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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, my thanks and appreciation for your support in relation to last night's email to all parents regarding a parishioner (**where there is no known link between them and OLA primary school**). The thoughtful messages and prayer offerings for not just the parishioner but for all those suffering from this awful pandemic, was overwhelming.

School will continue to operate as normal with the children's safety and their learning as the priority. We look forward to seeing our beautiful students with their bright smiles here for photo day this Monday.

Once again thank you for the care and compassion you extend to each other within our faith filled community and beyond.

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. We continue to ask Mary to bless us with her grace. The students will participate in a reflection on Monday to acknowledge Mary in our lives.

Father in Heaven
All creation rightly gives you praise,
For all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
She who bore the Christ in her womb
Was raised body and soul in glory to be with
Him in Heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
And join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



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

Tony Calabria
Principal

PLEASE NOTE PUPIL FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

This coming FRIDAY 21st AUGUST
Children do not attend school on this day.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey



*Yesterday an email was forwarded to all families with the link to the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey. **Alternatively, you can use the link below.** We encourage all parents to complete the survey (this survey will take place in every school across the Diocese). We value your input and would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the survey. Your responses are confidential and anonymous.*

<http://tellthemfromme.com/ola2020>

*This link will close on **28th August 2020.** Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.*

Sunday 16th of August
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel Reflection
Year A



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

Mon 17th Aug
 Clara Denisenko
 Madeleine Giovas

Thurs 21st Aug
 Luca Mazza
 Alexander Newman
 Danielle Vella

Tues 18th Aug
 Chelsea Strong

Fri 22nd Aug
 Jack Leahy
 Timothy Rochaix

Wed 19th Aug
 Emma Quijano

[Mt 15:21-28](#)

Gospel Reflection

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture, or religious perspective or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

(LiturgyHelp.com.au. 14-7-2020)

The Feast of the Assumption

On the 15th August, a holy day of obligation, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. As we celebrate God taking Mary to glory in heaven, we pray with confidence that God will also take care of us, his followers, his children. It is a day of great celebration and rejoicing for all of us who believe in the saving power of our loving God.



PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON

following the Beirut blast

God of Compassion,

You are strength to those who suffer and comfort to those who grieve.
 We pray for the people of Lebanon in this time of disaster.
 Embrace those who died so suddenly and console those who grieve for loved ones.

United in solidarity with our Lebanese sisters and brothers we pray:
 For healing and strength for those injured and suffering
 That the international community will respond with generosity and compassion
 And that stability and peace will be restored in Lebanon.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

- Jo Brady RSJ Caritas Australia



We will hold a mufti day to support the people of Lebanon on Wednesday 26th August. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

Year 6 Voice of Youth (VOY)

Congratulations to Lucy Tapley who was our school Voice of Youth champion with an outstanding speech on 'The Worst Part of a Holiday'. Congratulations also to Amelia Bond for being awarded runner-up.

This year, due to Covid 19, the Diocese has decided that there will be no further competition beyond the school level. As a result, Lucy will be acknowledged by the Diocese and will also be videoed so that her speech can be uploaded and enjoyed by a wider audience. Congratulations to all year 6 students on participating in this value learning experience.

Thank you to Mrs Borg, Miss Digwood & Mr Lee for co-ordinating this wonderful Opportunity for the students.



Lucy Tapley & Amelia Bond

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](#)

Building Child Safe Communities – Volunteer Undertaking

A reminder to all parents that wish to volunteer at OLA that CEDP has launched a **NEW** Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Follow this link to complete: <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities>

All volunteers need a BCSC status that is **Approved** to provide services to our school. You must provide your BCSC number to school prior to the **EVENT DATE**.

Thank you for all that you do in partnership with the teachers and staff to enhance your child's learning journey at OLA.

School Photos

School Photo day are this Monday 17th August



Information was sent home by email on Wednesday about the online ordering of photos. Please ensure you complete this before Monday at www.laurendaniels.com.au.

Children are to wear their full winter uniform, have only studs or sleepers, correct hair ribbons, polished shoes, ties done up properly and smiles practised.

Headlice

It is a part of school life that head lice appear from time to time during the year. There have been a few cases recently, and we ask that all parents check your child's hair if their head is itchy and wash their hat. Please remind your children not to share hats and keep their hair tied back. If you find that your child has headlice, once you have treated it, then can return to school as normal.

Lego

We would like to hold a Lego Club at lunchtime and are looking for any old/unused lego that parents may have at home and would like to donate to the school. (We will sterilize all contributions).

If you have any lego that you are able to donate, please send it to the office, attention Mrs Byrne.

Thank you.



Are you missing out?? Join 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'

IT ALWAYS
SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE
UNTIL
IT'S DONE.
-NELSON MANDELA



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

Ava Nobleza, Myra Shokeen, Harrison Dolahenty, James Farrugia, Hayden Muscat
Kaley Chown, Lola Quinlan, Maraya Macario, Cameron Muscat, Janiya De La Cruz,
Emma Quijano and Lily Quinlan

for completing the

Premier's Reading Challenge this week.

We have now had 50 students complete the challenge. Well done!

Book Week:



Author Visit:

This week Tim Harris visited our students. It was a great opportunity for the students to meet Tim and hear how he develops his ideas for writing. The students loved having him sign their own copies of his books.

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

Next Thursday 20th August and the following Monday 24th, 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.

