



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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Term 1, Week 10

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Holy Week Begins on Palm Sunday, 10th April

Christ's unconditional love for each and every one of us is clearly evident as we recall and reflect on the upcoming key events from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday, to Good Friday to the glorious 'Resurrection' on Easter Sunday on 17th April. I hope that the Easter period will be a happy and Holy time for you and your family, full of Christ's blessings and certainly an opportunity for prayer and renewal. Our rich Catholic culture and tradition is very much evident at this pinnacle point of our liturgical year.

Unlike the doubting Thomas, the children's love of their faith is strong and just beautiful to behold. You should be extremely proud of the wonderful work you have begun and continue to do in your children's lives as the primary educators of their faith. Thank you for working in partnership with us.

With so much that is still happening with Covid, the rains/floods and global unrest, the Resurrection of Christ and the story of Easter calls us to be people of peace, joy, compassion, respect, forgiveness and prayer.

We extend our thoughts and prayers to all those in need at this time.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the OLA staff for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past term. Together the teachers facilitate learning so that the children work towards reaching academic and human excellence in a faith filled community. Their generosity in terms of time, self, and sharing of skills is often outside the normal hours of the day but it is in giving so much that they truly receive.

We keep in our prayers our Year 3 children who this Saturday (10.00am & 4.00pm) celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask for Christ's blessings upon them as they receive this life-giving sacrament. May they truly know that God loves them unconditionally and will also forgive them.

This will be our last official newsletter for Term 1. I would like to extend to all of you wishes of happiness and Christ's blessings over the holidays. Take this unique time as a family to enjoy each other. The primary years are certainly precious and pass quickly. The time invested now is paid back tenfold in the quality of your child's relationships with you and others. Happy Easter to one and all.

I look forward to Term 2 for yet another great term of faith, fun and learning.

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

Rug Reading:

This Monday 4th April at 2:30pm.

Families are invited to our first 'Rug Reading' for 2022.

Please bring a picnic rug and favourite book to share with your child/ren. We ask that no food or drinks be shared during this reading time.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2022

Children DO NOT attend school on this day.
The OLA staff will be off-site on a Spirituality Day.

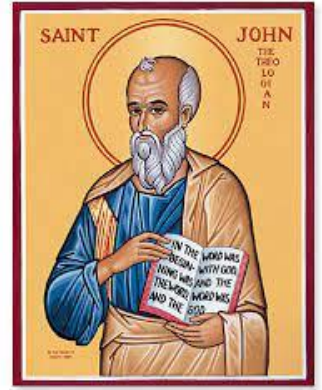
Fifth Sunday of Lent (3rd April 2022)

[Jn 8:1-11](#)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Forgiven, not forgotten

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing - something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us - not to forget about us - that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change. (LiturgyHelp.com @ Greg Sunter)



Sacrament of First Reconciliation

We keep in our prayers the students at Our Lady of the Angels, who will be receiving their sacrament of First Reconciliation. May they learn the love of the forgiving father.

HOLY WEEK- This year the events of Easter occur during the first week of the school holidays. To help your family prepare for the coming of Christ, we will be sending home next week a document with reflections and activities for each day of Holy Week.

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT de PAUL

We have delivered all donated items to St Vincent de Paul this week. They were extremely overwhelmed and appreciative of Our Lady of the Angels generosity.

Project Compassion

Caritas will be focusing on the many displaced people over in Ukraine, to give them their basic needs and for them to know the face of God. During Lent we focus on the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The school holidays is the perfect time for you to encourage your children to do some chores around the house with the reward being that a donation will be made to Project Compassion. One small donation from everyone, equals a large donation that can touch another's heart.



Please note the following Feast Days which fall in the school holidays:-

Palm Sunday – 10th April

Good Friday – 15th April

Easter Sunday – 17th April

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



Stage Masses

This coming week our final stage mass will be celebrated in the Church:-

Years K, 1 & 2 – Wednesday 6th April at 10.00am
Parents are welcome to attend.



Literacy News

Rug Reading: Monday 4th April at 2:30pm. Families are invited to our first 'Rug Reading' for 2022. Please bring a picnic rug and favourite book to share with your child/ren. We ask that no food or drinks be shared during this reading time.

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 this week.

Well done!

Rome D'Cruz KG, Finn McNamara KW, Joshua Shnoudi 1W, Myra Shokeen 2G, Isabella Deur 3B & Alana Apap 4G



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.

