



Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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“Deserving Appreciation Daily”

We are reminded this Sunday to stop and give thanks to God for the wonderful role that our Fathers or significant adults play in our lives. Dads are indeed special and **D**eserve **A**ppreciation **D**aily for the support they give to their families, the love and care and the modelling they pass on to the children. We ask God our Father to bless and watch over all fathers who together with mothers, strive to do the best for their children.

A Blessing Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, as you have loved us into being,

We ask that your blessing to be upon all fathers who offer to their children

The love with which you have blessed them.

May you continue to guide and strengthen these fathers and all men who offer wise guidance to others.

Bless them with patience, good humour and understanding.

May Jesus be their companion and the Holy Spirit provide constant inspiration. Amen

Dear Parents

It was wonderful to see so many dads joining their children on their class Zooms this morning (see our Facebook page for some of these Zoom gallery shots). Our prayer celebration, the Father's Day book and the Flipgrid were very well received and certainly deserved. The children's Google Classroom page also features some special Dad coupons and activities which can be printed and used for their number 1 hero - Dad.

Click on the link below or go to our Facebook page to see our 'Special Father's Day' slide show compiled from the photos of dads and their children submitted from parents who responded to our email sent out earlier in the week. <https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill>

Fr Carlos extends his blessing upon all in the community, particularly Fathers this Sunday, as we celebrate the love that they share with their families.

On Father's Day we also take a moment to also acknowledge Fr Carlos and Fr Omar as the 'Fathers' of our OLA flock. May Christ continue to bless them in their vocation as they serve our community.

To all our Fathers, and those who play the role of Father, I hope that you enjoy your special day and celebrate the important role you have in the lives of all in your family. Enjoy

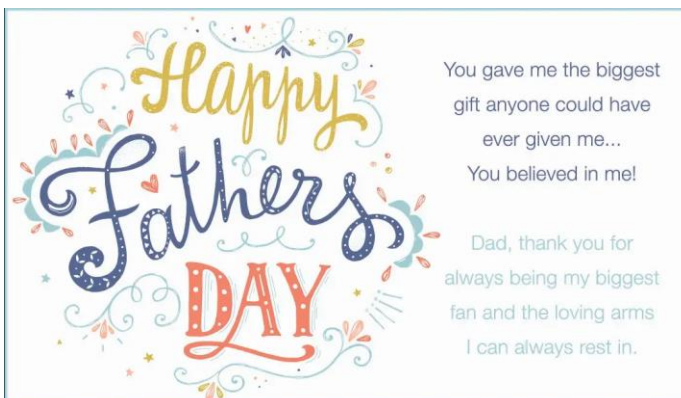
Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

*Tony Calabria
Principal*

What Makes a Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea.
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need.
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so,
He called it.....Dad. Amen



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Sunday 5th September 2021

Gospel Reflection ([Mk 7:31-37](#))



Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world. There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present. Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO ALL OUR OLA FATHERS

Heavenly Father, you entrusted Your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an early father.

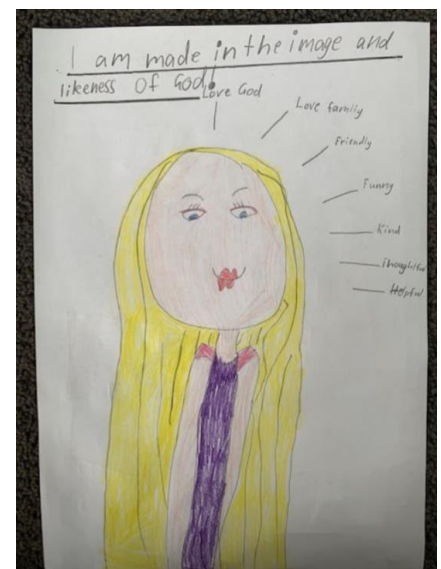
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience.

Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to you for love and salvation, through Your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

RE Education during Online Learning: Year One have been learning about Creation this term and living in the image and likeness of God. Here are some of their work samples



Keep an eye out for a short message from our School Captains – Matthew Kamber & Ebony Lynch which will be posted on our Facebook page this coming Wednesday

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



2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

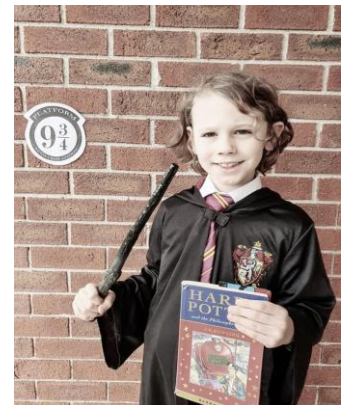
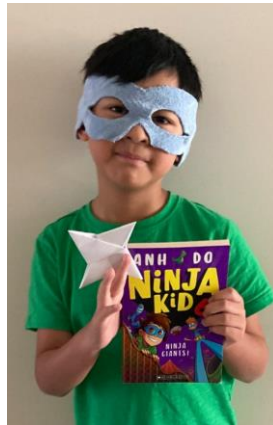


Congratulations to all the OLA students who participated this year.

