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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### Lent – Preparing for Easter

Thank you to Fr Carlos who celebrated the Ash Wednesday Mass with students and staff from both OLA and Santa Sophia. It was a lovely celebration of our faith and a reminder of God's blessings upon us.

#### Project

Calming in times of need  
Own it, share it  
Makes everyone feel loved  
Pass it around and make smiles  
A sign of integrity  
Something the world needs more of  
Signifies a true hero  
In times of despair, this shall appear  
Overly enjoyed  
Not a want, but a need



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Our official OLA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill> is well worth a visit as it celebrates the learning at OLA through photos and posts and also acts as a means of communication to our OLA community.

**Please Note** there are **NO** official grade Facebook pages.

If these pages exist, they 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 is where a parent explained they read it on the Facebook page thinking it was endorsed by the school.

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This week as a staff we acknowledged with a small celebration Mrs Sarah Lenane who officially finished her permanent teaching role at OLA late last year. Mrs Lenane has been a member of the OLA staff since 2010. We take this opportunity to say Thank You to Sarah for her expertise, care and dedication to the many children she has taught over her time here at OLA. We wish her all the best for the future as she enjoys a little more free time with her family and will continue as a casual teacher.

*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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please email the office to register your attendance.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

[Mk 1:12-15](#)

### Gospel Reflection

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

### Living the Gospel-Change of heart

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### FEBRUARY

**First Reconciliation:** Please keep in your prayer our OLA students preparing for their sacrament of First Reconciliation.

**Reconciliation:** Fr Carlos and Fr Omar will be visiting classes from Years 4-6 to hear confessions this term.



**LENT** is a time where we reflect on our relationship with God and those around us. We take time to pray, make a sacrifice through fasting and give of

ourselves to others through almsgiving. Please see our family Lenten calendar attached to the email.



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

#### **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

Lucas Dobaj

#### **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Maia Villanueva

Zoey Chown

Derek Sun

#### **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Kirra Tierney

Johann Gonzales

#### **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Ariah Clark

#### **Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

Justin Gauci

Roy Shim

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Lexie Terzo

#### **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Adrian Kajavshekan

Skye Batra

### ***Wishing you a Speedy Recovery***

*Mrs Byrne will be accessing entitled leave from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February until the end of this term, due to necessary surgery and recovery.*

*Mrs Moulton and Mrs Savoia will assume the learning responsibilities for 2W during this time.*

*Congratulations to Miss Grima who will assume the role of Acting REC during this time.*

### **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.*

*Each family will receive a project compassion box next week.*



This week each family received a Project Compassion Box. We ask for your kind donations over Lent to reach out to others in need. Please send back boxes by Wednesday 24th March, 2021.

### **Sibling Enrolment for 2022**

If you have a sibling to commence in 2022, 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.

Enrolment packs will then be sent home. Please complete the enrolment application and submit to the office, together with the required **ORIGINAL** supporting documentation as soon as possible or by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at the latest. Please note that we do require to sight 'proof of residence' when you lodge the paperwork (drivers' licence is sufficient).

## Term Calendar

A school calendar has not been published at this point due to the ever-changing Covid regulations around parent attendance etc.

We ask that you keep an eye on the upcoming events in the weekly newsletter along with information emails sent home.

### Class Parent Representatives

Although at this stage, due to Covid, this role will be minimal, we would still like to have this network in place.

If you are interested in supporting the class teacher by being a class parent, could you please email the school office, being sure to include your child's name and class.

Our appreciation and thanks for your support in this area.

## Dates to Remember

<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Week 5:</b> P&F AGM Meeting 7.00pm
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Week 6:</b> Kindergarten 2022 Open Day 9.00am – 10.30am
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Week 7:</b> OLA Cross Country Moti8 Fun Day

## LIBRARY MONITORS

Congratulations to Divena Sundaram, Eva Perry and Zoe Bell who will be the Library Monitors for this term.



## Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our Semester 1 (Terms 1 & 2) Student Representatives that were recently elected by their class cohorts:-

1B	Alina Youssef	2B	Brae Aldaba
	Harrison Vella		Mason Hession
1G	Emily Godden	2G	Sofia Montgomery
	Alex Newman		Luca Moujalli
1W	Lily Naim	2W	Jeanette Abboud
	Adrian Farrugia		Korbin Bruckard
3B	Madison Ross	4B	Elizabeth McKee
	Cruz Camilleri		Aaron Phelps
3G	Olivia Blackman	4G	Skye Batra
	Ben Robertson		Fionn Galway
3W	Grace Tierney	4W	Kyra Heaney
	Micah Kenyon		Vincent Cappello
5B	Mia Lee		
	Lucas Clarke		
5G	Zali Adams		
	Blaize McDonald		
5W	Milana Buda		
	Marcel Dalla		

The badge presentation ceremony for our Semester 1 SRC will be held this Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am. Only parents of the elected SRC are welcome to attend this assembly adhering to the Covid safe regulations in place.

