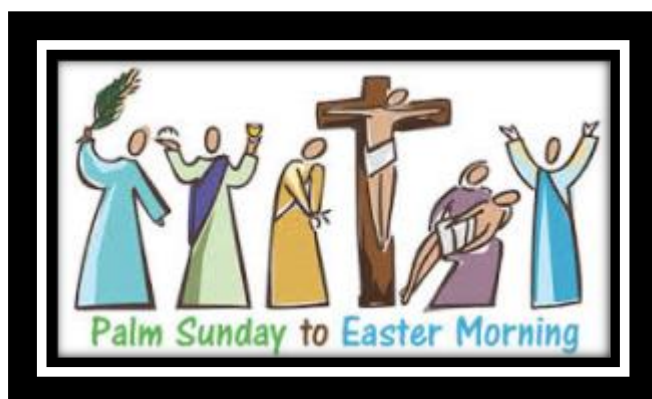


Dear Parents

Thank you Team OLA

Our talented and gifted staff team at OLA undertake numerous additional responsibilities and studies in order to help provide a high level of learning and an up-to-date curriculum for all children in all key Learning Areas. Staff regularly meet to share, develop, and discuss teaching and learning strategies and new innovations in learning. This is undertaken in the teachers' own time and staff meetings for this purpose are held each Wednesday afternoon. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all staff for the commitment that they give to their role in Catholic Education at OLA that helps make the difference. The last day of this term has been set aside as a Staff Development Day focusing on our own spirituality and our vocation as catholic educators.

This year we will celebrate a number of significant events during the school holidays. The first weekend of the holidays, features Palm Sunday and hence the official start of Holy Week. The story of Christ's journey through Holy Week unfolds in the first week of the holidays with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday falling on the middle weekend. Before we return, we celebrate Anzac day on 25th April.



Project

Calming in times of need
Own it, share it
Makes everyone feel loved
Pass it around and make smiles
A sign of integrity
Something the world needs more of
Signifies a true hero
In times of despair, this shall appear
Overly enjoyed
Not a want, but a need

Given Holy Week/Easter falls in the holidays, the children will have pre-Holy Week activities in class and unpack the journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. At the start of Term 2, we will hold a school Anzac Day Ceremony on Wednesday 27th April at 9.00am and a post Easter 'Resurrection Celebration' on Friday 29th April also at 9.00am. Parents are most welcome to join us at either of these celebrations.

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

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.

Theme of the Week:

"Saying Thank You"

Fostering a culture of appreciation towards others is an important value. Too often children (and yes, even adults) can take for granted what others do for them. It is wonderful to see children who take the time to acknowledge and thank their parents, relatives, friends, teachers, peers etc either verbally or in writing. In a world where we sometimes take people and the things they do for granted or expect so much from others it is amazing just how much a 'thank you' can do.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

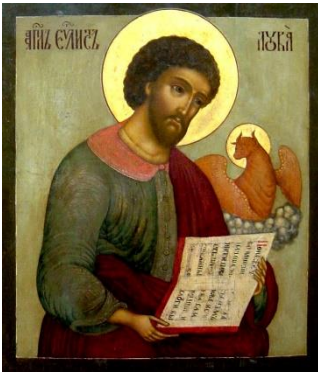
FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2022

Children DO NOT attend school on this day.

The OLA staff will be off-site on a Spirituality Day so please make a note of this in your diary.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (27th March 2022)

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Truth and Reconciliation

For Jews, pigs are ritually unclean, so that living in a pig sty would make this young man unapproachable. So, imagine the reaction of his Jewish audience when Jesus told the story of the father running to his son and embracing him still stinking of the pig sty, exclaiming, 'You were lost and now you are found.' That is Jesus' portrayal of his heavenly Father's relationship with us.

Of course, sometimes we are the older brother, resentful that someone seems to have had too easy a time of God's forgiveness. Is this the attitude of many who challenge

the emphasis by Pope Francis on Mercy as the core of God's relationship with us?

More often, we are like the younger brother who has strayed to a far off place, sometimes quite deliberately.

We could resolve to approach the Sacrament of Mercy during Lent, knowing that our heavenly Father will run towards us, embracing us, exclaiming, 'You were lost but now you are found.' That is worth a celebration! (LiturgyHelp.com @ Fr Michael Tate)



Sacrament of First Reconciliation-We keep the students in our prayers who are currently preparing for their first reconciliation to be held on Saturday, 2nd April at 10.00am and 4.00pm.

