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Welcome to the 2022 School Year

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to another exciting year of faith, fun and learning. Together, as a community of students, parents, teachers and parish, we look forward to working in partnership towards providing a high level of quality Catholic Education to our students, developing them spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially and physically.

I sincerely hope that the holiday period was a treasured time of relaxation, laughter, memories in the making, family and friends. Most importantly I hope that you and your family have been safe and that these Covid times we live in have been manageable.

Congratulations on a wonderful start to the school year by all the children. I have been very proud to see the children quickly settling into their learning and living in harmony with each other in particular our new Kindergarten students.

My sincere thanks to all the staff for beginning the year with such enthusiasm and care in their privileged roles. They are an outstanding team of educators. This year we welcome Mrs Kimberly Robertson and Miss Emily Galdes as Year 1B Classroom teachers, Mrs Taneel Murray as Year 4G Executive Release, Mrs Louise Lean as Year 5G Executive Release, Mrs Ekua Nkrumah as our new counsellor and Mr Thomas Robertson as our new IT trainee. We also welcome back Mrs Carmen Savoia (KB) who has returned from maternity leave.

We ask for God's blessings over our Christ centred community of new and existing families, staff and religious as we embark on our 13th year of providing a high level of quality Catholic Education for the children, who are our first priority.

A rewarding journey into 2022 awaits as we aim to develop the whole child and foster their lifelong relationship with Christ. As parents and partners in your child's education I encourage you to work alongside the talented, dedicated and professional staff here at OLA as they provide and facilitate opportunities for your child to grow to their full potential. Your support is appreciated and is an integral part of the success of OLA.

You should be extremely proud of your school, OLA, and its welcoming atmosphere. The way that our children gather together each day is indeed unique and special. I look forward to working with you as the first educators of your children to make 2022 a most rewarding year.

To help ensure the wellbeing and safety of all without our OLA community, we have many Covid safe procedures in place. Many thanks for administering Rapid Antigen Tests to your children and for supporting the many regulations, procedures and routines in place. Please continue to take note of Covid information being sent home.

Additional RAT kits, once delivered by the Government, will be distributed for weeks 4 and 5. If there is a positive case in a grade an email will be sent home. We ask parents to continue to monitor for symptoms and regularly test their child. Children only need to stay home if they test positive or a member of the family they live with is positive. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Opening School Mass

OLA's Opening School Mass and SRC Commissioning for 2022 will be held on Friday 11th February at 9.00am. Unfortunately, due to Covid regulations, only the parents of the Year 6 Captains are invited to attend.

NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (6th February 2022)

Luke 5:11



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Hearing the call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and everyone of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and everyone of us. The call comes to us through our friends, our experiences, our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship or at the very least unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

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Dear Lord,
use my eyes to **SEE** my friends again
open my ears to **HEAR** my teacher
open my mind to **LEARN** new things
let my heart **REMEMBER** you are near when I'm afraid
help me to **LOVE** others like you do
I want to **SHINE** your light
SO BRIGHT IN MY SCHOOL. Amen



Please note we have just completed Week 2 of Term 1 in accordance to the NSW Department of Education calendar,

Welcome

We would like to welcome the following new families from Years 1 - 6 to our school this week:-

Bhangu Family – Saif (1G)
Borate Family – Ziva (1W)
Dinh Family – Kevin (1W) and Tony (5B)
Icaro Family – Klay (1W) and Blake (5B)
Reece Family – Braxton (1W) and Elisa (4B)
Balayan Family – Valentino (2G)
Manku Family – Devik (2G)
Sococ Family – Stefan (2W)
Tan Family – Jenette (2W)
Wang Family – Lachlan (3B)
Afoakway Family – Esther (4G)
Fong Family – Ally (4G) and Adrian (6B)
Bui Family – Andy (5B)
Holland Family – Abigail (5W)
Delish Family – Rion (6W)

We hope that your years here with us at OLA will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

School Leaders for 2022

Congratulations to our Year 6 Student Leaders for 2022 who will be presented with their badges at our Opening School Mass:

School Captains

Rose Montgomery & Marcel Dalla

Vice School Captains

Leah Ocampo & Alonso Buda

Francis Captains (Green)

Eva Bond & Troy Noel-Osimen

Marian Captains (Blue)

Ruby Millers & Patrick Pacella

Claire Captains (Red)

Ashlee Charlton & Jordan Holden

Gabriel Captains (Yellow)

Heidi Nicholls & Lucas Clarke





Happy birthday to members of our OLA
Community who celebrated their birthday in
JANUARY

