this is not the case for all children.

In order for teachers to maximize the mathematics learning for all children there are several factors that come into play....

- 1. What does the student already know?
- 2.What are the next steps?
- 3. What learning experiences will best enable the student to achieve those next steps?
- 4. What are some possible difficulties or 'hurdles' that may prevent student progression.

This is where the MAI comes into play. The MAI outlines a reference framework of growth points, (milestones or major stepping-stones) across four number domains of counting, place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. It maps out a likely course of children's mathematical learning and it provides the teacher with the opportunity to identify what the student has already mastered and subsequently plan suitable learning opportunities that will maximize growth. After analyzing student responses in a MAI, teachers are able to determine growth points, monitor growth and student progression, identify mathematically vulnerable students and plan learning experiences that will most effectively enable children to reach the next growth points in their mathematical learning.

If you have any further queries around the Maths Assessment Interview, or how to assist your child in numeracy, please see your child's teacher or myself for direction.

Mr Stephen Cauchi, Assistant Principal

Our School is a Nut Aware School Community

At Our Lady of the Angels School, we have children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for these children the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, we kindly ask that parents avoid preparing snacks for recess or lunch that include Nutella spread, any peanut butter, nut spreads, snack bars and biscuits that contain nuts. Products having the statement may contain 'traces of nuts' are suitable to bring to school.

We also ask that you **do not** include foods that contain nuts when providing food for special events such as cake days or morning teas.

PARENT HELPERS???

Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??

It has been heartening to see how many of our parents, grandparents, etc, have completed the Child Protection Training in anticipation of helping out at school. Whenever this is done, the school is notified by email and the names added go on a register to which we refer when someone wants to come into the school. The list is growing, thank you.

To avoid disappointment, please make sure you have completed this. The URL is:

http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers

This includes helping at school in areas such as gross motor, lunches, reading groups, etc.

This must be completed every 2 years.

Skoolbag App

Our School has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag App. To install it, just search for our school name "Our Lady of the Angels Primary Rouse Hill" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

There are many benefits to having this app on your device:

- You may select to receive notification for your child's grade only.
- Absentee notes can be completed on this app.
- Access to newsletters and news events linked directly to our school website.
- Instant notification when excursions are SKUUIDAY postponed, assemblies cancelled due to bad weather, delays during excursions and other important information.



Please ensure that you have updated your settings to receive the correct push notifications. You will receive alerts specific to the selected grade and all alerts sent as a whole school.

Below are installation instructions for the Skoolbag app.



SkoolBag App: The Feed & Notifications





School Website

Another form of communication at our school is the school website. http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/home The website is regularly updated with stories of different things that have occurred, upcoming events, the term calendar and access to permission notes. This section can be found in 'News and Events' then 'Parent Notes' or http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/parent-notes

In Parent Notes you will find an up to date school uniform list, medication notes and leave of exemption forms. Throughout the year, it will be updated as needed with excursion notes, sporting notes and special event notes.

From the Office....

Thank you to all parents for your patience during the first weeks of school. The office desk and phone is often at its busiest at this time of year and so we do appreciate your patience.

Just a few reminders:-

Notes/money for the Office - Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class note bag. This system allows the office to receive notes and money without parents being required to actually come into the school. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information. For those new to school life, if a note says, 'please return to the office' we mean for it to come through the notebag to the office. Thanks

<u>Change of Details</u> - It is <u>critical</u> that the school has up-to-date contact details for all students at all times. Please ensure that any phone, address or contact details that change are relayed to the office as a matter of urgency. It is most distressing for children and staff if we are unable to contact parents in the case of a child being ill or injured.

<u>Visiting the School</u> - A reminder that during school hours, <u>ALL</u> parents, visitors and classroom helpers <u>MUST</u> sign in at the front office and collect a Visitors Sticker and then sign out as they leave the school, even if it is at the end of the day.

<u>Late/Early Leavers</u> - If your child is late for school or needs to be collected early, you must attend the office and fill out the Late/Early Leavers Slip. If your child arrives <u>at 8.50am or later</u>, you need to come into the office to sign them in. If there is a need to pick up your child early, please **DO NOT CALL THE**OFFICE to ask that your child is ready for when you get here. They will be called only when a parent has arrived to collect them. This is in the interest of minimising work in what is already a very busy office and in reducing the amount of lost learning time for your child. It is also recommended that appointments are made out of school time, wherever possible.

<u>Exemption for Leave Form</u> - If you are taking your child on holidays and they will miss 5 days or more from school, an Exemption for Leave Form **MUST** be completed prior to the leave and sent to the office. A certificate will then be completed and sent home. If notification is given either during or after the leave, then your child's roll will be marked as 'unexplained' leave.

<u>School Fees</u> - The CEO will be sending out the school fees over the next week. A note will be sent home next week explaining the fees for this year. This information has also been placed on our website. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

<u>Medication</u> - If your child needs medication at school, new medication forms will need to be completed and given to the office. Please see us if you need to discuss anything, or you need the forms. <u>No medication is to be kept in your child's school bag.</u>

Student's Birthday

As the grades are becoming larger, we ask that if you send a treat in for your child's birthday that you only send enough for his/her class (not the whole grade). Also if you are sending in ice blocks, you will need to drop them at the office at about $1.30 \, \text{pm}$ as we don't have enough room in our freezer to keep them frozen throughout the morning. Cupcakes can be left at the office in the morning.

