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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

The Opening School Mass yesterday was a lovely celebration of our Christ Centred community. Our Appreciation to Fr Warren for celebrating such a beautiful mass and for his blessings upon the year ahead. Thank you to Mrs Byrne, our Religious Education Co-ordinator (REC) for her dedication in co-ordinating our celebrations and to the OLA staff for their efforts in making the morning so special.

Congratulations to the members of the **2020 OLA Student Representative Council (SRC)**. These students were commissioned at yesterday's Opening Year Mass. The SRC are responsible for numerous events under the care of the REC.

School Captains: Marcus Mileto & Emily Lenane **Vice School Captains:** Jett Laborte & Amelia Bond
Clare House Captains: Thomas Cutuk & Taylor Cummings **Vice Captains:** Logan Hayden & Macy Owen
Marian House Captains: Boston Roberts & Jazmin Gauci **Vice Captains:** Daniel Knowles & Roxie Pace
Francis House Captains: Jaeden Mensah & Madison Zahra **Vice Captains:** Ethan Phelps & Katia Lesar
Gabriel House Captains: Lachlan Connellan & Lauren Caraos **Vice Captains:** Raymon Chayban & Emma Cleary

Student Representative Council

5B - Maddix Laborte & Chloe Holden **5G** - Natalia Zahorsky & Charlie Mileto **5W** - Dylan Halwani & Leona Siason
4B - Chelsea Strong & Addison Del Rosario **4G** - Rose Montgomery & Patrick Pacella **4W** - Eva Bond & Isaac Rapa
3B - Charlise Mitrovich & Joshua Basile **3G** - Natalie Vella & Isaiah Balangon **3W** - Lola Quinlan & William Mallard
2B - Sienna Galea & Lachlan Newman **2G** - Alessia Costa & Jack Leahy **2W** - Nadia Mileto & Keanu Edelsinki
1B - Grace Maddaford & Arlo Nobleza **1G** - Olivia Falzon & Jai McLuskey **1W** - Indii Blye & Nicholas Smith



Grade Information Sessions

My appreciation and thanks to the many parents who attended the grade information sessions. Your support is very much appreciated. On your behalf many thanks to all the teachers for their time and commitment to working with you. It is working in partnership with you that we value, as it truly benefits your child's learning.

Getting to Know your Child

At OLA, assessment of the children's learning plays an important role in ensuring that teaching is matched to the child's learning needs. When assessing, the teachers collect, analyse and record information about the children's progress in their learning. While assessment occurs across all grades throughout the year, we place a particular focus on the early years of their formal schooling.

Over the first few weeks of this term, teachers have been assessing the children's literacy and numeracy abilities. Kindergarten & Year 1 children also complete the Literacy Early Years Assessment (EYA). These assessments allow the teachers to individually assess each child, learn about how they think, and to find out what they know and can do in literacy and numeracy. The information gathered from these assessments assists the children's teachers to plan learning experiences that best support the children's abilities and needs. So that the children's growth in their learning can be measured and monitored, many of these assessments will be administered again at the end of the school year.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2021 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Open School between 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Information Session: 7.00pm

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school



Sunday 16th February Gospel

Reflection

Year A

Mt 5: 17-37

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

'You are the light of the world'

Living the Gospel

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they have a fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and the modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN RE

WEEK FOUR: BUSHFIRE SUPPORT FUNDRAISER

Bushfires have devastated several communities across Australia. Hundreds of homes have been lost, livelihoods destroyed and tragically some have lost their loved ones. St Vincent de Paul charity has been working with these communities to help many rebuild their lives.



To support St Vincent de Paul all schools in the Parramatta Catholic Diocese will be holding a fundraising event. **Next Friday 21st February**, OLA will be having a

'Bush Mufti Gold or Fold (notes) Mufti Day'. We ask students to dress in mufti and donate to support St Vincent de Paul to help make a difference to those less fortunate.



