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Dear Parents,

## Mother's Day Celebrations

Our Mother's Day celebrations this afternoon were a wonderful example of our Christ-centred community of children, parents, teachers, priests and staff who are all part of Our Lady of the Angels.

It was great to see so many of our beautiful mums and parents enjoying our assembly and being able to participate in a learning activity with their child in the grounds. Appreciation to Mrs Byrne for her co-ordination of the afternoon, along with all the teachers. Thank you to Mrs Cheadle, Miss Fahmi and Miss Brown for leading our beautiful choir and singing. Appreciation to our Kindergarten Team for preparing our youngest members of the OLA family – their MUM poem was just beautiful. Thank you to the P&F, led by Mrs Valensise for co-ordinating the Mother's Day Stall, free raffle gifts and providing refreshments. The children enjoyed sharing a special activity with one of their greatest role models, their mum. Thank you for your overwhelming presence.

We hope that all mothers in our OLA community felt special and were spoilt by their families last Sunday morning. It was wonderful to receive so many positive and appreciative comments regarding our assembly, the singing, the 'Nutbush' dance, the opportunity to be present, the activities, the lovely gifts from the Mother's Day Stall and the flowers from last week.

Although last Sunday was Mother's Day, know that your love is very much appreciated each and every day by your family and those around you.

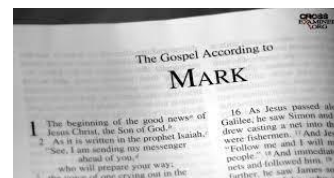


Keep an eye out for further photos of our Mother's Day Celebrations next week.

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

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*

NEWSLETTER



***The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.***



### **Gospel Reflection**

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

### **Living the Gospel**

Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' In every interaction we have we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe – even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do. If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard! When we are called to 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.

### **WHAWHAT IS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN TERM 2**

21st May- Pentecost prayer @ 11.30 Assembly (Year 4)

23rd May- Pentecost Sunday

Catechism

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.*



### **Religious education in the Classroom**

#### **Year 4: Learning Cycle 5- Why do people sometimes do the wrong things?**

"The aim . . . is live that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience and sincere faith' (1 Timothy 1:5)

#### **Year 4 students reflect on Fr Omar's visit . . .**

Your conscience is the voice inside your head that tells you to do the right thing. You will get a good feeling if you do what your conscience tells you to do. (Zara 4B)

Your conscience is God's voice speaking to you. It is important to listen to your conscience because you can feel guilty if you don't listen to it. (Vincent 4W)

#### **Year 2: Learning Cycle 2- Why is prayer special?.**

"Pray then in this way" (Matthew 6:9)

In Year Two, the students are learning about how we communicate with others, especially how we pray. They are learning to appreciate that all prayer opens us to a relationship with God and neighbour.



### **Mother's Day Photos**

If you have a nice photo from our Mother's Day celebrations this afternoon that you would love to share, you are welcome to email it to the school office. Thank You

### ***Quote of the Week***

*'Our family is a circle of strength. Founded on faith, joined in love, kept by God, together forever.'*



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

#### Sun 16<sup>th</sup> May

Georgia Dolahenty  
Isaac Rapa

#### Mon 17<sup>th</sup> May

Sophia Ocampo  
Meliya Boyd  
Serenity Naim

#### Wed 19<sup>th</sup> May

Luka Kurcubic  
Cameron Muscat

#### Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May

James Farrugia  
Rosario Borbajo

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> May (Week 5) – Presented by Year 4

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June (Week 7) – Presented by Year 1

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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>

### Dates to Remember

#### Week 5:

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am Mini Franciscans Presentation  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May Whole School Assembly 2.30pm Yr 4  
**All Welcome**

#### Week 6:

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> May Yr 6 Debating

#### Week 7:

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June Whole School Assembly 2.30pm Yr 1  
**All Welcome**

#### Week 8:

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June Primary Athletics Carnival  
**All Welcome**  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> June Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day  
**No school for students**

*P&F Meeting – Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our P&F Meeting last Wednesday evening. As a trial during the colder months, the Term 3 P&F Meeting will be held during the day. Please keep an eye out for the time and date next term.*

### Theme of the Week

***“Be Enthusiastic in all you do”***

*The words of Ralph Emerson clearly express the focus of this week's theme:*

#### ***Enthusiasm***

*Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success.*

*When you do a thing, do it with all your might.*

*Put your whole soul into it.*

*Stamp it with your personality.*

*Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful,*

*And you will accomplish your objective.*

*Never give up. Nothing is beyond reach.*

*Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.*

### Athletics Carnival – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Our Lady of the Angels will be holding their Athletics Carnival in **Week 7, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.





### Artist of the Week:

What a wonderful display from this week's chosen artists. We have a number of pieces acknowledging ANZAC day, a digital art piece, one very happy emu and two pieces celebrating the life and work of Monet and Van Gogh.

Congratulations to this week's Artist of the Week:

K - Noah Hartz

Yr1 - Alina Youssef

Yr2 - Clara Denisenko

Yr3 – Aurelia Gresser

Yr4 - Elizabeth McKee

Yr5 - Mia Lee

Yr6 - Leah Daniel

The artworks are displayed on the Noticeboard outside the Library.



### Afternoon Drive Through

Our afternoon drive through car pick up has been very busy of late.

