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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I have been very proud of how the children have settled back into their learning, enjoying being with their friends and giving their best in all they do. I am equally proud of how you, our parents, have quickly adapted to some of the necessary Covid 19 changes. In conversation with many parents in the mornings, I am hearing how saying goodbye at the gate has been 'awesome'. Comments have included:

'He now walks straight in, he is becoming so much more independent'

'I am getting out of here so much quicker and starting my day'

'Dropping off using the drive through is so much easier'

From our observations we can certainly see the children being much more independent in entering the school grounds. Thank you once again for your support, particularly in our afternoons as more parents are getting used to routines.

Next week we will resume the giving out of Merit Awards (over the microphone in lieu of assemblies). A slight change will see each class awarding two students each week with a Merit Award. These will then be published in the school newsletter.

My appreciation and thanks for your very generous donations towards acknowledging the amazing contribution that Fr Warren has made to our Parish/school community over the last 13 years. The money raised through the mufti day last Friday was indeed a tribute to the gift that Fr Warren has been to us all. I have been speaking with Fr Warren as to a wish list, or what he may need due to his relocation. We won't publish what was raised just yet as to keep it as a surprise for Fr Warren. We will present Fr Warren with a token of appreciation in Week 9 of this term.

Family Week

This coming week is once again Our Lady of the Angels "Family Week". Feedback for the inaugural Family Week held last term in Week 7 was extremely positive. Family Week will see 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 in the past have included 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.

Food for Thought

- Make sure your child has enough sleep each night – there is a clear correlation between sleep and children's performance at school
- Allow them to have time to play! Be vigilant when it comes to the kinds of games they play and TV they watch – no violence
- Spend time playing, talking and interacting with your children
- Follow through with consequences – they will learn that you can be trusted and your word is good
- Don't spoil them with too many material things – allowing them to still get a thrill out of the little pleasures in life
- Look at them when they speak to you and listen – be conscious of the "other kids" interrupting and taking over; the message you could be giving is that the other is more important than them
- Don't do things for them (even when you're frustrated because they're taking too long). The message is they can't do it as well as you can

Most of all **be present** for them!

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



Reminder:
This Monday 8th June is a
Public Holiday

Reports

Reports for this semester will be presented in a different format. Across the Diocese there will be a modified Student Learning Report due to Covid19 and Home Based Learning. Reports will be sent home towards the end of term. Having supported your child's learning at home, your input in this area will also help in our future planning. A google form for your feedback regarding your child's learning at home was emailed on Friday 29th May, we would love your input. Thank you to the many parents who have completed this form. We kindly ask that this be completed by Tuesday 9th June.

Please Note:



School Photos

School photo day has been scheduled for Monday 17th August

Quote of the Week

Family is like
Music,
Some high notes,
Some low notes,
But always a
Beautiful song



Sunday 7th June
Gospel Reflection
Year A

The Most Holy Trinity

[John 3: 16-18](#)

Gospel Reflection

'The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is, therefore, the source of all other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them.' (CCC 234) We can see it as a summary of what we believe about the ways in which the triune God shares the divine life with us- as creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. The Trinity reminds us that God is with

us in our actions, words, and thoughts. It is how we choose to be the face of God, reflect God's presence in our daily lives.

(*'God's Word-Daily Reflections 2020'*, St Paul's Publications, 2020.)



Theme for the Week

"Be involved and live life"

By being involved, being part of the team or just 'having a go' we learn new skills, see new opportunities, make new friends and often have the chance to do something different and new. Life is busier but richer and these are the experiences we remember fondly. So whether it's academic, creative or something sporting, think about being open to the potential of each situation.

Literacy News



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.

For further information, please visit the [PRC website](#).

KEY DATES

Monday March 2: Challenge opened 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>

Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

Afternoon Drive Through

Our afternoon drive through car pick up has been very busy of late due to a number of factors, namely everyone is wanting to drive due to the current climate, and the fact that we have three major schools all in the same area. We are not alone. All schools face similar challenges, although we are very blessed to have grounds that facilitate a drive through.

Your patience is very much appreciated.

Yes it is slow (to start).

