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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week

This year we join with more than 600 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. There is so much faith, fun and learning that takes place at OLA that our Catholic Schools Week will be held over a two week period, from 8th March to 19th March

Additionally, this coming week we will once again have our termly **"Family Week"**. Family Week sees the children have a break from formal home learning (although we ask that every child still reads each night) to spend time with you as a family, or helping you for the family. You may choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples in the past have included playing a board game, sitting and sharing stories, cooking a meal together, feeding the pet, playing cards, helping put away laundry, setting the table, reading mum or dad a book, washing the car, gardening, writing mum and dad a thank you note, spending time in prayer-saying the Rosary, going for a family walk etc. Family Week is aimed at freeing children up to assist and/or spend time with those who love them most, their greatest heroes, you their parents and family.



The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2021 is 'Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education'. It is a special time which encourages schools to celebrate the many learning opportunities available to students, and acknowledge our unique Catholic schools.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners and members of the wider community. Just some of the events in Catholic Schools Week include:-

Monday 8th March – OLA Cross Country

Friday 12th March – Motiv8 Fun Day

Wednesday 17th March – St Patrick's Day

Friday 19th March – St Joseph's Day – Whole school open air mass and Italian mufti (Gold or fold donations for Caritas)

Our school has a wonderful, supportive community of staff, parents and clergy who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting disciple, supporting creativity and instilling compassion. Everything we do in our OLA Christ-centred community is underpinned by our Gospel values. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of OLA and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

Next week your child will receive a lovely keepsake card from the Diocese celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Baby News!!

Congratulations to Mr Luke Campbell (4B Teacher) and his wife Ashleigh who had their first child yesterday, a baby boy named Emmett. We are so happy for Mr Campbell and his family and we ask for God's blessings on them at this wonderful time.

Also congratulations to the Vrljic family (Ana KB) on the recent birth of her baby brother, Luca. Welcome to the OLA community



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

[John 2: 13-25](#)

Gospel Reflection

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and money changers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they reflected the emperor. The money changers needed to exchange this for more suitable coinage. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

Gospel Focus-Different View-Just like Jesus

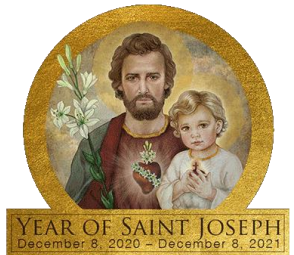
This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN MARCH

Catholic Schools Week (8th March-13th March): This is a time we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education. Students will participate in a prayer assembly on Tuesday, 9th March 2021.

St Joseph Mass (19th March 2021): The Catholic Church celebrates the Year of St Joseph from December 2020 to December 2021. Why? St Joseph was an inspirational father-tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous and yet a father in the shadow.

Pope Francis declared it a special year pointing out how important 'ordinary' people are as they are seen as going unnoticed in the world. St Joseph had an essential 'behind the scene' role which he played in 'keeping things together' for the Holy Family.



MUFTI Day (19th March)-Students may wear green, white or red on this day. It will be a **gold or fold** fundraiser with money donated going to Caritas Australia as part of Project Compassion.

St Patrick's Day (17th March 2021): **Students may wear a green accessory** with their normal school uniform. This can include ribbons, hair scrunchies, bangles, gloves, socks, laces, shamrock etc.

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION

We ask for your kind donations over Lent to reach out to others in need. Please send back boxes by Wednesday 24th March 2021.

Religion Focus in the Classroom

Year 6 have been learning about being good decision makers and responsible for the care of self and others. Part of their inquiry learning this week, was to investigate famous philosophers. They will be writing their own personal philosophy in the coming weeks.

In Year 3, students had a visit from Fr Omar who talked to them about Reconciliation.



Lenten Home Focus

As a family make a list of ten things you are grateful for in your life.