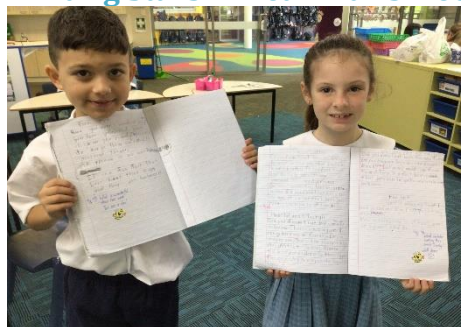
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/writeon-competition>

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.

Writing Stars in Year 2 this week.....





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

Sun 3rd Apr
Eden Gresser

Thurs 7th Apr
Hailey Ocampo

Mon 4th Apr
Sebastian Nasso
Emma Marsden
Alessio Russo
Miss Julia Fahmi

Fri 8th Apr
Sienna Benitez-Taalili
Kayla Valdez

Tues 5th Apr
Paityn Ng
Chloe Fava

Sat 9th Apr
Jeanette Abboud
Mrs Cherie Lopresti

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

Sun 10th Apr
Zac Fernando
Samara Whitsed

Thurs 14th Apr
Sienna Mataia
Isla Vella

Tues 12th Apr
Emily Al Lati
Cooper Rossi

Fri 15th Apr
Nash Cleary

Wed 13th Apr
William Harvey
Victoria Zakharova

Sat 16th Apr
Angela Shim

Notice to Parents/Carers

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). The type of data collected includes student birth date, grade and gender, parent/carer and student main language, and parent/carer occupation group. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

As part of its compliance requirements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW.

*If you do not want your child's data included in this report, please advise the school by **Thursday 28 April 2022**.*

Principal Awards

Our Principal's Award/Student of the Term ceremony for Term 1 will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 9.00am followed by the Principal's morning tea at first break. Parents of recipients will be advised prior and are welcome to attend the presentation ceremony. Each term teachers nominate one student from their class who has consistently applied themselves academically, demonstrated a Christ-like attitude towards others in living out our St Francis charism and, overall, a fine role model for all at OLA

Dates to Remember

Week 11

Mon 4th Apr

Dance Fever Performance Years K - 2
Please see note in the newsletter for times.

Parents of K-2 welcome to attend

Rug Reading 2.30pm

All parents welcome to attend

Tues 5th Apr

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge – Evening

Wed 6th Apr

Principal's Award/Student of the Term Assembly - 9.00am

Parents of award recipients welcome to attend

Years K, 1 & 2 Mass – 10.00am

All parents welcome to attend

Fri 8th Apr

**STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY/PUPIL FREE DAY
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY**

Term 2

Mon 25th Apr

Anzac Day – Public Holiday

Tues 26th Apr

First Day of Term 2

Wed 27th Apr

Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm

'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.

Dance Fever Challenge

Tuesday 5th April

If your child is attending the Dance Fever Challenge this Tuesday evening, please make sure that you read the email and flyer that was forwarded to all parents last Tuesday, 29th March. This flyer details the venue, times and dress code. Children come dressed in these clothes to the venue.

The night concludes with an Interschool Dance Challenge comprising of all children from Yrs 3-6. The boys attending will need to bring jeans and a white T-shirt to change into and the girls will stay in their dance dress.

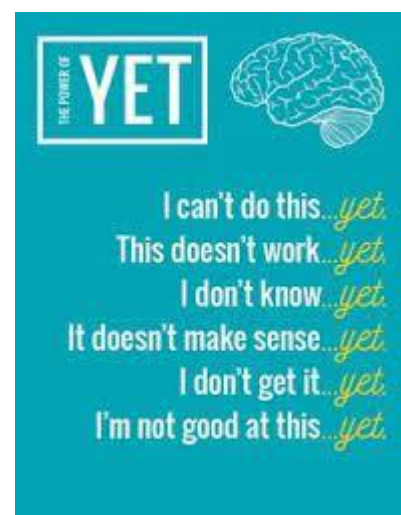
Children will change into their Showcase clothes after they have participated in their individual dances.

We 'BOUNCE BACK' at OLA

The power of Yet

Students at OLA have been exploring the word 'YET'. What is so important about this word?

