



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

1 Wellgate Ave Kellyville 2155  
Phone: 8808 7300 Fax: 8814 5716  
Email: [ola@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ola@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
Website <http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill>

Newsletter  
Vol. 2 No. 16

28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021  
Term 2, Week 6

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### **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 this weekend 29<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm and 30<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00pm and next weekend 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June.

May Christ bless and guide them during this special time.



### **Family Week**

This coming week is once again OLA 'Family Week'. Feedback for Family Week held in Week 7 of each term has been extremely positive. Family Week will see 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.

### **Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia**

This week a special mass was held at The Parramatta Cathedral to mark 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia (officially last year and rescheduled due to Covid). All Diocesan schools were present for this lovely celebration. Many thanks to the Blazey family who as one of our longest standing families, represented OLA on this occasion.

### **Working in Partnership**

Our teachers regularly meet throughout the year with parents as needed, generously giving of countless hours outside of their school day. This year we will be holding formal half yearly face to face parent/teacher interviews in Week 10 across the evenings of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's report, their strengths and areas of focus so that we can work in partnership. As always, if additional time is still needed, a separate interview can be organised. Booking information will be sent home in the week's ahead.

\*\*\*\*\*

As a school community, we wish Fr Carlos, our Parish Priest, a very happy birthday for this coming Wednesday.

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

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*

**Keep an eye out for an email with your URL link to access the survey. This will be sent home this Tuesday.**

### **'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.**

*'Jesus sends forth the Apostles with the promise to be with them always'*

**Gospel Reflection**

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus' death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs and teachings.



Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three 'persons' in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week's gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'.

**Living the Gospel-The Sign of the Cross**

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

**WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN TERM 2**

**Feast of Sacred Heart**

In Week 7 on Thursday 10th June, OLA will celebrate 'The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus'. The Feast of Sacred Heart is on 11th June this year, which falls on our Pupil Free Day. This day, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June, will also be our annual OLA Pyjama day, where we ask families to donate jumpers, jackets, socks, blankets, beanies, scarves, travel coffee mugs to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Donations can be brought in from Monday 31st May and the last day for donations will be 10th June by 12pm. We have a truck at 1pm coming to pick up donations on the 10th June.



**We are currently confirming a Mass time for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Details to be advised as soon as possible.**

**First Holy Communion Mass**

Saturday 29 th May and 5th June @ 4pm

Sunday 30 th May and 6 th June @ 12 pm



Please keep in your prayers, the following students who are receiving their first holy communion this weekend: Lauren C, Giselle D, Eva M, Arella S, Alessandro A, Cruz C, Luca D, Keanu E, Samuel E, Lachlan N, Cooper R, Locke S, Olivia B, Alessia C, Jasmine F, Sienna G, Charlotte H, Esther M, Sienna N, Olivia O, Ava P, Zara P, Harrison D, Luca G, Jack L, Jackson N, Madeleine T, Xavier D, James F, Aiden H, Jeremiah M, Hayden M, Lachlan R, Nate S, John Liam O



On Monday 24th May, OLA celebrated the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. In each grade, students listened to the Gospel, thought of their own special prayer intentions and in honour of Mary, prayed a decade of the rosary using the rosary beads Fr Carlos gifted to each child in the school.





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

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
Mrs Arayon

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Fr Carlos

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
Makayla Streater  
Giselle Desira  
Xavier Desira

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
Harrison Vella

**Tue 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
Thys Aldaba

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Gabriel Palacio Rosero  
Giuliana Barbara  
Ava Zhu  
Harrison Shaw

### 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.

### 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

**We are still in need of additional parent helpers. If you are able to assist on the day, could you please email the office**

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.**



### Dates to Remember

#### 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

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Jun** Whole School Assembly 2.30pm Yr 3  
**All Welcome**

### Year 6 Debating

On Tuesday Leona Siason, Cameron Muscat, Matthew Kamber and Jelena Tolentino from our Year 6 Debating team travelled to John XXIII at Stanhope Gardens. Our debaters performed extremely well and were able to think of many logical rebutes for the other speakers' arguments. John XXIII were successful on the day. We look forward to hosting Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville for our next debate.



## 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.

## National Reconciliation Week 2021

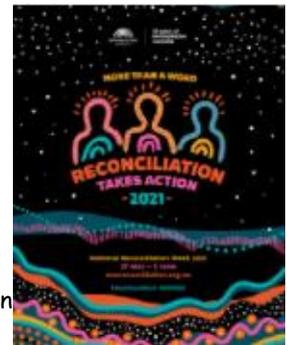
27<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### More Than A Word. Reconciliation Takes Action.

National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture. On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May all Australians were called upon to think about what actions they can undertake to bring about greater action for Reconciliation.

National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. Reconciliation urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. We all have a collective responsibility to build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures.