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. One small donation from everyone, equals a large donation that can touch another's heart,



Stage Masses

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

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

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

Palm Sunday – 10th April

Good Friday – 15th April

Easter Sunday – 17th April

Harmony Day – Monday 21st March

Harmony Week-This week we have focused on teaching students the importance of belonging and using kind words, actions and thoughts. The importance of inclusiveness and treasuring each persons uniqueness are the Gospel values Jesus teaches us and we need to follow in his footsteps in our daily lives.



RE in the Classroom - Year 6

This term, Year 6 are learning about how we can respond to God's call as stewards of creation. Students are creating a Google Site reflecting on the impact that our choices have on the environment and the people and animals who cohabitate in our world.



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!

Jayden Acluba KG, Gabrielle Acluba 1W, Sofia Montgomery 3B,
Lily Tawadrouse 3G & Zoe Bell 5W

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.



Congratulations to the following students for participating in the 2021 Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

Juliana Aguilar, Aiden Ajay, Sophia Ali, Chloe Bassili, Myra Batra, Skye Batra, Zoe Bell, Ava-Belle Chong, Giacomo Crosato, Mirelle Ferdinands, Luca Galea, Sienna Galea, Fionn Galway, Alexander Gobran, Felicity Gresser, Oliver Jagar, Jenon James, Elizabeth McKee, Evelyn McKee, Olivia Medjumurac, Eva Perry, Bianca Wallace & Juliana Wassef.

A special mention goes to Ethan Zachariah who received a runners-up certificate & prize of a \$30 Teen voucher.



Lisa Hurst, Literacy Co-ordinator





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

Sun 27th Mar
Angela Alin

Thurs 31st Mar
Andy Bui

Mon 28th Mar
Audrey Summerhays
Christian Morelli

Fri 1st April
Sienna Galea
Laura McKeever
Alonso Buda

Wed 30th Mar
Isaac Niezabitowski
Phoenix Rich
Abbey Buxton

Liam Masters
Neve Moujalli
Lauren Myhre Fox

Sat 2nd April
Mr Stephen Cauchi

OLA Sport News

OLA Cross Country

The OLA Cross Country will be held this coming Monday, 28th March at Centenary Oval. The children who have nominated to participate will attend school as normal on Monday morning and will be walked across to the oval by a teacher. The students will need their hat, sunscreen and plenty of water. Please refer to the note that was emailed home for the race times.

Congratulations to Erica Sommer. What an achievement to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSS Swimming at Homebush on 22nd March. When our students make it this far and give it all they've got, it brings joy to the OLA community. To finish 10th in the Individual Medley at this level is outstanding. We are very proud of you Erica.

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the state level of Little Athletics last week:

Lyla Sofiak - came 8th in the long jump
Lauren Mhyre Fox - came 7th in the 1100m walk
Magnus Mhyre Fox - came 4th in the junior 4 x 100m relay

Dates to Remember

Week 10

Mon 28th Mar

OLA Cross Country

Parents of competitors welcome to attend
Year 5 Excursion Sydney Zoo, Bungarribee

Fri 1st Apr

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

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

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

Year 1 History Day

Yesterday, Year 1 went back in time and experienced a History Day by going to school in the early 1900s.

The children had lots of fun playing olden day games like jacks, skipping, elastics, marbles, cats cradle, quoits, pick up sticks and hopscotch. A special thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to help with the games. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities.



We 'BOUNCE BACK' at OLA

Determination & Concentration

Determination and concentration are important skills when developing the ability to 'Bounce Back' when a task or experience may seem too overwhelming or difficult. Sometimes, it may seem easier and it may feel safer to give up. Over the next two weeks we will be exploring these two concepts. Determination keeps you going even when you want to give up. Developing and mastering skills can come in many forms and it may take a short time or a long time to experience success. It may be a learning task in the classroom, learning to play a musical instrument, a skill that is specific to a sport or a social skill. Concentration keeps you focussed on the task at hand. This leads to learning which enables you to perform the skill or task again and again. Developing the mindset to 'have a go' and to 'Bounce Back' in a safe environment is important for developing confidence, self esteem and independence. It is important to understand that this may take many attempts and that this is ok. At OLA we celebrate new learnings and growth, big and small when children overcome challenges.



Tech Tip Week 9

Here are 10 top tips to help protect your children online.