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

Sun 7th Mar

Elijah Atkin
Brae Aldaba
Mrs Nicole Hodgess
Mr Tony Calabria

Thurs 11th Mar

Chloe Bassili
Lola Quinlan
Miguel Rivera

Mon 8th Mar

Charlie Mileto
Eva Perry
Mrs Sara Wagner

Fri 12th Mar

Kiaan Rawal
Madison Saward

Wed 10th Mar

Teresa Dalla
Hugo Maguire

Sat 13th Mar

Natalie Vella
Aidan Attard

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.

OLA Cross Country

OLA Cross Country is taking place on Monday 8th March at Centenary Oval. Please see information emailed home earlier this week for all details.

CAN YOU ASSIST US???

Class Parent Representatives

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

Week 7:

Catholic School's Week

"Celebrating 200 Year of Catholic Education"

Mon 8th Mar OLA Cross Country
Tues 9th Mar Zone Swimming Carnival
Thurs 11th Mar Yr 6 parent meeting for End of Year Events. 9.00am at school.
Fri 12th Mar Moti8 Fun Day

Week 8:

Wed 17th Mar St Patrick's Day
Fri 19th Mar Feast of St Joseph – Outdoor Whole School Mass – Green, White & Red Mufti Gold or Fold Donation.

Term 2 Staff Development Day – Friday 11th June

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 1st April at the latest. Please note that we do require to sight 'proof of residence' when you lodge the paperwork (drivers' licence is sufficient).

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 17th March 2021. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

School Hats

OLA has a "NO HAT, NO PLAY" policy

Please ensure your child has their school hat with them each day to assist in promoting sun safety and awareness in your child/ren. Any child not wearing a school hat at play times will need to play under the sheltered areas. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled.

Help stop the spread



Maintain social distancing



Wash your hands thoroughly

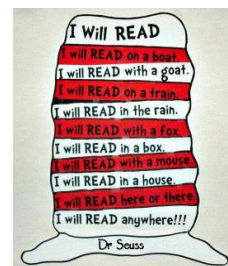


Sneeze or cough into your arm

For more information visit health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

Literacy News

PM e-Collection A selection of e-books is available for K-2 students. The e-Collection is digitised for use online, including iPads. The 350 titles cover the range of PM levels 1 to 30. Students will recognise recurring characters and discover favourite PM titles in an interactive format. Students will only have access to the titles in the levels that have been selected for them by their teacher. Students will receive login details next week.



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.](#)

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

We apologise for the delay in providing the students' Premier's Reading Challenge login information. There have been issues with the PRC site, particularly with non-government schools. We have been unable to upload student details to obtain logins. Hopefully by Monday we will be able to provide these.

In the meantime, if your child has participated in the PRC in the past, you can start entering books using their previous login details. If your child hasn't participated in the past, they can still begin the challenge and record any PRC books they read on paper and record them online when you receive their login.

Thank you for your patience.

Dance Fever Challenge is Back!!!!

The optional Dance Fever Challenge evening for those in Years 3-6 will be held on Wednesday 31st March. Keep an eye out for an information note coming home soon.

Student Absences

SMS absence responses are starting soon.

Keep an eye out for information being sent home shortly.



Year 6 End of Year Committee

A reminder that an initial meeting will be held on Thursday 11th March at 9.00am at school to discuss potential parent run 2021 End of Year 6 Events. All Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.

Theme of the Week:

"Have Faith & Trust in Jesus"

Our theme this week helps remind us that we should always place our trust in Jesus – to trust and know that His love and care will always be with us and guide our lives. As a family we live out and show our faith and trust in Jesus as we deal with life's challenges. Prayer as a family is just one of the many ways of making Jesus part of our lives.

Student Personal Accident insurance is often referred to as StudentCare and covers students engaged in school activities which have been organised by the school. If a claim needs to be made against StudentCare, this insurance does not cover any expense where a Medicare benefit is payable. Our insurer, Catholic Church Insurances (CCI), is not a private health insurance provider and is prohibited under the Health Insurance Amendment Act 1983 to reimburse these costs including any out-of-pocket Medicare gap expenses. Limits also apply.

Sports House Names

With cross country being held this morning... do you know who your colour house is named after?

