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## NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. The children have returned to school with renewed energy and enthusiasm. We look forward to an exciting term ahead of faith, fun and learning as we give of our best each and every day. I hope that you had a Happy and Holy Easter. This week we celebrated Jesus' joyous resurrection at a special prayer assembly. The story of Easter calls us to be people of peace, joy, respect, compassion, forgiveness, and prayer. It was lovely to see so many parents join us for this assembly.

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### *This coming Sunday is ANZAC DAY - Lest We Forget*

The Anzac tradition was forged 106 years ago on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

It marked the start of a campaign which lasted eight months and resulted in some 26,000 Australia casualties, including 8,159 who were killed or died of wounds or disease. The bravery and spirit of those who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula shaped a legend, and so the 'Anzac' became a part of the Australian and New Zealand lexicon. In 1916, the first anniversary on the landing was observed in Australia, New Zealand, England and by troops in Egypt. That year, 25<sup>th</sup> April was named 'Anzac Day'. By the 1920's, Anzac Day ceremonies were held throughout Australia and the states had designated Anzac Day as a public holiday. Commemoration of Anzac Day continued throughout the 1930's and 1940's with World War II veterans joining parades around the country.

Over the ensuing decades, returned Australian Servicemen and women from conflicts such as Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan as well as peacekeepers and veterans from allied countries, now march proudly in the parades.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not wear them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*



We will celebrate Anzac Day with the students at a short assembly on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am Parents are welcome to attend.

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### *Mother's Day is Coming.....*

#### **Mother's Day Assembly – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Parents are welcome to join us for our special Mother's Day celebrations on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9.00am. This year we will be having a Mother's Day Prayer Liturgy and Assembly, followed by an outdoor activity with your child. (Unfortunately, due to current Covid regulations, having all the mums visit the classrooms would be above the per square metre rule). **All Welcome**

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Thank you to the positive feedback we have received regarding the ease of replying to the new absence text that you receive if your child is absent. Please be sure to refer previous emails sent regarding this new process.

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We are excited to have parents back attending various school events. As a rule of thumb, we ask that you keep an eye in the newsletter for upcoming events that are tagged as '**All Welcome**'. This will help clarify for parents which events they may wish attend.

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

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

25th April 2021

### John 10:11-18

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

*The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is such a familiar image that it can sometimes become over-familiar and cease to engage us. Countless works of art have presented this image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd with a crook and surrounded by sheep or even with a lamb draped around the back of his neck. The image from this week's gospel often gets merged with the image from the parable of the lost sheep that appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7) and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists frequently place Jesus as the hero of his own parable and portray him as the 'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the one lost sheep. Such amalgamations of different gospel images can become very confusing. Some of*



*this confusion and literal interpretation stems from the gospel writer's choice of metaphoric language. In the gospel, Jesus says, 'I am the good shepherd', not 'I am like the good shepherd'. The writer's use of metaphor, rather than simile, provides a much more compelling image but can result in a more literal interpretation.*

*The emphasis of the image is on the adjective. Jesus is the good shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded*

*as particularly good people – more like the scum of the earth! – so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds – cut-throats who would run away at the first sign of danger – Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep. The final verses of the passage make an interesting extension to the image of shepherd and sheep. Unlike the 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd chooses to lay down his life and also has the power to take it up again.*

**PARISH MASS RETURNS:** As COVID restrictions have eased, students have returned to Parish Mass. Each grade will attend mass on a particular day over each fortnight. Please join us as we return back to Mass. Please see below for timetable.

**ODD WEEKS:** Wednesday (Year 4), Thursday (Year 1) and Friday (Year 3)

**EVEN WEEKS:** Thursday (Year 2/ Year 5) and Friday (Kindergarten/ Year 6)



Thank you to the Year 1 Students and teachers who led a beautiful Alleluia prayer celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus earlier this week.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OLA IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN TERM TWO

- April 26th (Monday) @ 11.30am: ANZAC Day Liturgy (Year 6)
- May 7th (Friday) @ 9am- Mothers' Day celebrations
- Sacrament of First Holy Communion

### Catechism

Lesson 1: Thursday, 22 April @ 6.30

Lesson 2: Thursday, 29 April @ 6.30

Lesson 3: Thursday, 6 May @ 6.30

Lesson 4: Thursday, 13 May @ 6.30

Lesson 5: Thursday, 20 May @ 6.30

### First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Thursday 27 May Group 1

Thursday 3 June Group 2

### First Holy Communion Mass

Saturday 29th and 5th June at 4:00 pm

Sunday 30th May and 6th June at 12:00 pm



*Please keep in your prayers, students at OLA preparing to receive their first holy communion.*

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. We have received just over \$4,000.00 which will be forwarded to Caritas. Thank you for your social justice outreach to those less fortunate.

