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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### What a Ride!!!

A sincere thank you to everyone in our OLA community for the last unpredictable six months. Together, in partnership, we have not just survived the journey but excelled. Together the school and you form an important partnership. This partnership supports your children in reaching their potential so that home and school are united in their approach.

The children are to be congratulated for adapting to the different learning environments and changes they have experienced. They have transitioned far more effectively than we would ever have imagined including using online technologies, moving from classrooms to homerooms, understanding and accepting necessary changes, keeping social distancing as best as children can and sanitizing from the moment they walk in the gate, regardless they have successfully continued their learning.

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers for always making themselves available to you. Our teachers here at OLA are a truly gifted team of Educators. They themselves are committed learners who strive to provide quality Catholic Education for our students. The role of a teacher is never easy, it is a challenge, but it is without a doubt one of the most rewarding careers. Teachers not only work with the children who are our future but are part of the Church's mission in passing on our Gospel values. The commitment, passion and care our teachers and staff bring to their vital role is what helps make our school so great. They are a dedicated team of professionals who give so generally of their self, skills and time.

To you our parents, our appreciation and thanks for all you have done, for your positive feedback and for the support you have given to the school especially in light of so many changes. You have been outstanding. Your children will always value the special home learning time they had with you.

As we end Term 2, we look forward to a well earned few weeks of family fun. It is what the children crave the most in life. Enjoy this precious time with your beautiful children while they are young as the years pass by too quickly.

Finally, thank you for your amazing support over my first six months at OLA as Principal. It has been my privilege to lead this Christ centred community. I look forward to seeing everyone in Term 3.

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

Tony Calabria  
Principal

The official OLA facebook page  
is now up and running.  
Search in facebook for Our Lady of the Angels  
Catholic Primary School Rouse Hill **or**  
Click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill>  
**Or** Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our  
school website  
Be sure to 'like us'

## Term 3

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September



### Term 3.....Here We Come

The level of restrictions etc are still an 'unknown' when we return in Term 3 but at this stage we will be continuing with a number of currently established routines: -

- Hand sanitizing for all students as they enter the school gates.
- Regular handwashing/sanitizing of hands throughout the day.
- Maintaining the 'goodbye at the gate' with parents not in the school grounds.
- No assembly in the morning, with children going straight into class at 8.50am and commencing their learning. A reminder that the gates will be closed at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time, please walk your child/ren to the office and sign them in. They will need to collect a 'Late Pass' before going to class.
- We will have very brief assemblies for the students at 11.30am after first break if required.
- Online canteen sales will continue in Term 3
- Various agencies with strict COVID guidelines will be re-introduced eg, DanceFever, Cool Kids Music.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for Term 3 happenings. Thank you once again for all of your support with these new routines.

### Book Hunting Over the Holidays

Do you have any of our readers or library books at home? During the course of each and every term, books/readers etc are sent home with children from the class, the library and from our Learning Support Team. Although these are recorded, unfortunately some are never returned. Before contacting the relevant parents directly, we would kindly ask that you have a thorough search at home, in toy boxes, on shelves, under the bed etc, so that these books can be returned and circulated to other children. All OLA books are stamped with our school stamp and/or have library bar codes on them.

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

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Myra Shokeen  
Harriett Preston  
Evangeline Vargas  
Miss Zoe Brown

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Calvin Scoulou  
Jake Trimboli  
Leah Ocampo  
Divena Sundaram

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Daniel Salac

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Maya Arvind

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Minnie McManus

Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who are celebrating their birthday during the second week of the holidays.....

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Zachary Rosser  
Noah Falzon

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Taylor Cummings

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Julie Bolina  
Zali Adams

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Lucas Capco  
Nicholas Thornton

### Parent/Teacher/Student Phone Interviews

It has been wonderful to hear parents speak so positively about their child's progress, so realistically about their child's challenges and so warmly about their child's teacher.

Parents and teachers are both vital and critical to the wellbeing and development of our children and we must always work together to make the most of children's learning and to nurture their talents.

Improving the learning outcomes for all children at OLA is our core business. The children are our priority. This is a great Catholic school that over the last 11 years, has helped produce not just well-educated young adults, but compassionate people who, because of their faith, confidently embrace a future with hope and joy. I hope that you are as proud of this community as I am.

**Farewell Fr Warren – We Will Miss You!!**  
**The students had an opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Fr Warren last Tuesday.**





**Building Child Safe Communities (BCSC) for Volunteers** – Please see the email which was sent home on last week. All parent volunteers need to complete this updated version, even if you completed it earlier this year.

## Quote of the Week

*Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.*

## “Over the Holidays”

### Lost Property – Label It

**Our lost property is often overflowing.** Items with names are returned to the students. Items without names are regularly moved on. Please ensure every item your child brings to school is labelled.

