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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### A-E Semester 1 Reports

Your child's Semester 1 Learning Report will soon be ready. These Reports highlight particular strengths, as well as areas of development for your child.

The A-E style of reporting is mandated by the Government for all grades except Kindergarten (who have a different Reporting scale).

- There are no predetermined number of A, B, C, D, E Achievement levels to be allocated.
- Each Key Learning Area must have an overall achievement level indicated.
- Your Semester 1 Report also contains a general comment and in the Key Learning Areas of English and Mathematics a few points on what your child is able to do and what they are working towards in their learning.
- It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.
- The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain many strands.
- Comparative data for the grade is included in the reports for Year 1-6.
- The achievement levels/common grade scale are provided by the Board of Studies and included in your report for you to reference.
- Parent/teacher/child interviews will be held in Week 10 (Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June) to supplement and further explain reports.

Each year introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular KLA may change.

The achievement level of 'C' is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding of work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade. This may be different from the traditional 'C' from our own school days. Our parent/teacher interviews seek to explain, elaborate on and support the reports. The following website <http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/go/k-6/> provides work samples that illustrate A-E Achievement levels. It is worth a look.

**Please note:** As is the case with the majority of correspondence, this year parents will access their child's report via the Compass parent portal. This portal is widely used across the Parramatta diocese. This will allow parents to download and save the report for future reference and of course to print it.

Given that this is the first year of moving to a much more efficient online report, we will support families with printing if needed. Keep an eye out for further information in next week's newsletter.

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### Feast of the Sacred Heart

To we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with two masses – infants and primary (due to Covid regulation numbers allowed in the church). Thank you to Fr Carlos and Fr Omar who celebrated the masses. That you to our OLA Community for your overwhelming generosity in providing items for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Your support for those less fortunate is very much appreciated.



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

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*

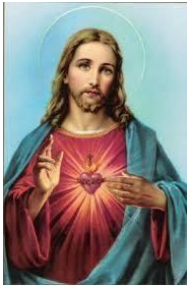
## We would Love Your Feedback

### Thank you to the many parents who have already replied to the survey.

As emailed to every family, please find below The Learning Bar link to 'Tell Them From Me' (TTFM) Survey. We encourage all parents to complete the survey (this survey will take place in every school across the Diocese). Your responses are confidential and anonymous. We value your input and would appreciate you taking the time (less than 15 minutes) to complete the survey. Once you access the link below just follow the steps on the screen. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

<http://telltthemfromme.com/ola2021>

### The Feast of the Sacred Heart (11-6-2021)



The heart of Jesus is a symbol of His great love for us. On the night before he died, Jesus gave us a commandment to love one another. Jesus showed love for everyone he met and wants us to do the same.

We show our love for Jesus in loving all people especially those who are in need like the homeless, those who are refugees, people who are suffering from war, famine, and injustice.

We ask Jesus to inspire us to be like him and bring love to all people.

### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*I thank you for having been born into this family.*

*Awaken in me a sense of responsibility for each and every one of its members.*

*Prevent me from hurting anyone of them through my thoughts, words or my actions.*

*Give me strength to protect the weak, joy to brighten up the sad, and compassion to care for the neglected.*

*Let me bring youth to the elderly and wisdom to the young.*

*Amen*



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS** Once again, our Vinnies Winter Sleep Out has been a huge success. It was great to see the whole OLA community in their pyjamas. We were able to celebrate mass in the church and reflect of the love Jesus has for us. We are overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of our OLA community. We managed to fill the truck with items that will go to many families, especially children to keep them warm this Winter. May each and every person provided with these items, feel the love of God.



### 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 this coming week.

We will use the School Interview Online booking site and follow the same process as in previous years, where parents can book a timeslot. We ask that if possible your child also be present for this interview, so that they can hear affirmations, future directions and particularly for our older students, contribute to the conversation.





