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## NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents,

Welcome one and all to Term 3. I am certainly looking forward to another great term of faith, fun and learning, regardless of whether we are at home or school. The winter holidays are indeed a favourite with warm sleep ins, hanging out around the house in pyjamas and having family fun. This COVID lockdown has guaranteed this has happened. Regardless of how you spent the time at home, it has been and continues to be a wonderful opportunity to connect with each other and create enjoyable family memories.

We had scheduled to announce the recipients of the Term 2 Principal's Awards (Student of the Term) this week and next week our Student Representative Council members for the second half of the year. Due to the extended Covid period, Mr Cauchi and myself will announce the names of these students at their class zoom meetings this coming Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. These names will be published in the Newsletter next Friday. The Principal's morning tea will be rescheduled for when we return as will a badge presentation.

Please note that the Kindergarten SRC will be voted on and announced after the students return as voting was to be take place this week.

My sincere appreciation to the OLA staff, the children and you for the amazing way that our OLA faith community has embraced our remote online learning. I am extremely proud of everyone's efforts and the amazing partnership between home and school that is in play to ensure the learning for our beautiful students continues. Please be sure to read our previous update emails to ensure you are best supporting your child during home learning. As always, we welcome your feedback as we navigate online learning.

Thank you for your positive feedback. We certainly appreciate that you appreciate all we are to support you and your children.

*"You and all of the Team at OLA should be congratulated on how easy you are making things for us and the children to continue with their education.*

*My child loves this mode of learning and it's also good to see her work first-hand. Difficult at times trying not to correct her work before she submits it, but I think it's better for her to learn from her own mistakes so I'm staying out of that part of it as best as I can.*

*Thank you again from our family. In addition to making sure all of the students are still getting what they need, I'm sure all the Team at OLA have their own families and things to deal with in these crazy times. Your collective efforts are truly appreciated."*

*"Thank you, Mr Calabria, teachers and staff, for your tireless efforts in making sure our children can still learn from home during this time. We hope you all are keeping safe and well."*

*"Thank you to you and all the staff for how smooth you have made the transition for us."*

### Zoom Meetings

It has been wonderful to see the beautiful smiling faces of all our students through Zoom.

**Please note the times for this coming week:**

9.00am - Years 5 & 6 (Monday – Friday)

9.30am - Year 1 and Kindergarten (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

10.00am - Year 3 & 4 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

10.30am - Year 2 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Please keep an eye on your child's google page, particularly infants, for reading session zooms that will commence from Monday.

**CLICK [HERE](#) WITH YOUR CHILD FOR A SHORT SKIT TO SAY 'HELLO AND THANK YOU'**

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

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 18th July 2021 [Mk 6:30-34](#)



### Gospel Reflection

Sunday's readings compare the people of God to sheep and their leaders to Shepherds. Jeremiah the prophet expresses the Lord's disappointment with the shepherds: 'You have scattered my flock; you have driven them away and have not taken care of them.' But the Lord will not abandon them. Speaking through the prophet, the Lord says. 'I myself shall gather them from all the countries where I have dispersed them and will bring them back to the pastures; they shall be fruitful increase in numbers.' To gather his sheep the Lord will raise up for David's branch an upright and just shepherd. This prophecy points Jesus, the incarnate Son of God. Saint Paul refers to him thus: 'He is the peace between us and has made the two into one broken down the barrier restoring peace through the cross to unite all in a single body and reconcile them with God. Jesus the good shepherd appears in today's gospel as having compassion for the crowd because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at that at some length.' In Jesus we have the shepherd who laid down his life for us in order to save us and lead us to the kingdom of heaven.



### Religious Education in Lockdown

In Year Two this week we have been praying for special intentions. Here are a few examples of what the students have been praying for.

Dear God,

Thank you for my family, my friends and my teachers at Our Lady of the Angels. Please keep them all safe and healthy while we are learning at home.

Amen

For all of these prayer intentions we say a Hail Mary.

Dear Jesus,

Please help my dad to find the strength to help me be the best student.  
amen

Dear Jesus,

Please keep my parents and beautiful siblings safe during covid 19 and all those in our community. Please give us all the strength and courage to get through it together.

