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## NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate our children who are working hard, each and every day, enjoying their learning and co-operating with others in their school environment. There are many wonderful personalities that come together under the banner of Our Lady of the Angels. Each of these personalities is different, some are quiet, some are loud, some are sensitive, some are resilient, some are shy, some are confident, some are creative, together they are our OLA family.

Each individual comes with their own attitude which impacts on their own outlook. Children's attitudes often reflect what they have seen and experienced. That is why our role modelling is so important. The following extract speaks volumes about our attitude. Perhaps take the time to read and consider the attitude your child brings to each situation, whether it be a challenge, a success or a setback.

*"The longer I live the more I realise the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important that the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people say, think, or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. Attitude can make or break a home or family. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.*

*We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.*

*The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.*

*And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes".*

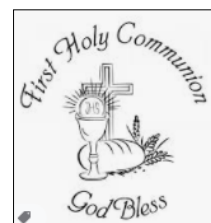
*(Acknowledgement: Attitude by Charles Swindell; Brand New End by Carl Bard).*

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. (Abraham Lincoln)

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### First Holy Communion

As a faith community, we congratulate and keep in our prayers the Year 3 students, who will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time in our beautiful OLA Church on one of the following upcoming dates 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June. May Christ bless and guide them during this special time.



### Pentecost

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit enrich your faith and love of Christ.



*Let us Pray  
That the flame of the Spirit  
Will descend upon us  
Father in heaven,  
Fifty days have celebrated  
The fullness of the mystery of your revealed love.  
See your people gathered in prayer,  
Open to receive the Spirit's flame.  
May it come to rest in our hearts  
And disperse the divisions of word and tongue.  
With one voice and one song  
May we praise your name in joy and thanksgiving.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*



**Gospel Reflection:** The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was

filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

**Living the Gospel:** 'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Vene Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN TERM 2



### 24th May - OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY this coming Monday

On the 24th of May, we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. 'This is your mother.' Under the title of Help of Christians, Mary was chosen as Patroness of Australia.

Our Lady Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's. Australia has a special reason for turning to Mary because in the early days there weren't any priests sent to Australia and Mass was not allowed to be celebrated until 1820. In the early days, Catholics would gather to pray the Rosary to keep their faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians.

*We thank the OLA parish for their kind donation of rosary beads for each student at OLA. To celebrate the feast day the students will be having a special prayer celebration in their grades and also saying a decade of the rosary all in honour of 'Our Lady Help of Christians.' Due to ongoing restrictions the children will also attend mass as a grade over the fortnight with a focus on the Devotion to Mary.*

### Religious Education in the classroom

#### Year 3: Learning Cycle 5- What is a sacrament?

"By His grace God grants signs and wonders" (Acts 14:3)

"In Religion in Year 3, we have been learning about the different sacraments and how receiving a sacrament helps us in our everyday lives. We are so excited to be making our First Holy Communion next week".

By Lauren Cauchi and Madison Ross 3B

### 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.*



## National Reconciliation Week 2021

(27th May-3rd June)

### 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.'

This week carries great significance for the First Nations peoples. It is an opportunity for all Australians to reflect on how we can contribute to the healing process for our nation together. We will acknowledge 'National Reconciliation Week' with the students on Tuesday 1st of June

NAIDOC week falls in the second week of the school holidays therefore OLA will look forward to celebrating NAIDOC week as a community during the first week of Term Three. We will have more information closer to the date.

### Theme for the Week "Smile and be Happy"

*Our theme this week is aimed at helping the children to be content with the many blessings that Christ has bestowed on them. Unfortunately, our children's lives can sometimes be so busy and stressful that we need to stop and reflect on just how fortunate we are to have our health, our faith and our wonderful families. A smile says so much and can bring so much happiness to others.*

*It is a beautiful life we live, strive to smile and be happy.*



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

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Madison Ross

Ileesha Gunasekara

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Max Masters

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Astrid Cabunag

Gael Casino

### 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 remaining dates for Term 2 whole school assemblies are:-

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.

### Dates to Remember

**Week 6:**

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Yr 6 Debating. OLA v John XXIII  
Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

**Week 7:**

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jun**

Whole School Assembly 2.30pm Yr 1  
**All Welcome**

**Week 8:**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jun**

Primary Athletics Carnival  
**All Welcome**

**Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Jun**

Feast of the Sacred Heart –  
Details to follow

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Jun**

**Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day**  
**No school for students**

**Week 9:**

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jun**

Public Holiday

### Year 6 Debating

The Year 6 Debating Club is looking forward to their upcoming debate with John XXIII on Tuesday afternoon. The students have been collaborating to develop their arguments for "Why it is not in animals best interests to be kept in zoos."