This is an opportunity to discuss with the children both at school and at home about the importance of building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other Australians, to create a fair and equal society. It is about moving from awareness to informed action. The children will acknowledge National Reconciliation Week on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June through stories, prayer and reflection.



NAIDOC week falls in the second week of the school holidays. OLA will look forward to celebrating NAIDOC week as a community with a special assembly during the first week of Term Three.

### Artist of the Week:

A big congratulations to this week's Artists of the Week! Their artworks are currently on display outside the library.

K – Liam Parame

Yr 1 - Audrey Summerhays

Yr 2 - Jacob Cabunag

Yr 3 - Sienna Ng

Yr 4 - Ethan Maddaford

Yr 5 - Abbey Buxton

Yr 6 - Francesca Topic



## OLA GARDEN CLUB

OLA gardening club is for girls and boys of all ages to grow and learn more about nature's plants, fruits, succulents and veggies in our school environment. We learn how to care for plants and the process of how food and flowers are grown before they reach our markets.

*"I like gardening club because I like to see the plants grow and it teaches me how to take care of plants"* Heidi Nicholls.

The OLA gardening club grows lots of different fruits, herbs and vegetables. We grow strawberries, cauliflower, carrots, cabbage, thyme, spinach, lettuce, chives, parsley and many more yummy fruits and veggies! Another thing we like to grow are succulents!

*"I love gardening club because it is a peaceful and relaxing activity"* Ava Martin

Did you know that OLA gardening club has a compost bin? In the compost bin we put all of our food scraps for all of our worms to break down the nutrients in the food scraps into our soil, which helps our plants blossom into beautiful strong plants which we can then harvest.

The purpose of OLA's garden club is to make a difference in the OLA community- by teaching others about the importance of gardening and being sustainable. It also teaches students about the importance of commitment and showing up to the garden to learn new skills about how to care and manage a garden.

*"I come to OLA's gardening club to learn about sustainability and to care for the environment by growing our own produce"* Chloe Carey

OLA's garden club meets most days at first break. Anyone can join! Please see Miss Hogan or Mrs MacDermid if you have any questions.



## Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Jamison Park Penrith to compete in the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day. This was the first opportunity since Pre-Covid that a gala day has been able to proceed. Congratulations to both teams for the impeccable sportsmanship, behaviour and skills that were on display. There were outstanding results from both teams. **OLA Blue** team won 2, drew 3 and lost 2 placing them third in their pool. **OLA Teal** team had 1 draw and then 6 wins, progressing through the day undefeated and without conceding a single goal! As a result, OLA Teal team were the winners of their pool. I thank all the parents who transported and carpooled the girls and supported both teams throughout the day. Thanks to Mrs Arora and Mr Mitrovich for managing the two teams and to Lachlan Hollier (ex OLA student) for being the OLA referee representative. Without the support of parent volunteers, these days cannot proceed.



### Theme for the Week

#### Look for the Good

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.

### 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.

### 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?

### Quote of the Week

**In a world where you can be anything  
BE KIND**



### 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).

<https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill>

Or Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our school website

Be sure to 'like us'

### 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

## Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards today.

Term 2 Week 6		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Jack Lambert	Nathan Andrews
KG	Thys Aldaba	Penny Pelaez
KW	Adiana Donozow	Neve Moujalli
Year 1 B	Chayse Attard	Ashton Ko
Year 1 G	Alexis Kenyon	Jacob Cabunag
Year 1 W	Natalie Balangon	Adrian Farrugia
Year 2 B	Melina Lesar	Blake Saward
Year 2G	Luca Moujalli	Abbey Zahra
Year 2W	Olivia Falzon	Zachary Rosser
Year 3 B	Calvin Scoulou	Giselle Desira
Year 3 G	Brayden Zhu	Dexter Wijaya
Year 3 W	James Farrugia	Elijah Dabit
Year 4 B	Joshua Stewart	Makayla Streater
Year 4 G	Jenon James	Tayah Youssef
Year 4 W	Luca Signorelli	Jonathan Dias
Year 5 B	Grace Wallis	Luciana Salib
Year 5G	Ethnan Mathew	Rose Montgomery
Year 5W	Alonso Buda	Prasaia Merrin
Year 6 B	Charlie Mileto	Danielle Vella
Year 6 G	Giuseppe Venezia	Alexandra Tirador
Year 6 W	Chloe Holden	Nidhi Chetty



### 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**.

Bianca Wallace KW, Ashton Riley KW, Frankie Francis KB, Alexander Kerollos 1W, Milena Grech 2G, Matisse Sims 2B, Jenessa DeLaCruz 2W, Emma Alin 2B, Abbey Zahra 2G, Lachlan Riley 3W, Alonso Buda 5W & Ethnan Mathew 5G



## 2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Come on OLA! We can do it!  
'Literacy In our Learning Spaces'



#### Term 3 Book Week Dates:

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

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

**Book Parade:** Monday 23rd August

More information to follow at the end of the term.