

"Celebrating 10 years of Education"

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday's Gospel was the Beatitudes, according to Luke. A beatitude declares a person to be in a favorable or happy place because of some hardship that God is going to bestow on them – usually a challenge above which they will rise, overcome in God's name, and therefore, be filled with grace.

Each of us faces challenge at some time and each time, our resilience, our ability to move on, becomes greater. The message is for us to embrace these times of challenge as opportunities to become closer to God. When we despair at the injustice and hurt around us, we are acting truly a person of God, as a person who does not know God would not despair. As Christians, we are called to respond in a way that builds a world of love and justice - Jesus' mission carried on through us.

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) -Week 6

Please refer to the 'dates to remember' for the events of CSW.

Congratulations to the members of the **2019 OLA Student Representative Council (SRC)**. These students were commissioned at last week's Opening Year Mass. The SRC are responsible for numerous events under the care of the REC. Watch this space for their first Newsletter report.



OLA P&F

Thank you to the 2018 P&F for all their good work and contribution to our community. The AGM was held on Wednesday and the 2019 committee is:

President – Alison Streater
Vice President – Marian Vickers
Treasurer- Anna Farrugia
Secretary: Kara Gergolay-Hollai
PRC ref: - not filled

Congratulations to the new committee and thank you for your generosity of time and work. We look forward to another terrific year ahead of 'funraising'.

Dates to Remember

Date change: whole school assembly will be Week 9, not week 10

Week 5: Monday 25th Yr 2 Rouse Hill farm Excursion
27/28th Yr 6 Zoo Snooze
Friday Infants Assembly 2G

Week 6: Catholic Schools Week (CSW)

Mon 4th March 8.50am CSW Prayer
Tues 5th Shrove Tuesday- 3.40pm Numeracy Workshop for Parents
- 4.30 pm– 6 pm Open School (New parents)
- 7-8 pm– Kinder 2020 Enrolment Information Night
Wed 6th Ash Wednesday – whole school Mass at 9am
Thurs 7th 2.30 pm- Community Rug Reading
Fri 8th STEM Fun Day (Students only)

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

Gospel Reflection Sunday



Sunday 24th February Gospel Reflection Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C (Luke 6:27-38)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most-High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter (LiturgyHelp.com)

In this passage we find one version of the Golden Rule that appears repeatedly throughout the gospels (as well as most other religious traditions): 'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.' It is followed up with a comment that it takes no effort to treat well people whom you like – anybody can do that. The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. In a society that had very strict rules about the way to treat different people and clearly established boundaries between different groups, this was a tough ask by Jesus. Bear in mind also that there was an occupying army in the country and Jesus was encouraging the people to treat even their enemies, the Romans, with love, compassion and forgiveness. This was a radical and challenging teaching!

Prayer Bags

This week each grade received their prayer bags to distribute to the children in their class throughout the year. Inside the prayer bags is an envelope for prayer intentions. Teachers have been inviting students to write prayer intentions in the class to add to the OLA prayer intentions book, presented at assembly each week. I would like to encourage families when their child brings home the prayer bag to write a prayer intention and place in the envelope to then be placed in the OLA prayer book. Pope Francis spoke at his weekly General Audience about prayer and described prayer with God is a silent with love. . . He concluding statement makes a connection with this Sunday's Gospel, "Jesus makes us pray, the Pope emphasised, even for those "who apparently do not seek God," because God seeks these people "more than anyone else."" May we spend some time in prayer with God and be still and silent and enter into a private dialogue with God.




<https://catholicoutlook.org/pope-francis-true-prayer-is-compassionate-no-hypocrisy-or-tricks/?fbclid=IwAR1cbernkrC-chReBKm0MULhHRK0Vn3RqaT0qAul8rw3ouXNJWduhpFhdwI>



Thank you to the parents who attended the parent session on Dealing with Anxiety, last Wednesday. It was very well attended which is an indication of the need for this in our community. I extend a 'thank you' to Mrs Wainwright for her role in this presentation. Don't miss the seminar being held by CEDP.

PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD IS SHOWING SIGNS OF ANXIETY

Details are:



HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY

Learn effective way to deal with child anxiety and positive behavior practices
What can you do?
How is the Catholic Education Department Parramatta (CEDP) helping?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:



Anoushka Houseman

Clinical Psychologist

Wellbeing Coordinator - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 4th March 2019
Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC AGM- will be held prior to guest speaker)
St Patrick's Primary School: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown
Light supper and refreshments will be provided and
a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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What is Positive Behaviour Support for Learning?



PBS4L is a whole school framework that helps us create positive learning environments for all students at Our Lady of the Angels.



The PBS4L framework is a research based and proactive school wide system that establishes clear behaviour expectations.

PBS4L plays an important role by helping to create positive learning environment for our students and teachers at Our Lady of the Angels. The process involves explicitly teaching and re teaching students how to enact positive behaviours.

This year the students will be involved in regular fortnightly lessons focusing on social skills related to our school agreements – Respect for Self, Others and the Environment. These agreements are taught, modelled and practised in different areas of our school each day.

Over the past few weeks we have been focussing on our playground behaviour expectations, after school dismissal procedures and how we walk around the school in two lines.

Below is what it looks to show our school agreements when playing at lunchtimes:

Focus	Respect for Self.	Respect for Others.	Respect for the Environment.
How we use our play areas	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear my uniform with pride including my hat outdoors Move calmly and safely Be in the right place at the right time. Actively participate Select and play appropriate games Play safely 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep my hands and feet to myself Listen to and follow teacher instructions Use-manners and speak kindly Share play equipment Play fairly Take turns Care for people by showing the face of God 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in bounds Care for equipment, property and nature in all areas Place rubbish in the bin



Literacy News

Helping Your Child with Spelling:

If your child is working on a class spelling list and can only remember half of the words, speak to their teacher. Don't tackle an entire spelling bar in one sitting. Take one-third for example, each evening, to work on with your child. Break the practice into small units. Try fifteen minutes of review when they get home; fifteen minutes before dinner; fifteen minutes after dinner. Shorter periods given frequently are more effective than one massive review-which is also exhausting and frustrating.

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

Root Word of the Week:

Week 5-sect-means cut

Week 6-aero-means air

Date for Diaries:

Thursday 7th March-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of '**Rug Reading**' out on the playground with their child at **2:30pm** during 'Catholic Schools Week'. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Netball Parking

We have been requested by the adjoining netball courts to remind parents **NOT** to park in front of their gates **AT ANY TIME**. There are often administration ladies in their office and they need to be able to access the gates at all times.

Library Monitors -Term 1

Congratulations to lleesha Gunasekara, Giuseppe Venezia, Chelsea Strong and Prasaia Merrin who will be Library Monitors for Term 1.

I look forward to working with these students throughout the term.



Congratulations to Lachlan Hollier, Lucas Cleland, Aiden Attard, Cohan Sommer, Ethan Streater, Sienna Mooney, Riharna Pacella, Leila Balangon and Madison Zahra who competed at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival today at Blacktown Swimming Centre.

Congratulations to Lachlan who came second in his event, Senior Boys 50m Breaststroke and will now represent Mackillop at the State event.

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 **filled on Mondays and Wednesdays**. A copy of the uniform order form is attached to this newsletter, or can be found on our website.

Please note that we are **unable** 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.

From the Classroom of Year 6

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY

Leadership day 2019 was all about relationship building challenges, improving leadership skills, learning how to work as a team and learning important information such as:

"All leaders don't wear badges, anyone can be a leader no matter who you are or how old you are, and leaders create more leaders not more followers."

Our year six classes had an awesome time participating in interesting activities. Some of the activities we participated in were:

- A water moving exercise where you had to scoop up with your bare hands and pass it down a line of people into another bucket.
- A balloon tower task where we had to cooperate to make the largest tower possible.
- Design puzzle pieces to show we are all part of one community.
- Working together to move a ball only using string.

(Patrick leach 6W)

Last Tuesday Year Six was lucky enough to have participated in a Leadership Day, where we spent the whole day learning about leadership. The teachers were kind enough to let us wear mufti and treat us a delicious pizza lunch. We all did different kinds of activities during the day and finished off with a different type of reflection in our small groups. The activities were based on leadership, trust and teamwork. Thank you to all the teachers who helped out.