Class Numbers are:-

Kindy - 25 each Yr 1 - 30 each Yr 2 - 25 each Yr 3 - 23 each Year 4 - 29 each Yr 5 - 23 each Yr 6 - 28 each

School Banking

School banking has now commenced. Please bring the bank books in on Wednesday and they will be returned on Thursday. Banking packs have been sent home with kindergarten today and if any other students in the school would like a pack, please let the office know and we will send one home.

Thank you.



P&F NEWS



Tea and Tissues - Friday 1st February 2019

Welcome to the new Kindy families.

We hope you enjoyed your day and thank you to those that shared a cup of tea.

P&F AGM

P&F Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th February at 7pm.

This is the Annual AGM where all positions are vacated and new nominations are made for the roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. An email will be sent out next week containing the Constitution for the P&F which gives an outline of what each role entails.

SpecialTreats

For those new to the OLA family, we sell 'treats' on a Friday. These treats are 50 cents each.

Generally these are Ice Blocks in Term 1 and 4 and Iollies in Term 2 and 3. But it can change and sometimes we have both available so stay up to date via our facebook page.

P.S make sure the money is in a safe spot, that your child is comfortable with, as we don't want any tears.

Thanks again to the volunteers who make this possible. If you would like to volunteer, please send us an email or contact us via facebook. This is from 1.30pm - 2pm on Friday's.

Special Treats - Friday 15th February



Thank you to our volunteers for this week -

Katrina Mazza, Laura Krotofil, Prasangi Gunasekera, Rebecca McDonald, Natalie Dolahenty and Jody Hawkins



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Welcome Kindy OLA & Santa Sophia

Uniform Shop

The OLA Uniform Shop is open on Mondays from 8.20am – 9.30am

Uniform orders can be left at the office, through the notebag, via email or over the phone at any time throughout the week, and they will be <u>filled</u> <u>on Mondays and Wednesdays</u>. A copy of the uniform order form is attached to this newsletter, or can be found on our website.

Please note that we are <u>unable</u> to supply a hat or any other item first thing in the morning from the office as the uniform shop is not in the admin building.

Term 1			
Week 2			
Student	Academic Merit	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
	Award		
Year 3 B	Steve Wang	Prasaia Merrin	Heidi Nicholls
Year 3 G	Jordan Holden	Leah Ocampo	Abbey Buxton
Year 3 W	Eva Bond	Elyssa Marsden	Ethan Billyard
Year 4 B	Keira Mooney	Orlaith McManus	Camryn Sammut
Year 4 G	Ebony Lynch	Gabriella Ponturo	Lachlan Heaney
Year 4 W	Solomon Sloane	Madison Saward	Charlie Mileto
Year 5 B	Jazmin Gauci	Sarah McKeever	Amity Oxspring
Year 5G	Cohan Sommer	Joyce Ghobrial	Isobel Clarke
Year 5W	Raymon Chayban	Justin Medjumurac	Sophia Dobaj
Year 6 B	Parker Galvin	Isaac Aguilan	Denzel Chang
Year 6 G	Ivana Edelinski	Max Fischer	Natalie Holopikian
Year 6 W	Nikki O'Neill	Drew Sammut	Zane Boatwalla

Every day matters! The cumulative effect of absenteeism can have a significant impact on learning, social and emotional wellbeing.

Please note the change that, soon, the roll will be taken on the line at 8.50am, the official start of school. It is important that your child is at school on time to avoid a history of partial absences.

If your child is absent	That equates to	Which is	And over their school life from Kinder to year 12 that is
1 day perfortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	Almost 1 and a half years of school
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks a year	Over 2 and a half years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years of school

Cool Kids Music Co

Cool Kids Music provide various music lessons to OLA students on Thursday after school.

They have just announced that they are an official provide with Service NSW to accept the government issued \$100 Creative Kids Vouchers.

This initiative is an amazing opportunity for students to dabble in music lessons at no cost to parents or reduce the fees of our existing students.

For parents whom don't know about the \$100 Creative Kids Voucher, they can access it here:

https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher

For parents wishing to enrolling with us, they can do so here: https://coolkidsmusic.com.au/register.html or telephone 0457 6 MUSIC enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au



From the Parish Office...

Plenary Council 2020

Meetings to allow the OLA parish community to contribute and be heard will be held in the parish hall:

11:00am on Sunday 10 February

9:30am on Wednesday 13 February

6:00pm on Friday 15 February

6:30pm on Saturday 16 February

Your voice is important! All are encouraged to attend & contribute, at one or more of the meetings. Please come along, and bring friends and family!

Visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more detail, or the parish office 8883 4063/

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation: For Children in Year 2 or older, this Sacrament will take place in Term 4 of 2019. Information will be sent out to the children in Year 2 at that time in both the school and Parish newsletters.

First Communion: For those Children who have completed their Reconciliation, in 2018 this will take place in June 2019. These children will have received an email with all the dates of sessions. Please return this selection at your earliest convenience.

Confirmation: For children in Year 6 who have completed and received Reconciliation and First Communion, Confirmations will take place in Term 3. Information will be sent out to the children in Year 6 at that time. For any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office

Ash Wednesday - 6 March

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation but you are strongly encouraged to attend, receive the ashes and start the season of Lent in this holy way. There will be masses held at 9am (school mass) and 7.30pm.

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.

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 Email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au Website: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

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