

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. The children have returned to school with renewed energy and enthusiasm. We look forward to an exciting term ahead of faith, fun and learning as we give of our best each and every day. I hope that you had a Happy and Holy Easter. Today we celebrated Jesus' joyous resurrection at a special prayer assembly. The story of Easter calls us to be people of peace, joy, respect, compassion, forgiveness and prayer. It was lovely to see so many parents join us for this assembly.



Mother's Day is nearly here....

Mother's Day Assembly – this coming Friday 6th May.

We welcome all parents but particularly mothers to our special Mother's Day celebrations this coming Friday 6th May starting at 9.00am. This year we will be having a Mother's Day Prayer Liturgy and Assembly, under the COLA, followed by a community cuppa and then a learning activity with your child in their learning space.



We hope that you can join us for this important event as we acknowledge mothers and those who may have taken the role of mothers in our lives. An email with further details and logistics will be sent next week.

All are most welcome to attend.

Theme of the Week

"Mothers are a Gift from God"

Our theme this week is an acknowledgement that our Mothers, in so many ways, are one of the most precious gifts that God has given to all of us. We learn so much from the role modelling and care our Mothers give us. The unique qualities of our own mothers, whether by God's side or with us, are indeed special and we give thanks to our Lord for their committed care and love in our lives.

NEW CLOSE CONTACT RULES

Please note the following for primary students attending school who are close contacts, as per Catholic Schools NSW guidelines:

- A daily RAT should be conducted and a negative result returned each morning before attending school for **five** school days. Extra RAT kits can be supplied by the school if required.
- Wearing of a mask is recommended but not compulsory (except when eating or exercising).
- Please advise the school if your child is a close contact by email.

The Government has now provided another delivery of RAT kits for families. Your child will be bringing home a packet of 7 RAT kits to use at your discretion.

Many thanks for your support in helping to keep all within our OLA community safe.

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

Third Sunday of Easter-Year C (1st May 2022)

John 21:1-19

GOSPEL REFLECTION

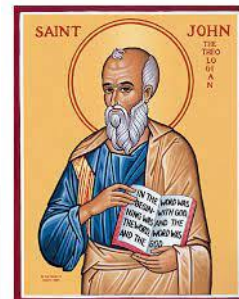
You know I love you

You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor. Our claim: "Lord, you know that I love you."

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and shepherd "my lambs, my sheep." What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is *to love what God loves*.

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. "For God so loved the cosmos as to give the Son." (Jn 3:16,17) So what must we do? Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, "You are the Salt of the Earth." You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home. He went on: "You are the Light of the Cosmos." You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: "We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is."

(LiturgyHelp-Fr Michael Tate)



May is the month of Mary-May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Through the month of May, take some time to pray the rosary and dedicate your prayers to Mary. We have attached to this newsletter a prayer guide for students, teachers and parents on The Children's Rosary.



Parish Masses: Students will recommence attending parish mass @ 9am from Week Three.

Parents are most welcome to join us.

Please see below for timetable.

WEEK 3:	Wednesday 10th May - Years 1 & 2
WEEK 4:	Tuesday 17th May - Years 3 & 4
WEEK 5:	Tuesday 24th May – 9.00am Whole School Mass (Our Lady Help of Christians)
WEEK 6:	Tuesday 1st June - Kindergarten & Years 5 & 6
WEEK 7:	Wednesday 8th June - Years 1 & 2
WEEK 8:	Friday 17th June – 11.30am Whole School Mass (Feast of Sacred Heart)
WEEK 9:	Tuesday 21st June - Years 3 & 4
WEEK 10:	Tuesday 28th June - Kindergarten/Years 5 & 6

HOLY



COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers students from OLA preparing for their First Holy Communion.

For registered students, sessions will commence at 6pm on the school grounds on the following dates; 5th May, 12th May, 19th May (Instructional Mass) and 26th May. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 11th/12th June and the 18th/19th June.

