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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families throughout the school and particularly to our 2021 Kindergarten cohort. The Kindergarten students have been just beautiful and are well and truly already part of our OLA community. Kindergarten through to Year 6 are very settled and enthusiastic about their learning. I have been most impressed with the children's behaviour, manner and love of learning. This is a credit to you, the first educators of your children.

Yesterday you would have received an email outlining Teacher/Parent meetings, upcoming events and some new initiatives. Thank you for the many positive emails that were received in relation to the areas covered. Your support and trust is very much appreciated.

Please take note of the following when arriving this coming week for our Parent/Teacher meet and greet sessions:-

Please be on time. These are only 10-minute meetings to allow you to connect with your teacher.

Parking. The car park will undoubtedly be full so please consider parking at the ovals and walking up to school.

Please do not go overtime. If you require additional time your class teacher will organise to contact you.

Please sanitize on entering the school grounds.

If you are waiting please be sure to observe a 1.5m social distance rule.

These meetings will be held in the following rooms:-

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6 Students) in Year 5 classroom

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4 Students) in Year 3 classroom

Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2 Students) in Year 2 classroom

(As communicated the Kindergarten meetings will be held in Week 4)

These meetings provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's needs with their teacher. Parents know their child better than anyone else and sharing this knowledge gives teachers a valuable resource to assist them in progressing your child's learning. Bookings are undertaken online and opened yesterday at 4.00pm (please see the email sent yesterday if you have not booked).

Our Opening School Mass

This Mass will take place next **Friday 12th February at 9.00am**. It will be an outdoor Mass (due to COVID regulations) followed by the commissioning of our Year 6 Student Leaders. We ask for your understanding, as we will only be inviting the parents of our Year 6 Leaders to attend. We will record the Mass/Ceremony and post it for your viewing.

We soon welcome Lyndelle Batten to our OLA staff. Mrs Batten will be our specialist Physical Education teacher. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this new role at OLA.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2022 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

Thursday, 4th March

9.00am – 10.30am

Please note this daytime slot is new.

Please pass this information onto family, friends, neighbours etc who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

[Mk 1:29-39](#)

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

Living the Gospel-Prayer

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.



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

Sun 7th Feb

Ekamveer Hundal
Joshua Stewart
Erica Sommer
Ryan Shahbazi

Thurs 11th Feb

Alex Vozzo

Fri 12th Feb

Jeremiah Chayban
Natalia Zahorsky

Mon 8th Feb

Sofia Costa

Sat 13th Feb

Noah Baba
Charlise Mitrovich
Sophia Gobran

Tues 9th Feb

Orlaith McManus
Isabella Smith

School Census Day - Friday 19th February PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

Friday 19th February is the school census day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If you know that your child will be away on 19th February, please email ola@parra.catholic.edu.au advising the reason for the absence and when they will return.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your co-operation.



WHAT IS HAPPENING NEXT MONTH IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FEBRUARY

- Opening School Mass Friday 12th February 9.00am Students Only
- Ash Wednesday: 17th February (time to be confirmed) Students Only
- Father Carlos and Fr Omar will commence class visits in each grade.

Santa Sophia School Times

Please be aware that Santa Sophia have changed their school times as follows:-

Morning Supervision/ Drive through	7.50am – 8.10am
Session 1	8.10am – 10.20am
Session 2	10.50am – 12.50am
Session 3	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Afternoon Supervision	2.30pm – 2.50pm

This may mean that OLA parents may need to park in a parking sport to take their children to KTOOSH if the drive through is being used.

Thank you for your assistance and patience in this area.

School Leaders for 2021

Congratulations to our Year 6 Student Leaders for 2021 who will be presented with their badges at our Opening School Mass:

School Captains

Matthew Kamber and Ebony Lynch

Vice School Captains

Aidan Attard and Isabella Smith

Francis Captains (Green)

Logan Cleary & Abbey Hollier

Marian Captains (Blue)

Maddix Laborte and Claire Sievwright

Claire Captains (Red)

Ethan Streater and Chloe Holden

Gabriel Captains (Yellow)

SRC Representatives

This year we will be introducing a slight change to this structure, in order to afford this leadership opportunity to more of our students.

There will be two SRC members for each class in Years 1-6 elected for the first semester (Terms 1 and 2) and another two SRC members elected for the second semester (Terms 3 and 4). There will be a boy and girl SRC member each semester. The presentation of SRC badges will take place at a SRC presentation assembly on Tuesday 16th February at 9:00am and then in Term 3 on Tuesday 20th July at 9:00am. Parents of successful candidates will be advised beforehand and invited to attend the assembly if they wish, with COVID regulations in place. Kindergarten will have two SRC members for the second semester only.