(Mia-Bella Trifiro 6W)

On Tuesday 12th of February, Year Six had their Leadership Day. Leadership Day is about learning to have the qualities of a leader and to work cooperatively. There were five activities; the balloon tower building with Mrs La Rocca, the blindfold course with Mr Cauchi teaching us to trust one another, the water passing activity with Mrs Byrne teaching us to work as a team and problem solve, the spider web and cup building challenge with Miss Digwood, the puzzle piece activity with Mr Lee and the reflection at the end of the day. All of the activities required teamwork, collaboration and cooperation. We all had a lot of fun.

(Zac Nicholls 6G)

When Yr 6 had our leadership day, we learned that to be a good leader, you have to have some special qualities. Some include communication, trust and teamwork. The most common quality was communication because we had to use it to tell each other what we should do. Trust is when you have to be able to rely on someone to tell you things, like to activity we did when we were blindfolded and had to trust someone to tell us what to do. Teamwork is when you have to work as a group to accomplish something. Leadership day was a great experience and learning opportunity of Yr 6!



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

Change of Details - It is **critical** 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.

School Emails - Please be aware that since google upgraded their email accounts, we have had a lot of trouble deleting and adding parent email addresses. If you are not receiving emails from the school, can you please send us an email to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Visiting the School - A reminder that during school hours, **ALL** parents, visitors and classroom helpers **MUST** 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.

Late/Early Leavers - 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 **at 8.50am or later**, 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.

Exemption for Leave Form - 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.

School Fees - We have been advised by CEDP that there has been a problem with the printing of the school fee accounts. Hopefully this will be rectified next week and they will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Medication - 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.

No medication is to be kept in your child's school bag.

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.

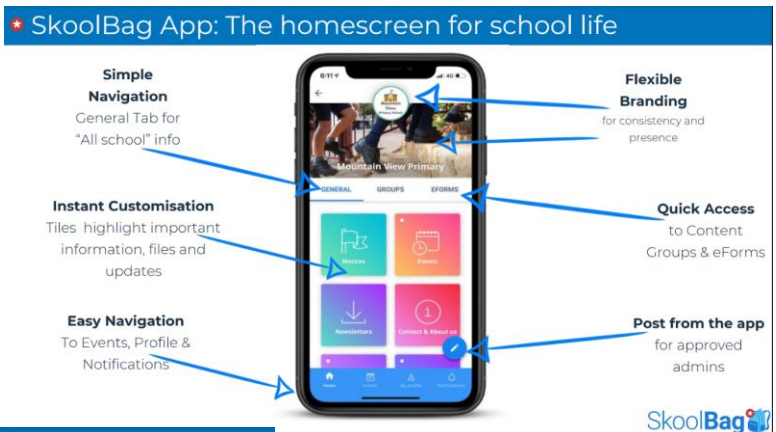
There are many benefits to having this app on your device:

- 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 postponed, assemblies cancelled due to bad weather, delays during excursions and other important information.

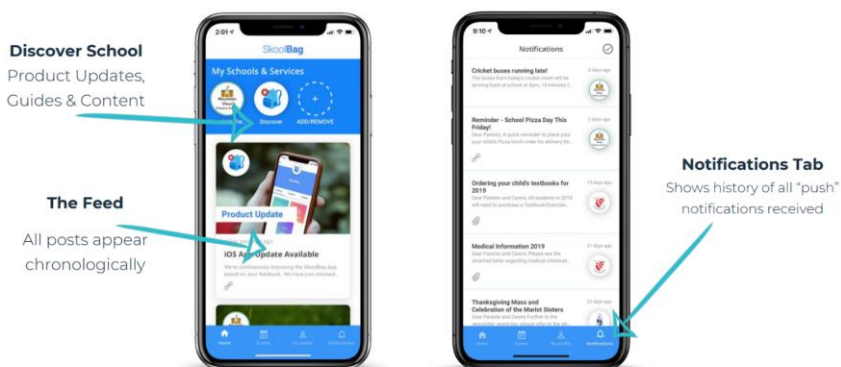


Please ensure that you have updated your settings to receive the correct push notifications. You will receive alerts specific to the selected grade and all alerts sent as a whole school.

