



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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Term 1, Week 8

Catholic Schools Week 2022

The children have had a lovely week of faith, fun and learning as we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, St Patrick's Day, St Joseph's Day and Crazy Hair Day.

The sea of green accessories for St Patrick's Day looked fantastic. We ask for St Patrick's and St Joseph's blessings upon our OLA Community.

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His Hand
A Gaelic Blessing*



Thank you for your overwhelming generosity of goods for St Patricks Day for St Vincent de Paul and for your monetary donations to support those affected by floods in the Lismore Diocese. Together we raised \$2,030.00. This is an amazing! Thank you. Both of these contributions show the true spirit of our OLA community as we reach out to others in need.

During this time of Lent it is important to spend time in prayer, particularly for world health and peace. May Christ's blessings be with you and your family as we follow the Lenten path and the rich catholic story to Easter Sunday.

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 school.

Thank you for your diligence and support in ensuring your child is well enough to attend school. A reminder to continue to let us know if your child tests positive to Covid or is a close contact. Gladly our number of positive cases are now currently in single digits. At present we have a limited number of RAT kits still available. If you would like additional RAT kits, please email the office. (This will be on a first in first served basis.) My appreciation for working in partnership to keep all in our OLA community safe.

Following on from last week, here are a few more quotes from our students about why they love being at OLA:-

I love OLA because I meet new teachers and play with my friends.

Jack Lambert Year 1

I love OLA because we learn lots of new things that are educational, but we also learn about how to be a good person, like Jesus.

Ella MacDonald Year 3

I love attending OLA because of the fun group tasks they set up for us, as well as the friendships and the positive environment they provide. I absolutely love all the fun experience they gift us with.

Charlotte-Rose Naim Year 5

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

NEWSLETTER



Third Sunday of Lent (20th March 2022)

Luke 13:1-9

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Bad things/Good people

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

(LiturgyHelp.com @ Greg Sunter)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

We were overwhelmed with the kind generosity of our Our Lady of the Angels Community this week. Firstly, the response to the St Vincent de Paul 'Kids Packs' was amazing. The students in Year Five and Year Six will be busy creating the kids packs for St Vincent de Paul to distribute to those students in need.



Prayer in times of distress

Almighty and everlasting God, You are strength to those who suffer and comfort to those who grieve. Let the prayers of your children who are in trouble rise to you.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We claim your promises of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill or are suffering loss and long for your healing touch.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

To everyone in distress, grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

As we begin to rebuild, we commend our neighbourhoods to your care. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create a community where your will may be done.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love and hold them in faith.

May they find you and be comforted; In Jesus' name, we pray...

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER



ALTAR SERVERS COURSE

If you have received your sacrament of First Holy Communion and you are interested in being an altar server at mass on the weekends or school masses, the parish are running a three week course Saturday afternoons. The course started last Saturday however Father Omar is happy for extras to join this Saturday afternoon at 3.30-4.30pm.

Stage Masses

This coming week the following grades will be celebrating Mass in the Church:-

Years 5 & 6 - Wednesday 23rd March at 11.30am

Years K, 1 & 2 – Wednesday 6th April at 10.00am

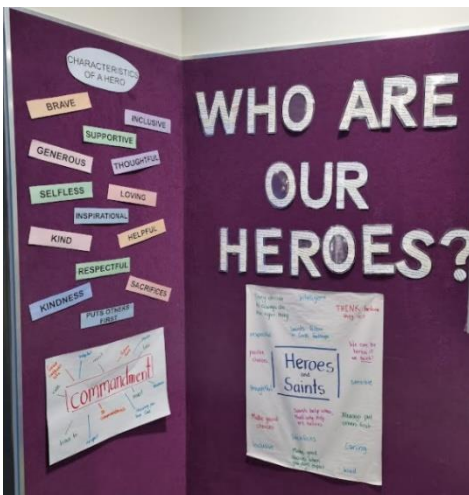
Parents of these children are welcome to attend.

