



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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Term 2, Week 1

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. This coming Tuesday at 9.00am we celebrate Jesus' joyous resurrection at a special prayer assembly. Parents are welcome to join us. The story of Easter calls us to be people of peace, joy, respect, compassion, forgiveness and prayer.

ANZAC DAY – Lest We Forget

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary 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, Vincent Cappello, Elizabeth McKee, Isaiah Balangon and Ruby Masters, 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 and were a credit to OLA.

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 Brigadier Phillip Bridie, AM, ADC (Director of RSL NSW), who gave generously of his time to address the children. Thank you also to Mr Campbell, Mrs Vella and Mrs Jurcevic for coordinating this ceremony (further Anzac Day information and photos are inside this newsletter).

Congratulations to Mrs Leanne Vella and Mr Luke Campbell, who have been appointed as Acting Co-ordinators for the remainder of the year. Among various duties, Mr Campbell's role will include Year 5/6, Stage 3 Leader and Technology Co-ordinator; and Mrs Vella, as Year 3/4, Stage 2 Leader and Mathematics Co-ordinator. We are indeed blessed to have a depth of experienced and talented educators at OLA.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Prayers Requested for the Signorelli Family



Please keep in your prayers the Signorelli family (Luca Year 6). Mr Signorelli sadly passed into eternal life in the holidays, after his battle with cancer. We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Signorelli family. We ask for Christ's blessings upon them during this difficult time.

Thank You!

Secretary's Day is celebrated next Friday 5th 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.

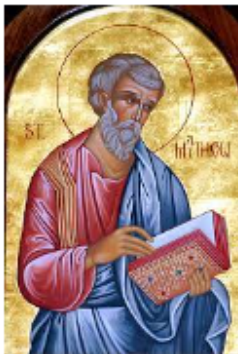
Their attention to detail, care for the children, welcoming manner and expertise in all aspects of their work is to be congratulated.

From all of us, we say Thank You.

NEWSLETTER

WEEK TWO

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A (30-4-2023)



Gospel Reflection (John 10:1-10)

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Whilst shepherds were not highly regarded, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father

are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd. This passage reminds us it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived. (Greg Sunter @ Liturgyhelp.com)

Parish (9.00am) and School Masses as indicated

Parents are most welcome to attend all masses with the children

Parish Mass:

Please see below for timetable.

WEEK 2: Wednesday 3rd May-Stage One

WEEK 3: Tuesday 9th May-Stage Two

WEEK 4: Wednesday 17th May- Stage Three and Kindergarten

WEEK 5: Wednesday 24th May WHOLE SCHOOL MASS at 11:45 am- Our Lady Help of Christians Mass

WEEK 6: Tuesday 30th May- Stage One

WEEK 7: Tuesday 6th June- Stage Two

WEEK 8: Friday 16th June-WHOLE SCHOOL MASS at 11:45 am- Sacred Heart of Jesus (Vinnies Winter Appeal-More information to follow)

WEEK 9: Wednesday 21st June- Stage Three and Kindergarten

WEEK 10: No Parish Mass

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Sessions – facilitated by the Parish

Please keep the children preparing for their sacrament of First Eucharist in your prayers.

April 27- Introduction at 6:30pm (Parent Session in the Church)

May 4- Session One at 6:30pm

May 11- Session Two at 6:30pm

May 18- Session Three at 6:30pm

May 25- Session Four at 6:30pm

June 1- Session Five at 6:30pm

June 8- Rehearsal at 6:30pm

June 15- Rehearsal at 6:30pm

June 10 Holy Communion Ceremony – Group One at 3pm

June 11 Holy Communion ceremony Group Two at 12pm

June 11 Holy Communion Ceremony Group Three at 3pm

June 18 Holy Communion Ceremony Group Four at 3pm

Mother's Day

Mother's Day Assembly Friday 12th May.

We welcome all parents, but particularly Mothers, to our special Mother's Day celebration, on Friday 12th May starting at 9.00am. 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 roll of Mothers in our lives.

All are most welcome to attend.

What's happening with RE in the classroom...

This week in Year 3, students participated in a treasure hunt as part of their Entry Event into their Religion Unit 'Why do Catholics receive Sacraments?' Students worked in groups and followed a series of signs and clues to discover the location of the treasure.