Amen

Date: 13 July Religion  
Dear Jesus

We hope and pray for The ones we Love - ~~the~~ fam, 12, Cousins, grand parents and friends, The ones that teach us - Ms Molten, Ms Byrne, Ms Marchan and Ms Lombardi for our Governors - our Prime Minister Gladys Berejiklian and her staff to keep us safe and make the right decisions. For the sick and ~~the~~ weakest - My Mamma in heaven, Lola Alice and Uncle Tom. Also those who are ~~lonely~~ lonely from Covid. Myself - please help me ~~be~~ through home ~~to~~ school be kind to others and be happy.  
Amen

Congratulations to the Gresser family (Felicity 42W, Aurelia 3B, Eden KB) on the recent birth of their baby brother, Lucius Eli.



### TERM 3 DATES

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Last day of Term 3 for students.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day for students)



Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who celebrated their birthday this past week....

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
Minnie McManus  
Annabelle Delaney

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
Julie Bolina  
Zali Adams

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Noah Falzon  
Zac Rosser  
Sofia Barbara

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
Jacob Gatt

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

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> July**  
Luca Prnjak

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
Lucas Capco  
Nicholas Thornton

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Isaiah Balangon  
Kyra Heaney  
Keyon Okunzuwa  
Zarah Kausei  
Andy Dumesny

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
John Vickers  
Noah Cleary  
Prasaia Merrin  
Luca Signorelli  
Aurora Crosato

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
Andrew Mandarano

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
Leo Rosser  
Mrs Leanne Vella

Please note as communicated. All school events at this stage are on hold.

### OLA Facebook Page

“Keep up to date”

Be sure to look at our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill>

### Keep Active

Whilst online learning is taking place, we encourage you to ensure that your children have regular breaks from a screen (whether they are using it for learning or just playing) to be active, ie to stretch, run, jump etc. It is easy to loose track of time and be sedentary for long periods. Why not set your alarm on your phone and do some regular fitness together.

### 100 Days of School

100 Days of Kindergarten being at school falls next week. The kindergarten children will complete some fun ‘100’ activities as part of their remote learning.

### Theme for the Week ‘Think of Others’

*‘Only by deliberately trying to foster a more caring, less self-centred and less competitive attitude towards others will we help to create a more civil society.’ Hugh Mackay*

*As a community at OLA, we are together every day so how do we react to each other, speak to each other, help each other? Do we take the time to smile at or say hello to someone standing alone? Are we sensitive to the wellbeing of others? Do we genuinely listen to what others have to say? Do we say thank you for even a little kindness? Our children observe our behaviours. ‘Children See, Children Do’  
Make your influence positive!*



One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day



Back Soon..... Maybe

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

Samuel Cauchi KW, Ivy Jakovljevic KB, Benjamin Nicholls 1B, Noah Phillips 1G, Alannah Said 1B, Olivia Macario 2B, Ella Macdonald 2W, Max Suarez 2B, Lauren Cauchi 3B, Lucas Dobaj 3B, Alegra Shaw 4B & Heidi Nicholls 5W



### Links to Local Council Libraries Digital Resources

<a href="#">Blacktown City Council Library</a>	<a href="#">Cumberland City Council Library</a>
<a href="#">The Hills City Council Library</a>	<a href="#">Blue Mountains City Council Library</a>
<a href="#">Hawkesbury City Council Library</a>	<a href="#">Penrith City Council Library</a>
<a href="#">Parramatta City Council Library</a>	

Link to [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. Please contact your child's teachers if you need their login details.

Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator

### Need help at home with Mathematics???

Please see a list of Mathematics websites that can be used to support home learning. You can filter through the websites to choose age appropriate tasks. Many of these websites are linked to the Australian Curriculum, and will provide rich tasks that require the students to work and think mathematically.

[You Cubed at Home](#) - (Select 'Tasks' from the top menu bar and then 'You Cubed at Home' from the drop down menu.

<https://www.numeracyathome.com/>. (More Appropriate for Early Years)

<https://www.studyladder.com.au/>

[Toy Theatre](#)

[Enrich Maths at Home](#)

