



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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Term 3, Week 1

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome one and all to Term 3. I am certainly looking forward to another great term of faith, fun and learning, as we celebrate our Christ centred community. The winter holidays are indeed a favourite with warm sleep ins, hanging out around the house in pyjamas, movies, friends and family fun. Regardless of how you spent the holidays, they are indeed a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and create enjoyable family memories.

Parenting is a challenge for each one of us. The holidays can often be a time for reflecting on this important role. With so many varying opinions of what successful parenting entails, the following extract is worth a read:-

These 12 principles are the basis of successful parenting as presented by Michael Grose – one of Australia's foremost parenting experts:-

1. Treat children as you want to be treated at all times – with love, respect and human dignity.
2. Manage children's behaviour by managing yourself first and focusing on your own behaviour.
3. As children learn what they live, model the attitudes and behaviours you want them to learn. In particular, model optimism, generosity, persistence and forgiveness of self and others.
4. Mirror back to your children that they are competent and capable. They see themselves in the same way as significant adults in their lives see them.
5. Build happy childhood memories by having plenty of positive one-on-one interactions and enjoyable family times. Build strong family upon the building blocks of tolerance, rituals and open communication.
6. Children feel secure when there are limits and boundaries but they also like a say in setting some of those boundaries. Use behavioural consequences to teach children to be responsible for their actions.
7. Childhood is to be protected, treasured, and preserved as long as humanly possible. Childhood is something children need to grow into, not out of.
8. Give responsibility, invite co-operation, and expect participation in all aspects of family life.
9. Develop resilience in children by promoting independence, problem-solving and real participation in family life. Ensure you look after yourself, so you have perspective and energy to look after your children.
10. Surround yourself and your children with healthy, positive adults who look out for you and your children.
11. Foster your children's passions and interest so that they can find something that they can excel at.
12. Treat your children as if you have many. That way, you can give them the space to grow away and be themselves.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*

Welcome

We would like to welcome four new families to Our Lady of the Angels this term:-

The Gioiello Family – Maria and Enza (4B)

The Leach Family – Flynn (4W)

The Pawar Family – Avi (5W)

The Malik Family – Akira (3G)

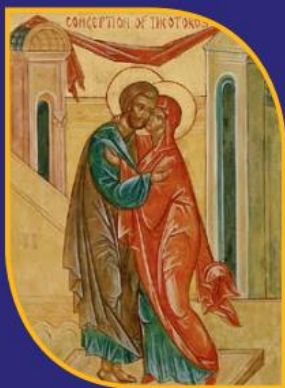
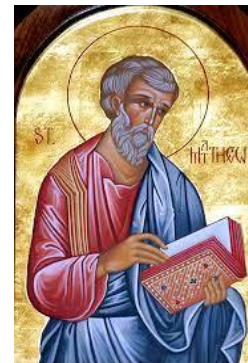


We hope that your years here with us at OLA will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A (23-07-2023)

Gospel Reflection (Matthew 13:24-43)

This week's gospel features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like. Jesus uses a similar imagery to reflect the situation of the world and the reality of living a life of faith. Our life is full of wheat and weeds, beautiful acts and experiences of faith and loves, and challenging, painful experiences of resentment and hurt. The challenge is accepting that the two will exist together, while we hold on to our life of faith, trusting in the nearness of God and his spirit. (Greg Sunter at Liturgyhelp.com)



Sts. Joachim & Anne

Joachim and Anne were greatly honoured by God who gave them a daughter conceived without sin who was to become known as the Mother of God! It would seem that they performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives.

Fact File

We know very few facts about Sts. Joachim and Anne. The only recorded stories of them are from an apocryphal gospel dating from the 4th Century AD called the Protoevangelium of James. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."

(adapted from www.catholic.org/saints)

Parish Masses Term 3:

Please see below the timetable for Parish Masses and school Masses that the children will attend this term. Parents are most welcome to join the children at any of the Masses as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

WEEK 2: Tuesday 25th May- Years 1 & 2 at 9am

WEEK 3: Whole School Mass Wednesday 2nd August-Feast of Our Lady of the Angels at 11:45am

WEEK 4: Thursday 10th August- Years 3 & 4 at 9am

WEEK 5: Whole School Mass Tuesday 15th August-Feast of the Assumption at 11:45am (Holy Day of Obligation)

WEEK 6: Wednesday 23rd August- Years 5 & 6 and Kindergarten at 9am

WEEK 7: Tuesday 29th August- Years 1 & 2 at 9am

WEEK 8: Tuesday 5th September-Years 3 & 4 at 9am

WEEK 9: Wednesday 13th September- Years 5 & 6 and Kindergarten at 9am

WEEK 10: Tuesday 20th September- Years 1 & 2 at 9am

Sacrament of Confirmation Sessions

Please keep the children from Year 6 that are preparing for their sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

