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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Mother's Day

On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to wish all mothers in our parish/school community a happy and heartfelt Mothers' Day for this Sunday. The special love that only a mother can give is always appreciated but not always acknowledged. Every day should be Mothers' Day, so why not rest and relax on Sunday and allow your family to show their love and thanks to you for the invaluable role you play in their lives.



Please see pasted on your child's google page or [Click Here](#) click here for a 'special reflective piece' on Mothers from the staff at OLA.

Thank You Fr Warren

Our appreciation and thanks to Fr Warren. Fr Warren will be relocating to Huon Valley, Tasmania at the end of this month. Given the current climate, a proper and deserving farewell is just not possible. He has been the shepherd of this flock that has grown from strength to strength each year since 2007. Fr Warren's leadership has positively impacted countless people and has seen the Parish enjoy a beautiful new Church and school that will be a constant reminder of his incredible work for this parish.

We would like to organise a farewell gift from our school community to acknowledge the blessing Fr Warren has been to us. If you would like to contribute, please send in a gold or fold donation on a day that your child returns to school in an envelop marked 'Fr Warren Gift'. This gesture to show our appreciation is purely optional.

Thank you kindly for your very positive feedback to Mr Cauchi and myself regarding our MIB video message to the children (this was posted on every grade's google page last Friday/Monday). The children certainly enjoyed it and contrary to popular belief, we will not be giving up our day jobs to pursue a movie career.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

STARTING THIS MONDAY 11TH MAY

As communicated, the next two weeks (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.



Sunday 8th May
Gospel Reflection
Year A

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jn 14:1-12](#)

(Please click on the bible reference to read this Sunday's Gospel)

Gospel Reflection

Living the Gospel – The Way, the Truth and the Life

When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQfduQqllhA>

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is devoted to Mary. We pray to Mary for her gift of motherhood to Jesus. Her courage, strength, and unconditional love she showed to her son Jesus as a mother reminds us of all the



women in our lives who care and love us. May we continue to pray to Mary and spend time in reflective prayer by saying the rosary.



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

Sun 10th May
Korbin Bruckard

Thurs 14th May
Gabriella Ponturo

Mon 11th May
Milana Buda
Claire Sievwright

Fri 15th May
Francesca Topic
Cooper Roberts
Marcus Wang
Lauren Caraos

Tues 12th May
Cruz Camilleri

Sat 16th May
Stella Signorelli
Georgia Dolahenty
Isaac Rapa

Wed 13th May
Hannah Burgess
Lauren Cauchi

Theme of the Week
"Mothers are a Gift from God"

Our theme this week is an acknowledgement that our Mothers, in so many ways, are one of the most precious gifts that God has given to all of us. We learn so much from the role modelling and care our Mothers give us. The unique qualities of our worn mothers, whether by God's side or with us, are indeed special and we give thanks to Our Lord for their committed care and love in our lives.

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.

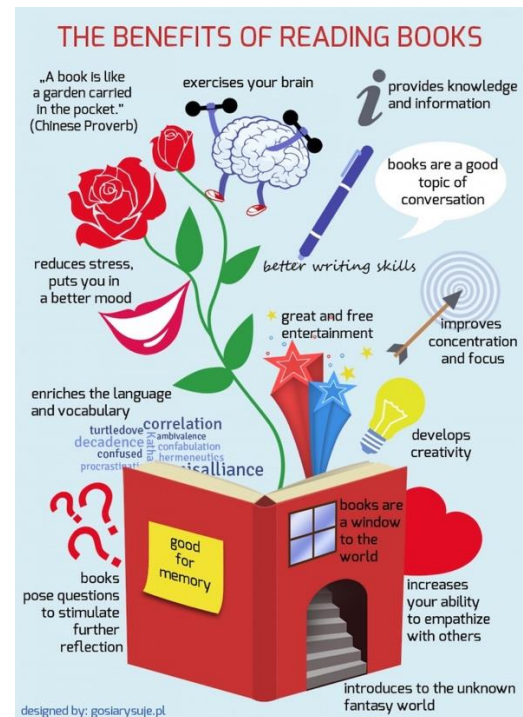
IMPORTANT NOTICE Facebook/Messenger

Please note: There are **NO** official grade Facebook pages. These pages are not to have a school crest/logo etc., as they are not endorsed, contributed to or seen by the school. As a result, there can often be inaccurate information regarding uniform changes, questions about reading levels etc. **Parents are always encouraged and welcome to direct questions to the school office, teachers, Mr Cauchi or Mr Calabria for accurate information.** An example of official vs unofficial was illustrated this week where a parent explained they read it on the Facebook page thinking it was endorsed by the school.

Parent Calendar for Term 2

At the present time there are no set dates for activities, events etc. As a result, we will not be publishing the Term 2 calendar at the moment. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for information etc.

Literacy News



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 (3rd 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

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 25th May as we are aware that parents have not had an opportunity to purchase uniforms.

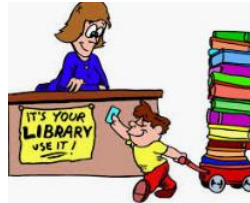
A reminder that students are to wear their school jumper with their uniform. Sport zip jackets are only to be worn on sports days and the bomber jacket is NOT to be worn in place of the jumper.

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.

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.

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.



Library Books/Borrowing

We ask parents to return all library books on the day their child attends school over the next few weeks. The students will also have the opportunity to visit the library to borrow books.

Morning Drop Off

We kindly ask that parents do not leave their cars to help their children out during the morning drop off. If your child needs assistance etc it is always best to park and walk them to the gate. For safety, no child should ever exit the car on the driver's side. If baby capsules are in the way, then once again it would be best to park first or alternatively practise climbing over the seats etc. My thanks for your co-operation in helping our drive through flow smoothly and quickly in the morning.



Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."



Jokes of the Week

Stage 3: - Adrian Attard

What move faster, heat or cold?
Heat because anyone and catch a cold.

Stage 2: - Kyra Heaney

Why couldn't the pony sing?
Because he was a little horse.

Stage 1: - Avery Grace

What did the envelope say to the stamp?
Stick with me baby and you'll go places.

Kindy: - Jack Lenane

Why did the banana go to the doctors?
Because he wasn't peeling so well.

Isabella Cauchi

Why do we tell actors to 'break a leg'?
Because every play has a cast

Luka Vaughan

What is a soldier's favourite month?
MARCH.

Sienna Cutajar

Why is it so easy to trick vampires?
Because they are suckers.

Mia Pennati

What is a snakes favourite colour at school?
Hiss tory!