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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Family Week

As communicated in last week's newsletter, this coming week we introduce 'Family Week' (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.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Lady of the Angels Easter Hat Parade which is held every 2 years will take place on Holy Thursday 9th April at 2.15pm. Given our busy week of learning around Holy Week including visiting the Stations of the Cross at the Shrine in Kellyville, this year we kindly ask that your child's hat is made at home. A suggestion is that you as a family or as special time with your child make this hat together next week during 'Family Week' when there will be no allocated homework other than reading. Please note: your child's Easter hat only needs to be a simple creation and is optional.

This week we held our open afternoon and night time meeting for 2021 prospective enrolments. We were graced with a very large number of parents visiting OLA and even more being present at our Information Session.

My congratulations to our School Captains and Colour Captains who were our tour guides in the afternoon. They were outstanding. We received lots of positive feedback on how articulate, friendly, confident and knowledgeable they were.

Student Attendance

Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce.

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for the fast-paced and often very challenging world.

Rug Reading

Unfortunately, our rug reading this week needed to be postponed due to the rain. It has now been rescheduled for Thursday 26th March at 2.30pm. We hope to see you there. All Welcome

Our journey towards Easter continues. It is indeed a special time as we gather as a faith community.



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



Sunday 8th March
Gospel Reflection
Year A
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

(Please click on the bible reference to read this Sunday's Gospel)
His face shone like the sun

Living the Gospel 'Listen to him'

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One, and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation (LiturgyHelp.com)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN RE

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 DAY
GREEN MUFTI – GOLD & FOLD DAY

On Tuesday 17th March, the students are asked to dress in green to celebrate St Patrick's Feast Day and to bring 'gold or fold'. This day is also one of our annual fundraisers, where all money will be donated to Project Compassion to support those less fortunate.



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

on.....

Wed 11th Mar

Lola Quinlan
 Chloe Bassili

Sat 14th Mar

Mason Sleiman

Thurs 12th Mar

Madison Saward
 Kiaan Rawal

Sun 15th Mar

Ebony Lynch
 Bianca Krkac
 Sofia Krkac

Fri 13th Mar

Natalie Vella
 Riley Annis-Brown
 Aidan Attard

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.*

Dates to Remember

	Week 7:
Mon 9th Mar	Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion
Tues 10th Mar	123 Magic Parenting Course 6.30pm Now Full
Thurs 12th Mar	OLA Cross Country – 8 yrs & older Centenary Oval All Welcome
Fri 13th Mar	Infant's Assembly 2.40pm 2W All Welcome (Please note this was omitted from the Parent calendar)
	Week 8:
Tues 17th Mar	St Patrick's Day Assem. – All Welcome Students to wear <u>green mufti</u> to school Gold or fold donation for Project Compassion 123 Magic Parenting Course 6.30pm All Welcome – Please Register
Thurs 19th Mar	Feast of St Joseph
Fri 20th Mar	Primary Assembly 2:40pm 5B

Theme of the Week:

"Have Faith & Trust in Jesus"

Our theme this week helps remind us that we should always place our trust in Jesus – to trust and know that His love and care will always be with us and guide our lives. As a family we live out and show our faith and trust in Jesus as we deal with life's challenges. Prayer as a family is just one of the many ways of making Jesus part of our lives.

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.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Graczyk family (Malenna 5W) on the recent passing of her grandfather. Please also keep in your prayers Mr Meinardo (our groundsman) whose mother passed away this week.

May they rest in Peace.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The note for Premier's Reading Challenge was emailed on Monday. If your child is participating in the PRC this year, please return the slip as soon as possible and your log in will be sent home.

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.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of **reading** for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. The **challenge** encourages students to **read**, to **read** more and **read** more widely.

The 2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will be launched on 2 March this year and further information can be found on the [PRC website](#).



Catch the reading bug!

Key Dates

Monday 2nd March: Challenge opens for student entries

Friday 28th August: Final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students

Friday 11th September: Final date for validation of Student Reading Records by co-ordinators.