Sat 1st Jan

Tayah Youssef

Sun 2nd Jan

Mrs Michelina Micallef

Mon 3rd Jan

Georgia Sourial

Tues 4th Jan

Aiden Harvey

Thurs 6th Jan

Ashton Sleiman

Fri 7th Jan

Noah Hartz

Sat 8th Jan

Sirine Al Lati

Alvaro Barbara

Emily Cook

Jacob Montgomery

Sun 9th Jan

Samora Noel-Osimen

Mrs Nibal Younes

Tues 11th Jan

Marcel Balayan

Alex Dimos

Xavier Fava

Audrey Pedavoli

Wed 12th Jan

Abbey Zahra

Thurs 13th Jan

Rose Montgomery

Miss Emily Galdes

Fri 14th Jan

Fionn Galway

Sat 15th Jan

Kian Santiago

Sun 16th Jan

Gabby Acluba

Myra Batra

Stefan Sococ

Sienna Vella

Wed 19th Jan

Amelia Pendlebury

Jethro Torre Islas

Thurs 20th Jan

Hamish Clarke

Fri 21st Jan

Aurelia Gresser

Lucas Richardson

Mr Meinardo Benitez

Sat 22nd Jan

Evelyn McKee

Sun 23rd Jan

Alexa Nasso

Mrs Tracy Hunt

Tues 25th Jan

Harrison Jones

Wed 26th Jan

Theo Summerhays

Thurs 27th Jan

Brianna Charlton

Fri 28th Jan

Mia Camilleri

Mon 31st Jan

Sean McKeever

Happy birthday to members of our OLA
Community who have celebrated their birthday
this week or celebrating their birthday this
coming week....

Tues 1st Feb

Eva Bond

Wed 2nd Feb

Olivia Falzon

Thurs 3rd Feb

Isabella Deur

Eleora Kerollos

Kianah Lesar

Fri 4th Feb

Ashton Riley

Luis Flores

Sat 5th Feb

Elijah Dabit

Daniel Orlando

Ruby Masters

Sun 6th Feb

Jack Lambert

Mon 7th Feb

Ryan Shahbazi

Erica Sommer

Joshua Stewart

Tues 8th Feb

Sofia Costa

Fri 11th Feb

Alex Vozzo

Sat 12th Feb

Jeremiah Chayban

Benedict Ypilan

Supporting and Extending your Child's Learning

Over the next few weeks, the teachers will extensively assess your child so as to get to know their strengths and areas of need. They will also read each child's file and reports so as to get a better perception of their past performance and successes. It is important to have a good understanding of each child's needs before launching into the programming of work, so that it meets these needs.

Please return the Student Information form that you picked up when dropping your child off for assessments no later than Friday 11th February so that your valuable input can be utilised to assist your child.

If you did not collect a form, please email the office and we will send one home for you.

SRC Representatives

This year we will continue with the structure from 2021, in order to afford this leadership opportunity to more of our students.

There will be two SRC members for each class in Years 1-6 elected for the first semester (Terms 1 and 2) and another two SRC members elected for the second semester (Terms 3 and 4). There will be a boy and girl SRC member each semester. The presentation of SRC badges will take place at a SRC presentation assembly on Friday 18th February at 9:00am and then in Term 3 on a date to be advised. Parents of successful candidates will be advised beforehand and invited to attend the short assembly if they wish, with COVID regulations in place. Kindergarten will have two SRC members for the second semester only (ie Terms 3 and 4).

The process for nomination of SRC will commence soon. Teachers will advise the students when nominations will occur. Students wanting to nominate themselves are required to present a one to two minute speech identifying why they would like to be class representative and the qualities they can bring to the role.

Grade Nights

This year, as was the case last year, our grade information nights will be replaced with a detailed overview for the term which will be emailed to all families. It will include additional important information specific to your child's grade. This would be the same information that would have been presented on the grade night.

Teacher/Parent Meetings

Once again, this year we would like to strengthen our partnership and communication with you by meeting very early in the year for a short 10-minute parent/teacher interview. **Depending on the Covid situation at the time, this interview will either take place face to face, via zoom, or phone call.** This interview is very much a meet and greet, allowing you to put a face to your child's teacher and to further discuss your child's learning needs. These interviews for Years K-6 will take place in week 4 on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon (15/16th February).

Many thanks to the teachers for generously giving up their time out of school hours to meet with you.

You will shortly receive an email to book these interviews online. We ask that you complete it as soon as the portal opens. We encourage you, if you wish, to have your child with you when you connect with the teacher so that they can be a part of the conversation.

Sport Uniform Days				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School (DanceFever)	Kindergarten Year 2	Year 1 Year 4 Year 6	Year 3 Year 5	

- **Dance Fever** - On Monday the K-6 Dance Fever program will commence. We are fortunate to have the talented Dance Fever staff at OLA each Monday providing the children the opportunity to experience the many forms of dance. The Dance program culminates at the end of Term 1 in a dance showcase for Year 3-6, (Covid permitting) which brings together the many schools involved in the dance program across Sydney.