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

#### Sat 12<sup>th</sup> June

Fr Omar

#### Sun 13<sup>th</sup> June

Lachlan Riley

Artie Singh

Jennifer-Rose Murphy

Hayden Spiteri

Mrs Abby Buckley

#### Tues 15<sup>th</sup> June

Leona Siason

Ben Robertson

Vienna Gergely-Hollai

#### Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June

Maddison Younes

Nevenka Topic

#### Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> June

Jake Brown

### Dates to Remember

#### Week 9:

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jun

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Jun

Public Holiday

Whole School Assembly 2.30pm Yr 3

All Welcome

#### Week 10

Tues/Wed

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jun

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Principal's Award Assembly 9.00am

Last day of Term 2

#### Term 3 – Week 1

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> July

School returns for all students

#### Week 2

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> July

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Author Visit

Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Footy Gala Day

### Year 6 Debating

The Year 6 Debating Club is looking forward to their upcoming debate with OLOR Kellyville on Tuesday afternoon. The students have been collaborating to develop their arguments for why we believe "Water is more precious than gold." We are excited to apply our learnings from previous debates.

Best wishes to Ekamveer Hundal, Ileesha Gunasekara, Sophia Iori and Gabriella Ponturo who will be representing OLA.

### Whole School Assembly

Our final whole school assembly will take place this coming **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm**. Year 3 will be presenting this assembly.

Please remember that this time 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 the assembly, please park across the road at the oval and walk across.

### Principal's Award Assembly

Our Principal's Award (Student of the Term selected by the class teacher) assembly and morning tea will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am.

### Year 3 Science Incursion

On Tuesday, Year 3 had an amazing Science Incursion where they learnt about 'Forces'. They did experiments and participated in some great activities such as slime making, billy cart riding and rocket ship making. They learnt all about gravity, air pressure and friction. It was a day we will all remember!

*Keanu (3B) – It was so much fun. My favourite part was the explosion of ping pong balls.*

*Grace (3W) – I loved the billy cart racing. I learnt that we needed gravity to balance on the billy carts.*

*Niamh (3G) – I loved making the rockets and launching them. I couldn't believe how high Ranger Jamie's rocket went up in the sky.*





# WHAT A GREAT EVENT!!

## OLA Athletics Carnival

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### OLA's Athletics Carnival

The sun was shining and the air was fresh.....from start to finish it was a day of outstanding sportsmanship, enthusiasm, healthy competitiveness and FUN! What a proud moment as I watched so many students compete against their friends and peers with a positive attitude. The support from parents towards not only their own children but anyone who needed encouragement was outstanding. The OLA community were able to come together and help make this day a memorable one. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who gave their time to help make this carnival possible. Congratulations to the parents who won the 'Golden Bolt' race (ie teacher/parent/child race).

Parents are invited to support our sporting stars on Thursday Morning at a 9.00am assembly where we will present our age champions, and winning colour house and spirit cup. Students who have qualified for Zone carnival will be notified as soon as possible.

It's still the talk of the town around school, which means the children must have had a wonderful and memorable day. Thanks again for everyone's support before and on the day. Special mention to the OLA staff for all the assistance on the day and prior.

### OLA Representatives at NSWCPSS Cross Country

Backing up after our school Athletics Carnival, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Chloe Holden, Jordan Holden and Ava-Belle Chong represented Parramatta and braved the cold conditions at the NSWCPSS Cross Country. They did an amazing job running a tough race and we are extremely proud of their efforts. Congratulations on your results and for reaching this level of representation.

*Mrs Lyndelle Batten*  
Sports Coordinator

*Our appreciation and thanks to all our OLA staff, our parent helpers, Marian students, and most importantly Mrs Batten, our PE teacher for her amazing organisation, enthusiasm and for all things sport at OLA. Our carnival ran extremely smoothly thanks to Mrs Batten. Thank you for the many positive comments received on and after the carnival. We are blessed to have her as part of our OLA team.*



## Internet/Snap Chat/Facebook/Text Messaging

As a parent you have a responsibility to monitor your child's use of technology at home, in particular, over the holidays. As a school we speak regularly to our older grades about appropriate technology use. If this technology is being used inappropriately by your child or others, then action needs to be taken. Suggestions include:

- Viewing your child's text messages (both inbox & outbox)
- Viewing internet history
- Viewing emails sent and received
- Encouraging your child to block any children on social media if needed
- Setting up rules of usage and following through with restricted or no mobile phone, internet usage, etc for a period of time.
- Monitoring games they play against others on the internet, particularly those that are age specified.

Please let us know if we can help you in this important area.

## ACARA

### Notice to Parents:

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school by **Wednesday 14 July 2021** if they do not want their child's data included in this report.