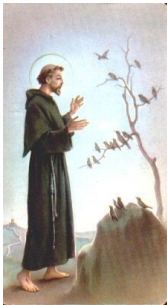


Marian House (Blue House)

The Blue House has been named after Our Lady also known as Our Lady of Angels. Throughout the year there are many occasions we honour Mary through Marian devotions.

Gabriel House (Gold House)

The Yellow House has been named after the angel Gabriel, who visited Mary at the annunciation. Angels are part of our school namesake and were present at Mary's side.



Francis House (Green House)

The Green House has been named after our Franciscan background of our parish Our Lady of the Angels. Also known as Santa Maria degli Angeli (St Mary of the Angels) is a church situated at the foot of the hills in Assisi. Our Lady of Angels church is attached to the Franciscan Monastery and was founded by St Francis.

Clare House (Red House)

The Red House has been named after St Clare, who was taken in by St Francis and joined the Benedictine nuns. St Clare heard St Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service and he helped her devote her life to prayer and live her life according to the Gospel.



Student Awards

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

Term 1 Week 6		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Penelope Sofiak	Cooper Rossi
KG	Amy Tawadrouse	Rosario Borbajo
KW	Madeleine Bonavita	Chloe Fava
Year 1 B	Harrison Vella	Nevenka Topic
Year 1 G	Jacob Cabunag	Kianah Lesar
Year 1 W	Lila Naim	Jonothan Kay
Year 2 B	Andre Youssef	Melina Lesar
Year 2G	Marcus Wang	Zara Farias
Year 2W	Zachary Rosser	Audrey Verzosa
Year 3 B	Arella Sales	Locke Singh
Year 3 G	Lucas George	Niamh Sweeney
Year 3 W	Jeremiah Mataia	Zoe Farias
Year 4 B	Noah Cleary	Charlotte-Rose Naim
Year 4 G	Ethan Maddaford	Jenon James
Year 4 W	Jonathan Dias	Kyra Heaney
Year 5 B	Sophia Ocampo	Jasmine Vella
Year 5G	Harrison Jones	Lexie Terzo
Year 5W	Olivia Vella	Maraya Macario
Year 6 B	Orlaith McManus	Ekamveer Hundal
Year 6 G	Gabriella Ponturo	Javin Chugh
Year 6 W	Nidhi Chetty	Jake Brown

Star Spot

Helping to make a difference.

Congratulations to Owen Millers for selling his painted rocks to raise money for Project Compassion.



Sporting News

Congratulations to the following students who recently trialled in their chosen sport and have been selected to represent Mackillop in the coming months:-

Malachi Rangan – Basketball

Logan Cleary – Rugby League

Lucas Clarke – Rugby League

Opal Card – We ask parents to remind their children that it is very important that they tap on and off the bus as this helps to determine the demand for buses. Failure to do this may result in a service being cancelled due to lack of recorded patronage. This is a condition of using an Opal Card.

Motiv8 Fun Day – We are Excited!!!

Our amazing fun Motiv8 Fun Day that was washed out from the last day of the 2020 year, has been rescheduled to **Friday 12th March** (as part of Catholic School Week Celebrations). A note on this exciting event is coming home with your child today.

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.

“While we try to teach our children all about life,
our children teach us what life is all about.”

- Angela Schwindt



Holy Week

at

Our Lady of the Angels

Palm Sunday Vigil (27/3) ~ 5.30 pm

Palm Sunday (28/3) ~ 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 11.30 am & 5.30 pm

*Holy Thursday (1/4) ~ 7.00 pm ~ Evening Mass of the Last Supper
with Night Prayer and Adoration until 10.00 pm*

Good Friday (2/4) ~ 10.00 am ~ Stations of the Cross

Good Friday (2/4) ~ 3.00 pm ~ The Passion Liturgy

Easter Vigil (3/4) ~ 7.00 pm ~ Saturday

Easter Sunday (4/4) ~ 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 11.30 am & 5.30 pm

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*Confessions*

*Good Friday ~ 10.00 am onwards*

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Booking is essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPGYI>



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