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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Mother's Day

On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to wish all mothers in our parish/school community a happy and heartfelt Mothers' Day for this Sunday. The special love that only a mother can give is always appreciated but not always acknowledged. Every day should be Mothers' Day, so why not rest and relax on Sunday and allow your family to show their love and thanks to you for the invaluable role you play in their lives.



Thank you for your understanding and support due to the need to reschedule today's Mother's Day Celebrations. As communicated, regardless of the rain (which did come!) the ground under the COLA was way too wet and full of puddles for the children to sit on.

Our new date is now **FRIDAY 15TH MAY AT 1.30PM**. The same format will apply, ie an assembly, followed by an activity in the playground with your children. (The morning slots this coming week are not possible due to Years 3 & 5 undertaking NAPLAN)

Theme of the Week *"Mothers are a Gift from God"*

Our theme this week is an acknowledgement that our Mothers, in so many ways, are one of the most precious gifts that God has given to all of us. We learn so much from the role modelling and care our Mothers give us. The unique qualities of our own mothers, whether by God's side or with us, are indeed special and we give thanks to our Lord for their Committed care and love in our lives.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Thank You!

Secretary's Day is celebrated today, Friday 7th May. On behalf of our community, I wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our fantastic secretarial staff, Mrs Goldsworthy, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Hall & Mrs Eisenhuth. We appreciate and are grateful for their efficiency, skills, use of technology, public relations, care for the children and generosity of time. So much of their work is behind the scenes but is an essential element to the success of our school. Their attention to detail, care for the children, welcoming manner and expertise in all aspects of their work is to be congratulated. From all of us, we say Thank You.



**Gospel Reflection**

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OLA IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN TERM TWO

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Catechism

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.

Mothers' Day prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

**Religious education in the Classroom**

Year 5: Learning Cycle 2-Why do bad things happen to good people?

"Your care has preserved my spirit." Job 10:12



Father Omar talked about how Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a prisoner of a Nazi camp during the Second World War. The Nazi soldiers killed many prisoners and Maximilian Kolbe sacrificed his life for the life of someone else. I can make a connection with Jesus because he also sacrificed his life for us. (Elyssa-Year 5)

Fr Omar spoke to us about how God chose people who were faithful, to teach others to believe in Him and turn to Him. God gives people love and hope. I can make a connection with what Fr Omar spoke about and the stories we are learning about in class; Moses and the Red Sea and Noah and the Ark.

(Astrid-Year 5)

God chose certain people to carry out His mission, they were chosen because they were always faithful to God. God promises people that from suffering comes love and hope to all. God teaches us that we must be faithful to go to Heaven. (Isaac-Year 5)

Year 1: Learning Cycle 3 – Who is Jesus

"I have called you by your name" Isaiah 43:1

"I learnt where babies get baptised. They get baptised in a Baptismal Font."
Elena Valensise and Cooper Cameron.

"When babies are baptised they are God's Family." Kayla Valdez

"On the Alter there is a special symbol called the Monstrance where God is."

Amali Enosi Tuipulotu

"There is an Easter candle near the Baptismal font. The candle represents Jesus as the light that we follow". Isaac Hartz and Isla Vella

"I learnt that at Baptism water is used to wash away our sins and to give life." Abhijna Sundaram and Myra Shokeen





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

Mon 10th May

Korbin Bruckard

Tues 11th May

Milana Buda

Claire Sievwright

Wed 12th May

Cruz Camilleri

Benji Pisani

Thurs 13th May

Lauren Cauchi

Hannah Burgess

Fri 14th May

Gabriella Ponturo

Chloe Carey

Sat 15th May

Cooper Roberts

Francesca Topic

Chloe Psaltis

Marcus Wang

Dates to Remember

Week 4:

Mon 10th May

Winter uniform to be worn

Naplan week for Yrs 3 & 5 begins

Wed 12th May

P&F Meeting 7pm **All Welcome**

Fri 15th May

1.30pm Mother's Day Celebrations

All Welcome

Week 5:

Wed 19th May

9.00am Mini Franciscans Presentation

Fri 21st May

Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

All Welcome

Term 2 Staff Development Day – Friday 11th June

Dates for Whole School Assemblies

We are excited to advise that we will be holding whole school assemblies during each term where a grade will be presenting an 'item'. The dates for Term 2 whole school assemblies are:-

Friday 21st May (Week 5) – Presented by Year 4

Friday 4th June (Week 7) – Presented by Year 1

Friday 18th June (Week 9) – Presented by Year 3

All Welcome

These assemblies will commence at 2.30pm sharp. As you are aware this is also the end of the day for Santa Sophia and so the carpark will be overflowing. We suggest that parents who wish to attend our whole school assemblies, please park across the road at the oval and walk across. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

P&F Meeting – This Wednesday 12th May

The P&F Meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 12th May, (Week 4) at 7.00pm. **All Welcome.**

Come along to hear the P&F Report, Principal's Report and participate in General Business.