### School Fees

*All families should have received their school fees in the mail over the last week.*

*If you have not received them, can you please send an email to*

*[hgoldsorthy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hgoldsworthy@parra.catholic.edu.au) and a copy will forwarded to you. If you are not opting to pay by the flexible payment plan, the fees are due and payable on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.*

## Living Alongside our Neighbours

Please respect all properties neighbouring the school and ensure that our parking does not adversely affect our local neighbours, and the safety of everyone, particularly in surrounding streets. Our neighbours have a right to access their driveway and **parents must not park across driveways** or drive in an unsafe manner. A reminder that police and council officers regularly patrol (as has been the case recently) and fine drivers.



## Literacy News

### Ways to improve reading comprehension at home

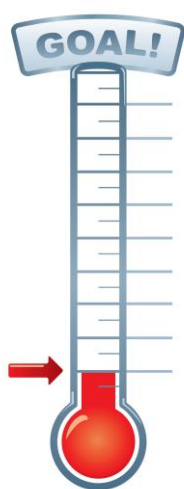
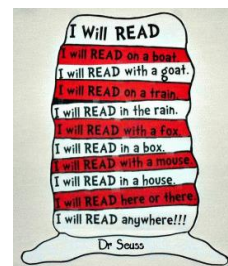
**Reread to build fluency.** To gain meaning from text and encourage reading comprehension, your child needs to read quickly and smoothly — a skill known as fluency. By the beginning of Year 3, for example, your child should be able to read 90 words a minute.

Rereading familiar, simple books gives your child practice at decoding words quickly, so they'll become more fluent in their reading comprehension. **Repeating, Reviewing, and Remembering**

The more we engage with a story, the more we take away from it. That is often why, as adults, we choose to reread those classics we were assigned to read as students in school. We're sure to get more out of the book that second or third time we read it.

Similarly, when kids listen to the same story multiple times, they pick up new information, dive deeper into the meaning of the book, and make connections between themselves and the book — as well as between the book and other books they've heard.

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



Let's watch this thermometer rise as we participate in the reading challenge. There will be a **Pizza lunch** for the grade with the greatest percentage of participants.

The 2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will be launched on 1st March this year. Keep an eye out for further information being sent home soon and also available on the [PRC website](#).

Congratulations to our Zone Carnival representatives who today competed against other schools in our cluster. Keep an eye out for a carnival wrap up in next week's newsletter.

### P&F Annual General Meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm All Welcome

This meeting will be held at the school with Covid regulations in place (if you have had any flu like symptoms or have a temperature etc, we ask that you do not attend).

As part of the Constitution, all leadership positions will be vacated, and new committee members are being sought. The OLA P&F meets once a term. The primary objective of this body is to build community. We look forward to seeing many people come along.

Please email the school as soon as possible if you would like to stand for any of the positions of:-

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- PRC Representative

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

healthdirect

How to avoid infection or spreading the virus



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth



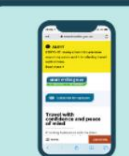
Cover your mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing



Use only disposable tissues, and dispose of them immediately after use



Avoid close contact with anyone showing respiratory symptoms



Monitor travel advice on Smartraveller [smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au)



Stay at home when you are sick

## EELS Blitz

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Year 5 and 6 were given the opportunity of a lifetime. We had the pleasure of participating in an NRL workshop with some famous Parramatta Eels Players. The players that attended were, Nathan Brown, Shaun Lane, Haze Dunster, Ryan Matterson, Isaiah Papali'i among others. We took part in some drills that included passing and agility and we were even able to ask some questions to the players.

We were so thrilled to be able to get so close to our Parramatta League heroes and even get personally signed autographs from them. They even did a trivia competition and asked us questions that related to the Eels and gave away prizes that included mini footballs, caps and lanyards.

It was amazing to get to know their personal stories and background. We found out that some of them began their career playing for the same junior club that we currently play for – Rouse Hill Rhinos. It has given us the inspiration that if we keep working hard that we too might be able to achieve our dreams of playing NRL for the Eels.

Thank you to the Parramatta Eels for putting smiles on our faces.

Lachlan, Kobe & Leah



### Theme of the Week "Spend Time in Prayer"

We have all at one time or another, experienced the power of prayer in our lives or in the lives of others. Our theme this week encourages the children to spend time each day in prayer in order to develop their relationship with Christ, particularly during this time of lent.

Congratulations to the Lesar family (Kianah 1G) on the recent birth of her baby brother,  
Josiah Lesar  
Welcome to the OLA community.





