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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Today's announcement from the Premier will now see us in Lockdown for the remainder of Term 3 and into the school holidays. My previous analogy of 'a marathon, not a sprint' now rings even more true than ever as we need to pace ourselves, be positive and appreciate what we have. Our health and wellbeing above all is the most important.

Thank you for being a wonderful role model for your children each and every day, as you encourage them to be resilient and continue the journey of remote learning. Please see, being emailed home on Monday a special resources page for parents which we hope may be of assistance.

As always, if we can support you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

My thanks for your very positive feedback to our **Win-Win** Wednesday afternoon. The wellbeing of the children, you and your family are paramount particularly as the current situation continues.

I welcome your thoughts on our Win-Win afternoon to determine its success. You are also welcome to send through any photos or recounts of what the children undertook or perhaps what you were able to do as a family (see inside this newsletter for a few examples).

This coming week is Week 7 which is our regular Family Week. Given our lockdown status we know that every week at the moment is time as a family but we would still like to acknowledge the importance of family and will start the week with a special prayer celebration for the children. This will take place for all the grades on their Google Classroom on Monday morning.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*

Thank you for your support

Covid numbers are high, and children are not immune from the Delta Covid strain. There have been many schools that have needed to close due to positive cases.

Maintaining the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is the priority.

The Government is very clear that if children can stay at home, they **MUST stay at home.**

Please do everything you can to keep your children at home. This is the best and safest option and ensures your child does not come into contact with others outside their immediate family.

As communicated, children at school are supervised only. There are minimal teachers on site. Classroom teachers do not supervise the children as they are working remotely facilitating online learning.

If your circumstances change and you have no other alternative but to send your child to school you must fall into one of the approved categories, ie. essential workers, vulnerable students or those who have no other supervision options. Most importantly, prior to your child attending you are required to contact the school via email (if your child has already been regularly attending, this is not required). This is simply because, as you can appreciate, we only aim to have a very limited number of staff onsite for supervision purposes. Therefore, it is important that we are aware of how many students to expect.



Sunday 22nd August 2021

Gospel Reflection ([Jn 6:60-69](#))

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.



Online Daily Mass - Our Lady of the Angels Parish livestreams mass daily and on the weekends. If you would like to celebrate mass with your family during lockdown, please go to the 'Our Lady of the Angels Parish Facebook page.

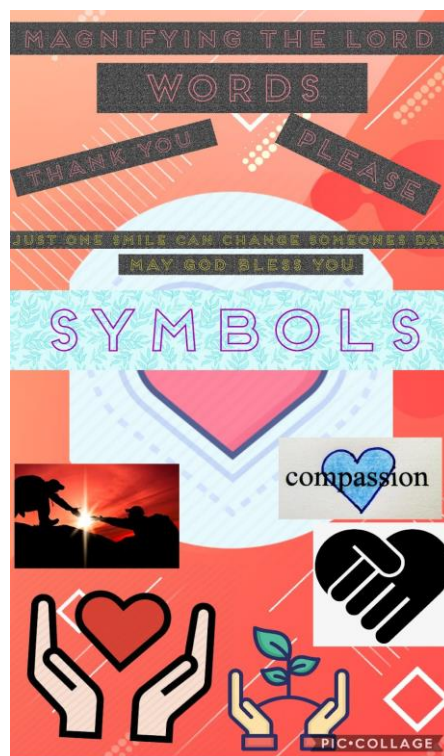
Religious Education Online



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Year Six have been learning about different types of prayer. Check out this Infographic explaining different types of prayer.

Year Four having been learning about heroes, especially the heroes represented in the bible. They are learning how to appreciate their call to live a life of holiness.



The Five Types of Prayer

Thanksgiving, praise, petition, intercession, penitence



Thanksgiving

A prayer of thanksgiving is when we pray to God to thank him for the things we are most grateful for. This type of prayer is just a way to show thanks to God for blessing us with the many things we must thank him for. We use this form of prayer when we feel the most grateful and when we eat.

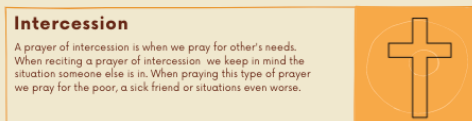
Praise

A prayer of praise, otherwise known as adoration is when we praise and adore God. When we recite a prayer of praise we are actually doing what God has commanded us to do as he commanded us to love him with all our heart. The Glory Be prayer is actually a prayer of Praise.



