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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first official newsletter for Term 2. Once again welcome back, the staff and I are looking forward to an exciting term of learning, both remotely and gradually returning to school.

I hope that you had a Happy and Holy Easter. The story of Easter calls us to be people of peace, joy, respect, compassion, forgiveness and prayer. It is indeed a special time.

We have had a successful start to the term with online learning. A reminder once again that the priority are Literacy and Numeracy activities. Please do not hesitate to email if you require support or have any questions.

For Weeks 3 & 4 we will begin a gradual return to school as communicated and in line with Government COVID-19 guidelines. There will still be a single mode of learning, ie online, that will be completed by students on site and off site. Given the ever-changing Government directions in these uncertain times, we will communicate arrangements for Week 5 onwards closer to then. Please note that the following arrangements are flexible and may need to change.

At OLA we will gradually return in House Colour groups. If the day your house colour is allocated does not suit, please feel free to change to another day. (We kindly ask that you let us know via an email if that is the case.) Children who need to attend each day etc, as is currently the case, can continue to do so.

**Monday - RED Colour House, plus children of essential workers/extras as is currently the case.**

**Tuesday - BLUE Colour House, plus children of essential workers/extras as is currently the case.**

**Wednesday – GREEN Colour House, plus children of essential workers/extras as is currently the case.**

**Thursday – YELLOW Colour House, plus children of essential workers/extras as is currently the case.**

**Friday – Children of essential workers/extras as is currently the case.**

We hope that this approach will support parents by having all children from the one family attending school on the same day. As communicated, **we are here and open if you require to send your child to school.**

Once again, my appreciation for your patience and understanding as we work with the governing bodies to ensure a successful transitioning of the children back to school.

We are all certainly missing our OLA students and we hope we are all back together as soon as possible. Keep an eye out on your child's Google page on Monday morning for our next 'Hello' video from Mr Cauchi and myself.

*Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.*

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*

### Thank You!

Secretary's/Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated today. On behalf of our community, I wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our fantastic secretarial staff, Mrs Goldsworthy, Mrs Hunt & Mrs Eisenhuth. We appreciate and are grateful for their efficiency, skills, use of technology, public relations, care for the children and generosity of time. So much of their work is behind the scenes but is an essential element to the success of our school. Their attention to detail, care for the children, welcoming manner and expertise in all aspects of their work is to be congratulated. From all of us, we say Thank You.



# Jesus is alive!

As we are entering into our fourth week of Easter, as we work our way up to Pentecost.

Last Week's Gospel, was the story of a 'Road to Emmaus'. In the Gospel we hear, Jesus, meeting his friends on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples do not recognise Jesus, as they go along walking together, the disciples are telling Jesus about their friend and how sorry they are he has gone. Jesus talks to his friends and then they invite Jesus into their home to share a meal. It is here when Jesus breaks the bread and blesses it, the disciples realise that this stranger was their friend Jesus. The disciples are filled with good news, ready to share with others.

In parallel, this Gospel reading, reflect the Mass. We gather together as a community and are welcomed, we listen to God's Word and then share a meal. The bread and the wine are blessed and consecrated into Jesus' body and blood to remind us of the sacrifice He made for us. Then we leave the Mass ready to respond to God's Word through our thoughts, words, and actions. Let us think about how we can share God's love through our thoughts, words, and actions to celebrate the Risen Christ.



[Gospel Reflection-Seeking Stillness Third Sunday of Easter](#)



Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who have celebrated their birthday during our online learning.....

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Laura McKeever  
Charlotte Muscat  
Lauren MyhreFox  
Vienna Bizzanelli  
Alonso Buda  
Sienna Galea

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Archer Spiteri

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Maya Cauchi  
Samantha Ocampo

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Tanuja Ramasamy

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Matthew Kamber

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Paityn Ng

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Mikayla Edwards

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Hailey Ocampo

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Caitlyn Williams  
Dylan Cabunag

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Kayla Valdez  
Carine Elias

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Sophia Mangano

**Thur 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Jeannette Abboud

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Olivia Cutajar

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Victoria Zakharova  
Malachi Rangan  
William Harvey

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Cassandra Higham

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Isla Vella  
Mitchell Ross  
Sienna Mataia

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Aaron Phelps  
Olivia O'Connor  
Cooper Foley

**May 1**

Emily Dalton  
Elise Song  
Charlize Fresta

Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who are celebrating their birthday this week.....