The Dance fever educators will then return to OLA in Term 3, where they will be teaching a gymnastics program for K-6! Children in each grade will have a 40min session with the Dance Fever educators each Monday and are therefore required to wear their sports uniform.

- **School Open Day for 2023.** Our school open day for Kindergarten 2023 will be held on **Thursday 10th March at 9.30am – 11.00am, starting at 9.30am with a presentation and tour.** Please kindly pass on this information to friends and relatives seeking enrolment at OLA.
- **Canteen** begins this **Monday, 14th February** and will continue with online sales only utilising the Flexischools App. For those new to OLA, please download the Flexischools App to your phone as all sales must be made through the app. Please note that orders must be placed by 7.15am on the day (Monday, Wednesday & Friday).
- If you have placed an order and your child is then away, please email the school office before 9.00am to advise that your child will not be at school and to move the order to another day. It is important that you mark the email 'Attention Canteen'.

School Website

Another form of communication at our school is the school website.

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/home> The website is regularly updated with stories of different things that have occurred, upcoming events, the term calendar and access to permission notes. This section can be found in 'News and Events' then 'Parent Notes' or <http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/parent-notes>

In Parent Notes you will find an up to date school uniform list, medication notes and leave of exemption forms. Throughout the year, it will be updated as needed with excursion notes, sporting notes and special event notes.

School Census Day - Friday 11th February

Friday 11th February is the school census day.

If you know that your child will be away on 11th February, please email ola@parra.catholic.edu.au advising the reason for the absence and when they will return.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your co-operation.

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'

School Hats

OLA has a "NO HAT, NO PLAY" policy
Please ensure your child has their school hat with them each day to assist in promoting sun safety and awareness in your child/ren. Any child not wearing a school hat at play times will need to play under the sheltered areas. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled.

2022 OLA STAFF TEAM

Parish Priest:	Fr Carlos and Fr Omar
Parish Phone No:	8883 4063
Principal:	Mr Tony Calabria
Assistant Principal:	Mr Stephen Cauchi
Administration:	Mrs Helen Goldsworthy (Mon-Fri) Mrs Tracy Hunt (Mon-Fri) Mrs Leanne Eisenhuth (Mon) Mrs Jo Hall (Tues-Thurs)
6B:	Mrs Samantha Zivic/Mrs Kyra Giglio
6W:	Mr Luke Campbell
5B:	Mrs Jacqueline Cheadle
5G:	Mrs Rebecca Cordukes (Stage 3 Coordinator)
5W:	Miss Madison Hogan
4B:	Miss Emily Digwood
4G:	Miss Pina Grima (Stage 2 Coordinator)
4W:	Mrs Rebecca Moulton (Wed, Thurs, Fri)/Mrs Abby Buckley (Mon, Tues, Wed)
3B:	Miss Kimberley Marchant
3G:	Mr Joshua Lee
3W:	Mrs Leanne Vella
2B:	Mrs Cherie Lopresti
2G:	Mrs Samantha Vella
2W:	Mrs Katrina Byrne (Religious Education Coordinator - REC)
1B:	Mrs Kim Robertson (Tues-Thurs)/Miss Emily Galdes (Mon, Fri)
1G:	Miss Zoe Brown
1W:	Mrs Nicole Hodgess
KB:	Mrs Carmen Savoia
KG:	Mrs Nicole Arayon
KW:	Mrs Nibal Younes
Learning Support:	Mrs Jan Schroder (Mon-Wed) Mrs Lisa Hurst (Infants - Early Stage 1, Stage 1 Coordinator) Mrs Terina Macare Mrs Sarah McBrien (Mon, Tues) Mrs Frances Eisenhuth Mrs Sherree Lopez (Tues, every second Wed, Thurs) Mrs Samantha Grunsell
Specialist Teachers:	Miss Julia Fahmi (Music) Mrs Michelina Micallef (Italian) Mrs Lyndelle Batten (Physical Education)
Library:	Mrs Sara Wagner (Mon-Thurs)
Coordinator Release:	Mrs Lisa Rizk (REC release Thurs/every second Fri - Yr 2) Mrs Louise Lean (Stage 3 Coordinator Release Fri - Yr 5) Mrs Taneel Murray (Stage 2 Coordinator Release Tues - Yr 4)
Teachers' Aides:	Mrs Jacinta Aspinall Mrs Maree MacDermid (Mon, Tues) Mrs Christine Bernobic Mrs Carmen Cassar (Mon-Thurs)
Counsellor:	Mrs Ekua Nkrumah
Groundsperson:	Mr Meinardo Benitez

Uniform Shop

Due to COVID, the Uniform shop is not open for parents to attend. However, uniform orders can be left at the office, through the notebag, via email or over the phone at any time throughout the week, and they will be **filled on Mondays and Wednesdays**. No cash will be accepted. Eftpos only.