Petition

A prayer of petition is when we pray to God for our and the community's daily needs. We recite a prayer of petition to pray for food, money or even for the needs of the Church. A prayer of petition is another form of asking God to grant us the things we need.



Intercession

A prayer of intercession is when we pray for other's needs. When reciting a prayer of intercession we keep in mind the situation someone else is in. When praying this type of prayer we pray for the poor, a sick friend or situations even worse.



Penitence

A prayer of penitence is when we pray for forgiveness from God. Us being humans, we are nowhere near perfect and we are prone to mistakes. We fail to walk on the right path and it is only just that we ask for forgiveness for that. Prayers of penitence is a chance for us to walk on the right path and to ask for forgiveness.

Leona Siason | 6B | Religion assessment

Values Matter at OLA

How are values taught? Our Catholic schools have, at the centre of all learning and teaching, core Catholic values which are based on Christ's Gospel values. It is about making the core values explicit in all school activities through modelling, discussion and critical reflection.

This week we are focussing on the value of: -

Honest and Trustworthiness – Be honest, sincere and seek the truth.

This value includes the following characteristics:-

- **Being honest**
- **Being truthful to self and others**
- **Not deceiving, cheating or stealing – exercising ethical judgments**
- **Being reliable – doing what you say you'll do**
- **Having the courage to do the right thing**
- **Building a good reputation. Being loyal – standing by your family, friends and country.**

What you can do to promote trustworthiness:-

- Teach children the importance of trustworthiness by word and example. Ask yourself 'what message am I sending?' Avoid dishonesty, especially in front of your child ("A child's ticket, please, he is only 11.") Never ask your child to lie for you ("Tell Grandma I'm in the shower")
- Encourage honesty even when it may cause your child to get into trouble. Praise efforts to be honest and point out good examples whenever you see them. Express disappointment for dishonesty.
- Keep your commitments, be on time and do what you say you will do, especially when your child is involved.
- Teach that people need the courage to say 'no' when friends ask them to do something that seems wrong. Explain that it is disloyal to ask a friend to be untrustworthy.

Are you a good role model to your children? Do you model honesty and integrity at all times?

The overall message:-

Honesty and trustworthiness is about being honest, telling the truth, keeping promises, and being loyal so people can trust you. Trustworthy people don't lie, cheat or steal. They have integrity and the moral courage to do the right thing and to stand up for their beliefs even when it is difficult to do so.

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

Theme for the Week

"Honesty & Trustworthiness"

Our theme this week encourages us to be honest and trustworthy at all times. To be honest with each other means expressing our feelings, respecting others and accepting responsibility for our actions. Being honest, sincere and seeking the truth are essential characteristics for being in harmony with ourselves and those with whom we interact.

PLEASE NOTE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Student Data Validation - Please update your contact details

On Monday 16 August you will receive an email or SMS (for those parents without email) from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) asking you to review and, where necessary, update the key information they hold about your children currently enrolled in CEDP schools.

The purpose of this review is to ensure that CEDP has the right details to correctly identify and support students, including contacting families in an emergency or to share important updates.

Steps have been taken to ensure this process is as secure as possible to protect your information and your family's privacy. Your information is only accessed by authorised staff when it is necessary and in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).

The link is **open until Friday 3 September** and I encourage you to complete the review/update as soon as possible to ensure that your family's correct details are on file. This is particularly important as Greater Sydney remains in lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This [short "how to" video](#) may assist you with completing the process (use the closed caption icon to turn on subtitles). Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Only one person per family needs to complete the survey and it takes about 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions or to seek help, please contact the CEDP Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.

We 'BOUNCE BACK' at Our Lady of the Angels.

As we continue our online learning, we will experience different feelings and emotions. Focussing on how we can 'Bounce Back' when things don't work out the way we would like or expected them to is of utmost importance At Our Lady of the Angels. We are committed to encouraging students to embrace a positive mindset by taking opportunities to 'Bounce Back' which means that we can be happy or successful again after having a problem.

Perseverance and the willingness to keep on trying or 'Just keep swimming!' as so famously stated by Dory in the movie 'Finding Nemo' is key to developing this positive mindset.