Here are the Instructions for paying online

1. Click on the online payment portal <https://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/> (as per wish List)
2. Choose 'Scholastic Book Fairs – Pay Now'
3. Enter State and School
4. Enter credit card details and amount
5. Record receipt number on the Wish List or print receipt and highlight the books paid for on front of wish list.
6. Bring Wish List back to the school to collect books (or a reorder is placed if stock is sold)

Book Fair Wish List Prepayments

If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

1. Go to [scholastic.com.au/payment](https://www.scholastic.com.au/payment)
2. Click 'Book Fairs'
3. Enter amount and pay
4. Record receipt number on back of Wish List
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the Fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

RECORD YOUR PAYMENT RECEIPT NUMBER BELOW

Please go to: www.scholastic.com.au/payment

You will receive an 8-digit receipt number with your credit card payment. Please record this number below and provide details of the credit card holder.

RECEIPT NUMBER	AMOUNT PAID
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	\$ □ □ □ □ □

First Name: _____
Surname: _____
School: _____
Suburb/State: _____

Please fill out details clearly in either blue or black pen. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school!

My Wish List

Child's Name: _____
Teacher: _____ Class: _____
School: _____

TITLE	LOCATION	PRICE

Parents: if you are unable to attend the Book Fair, please use our Fair's online payment option. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school!

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Father's Day Gift Stall

Keep an eye out for details coming home soon as we will be holding our annual Father's Day stall to help acknowledge our dads, grandpas, and carers.

Diocesan Announcement - Sporting Events

Please note we have been advised by the Diocese that due to the current climate all athletics competitions beyond the school level have been cancelled ie, no zone, diocesan, inter-diocesan etc will be held this year.

A Small Request – Family Car Signs

Thank you to our parents for assisting us in ensuring that our drive though in the afternoon runs smooth.

We would kindly like to request that the surname cards are attached to the visor on the **driver's side** in future. This will allow Mr Calabria or Mr Cauchi to easily see the names of the families from where they stand.

If you require a new sign, please email the office as we are happy to do a 'run' of signs later next week.

Volunteers Needed

We are in search of some volunteer parents that could serve our OLA school community as crossing wardens in the morning. This would involve half an hour of your time (from 8.20am – 8.50am) on a timetable roster to assist children in crossing Wellgate Ave and our carpark. Please email the office your available day/s of the week if you are interested so that we can draw up a roster. (We will provide the vest and stop sign.) Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.



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

What are values? *Ideals that guide our behaviour.* They are ideals and beliefs we hold as special. Caring for others, for example, is a value; so is the freedom to express our opinions. Values are what people think is right and wrong, good and bad, desirable and undesirable.

This week we are focussing on the value of: **Fair Go** – pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly – for a just society.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Mt5:6

In this beatitude Jesus invites us to be passionate about the promotion of justice, not just thinking that the concept of justice is a good idea. Justice people are action people.

This value includes the following characteristics:

- Respecting authority. *Do you teach by example?*
- Being involved in your community. *What do you do as a family/individuals to show you 'care'?*
- Does your child belong to a community group that is involved in helping others? *As a family, do you provide for people less fortunate than yourselves? Eg, St Vincent de Paul.*
- Accepting other people and their backgrounds and
- Being tolerant and understanding of difference which includes religious, physical, family or personality differences.

The overall message:-

Being committed to the principles of social justice, opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

Morning Drop Off

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of students being dropped off before 8.20am. Please try to avoid dropping your children off before 8.20am as the children are unsupervised. If this is unavoidable, please speak to your children about the expectations that they are to sit next to the school gate and not play, especially with balls.

Theme for the Week

“Fair Go”

Our theme this week is another of the 9 values for Australian Schooling. It focuses on treating others fairly and allowing others to participate; promoting justice, acceptance and tolerance. This value helps our society live in harmony and to foster relationships.

Term 3 Dates

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
 Mufti Day for Lebanon Relief

Archangel Awards

Congratulations to these students who have received an Archangel Award.



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	Cooper Cameron	Sophia Gobran
KG	William Lewis	Emily Cook
KW	Alexander Newman	Kai Yoo
Year 1 B	Parker Conliffe	Milena Grech
Year 1 G	Brodie Taylor	Kiaan Rawal
Year 1 W	Ryan Scanes	Nicholas Smith
Year 2 B	Micah Kenyon	Amelia Raad
Year 2G	James Farrugia	Alissar El Khoury
Year 2W	Olivia Blackman	Harrison Dolahenty
Year 3 B	Phoenix Rich	Luke Scanes
Year 3 G	William Conn	Nicholas Thornton
Year 3 W	Liam O'Connor	Emily Al Lati
Year 4 B	Troy Noel-Osimen	Ethan Mihalic
Year 4 G	Johann Gonzales	Maraya Macario
Year 4 W	Venus Mabhena	Maddison Younes
Year 5 B	Matthew Kamber	Harrison Ko
Year 5G	Ekamveer Hundal	Georgia Dolahenty
Year 5W	Jake Brown	Ileesha Gunasekara
Year 6 B	Milla Price	Jonathan Teo
Year 6 G	Jayden Gorogo Wylie	Georgia Falzon
Year 6 W	Jayden Makdessi	Timothy Rochaix

Change of School for 2021

If you are moving on 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.

*I hate it when
I am singing a song
and the artist
gets the words wrong!!*