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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Thank you once again for all the work you are doing at home to facilitate your child's learning. My appreciation and thanks to the entire Our Lady of the Angels staff for their commitment to supporting you and your family with their learning.

The children have enjoyed being part of our many zooms including whole class, reading sessions and individual (small groups) zooms from our Learning Support Team.

Thank you for your continued positive feedback regarding the online model of learning. Please remember, Literacy and Numeracy are the priority, we only ask that your child do the best they can and that it fits in with your family situation. There is extension/challenge work if need be and you can determine if your child does less than is allocated as all circumstances are different.

Please be sure to balance work and play and take time out for yourself. It is not easy but be reassured – you are doing a great job. Thank you once again.

We are conscious that your child is spending a great deal of time on a screen, be sure to have a read of the 'ABC of Screen Free Time at Home' included in this newsletter.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*

Latest Restrictions Impacting OLA Community

According to today's press conference from the Premier, the tightening of restrictions in the Blacktown Local Government Area (LGA) will impact many of our families and staff who live within these boundaries. For the safety of you and your family, please be sure that you are fully aware and following the guidelines.

School Supervision during Online Learning

Supervision will be provided at school for families who are in need of support. This is limited to the children of essential workers, vulnerable students, or those who are not at home and have no other options for supervision of their children due to work responsibilities. Reasons outside of these parameters should be discussed with the school.

NSW Health has reinforced now more than ever that parents must keep children of all ages across primary and secondary at home unless they need to be at school.

Please note as previously communicated, the learning delivered to students who are at school is in the same form as to students who are learning at home.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 25th July 2021



Gospel Reflection (Jn 6:1-15)

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ. (LiturgyHelp.com)

FEAST OF ST ANN AND JOACHIM

Joachim and Anne were greatly honoured by God who gave them a daughter conceived without sin who was to become known as the Mother of God! It would seem that they performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives.

The OLA community treasure our grandparents. We know they are an essential part of our families. They bring us joy, love and so much more. Grandparents share their wisdom and lives with us. We thank God for the gift of Grandparents. We hope to celebrate the gift of grandparents in Term Four.



TERM 3 DATES

Thursday 16th September – Last day of Term 3 for students.

Friday 17th September – Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day for students)



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

Sun 25th July

Millyana Pelaez
Joshua Fitzsimons

Thurs 29th July

Luca Moujalli

Mon 26th July

Cooper Charlton
Patrick Cleary

Fri 30th July

Lucas Cleland
Christian Graczyk
Mr Joshua Lee

Tues 27th July

Lachlan Heaney

Sat 31st July

Brodie Taylor
Mrs Lynne Wainwright

Wed 28th July

Liv Blackman

Theme for the Week

"Care and Compassion"

(taken from The Nine Values for Australia Schools from the National Values Education Program)

Some Food for Thought

How do we care for ourselves?

Do we keep a healthy body and mind?

How do we really care for others in need?

Do we think of others who are in need?

Are we compassionate towards the needs of others?

How do we show care and compassion in our words and actions?

Student of the Term

Principal's Award – Term 2

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Student of the Term/Principal's Award this week from Term 2. Once we are all back at school, we will have our Principal's morning tea.

KB – Jack Lambert
KG – Hugo Maguire
KW – Angeline Garcia
1B – Kayla Valdez
1G – Myra Batra
1W – Jasmine Lau
2B – Charlotte Eyres
2G – Kiaan Rawal
2W – Amelie Pelaez

3B - Harrison Ennor
3G - Jackson Navarro
3W - Micah Kenyon
4B - Emily Al Lati
4G - Mason Sleiman
4W - Felicity Gresser
5B - Taylor Saward
5G - William Harvey
5W - Chloe Carey
6B - Mihir Rajbhandari
6G - Isaac Castellan
6W - Lucas Cleland

Values Matter at OLA

During this term, starting this week, information on the 'Nine Values for Australian Schooling' will be presented each week in our school newsletter.

These core values have been identified as including a range of secular and religious world views, and are common to most cultures. They underpin Australian society.

As a Catholic School we teach according to Jesus Christ's gospel values which strongly reflect the values of LOVE, FAITH, HOPE, RECONCILIATION, KINDNESS, SELF CONTROL, GENTLENESS, INTEGRITY, RESPECT and JUSTICE. Below is a summary of the nine values for Australian schooling.

Nine Values for Australian Schooling

1. **Care and Compassion** – Care for self and others.
2. **Doing Your Best** – Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence.
3. **Fair Go** – Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society.
4. **Freedom** – Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australia citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.
5. **Honesty & Trustworthiness** – Be honest, sincere and seek the truth.
6. **Integrity** – Act in accordance with principals of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds.
7. **Respect** – Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view.
8. **Responsibility** – Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment.
9. **Understanding, Tolerance & Inclusion** – Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.

A key aspect of this ongoing values education is the importance of students developing responsibility, resilience and social skills through co-curricular as well as curriculum programs.

