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Week 4 Term 1

8th March 2019

"Celebrating 10 years of Education"

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. We began the week by hosting a tour/morning tea and very productive chat with directors from some of our local preschools/day care centres. They were immensely appreciative for the opportunity to experience and were impressed by what OLA has to offer its students. This was a very similar response by the many visitors to our school during the open evening. A special commendation goes to the senior SRC leaders who acted as hosts. I think every visitor I met spoke glowingly of the way our students presented themselves – articulate, proud and confident. This is a testament to their parents and, also, to the kind of education they are receiving at OLA, encouraging strong interpersonal skills and collaboration.

I would like to acknowledge the staff for their diligence and dedication. Firstly, for holding the Numeracy workshop for parents – I think we had a maximum of 7 parents in the younger grades and no one showed up in the upper grades. I appreciate events clash but this was disappointing.

Wednesday we all attended Mass for Ash Wednesday and Rug Reading was once again very well attended and a great success.

Today was a full day of STEM activities – what a fun day of learning!! Thank you again to all the staff for their participation. A special ‘thank you’ to Mrs Leach for organising the various activities and preparation.

Catholic Schools Week is about celebrating catholic education which would not be as successful at OLA if it was not for the staff. Thank you.!



NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

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

Week 7:	Mon/Tues	11th/12th March	– Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion
	Thurs	14th March	– OLA Cross Country (Centenary Oval)
	Friday	15th March	– St Patrick’s Day (See notice in newsletter)
			Second Hand Clothing Sale (See P&F Notice)
			Assembly: Infants 2W
Week 8:	Friday	22nd March	– Second Hand Clothing Sale (See P&F Notice)
			Assembly: Primary 5B
Week 9:	Monday	25th March	– Yr 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm
	Friday	29th March	– Whole School Assembly (Principal Awards)

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

Gospel Reflection Sunday

Sunday 10th March Gospel Reflection First Sunday of Lent (Luke 4:1-13)



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time, he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter (LiturgyHelp.com)

The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided. The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.

Living the Gospel – Lent

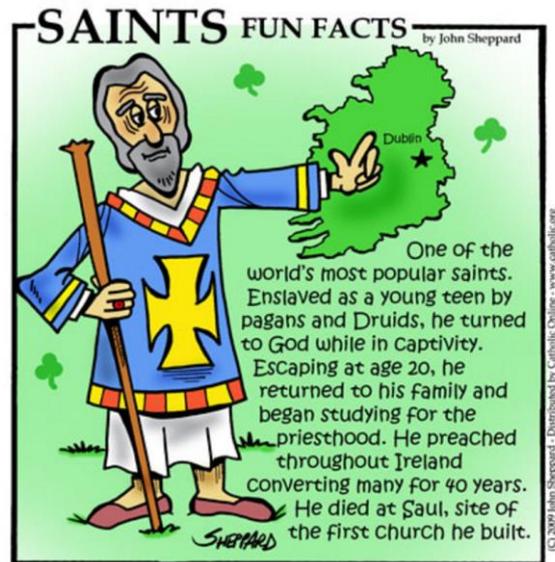
The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

St Patrick's Feast Day- 17th March

ST PATRICK'S DAY @ OLA

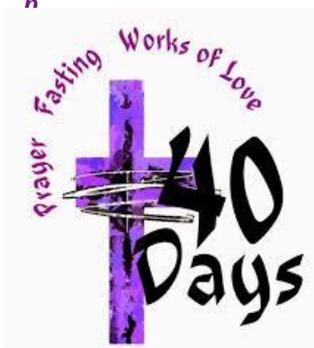
Next Friday 15th March, OLA will be remembering the kindness St Patrick showed to others, through our annual 'Green Mufti Day'. Students are asked to wear green mufti to celebrate St Patrick's Day and bring in a gold coin to add to our pot of gold. All money donated will go to Project Compassion, our social justice fundraiser for Term 1. School leaders and SRC students from each grade have been busy organising fun activities for all K-6 students to participate in on the day.