Holy Week Events in Week 10 of Term 1

The Shrine

In the last week of Term 1, students from K-6 and staff travelled to the Franciscan Shrine at Kellyville to acknowledge Holy Week and the sacrifices Jesus made for us. Students journeyed through the Stations of the Cross, engaged in a meditation in the chapel and said special prayers for our loved ones at the different prayer areas. It was a lovely opportunity for our students to reflect of Jesus' sacrifices for us and was a reminder of the true meaning of Easter.



Palm Sunday

On Monday of the last week of school, Year 2 students and teachers led the school in a lovely Palm Sunday prayer reflection. As a school community, we celebrated the beginning of Holy Week and remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, one week before His Resurrection.



Sienna Galea

Helping make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Sienna Galea in Year 5 has raised money by cutting her very long hair to make wigs for children with cancer and raise money for Kids with Cancer Foundation. If you would like to support this worthy cause, please click on the link below.

<https://gofund.me/134b8bd9>



Congratulations to the Duffy family on the arrival of baby Lewis during the holidays. Nolan in Kindergarten is a very proud big brother.



'All Welcome'

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.

Zing Interschool Challenge (formerly Dance Fever)

Last term, Tuesday 4th April, OLA students from Years 3 – 6 participated in the Zing 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 'Journey through the 90's'.

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



Infants Dance Showcase (last week of last term)

Children in K-2 had the opportunity to showcase their dance skills in their K-2 Parent Performance last term. The children had lots of fun and I'm sure the parents who were present also enjoyed the opportunity to grace the dance floor as well.



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

Birthday Treats

We kindly ask that you continue to **NOT** send in any birthday treats of any kind, edible or non-edible. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home.

Continuing this practise at this time is aimed solely at doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your child, particularly as Covid is still present within the wider community.

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 note bag (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.

Transition to Winter Uniform

For those new to school life & OLA, the students will transition into their winter uniform by week 4 of Term 2 (Monday 15th May), depending on the weather. This means that for the next couple of weeks, the 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 15th May.

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 on Friday, 12th May, could you please email the office by Friday 5th May to let us know.

We ask that all volunteers have completed the BCSC training.

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



OLA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US ON FRIDAY 5TH MAY
SCREENING: YES DAY!
GATES OPEN- 5.30PM
MOVIE STARTS- 6.30PM

- OLA SCHOOL OVAL -
BRING YOUR PICNIC BLANKET AND
FIND A SPOT ON THE GRASS
IN FRONT OF THE GIANT 8M SCREEN!

- \$10 PER OLA FAMILY -
TICKETS ON SALE VIA
THE QKR APP

COME ALONG FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN & FOOD:

- RETRO BIRDIE VINTAGE
ICE- CREAM TRUCK
- POTATO CORNER- CHIPS ON
A STICK & BURGERS
- HAPPY AS LARRY PIZZA TRUCK
- EXPRESO COFFEE 2 U

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

Movie Night – THIS FRIDAY 5th MAY at 6.30

- B.Y.O low or high chair/picnic rugs
- (rugs towards the front, higher chairs behind and on the sides, as to not block the screen for others)
- No glass of any sort to be brought onto the grounds please
- Please use the garbage bins/bags provided to keep our beautiful school tidy
- A family refers to parents and their children
- An adult must remain with the children
- Depending on the weather, be sure to rug up for our first ever OLA Movie Night.

