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Term 4, Week 4

Dear Parents,

The OLA community congratulates Fr Carlos as he was officially installed as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Angels by Bishop Vincent Long last Sunday. It was a lovely ceremony where the Bishop and Fr Carlos spoke fondly of our faith filled Christ centered parish and school. We are indeed blessed to have Fr Carlos and Fr Omar as leaders of our parish and to guide us in our faith.



Last Sunday's Gospel was from Mt 5:1-12 "The Beatitudes". The Beatitudes is a simple but powerful and reflective prayer that Jesus shared with us and it also shows what it means to have a 'Beaut Attitude' in the busyness of life, our interactions and relationship with those we meet and our own disposition.

Take a moment to read The Beatitudes and consider looking at it through the lens of having a 'Beaut Attitude'.

The Beatitudes

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.
BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.
BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED
BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

matthew five: three - ten

First Holy Communion

As a faith community we congratulate and keep in our prayers the year 3 and various students across the grades who will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time at Our Lady of the Angels Church over the coming week. May Christ bless and guide them during this special time.



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

NEWSLETTER



Mt 25:1-13

Gospel Reflection

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

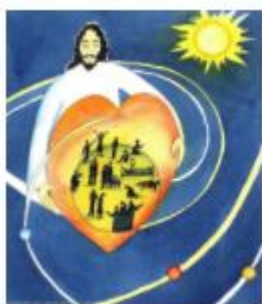


The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and

expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

Living the Gospel

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation! (LiturgyHelp.com.au, 6-11-2020)



Faithful Friday on FaceBook

The art of forgiveness helps us become peacemakers. This week Year Three will be dedicating their prayers to the importance of mercy. The greatest teacher of mercy, is the way Jesus shows us His divine mercy.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Next week we have many OLA students receiving their sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for Year 2 students which is usually prepared for and received in Term 4, has been postponed until Term 1, 2021.



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

Tues 10th Nov

Zara Farias
Addison Galvin
Joyce Ghobrial
Nadia Mileto

Thurs 12th Nov

Dexter Wijaya

Fri 13th Nov

Sophia Dobaj
Jordan Nobleza

Wed 11th Nov

Leonardo Fresta
Oliver Jagar
Aaliyah Naidoo
Noah Phillips

Sun 15th Nov

Mila Annamalay-Sanchez
Olivia Hartz
Frankie Hollands



Remembrance Day

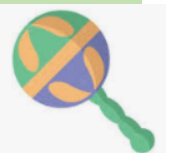
11th Day of the 11th Month at the 11th Hour

We will celebrate Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November. We keep in our thoughts and prayers on this day all those who died at war in the name of peace. We will pause and reflect in the 11th hour with a short prayer ceremony. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for a snippet of our assembly.

Friday 20th November is a Staff Development/Student Pupil Free day. Staff will gather for professional learning in the Key Learning Area of Spiritual Formation.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations on the announcement that Mr Luke Campbell (Yr 5) and his wife Ashlee will be expecting their first child in March next year. We look forward to meeting the new addition to the OLA family and ask for Christ's blessings upon them.



OLA Band and Instrument lessons in 2021

We are excited to announce that commencing in 2021, OLA will be introducing a school band program and offering instrumental music lessons at school.

Teaching Services Australia (TSA) will be facilitating band rehearsals and lessons in 2021 for students in grades 3 – 6. Band instruments that will be offered are Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Bass Guitar, Percussion and Keyboard Bass. Instrument lessons will be approximately 30 minutes per week and will be held on a Friday during school hours.

The OLA school band will have opportunities to perform at school events as well as other performance opportunities outside of school that TSA will provide.

It is a proven fact that playing a musical instrument in a band has many beneficial social and educational values. The following short video outlines some of these benefits in an easy to understand format.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng>

On Friday 13th November, TSA will be visiting OLA to present a special virtual instrument demonstration to all students from grades 2 – 5. At this demonstration, an expression of interest with more details will be sent home and families will have the opportunity to express their interest in our band program.

Competitor Swimming Carnival (Student Only)