9am Year 2 St Patrick's Day prayer



St. Patrick

ASH WEDNESDAY 6th March 2019



Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. There are forty days in Lent, to represent the number of years that people of Israel journeyed to the Promised Land, the number of days that the Prophet Jonah gave to the Ninevites to repent and the number of days that Jesus spent in the desert before he started His mission.

These 40 days for us is a time to prepare for the Risen Lord on the day of Easter. The Gospel reflects on three main areas for our spiritual life: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

-Prayer is our relationship with God.

-Fasting is aimed at our personal growth.

-Almsgiving focuses of our relationship with others and responsibility towards them. (*God's Word 2017-Daily Reflections*)



Project Compassion boxes were sent home yesterday with the eldest child in each family. This is a good way for you to share with your children about going without and giving to others. Please return boxes by the first week of term 2.

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>

Rug Reading-Thank you to our families who attended our first 'Rug Reading' for the year. What a wonderful way to celebrate 'Catholic Schools Week'.



Root Word of the Week:
Week 7-dent-means tooth
Week 8-tract-means pull

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

STEM DAY

What a fabulous day the students had today for STEM. This was similar to our initiative from last year where mixed-age groups work together to respond to a **ScienceTechnologyMathematicalEngineering** challenge. This year each activity was based on a popular children's story. The focus was on communication, collaboration and problem solving. Thank you to Mrs Leach for doing a brilliant job in organising the various activities. It was a great success and a perfect end to CSW! Pics below...

Students worked together to:



* construct a boat using only tin foil that can float the most weight -*Mr Archimedes Bath* (left)

* construct a parachute to help Jack escape the giant. *Jack and the Beanstalk* (right)



Charlie Miletto 4W - Something that I learnt today was instead of using sticky tape, we could use other objects to make the basket slide down the zipline.

Bianca Krkac 1G - I enjoyed making a wall for Humpty Dumpty and making a parachute for Jack.

Angelica Manago 6B - The best thing I did today was make a boat out of foil, and added some weight to see if we could make it float.

Ethan Phelps 5B - During our STEM day, lots of kindy kids came up with solutions we hadn't thought of. We are so lucky that Mrs LaRocca lets us do such fun things at school.

Technology

Cyber Safety Talk with Constable John

Earlier this term, Year 5 and 6 participated in a workshop about Cyber Safety. It was presented by Constable John. He gave us some safety advice about different social media apps and crimes that can be committed when using them. We have learnt that the police can get to the bottom of anything, even if it is deleted from a device. We have learnt a lot through our interaction with Constable John.

By Sienna D & Amelia B

Some useful tips for parents from the eSafety Commissioner.

To help reduce the risk of children being exposed to inappropriate people or content online, we advise parents to:

- Engage on your child's "digital playground"—know what sites they're on, what apps they are using and who their "friends" are online
- Ensure your child uses digital devices in common areas of the home e.g. no phones in the bedroom
- Disable access to smartphone/tablet cameras within apps
- Turn off voice or chat functions on games or apps
- Make sure settings are set to 'friends only'
- Use parental control tools
- Set safe search settings
- Co-view and co-play games with your child online so you are aware of what they are doing on these games.
- Have regular conversations about online safety early and often, and let your child know you will be there to support them if something goes wrong online

Next week tips on Parental Controls for computers, smartphones and tablets.



From the Classroom of Year 4

In Year 4 we are learning about exploration and the First Fleet. To complement our unit we went to the Botanical Gardens. It was an interesting day where we were able to learn about native plants and how they were used by the Indigenous people. We also learnt how tough life was for the early settlers of New South Wales.



and from the RFF team ...

This year at OLA, library lessons for all grades, are being conducted during RFF lessons. OLA students are very fortunate to have such a beautiful, well equipped library. We therefore encourage all students to remember to either bring a book they are reading from home, or their library bag to borrow books. It has been so rewarding to see students reading so enthusiastically during this time.



From the Office....