- 1 **Build an open trusting relationship around technology**—keep communication open and supportive so your child knows they can come to you if something goes wrong or does not feel right online.
- 2 **Co-view and co-play with your child online.** This will help you better understand what they are doing and why they enjoy an app, game or website, as well as providing a great opportunity to start conversations about online safety.
- 3 **Build good habits and help your child to develop digital intelligence and social and emotional skills**—such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience—and practice being good online citizens.
- 4 **Empower your child**—wherever possible, help them make wise decisions for themselves, rather than telling them what to do. Try to provide them with strategies for dealing with negative online experiences that will build their confidence and resilience.
- 5 **Use devices in open areas of the home** —this can help you manage and be aware of who your child interacts with online through phones, tablets, smart TVs, gaming consoles and other connected devices. Devices should be left outside the bedroom when children go to bed.
- 6 **Set time limits that balance time spent in front of screens with offline activities** —a family technology plan can help you to manage expectations around where and when technology use is allowed. Any device use should cease at least 30 minutes before bedtime.
- 7 **Know the apps, games, and social media sites your kids are using**—make sure they are age-appropriate and learn how to limit messaging or online chat and location-sharing functions within apps or games.
- 8 **Check the privacy settings on the games and apps** your child is using and make sure their profiles are turned on to the strictest privacy setting. Restrict who can contact your child or ask them to check in with you before accepting new friends.
- 9 **Use available technologies to setup parental controls** on devices that can filter harmful content, monitor your child's use, and limit or block their time on connected devices or functions.
- 10 Be alert to signs of distress and know where to go for more advice and support. Visit esafety.gov.au/report to find out how eSafety can help to remove online harmful content.

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.

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

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.

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.

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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'

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.

Parent Emails to School

At OLA we value our strong relationship with families and welcome opportunities to communicate with parents and carers. We also recognise that email is a fast and convenient way to contact your child's teacher or other school staff.

If you wish to contact a staff member, please email ola@parra.catholic.edu.au. Your email will then be directed to your child's teacher or another relevant staff member. This helps us to have confidence that we are aware of any matters needing our attention as a team, and that you are connected to the person who can best help.

Thank you so much for your assistance and understanding as we work together in partnership.

Artist of the Week

Congratulations to the following students
for being our Artists of the Week:-

Kindergarten: Carmella Saba

Year 1: Carlos Ji

Year 2: Lucy Roberts

Year 3: Maximilian Suarez

Year 4: Alissar ElKhouri

Year 5: Juliana Aguilar

Year 6: Natasha Cabarles



Evacuation Drill

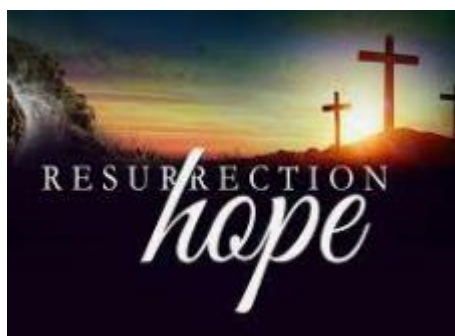
As part of our mandatory safety requirement, this coming week we will endeavour to have an evacuation drill. These practises are undertaken regularly in order to ensure the safety of our children should an emergency ever occur.

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

Term 1 Week 9		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Zachary Fernando	Benedict Ypilan
KG	June Ye	Dylan Dalton
KW	Josephine Pranto	Mischa Donzow
Year 1 B	Liam Dyke	Arianna Mangano
Year 1 G	Samuel Cauchi	Nash Cleary
Year 1 W	Ariella Brown	Alexa Nasso
Year 2 B	Amalia Gergely-Hollai	Arella Bautista
Year 2G	Oscar Meli	Myra Shokeen
Year 2W	Charlize Abboud	Emily Dalton
Year 3 B	Andre Youssef	Isabella Deur
Year 3 G	Johanna Torre Islas	Clara Denisenko
Year 3 W	Caleb Atkins	Cooper Foley
Year 4 B	Antonio Dinos	Sienna Ng
Year 4 G	Eva Millers	Alessia Costa
Year 4 W	Lucas George	Lauren Mhyre Fox
Year 5 B	Alegria Shaw	Sebastian Georges
Year 5G	Elizabeth McKee	Liam O'Connor
Year 5W	Jonathan Dias	Aaron Phelps
Year 6 B	Elyssa Marsden	Dylan Bell
Year 6 W	Eva Bond	Rose Montgomery

Congratulations to the Mitchell family (Liam KB) on the birth of their new baby boy, Ethan.



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>

DanceFever Performance

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 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)