WEEK FIVE:

Tuesday 25th February: Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday (Whole school parish mass @ 9 am)

Save the Date

OLA/Santa Sophia will be hosting the 123 Magic Parenting Program for parents on the following dates:-

Tuesday 10th March – 6.30 – 8.30pm

Tuesday 17th March – 6.30 – 8.30pm

Tuesday 24th March – 6.30 – 8.30pm

Further information to follow.

Hills Zone Swimming

As we go to print, a group of our students are representing our school at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. We wish them well and a full report will be in next week's newsletter.



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

Mon 17th Feb
Russell Rochaix
Emily Godden
Jordan Mabhena

Thurs 20th Feb
Adrian Farrugia
Amity Oxspring

Wed 19th Feb
Aidan Gomes
Emily Lenane
Mia Pennati
Milena Grech
Isaiah Chen

Fri 21st Feb
Lucas Dobaj
Olivia Sims

Sun 23rd Feb
Justin Gauci
Roy Shim

Library Monitors

Congratulations to Laura McKeever, Ava Martin, Vienna Bizzanelli and Roderick Raad, who will be the Library Monitors for this term.



PARENT HELPERS???

Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??

It has been pleasing 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.

We strongly encourage all parents to undertake this very quick online process every February every two years. Our suggestion is to do it every even year, ie 2020, 2022 etc

Please find coming home today a hard copy of the Term 1 Calender (for your fridge) and an electronic copy for ease of use.

Dates to Remember

Week 4:

Mon 17th Feb Yr 4 Science Day
Wed 19th Feb P&F AGM Meeting 7.00pm
Thurs 20th Feb Primary Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Fri 21st Feb Primary Assembly 2:40pm 6G

Week 5:

Tues 25th Feb Shrove Tuesday
Wed 26th Feb Ash Wednesday Mass 9.00am
Fri 28th Feb Infants Assembly 2:40pm 2G

Disabled Parking Space

Please only use these spaces if you are the holder of a disability parking scheme permit. This must be displayed on your windscreen.

Thank you for your co-operation in supporting members of our community.

PARISH DINNER DANCE



You are invited to the
Our Lady of the Angels
2020 DINNER DANCE

Saturday 14th March, 2020

The Greenway Room

The Fiddler

Cost: \$75

3 course meal with

LIVE Entertainment featuring

Mr Joe Apap

Payment can be made by Card, Cash or Cheque
For further information, contact Geraldine ~ 8883

Literacy News

This year our school's learning goal is:

All students will demonstrate growth in comprehension with a specific focus on SURFACE, DEEP AND TRANSFER learning across all KLAs.

Ways to improve reading comprehension at home

Developing reading comprehension skills is important for absorbing story books as a young child. As children get older, this skill will help them understand textbooks, newspapers, and other more complex texts.

1. Have your child read aloud. This forces them to go slower, which gives them more time to process what they read and in turn improves reading comprehension. Plus, they are not only seeing the words — they are hearing them, too! You can also take turns reading aloud.

2. Provide books at the right level. Make sure your child gets lots of practice reading books that aren't too hard. They should recognize at least 90 percent of the words without any help. Stopping any more often than that to figure out a word makes it tough for them to focus on the overall meaning of the story

Source: <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/developing-reading-skills/improve-reading-comprehension.html>

Date for Diaries:

Thursday 5th 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 with your child/children. We ask that no food, drinks or games be played during this time.

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

Games to play at home to help my child with Mathematics...

NUMBER BUSTING

Number busting is an activity that can be used to help children understand quantities of numbers. It allows children to manipulate a quantity to find that it is made up of a variety of smaller quantities. It is important that the children recognize that there is more than one way to bust a given number.

Most children benefit from using concrete materials such as bead strings to manipulate when busting a number. Children then use this knowledge to solve other mathematical problems.

TRY THIS:

Think of a number between 70 and 90 (smaller numbers for younger children, larger numbers for older children).