**Also please take two minutes to check that your child’s items are actually theirs, as children can often pick up another child’s jacket, hat, etc.**

### If getting a haircut – Acceptable Hair Styles

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.*

*Girls’ hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face and eyes. Ribbons, hair clips etc should be school colours” Girls hair should be of a consistent natural colour.*



### If buying school shoes...

Please purchase black leather upper school shoes (not black joggers) and predominantly white joggers (no fluoro/solid colours)



## Winter Has Arrived!

The cold weather is here. Thank you for your efforts with having the children in winter uniforms. The children look fantastic. We appreciate the cost involved plus the constant upkeep with washing/ironing and so on. A tidy uniform gives the children a sense of personal worth and a sense of belonging to our wonderful school. It projects a positive image to others when they see our children wearing the uniform correctly, hair neat and tidy, no jewellery, ties done up to the collar, correct school backpack, with clean shoes and wearing our school hat.



**School Photos**  
School Photo day  
has been scheduled for  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Congratulations to the  
Topic Family (Nevenka KW)  
on the birth of the new  
daughter, Nadia.





Catch the reading bug!

## KEY DATES

Monday March 2: Challenge opens for student entries

Friday August 28: Final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students

Friday September 11: Final date for validation of Student Reading Records by coordinators

Parents can access the 2020 booklist at the following address,

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

Congratulations to

Sienna Ng 2G, Lurich Teng 2G, Paityn Ng 4B, Elijah Atkins 4W,  
Declan Leach 4W and Zoey Chown 5B

for completing the

**Premier's Reading Challenge** this week.

We would love to see more students getting involved in this challenge.

**Come on OLA! We can do it!**

**PM e-Collection**

A reminder that all K-2 students have access to this reading resource. This is a wonderful way to keep your child reading appropriate levelled books in the holidays. Please contact your child's teacher next week if you need assistance using this resource.

## Holiday Tips for Parents-Avoiding the Holiday Slide in Reading

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the holidays. Try these strategies to help your child improve their reading during the break and beyond:

1. **Six books to success:** Research shows that reading just six books during the holidays may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your local library (when opened). Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities. Libraries often run reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what's available in your area.
2. **Read something every day:** Encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to read. Find them throughout the day:
  - **Morning:** The newspaper — even if it is just the comics or today's weather.
  - **Daytime:** Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. For example, if your daughter likes the food channel, help her look for a recipe on the network's Web site — then cook it together for more reading practice.
  - **Evening:** End the day by having your child read to you from the book he is currently reading (one of the six books, above). Have them rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help them be more fluent — able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression.
3. **Keep reading aloud:** Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so they will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that they will do better when they read on their own. It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

Source:

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/developing-reading-skills/three-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide>

## Term 3 Book Week:

**Theme:** 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'

**Author/Illustrator Visits:**

Tim Harris will visit our school on Monday 10th August

**Book Fair:** Monday 24th August-Thursday 27th August

At this stage, students will visit the library and have an opportunity to create a 'wish list'. This list will then be sent home and parents will be able to pay for these books online. A receipt will be issued and children will then collect these books from our school library the next day. More information to follow early next term.

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

### Internet/Facebook/Text Messaging

As a parent you have a responsibility to monitor your child's use of technology at home, in particular, over the holidays. As a school we speak regularly to our older grades about appropriate technology use. If this technology is being used inappropriately by your child or others, then action needs to be taken. Suggestions include:

- Viewing your child's text messages (both inbox & outbox)
- Viewing internet history
- Viewing emails sent and received
- Encouraging your child to block any children on social media if needed
- Setting up rules of usage and following through with restricted or no mobile phone, internet usage, etc for a period of time.
- Monitoring games they play against others on the internet, particularly those that are age specified.

Please let us know if we can help you in this important area.

### Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the Academic and St Francis Awards this week:-

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Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Cameron Brackenbury	Myra Shokeen
KG	Aiden Gomes	Isla Vella
KW	Lucy Roberts	Adrian Kajavshekan
Year 1 B	Charlize Fresta	Jenessa De La Cruz
Year 1 G	Luis Bonney	Clara Denisenko
Year 1 W	Korbin Bruckard	Ella Macdonald
Year 2 B	Nate Sloane	Zoe Farias
Year 2G	Calvin Scoulou	Jack Leahy
Year 2W	Xavier Desira	Daniella Spiteri
Year 3 B	Sebastian Georges	Charlotte Rose Naim
Year 3 G	Kaley Chown	Molli Singh
Year 3 W	Olivia Medjumurac	Vienna Bizzanelli
Year 4 B	Isaac Meighan	Leah Ocamp
Year 4 G	Jordan Nobleza	Christian Medjumurac
Year 4 W	Eva Bond	Natasha Cabarles
Year 5 B	Lucious Cappello	Abbey Hollier
Year 5G	Ethan Streater	Natalia Zahorsky
Year 5W	Olivia Ross	Dylan Halwani
Year 6 B	Riharna Pacella	Julia Zammit
Year 6 G	Ava Camilleri	Jazmin Gauci
Year 6 W	Charlotte Anderson	Alexis Beneke