Thursday 27th July at 6:30 pm- Introductory Session 1 (Parents Only)

Thursday 3rd August at 6:30 pm- Session 2

Thursday 10th August at 6:30 pm- Session 3

Thursday 17th August at 6:30 pm- Session 4

Thursday 24th August at 6:30 pm- Session 5

Thursday 31st August at 6:30 pm- Session 6



Rehearsal Sessions

Thursday 7th September

Group 1 at 5:00 pm

Group 2 at 6:00 pm

Group 3 at 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Confirmation Masses

Tuesday 12th September at 6:30 pm- Group 1

Wednesday 13th September at 6:30 pm- Group 2

Thursday 14th September at 6:30 pm- Group 3

Please join us for the following celebrations:

WEEK 3: Whole School Mass Wednesday 2nd August-Feast of Our Lady of the Angels at 11:45am (All welcome to the Mass) More information to come

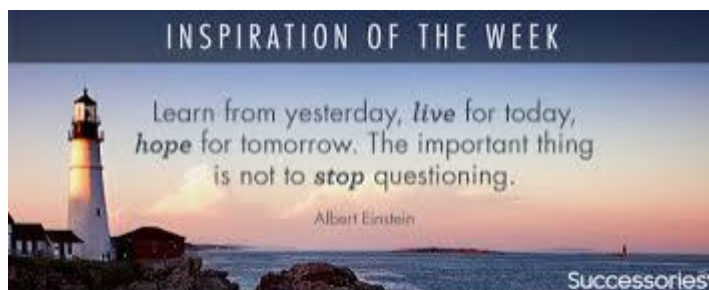
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First Holy Communion students 2023:

If your child has received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2023, they are invited to dress in their First Holy Communion outfit and be part of the procession at 12 pm, after the 11 am OLA Feast day Mass.

We look forward to celebrating our very popular Grandparents Day at OLA in Term 4.

Congratulations to the Wiles family (Aston 1B) on the birth of their new baby sister, Luna Anne.





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

Sun 16th July Mrs Jennifer Dela Cruz	Thurs 20th July Noah Cleary Eli Maizey
Mon 17th July Jacob Gatt Oliver Psaltis Zarla Puscas	Lucas Signorelli John Vickers
Wed 19th July Nicholas Thornton	Sat 22nd July Isaiah Balangon Andy Dumesny Zarah Kausei Keyon Okunzuwa

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

Mon 24th July Eliana Kerollos Leo Rosser Mrs Leanne Vella	Wed 26th July Patrick Cleary
Tues 25th July Joshua Fitzsimons Olivia Jones Aston Wiles Millyana Pelaez	Fri 28th July Thomas Barbara Liv Blackman
	Sat 29th July Luca Moujalli Xavier Savioa

We kindly ask that you DO NOT let your children out of the car in the middle of the carpark. Please either use the Kiss and Drop area or park which is much safer as drivers are not expecting children to be walking in the carpark.
Thank you for assisting us in this matter.

We love our pet dogs but.....

Please be aware that dogs are NOT permitted to be within the church/school grounds at anytime (exceptions are guide dogs & those organised specifically by the school). As you may appreciate there are children that are scared and unfortunately pets can be unpredictable. This is a ruling in all schools. Thank you for your support in this area.



Change of School

To estimate enrolments for 2023, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving OLA at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. The Notice of Withdrawal Form can be found on our website.

Dates to Remember

Week 2

Tues 25 th July	9.00am Years 1 & 2 Parish Mass. All Welcome
Wed 26 th July	CRAZY SOCK & ACCESSORIES DAY Bring a donation for the Fiesta. See further Information in this newsletter

Week 3

Wed 2 nd Aug	Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day 11.45am Whole School Mass. All Welcome Feast Day Activities Afternoon for Students
Thurs 4 th Aug	Year 6 Canberra overnight excursion 6.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation Session 1 (see email coming home soon from the Parish regarding this session due to the children being in Canberra).
Sun 6th Aug	OLA Family Fiesta

Week 4

Tues 8 th Aug	Feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross 9.00am Assembly. All welcome
Wed 9 th Aug	9.00 am Year 6 Voice of Youth Finals. All Welcome
Thurs 10 th Aug	9.00am Years 3 & 4 Parish Mass. All Welcome 6.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation Session 2
Fri 11 th Aug	2.30pm Whole School Assembly Presented by Year 5. All Welcome

Tell Them From Me Survey

Thank you to the 90+ families who completed this survey earlier in the year. We are overwhelmed by your positive feedback and humbled by your beautiful comments.
Just a few comments.....