Text Message – Great!!

We have had a great deal of positive feedback regarding the text sent out this morning as a great form of communication. This additional mode of communication will also be utilised in the future to convey various messages.

School Calendar

We are currently working on a live Google Doc Calendar. Until this is up and running, we kindly ask you to keep an eye on our 'Note Dates' from the weekly newsletter.

Building Child Safe Communities

As more opportunities come about for parents to volunteer at school or for excursions, please consider completing the Building Child Safe Communities Online training module in anticipation of being about to assist. This should only take about 15 minutes and it then gets sent to CEDP for approval. Once completed, it is valid for two years. Please note that in any event, this MUST be completed before you can assist in any way at school

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities>

GREAT JOB MOM.
I TURNED OUT
AWESOME.

Year 6 Debating

On Tuesday 4th May, OLA's team debated Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill. The topic for the debate was "TV is better than books". Thank you to our affirmative team (Isabella Smith, Cassandra Higham, Georgia Dolahenty & Javin Chugh). The debate was extremely close 77-74 with Mary Immaculate winning. It was a great opportunity for all of the year six students involved to experience their first debate.

We are looking forward to our next debate against St John Paul XXIII.

Cassandra, Isabella and Georgia



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.

Brae Aldaba 2B

Come on OLA! We can do it!

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.



Rotary Writing Competition 2021 - for Year 6 Students.

Year 6 students are invited to participate in the 2021 Rotary Writing Competition Hills/Kellyville District. This competition forms part of the Rotary Youth encouragement program. Students will complete these written submissions at school this term.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Co-ordinator

Diocesan Cross Country

Rain, Rain, and more Rain.....What a memorable day it was at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Tuesday. Congratulations to all our runners, they ran their little hearts out in the pouring rain. OLA is extremely proud of you all and a HUGE congratulations to the following students who will represent Parramatta at the NSWCPSS Cross Country Championships on 8th June.

Chloe Holden 4th Place
Ava-Belle Chong 5th Place
Jordan Holden 5th Place

Reserves
Flynn Richardson
Kobe Coombes
Ruby Martin

We would also like to thank our parent helpers. Carnivals don't run smoothly without gems like you! Regina Clarke and Claire Holden out on the track getting drenched and Matt Harvey and Connie Aldaba for helping organise the kids' running bibs and name tags up in the grandstand.

Looking forward to our next carnival,

Mrs Lyndelle Batten
Sports Coordinator



Athletics Carnival – Monday 7th June

Our Lady of the Angels will be holding their Athletics Carnival in **Week 7, Monday 7th June** at Centenary Park, across the road from the school.

This year our carnival will look a little different from previous years. All students in **Year 3-6** (including children who turn 8 in 2021 who wish to be considered for the zone teams) will compete at the carnival on the day.

To help carnivals run smoothly, we need your assistance. Please keep **Monday 7th June** free to help out at our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival. If you are interested and enthusiastic about assisting, we will be in need of timekeepers, judges and recorders. All the support we receive helps the children have a greater event and memorable day.

The children in Years K-2 will be participating in their own fun-filled carnival in Term 3 at school.

More information to follow at a later date regarding the finer details, so stay tuned and spread the word.



National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy 2021 (NAPLAN)

This coming week in the morning sessions, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) **WILL BE COMPLETED BY ALL STUDENTS** in Years 3,5,7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11/5/21	12/5/21	13/5/21	14/5/21
Writing	Reading	Language	Numeracy

Mini-Franciscans

New Date – 9.00am Wednesday 19th May

The students involved in the Mini-Franciscans group are part of the Our Lady of the Angels community outreach and social justice initiative. The group consists of Year Five and Six students who meet each week to engage in various activities to support Catholic Mission. Some of the initiatives they are involved in and help organise include: Fundraising Events, Project Compassion, Social Issues, Community Events and Religious ceremonies. On Wednesday, 19th May these children will be presented with their badges at a 9:00am assembly. Parents of these new members are warmly invited to attend this event.

Mrs Zivic & Mrs Arayon

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.

Year 6 Confirmation Note

Notes were sent home yesterday by the Parish to Year 6 students regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you did not receive a note, please contact the parish or school office.



Apple Watch or Similar

Please be aware that if your child has an Apple watch or similar to tell the time, we ask that you **DO NOT** text them or ask them to text you during class learning/school time.