Harmony Day – Monday 21st March

Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate Australia as a multicultural society where we are encouraged to make sure that everyone belongs. OLA will celebrate this day with a prayer reflection and create a display to highlight the diverse and blessed community in which we live.

RE in the Classroom – Year 4

This term, Year Four are learning about how to make loving choices and to take responsibility for the actions. They are looking at Jesus' great commandment to love God and each other. Students are reflecting on ways they can respond to God's love for us and how Jesus is our ultimate hero.



Jesus was the ultimate hero

Jesus was the ultimate hero because in John 8: 22-25 Jesus calms the storm he was faithful because when the disciples woke him up he did not panic and just said I will calm the storm and so he did, he also said "where is your faith?" and continued to sleep.

In John 8: 22-25 Jesus was humble because he saved the disciples by calming the storm and being humble about it because he did not make a fuss and brag about it, instead he just acted as if nothing happened

Jesus is helpful by, in John 21: 1-14 he told the disciples to fish on the right side of the boat and so they did and they caught loads of fish, it was a miracle

Jesus kept people from starving by telling people in Luke 8: 22-25 that they will not starve and have faith and when they had faith they had caught a load of fish

Literacy News

PM e-Collection A selection of e-books is available for all K-2 students. The e-Collection is digitised for use online, including iPads. The 350 titles cover the range of PM levels 1 to 30. Students will recognise recurring characters and discover favourite PM titles in an interactive format. Students will only have access to the titles in the levels that have been selected for them by their teacher.



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.



Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge this week. Well done girls!

Leo Borgiani 1B & Addison Lawler 1W



At OLA we would love **all** students to participate in this year's challenge. There will be a pizza lunch for the grade with the greatest percentage of participants.

NAPLAN practice Test

All schools participating in NAPLAN Online in 2022 will be taking part in a practice test during this coming week.

The practice test is a trial-run and preparation for NAPLAN Online and will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience.

The practice tests include an omnibus test (combination of Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy questions) and a writing test, both approximately 40 minutes in length. All students in Years 5, 7 & 9 are expected to complete both tests. Year 3 students will only participate in the omnibus test.

A reminder that all students in Years 3 & 5 will need headphones.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

CROSS COUNTRY Years 3 - 6

NEW DATE

Monday 28th March, 2022

Same details as before. Please see note sent home earlier this week.



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

Mon 21st Mar

Ryan Scanes
Grace Muscat

Tues 22nd Mar

Rome Moujalli

Wed 23rd Mar

Chloe Tischler
Zoe Bell

Thurs 24th Mar

Sophia Ali

Sat 26th Mar

Arella Sales
Levi Cauchi
Rohan Pillai
Ms Madison Hogan

Kindergarten 2023

Sibling Enrolment Application

We are receiving many applications for Kindergarten 2023. If you have not yet submitted your sibling application for 2023, please do so on Monday. Acceptance letters will be sent out at the beginning of April.

Theme of the Week:

"Forgive Others"

How often do adults and children really forgive others or more importantly themselves. Jesus truly teaches us the meaning of forgiveness through His life, death and resurrection. Forgiving others means taking the time to reconcile and rebuild relationships to move forward and not dwell on the past. As a parish school community, we should always strive to model forgiveness to those around us.

OLA SPORT NEWS

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

On Friday 11th March, Lucas, Erica, Eva, Lauren and Divena displayed great athleticism and sportsmanship. We would like to send a huge congratulations to Erica Sommer (who was also the Junior Runner up at the Zone Carnival), for finishing 3rd in her 200m Individual Medley. We wish her all the best representing Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSS Swimming at Homebush on 22nd March.

Sporting Schools Trials

After a wet and washed out few weeks, the trials to represent Parramatta Diocese took place this week. With an enormous turnout from across the Diocese, we are extremely proud to announce that Jordan Holden, Will Harvey and Fionn Galway have been selected to represent Parramatta Diocese in the boys soccer team. Special mention to Roko, Ruby and Addison who just missed out. OLA are again so proud of the determination and skilful students we have. We will keep you posted when the boys play at the Mackillop Trials in Goulburn in May.