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

Remy Buda KB, Eleora Kerollos KW Luca Petrocco KB, Iaria Buda 3B, Zara Pisani 3G, Cassandra Higham 6W & Luke Smyth 6B



Remember to Read, Read, Read..... Read to Succeed



Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Student Representative Council – Semester 2, 2021 Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their class peers to be the Semester 2 SRC:-

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| 1B | Ava Nobleza & Benjamin Nicholls | 4B | Alegra Shaw & Noah Baba |
| 1G | Elena Valensise & Daniel Mandarano | 4G | Madeleine Giovas & Roko Deur |
| 1W | Natalie Balangon & Jack Lenane | 4W | Juliana Aguilar & Giacomo Crosato |
| 2B | Isabella Deur & Max Suarez | 5B | Steve Wang & Mia Lesar |
| 2G | Eva-Grace Naim & Caleb Atkins | 5G | Ethnan & Mathew & Trinity Manago |
| 2W | Jenessa Del Rosario & Tristan Cappello | 5W | Axel Pace & Maraya Macario |
| 3B | Ruby Masters & Locke Singh | | |
| 3G | Sienna Ng & Harrison Dolahenty | | |
| 3W | Vienna Gergely-Hollai & John Vickers | | |

Voting for Kindergarten SRC Members will take place when the students return.

Zoom Meetings

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

Please note the times for Zooms will continue the same as this 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.

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.

OLA Facebook Page

“Keep up to date”

Be sure to look at our Facebook page

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Men In Black

Click [HERE](#) to re-watch last years fun MIB video. Watch the original again before the sequel, which is hopefully in the pipeline.

COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

Stay Safe



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands

COVID-19 Financial Assistance during Lockdown 2021

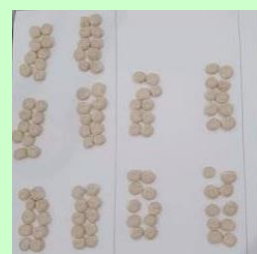
All families received a letter this week from CEDP describing financial assistance during lockdown 2021. Please read this letter and do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your options for fee support or deferment. To ensure that this process is fair and aimed at those most in need, you may be required to provide supporting documentation about your circumstances. If you still have questions or concerns following initial discussions with the school, please contact the Community Liaison team at cl@parra.catholic.edu.au

New Draft RE Curriculum

Please see the email sent home this week from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta regarding the RE Draft Curriculum with important information.






100 Days of School

Kindergarten celebrated 100 Days of School this week. Here are some photos of children acknowledging and celebrating this '100' day milestone.



Take the time to look at these suggestions to have a break from the usual. Why not place it on your fridge and cross them off as you go.

The ABCs of Screen-Free Time at Home

<p>Airplane fun! Using the same type of paper, build three different paper airplanes. Test them to see how far they fly.</p> 	<p>Build with Legos, Magna-Tiles, or Marble Maze.</p> 	<p>Call a relative and interview him/her.</p> 	<p>Draw your favorite book, toy, or stuffed animal.</p> 
<p>Explore the kitchen pantry. Pick 10 items (cereal, soup, pasta), and write down the states in which they were manufactured.</p> 	<p>Fort building! Build a fort using blankets or sheets. Grab a flashlight, and read in your fort for fifteen minutes.</p> 	<p>Go play a board game or a card game.</p> 	<p>Help put a smile on someone's face! Write, address, stamp, and mail a real letter to a relative, a friend, a teacher, etc.</p> 
<p>Imagine, create, and fly a flag that tells the world about you.</p> 	<p>Jump rope for 10 minutes. Challenge yourself to create a jump rope routine to your favorite song.</p> 	<p>Kinetic sand, Play-doh, and slime time!</p> 	<p>Listen in silence for 10 minutes, and write down every sound you hear.</p> 
<p>Measure the perimeter of three rooms in your home.</p> 	<p>Need a laugh? Learn and perform three jokes.</p> 	<p>Obstacle course challenge! Design a course throughout your home (going up/down stairs, crawling under tables, etc.).</p> 	<p>Put together a puzzle.</p> 
<p>Q-Tip paint! Use Q-Tips to paint a picture. Recreate the picture using paint brushes. Compare your two paintings.</p> 	<p>Research and perform three magic tricks.</p> 	<p>Sticker art! Use stickers to create a picture.</p> 	<p>Try your hand at baking (with an adult)!</p> 
<p>Use household materials to make and play an instrument.</p> 	<p>Vacation time! In your journal, describe the next vacation our family should take.</p> 	<p>Write with chalk.</p> 	<p>eXperiment with baking soda and vinegar. Pretend to make a volcano erupt!</p> 
<p>Your challenge is to make a parachute for a small character. You can only use a coffee filter, a paper/plastic cup, string, tape, and a small character.</p> 	<p>Zany zoo animals! Using one piece of paper, fold each corner in, and then fold the paper in half. It will stand up. Cut an oval or circle shape out of the paper on the edges of the "feet." Use paper, foam felt, yarn, glitter, and anything else you can find to create eyes, a head, tails, fins, horns, a beard, etc. Give your animal a name.</p> 