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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### Ash Wednesday Mass

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. During this Liturgical season of the Church, children and adults may sometimes ask the question: "What is Ash Wednesday?" The ashes used are made by burning the remains of the palms blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes). They also remind us of our conversion of our lives during this season of renewal. During Lent, the Church asks us to contemplate ongoing conversion. To achieve conversion, the Church proposes the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

It is the focal point of the church's liturgical year. It occurs forty days before Good Friday. We are reminded to be faithful to the Gospels. Believing in the Gospels helps us to walk with Jesus. We can be guided along this journey by such Gospel values as Love, Hope, Trust, Service, Forgiveness, Peace, Respect, Acceptance, Compassion and Justice.

We hope you can join us for Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.00am.

Many thanks to the parents who were able to join us for our first Parents & Friends meeting for 2020. On your behalf my thanks and appreciation to our outgoing P&F Executive members. To Alison Streater for her outstanding leadership as President for the past two years and to Anna Farrugia who has also, for the last two years, been our ever efficient Treasurer. Their generosity of self and time has been very much appreciated. The children of OLA have benefitted greatly thanks to their involvement.

Our gratitude to the incoming executive, some of whom are new to their roles and others who have taken on a new role or remained in the same role. The new committee for 2020 is:-

President – Cara Gergly-Hollai  
Vice President – Marian Vickers  
Treasurer – Olivia Cameron

We are still in need of filling the role of Secretary. If you are available and would like to join the committee, please email the office.

I encourage you to support our P&F and be involved in the many school activities, events etc that in turn benefit your children and build our strong community.

### Bush Gold & Fold

Congratulations to all the students on the gold & fold mufti today. We have raised \$1,006 towards the diocesan bushfire appeal.



### 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.

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

Tony Calabria  
Principal



Sunday 23rd February

Gospel Reflection

Year A

[Mt 5:38-48](#)

(Please click on the bible reference to read this Sunday's Gospel)  
'You are the light of the world'

**Living the Gospel**

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN RE**

**WEEK FIVE:**

Tuesday 25th February: Shrove Tuesday  
Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday (Whole school parish mass @ 9 am)

**WEEK SIX:**

Monday 6th March: Catholic Schools Week Prayer  
9am Morning Assembly

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

*Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.*

On Wednesday 26th March each family will receive a Project Compassion Box. We ask for your kind donations over Lenten to reach out to others in need.



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

**Mon 17th Feb**  
James Apap

**Thurs 27th Feb**  
Skye Batra  
Prince Adrian Kajavshekan  
Cooper Jones

**Mon 24th Feb**  
Maia Villanueva  
Zoey Chown  
William Biega  
Derek Sun

**Fri 28th Feb**  
Max Krotofil  
Alessandra Flores  
Ashlee Charlton

**Tues 25th Feb**  
Ariah Clark

**Wed 26th Feb**  
Alexandra Terzo

**Theme of the Week:**

*'Doing your Best'*

*As a learner it is important that you are 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 behaviours 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 2 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Please note that the first day of term 2, Monday 27th April, is a Staff Development Day, which means no school for students on this day. The students will commence term 2 on Tuesday 28th April.

**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.

**School Fees**

*CEDP have posted the 2020 school fees this week and you should have received them by now. If you have not received them, can you please send an email to [hgoldsworthy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hgoldsworthy@parra.catholic.edu.au) and I will forward a copy to you. If you are not opting to pay by the flexible payment plan, the fees are due and payable on 18th March 2020. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.*

Please find coming home with the newsletter:-

- 123 Magic Parenting Flyer
- PRC Term 1 Flyer

## Dates to Remember

	<b>Week 5:</b>
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Shrove Tuesday
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.00am
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Infants Assembly 2:40pm 2G
	<b>Week 6:</b>
	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	Open School Evening – 4.30 – 6.00pm Kindergarten Information 7.00pm
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Rug Reading 2.30pm All Welcome
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Primary Assembly – 6W

**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.

## PARISH DINNER DANCE



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

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 ~ 8888

## 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

**Reread to build fluency.** To gain meaning from text and encourage reading comprehension, your child needs to read quickly and smoothly — a skill known as fluency. By the beginning of Year 3, for example, your child should be able to read 90 words a minute.