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 2.30pm as Santa Sophia parents use the drive through at this time.

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.

### Diocesan Gala Days are back!

Gala Days are a great opportunity for students with a variety of skills and abilities to compete in a fun atmosphere. Students from years 3-6 are invited to enter into the selected sporting Gala Days. Soccer, touch football and basketball.

If you wish for your child to experience a fun and competitive day, please talk with them so they can write their name down on the expression of interest sheets at school. At this stage these are the only Gala Days we have available. **If numbers are overwhelming, we will need to have trials as the number of teams each school can enter is limited.**

As a parent, if you are willing to give up some of your time and you're experienced in the sport, we will be needing a match official for each Gala Day. More information to come closer to the date.

Sports coordinator  
Mrs Lyndelle Batten



## **PLEASE READ**

### **School Times – Late Arrivals**

School commences at 8.50am and concludes at 3.10pm. If you arrive any time from 8.50am then you must bring your child to the office to have them signed in and they will get a late pass. We have had a lot of children recently who have come to the office unattended. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Exemption Forms**

Please remember that an Application for Exemption Form **MUST** be completed at least three weeks prior to your child being away from school for five days or more. This government requirement has now been in place for a few years and we are still getting parents advising us a day or two (or even the day of) before they leave for a vacation. If the certificate is not issued prior to you leaving, then your child's roll will be marked as an 'unexplained absence'. A note after the event does not suffice in this instance because the leave has to be approved by the principal prior to the holiday.

### **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 your information as this will add your note to our system.

### **Notification Policy if Moving from OLA**

If you are leaving OLA, please ensure you are aware that the Diocese requires a full terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing, to be given to the Principal before parents/guardians terminates a student's enrolment. According to Diocesan policy, if the required notice is not given, one term's school fees including diocesan fees are payable. Upon withdrawal of a student, fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis according to the notification period. The Notice of Withdrawal form can be found on our website.

### **Change of Circumstances**

If there has been a change of circumstances in your home ie moving house, parent separation etc could you please email the office to advise us of any new address/es, phone numbers, etc. All up to date information is required by CEDP so that we can all work in better partnership with you.

### **Email Addresses**

As most school notes are emailed, please don't forget to let us know if your email address changes. We encourage you to check your email (and/or spam) regularly for emails from OLA.

### **Mini-Franciscans**

#### **New Date – 9.00am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

On Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## **Uniform Shop**

We have processed many, many uniform orders over the last four weeks. As of next week, we will revert back to only filling orders on Mondays and Wednesday. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING**

Unfortunately, we have a lot of jumpers/jackets in lost property with no name on them. If you have lost a jumper and you know it did not have a name on it, please email the office and if there is one there, we will send it home to you. If you purchase a second-hand item, please also make sure that you cross out the old name and mark it with your own. It is a shame that so many items do not get claimed. We also ask that you regularly check the jumper/jacket that your child comes home with as they may have inadvertently picked up someone else's. Often names on jumpers are on the back side of the tag.

### **"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.**

## **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.




Congratulations to Mrs Carmen Savoia and her husband on the birth of their baby girl this week, Alessia Maria, a little sister for Xavier. We welcome her into the OLA community.


## Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards today.

Term 2 Week 4		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Amelia Pendlebury	Ivy Jakovljevic
KG	Grace Muscat	Imogen Grace
KW	Luca Prnjak	Arianna Mangano
Year 1 B	Oscar Meli	Luca Galea
Year 1 G	Daniel Mandarano	Elena Valensise
Year 1 W	Aurora Crosato	Julian Fonsdituri
Year 2 B	Grace Maddaford	Emma Alin
Year 2G	Hayden Spiteri	Lily Tawadrouse
Year 2W	Charlize Fresta	Eniola Odejayi
Year 3 B	Madison Ross	Eva Millers
Year 3 G	Xavier Fava	Bianca Krkac
Year 3 W	Hayden Muscat	Ally Flores
Year 4 B	Elizabeth McKee	Natalie Vella
Year 4 G	Mason Sleiman	Eva Perry
Year 4 W	Aaliyah Naidoo	Molli Singh
Year 5 B	Taylor Saward	Elijah Atkins
Year 5G	Ryan Knipler	Christian Medjumurac
Year 5W	Dylan Bell	Derek Sun
Year 6 B	Zoey Chown	Leona Siason
Year 6 G	Logan Cleary	Isaac Castellan
Year 6 W	Jake Brown	Aiden McGrady





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### Emerging from COVID-19: Implications for Wellbeing HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY





Learn effective way to deal with child anxiety.  
How to encourage positive behavior practices.  
What can you do?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:



## Anoushka Houseman


Clinical Psychologist  
School Wellbeing counselor - Santa Sophia Catholic College  
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)




Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Meeting will be held via Zoom  
7 pm start

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## 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.**

Illeesha Gunasekara 6B, Harrison Vella 1W, Keeley Vaughan 3G, Ilana McGrath 4G, Olivia Vella 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.**



## Term 3 Book Week Dates for Diaries:

**Theme:** 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'

**Book Fair:** Monday 23rd August-Thursdays 26th August

**Book Parade:** Wednesday 25th August

More information to follow at the end of the term.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Co-ordinator

## Winter Uniform

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