Project Compassion

Thank you to the many families who have donated to Project Compassion through the Qkr App. All monies received will be forwarded to Caritas at the end of next week. If you still wish to make a donation, please do so by 6th May 2022.



Welcome to OLA

We welcome our new students and families who have commenced at OLA this term:-

Crowley Family – Patrick 4W
Bayly Family – Izabel 4G
Hili Family – Ava 5B
Jaxon 3B

Earlier this Week: ANZAC DAY - Lest We Forget

The Anzac tradition was forged 107 years ago on 25th April 1915, when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

It marked the start of a campaign which lasted eight months and resulted in some 26,000 Australia casualties, including 8,159 who were killed or died of wounds or disease. The bravery and spirit of those who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula shaped a legend, and so the 'Anzac' became a part of the Australian and New Zealand lexicon. In 1916, the first anniversary on the landing was observed in Australia, New Zealand, England and by troops in Egypt. That year, 25th April was named 'Anzac Day'. By the 1920's, Anzac Day ceremonies were held throughout Australia and the states had designated Anzac Day as a public holiday. Commemoration of Anzac Day continued throughout the 1930's and 1940's with World War II veterans joining parades around the country.

Over the ensuing decades, returned Australian Servicemen and women from conflicts such as Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan as well as peacekeepers and veterans from allied countries, now march proudly in the parades.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not wear them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



Thank you to our school and vice captains, Marcel Dalla, Rose Montgomery, Alonso Buda & Leah Ocampo, who joined me at the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Wrights Road Centenary of Anzac Reserve. The students placed a wreath on behalf of the school.

This week we also celebrated an Anzac Day ceremony with the students. It was lovely to see parents joining us. A very special 'Thank You' to Wing Commander Tony Kay (Jonathan 2B) who gave generously of his time to address the children.

ANZAC day- Australian New Zealand Army Corps

On Monday the 25th of April, Australia celebrated the historic event of ANZAC day, honouring the wonderful soldiers that sacrificed their lives for our freedom. On Wednesday the 25th of April, Our Lady of the Angels came together for a special assembly to praise the soldiers who fought for us. We were extremely lucky to have Wing Commander Tony Kay come in and join us to share his experiences of being an Air Force Wing Commander. Year 6 was thrilled to be able to lead us in our assembly about ANZAC day.

Olivia Vella and Sienna Flores 6W



OLA Sport News

Diocesan Cross Country

OLA would like to wish the best of luck to all 46 students that will be competing at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country at Easter Creek on Tuesday, 3rd May. Special mention to Scarlett Buchanan who was omitted from last term's newsletter. Looking at the forecast, pack some extra shoes and socks. We will be cheering you on from the Grandstand.

Parramatta Team selections

Congratulations to Lucas Clarke for making it into the Parramatta Rugby League team. We are so proud of you.

Term 2 Gala Days

This term we have entered OLA into Girls and Boys Stage 2 & 3 Football (Soccer) Gala days. The students will have an opportunity to trial for the teams to represent OLA at the Gala day. They will be advised about these days next week.

Lyndelle Batten, Sports Co-ordinator

P & F AGM

Our first P&F meeting for 2022 will be held this Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. At this AGM the committee positions will be vacated and nominations taken for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to nominate yourself for one of these positions, please email the school office prior to the meeting on Wednesday evening.

At the meeting we will elect the 2022 committee, discuss future initiatives along with a Principal and P&F Report.



Literacy News

Rug Reading: Thank you to the families who were able to make our first Rug Reading for the year in Term 1.



Premier's Reading Challenge Please contact Mrs Wagner via the school email if you need any login details. More information can be found on the **PRC website**.

Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge over the past few weeks. Well done!