Parramatta Diocese Touch Football

We wish Lucas Clarke and Ruby Millers the very best of luck as they travel down to Yass to play today, Friday 18th March at the Mackillop Trials. This is a huge accomplishment to be selected for the Parramatta team and can't wait to hear the results. OLA will be cheering you on.

OLA Cross Country

ATTENTION.....NEW DATE

We have rebooked Centenary Park for Monday 28th March. Just a reminder this is *optional* competitors carnival as originally organised. Please see note sent home earlier.

Athletics State Championships

Good luck to the students who have made it to the State Championships this weekend. Magnus, Lauren and Lyla, we wish you all the best for your events. Another example of the talented athletes that are a part of our OLA community.

We 'BOUNCE BACK' at OLA

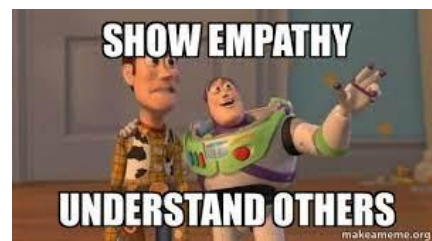
Students at OLA have been exploring the theme of empathy. Empathy can be described as the ability to step into the shoes of another person, aiming to understand their feelings and point of view, and to use that understanding to guide our actions. Empathy helps us to get along with people. Whether you can be a good friend or be successful with a team of others depends on being able to understand how other people might see a situation and how they are feeling. It helps you know how your actions affect others, what actions you need to take to be a good friend or teammate, and it helps you understand more about the people and the world around you.

How can we encourage the development of empathy? Empathise with your child by acknowledging their feelings about different situations.

- Talk about others' feelings and suggest how children can show empathy.
- Read stories about feelings.
- Be a role model. By modelling respectful relationships and interacting with others in a kind and caring way, your child can learn from your example.
- Use "I" statements. 'I' statements can be used when speaking to children - not just for children to use to express themselves. This type of communication models the importance of self-awareness.
- Validate your child's difficult emotions. Sometimes when our child is sad, angry, or disappointed, we rush to try and fix it right away, to make the feelings go away because we want to protect them from any pain. However, these feelings are part of life and ones that children need to learn to 'bounce back' from. Naming and validating various feelings can actually help children learn to handle them.
- Use pretend play.

We ask that you continue this conversation at home to identify the need to show empathy towards others.

You may like to watch this catchy music clip together. [The Playground Craze - BounceBack Video on Youtube.](#)



Tech Tip Week 8

Online Safety Basics from eSafety Website

Here are three key strategies to help you and your children safely navigate the digital world.

1. Be engaged, open and supportive
 - Get involved. Share online time with your children as part of family life.
 - Ask about their online experiences, who they are talking to and whether they are having any issues.
 - Always reassure your child they can talk to you about their online experience.
2. Set some rules
 - Set age-appropriate rules for devices and line access, with consequences for breaking them.
 - Allow your child to have some input as this will help them understand the risks.
 - Consider creating a family tech agreement
 - Consider making some 'rules for parents' too – and stick to them! Model behaviour that you would like to see.
3. Get to know your device and its features
 - Get to know the devices you and your children use and set them up for privacy and online safety.

Take advantage of parental controls to monitor and control screen time and access to content in ways appropriate to your child's age and experience.

Winter Uniform

For those new to school life, please note that the children do not change into their winter uniform until about week 3 of term 2. The winter uniform will be available for purchase from Monday 28th March.

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.

Student Personal Accident Insurance is often referred to as StudentCare and covers students engaged in school activities which have been organised by the school. If a claim needs to be made against StudentCare, this insurance does not cover any expense where a Medicare benefit is payable. Our insurer, Catholic Church Insurances (CCI) is not a private Health insurance provider and is prohibited under the Health Insurance Amendment Act 1983 to reimburse these costs including any out-of-pocket Medicare gap expenses. Limits also apply.