Please note that we are **unable** to supply a hat or any other item first thing in the morning from the office as the uniform shop is not in the admin building.

PLEASE NOTE that there will be a slight price increase on some items as of **Monday 14th February**, due to an increase in the suppliers' costs last year. A new price list will be sent home next week.

Band

Our band and instrument lessons for Years 3-6 begin this coming Friday, 11th February. Mrs Maddison O'Connor from Teaching Services Australia will be OLA's Band/Instrument teacher. We look forward to their performances in the future as they develop their talents and skills. Instruments may be left in the library with the Band Master. If you are new to OLA and would like your child to join the band, please contact Teaching Services Australia on 9651-7355 or email enrolments@teachingservices.com.au

Kindergarten First Day of School



Our School is a Nut Aware School Community

At Our Lady of the Angels School, we have children who have severe allergies to nuts. While allergic reactions are common and most are not serious, for these children the reaction can be life-threatening. This is called anaphylaxis and can occur in minutes of an exposure to a trigger, in these children's case, nuts.

We see prevention as a major part of providing a safe environment for these children. So as to support our community's effort in this regard, parents are requested not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school with their children.

The following list gives examples of such foods:-

- Peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Biscuits and cakes containing nuts
- Snack packs containing nuts
- Chocolate bars containing nuts, eg Picnics, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks and Fruit & Nut Chocolates
- Marzipan and nougat
- Muesli bars and snack bars containing nuts
- Yoghurt and nut mixer packs
- Confectionery items such as Lolly Gobble Bliss Boms and Rocky Road
- Uncle Toby's yoghurt museli bars

We realise that there may be trace elements of nuts in a variety of other foods. However, if you use the above list as a guide you will be doing your part. Parents can also reinforce with their children that sharing food is not allowed at OLA.

From the Office....

Thank you to all parents for your patience during the first week of school. The office desk and phone is often at its busiest at this time of year and so we do appreciate your patience.

Just a few reminders:-

Going Cashless - From 2022 we, like many schools in the Diocese, are going cashless. We ask all parents to download the Qkr App (instructions attached to this newsletter) as this and EFTPOS will be our only options for payments (other than fees). You cannot pay school fees on the Qkr App at this stage. If any payments are due to be made eg, gala days, sport trials etc, a note (email) will be sent home asking you to use the Qkr App.

Notes for the Office - Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes for the office. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes to the office via the class note bag. This system allows the office to receive notes without parents being required to come into the school. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information. **For those new to school life, if a note says, 'please return to the office' we mean for it to come through the notebag to the office.** Thanks

Change of Details - It is **critical** that the school has up-to-date contact details for all students at all times. Please ensure that any phone, address or contact details that change are relayed to the office as a matter of urgency. It is particularly important to advise the office if there is a change in the home situation (eg separation). It is most distressing for children and staff if we are unable to contact parents in the case of a child being ill or injured.

Late/Early Leavers - If your child is late for school or needs to be collected early, you must attend the office and fill out the Late/Early Leavers Slip. If your child arrives **at 8.50am or later**, you need to come into the office to sign them in. If there is a need to pick up your child early, please **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE** to ask that your child is ready for when you get here. They will be called only when a parent has arrived to collect them. This is in the interest of minimising work in what is already a very busy office and in reducing the amount of lost learning time for your child. It is also recommended that appointments are made out of school time, wherever possible.

Exemption for Leave Form - If you are taking your child on holidays and they will miss 5 days or more from school, an Exemption for Leave Form **MUST** be completed prior to the leave and sent to the office. A certificate will then be completed and sent home. If notification is given either during or after the leave, then your child's roll will be marked as 'unexplained' leave.

School Fees - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) will be sending out the school fees over the next few weeks. Diocesan policy is moving towards no cash being accepted over the counter from 2022. If you wish to pay your fees by cash (as opposed to credit card, direct debit, bpay) you may do so via Australia Post. Once you have received the fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy if you have any queries at all.

Medication - If your child needs medication at school, new medication forms will need to be completed and given to the office. Please see us if you need to discuss anything, or you need the forms. **No medication is to be kept in your child's school bag.**

Student's Birthday -

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 during this COVID 19 period. 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 due to COVID 19 as it is always unknown as to who has handled the items from manufacturer to classroom. This restriction is aimed solely at doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your child.

Are you Receiving Emails?

As information & various notes are emailed from the school, please ensure that we have your correct/preferred email

Term Overviews

Keep an eye out for Term 1 Grade Overviews coming home soon.

Attached to this email:-

- Qkr App Instructions