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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

As announced at all of last weekend's masses, Fr Warren will be moving to Huon Valley Parish, Tasmania. His last official day as Parish Priest of OLA will be Friday 1st May. This has been a difficult decision for Fr Warren as he leaves the amazing parish that he began back in 2007. Over the last 13 years, Fr Warren has built from the ground up a vibrant Christ Centred parish community, a beautiful and iconic church and a highly sought-after parish primary school. We are truly indebted to Fr Warren and acknowledge and thank him for his generosity of self, time, leadership and service to the OLA parish and school.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for details on how we will celebrate the gift that Fr Warren has been to us all and say thank you and farewell.

Lent – Preparing for Easter

Thank you to the many parents who joined the children and staff at the Ash Wednesday Mass. It was a lovely celebration of our faith and a reminder of God's blessings upon us.

Project

- Calming in times of need
- Own it, share it
- Makes everyone feel loved
- Pass it around and make smiles
- A sign of integrity
- Something the world needs more of
- Signifies a true hero
- In times of despair, this shall appear
- Overly enjoyed
- Not a want, but a need



Catholic Schools Week

This year we will join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. There is so much faith, fun and learning that takes place at OLA that our Catholic Schools Week will be held over a two week period, from 2nd March to 14th March.

Additionally, during our Catholic School celebrations, we would like to introduce 'Family Week' in week 7 of each term. Family Week sees the children have a break from formal home learning (although we ask that every child still reads each night) to spend time with you as a family or helping you for the family. You may choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples may include playing a board game, sitting and sharing stories, cooking a meal together, feeding the pet, playing cards, helping put away laundry, setting the table, reading mum or dad a book, washing the car, gardening, writing mum and dad a thank you note, spending time in prayer/saying the Rosary, going for a family walk, etc. Family Week is aimed at freeing children up to assist and/or spend time with those who love them most, their greatest heroes, you their parents and family.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week in 2020 is 'Catholic Schools Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed'. It is a special time which encourages schools to showcase the many learning opportunities available to students and celebrate our unique Catholic Schools.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at OLA during Catholic Schools week to celebrate with our school and parish community. Please see our 'Dates to Remember' further in this newsletter.

This is an ideal opportunity to support the community of OLA and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic Schools every day. Our school has a wonderful, supportive community of staff, parents and clergy who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and installing compassion. Everything we do at OLA is underpinned by our Gospel values. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support at OLA and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

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



Sunday 1st March
Gospel Reflection
Year A
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

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

Living the Gospel

Peer pressure works like a snake. Sometimes it is a slow process, and without realising it you just gradually start doing things and saying things and thinking things that your friends do, say and think. Sometimes it is a quick strike and you are suddenly in a situation and have to make a choice. Some friends are trying to get you to do one thing and some are trying to get you to do something else. Peer pressure can be negative or positive. Which kind of negative peer pressure are you more likely to be influenced by – the slow, gradual type or the high-pressure, fast type? Which kind of positive peer pressure are you more likely to be influenced by? Can you give an example of when positive or negative peer pressure influenced you? Do you ever use positive peer pressure to influence others? Do you think you are more likely to influence others slowly, over the long haul, or quickly, in a sudden or specific situation? Can you give an example of when you have had a positive influence on another person? (LiturgyHelp.com)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN RE

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.

This week each family received a Project Compassion Box. We ask for your kind donations over Lenten to reach out to others in need. Please send back boxes by Friday 3rd April.



ST PATRICK'S FEAST 'GREEN MUFTI GOLD AND FOLD' DAY

On the 17th March, children are asked to dress in green to celebrate St Patrick's Feast Day. It is also one of our annual fundraisers, where all money will be donated to Project compassion'.



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

Fri 28th Feb
Miss Grima

Sat 7th Mar
Elijah Atkins
Brae Aldaba
Mr Calabria
Mrs Hodgess

Mon 3rd Mar
Cailee Graham
Alana Apap
Trinity Manago
Ayden Stewart

Sun 8th Mar
Charlie Mileto
Eva Perry
Mrs Wagner

PEACEFUL MINDS + PEACEFUL ACTIONS + PEACEFUL WORDS = PEACEFUL HEARTS

As part of focusing on positive relationships in our community, we feel it is important to promote solving problems peacefully and being aware that our words and actions can hurt others. Jesus teaches us to treat others the way we would like to be treated. We all want to feel safe, be included, be respected and most importantly feel loved. We would like all children to wear a predominately white T-Shirt on **Friday 20th March** to promote our peaceful hearts and the awareness of living in harmony with one another. All children can wear their sports shorts on the day.

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.*

OLA Cross Country

OLA Cross Country is taking place on Thursday 12th March at Centenary Oval. Students in Year 3 -6 and those students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year will be participating. Please look out for the Google Form coming home next week with all the details. Please complete the Google Form as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember

Week 6:

Catholic Schools Week

Mon 2 nd Mar	CSW Morning Assembly Prayer All Welcome
Tues 3 rd Mar	Open School Evening – 4.30 – 6.00pm Kindergarten Information 7.00pm
Thurs 5 th Mar	Rug Reading 2.30pm All Welcome STEM Day has been postponed
Fri 6 th Mar	Primary Assembly – 6W All Welcome
Week 7:	
Mon 9 th Mar	Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion
Tues 10 th Mar	123 Magic Parenting Course 6.30pm All Welcome – Please Register
Thurs 11 th Mar	OLA Cross Country – 8 yrs & older Centenary Oval All Welcome
Fri 12 th Mar	Infant's Assembly 2.40pm 2W All Welcome

Theme of the Week:

"Spend Time in Prayer"

We have all at one time or another, experienced the power of prayer in our lives or in the lives of others. Our theme this week encourages the children to spend time each day in prayer in order to develop their relationship with Christ, particularly during this time of Lent.