## Dates to Remember

### Week 2:

- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Apr** 11.30am Anzac Day Prayer/Raising of Flag Assembly. **All Welcome**
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Apr** Motiv8 BBQ for Group Winners (See further in the newsletter)

### Week 3

- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> May** Diocesan Cross Country
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May** Mother's Day Stall
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> May** Mother's Day Assembly 9.00am **All Welcome**
- School Photos – Makeup Day

### Week 4:

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> May** Winter uniform to be worn
- Naplan week for Yrs 3 & 5 begins

**Term 2 Staff Development Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June**







Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who are celebrated their birthday during the second week of the holidays and this week....

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Samantha Collazos-Rivera

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Emily Al Lati  
Cooper Rossi

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Malachi Rangan  
William Harvey  
Victoria Zakharova

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Sienna Mataia  
Isla Vella

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Nash Cleary  
Archie Spiteri

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Samantha Ocampo  
Mrs Helen Goldsworthy

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Matthew Kamber

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr**

Jacob Cabunag  
Ariella Brown  
Mrs Jacinta Aspinall

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr**

Johanna Torre-Islas  
Indi Rich  
Mrs Katrina Byrne

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Sophia Mangano  
Mrs Lisa Rizk



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

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Bianca Wallace  
Luca Petrocco

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Olivia Cutajar

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Cassandra Higham

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Aaron Phelps  
Olivia O'Connor  
Cooper Foley

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Charlize Fresta  
Emily Dalton



**Kindergarten Camsley Hill Farm Excursion**

Yesterday Kindergarten had a wonderful day at Camsley Hill Farm. They enjoyed learning about all the animals and going on the tractor ride. Thank you to the teachers and the many parents who assisted on the day.

*Congratulations to the following families on the new additions to their family:-*

*The Mandarano Family on the birth of baby Milan*

*The Camilleri Family on the birth of baby Zara.*



**Mother's Day Stall – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

Please see information sent home earlier this week. Please ensure all orders are returned by the due date.

*Please keep in your prayers the Austin family on the passing of Jack's (5G) grandfather into eternal life.*

## Literacy News

**Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)** aims to encourage a love of **reading** for leisure and pleasure in students, and enables students to experience quality literature. The **challenge** encourages students to **read**, to **read** more and **read** more widely. At OLA we would love **100%** of our students to participate in this year's challenge.



Further information can be found on the [PRC website](#).

If your child has participated before, please use the same login. Please contact Mrs Hunt or Mrs Wagner if you need help with your child's login.

Congratulations to the following students for completing the  
**Premier's Reading Challenge.**

Audrey Pedavoli KB, Addison Lawler KB, Aiden Ajay 1B, Joshua Fitzsimons 1W, Evelyn McKee 1W, Myra Shokeen 1G, Jai McCluskey 2G, Aria Clark 2W, Kate McKeever 2G, Sebastian Georges 4G, Elizabeth McKee 4B, Ethan Zachariah 4B, Prasaia Merrin 5W

**Come on OLA! We can do it!**

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## WriteOn Competition

Write On is an annual **writing competition** open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. It is designed to encourage students to develop their imaginative writing skills, and supports the teaching of writing. The competition aligns with the learning objectives in the NSW [English K-10 Syllabus](#). The WriteOn 2021 writing competition closes in Week 10, Term 2 (25th June).

Students compose an imaginative text of up to 500 words using the image as the stimulus. Schools submit **one** typed entry from each participating Stage using the [online entry form](#). Refer to the [notes from WriteOn 2020](#) to see comments from the judges.

Imaginative pieces may include:

- narratives
- letters
- poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries.

Schools submit their best entry from each stage.

The entries are judged by a panel of experienced primary teachers from each sector.