Welcome to OLA

We welcome our new students and families who have commenced this week:-

Cafolla Family	- Emma 3G
	- Mason 1G
Pelaez Family	- Millyana 3G
	- Marcelo KW



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

Sun 23rd Apr

Rome DCruz
Indi Rich
Johanna Torre Islas

Mon 1st May

Emily Dalton
Charlize Fresta

Mon 24th Apr

Sophia Mangano
Jacob Vassallo

Wed 3rd May

Zara Buchanan
Kenzie Jones
Ethan Zachariah

Tues 25th Apr

Esther Afoakwah

Thurs 4th May

Tommy Buck
Owen Millers
Elisa Reece

Wed 26th Apr

Austin Banks
Luca Petrocco
Bianca Wallace

Fri 5th May

Havana Annamalay-Sanchez
Michael Cappello
Mrs Kimberley Marchant

Thurs 27th Apr

Sari Camilleri
Mateo Fresta

Sat 6th May

Jack Lenane

Fri 28th Apr

Elena Nobin

Sat 29th Apr

Cooper Foley
Finn McNamara
Olivia O'Connor
Aaron Phelps

Dates to Remember

Term 2

Week 2

Mon 1st May

Whole School Incursion – The Playground Craze

Tues 2nd May

9.00am Resurrection Celebration. All Welcome

Wed 3rd May

9.00am Years 1 & 2 Mass. All Welcome

Fri 5th May

OLA Outdoor Movie Night 6.30pm. All Welcome

Tickets available via Qkr



OLA Celebrates Anzac Day

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 Australian 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 of 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.





Congratulations to

Aiden Lawler KB, Isaac Nolan KB, Noah Shnoudi KW, Ameline Clark 1B,
Addison Lawler 2W, Jayden Acluba 1B, Audrey Pedavoli 2G, Gabby Acluba 2W,
Amy Tawadrouse 2G, Joshua Shnoudi 2W, William Lewis 3B, Gabriel PalacioRosero 3B,
Arella Bautista 3G, Emily Godden 3G, Jack Lenane 3G, Kayla Valdez 3G, Alex Dib 3W, Luca Galea 3W,
Marcus Medjumurac 3W, Valentino Balayan 3B, Hamish Clarke 3G, Kianah Lesar 3B, Jacob Gatt 3B, Mia
Pennati 3W, Noah Phillips 3W, Miguel Rivera 3G,
Ava Zhu 3B, Alannah Said 3W, Arianah Clark 4G, Lily Tawadrouse 4B, Lauren Cauchi 5G, Allegra Shaw 6G
& Ethan Zachariah 6G

for completing the PRC challenge.

Write On Competition 2023

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

This competition is held in association with the State Library of NSW. The presentation ceremony for Gold Award winners will take place at the library (date is to be confirmed). Silver and Bronze Award winners' certificates will be posted to principals after the ceremony. Information about the competition will continue to be communicated in NESA News.

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 2023 writing competition closes at **4 pm on Friday 16 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 2022](#).



Imaginative pieces may include:

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

Schools submit one typed entry from each participating Stage of learning – a maximum of 3 in total.

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>

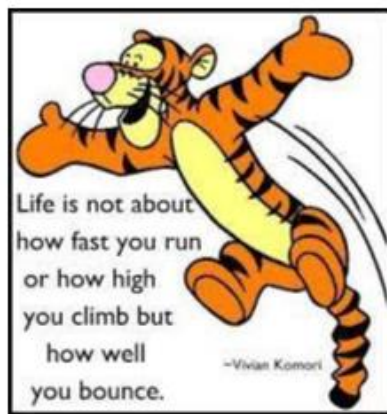
Assessment criteria

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 strategies to engage the intended audience
- uses a variety of language forms and features, vocabulary and punctuation
- considers the context, purpose and audience
- includes age-appropriate content
- is within the 500 word limit.



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.

This coming Monday 'The Playground Craze' will be visiting OLA. Cool pop music, fun videos and live in-school performances engage students with important social-emotional skills, covering topics such as confidence, resilience, kindness, persistence, friendship and cooperation. The messages help students strengthen self-awareness and self-management of the personal and social skills encouraged in the curriculum.

They will present two performances- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will watch the presentation titled 'The Happiness Habit' and Years 3-6 will watch 'The Highlight Reel'.

Sports news Week 1

Parramatta Rugby Union Trials

Congratulations to Cooper Roberts, William Mallard and Noah Cleary, who attended the Rugby Union Parramatta trials this week. With an outstanding performance, all 3 boys have been selected into the Parramatta team. They will trial at Forbes in the coming weeks for a spot in the MacKillop team. Well done boys!

Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Carnival

With the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival fast approaching, be sure to fill out the consent form if you haven't already. Carnivals as big as these require parent volunteers to help the day run smoothly. If you're able to help for 1-2 hours of the day, please email the school office so we can make up a roster. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Upcoming Sport Events and Dates

Cross Country Diocesan Easter Creek – Wednesday 10th May
Northwest Year 6 Boys Basketball Competition – Wednesday 24th May
Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day – Friday 2nd June
Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day – Wednesday 7th June
Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day – Wednesday 28th June
OLA Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival – Monday 5th June