The process for nomination of SRC will commence next week. Teachers will advise the students when nominations will occur. Students wanting to nominate themselves are required to present a one to two minute speech identifying why they would like to be class representative and the qualities they can bring to the role.

Are you Receiving Emails?

As information & various notes are emailed from the school, please ensure that we have your correct/preferred email address on our system. We are hopeful that by next week we will have the problems with our emails rectified.

Dates to Remember

Week 3:

Mon 8th Feb	Year 4 Science Day
Tues/Wed/Thu	Parent/teacher Meetings
Fri 12th Feb	Opening School Mass 9.00am

Week 4:

Tues 16th Feb	Shove Tuesday
Wed 17th Feb	Ash Wednesday – Project Compassion
Fri 19th Feb	Census Day
	Zone Swimming Carnival

OLA Zone Swimming Carnival

The zone swimming carnival will be held on Friday 19th February at Mt Druitt Pools. We are waiting advice from CEDP regarding attendance from parents at the carnival. Congratulations to the following children who will be representing OLA at the zone swimming carnival:

Alysha Balangon	Thomas Andrews
Eva Bond	Isaiah Balangon
Zara Buchanan	Lucas Clarke
Chloe Holden	Lucas Cleland
Abbey Hollier	Roko Deur
Eva Millers	Harrison Dolahenty
Ruby Millers	Fionn Galway
Erica Sommer	Matthew Kamber
Divena Sundaram	Ryan Knipler
Natalia Zahorsky	Sean McKeever
	Isaac Meighan
	Pheonix Rich

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 you arrive after 8.50am (**you will know it is after 8.50am if the teacher is no longer on duty at the kiss and drop**) you, as the parent **MUST** visit the office to sign a late slip for your child to take to class. Many thanks for your support in this area.

Student Information Form

Thank you to all parents who have completed the Student Information Form collected/emailed last week. A reminder if you have not already done so, please return forms on Monday 8th February. Thank you.

Term Overviews

Keep an eye out for Term 1 Grade Overviews coming home today.



This year our school's learning goal is:

Students will transfer their comprehension skills to other areas of their learning, particularly in Numeracy & Project Based Learning.

Ways to improve reading comprehension at home

Developing reading comprehension skills is important for absorbing story books as a young child. As children get older, this skill will help them understand textbooks, newspapers, and other more complex texts.

1. Have your child read aloud. This forces them to go slower, which gives them more time to process what they read and in turn improves reading comprehension. Plus, they are not only seeing the words — they are hearing them, too! You can also take turns reading aloud.

2. Provide books at the right level. Make sure your child gets lots of practise reading books that aren't too hard. They should recognize at least 90 percent of the words without any help. Stopping any more often than that to figure out a word makes it tough for them to focus on the overall meaning of the story

Source: <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/developing-reading-skills/improve-reading-comprehension.html>

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.



The 2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will be launched on 1st March this year. Further information can be found on the [PRC website](#).

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Keeping our Children Safe

Reminder: For the safety of all in our community, please park '**Rear to Kerb**' and use the designated crossings in the car park (ie, not trample across the gardens).

Our sincere thanks to Mrs Jodie Arora who is giving generously of her time in helping to keep our children safe each morning by monitoring the crossing inside the car park area. After some lobbying, the Roads and Maritime Service has advised us that we will soon have an official crossing supervisor on the Wellgate Avenue crossing.

Some photos of our Kindergarten child on their first day of school



Sport Uniform Days				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School	Kindergarten Year 5	Year 1 Year 2 Year 6	Year 3 Year 4	

Uniform Shop

Due to COVID, the Uniform shop is not open for parents to attend. However, uniform orders can be left at the office, through the notebag, 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.

Student's Birthday -

Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! In regard to birthday treats that are sometimes sent in, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending anything in during this COVID 19 period. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home.

At this current time, we also kindly ask that you **do not** send in non-edible items as birthday treats eg, pencils etc due to COVID 19 as it is always unknown as to who has handled the items from manufacturer to classroom. This restriction is aimed solely at doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your child.

Late/Early Leavers - If your child is late for school or needs to be collected early, you must attend the office and fill out the Late/Early Leavers Slip. If your child arrives **at 8.50am or later**, you need to come into the office to sign them in. If there is a need to pick up your child early, please **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE** to ask that your child is ready for when you get here. They will be called only when a parent has arrived to collect them. This is in the interest of minimising work in what is already a very busy office and in reducing the amount of lost learning time for your child. It is also recommended that appointments are made out of school time, wherever possible.

School Website

Another form of communication at our school is the school website.

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/home>

The website is regularly updated with stories of different things that have occurred, upcoming events, the term calendar and access to permission notes. This section can be found in 'News and Events' then 'Parent Notes' or <http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/parent-notes>

In Parent Notes you will find an up to date school uniform list, medication notes and leave of exemption forms. Throughout the year, it will be updated as needed with excursion notes, sporting notes and special event notes.