Next, the challenge is to find as many ways as possible to split or partition this number in 2 minutes. Include some interesting or creative solutions. There is no limit to the number of splits.

Choose your favourite solution and explain why you have chosen to share it with a member of your family.

Do you Have the Information you Need?

Thank you to the many parents who contact the teachers, the office, Mr Cauchi or Mr Calabria directly with questions, concerns, feedback, issues and more importantly to seek clarification. Society is such that information is often misconstrued or acts like 'chinese whispers'. Common sense should always prevail. Today's sensationalistic media does not help with the dissemination of accurate information. It is always paramount that if you are unsure that you speak to the people that know and have the correct information.

To that end, please always send any emails to ola@parra.catholic.edu.au and these will be forwarded to your child's teacher, Mr Calabria or Mr Cauchi. Please DO NOT send any emails to your child's teacher directly.

Living Alongside our Neighbours

Please respect all properties neighbouring the school and ensure that our parking does not adversely affect our local neighbours, and the safety of everyone, particularly in surrounding streets. Our neighbours have a right to access their driveway and **parents must not park across driveways** or drive in an unsafe manner. A reminder that police and council officers regularly patrol (as has been the case recently) and fine drivers.

Parents are also requested to **not park** in front of our neighbour's wheelie bins that have not been emptied. A simple check if the bin has been emptied as a courtesy would ensure that you are not prohibiting our neighbour's bin from being emptied by the garbage trucks.

Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently, there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues, and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.

OLA P&F Annual General Meeting

This Wednesday, 19th February at 7.00pm

All positions will be vacated and new committee members are being sought.

The OLA P&F meets once a term, usually in Week 4. The primary objective of this body is to build community.

We look forward to seeing many people come along.

PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL ASAP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAND FOR ANY OF THE POSITIONS OF:

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- TREASURER
- SECRETARY
- PRC REPRESENTATIVE

Celebrating our Talented Students

Term 1 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
KB	Ari Vilathgamuwa	Elena Valensise	Emily Godden
KG	Samuel Meighan	William Lewis	Natalie Balangon
KW	Harrison Vella	Amalia Gergely-Hollai	Evelyn McKee
Year 1 B	Nevaeh Macquet-Maurel	Melina Lesar	Cooper Jones
Year 1 G	Caleb Tan	Evelyn Lynch	Jordan Mabhena
Year 1 W	Charlotte Eyres	Audrey Verzosa	Katherine Cameron
Year 2 B	Lucas Dobaj	Jennifer-Rose Murphy	Alessio Russo
Year 2G	Mia Georges	John Vickers	Alessia Costa
Year 2W	Aiden Harvey	Ava Phelps	Luca Mazza

Are you Receiving Emails?

As information & various notes are emailed from the school, please ensure that we have your correct/preferred email address on our system. We are hopeful that by next week we will have the problems with our emails rectified.

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



Secondary: March 4th, 4pm-7pm

85 Hambledon Road, Schofields

Primary: March 11th, 4pm-6pm

1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville

Principal's Address, School Tour, Demonstrations and more

Now enrolling for 2021

<http://www.santasophiaboxhill.catholic.edu.au/>

Congratulations to
Jayden & Nicholas
Thornton on the birth
of their baby brother,
Nicholas.



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Evening

Tuesday 18 February, 2020
4pm or 6pm

There will be two information sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered at the College.

Enrolment packages will be available at the Open Evening, or for collection from the College Reception. Information about the College is available online at www.mariancollege.nsw.edu.au

EACH SESSION WILL:

- Commence in the College Hall, where the Principal and students from Year 7 and 12 will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College.
- Be followed by guided tours of the school. Visitors will be able to view activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.
- Follow exactly the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you (4pm or 6pm).

Applications for Year 7, 2021 close on
Monday 2 March, 2020.

Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer:
marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au **9654 6700**