## Changing Going Home Arrangements

A reminder to parents that our official school day is from 8.50am – 3.10pm and that your child is required to be present between these times. Children should not be taken out of school early unless it is for an important reason (ie appointment for specialists etc). Likewise, any changes of going home arrangements should only be made in cases of emergencies. As you can appreciate, contacting classes for children to come to the office for early departures or to advise going home changes is disruptive to the learning, in particular to the whole school if the class is not in their room and an announcement needs to be made.

We ask that all early departures and changes to going home arrangements are advised by email (if before 1.30pm) to [ola@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ola@parra.catholic.edu.au) or by telephone if after 1.30pm.

Please note children will only be called to the office when you arrive to collect them. We ask that you do not contact the office requesting your children be ready and waiting for your arrival as delays in traffic etc may result in children waiting for long periods.

We thank you for your support in this area.

### Opening Year Mass

*Our apologies for the delay in posting our Opening School Mass and last year's Graduation Ceremony as our IT trainee has been absent. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for these to be posted 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.

## Games to play at home to help my child with Mathematics...

### NUMBER BUSTING

Number busting is an activity that can be used to help children understand quantities of numbers. It allows children to manipulate a quantity to find that it is made up of a variety of smaller quantities. It is important that the children recognize that there is more than one way to bust a given number.

Most children benefit from using concrete materials such as bead strings to manipulate when busting a number. Children then use this knowledge to solve other mathematical problems.

### TRY THIS:

Think of a number between 70 and 90 (smaller numbers for younger children, larger numbers for older children). Next, the challenge is to find as many ways as possible to split or partition this number in 2 minutes. Include some interesting or creative solutions. There is no limit to the number of splits. Choose your favourite solution and explain why you have chosen to share it with a member of your family.

**Santa Sophia Catholic College Open Day**  
Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 4.00pm – 8.00pm  
Please telephone the school office for more details. 8801 6200

**Oakhill College Open Day** –  
Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm.  
Please telephone the school office for more details. 9899 2288

**Mount St Benedict Open Day** –  
Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm.  
Please telephone the school office for more details. 9980 0444



  
*We invite you to our*  
**OPEN EVENING**  
TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021  
4PM & 6PM  
Enrolments for Year 7, 2022  
close on Friday 19 March, 2021.  
[marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited for our Open Evening information sessions and guided College tours.  
REGISTER VIA THE COLLEGE WEBSITE: [www.mariankenthurst.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Open-Evening](http://www.mariankenthurst.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Open-Evening)

## Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:-

Term 1 Week 4		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Remy Buda	Indigo Rich
KG	Aria Navarro	Sebastak
KW	JiaJia Rong	Adrian Kajavshekan
Year 1 B	Ari Vilathgamuwa	Scarlett Leahy
Year 1 G	Aidan Gomes	Cooper Cameron
Year 1 W	Marcelo Ira	Scarlett Leahy
Year 2 B	Charlotte Eyres	Benjamin Andrews
Year 2G	Jordan Mabhena	Abbey Zahra
Year 2W	Amelia Makdessi	Noah De Leon
Year 3 B	Cooper Roberts	Ilaria Buda
Year 3 G	Olivia O'Connor	Damien Macquet-Maurel
Year 3 W	Jeremiah Chayban	Grace Tierney
Year 4 B	Divena Sundaram	Olivia Iori
Year 4 G	Maddison Kuea Vilila	Andre Mandarano
Year 4 W	Molli Singh	Giacomo Crosato
Year 5 B	Laura McKeever	Trinity Oxspring
Year 5G	Natasha Cabarles	Ethan Tierney
Year 5W	Luka Kurcubic	Ashlee Charlton
Year 6 B	Maxim Stankiewicz	Claire Sievwright
Year 6 G	Isaac Castellan	Aidan Attard
Year 6 W	Gabi Ribeiro	Maddison Dyke

### REMINDER:

#### 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."*

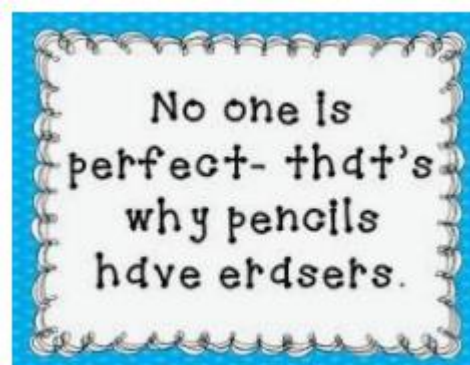
This includes boys' long hair in ponytails. Thank you to all those who have noted this expectation.



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



Attached to this Newsletter:-  
- Lent Family Calendar