School Fees - CEDP posted the school fees to our families this week and hopefully you should have received them in the mail by now. Once again, the flexible payment plan is being offered to our families and if you are new to school life and have any queries in regard to this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy. The flexible payment plan **MUST** be set up by **22nd March** with the first payment to be made by 29th March. If you are paying your fees by the term, then the first payment is due by 29th March. Below is a breakup of the school base fees that are included in the account:-

Activity Fee K-4			\$396.00 per student
includes	Excursion Fee	\$86.00	
	Dance Fever	\$150.00	
	Mathletics	\$30.00	
	Swim Program	\$130.00	
Resource Fee K-6			\$225.00 per student
Includes	Resource Fee	\$150.00	
	Computer/Tech Fee	\$75.00	
Activity Fee 5-6			\$369.00 per student
Includes	Excursion Fee	\$86.00	
	Dance Fever	\$150.00	
	Mathletics	\$30.00	
	Sun Surf Prog	\$103.00	
Bathurst Overnight Excursion Year 5			\$216.00 per student
Canberra Overnight Excursion Year 6			\$387.00 per student

Sibling Enrolment for 2019 - If you have a sibling to commence in 2020, can you please email the office and advise us of your child's name, date of birth and the class of the sibling at OLA. We will then send an enrolment form home. We would like all forms with attachments to be returned by the end of this term, ie 12th April. Please bring in the **ORIGINAL** documents at the time you lodge the paperwork, so that we can sight and mark these off. Please note that we do require to sight 'proof of residence' when you lodge the paperwork (drivers' licence is sufficient).

Premier's Reading Challenge - An email was forwarded last week regarding this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. If your child is participating this year, please return the form to the office and then we will send your login home again. If your child is new, we will set up a login and then forward this home.

DanceFever Challenge (4th April) - Please note that the bus for this event is FULL. If you still would like your child in years 3-6 to participate then you will need to make your own arrangements to get them there.

OLA Primary Cross Country - Thursday 14th March - All permission notes should have been returned by now. The children will walk across to Centenary Park with OLA staff just before their event. They are to wear their sports uniform on the day, with either their sport shirt or a t-shirt of their house colour. Please make sure they have sunscreen on, have their hat and a drink bottle on the day.

Hillsbus - The new Rouse Hill Station Bus Interchange will be open on 18th March and all the Hillsbus services will operate via the Northwest T-way stops in Rouse Hill. Route 3599 will also be affected by this change. Please check the attached sheet to see if this affects your child/ren's bus.

Opal Card - We have been requested by Hillsbus to ask parents to remind their children that it is very important that they tap on and off the bus as this helps to determine the demand for buses. Failure to do this may result in a service being cancelled due to lack of recorded patronage. This is a condition of using an Opal Card.

Withdrawal from School - It is part of the CEDP Policy that a term's notice in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. Please give as much notice as possible to avoid being charged.

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.

Our fortnightly focus this week surrounds the expectations of lining up at various times of the school day.

Below are the expectations on what lining up looks like at our school:

Focus	Respect for Self.	Respect for Others.	Respect for the Environment.
Lining up in our designated class areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused and ready for the next session. Keeping enough personal space. Knowing the correct line to be in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands to yourself. Watching and following the teacher count down. Listening to the teacher. Sitting and facing the front. Silence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining a walkway between class lines. Any belongings are still and in laps. Keeping straight lines at all times.



Archangel Award

Congratulations to our Archangel Award recipients for this fortnight:-

Zoey Chown, Claire Sievwright and Matthew Kamber (above)

Alexandra Craven, Lachlan Newman and Lachlan Connellan (right)



P&F NEWS



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.

We will share the pricelist on facebook next week. Remember Cash only

First Aid Training

As parents, we understand the importance of understanding how to First Aid. Whether it be basic First Aid or CPR. This is why the P&F is looking at holding a First Aid Training Session for parents next term. There will be a cost associated with the course but we wanted to get an idea on how many people would be interested in completing the training. If you would be interested in completing the course, can you please email you interest to olapfc@gmail.com (cost to be partially subsidised)



Special Treats - Thank you to our volunteers

15th March -

Lee-Ann Wallis, Belinda Connellan, Rebecca McDonald, Sarah Jeffries, Laura Krotofil and Prasangi Gunesekara

22nd March -

Kylie Terzo, Christina Falzon, Jeanette Desira, Bianca Basile, Melissa Mileto, Taryn McGrath and Sharon Tierney



