

Dear Parents,

Feast of Our Lady of the Angels – 2nd August

Over the last week, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels with a lovely prayer at our assembly. Our Lady blesses us each and every day as we gather as a faith filled community.

Feast of Mary McKillop – 8th August

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of Mary McKillop, as featured in last week's newsletter. St Mary of the Cross challenges us each and every day to live out her mantra of – **"Never see a need without doing something about it"**.



Respect – Such an Important Quality

Respect towards each other is an important, and admirable characteristic. The following reflection gives 10 simple points to always remember. Why not take the time to share this with your child.

1. Speak to People. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of their own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. Be a friend to all.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others, it will be appreciated.
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others, there are always three sides to controversy – yours, the other person's and the right one.
10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Fr Carlos visiting Year 5 today





Sunday 9th of August
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel Reflection
Year A

[Matthew 14: 22-33](#)

Gospel Reflection- Jesus walks on water

Living the Gospel – Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise, he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves. (LiturgyHelp.com, 6-8-2020)



Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who celebrated their birthday last week.....

Mon 3rd Aug
Damien Pendlebury

Thurs 6th Aug
Stella Mancia

And those celebrating their birthday this week.....

Mon 10th Aug
Christian Medjumurac

Fri 14th Aug
Benjamin Nicholls
Roko Deur

Tues 11th Aug
Ava Nobleza
Olivia Iori

Sat 15th Aug
Harrison Dolahenty
Isabella Cauchi
Alannah Said

Thurs 13th Aug
Athena Sales
Riccardo Barbatano

Sun 16th Aug
Ethan Maddaford
Ethan Streater

Saint Mary of the Cross (Feast Day 8th August)



*Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the
Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and
encouragement
to those who were disheartened,
lonely, or needy.*

*With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request.....
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy
Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with
courage, trust, and openness.
Ever generous God, hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Year 6 Voice of Youth (VOY)

All Year 6 students over the past weeks have been delivering their VOY speeches to their cohort. From this process, six students were selected according to the Diocesan criteria to present their speeches today as finalists. These students were Amelia Bond, Isobel Clarke, Alicia Gladwell, Emily Lenane, Roxie Pace and Lucy Tapley.

The Voice of Youth, as organised by the Diocese, has taken a different format this year due to COVID. It is yet to be confirmed whether cluster and subsequent finals will be undertaken. Please keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for our school representative and runner up.

Safeguarding Course for Parents – Online Webinars

Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 years) Thursday 20th August, 12.00-1.00pm

A one-hour webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old. This session will cover:-

- Ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying
- Strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- Skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- How to get help if things go wrong

Tech, Teens & Time Online (Secondary students) Monday 7th September, 7.00-8.00pm

A one-hour webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years. The session will cover:-

- Ideas to start the chat about harmful content, relationships and online harassment
- Strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- Online wellbeing strategies for teens
- How to get help if things go wrong

Parents and carers must register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:-

20th August 2020 session - [link to register](#)

7th September 2020 session - [link to register](#)

Staffing

As you are aware, Mrs Sullivan will be finishing her time at Our Lady of the Angels on Friday 14th August. I wish to announce that Miss Grace will be assuming the classroom responsibilities for KB. Miss Grace is an outstanding teacher who is very well known to the children, as she is already part of the Kindergarten team of Teachers.

We take this opportunity to once again thank Mrs Sullivan and wish her all the best in her new role.

PLEASE NOTE

PUPIL FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

FRIDAY 21st AUGUST

Children do not attend school on this day.

Staff Professional Learning

The staff at OLA are long life learners who are continually refining and developing their craft. Professional learning as a team of educators is an important part of a teacher's life. It is this learning that helps us continue to provide the best possible education for your child. Staff gather every Wednesday afternoon for this purpose in addition to many other meetings.

Occasionally, as will be the case this Wednesday, we will have a professional learning twilight session which will begin after school and continue until 7.00pm.

My appreciation and thanks to the dedicated OLA staff for their commitment and the time they invest in their professional learning to be the best they can be for our students.



Tell Them From Me

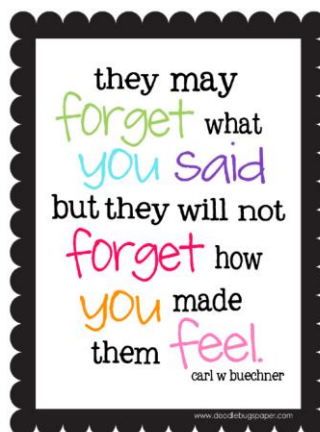
Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

Each year across the Parramatta Diocese, schools are invited to engage their communities in the **Tell Them From Me - Survey**

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of the Angels.

The survey is anonymous and should not take too long to complete. We will send out a link to the survey via email shortly.



School Photos

School Photo day has been scheduled for Monday 17th August



Information will be coming home on Monday



Parents can access the 2020 booklist at the following address,

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

Congratulations to

**Harrison Vella KW, Jordan Nobleza 4G, Olivia Vella 4G, Luke Smyth 5W, Ryan Scanes 1W,
Alegra Shaw 3G and Julia Zammit 6B**

We have now had 38 students complete the challenge. Well done!
for completing the

Premier's Reading Challenge this week.

