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Dear Parents,

Thank you for another amazing week of Faith, Fun and Learning 'remote style'. My thanks and appreciation to our amazing staff at OLA who are doing an outstanding job providing online learning, support and so much more to our children and families. Thank you for the many kind letters of appreciation acknowledging our OLA team.

We have compiled a slideshow for the children with messages of encouragement from the staff as we continue our journey. Take a moment with your child to read our messages. Click [HERE](#)

It was lovely to see the children through online learning being read to, undertaking their own reading and participating in their zooms as their favourite book characters. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to dress up, as did the teachers. Thank you to all the teachers, Mrs Hurst, Literacy Co-ordinator and Librarian Mrs Wagner, for all their efforts in bringing Book Week alive for the children. See inside this newsletter and Facebook for some amazing book character photos.

Thank you for your very positive feedback regarding our WIN-WIN Wednesday afternoon last week (Week 6). Due to popular demand, we will hold this wellbeing afternoon each fortnight for the remainder of the term, ie. Week 8 (1st September) and then in Week 10 (8th September). Keep an eye out for details next week as we strive to encourage all in our OLA community to acknowledge that Well-being Is Needed.

Sunday, 5th September is Father's Day. Next Friday we will celebrate this important occasion with a number of special activities that will be posted on the children's classroom Google page and later in the day on Facebook. We would like to thank and acknowledge our Dads for all that they do and look forward to taking the time to celebrate the person that they are to us. Dads are invited to join their children at this Friday's Zoom session for a special Dad celebration.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*

The Premier today announced a pathway for children to return to school. Once we have further clarity and details, more information will be shared.

Book Week - OLA Staff love to read too!



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
Sunday 29th August 2021



Gospel Reflection [Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanness come from within a person – one doesn't 'catch it' from contact with strangers.

A TIME TO PRAY: "I ASK ALL OF YOU TO PRAY WITH ME TO THE GOD OF PEACE" – POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has asked for all of us to be united in prayer and pray for peace. Prayer is a way we can come together during lockdown to put faith in action and pray for those in our community and around the world who are in need of hope, courage and strength. Take time to light a candle and pray the Novena below as a family, for those in Afghanistan and our own special intentions.

Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear out prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially ... (special intention).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen

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.

COVID-19 Financial Assistance during Lockdown 2021

All families received a letter a few week's ago 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

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.

Supporting your Child with Primary Mathematics

Please see attached to this newsletter an easy to read article which has some great ideas about how you can best support your child at home in mathematics during lockdown. Some of the key messages and principles apply to mathematics learning in general, whether at school or at home. They include:-

- Do not portray that you yourself are not good at maths or don't enjoy it
- Display a positive attitude towards maths tasks with a 'growth mindset'
- Bring maths into your daily conversations
- Look for opportunities outside of the home, within literature and games
- Ask problem solving questions – 'How do you know?'

As always, please contact your child's teacher if you require further support.
Mr Cauchi

Values Matter at OLA

This week we are focussing on the value of **Respect**.

We all want to feel important, to be treated kindly, and to have our thoughts and feelings shared without negative comments. In a word, we want RESPECT. But how often do we stop to think about how we treat others? Do we exhibit respectful behaviour towards others?

Respect is one of the foundational pillars of all healthy relationships. Respect toward others comes from recognising the inherent worth of every person. It means being able to communicate your position in a kind and courteous manner and allowing others to have and express their own opinions and beliefs without fear of rejection, even if they are different from your own. Respect means caring about the feelings of others.

This value includes the following characteristics:-

How do you practise Respect?

Think about how you want to be treated, then treat others that way. Ask yourself, "How do I want others to treat my belongings or my right to privacy? How do I want others to talk and listen to me? How do I want others to treat me when we need to resolve conflicts?"

- Treating others the way you want to be treated, no matter how they treat you.
- Showing kindness and consideration
- Respecting yourself; liking yourself enough to be yourself
- Accepting others for who they are
- Showing high regard for authority, (School Rules) other people, self and country.
- Use good manners; speaking courteously to everyone, even if there is a conflict
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements
- Treating property and the environment with care.

The overall message:

Showing regard for the worth of someone or something. It includes respect for self, respect for the rights and dignity of all persons, and respect for the environment that sustains all life.



Thursday, 9th September, is RUOK Day.
Why not ring a friend and make a difference in the life of someone else.

Theme for the Week "Respect"

This week focuses on the way we respect others and the relationships we form. Treating others as equals requires mutual respect and a true sense of accepting others regardless of their differences, be it physical, materialistic or intellectual. Our children are continually encouraged to respect others as they would themselves.

PLEASE NOTE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Student Data Validation - Please update your contact details

On Monday 16 August you should have received 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](#).