Rereading familiar, simple books gives your child practice at decoding words quickly, so they'll become more fluent in their reading comprehension. **Repeating, Reviewing, and Remembering**

The more we engage with a story, the more we take away from it. That is often why, as adults, we choose to reread those classics we were assigned to read as students in school. We're sure to get more out of the book that second or third time we read it.

Similarly, when kids listen to the same story multiple times, they pick up new information, dive deeper into the meaning of the book, and make connections between themselves and the book — as well as between the book and other books they've heard.

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

### Date for Diaries:

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Matific

A common question that is asked by parents is 'How can I help my children at home with Numeracy?' Numeracy today is taught differently to the way that it was taught in the past, therefore making parents feel that they can not help their children at home.

To support learning at home our school has previously used 'Mathletics' - an online resource that enables the children to engage in maths concepts in an interactive environment. In 2020 we are using a different online resource called 'Matific'. Teachers will be assigning tasks for students to complete at home. These tasks will be purposeful tasks to support the learning that is happening in the classroom. The tasks are designed in such a way that enable the children to engage at various levels according to their needs. The resource fee for 'Matific' has been included in your resource fee structure.

I would also like to direct you to another useful resource that focuses on how parents can assist their children at home. It is called 'Numeracy at Home'. Please click on the link to access this free resource. [Numeracy At Home](#)

God Bless

Steve Cauchi, Assistant Principal

## KINDERGARTEN 2021 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# SPORT @ OLA

## Swimming Carnival News

The 2020 OLA Swimming Carnival was a wonderful success, with amazing cheering from each house and lots of personal bests on the day. We thank Mr Campbell for his organisation and our many parent volunteers who supported Mr Campbell with the running of the day.

## Swimming Carnival 2020 Results Congratulations to the following students who broke school swimming records;

**Senior Girls 100m Freestyle:** Charlotte A

**10 Year Girls 50m Freestyle:** Alysha B

**Junior Boys 50m Breaststroke:** Lucas C

**Junior Girls 50m Butterfly:** Alysha B

**Junior Boys Relay:** Gabriel (Gold) Lucas C, William H, Tomas M, Isaac M

**Junior Girls Relay:** Marian (Blue) Alysha B, Ruby M, Paityn N, Addison G

**Senior Boys Relay:** Claire (Red) Cohan S, Ethan S, Thomas C, Thomas Andrew,

## 2019 Age Champions

**Junior Boys Age Champion:** Lucas C

**Junior Girls Age Champion:** Alysha B

**11 Yr Boys Age Champion:** Cohan S

**11 Yr Girls Age Champion:** Emily L

**Senior Boys Age Champion:** Marcus M

**Senior Girls Age Champion:** Charlotte A



## WINNING HOUSES

**WINNING HOUSE 2020:** CLAIRE HOUSE (RED)

**SPIRIT CUP WINNER 2020:** MARIAN HOUSE (BLUE)

## Zone Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 14th of February, a selection of students participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival 2020. Students from Years 3-6 competed. It was a fantastic day with many victories. The carnival ran smoothly, with many of our students participating in backstroke, freestyle, butterfly and relay events. Thank you to our parents who assisted myself and Mrs Byrne to ensure the day run smoothly. I would like to congratulate on the students for their excellent behaviour, positive sportsmanship and participation on the day. I would like to further congratulate the students who have successfully moved onto the next round at the Primary Diocesan Swimming Carnival. All students should feel proud of their achievements on this day. (Miss Fahmi)

## Hills Zone Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who represented OLA at the Hills Zone Carnival; *Charlotte A, Alysha B, Amelia B, Zara B, Isobel C, Addison G, Chloe H, Abbey H, Sahara K, Emily L, Ebony L, Mia L, Ruby M, Charlise M, Gabriella R, Riharna P, Erica S, Natalia Z, Madison Z, Thomas A, Isaiah B, Lucas C, Logan C, Lucas C, Thomas C, Xavier D, Fionn G, Ryan Knipler,*