Alina Youssef 2G, Jeanette Abboud 3B, Scarlett Buchanan 3B, Tayah Youssef 5W,
Keilan Peacock KG, Carlos Ji 1W, Aiden Ajay 2W, Andre Youssef 3B, Kate McKeever 3B, Eva-Grace Naim 3B, Amelie Pelaez 3B, Oliver Coughlan 3B, Preston Georges 3B, Sebastian Nasso 3B, Ryan Shabazi 3B, Abby Zahra 3W, Caleb Atkins 3W, Max Suarez 3W, Audrey Pedavoli 1G, Angela Alin 1G, Harrison Vella 2B, Brae Aldaba 3W, Aria Clark 3G, Caleb Tan 3G, Ethan Zachariah 5W & Olivia Vella 6W

Write On Competition 2022

To participate in the competition, students compose an imaginative text of up to 500 words in length using the image above as a stimulus.

Write On is an annual **writing competition** open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. It is designed to encourage students to develop their imaginative writing skills, and supports the teaching of writing. The competition aligns with the learning objectives in the NSW English K-10 Syllabus. The WriteOn 2021 writing competition closes at **4.00 pm on Friday 17 June** (Week 8, Term 2).

Students compose an imaginative text of up to 500 words using the image as the stimulus. Please refer to the [judges' notes from WriteOn 2021](#).

Imaginative pieces may include:

- narratives
- letters
- poems
- scripts for radio, screen and stage
- interviews
- journal entries.

Schools submit their best entry from each stage.

The entries are judged by a panel of experienced primary teachers from each sector.

For more information, please visit the NESA site.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/writeon-competition>

Assessment criteria

When assessing entries, judges use the following criteria:

- makes connections to the stimulus image
- engages the audience in imaginative, interpretive, emotive and/or creative ways
- maintains a consistent structure appropriate for the type of text selected
- uses a range of stylistic devices for the intended audience
- uses a variety of language forms and features, vocabulary and punctuation
- considers the purpose, audience and context
- includes age-appropriate content.





Happy birthday to members of our OLA community who are celebrated their birthday during the second week of the holidays.....

Sun 17th Apr

Samantha Ocampo
Patrick Crowley
Mrs Helen Goldsworthy

Sat 23rd Apr

Rome D'Cruz
Indi Rich
Johanna Torre Islas
Mrs Katrina Byrne

Fri 22nd Apr

Ariella Brown
Mrs Jacinta Aspinall

Sun 24th Apr

Sophia Mangano
Mrs Lisa Rizk

Happy birthday to members of our OLA community who are celebrated their birthday this past week and also in the coming week.....

Mon 25th Apr

Esther Afoakwah

Sun 1st May

Emily Dalton
Charlize Fresta

Tues 26th Apr

Luca Petrocco
Bianca Wallace

Mon 3rd May

Zara Buchanan
Ethan Zachariah

Wed 27th Apr

Sari Camilleri

Tues 4th May

Tommy Buck
Owen Millers
Elisa Reece

Thurs 28th Apr

Elena Nobin

Fri 29th Apr

Cooper Foley
Finn McNamara
Olivia O'Connor
Aaron Phelps

Wed 5th May

Michael Cappello
Miss Kim Marchant

Thurs 6th May

Jack Lenane

Fri 7th May

Levi Maiava

Dates to Remember

Week 2

Tues 3rd May Diocesan Cross Country
Wed 4th May P&F AGM 7.00pm **All Welcome**
Thurs 5th May Mother's Day Gift Stall
Year 1 Excursion to Sydney Zoo
Fri 6th May Mother's Day Assembly, Morning Tea followed by a classroom activity 9.00am. **All Welcome**

Sun 8th May

Mother's Day

Week 3

Wed 11th May **NAPLAN Years 3 - 5**
Year 2 Walking Excursion

'All Welcome'

We are excited to have parents back attending various school events. As a rule of thumb, we ask that you keep an eye in the newsletter for upcoming events that are tagged as 'All Welcome'. This will help clarify for parents which events they may wish to attend.

Mother's Day Stall – Last Call

A reminder that the opportunity to purchase gifts for the Mother's Day Stall **closes this evening, Friday 29th April at 11.59pm.**

Keep any eye out for our 'Live Google Parent Calendar' for Term 2 coming soon.