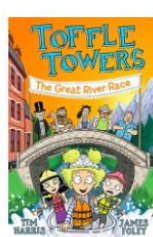
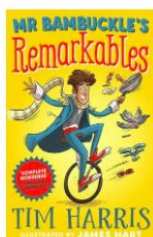
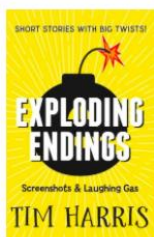
Book Week:

Theme: 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'

Author Visit:

On Monday 10th August, Tim Harris will visit our school. Tim is a bestselling author of several series for kids, including Toffle Towers, Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables and Exploding Endings. A former primary school teacher of 15 years, his stories are filled with quirky scenarios, loveable characters and plenty of imagination. Tim's 'humour with heart' writing style has seen his books receive multiple awards.

As part of his visit, Tim will sign copies of his books. If you would like a copy signed, please have your child bring these books into school on the day.



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

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.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page.

There are many videos and photos of our beautiful children learning and enjoying school, award winners for the week and a even throwback Thursday photos to celebrate our past.

<https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill> Or
Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our school website

Be sure to 'like us'

Did you Know???

What our class names stand for!



B is for Banksia



G is for Grevillea



W is for Wattle

Zone Athletics Carnival

A decision has been made by the Catholic Education Office to **CANCEL all ZONE & DIOCESAN Athletics Carnivals** due to the nature of these events and the current Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions)

PLEASE READ

Change of Circumstances - Important

If there has been a change of circumstances in your home ie moving house, parent separation etc could you please email the office to advise us of any new address/es, phone numbers, etc. All up to date information is required by CEDP so that we can all work in better partnership with you.

Email Addresses

As most school notes are emailed, please don't forget to let us know if your email address changes. We encourage you to check your email (and/or spam) regularly for emails from OLA.

School Times – Late Arrivals

School commences at 8.50am and concludes at 3.10pm.

If you arrive any time from 8.50am then you **must** bring your child to the office to have them signed in and they will get a late pass. We have had a lot of children recently who have come to the office unattended. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Prescription Medication

Prescription Medication is only administered to students upon completion of the OLA Medication Administration Form, which is available from the school office or on our website.

Non-Prescription Medication

Non-prescription Medication will ONLY be administered by the school eg, Panadol, antihistamine, creams, eye drops etc, if they are accompanied by the Medication Administration Form. This medication will be sent home once the specified period is completed.

All medication for your child MUST be delivered directly to the office with completed paperwork and under no circumstances is any medication to be kept in a child's bag

Birthday Treats

In regard to birthday treats that are sometimes sent in, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending anything in during this COVID 19 period. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home.

At this current time, we also kindly ask that you **do not** send in non-edible items as birthday treats eg, pencils etc due to COVID 19 as it is always unknown as to who has handled the items from manufacturer to classroom. This restriction is aimed solely at doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your child.

Values Matter at OLA

"Doing Your Best"

(taken from The Nine Values for Australia Schools from the National Values Education Program)

This week we are focussing on the value of:-

DOING YOUR BEST – Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard and pursue excellence.

This value includes the following characteristics:-

- Having a go! – How do you as parents, encourage this characteristic?
- Being positive about learning.
- Learning from your mistakes – Tell them how proud you are of their efforts.
- Discovering what you're good at and enjoy doing it.
- Doing things to the best of your ability.
- Using your talents – Discern your child's God given talent/s with them and how these gifts should be used to the best of their ability.
- Setting worthwhile goals and making plans to achieve them. Do you have goals?

The overall message:-

Attaining personal success in a range of human endeavours, pursuing individual excellence and displaying pride and satisfaction in personal achievement.

Change of School for 2021

If you are moving from OLA in 2021, please let us know as soon as possible. Please complete the Withdrawal of Notice form which can be found on the school website.

Theme for the Week

"Doing your Best"

Our theme this week focuses on always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.

Term 3 Dates

Monday 10th August – Author Visit Tim Harris
 Monday 17th August – School Photos
 Thursday 20th August – Scholastic Book Fair Arrives
 Friday 21st August – Staff Development Day
 Wednesday 26th August – Kindergarten Incursion
 Year 4 Incursion



Lost Property

There are many jumpers in lost property with no names, as shown here. If you have lost a jumper and you know it did not have a name on it, please email and if there is one there, we will send it home to you.

Awards

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

Term 3 Week 3		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Mia Pennati	William Biega
KG	Georgia Tomic	Daniel Salac
KW	Oscar Meli	Nevenka Topic
Year 1 B	Marcus Wang	Grace Maddaford
Year 1 G	Jacinta Raad	Lyla Sofiak
Year 1 W	Lily Tawadrouse	Indii Blye
Year 2 B	Lauren Myhre-Fox	Dexter Wijaya
Year 2G	Lachlan Riley	Hailey Ocampo
Year 2W	Jackson Navarro	Charlotte Holden
Year 3 B	Patrick Cleary	Hamish Connellan
Year 3 G	Brandon Ciantar	Chloe Bassili
Year 3 W	Gael Casino	Ethan Maddaford
Year 4 B	Mia Lesar	Sophia Ocampo
Year 4 G	Olivia Vella	Ruby Millers
Year 4 W	Luka Vaughan	Sybellah Arora
Year 5 B	Zoey Chown	Aidan Attard
Year 5G	Javin Chugh	Ebony Lynch
Year 5W	Oliver Davidson	Solomon Sloane
Year 6 B	Sophia Dobaj	Jett Laborte
Year 6 G	Mitchell Ross	Harriet Preston
Year 6 W	Marcus Mileto	Denison Cu