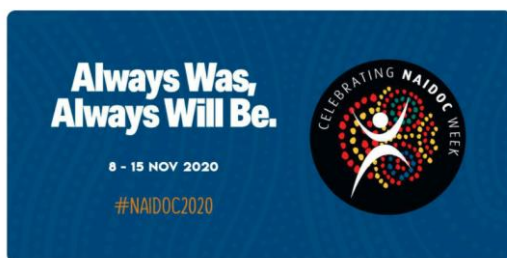
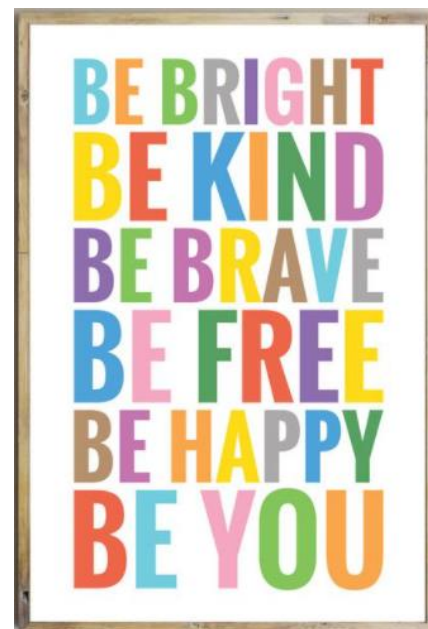
Given the many challenges still present, we will be holding a Swimming Carnival for competitive swimmers only, (Student Only – No Parents) on Monday 30th November 2020 (Week 8) at Blacktown Aquatic Centre for students in Years 2 – 5, plus students who turn 8 in 2021 from Year 1. **This Competitor Carnival is only for students who are competent in swimming 50m and wish to be considered for Zone representation.** The Zone Carnival will be held in February 2021.

Yesterday an email was sent home to parents of students in Years 1 – 6 with the Google Form link attached. If you wish for your child to compete, please complete the link. If your child is NOT going to compete at the carnival, they will stay at school and their learning will continue as normal.

If you are changing schools/moving and won't be returning to OLA in 2021, please email the school and we will forward the Notice of Withdrawal form for you to complete. This form can also be found on the school website. Thank you

The Ukulele Club

The ukulele performance due on 5th November was postponed due to the rain. It will now be held on Tuesday, 17th November. The Ukulele club will be performing at assembly to showcase what they have learnt in Terms 3 and 4. We will record/ live stream the event for our Facebook page. Stay tuned!



NAIDOC celebrations are being held across Australia this coming week to celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. We acknowledge the custodians of this land and will be holding a special prayer service at assembly on Thursday 12th November.

Literacy News

Learning to spell

What parents can do....

- Draw attention to words in the environment and in the books you read together, for example: 'Look at those two words...they almost are identical except for the last letter'; 'That word is really long'; 'That word is French'; 'That word has three syllables in it'; 'Those two words rhyme'.
- Play games with spelling. Play games like Scrabble, crosswords and make words from number plates, letters in your names, words that can be spelled the same forward and backwards. Look for spelling apps that you can play together, for example, Boggle.
- Play word games like thinking of rhyming words, opposites, or words that sound like their meanings. The Internet has many fun and free spelling activities.
- Point out unusual words in the books you read together.
- Look for words in the environment.
- Show that you care about spelling. Ask: 'Who knows how to spell...' Say that you will write it down and take a look at it to see if it looks right.
- Children learn to spell by writing and noticing words when they read. Make reading and writing an integral part of your child's day.

Source: PETAA Parent Resource

Dates for diaries

2020 Spelling Bee

Week 5-K-6 Spelling Bee lists will be sent home next week.

Week 8-K-2 Spelling Bee Finals in learning spaces.

Years 3-6 Spelling Bee Final on Wed 2nd December



Book Covering Volunteers

We have recently purchased new reading resources for our students and would love some help covering them. If you are able to cover a selection of books at home, please contact the school office. All contact and plastic bags will be supplied.

KINDERGARTEN 2021 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Wednesday 11th November	Students with surname A-C and D-K	9.00am – 10.30am
	Students with surname L-O and P-Y	11.30am – 1.00pm
Thursday 19th November-	Students with surname A-C and L-O	9.00am – 10.30am
	Students with surname D-K and P-Y	11.30am – 1.00pm
Friday 27th November	All Students (Children will need to bring recess, a drink and hat)	9.00am – 12.00noon

Please inform the school if your child is unable to attend any of their sessions.

Morning Traffic

Over the next three weeks, both OLA and Santa Sophia will be holding their kindergarten orientation mornings. Please be aware that there will be a lot more traffic around the school and in our carpark. These might be days where it would be quicker for you to park across the road at the ovals and walk your children to school.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards this week:-

Term 4 Week 4		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Alexander Kerollos	Isaiah Chen
KG	Alexander Dib	Natalie Balangon
KW	Ashton Ko	Alexander Newman
Year 1 B	Oliver Coughlan	Milena Grech
Year 1 G	Abbey Zahra	Athena Sales
Year 1 W	Ella Macdonald	Amelie Pelaez
Year 2 B	Zoe Farias	Micah Kenyon
Year 2G	Hailey Ocampo	Vienna Gergely-Hollai
Year 2W	Harrison Dolahenty	Eva Millers
Year 3 B	Makayla Streater	Phoenix Rich
Year 3 G	Sean McKeever	Samantha Collazos Rivera
Year 3 W	Elizabeth McKee	Zavier Dabit
Year 4 B	Addison delRosario	Troy Noel-Osimen
Year 4 G	Tomas Mallari	Lexie Terzo
Year 4 W	Ashlee Charlton	Nathan Murphy
Year 5 B	Aiden Attard	Mya Bassili
Year 5G	Charlie Mileto	Willow Johnston
Year 5W	Malenna Graczyk	Claire Sievwright
Year 6 B	Ava Carney	Thomas Cutuk
Year 6 G	Jazmin Gauci	Jayden Gorogo Wylie
Year 6 W	Denison Cu	Marcus Farrugia



School Travel Advice

For trip planning visit www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

For current Hillsbus school and route services visit www.cdcbus.com.au or call 02 8889 7000.