For more information, please visit the NESA site.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/writeon-competition>

**To participate in the competition, students compose an imaginative text of up to 500 words in length using the image below as a stimulus.**



Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

### Book Covering

We have plenty of new library books and readers that need to be covered. If you can assist us with book covering at home, can you please let us know. We will be provide you with the contact.



## School Photos – Makeup Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

If your child was not at school today for their photo, the makeup day is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure that your child wears their summer uniform on this day.



## Returning Notes & Permission Slips

For those families who are new to the school or those who may be unaware of our procedures:-

Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class notebag (please ensure envelopes containing money are tightly secured and labelled). This system allows the office to receive notes and money efficiently. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information.

## Transition to Winter Uniform

For those new to school life & OLA, the students will transition into their winter uniform by week 4 of Term 2 (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May), depending on the weather. This means that for the next two weeks, students can wear either their full summer uniform, or their full winter uniform, not a mix of both.

Winter uniform stock is now available

## Are you missing out?? Join our Facebook page.

Take a look and see the amazing learning and happenings at OLA

<https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill> Or Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our school website  
Be sure to 'like us'

## Motiv8 was Great

The children had a wonderful day on Wednesday participating in the Celebr8 Motiv8 Day. The variety of activities provided lots of challenges, fun and laughter and I'm sure will have created many long-lasting memories.

Congratulations to the many prize winners during the day. Special congratulations to the Electros from infants and the Rockers from primary on being crowned the winning teams. They will be rewarded with a special BBQ - Sausage sandwich provided by Motiv8 next Friday. If your child is in one of these teams, please let the school office know in writing if you do NOT wish for them to participate in the BBQ lunch.



## Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their awards on Monday (due to photo day we were unable to present these today).

Term 2 Week 1		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Luca Petrocchio	Angela Alin
KG	Noah McCrory	Benjamin Pisani
KW	Harlen Manenti	Alexa Nasso
Year 1 B	Alexander Dib	Sienna Mataia
Year 1 G	Georgia Tomic	Ava Zhu
Year 1 W	Luis Flores	Cameron Brackenbury
Year 2 B	Katherine Cameron	Brae Aldaba
Year 2G	Elisheba Mathew	Valentina Buda
Year 2W	Xander Kumar	Jenessa DeLaCruz
Year 3 B	Keanu Edelinski	Jennifer Rose Murphy
Year 3 G	Lucas Capco	Keeley Vaughan
Year 3 W	James Boje	Madeleine Teo
Year 4 B	Nicholas Thornton	Sophia Mangano
Year 4 G	Serenity Naim	Jake Trimboli
Year 4 W	Lucas Richardson	Vincent Cappello
Year 5 B	Ethan Billyard	Ruby Martin
Year 5G	Zali Adams	Gianluca Russo
Year 5W	Ethan Mihalic	Ruby Millers
Year 6 B	Ebony Lynch	Solomon Sloane
Year 6 G	Abbey Hollier	Julie Bolina
Year 6 W	Madison Saward	Mia Snook



## DanceFever Challenge

Last term, on Wednesday evening, 31<sup>st</sup> March, OLA students from Years 3 – 6 participated in the DanceFever Interschool Challenge. It was a very enjoyable evening watching everyone get into the spirit of the night. Congratulations to all students for their hard work and dedication and special congratulations to the students who won or placed in their zone for their partner dance and to Years 4 and 6 who were the winners of their zone. We were all very proud of the amazing participation and dance skills of our children.



## SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Logan Cleary, Ryan Knipler and Kobe Combes for their selection in the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union team and also to Kiera Mooney for her selection in the Metro AFL team - She will now trial for the All Schools team.

Lucas Clarke has also been successful in selection for the Parramatta Rugby League team.

Logan Cleary has been successful in selection for the Parramatta team in both Rugby Union and League.

Malachi Rangan and Alysha Balangon were selected in both the Parramatta and Mackillop Basketball team. Malachi was subsequently selected for the Mackillop team and will now trial for the NSW Basketball team.

We wish you all the best of luck. We are proud of you.

Girls Soccer (this weekend), Touch Football, cricket and Softball trials are still to come.



## TERM 2 LIBRARY MONITORS

Congratulations to Noah Baba, Maddison Kuea Vilila and Juliana Aguilar who will be the Library Monitors for this term.