Calling 'MEN' to assist with the Mother's Day Morning Tea

To give our mums a break, if you are available to help set up and serve at our Mother's Day morning tea from 8.30am – 10.00am this coming Friday, 6th May, could you please email the office by this Tuesday to let us know. We ask that all volunteers are double vaccinated and have completed the BCSC training.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

Kindergarten Excursion

On Tuesday, Kindergarten went on their very first excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm. The students saw lots of farm animals and learnt how they grown and change. The highlights of the day were milking the cow and riding the tractor.



Dance Fever Interschool Challenge

Last term, Tuesday April 5th OLA students from Yrs 3-6 participated in the Dance-Fever Interschool Challenge. It was a very enjoyable evening watching everyone get into the spirit of the night.

Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and dedication and special congratulations to the students who won or placed in their zone for their partner dance. The highlight of the evening was the group show dance to the theme of 'Grease' in which OLA were awarded the winning school. It was wonderful to see the excitement and delight on the faces of the students when the announcement was made!

Congratulations to all students involved, and special thank you to our Dance Fever instructors, Nathan and Genna for their expertise, and also to the OLA staff who attended the evening to support our students.



Returning Notes & Permission Slips

For those families who may be unaware of our procedures:-

Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class notebag (please ensure envelopes containing money are tightly secured and labelled). This system allows the office to receive notes and money efficiently. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information.

Student Birthdays

Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! In regard to birthday treats that are sometimes sent in, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending anything in whilst Covid is still prevalent. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home.

At this current time, we also kindly ask that you do not send in non-edible items as birthday treats eg, pencils etc. This restriction is aimed solely at doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your child.

Transition to Winter Uniform

For those new to school life & OLA, the students will transition into their winter uniform by week 3 of Term 2 (Monday 9th May), depending on the weather. This means that for the next week, students can wear either their full summer uniform, or their full winter uniform, not a mix of both.

All students **MUST** be in their full winter uniform by Monday 9th May.

Thank You!

Secretary's Day is celebrated next Friday 6th May. On behalf of our community, I wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our fantastic secretarial staff, Mrs Goldsworthy, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Hall & Mrs Eisenhuth. We appreciate and are grateful for their efficiency, skills, use of technology, public relations, care for the children and generosity of time. So much of their work is behind the scenes but is an essential element to the success of our school.

Their attention to detail, care for the children, welcoming manner and expertise in all aspects of their work is to be congratulated.

From all of us, we say Thank You.



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See what is happening at OLA
Visit our Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill> Or Click
on the facebook f in the top corner of our school website
Be sure to 'like us'

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in the last week of Term 1:-

Term 1 Week 11		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Leo Martino	Ameline Clark
KG	Hunter Litchfeild	Cruz Keating
KW	Rome Moujalli	Noah Hession
Year 1 B	Harlen Manenti	Christian Morelli
Year 1 G	Sophia Ali	Remy Buda
Year 1 W	Ziva Borate	Grace Muscat
Year 2 B	Jasmine Lau	Benjamin Nicholls
Year 2G	Adrian Farrugia	Jonathan Kay
Year 2W	Isla Vella	Marcelo Ira
Year 3 B	Olivia Falzon	Scarlett Buchanan
Year 3 G	Zac Rosser	Giuliana Barbara
Year 3 W	Avery Grace	Jenessa De La Cruz
Year 4 B	Alessandra Flores	Mia George
Year 4 G	Xavier Desira	Luca Mazza
Year 4 W	Hayden Muscat	Ava Phelps
Year 5 B	Chloe Bassili	Andy Bui
Year 5G	Lola Quinlan	Alex Vozzo
Year 5W	Nicholas Thornton	Alyssa Nichols
Year 6 B	Addison Del Rosario	Ava Martin
Year 6 W	Luka Kurcubic	Heidi Nicholls

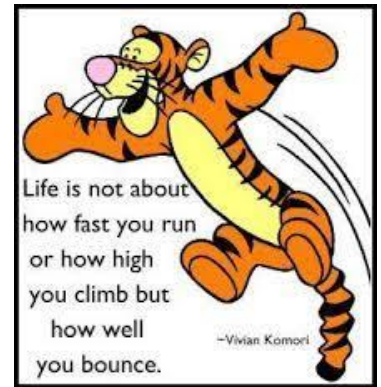
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:-