Positive Partnerships

Positive Partnerships will be holding online parent/carers autism workshops from 2-24 February.

The first is a 4 week series of 2 hour sessions and the second is a full day workshop. Please see the attached flyers for full details.

These workshops are not region specific and will cater for any NSW parents, grandparents or full time carers.

If you are Please circulate this information to your school community and encourage parents/carers to register via the information in the flyers or on the Positive Partnerships homepage: <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/>

Year 5 Colonial Day

On Tuesday, Year 5 went back in time to early colonial Australia. During the day they engaged in a variety of learning experiences that focussed on developing an understanding of the impact that the arrival of the First Fleet had on Indigenous peoples as well as the convicts and early settlers.

Theme of the Week

"Together we are a Community"

Our theme this week helps acknowledge and appreciate our wonderful OLA community, in which each one of us plays a vital role. Together we gather, bonded by our Catholic values and relationships. As a community we examine just how we treat each other so as to continue to foster our sense of community and create harmony.



Are you missing out?? Join our Facebook page.

Keep up to date with news from OLA
See what is happening at OLA
Visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill> Or Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our school website

Be sure to 'like us'

*Congratulations
to Aiden Ajay (1B)
and his parents on the birth
of his triplet sisters
two weeks ago,
Alaina, Amelia and Andrea.
We cannot wait to meet them.*



Term 1 Week 2		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Christian Graczyk	Sofia Barbara
KG	Xander Licalde	Chloe Tischler
KW	Ashton Riley	Samuel Cauchi
Year 1 B	Charlize Abboud	Daniel Salac
Year 1 G	Emily Godden	Daniel Mandarano
Year 1 W	Adrian Farrugia	Minnie McManus
Year 2 B	Olivia Macario	Max Suarez
Year 2G	Cassie Graham	Jai McLuskey
Year 2W	Lyla Sofiak	Ryan Scanes
Year 3 B	Lachlan Newman	Sofia Krkac
Year 3 G	Jackson Navarro	Sienna Galea
Year 3 W	Olivia Hartz	Lachlan Riley
Year 4 B	Braxton Conliffe	Emily Al Lati
Year 4 G	Ilana McGrath	Roko Deur
Year 4 W	Mirelle Ferdinands	Joshua Basile
Year 5 B	Jordan Holden	Grace Wallis
Year 5G	William Harvey	Isaac Rapa
Year 5W	Heidi Nicholls	Milana Buda
Year 6 B	Luke Smyth	Georgia Dolahenty
Year 6 G	Thomas Andrews	Giuseppe Venezia
Year 6 W	Giancarlo Mazza	Isabella Smith

Tech Tip Week 2

World Safer Internet Day 9th February

This year, the theme for World Safer Internet Day is 'Start the Chat'. This day focuses on people coming together to develop a shared vision of making online experiences better for everyone.

How will you start the chat about online safety?

The eSafety Commissioner shares some top tips to ensuring online experiences are positive.

If you wish to learn more or participate in some webinar, please click [here](#) to register for a free webinar about online safety. Spots are limited. Additional courses are available later on in the year, if you wish to stay informed. Topics to be confirmed.



From the Parish Office...

Welcome Back

Fr Carlos and Fr Omar are so excited to see and hear the children back from their holidays.

Welcome to all the new families, we look forward to seeing you at mass.

There will be lots of opportunities to see Father over the coming weeks with the Opening School Mass and Ash Wednesday plus all the class visits they both will be doing.

Sacraments

We are about to commence the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). This is for children in Year 3 or older. If you have not yet completed the Enrolment Form, please collect one from the Church foyer over the weekend. Registrations Close on Monday, 8 February and emails will go out from there with all the information you will need. For any further information call the parish office.

Our Doors are Open

Covid Restrictions are forever changing. Masses have resumed to some normality, however, Places of Worship still require their visitors to wear masks. If you walk into the church, please remember to have your mask with you and please also remember that you will need to register via the QR code provided. Bookings are also required for weekend masses and this can be done via <https://www.trybooking.com/BKNKM>

The Parish Mass schedule is:

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 5.30 pm

Altar Serving at Mass

Students who have received their First Communion are invited to come along to our Altar Servers course.

Saturdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th February at 4pm. If you have not yet registered, please just arrive 15 minutes earlier to complete the paperwork.

Coming up

Mass in Honour of St Joseph every Wednesday at 6.30pm

Consecration to St Joseph commencing Monday, 15th February 7pm

Ash Wednesday – February 17th Mass 9am and 7pm

Feast of St Joseph – March 19th

Our Lady of the Angels Parish

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Attached to this email:-

- 2021 Staff List
- Flyers from Positive Partnerships
- Certificate of Gratitude from St Vincent de Paul