At 2.30pm

CASH ONLY
BYO Bag

P & F Uniform 'Clean Out' Sale

Friday 15th & 22nd March

NEW LOCATION: Next to KTOOSH

**** Limited sizes available**

Come early to avoid disappointment

Summer Uniform & Winter Tunic (Girls)	WERE \$ 20	NOW \$ 10
White Shirts (Boys & Girls)	WERE \$ 10	NOW \$ 5
Winter Long Pants & Summer Shorts (Boys)	WERE \$ 10	NOW \$ 5

Knit Jumpers & Bomber Jackets (Unisex)	WERE \$30	NOW \$15
School Bags	WERE \$20	NOW \$10
School Hats	\$ 5	

AND SO MUCH MORE...

Netball Parking

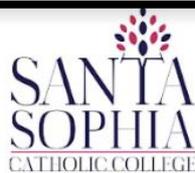
We have been requested by the adjoining netball courts to remind parents **NOT** to park in front of their gates **AT ANY TIME**. There are often administration ladies in their office and they need to be able to access the gates at all times.

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.



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



Term 1 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Kinder B	Scarlett Buchanan	Max Suarez	Luka Abdel-Malek
Kinder G	Ella Macdonald	Jordan Mabhena	Abbey Zahra
Kinder W	Sofia Montgomery	Lucas Rappa	Jai McLuskey
Year 1B	Lauren Cauchi	Jeremiah Chayban	Sienna Gabriel-Dixon
Year 1 G	Lachlan Newman	Bianca Krkac	Harrison Spiteri
Year 1W	Lachlan Riley	Emily Prnjak	Ruby Masters
Year 2 B	Lucas Richardson	Lola Quinlan	Brandon Ciantar
Year 2 G	Charlise Mitrovich	Sophia Mangano	Jake Trimboli
Year 2 W	Max Masters	Kyra Heaney	Tayah Youssef

Term 1 Week 6			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Rohan Pillai	Alonso Buda	Declan Leach
Year 3 G	Gianluca Russo	Luka Vaughan	Evie Vargas
Year 3 W	Trinity Oxspring	Addison DelRosario	Blaize McDonald
Year 4 B	Maxim Stankiewicz	Georgia Dolahenty	James Conn
Year 4 G	Harrison Ko	Alysha Balangon	Zachary Ormsby
Year 4 W	Luke Smyth	Zoey CHown	Giancarlo Mazza
Year 5 B	Aidan Vilathgamuwa	Boston Roberts	Mitchell Ross
Year 5G	Joseph Abdallah	Logan Hayden	Emily Lenane
Year 5W	Lily Trimboli	Sienna Dixon	Marcus Mileto
Year 6 B	Sal Colosimo	Chanel Johnston	Sienna Younes
Year 6 G	Lachlan Hollier	Georgia Nemitsas	Lucy Taylor
Year 6 W	Lucas Buda	Sanjay Ramasamy	Sarah Cleary

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

From the Parish Office

Santa Sophia Catholic College

Many meetings have been held this week in relation to Santa Sophia and the relocation to The Gables. We ask that you pray to the Virgin Mary for her intercessions:-

Prayer to the Virgin Mary as Untier of Knots

Holy Mary, full of the presence of God, during your life you accepted with great humility the holy will of the father and the legacy of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and evil never dared to entangle you with its confusion. Since then you have interceded for all of our difficulties as you did at the wedding feast of Cana. With all simplicity and with patience, you have given us an example of how to untangle the knots in our complicated lives. By being our mother forever you arrange and make clear the path that unites us to Our Lord.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God and ours, with your maternal heart, untie the knots that upset our lives. We ask you to receive into your hands our prayers, to give us the divine outcome for the good of Santa Sophia Catholic College and deliver us from the chains and confusion that restrain us. Blessed Virgin Mary, through your grace, your intercession and by your example, deliver us from evil, and untie the knots that keep us from being united to God. So that free of all confusion and error, we may find him in all things, keep him in our hearts, and serve him always in our brothers and sisters.
Mother of Good Counsel pray for us.
Amen.*

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

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