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card and must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTs are available at: www.transportnsw.info

Key: L> Bus turns left; R> Bus turns right

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Bell Times

Morning: 08:45

Afternoon: 15:10

Effective 20/07/2020

MORNING BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
633	07:58	EX CASTLE HILL INTERCHANGE STAND C via Route 633 to Withers Rd after Commercial Rd
2025	08:01	EX ADELPHI & MILE END via Adelphi, R>Clower, L>Mile End, R>Withers, L>Bentley, R>Wellgate to school
2082	08:05	EX VALLETTA DR AFTER OLD PITT TOWN RD via Valletta, R>Bunyarra, R>Fontana, Terry, L>George, R>Old Pitt Town, Nelson, R>Nelson, L>Windsor, L>Commercial, R>Withers to school
605	08:20	EX CELIA RD AFTER ROSS PL via Celia, Stringer, L>Barry, R>Withers to Rouse Hill HS bus bay
633	08:20	EX TWAY OPP ROUSE HILL STATION via Route 633 to Withers past Wellgate

AFTERNOON BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
2557	15:20	TO BEAUMONT HILLS AND KELLYVILLE via Wellgate, L>Withers, R>Ironbark, return via Ironbark, R>Withers, R>Mungerie, The Parkway, R>Brampton, L>Samantha Riley, R>James Mileham, L>Marella, R>Green to Green Rd after Rosebery Rd
2599	15:33	TO ROUSE HILL via Wellgate, R>Withers, R>Milford, L>Mile End, R>Clower, L>Adelphi, R>Aberdour to Windsor Rd
3599	15:37	TO ROUSE HILL STATION & KELLYVILLE RIDGE via Wellgate, R>Withers, L>Mile End, R>Clower, L>Adelphi, R>Mile End, L>Windsor, L>Commercial, R>Caddies, R>Rouse Hill Dr, L>Tway to Rouse Hill Station then continue T-way, R>Merriville, Conrad, R>Keirle, R>Fyfe to Braemont Dr, turnaround and return Fyfe, L>Keirle, R>Conrad, L>Stanhope Parkway to Sunnyholt Rd
2651	15:38	TO BOX HILL via Wellgate, Commercial, L>Caddies, R>Rouse Hill, L>Tway to Rouse Hill Station, then L>White Hart, L>Caddies, L>Commercial, R>Windsor, R>Nelson, L>Nelson, Old Pitt Town, L>George, R>Terry, Fontana, L>Bunyarra, L>Valletta to Triumph Rd
605	15:38	EX WITHERS RD TO NORTH KELLYVILLE via Withers, L>Barry, R>Stringer, Celia to Ross Pl

Bus Travel

We have had a number of parents enquiring about bus services for the students, particularly to the North Kellyville (Bus 605) and Box Hill (Bus 2082 in the morning and 2651 in the afternoon) areas. Please see the OLA bus timetable adjacent and note that some of them are school buses and some are public buses.

If you would like to apply for an Opal card for your child, please click on this link.
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schooltravelpasses/>

Tech Tip Week 4

Managing social media pressures

Many of us have social media as a way to stay in touch with family and friends, but sometimes it can also cause us to compare our lives to others or feel like we need to be constantly connected.

Some tips for us to remember.

- Many posts only show the best bits. Content may not be 100% real. We all have good and bad days.
- Unfollow accounts that make you feel bad or are negative. Follow accounts that your genuinely feel good or promote a positive message.
- Turn off notifications and have a phone-free day
- Limit the time you surf and scroll through social media feeds.
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<https://www.esafety.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-09/Grandparents%20booklet.pdf>

2021 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN!

ALL 2021 Team Sport Trials are OPEN, however, the Summer Sports of **BASKETBALL & TENNIS** registrations close for these sports only on Monday 23rd November as these trials are planned for November & December 2020. This will be confirmed closer to the date due to COVID-19 restrictions and venue availability.

All other sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2021.

Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2021 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who **display an above-average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport**. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2021 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: **AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football**. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form must be completed. Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information.

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

FACEBOOK: [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and MUST be approved by the child's school. For the child to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport MUST be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the **2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

More detailed information can be located in the **2021 CEDP Parra Primary Sport Rep Team Trials Info for Parents COVID19 information sheet**