Each week the students will be asked to reflect on their feelings and experiences of times they have and can 'Bounce back'. These student reflections may be social or learning experiences. OLA the Koala, our school mascot will need some advice and we hope you enjoy the positive conversations that occur with your children as you discuss these ideas. You may even like to watch this catchy music clip together.

[The Playground Craze - BounceBack Video on Youtube.](#)



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

Sun 22nd Aug

Jack Leahy

Tues 24th Aug

Mia Lee

Thomas Andrews

Madeleine Teo

Wed 25th Aug

Mrs Elaine Lombardi

Thur 26th Aug

Asher Davidson

Amali EnosiTuipulotu

Fri 27th Aug

Giancarlo Mazza

Asher Vilathgamuwa

Sun 29th Aug

Avery Grace



Congratulations to the Liptak family (Sebastian KG) on the birth of their little baby sister, Sienna Rose. Welcome Sienna to the OLA community.





Literacy News - Book Week

Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians create colourful displays, develop activities, run competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. You will often see parades with students dressed as their favourite book character. At OLA, we would like to celebrate "Book Week" next week. The teachers have planned many exciting activities for your children to complete. Happy reading everyone!

The Parramatta Diocese is running a **BookWeek@home-Book Parade**. Students, their families and book lovers everywhere are invited to 'dress up' part of their home so that letterboxes, windows, front yards and more come alive with settings, characters and scenes from their favourite stories. Students make their daily exercise a trip to 'old worlds, new words and other worlds' as they aim to spot book inspired displays around the neighbourhood. When the students see a display they like, they need to pop a note in their letterbox. Students need to tell the creators why they liked their display, or give a simple note of congratulations. We are encouraged to share our creations to the wider community by using the hashtags #CBCA2021 #ownwow #cbcabookweek2021 and #bookweekathome

Next week the students will have an optional '**Book Character Dress up Zoom**' on Tuesday 24th for Year 6 and for K – Year 5 on Friday 27th August. Students are encouraged to find items in their home to help them dress up as their favourite book character. The students at school are welcome to wear their book character costume to school or bring a change of clothes for their day. Visit this site for some costume ideas. [Easy Book Week 2021 Costume Ideas | Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds](#)

'Live Reading Zooms with our Librarian Mrs Wagner'

During our Book Week celebrations, all students are invited to join Mrs Wagner for a **Live Reading Zoom** of some of the CBCA 2021 shortlisted books. **A link for these live readings will be placed on the students' Google Classroom pages.** Please see the days and times below. Please feel free to dress up as your favourite book character.

Mrs Wagner would love to see you there.

Zoom Reading Sessions	Tuesday 24th Aug	Thursday 26th Aug
12.00pm	Kinder – Year 2	Kinder – Year 2
1.00pm	Year 3-6	Year 3-6

The 2021 CBCA Book of the Year Award winners and honour books were announced online today at 12 noon AEST. Watch the special announcement film on the CBCA website [HERE](#).

Please note the PRC Challenge closes for students: **Friday 3rd September**. Students are now able to include **up to 10 Choice Books** on their reading records. All students are able to include books that they have read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers.

Congratulations to Zali Adams in 5G for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

WIN – WIN Wednesday Afternoon

Thank you for your positive feedback and for sharing your experiences.

Thank you for introducing this concept to the students. The kids chose to cubby house the whole lounge room. Adrian & James



Today's WIN-WIN afternoon was such a success an great idea!. Samantha did some baking which she really enjoys.

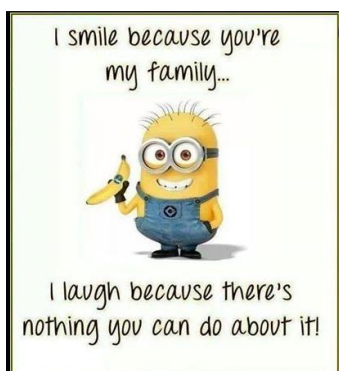


Wellness Wednesday was such a fantastic idea. Hannah made cookies and we delivered them to friends nearby. The only time I'll ever encourage knocking and running at a friend's door.



Keenan & Ilana loved WIN-WIN Wednesday. They decided to celebrate their favourite holiday – Christmas

Enjoy OLA Family Week together



FAMILY

We may not have it all together,
but together we have it all