School Fees

The first instalment of school fees is now due and payable. 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.

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See what is happening at OLA
Visit our Facebook

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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 this week:

Term 1 Week 8		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Viktoria Czipri	Leonardo Denisenko
KG	Juno Evangelista	Jasmine Youssef
KW	Brittany Brown	Aston Wiles
Year 1 B	Harrison Shaw	Alyssa Albertini
Year 1 G	Isaac Niezabitowski	Audrey Pedavoli
Year 1 W	Jacob Montgomery	Alessio Albertini
Year 2 B	Alex Kerrolos	Alex Newman
Year 2G	Valentino Balayan	Zarah Kausei
Year 2W	Scarlett Leahy	Stefan Soccoc
Year 3 B	Jeanette Abboud	Oliver Jager
Year 3 G	Gianni Mangano	Marcus Wang
Year 3 W	Ella Macdonald	Max Suarez
Year 4 B	Charlotte Holden	Alissar ElKhoury
Year 4 G	Lachlan Riley	Harrison Dolahenty
Year 4 W	Flynn Richardson	Xavier Younes
Year 5 B	Blake Icaro	Zavier Dabit
Year 5G	Juliana Wassef	Sean McKeever
Year 5W	Felicity Gresser	Joshua Basile
Year 6 B	Paityn Ng	Sophia Ocampo
Year 6 W	Ryan Knipler	Laura McKeever

CHANGE OF SPORT UNIFORM FOR THIS WEEK ONLY DUE TO NAPLAN PRACTICE.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
All	Yr 3	Yr 6	Yr 4
	Yr 5	Yr 2	Kindy
	1B	1G	

Dates to Remember

Week 9

Mon 21st Mar Harmony Day
Wed 23rd Mar Stage 3 Mass at 11.30am
Parents of Years 5 & 6 welcome to attend

Week 10

Mon 28th Mar OLA Cross Country
Parents of competitors welcome to attend
Fri 1st Apr Year 5 Excursion Sydney Zoo, Bungarribee

Week 11

Mon 4th Apr 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
Parents of award recipients welcome to attend
Years K, 1 & 2 Mass – 10.00am
All parents welcome to attend
Fri 8th Apr **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Just some of the fun and learning at OLA this week.



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) at OLA as part of Catholic Schools Week last week, the students participated in a range of Stem activities. Some of the challenges were linked to picture books, such as 'Who Sunk the Boat', 'Humpty Dumpty', Three Little Pigs etc. Challenges included creating a balloon launcher, building a bridge, building a wall, building a house and creating a boat.



From the Parish....

Parish Fiesta 2022!

The Parish will be holding our Fiesta on Sunday, 7th August.

If you are interested in holding a stall or helping, there will be a meeting held on 31 March at 7.45 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. We also ask that you complete an Expression of Interest Form via <https://forms.gle/Ec6Bs75MoKbs8mFA7>

Our Lady of the Angels Mother's Group - Stations of the Cross

Thursday, 24 March 10am-12noon

Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents

8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville

RSVP: Tiffany 0411 692 739

Please bring a plate to share for the picnic.

Angels Hangout (Yrs 5 - 7):

Every Friday from 3:30 - 5:30pm.

Registration is \$10 per term or \$2 casual.

Don't forget to bring water and afternoon tea.

Parish Dinner Dance ~ Saturday 14th May 2022

Our Lady of the Angels Annual Dinner Dance will be held at Rydges Norwest.

You are invited. Tickets on sale shortly \$85 pp



EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday:

Vigil Saturday (9/4) 5.30pm

Sunday (10/4) 8.30am, 10am & 5.30pm
11.30 am (Box Hill)

Holy Thursday (14/4)

Mass of the Last Supper 7.00pm

Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm

Good Friday (15/4)

Stations of the Cross 10am

Confession after the stations

The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil (16/4)

Saturday evening 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday (17/4)

8.30am, 10am & 5.30pm

11.30 am (Box Hill)