Term 2 Week 1		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Nicholas Daryoush	Mia Kovacevic
KG	Emily Parame	Marcellus Balayan
KW	Michael Cappelo	Ezra Enosi Tuipulotu
Year 1 B	Andrew Dumesny	Leo Rosser
Year 1 G	Cooper Rossi	Adriana Donzow
Year 1 W	Amy Tawadrouse	Christian Graczyk
Year 2 B	Georgia Tomic	Luis Flores
Year 2G	Luca Galea	Lila Naim
Year 2W	Amali Enosi Tuipulotu	Joshua Fitzsmons
Year 3 B	Preston Georges	Charlize Fresta
Year 3 G	Hayden Spiteri	Nevaeh Macquet-Maurel
Year 3 W	Brodie Taylor	Brae Albada
Year 4 B	Lucas Dobaj	Damien Pendlebury
Year 4 G	Alessandro Albertini	Luca Mazza
Year 4 W	Lauren Cauchi	Dexter Wijaya
Year 5 B	Eva Perry	Levi Cauchi
Year 5G	Skye Batra	Samantha Ocampo
Year 5W	Joshua Stewart	Ryan Salac
Year 6 B	Jack Maher	Chloe Carey
Year 6 W	Steve Wang	Rion delish

We Bounce Back at OLA

At Our Lady of the Angels we are committed to encouraging students to embrace a positive mindset by taking opportunities to 'Bounce Back' when things don't go the way they would like or the way they expected on the playground and in the classroom. To 'BOUNCE BACK' means that we can be happy or successful again after having a problem.

We are all capable of developing skills and strategies to 'Bounce Back' and build resilience.



Tech Tip Week 1-How to choose good online content?

This information is from the esafety website. [Click here](#) for more information.

Many children, whether under 5 or over 5, engage in screen time, whether they are video calling with family or friends, playing online games or watching their favourite programs. It is important to ensure they are getting the most out of it.

The quality of your child's screen time matters! Not all screen time is created equal. Some TV shows, games and apps are more appropriate for toddlers, preschoolers and kids than others. While it is important that screen time does not replace time spent in face-to-face play and communication, quality screen content can benefit children.

How to choose quality content

One tip for choosing good online content for children is to ask a series of questions about the app, game or program. It is likely that most will fit into one or more of the categories below. If the content does not fit into one of these categories, chances are it may not be as beneficial. **Think about the concept of windows, mirrors and magnifying glasses when choosing good online content for your child/children.**

Is it a window?

Does it give your child a view of something beyond their own experiences?

- Is your child learning something new, about for example, deep sea life, dancing, animals or dinosaurs — or something else that interests them?
- Does it spark their imagination and interest?
- Does it inspire them to ask questions and make them want to learn more?

Is it a mirror?

- Does it reflect your child's interests and your values as a family?
- Are they extending an activity they already do offline — like watching a video on how to decorate a cake, make a paper character or kick a goal in a soccer game?
- Does it include common games or scenarios that kids like to play or act out, such as doctors and patients, zoo or farm animals, pirates and treasure, cooking and baking?
- Does it include stories that have positive messages about friendship, being kind, taking turns or being polite?

Is it a magnifying glass?

- Does it provide opportunities for your child to explore the world?
- Are they learning a new skill like how to read, count, draw something or speak another language?
- Does it reward creativity, strategy and planning?
- Does it allow them to explore a physical space — for example, an app that guides you around a zoo or an art gallery, or a map to help you navigate on a bush walk?

ITS ON AGAIN!!!
OLA FAMILY FIESTA
SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022

This is a combined
OLA
Parish/School/Community venture.

Funds raised through this amazing event will be shared between the School and the Parish.

If you would like further information about how you can be involved or give your support, please contact the parish office on 8883 4063 or parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

or the school.

Keep an eye out for further details in Term 2