"A simple way to start changing to a growth mindset, is by the use of a little word, yet. In essence the word means a realisation that some things are worth waiting for, and those things take work. It's not always easy, but the power of this small word allows for success. Changing your words can help children begin to make the change from a fixed to a growth mindset." Saying 'not yet' is a much better way to show children that even if they have difficulties overcoming something now, the time will come when they succeed if they continue tackling the obstacle from different angles. The use of 'yet' shows that there is a learning curve, and points to the process, not the outcome. This also tells the children that they aren't being taught to learn simply for grades, but for their future and it encourages them to dream big and think about what they want to do with their lives, instead of focusing only on what they are currently achieving at school. (Carol Dweck, Professor of Psychology at Stanford University)



OLA Sport News

OLA Cross Country

What impeccable timing to hold the school Cross Country being blessed with sunshine in-between all the rain. Congratulations to the following students in their age groups finishing in the top 6. These students will represent OLA at the Parramatta Diocese Cross Country on Tuesday, 3rd May. We would like to congratulate all our students who participated and gave it all they had. A special thanks to the wonderful parents that volunteered their time and helped the carnival run smoothly. It was lovely to see spectators cheering on all the children. What a wonderful community we have!

8/9 Yrs Boys

Korbin Bruckard
Sebastian Nasso
Arlo Barry
Tristian Cappello
Lucas Dobaj
Cameron Brackenbury

8/9 Yrs Girls

Lyla Sofiak
Ruby Masters
Asher Davidson
Charlotte Davidson
Brae Aldaba
Amalia Gergely-Hollai

10 Yrs Boys

Flynn Rickardson
Liam O'Connor
James Farrugia
Xavier Desira
Alessandro Albertini
Harrison Dolahenty

10 Yrs Girls

Giselle Desira
Charlotte Holden
Lauren Mhyre Fox
Eva Millers
Vienna Gergely-Hollai
Tayhan Youssef

11 Yrs Boys

Noah Falzon
Roko Deur
Khai Aldaba
Magnus Myhre Fox
Patrick Cleary
Lucas Richardson

11 Yrs Girls

Ella Ciantar
Ava-Belle Chong
Charlotte Naim
Lola Quinlan
Eva Bond
Mirelle Ferdinands

12 Yrs Boys

Jordan Holden
Lucas Clarke
William Harvey
Rohan Pillai
Addison Del Rosario
Ethan Mihalic

12 Yrs Girls

Ruby Millers
Ruby Martin
Ava Martin
Zali Adams
Calla Zhu
Paityn Ng



Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Batten for co-ordinating this opportunity for the children.

MacKillop Hoodies and/or Zone Representative Clothing

We are proud of our school uniform and how smart the children look. As the representative season begins, children that represent the Parramatta Zone or MacKillop often purchase a hoodie or other clothing to mark the event. A few students have been wearing these to school as a substitute to the normal school jumper/jacket. This clothing is not part of our school uniform.

From Term 2 onwards, all representative clothing will not be permitted to be worn at OLA.

Many thanks for your continuing support in this area.

School Fees

The first instalment of school fees is now **overdue**.

Thank you to those families who have either paid their fees or set up a payment plan through bpoint or bpay. If you have any queries at all or would like to set up an extended payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

DanceFever Performance – Monday 4th April

Parents of children in **Year K – 2** are invited to watch the last Dance Fever lesson for the term. The children are excited to show you what they have learnt this term.

Kindergarten: 9.00am – 9.30am

Year 1: 9.40am – 10.10am

Year 2: 10.20am – 10.50am

EASTER

The only time it's okay to put all of your **EGGS** in **1** basket!!

Easter Eggs at School



As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at OLA who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that **lollies/chocolates/easter eggs are not brought to school by children**, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued co-operation in making OLA a safe environment for all our children.

Are you missing out?? Join our Facebook page.

Keep up to date with news from OLA

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'

Theme of the Week Love and Forgiveness

One of the greatest gifts Jesus left us is a true model of forgiveness. The moving 'Palm Sunday' gospel tells us about the last moments of Jesus' life. If a world where, surprisingly, children and adults sometimes find it difficult to forgive others for whatever reason, take a moment to place yourself in the journey that Jesus experienced as part of Holy Week.

He was innocent and condemned to death, but still He managed to find love in his heart to forgive those who spoke ill of Him, persecuted him and sentenced Him. 'Father, Forgive them for they know not what they do'. Luke 23:34

Tech Tip Week 10 Online Gaming

With school holidays drawing closer, many children spend time playing online games. While online games can be great fun for your child and entertain them for a period of time, there are some strategies, as parents, you can implement to help create a safer gaming environment should you wish to allow them to play online games.