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.

Year 4 Science Day

What a wonderful day of laughter and learning! On Monday 17th February, Year 4 students took part in a Science and Team Building Day. Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of experiments and exercises focusing on heat transfer and building positive communication with their peers. It was brilliant to see so many smiling faces as we made new discoveries as a team.
Year 4 Teachers

Parent Feedback

"Just wanted to pass on some very positive feedback in regard to the year 4 science day. The yr 4 teachers were amazing...so organised, professional and friendly. They did such an amazing job gathering all the materials and equipment needed to conduct each of the experiments. The children learnt so much and had a wonderful time. Well done teachers!!!"

Literacy News



Please see below a letter from Literacy Planet. This year, years 1-4 students have access to this valuable resource to use at school and home. Your child should have received their login detail.

Dear Parents,

As part of a commitment to providing high quality literacy education, your child now has a school subscription to this fun and engaging online resource. LiteracyPlanet is designed by educators to support the curriculum and the comprehensive development of key literacy skills. Suitable for children of all abilities from, it features thousands of exercises to cover pre-reading, reading, phonics, sight words, comprehension, spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation. LiteracyPlanet delivers the proven requirements for effective learning in an engaging gamified environment. This provides children with a literacy learning experience that is interactive, motivation, rewarding and fun. Your child has a personalised avatar and profile; they can earn points, redeemable credits and rewards for participation; they can participate in multi-player games with their classmates in a safe and closed online environment; and earn a coveted place on global leader boards. Children can access their LiteracyPlanet account on any internet connected computer or tablet device. Feel free to encourage your child's use of LiteracyPlanet at home to support their learning at school and for positive screen time. We are excited your child is now a LiteracyPlaneteer and to be part of their literacy learning journey.

From the LiteracyPlanet Team



Date for Diaries:

Thursday 5th March- Rug Reading

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

Netball Parking

We have been requested by the adjoining netball courts to remind parents **NOT** to park in front of their gates **AT ANY TIME**. There are often administration ladies in their office and they need to be able to access the gates at all times.

KINDERGARTEN 2021 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

This Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Open School between 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Information Session: 7.00pm

DanceFever Interschool Challenge
- Thursday 2nd April (Years 3 – 6).
A note will be coming home today regarding this event.

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 4th April.

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



Congratulations to Solomon Montgomery (pic) Thomas Cutuk and Ireen Yoo who received an Angel Award this week.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge starts on Monday 2nd March. Please see the attached letter and advise the office if your child is going to participate this year so that we can send his/her login home.

2020 Prescribed Medication Forms

Forms and action plans, which are required to be updated every year, were sent home at the end of last year to those families whose children currently have medication stored at school on a permanent basis. If you have not already done so, please return the completed forms to the office as soon as possible. Students are NOT to keep any medication in their bags, ie puffers, Panadol etc. Please complete the Medication Administration Form from the website if you need any medication to be given to your child on a temporary basis.

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

Please see the attached flyer for registration details.

School Fees

If you have not received them, can you please send an email to hgoldsworthy@parra.catholic.edu.au and a copy will be forwarded 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.

Changing Going Home Arrangements

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8.50am – 3.10pm, and that your child is required to be present between these times. Children should not be taken out of school early unless it is for an important reason (eg specialist appointment etc). Likewise, any changes of going home arrangement should only be made in cases of emergencies. As you can appreciate, contacting classes for children to come to the office for early departures or to advise going home changes is disruptive to the learning, in particular to the whole school if the class is not in their room and an announcement needs to be made. We ask that all changes to going home arrangements are advised to the office **prior to 2.30pm**.

Please note: children will only be called to the office when you arrive to collect them. We ask that you do not contact the office requesting your children be ready and waiting for your arrival as delays in traffic etc may result in children waiting for long periods. We thank you for your support in this area.

ABSENT NOTES

If your child has been absent at all so far this year and you haven't sent a note in, can you please send an email or paper note of explanation as soon as possible. Please refer to our letter that was emailed on 18/2/20 explaining justified reasons.

Please note that after 7 days, students are marked as 'unexplained' if no note is received explaining their absence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

School is Cool – but not if you're late

Being at school on time in the morning is paramount. Your child's learning is often disadvantaged if they are late. They also often feel embarrassed arriving after everyone else. They miss important messages and/or the start of their lessons, in all their learning results can suffer. If on the odd occasion that you arrive after 8.50am, you, as the parent, must visit the office to sign a late slip for your child to take to class. Thank you for your support in this area.

Our appreciation to Leonie Blazey who has accepted the call out in last week's newsletter for a P&F Secretary. Thank you on behalf of the OLA Community.

From the Parish Office...

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,

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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

Celebrating our Talented Students

Term 1 Week 5			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
KB	Jack Lenane	Mila Annamalay-Sanchez	Adrian Farrugia
KG	Leo Dabit	Maya Arvind	Selina Fearn
KW	Alexis Kenyon	Hudson Phillips	Archer Spiteri
Year 1 B	Luka Abdel-Malek	Tristan Cappello	Eniola Odejayi
Year 1 G	Oliver Jagar	Sofia Montgomery	Matisse Sims
Year 1 W	Luca Moujalli	Mason Hession	Cooper Foley
Year 2 B	Zara Pisani	Keeley Vaughan	Flynn Richardson
Year 2G	Lurich Teng	James Boje	Vienna Gergely-Hollai
Year 2W	Lucas Capco	Arella Sales	Annie Blazey



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