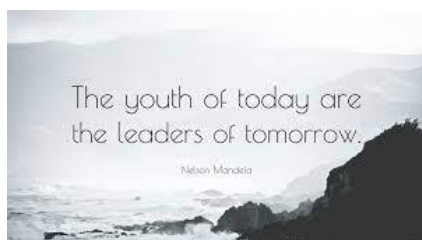
The link is **open until Friday 3 September** and I encourage you to complete the review/update as soon as possible to ensure that your family's correct details are on file. This is particularly important as Greater Sydney remains in lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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.

Empowering our youth to stand strong and 'Bounce Back' when things don't work out the way we would like or expected them to is one of the most beautiful gifts that we can give to our children. This week the students will view a heartfelt video clip that shows students that they can stand strong, they can accept circumstances, they can lead and they can show resilience and perseverance. We encourage families to watch [Never Give Up, Traditional Cheese Shop](#) together and have a conversation with one another about the importance and benefits of 'thinking about tomorrow' as the lyrics of Fleetwood Mac remind us 'it will be here, better than before'.



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....

Mon 30th Aug

Ella Macdonald
Julian Fonsdituri

Thurs 2nd Sep

Ethan Dyke
Lucy Roberts

Tues 31st Aug

Liam Parame

Fri 3rd Sep

Scarlett Malae

Wed 1st Sep

Maraya Macario
Trinity Oxspring
Damien Macquet-Maurel
Alessio Albertini
Alyssa Albertini

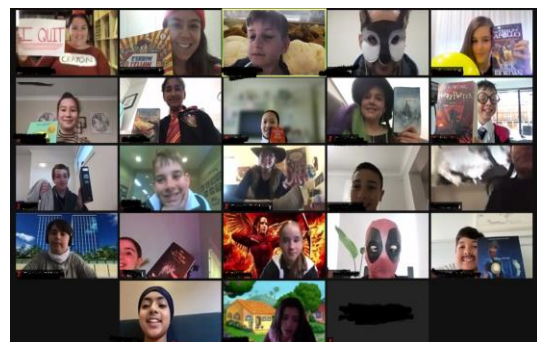
Sat 4th Sep

Luke Smyth
Alessandro Albertini
Aiden Ajay
Imogen Grace
Mrs Erin Brady


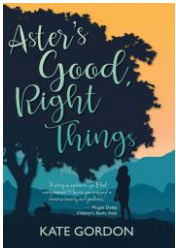
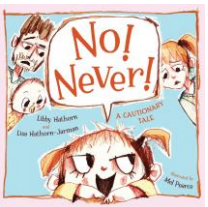

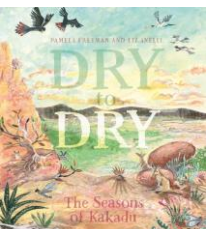
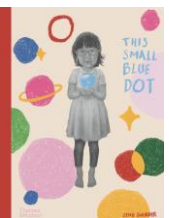


Literacy News - Book Week

2021 Book Week Theme: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds



2021 CBCA Winners

  THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS	 THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD	 THE PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR	 THE EVE POWNALL AWARD	 CBCA AWARD FOR NEW ILLUSTRATOR
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OLA Celebrates Book Week



This week students have participated in many 'Book Week' activities to celebrate the amazing world of books and highlight the importance of reading. Thank you to our students and their families for embracing this fabulous celebration. Thank you to Mrs Wagner, Mrs Hurst, Miss Brown and Miss Fahmi for reading some of the CBCA shortlisted books for all students to enjoy. Please keep an eye out for photos of some wonderful book characters on our Facebook page over the next week.

Thank you for your kind words.....

Dear Mr Calabria,
I would like to provide feedback on the great quality and support that's been received for home-schooling online.

I've found the material creative and engaging, and having reviewed the curriculum, found that the material to date is meeting the outcomes.

The videos and activities created by teachers are easy to follow and my daughter has really enjoyed home-schooling so far, and progressed academically as well. We've been able to get into a routine which works at home even if both my husband and I working full time.....

Dear Mr Calabria,
We just wanted to take the time to write to you. Homeschooling is hard and challenging at times but it is made so much easier with the help and support from OLA.

A special mention to our children's teacher's, . We believe they are dedicated, caring and committed teachers who bring out the best in our children.....

JERSEY DAY

Friday 3rd September

This coming Friday 3rd September is once again Jersey Day. Jersey Day is an awareness raising campaign for organ donation that has been initiated by the Gremmo family, who tragically lost their son in a road accident on Glenhaven Road in May 2015. The Gremmo family is well known in the Hills district. If you wish to support this awareness program, your child may also wear a jersey over their uniform on this day. We ask that if you wish your child to wear their jersey, you take the time to discuss with them the concept behind the awareness campaign. Consideration should be given to their age appropriateness and level of understanding. Your participation in this awareness campaign is purely optional.

Everyone loves a good dress up! Book Week 2021 - see our Facebook for more photos



"I'm Batman..."

"No No I'm Batman"