Rug Reading

The new date for Rug Reading is Thursday 26th March at 2.30pm. Please note this date in your diary and come and enjoy an afternoon reading with your children.



Thank You

Our appreciation to Ms Baek, teacher's aide, who has been with us for the last six months. Ms Baek has been a wonderful asset to our OLA community during this time. We wish her all the best for the future and her travels.



Easter Eggs at School

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at OLA who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that lollies/chocolates/easter eggs are not brought to school by children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued co-operation in making OLA a safe environment for all our children.

Sibling Enrolment for 2021

Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they have a sibling for next year. Enrolment packs were sent home to you yesterday.

If you have not yet advised us that you have a sibling due 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.

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).



Our focus in PBS4L over the Next fortnight will be 'Lining up Quietly after Breaks'.

Opal Card - We have been requested by Hillsbus to ask parents to remind their children that it is very important that they tap on and off the bus as this helps to determine the demand for buses. Failure to do this may result in a service being cancelled due to lack of recorded patronage. This is a condition of using an Opal Card.

Uniform Shop

The OLA Uniform Shop is open on Mondays from 8.20am – 9.30am

Uniform orders can be left at the office, through the note-bag, via email or over the phone at any time throughout the week, and they will be **filled on Mondays and Wednesdays**.

Please note that we are **unable** to supply a hat or any other item first thing in the morning from the office as the uniform shop is not in the admin building.

School Fees

A reminder that the first instalment of school fees is due on **18th March 2020**. If you are opting to pay by the flexible payment plan, please go to <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/fpp> to set up the direct debit, or if paying by bpay set up your scheduled payments from your nominated account. This **MUST** be completed by 17th March for the first payment on 18th March. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

OLA Cross Country

OLA Cross Country is taking place this 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. Thank you to those parents who have completed the Google Form that was sent home on Monday. If you have not already done so, could you please complete this as soon as possible.

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.

DanceFever Interschool Challenge - Thursday 2nd April (Years 3 – 6).

Thank you to all students that responded to the Interschool Challenge. The bus is now **FULL**, so all other students will need to be taken to the venue by their parents.

Student Personal Accident insurance is often referred to as StudentCare and covers students engaged in school activities which have been organised by the school. If a claim needs to be made against StudentCare, this insurance does not cover any expense where a Medicare benefit is payable. Our insurer, Catholic Church Insurances (CCI), is not a private health insurance provider and is prohibited under the Health Insurance Amendment Act 1983 to reimburse these costs including any out-of-pocket Medicare gap expenses. Limits also apply.

From the Parish Office...

First Friday Devotion and Stations of the Cross

Today is the First Friday of March. You are invited to come along to Mass at 7pm with Stations of the Cross and Adoration afterwards.

2020 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.

Our Lady of the Angels Family Fiesta 2020

Please see attached flyer for details of the first Fiesta meeting.

OLA Playgroup

Operating weekly for 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

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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 6			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Roko Deur	Skye Batra	Joshua Basile
Year 3 G	Zara Buchanan	Jake Trimboli	Khai Aldaba
Year 3 W	Samantha Ocampo	Vincent Cappello	William Mallard
Year 4 B	Evangeline Vargas	Ethan Tierney	Gabrielle Fedele
Year 4 G	Elyssa Marsden	Ruby Martin	Alonso Buda
Year 4 W	Zoe Wang	Blaize McDonald	Hridaya Ghanguarde
Year 5 B	Matthew Kamber	Grace Labbad	Lachlan Heaney
Year 5G	Ebony Lynch	Jelena Tolentino	Ekamveer Hundal
Year 5W	Luke Smyth	Mehir Rajbhandari	Jake Brown
Year 6 B	Amelia Bond	Logan Hayden	Mikayla Edwards
Year 6 G	Lauren Caraos	Boston Roberts	Gemma Haynes
Year 6 W	Celina Wassef	Charlotte Muscat	Marcus Farrugia

Quote of the Week

'Our family is a circle of strength. Founded on faith, joined in love, kept by God, together forever.'