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.



P&F NEWS



P&F AGM

Thank you to those who attended the P&F AGM on Wednesday. We as a team look forward to the year ahead and facilitating some exciting events this year.

As a P&F team the events we organise are only possible with the very generous support of our entire community. We thank everyone who has helped and would like to welcome everyone to participate in the events. You are likely to meet new people and make new friends.



Second Hand Uniform SALE

Thank you to everyone who has sent in second hand uniforms. We are bursting this items so will be holding a 'Stock Clearing Sale' on Friday 15th March and Friday 22nd March at 2.30pm.

Special Treats - Thank you to our volunteers



1st March -

Annamaria Farrugia, Monica Pontura, Maria Muscat, Iarni Harvey, Paula Lopez, Claire Holden and Michelle Fletcher

8th March -

Mariana Cutuk, Joaane Zahorsky, Monique Falzon, Anne-Marie Apap, Jodie Hawkins, Bronwen Robertson and Katie Colosimo



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Our Lady of the Angels P&F Association

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

Term 1 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Blake Saward	Jeanette Abboud	Rey Gupta
Kinder G	Caleb Atkins	Brae Aldaba	Harvey Fenech
Kinder W	Sebastian Nasso	Olivia Falzon	Ciaran McKeever
Year 1B	Annie Blazey	Zara Pisani	Jackson Navarro
Year 1 G	Olivia Blackman	Olivia O'Connor	Alessandro Albertini
Year 1W	Samuel Ewer	Sienna Galea	Brianna Charlton
Year 2 B	Isaiah Balangon	Samantha Ocampo	Eva Lowe
Year 2 G	Ethan Zachariah	Natalia Ponturo	Ilana McGrath
Year 2 W	Lily Haynes	Sean McKeever	Mikyla Ghobrial

Term 1 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Olivia Vella	Rose Montgomery	Joshua Muscat
Year 3 G	Thomas Weldon	Jasmine Vella	Ryan Knipler
Year 3 W	Isaac Meighan	Milana Buda	Venus Mabhena
Year 4 B	Grace Labbad	Matthew Kamber	Malenna Graczyk
Year 4 G	Leona Siason	Giuseppe Venezia	Abbey Hollier
Year 4 W	Francesca Topic	Maia Villanueva	Thomas Andrews
Year 5 B	Amalia- Rose Trifiro	Emma Quijano	Katia Lesar
Year 5G	Gemma Haynes	Calum Graham	Ireen Yoo
Year 5W	Ben Roffmann	Thomas Cutuk	Lauren Caraos
Year 6 B	Rachael Perillo	Jericho Cirera	Sienna Mooney
Year 6 G	Lucas McLuskey	Peter Giovas	Kimberly Mabhena
Year 6 W	Makiah Arora	Bowen Cleary	Madison Mihalic

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 per fortnight	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

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



You're invited to the
Santa Sophia
Catholic College (Box Hill)

SECONDARY OPEN NIGHT

MARCH 20TH, 4PM-7PM

Principal's Address (4pm, 5pm, 6pm) ,
school tours, demonstrations and more

85 Hambledon Road, Schofields

NOW ENROLLING FOR YR 7, 8 AND 9 - 2020



From the Parish Office...

Sacraments of Initiation

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. If you have not returned your selection, please do so asap. For any enquiries regarding Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office

Baptism There will be a Baptism Seminar this Sunday following the 10am Mass for anyone interested in having a child baptised. We ask that you attend the 10am mass.

Santa Sophia Catholic College

The CEDP (Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta) will be holding **Information sessions** in response to the public's questions and concerns about the change of location for Santa Sophia to "The Gables". on

Monday, 4 March, 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday, 5 March, 4pm - 6pm

Wednesday, 6 March, 4pm - 6pm

These meetings will be held at the current temporary site for Santa Sophia Catholic College Schofields Campus. You need to register your interest by calling **1800 244 863** or email **engagement@urbis.com.au**.

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