Yes it takes time, but it is the safety of your children that is the priority.

Yes it is congested. (The phasing of the lights does not help as cars back up).

Yes the queue is long, as we have over 300 children using the drive through.

There are many options that you may also wish to investigate in relation to picking up your child:

1. Park at the oval and walk across the lights, collect your child and walk back. (This will be much quicker than the queue).
2. Park in surrounding streets and walk.
3. Walk and enjoy the exercise if close to school.
4. Come a little later rather than the "peak hour", ie. Drive through operates from 3.10pm until 3.40pm

We kindly ask that parents do not arrive before 2.50pm as Santa Sophia parents use the drive through between 2.40pm - 2.50pm.

Further important points to note:

- ❖ Please drive to the parking bay where your child will be standing, so that your child basically lines up with the passenger door.
- ❖ For both drop-off and pickup, the drive through facility is not intended as a place for drivers to get out of vehicles. Children need to be independent in entering/exiting the vehicle. It is intended that parents remain in their vehicles whilst in the drive through area.

Thank you once again for your support as we work together as a community for our beautiful children.

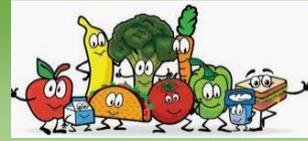
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Medication – Ventolin etc

With winter and the cold weather now with us, please remember that all medication, including ventolin, **MUST** be left at the office and a medication form completed. This can be found on the website. **CHILDREN ARE NOT TO HAVE VENTOLIN IN THEIR BAGS OR POCKETS.** It is best kept in the office. We thank you for your support and assistance with this matter.

Canteen

Online canteen orders only have resumed (no over the counter sales will take place due to the handling of money etc.)



Birthday Treats

In regard to birthday treats that are sometimes sent in, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending anything in at this early stage. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home.

Change of School for 2021

To estimate enrolments for 2021, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be Our Lady of the Angels at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. Thank You.

IMPORTANT NOTICE Facebook/Messenger

We are resurrecting our OLA Primary School official Facebook page. We will let you know as soon as it is ready – be sure to like us...

*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.*



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

Monday 8th June

Dylan Bell
Ava Phelps

Friday 12th June

Jett Laborte
Matisse Sims

Wednesday 10th June

Katherine Cameron

Saturday 13th June

Mrs Buckley
Jennifer-Rose Murphy
Hayden Spiteri
Artie Singh
Lachlan Riley

Thursday 11th June

Jenessa De La Cruz
Nidhi Chetty

Sunday 14th June

Milla Price

Lost Property – Label it

Our lost property is often overflowing. Items with names are returned to the students. Items without names are regularly moved on. Please ensure every item your child brings to school is labelled. Also please take two minutes to check that your child's items are actually theirs, as children can often pick up another child's jacket, hat etc.

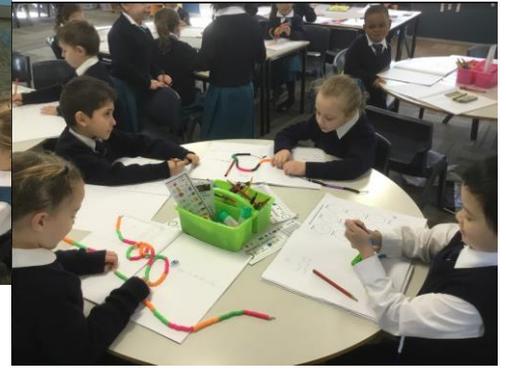
Jokes of the Week

Ryan Knipler 4G
How do you get Pikachu on a bus?
You Pokemon

Elisheba Mathew 1B
What dog never barks?
A hot dog

Olivia Vella 4G
What did the witch say to the lazy skeleton?
Wake up lazy bones!!

Alana Apap 2W
What kind of tree fits in your hand?
A palm tree



Another great week of Faith Fun and Learning at OLA



Year 3 voting on who will win between Parra & Manly this long weekend!!!



It was lovely to see OLA students making the most of extra family time during Italian online learning, to make homemade pasta for their families. It certainly looked 'delizioso'. Bravissimi!!