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Ethan Zachariah  
Zara Buchanan

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Jack Lenane

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Jonathan Teo  
Lucy Tapley

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May**

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Happy April birthday to the following staff:-  
Mr Cauchi (2<sup>nd</sup>), Miss Fahmi (4<sup>th</sup>), Mrs Lopresti (9<sup>th</sup>),  
Mrs Goldsworthy (17<sup>th</sup>), Miss Grace (18<sup>th</sup>), Mrs  
Aspinall (22<sup>nd</sup>), Mrs Byrne (23<sup>rd</sup>), Mrs Rizk (24<sup>th</sup>)

**WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR**

**OLA COMMUNITY SAFE**

*Please note a significant change that we ask for your support in is that we would like to limit the number of parents/adults within our school grounds. This will adhere to social distancing rules for adults and in turn minimise any potential risk.*

*We would envisage that students are able to independently enter through the gates and venture to their classrooms. We encourage you to use the drive through for pickup and drop off. If you normally collect your child in person from the COLA, we now ask you to please wait outside the gates near the Statue of Mary (keeping social distancing in mind) and we will deliver the students to you. As kindergarten leave a little earlier, they may wait outside the main gate next to the office.*

*We also continue to ask that contact with the teachers is via email (to the school) or phone only as there will currently be no face to face meetings.*

**Attendance**

*As previously advised, the attendance code 'flexible' is being used for students continuing their studies at home. This approach will not negatively affect student attendance records and will continue during Term 2.*

*If your child is absent from their studies due to ill health or another reason, please let us know just like you usually do ie, email the school or the Skoolbag app.*

**Bubblers**

*The school bubblers will be temporarily closed so we ask that students bring their own water bottle to school when they return.*

### Birthday Treats

In regards to birthday treats that are sometimes sent in, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending anything in at this early stage. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home.

### Canteen

The canteen will be closed until further notice.

### Winter Uniform

The students can wear either their full winter uniform or summer uniform up until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May as we are aware that parents have not had an opportunity to purchase uniforms.

If you require any uniform items, please complete the uniform order form and email it to school. Once the order has been processed, we will let you know that it is ready for collection from the office. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

### Fr Warren

*As communicated in an email earlier this week, Fr Warren has advised that he will be leaving for Tasmania towards the end of May. Please keep an eye out for information on how we can acknowledge his wonderful contribution to OLA.*

### Medication

*If you collected any medication, Epipens etc prior to online learning, please ensure you drop them back to the office on your child's return to school.*

### Thank you

Our appreciation for the positive feedback we have had from the use of Zoom this week with our Yrs 3-6 students. The children have very much enjoyed seeing their classmates and teacher. K-2 will undertake their first whole class Zoom on Monday morning. The link will be posted on your child's Google classroom page on the day.

## Literacy News

### PM e-Collection

A selection of e-books will be available for students on levelled readers. The e-Collection is digitised for use online, including iPads. The 350 titles cover the range of PM levels 1 to 30. Students will recognise recurring characters and discover favourite PM titles in an interactive format. Students will only have access to the titles in the levels that have been selected for them by their teacher. Students will receive a notification of their login details via their Google Classroom page next week. A parent guide on how to navigate through the site will be sent via email.

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### Write On Competition 2020



**To participate in the competition, students compose an imaginative text of up to 500 words in length using the image above as a stimulus.**

Write On is an annual **writing competition** open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. It is designed to encourage students to develop their imaginative writing skills, and supports the teaching of writing. The competition aligns with the learning objectives in the NSW English K-10 Syllabus. The WriteOn 2020 writing competition closes in Week 10, Term 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> July).

Imaginative pieces may include:

- narratives
- letters
- poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries.

Schools submit their best entry from each stage. The entries are judged by a panel of experienced primary teachers from each sector.

For more information, please visit the NESA site.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/writeon-competition>

Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator

### Kinder Enrolments 2021

Our enrolment process for Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 has well and truly begun. To date, including siblings, over 110 enrolment packages have been returned. This is a true testimony and affirmation of the wonderful OLA community, the high standard of quality Catholic Education we provide and the outstanding educators and staff present. Our school certainly has a great reputation, thanks to all of you. You, as parents, are our best ambassadors and we hope you are as proud of OLA as we are.

When prospective enrolment families for 2021 visited OLA in Term 1 for a school tour and information session, they stated how impressed they were and are certainly looking forward to their young ones starting in 2021.

Given the current climate we will be processing enrolments according to the Bishop's guidelines as soon as possible and sending out letters of offer. We will postpone formal interviews until later in the year.



## Mother's Day



Unfortunately, the Mother's Day Stall will not be able to take place next week at its scheduled time. We will endeavour to have it later in the year so that we can acknowledge the wonderful gift that our mothers are to us.

The home learning next week will feature activities to celebrate Mother's Day.



## **Jokes of the Week**

Stage 3: - Boston Roberts

Why did the dinosaur cross the road?  
Because chickens don't exist yet.

Stage 2: - Elyssa Martin

Why did the M&M go to school?  
Because he wanted to be a smartie.

Stage 1: - Amelia Fava

What do clouds wear under their clothes?  
Thunderwear.

Kindy: - Aidan Gomes

What do you call a chicken that does maths?  
A mathemachicken

Amity Oxspring

What do you get when you cross a sheep and a kangaroo?  
A woolly jumper

Lily Haynes

Why wouldn't the teddy bear eat any cookies?  
Because he was already stuffed.

Sienna Galea

Why can't you play cards in the jungle?  
Because there are too many cheaters.

Kianah Lesar

What happened when the principal tied everyone's laces together?  
They went for a class trip.