All messages should be forwarded through the office by either telephone or email.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Absence Text

Please remember that if your child is away from school, you will receive a text message at 10.30am. Please click on the link and complete the information.

You must click on 'Add Attendance Note to Submit' as this will add your note to our system.

Breakfast

The most important meal of the day

It is alarming to hear how many children often say that they have not had breakfast in the morning and tell teachers that they are hungry or how tired they are quite early, before recess. A young growing body needs fuel. A good breakfast is so important for children as it gives them energy, keeps them healthy and sustains them. What did your child have for breakfast today?

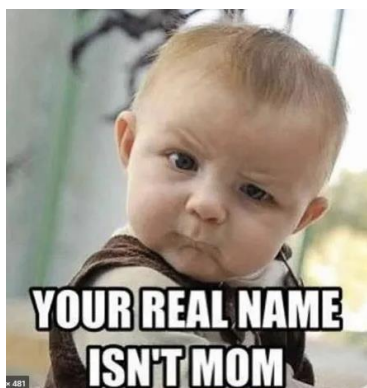
Withdrawal from School - It is part of the CEDP Policy that a term's notice in writing must be given to the school before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. Please see the Notice of Withdrawal Form on our website or available from our office. Please give as much notice as possible to avoid being charged.

"We would Love to Hear from You to Help us Improve the Education we provide"

In the coming weeks, every diocesan school will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of their school using an online 'Tell Them From Me' survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

As we value the role of parents within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing at OLA.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. **Please keep an eye out for further information and the URL link to access the survey coming home soon.**



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Be sure to 'like us'

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their awards on Monday due to the wet weather today.

Term 2 Week 3		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Andrew Dumesny	Frankie Francis
KG	Gabriella Acluba	Sophia Ali
KW	Alyssa Albertini	Neve Moujalli
Year 1 B	Mya Mitrovich	William Lewis
Year 1 G	Myra Shokeen	Isaac Hartz
Year 1 W	Jasmine Lau	Joshua Fitzsimons
Year 2 B	Scarlett Buchanan	Mason Hession
Year 2G	Audrey Summerhayes	Kiaan Rawal
Year 2W	Ciaran McKeever	Korbin Bruckard
Year 3 B	Hudson Jones	Harrison Ennor
Year 3 G	Charlotte Holden	Asher Vilathgamuwa
Year 3 W	Brianna Charlton	Luca Mazza
Year 4 B	Leonardo Fresta	Natalia Ponturo
Year 4 G	Noah Falzon	Emily Ramirez
Year 4 W	Ella Ciantar	Vienna Bizzanelli
Year 5 B	Isaac Meighan	Chelsea Strong
Year 5G	Ethan Tierney	Jack Austin
Year 5W	Hridaya Ghangurde	Prasaia Merrin
Year 6 B	Zacahry Ormsby	Oliver Davidson
Year 6 G	Alysha Balangon	Paige Mitrovich
Year 6 W	Meliya Boyd	Giancarlo Mazza

Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pickup

Please be mindful of students, other road users and residents when dropping off and collecting your children from OLA. Please **DO NOT** let your children out of the car whilst in the traffic line on Wellgate Avenue as this is extremely dangerous.

Please find attached information from the Council regarding road rules around schools and the fines and penalties that apply to breaches.

Thank you to the P&F and their band of helpers for buying, sorting, wrapping and selling the Mother's Day gifts to the children on Wednesday. The children were so proud to choose that special gift for their hero, their MUM.



Uniform – Winter Uniform from this coming Monday 10th May

You just have to look around the streets to note just how important the school uniform is as a presentation of a student and also the image of their school. We have a very smart school uniform, and we thank you, as parents, to instil in your children the importance of wearing the correct uniform. These photos show what correct uniform looks like for boys and girls. We thank you for your cooperation.



Or knee high socks



Please ensure:-

- That the top button is done up, or at least the tie is tight enough that it appears to be buttoned up
- Black leather shoes, not black joggers, are to be worn with the uniform
- Jumpers are to be worn with the uniform for both boys and girls (not cardigans)
- The bomber jacket is **NOT** to be worn instead of the jumper
- Woollen vest can be worn by either girls or boys
- Sports zip jacket is to be only worn on sports days.
- Fluorescent sport shoes are not allowed.



Acceptable Hair Styles for Boys.

The following is a passage in the parent handbook that refers to this...

"Hair is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of the styles that are unacceptable include: ridges, undercuts, steps, any excessive shaping with products, and any shaving cuts."

This includes boys' long hair in pony tails.

Thank you to all those who have noted this expectation