Please note the PRC Challenge closes today. Thank you Mrs Wagner for validating the OLA participants and coordinating this wonderful initiative. Please note that validations will continue until 17th September. We will announce the class with the greater percentage of participants in the next coming weeks.

Congratulations to Noah Falcone KW, Angeline Garcia KW, Luca Galea 1B, Roy Shim 1W, Lila Naim 1W, Amelie Pelaez 2W, Katherine Cameron 2B, Charlotte Naim 4B, Lola Quinlan 4W, Elijah Atkins 5B, Dylan Bell 5W & Natalia Zahorsky 6G for recently completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Books you read after the Challenge closes can count towards the next year's Challenge.



Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

READ.....READ....READ
READ TO SUCCEED!

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

The main message of this weeks 'Bounce Back' focus is that sometimes we need encouragement and support from others. It is OK to accept help from others. We are not alone. When this occurs everyone wins. Discussions with our children could include acknowledging that, as the recipient of kindness and support, we develop not only the skills to 'Bounce Back' but we develop strong and trusting relationships. As the giver of these acts of kindness and support, we experience joy in seeing the success of others. We also reap the benefits of building positive relationships.



Each week the students will be asked to reflect on their feelings and experiences of times they have and can 'Bounce back' when things don't work out the way we would like or expect. 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.

Values Matter at OLA

Responsibility

Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and civic life, and take care of the environment.

This value includes the following characteristics:-

- Doing what you are supposed to do
- Always doing your best
- Using self-control
- Being self-disciplined
- Being accountable for your choices
- Being a good example
- Thinking of ways to help others
- Keep trying
- Finish your work before you play
- Doing your homework on time
- Being supportive of others when they need you
- Thinking before you act/talk and accepting consequences for your behaviour
- Fixing your mistakes and never blaming others for the mistakes you make.

The overall message:

Being accountable for your individual and community's actions towards yourself, others and the environment. People of character are **responsible**. They are accountable, show self-restraint and pursue excellence. They mean it when they say: "you can count on me". Being responsible is part of a person's character.



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

Sun 5th Sep

Mirelle Ferdinands
Luke Scanes
Nicholas Smith

Wed 8th Sep

Sybellah Arora
Mrs Frances Eisenhuth

Mon 6th Sep

Micah Kenyon
Jai McLuskey

Thur 9th Sep

Chayse Attard

Tues 7th Sep

Juliana Wassef
James Boje
Leo Dabit

Fri 10th Sep

Calla Zhu
Giuseppe Venezia
Caleb Tan
Eva Millers
Ari Vilathgamuwa

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Thank you to the parents who have informed us that they will be enrolling at Santa Sophia Box Hill, (second school in our Parish) next year. If you have enrolled at Santa Sophia and have not informed us, could you please do so by Wednesday 8th September as we have a waiting list on various grades.

SURROUND
yourself with
PEOPLE
who are
ONLY GOING
to lift
YOU HIGHER.

Theme for the Week

"Responsibility"

This value encourages the children to take responsibility for their own actions. Allowing children to experience the learnings of action/consequence help foster responsibility. When children take responsibility for their own actions they begin to appreciate the value and importance of the decisions they make. Responsibility is all about being accountable for one's own actions, resolving differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contributing to society and civic life and taking care of the environment.

COVID-19 Financial Assistance during Lockdown 2021

All families received a letter a few weeks 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



The Hills Shire Library Service

In response to the current lockdown, The Hills Shire Library Service has moved all events online. As part of this program, they are offering free sessions to parents.

Raising Resilient Children

Building resilience is important for children's mental health. Join Stephanie O'Hare, Clinical Neuropsychologist, as she explains the different stages in child development and how best to support these stages in your child.

Wed, 20 October 2021 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

There are many more free sessions however bookings are essential to receive the talk links www.eventbrite.com.au/o/the-hills-shire-library-service-231647259