Best wishes to Leona Siason, Cameron Muscat, Matthew Kamber and Jelena Tolentino who will be representing OLA.

### Thank You

Many thanks to our Year 4 team of teachers, Mr Campbell, Miss Grima, Mrs Giglio and Mrs Buckley for co-ordinating the Year 4 students who beautifully led our whole school assembly this afternoon. It was lovely to see so many parents present. See this newsletter for remaining whole school assemblies for this term. All are Welcome.



### 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>

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

#### Notes were Sent Home Earlier this Week

Our Lady of the Angels will be holding their Athletics Carnival in **Week 8, 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.**



## SELECTION PROCESS TO REPRESENT OLA


The process used for any representative team or gala day selection is indeed difficult and is sometimes met with controversy as children miss out on being selected. Disappointment follows and sometimes tears. The selectors rely on how the children perform at the selection trial (or trials depending on the time frame available). There may be players who feel (or perhaps are) better than other players selected but it is primarily the ability/skills etc the children display at the trial in front of the selectors that is crucial. Also important is the team player aspect and the right temperament/behaviour to represent the school.

Where we are able to submit many teams, we endeavour to allow a high representation of Year 6 children in their final year at OLA. If we are restricted by limited teams by the organisers then we endeavour to select the most competitive possible team combination from all of the children trying out. Please be assured that we undertake selections seriously considering many aspects but all times ensuring the process is fair and unbiased.

## Mini Franciscan

We would like to congratulate all the new Mini-Franciscan members who received their badges on Wednesday. Father Carlos was able to present each member with their badge and also gave them a special blessing at the commissioning assembly. We appreciate all the work they do to promote social justice at Our Lady of the Angels. Mrs Zivic & Mrs Arayon







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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 councillor - 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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Some more lovely Mother's Day photos

## **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.

### **Art Competition**

Calling all artists!! The Australian Conservation Foundation has just announced the 2021 Threatened Species Art Competition for kids.

**Wild at Art** invites students to research one of Australia's many threatened native animals or plants. Children are asked to create an artwork (A3 preferred) and write a brief reflection about their chosen species. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

The competition is open to all children aged 5-12. Online submissions will be open from Saturday 5th June, World Environment Day, to Friday 30th July. Please see Mrs Lombardi for more information, or visit the

Website: [www.acf.org.au/artcomp](http://www.acf.org.au/artcomp).

## **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 your 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"**

#### **'Tell Them From Me' Survey**

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.

### **Quote of the Week**

*'Seven days without prayer makes one weak'*

### **Mark in Your Diary.....**

- 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Pupil Free Day
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> August  
Yr 6 Overnight Canberra Excursion

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## Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards today.

Term 2 Week 5		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Audrey Pedavoli	Christian Morelli
KG	Liam Parame	Joshua Shnodi
KW	Owen Millers	Noah Falcone
Year 1 B	Emily Dalton	Charlize Abboud
Year 1 G	Amalia Gergely-Hollai	Isla Vella
Year 1 W	Jacob Gatt	Evelyn McKee
Year 2 B	Isabella Deur	Sebastian Nasso
Year 2G	Caleb Tan	Marcus Wang
Year 2W	Ryan Scanes	Jeanette Abboud
Year 3 B	Lauren Myhre-Fox	Sammy Ewer
Year 3 G	Ben Robertson	Jasmine Fedele
Year 3 W	Aiden Harvey	Mia George
Year 4 B	Patrick Cleary	Levi Cauchi
Year 4 G	William Conn	Fionn Galway
Year 4 W	Brandon Makessi	Isaiah Balangon
Year 5 B	Rohan Pillai	Jack Maher
Year 5G	Elyssa Marsden	William Harvey
Year 5W	Addison Del Rosario	Ava Martin
Year 6 B	Jelena Tolentino	Olivia Cutajar
Year 6 G	Keira Mooney	Malenna Graczyk
Year 6 W	Maddison Dyke	Hugo Vozzo



## Literacy News

### Premier's Reading Challenge

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](#). Keep reading everyone!

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

Joshua Shnoudi KG, Aidan Gomes 1G, Caleb Atkins 2G, Elisheba Mathew 2G,  
Eva-Grace Naim 2G,

Kiaan Rawal 2G, Lurich Teng 3G, Noah Baba 4B & Zoe Bell 4W



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

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Co-ordinator