Prepare — locate the computer or games console in an open area of your home and use available parental controls and safety features for devices, browsers and apps.

Build good habits — help your child protect their personal information by using a screen name that does not reveal their real name. Teach them not to click on links provided during gaming session.

Agree on strategies to help them switch off — like a timer that signals game time is nearly over, with consequences for not switching off. Give your child a time frame and stick to it.

Stay involved — talk regularly with your child about their gaming interests and who they play with online. Learn about the game and the communication features so you are aware of what they are doing and playing.

Be aware of what they are playing — games vary in their rating. Find games that have appropriate themes and content related to their age.

Be wary of online interactions — Regardless of a game's rating, online interactions with other players are not rated. When playing online interactions can be made with other players using voice and text messaging. Utilise features such as muting and private accounts to limit child interaction with strangers while playing online. This will only allow for online communication with registered "Friends".

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

Term 1 Week 10		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Alexander Dimos	Angelina Spiteri
KG	Jayda Tischler	Charlotte Frater
KW	Savannah Gatt	Finn McNamara
Year 1 B	Noah Falcone	Neve Moujalli
Year 1 G	Michelle Wilianto	Sofia Barbara
Year 1 W	Lachlan Boje	Scarlett Malae
Year 2 B	Riccardo Barbatano	Jack Lenane
Year 2G	Emily Cook	Samuel Meighan
Year 2W	Kianah Lesar	Hamish Clarke
Year 3 B	Lachlan Wang	Ryan Shabazi
Year 3 G	Lily <u>Tawadrouse</u>	Ciaran McKeever
Year 3 W	Athena Sales	Benjamin Andrews
Year 4 B	Aiden Harvey	Elisa Reece
Year 4 G	Nate Sloane	Cooper Keating
Year 4 W	Benjamin Robertson	Sienna Galea
Year 5 B	Ethan Maddaford	Phoenix Rich
Year 5G	Ethan Dyke	Zara Buchanan
Year 5W	Tayah Youssef	Luke Scanes
Year 6 B	Ethan Billyard	Axel Pace
Year 6 W	Lucas Clarke	Sienna Flores

Reminder

If getting a haircut during the holidays – Acceptable Hair Styles

The following is a passage in the parent handbook that refers to this....

"Hair is to be neat and tidy, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of the styles that are unacceptable include: ridges, undercuts, steps, mullets, any excessive shaping with products and any shaving cuts." This includes boy's long hair in ponytails.

Girls' hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face and eyes. Ribbons, hair clips etc should be school colours". Girl's hair should be of a consistent natural colour.



MARK THESE DATES

- P&F AGM will be Wednesday 4th May
- Mother's Day Staff will be Thursday 5th May
- Mother's Day Assembly followed by a cuppa and a visit to the classrooms will be on Friday 6th May

Daylight Saving finishes this Sunday 3rd April. Please remember to wind your clocks back **one hour** when you go to bed on Saturday.

If Your Child is Absent – Please note

Please use the Absence SMS sent at approximately 10.30am each day to indicate why your child is absent. **In addition to the SMS, it is imperative that you email the school if your child has Covid, is a close contact, is having surgery or has a serious illness.**

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

Sibling Kindergarten Acceptance Letters

Acceptance letters for sibling kindergarten students have gone home in the notebag today. If you applied for kindergarten 2023, please check your older sibling's bag. Acceptance Letters need to be returned by next **Thursday 7th April.**

Holy Week

At

Our Lady of the angels

Palm Sunday: Vigil Saturday (9/4) 5.30pm
Sunday (10/4) 8.30am, 10.00am & 5.30pm
11.30am (Box Hill)

Holy Thursday (14/4): Mass of the Last Supper 7.00pm
Adoration will be available until
night prayer at 10.00pm

Good Friday (15/4): Stations of the Cross 10.00am
Confessions after the Stations
The Passion Liturgy 3.00pm

Easter Vigil (16/4): Saturday Evening 7.00pm

Easter Sunday (17/4): 8.30am, 10.00am & 5.30pm
11.30am (Box Hill)



Evacuation Drill – Rescheduled to this coming week.

As part of our mandatory safety requirement, this coming week we will endeavour to have an evacuation drill. These practises are undertaken regularly in order to ensure the safety of our children should an emergency ever occur.