## Label It Over the Long Weekend

Our lost property is often overflowing. Items with names are returned to the students. Items without names are regularly moved on. Please ensure every item your child brings to school is labelled. Also please take two minutes to check that your child's items are actually theirs, as children can often pick up another child's jacket, hat, etc

We kindly ask that you **DO NOT** let your children out of the car in the middle of the carpark. Please either use the Kiss and Drop area, or park which is much safer as drivers are not expecting children to be walking in the carpark. Thank You for assisting us in this matter.



Congratulations to the Pennati family (Mia 1W) on the birth of her new baby sister. Welcome to the OLA community.



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

Be sure to 'like us'

## Change of School

To estimate enrolments for 2022, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving OLA at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. The Notice of Withdrawal Form can be found on our website.

## Theme for the Week

*"Be involved and live life"*

By being involved, being part of the team or just 'having a go' we learn new skills, see new opportunities, make new friends and often have the chance to do something different and new. Life is busier but richer and these are the experiences we remember fondly. So whether it's academic, creative or something sporting, think about being open to the potential of each situation.

## Artist of the Week:

A big congratulations to this week's Artists of the Week!

Their artworks are currently on display outside the library.

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1 Adrian Farrugia

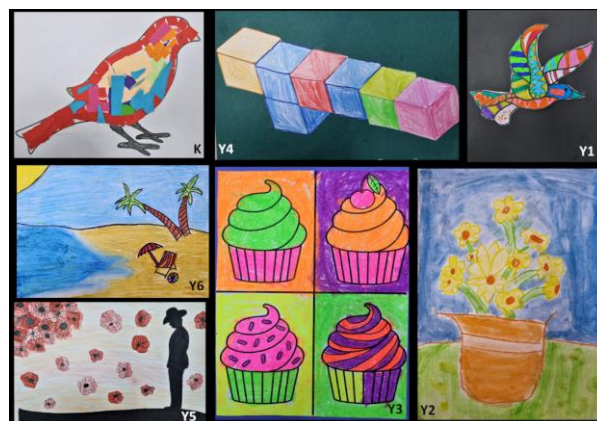
2 Ariah Clark

3 Flynn Coughlan

4 Xavier Dabit

5 Sienna Flores

6 Cassandra Higham





## Student Awards

*Congratulations to the following students who received awards today.*

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Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Ana Vrljic	Penelope Sofiak
KG	Lachlan Boje	Ariella Brown
KW	Azalia Sales	Liam Masters
Year 1 B	Nevenka Topic	Harrison Vella
Year 1 G	Abhijna Sundaram	Stella Mancia
Year 1 W	Joshua Fitzsimons	Marcelo Ira
Year 2 B	Nicholas Smith	Olivia Macario
Year 2G	Kate McKeever	Cassie Graham
Year 2W	Ariah Clark	Xander Kumar
Year 3 B	Samuel Ewer	Locke Singh
Year 3 G	Lurich Teng	Sienna Ng
Year 3 W	Grace Tierney	Zavier Desira
Year 4 B	Ethan Zachariah	Noah Cleary
Year 4 G	Sean McKeever	Skye Batra
Year 4 W	Kyra Heaney	Lola Quinlan
Year 5 B	Mia Lee	Jordan Holden
Year 5G	Lexie Terzo	Natasha Cabarles
Year 5W	Milana Buda	Sofia Costa
Year 6 B	Harrison Ko	Mihir Rajbhandari
Year 6 G	Aidan Attard	Kobe Coombes
Year 6 W	Lucious Cappello	Madison Saward

## Literacy News

### Premier's Reading Challenge

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

Sophia Ali KG, Jack Lenane 1W, Cooper Cameron 1W, Harvey Fenech 2G,  
Melina Lesar 2B, Sofia Montgomery 2G, Sienna Ng 3G, Harrison Dolahenty 3G & Paityn Ng 5G



## OLA Bear wants us to 'Read to Succeed'



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



### Reading With Your Child

Twenty minutes a day is all it takes to build key reading skills. Here are seven ways to build a better reader

1. Create reading rituals and read together every day
2. Snuggle up close with a book
3. Talk about the book and ask questions
4. Share different kinds of books
5. Read with expression
6. Read favourite books again and again
7. Record yourself reading and play it on car trips or as an alternative to watching television



### Term 3 Book Week Dates:

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

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

**Book Parade:** Monday 23rd August

More information to follow at the end of the term.