*Sean Mc, Isaac M, Marcus M, Patrick P, Cohan S, Ethan S, Jayden T.*



## Diocesan Representatives for the Hills Zone

Congratulations to the following students who represented the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival: Thomas C, Erica S, Charlotte A, Isobel C, Lucas C, Alysha B

Junior Girls Relay: Alysha B, Abbey H, Addison G, Ebony L

Senior Girls Relay: Charlotte A, Sahara K, Riharna P, Madison Z

## NSWCPS Swimming Championships

Congratulations to the following students who will now represent the Parramatta Diocese at the Mackillop Championships: Lucas C

Junior Girls Relay: Alysha B, Abbey H, Addison G, Ebony L

Senior Girls Relay: Charlotte A, Sahara K, Riharna P, Madison Z

## 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**

## Sibling Enrolment for 2021

If you have a sibling to commence in 2021, can you please email the office and advise us of your child's name, date of birth and the class of the sibling at OLA.

Enrolment packs will be sent home over the coming weeks. Please complete the enrolment application and submit to the office, together with the required **ORIGINAL** supporting documentation by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Please note that we do require to sight 'proof of residence' when you lodge the paperwork (drivers' licence is sufficient).



Our Lady of the Angels Primary School follows a framework to promote positive behaviours in learning and play. We recognise students who are following the school expectations of

*Respect for Self  
Respect for Others  
Respect for Environment*

Students might receive an 'Angel card' or an 'OLA' token to recognise positive behaviours. Students receive an Archangel award when they have received 60 Angel cards.

Congratulations to the following students who have received an Archangel award in the last fortnight:

Ethan Streater, Michelangelot La, Noah Cleary, Nicholas Thornton, Mitchell Ross and Charlotte Muscat



# Celebrating our Talented Students

Term 1 Week 4			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Kyra Heaney	Mikayla Streater	Joshua Basile
Year 3 G	Max Masters	Andre Mandarano	Olivia Iori
Year 3 W	Noah Cleary	Tayah Youssef	Serenity Naim
Year 4 B	Elise Song	Sophia Ocampo	Joshua Muscat
Year 4 G	Luka Kurcubic	Laura McKeever	Prasaia Merrin
Year 4 W	Ashlee Charlton	Thomas Weldon	Trinity Oxspring
Year 5 B	Logan Cleary	Zoey Chown	Malachi Rangan
Year 5G	James Conn	Georgia Dolahenty	Charlie Mileto
Year 5W	Keira Mooney	Thomas Andrews	Danielle Vella
Year 6 B	Thomas Cutuk	Isobel Clarke	Matilda Wallis
Year 6 G	Ethan Phelps	Daniel Knowles	James Apap
Year 6 W	Janiya De La Cruz	Ella Dimech	Jericho Cruz



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

*From the Parish Office...*

**Ash Wednesday – 26 February**

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation but you are strongly encouraged to attend, receive the ashes and start the season of Lent in this holy way. There will be masses held at **9am** (school mass) and **7.30pm**.

**Stations of the Cross**

Commencing next Friday, on all Friday nights throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the Church.

**OLA Dinner Dance – Saturday, 14th March**

You are invited to come along to the 2020 OLA Dinner Dance which is being held at The Greenway Room at The Fiddler. Tickets are now on sale for \$75 pp. Commencing at 6.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office to purchase your tickets.

**OLA Playgroup**

Operating weekly from the OLA Community - all ages are welcome. Every Thursday morning 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. For further info contact Melissa 0425 423 680.

**Mass times:**

**Sat** vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5.30pm. **Weekdays:** Mon -Sat: 9 am

**Confessions:**

9:30 am Sat

**Baptisms & weddings:** By appointment

**Parish Priest:** Fr Warren Edwards

**Parish Secretaries:** Geraldine Farrugia and Rose Sultana

**Email:** parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Website:** www.ourladyoftheangels.org.au

**Contact information:** O.L.A. Parish Office, 1 Wellgate Avenue, North Kellyville

**Ph:** 8883 4063

**REMINDER:**

**Acceptable Hair Styles for Boys.**

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.”*

This includes boys’ long hair in ponytails. Thank you to all those who have noted this expectation.