Our Lady of the Angels Rouse Hill is an Amazing school with thoughtful kind caring teachers and passionate principals - we are Blessed to be at this school - Thank you for all that you do OLA

OLA is a beautiful community and we feel privileged to be a part of it

Love it all, we are so happy at OLA, we cannot fault anything.

Our Lady of the Angels is an amazing school with fabulous teachers and I am reassured everyday knowing that my children are happy, safe, supported and encouraged to do their best in all aspects of learning. Communication is excellent and I feel the school is a lovely, welcoming community

I like ola so much, my child has developed so much since she has started school. They care about every aspect of learning academically and personally

As always, if you need clarification around anything school related, or you wish to make a suggestion etc, please do not hesitate to contact the office in the first instance or speak with either Mr Cauchi or Mr Calabria.

Premier's Readers Challenge

Congratulations to Kiara Valdez KG, Amelia Pendlebury 2G, Mila Annamalay-Sanchez 3B, Connor Chatterton 3W, Amalia Gergely-Hollai 3B, Koby Hughes 3G, Mya Mitrovich 3G, Lucy Roberts 3G, Suhaan Shah 3W, Isla Vella 3W, Lucas Dobaj 5G & Noah Baba 6G for completing the PRC challenge this week.

This a reminder the challenge concludes on the 18th of August.

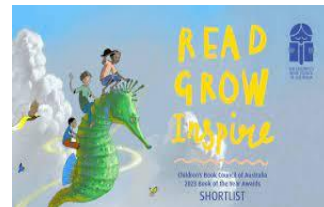
Book Week Events

Theme: Read Grow Inspire

Book Fair: Monday 21st August-Thursday 24th August. The Book Fair will be on display in the Multi Purpose Room and will be open on Monday-Wednesday mornings from 8:20 am-9:20 am. It will also be open after the book parade.

Book Parade: Tuesday 22nd August at 9:30am. Students will parade wearing their favourite book character costume and carry the book that their character features in.

Author Visit: On Monday 21st August, Jol & Kate Temple.



Term 3 – K-2 Parent Helpers Roster



Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kinder		✓	✓		
Year 1				✓	✓
Year 2			✓		✓

The K-2 Reading Helpers program will continue this term. It will run from 18th July to 22nd September.

Below are some dates that will clash with the program this term. We will try to send a group email if any unplanned events affect the reading afternoons, but we ask you to kindly keep an eye on our Google calendar. If you cannot attend an afternoon, please send a note to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you for your on-going support with this initiative.

Dates:

Wednesday 2nd August-OLA Feast Day Activities

Friday 11th August-Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 6th September-Whole School Rug Reading

Friday 8th September-Whole School Assembly

Book Covering Parent Helpers

Thank you to the parents who are busy covering new readers and library books. We really appreciate your time covering these books.

Lisa Hurst

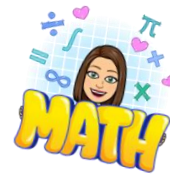
Literacy Coordinator

Gymnastics - Term 3

This term, the students will once again commence Gymnastics lessons each Monday facilitated by Zing (Formerly known as Dance Fever). As communicated previously, the children are required to wear their sport uniform each Monday for this. Gymnastics has proven to be extremely popular amongst the students and the qualified Zing instructors enjoy sharing their love of gymnastics to all the students.

Week 1 MATHS FUN

Can you solve our Maths problems for this week? Please bring your answers to share with Mrs Vella next week!



Infants Learning Task

$$\text{pink bean} + \text{pink bean} = 4$$

$$\text{pink bean} + \text{green bean} = 8$$

$$\text{green bean} + \text{blue bean} = 9$$

$$\text{blue bean} + \text{pink bean} + \text{green bean} = ?$$

Primary Learning Task

$$\text{chick} + \text{chick} + \text{chick} = \text{chick}$$

$$3 \times \text{chick} = 33$$

$$\text{chick} - \text{chick} = 7$$

$$\text{chick} - 3 = \text{chick}$$

$$\text{chick} = ?$$

Hint: Start with the 'chick'

Tech Tip Week 1

Do you chat to your child about what they do when using technology?

General tips about how to start the chat, whatever the subject.

1. Plan – work out what you want to say and how you want to say it, depending on the issue you want to talk about. Being in an environment where you can talk without being interrupted can also make things more comfortable for parent and child. Perhaps have the talk while you're doing something together, like a long walk or a car trip – especially if you think it will be hard to keep your child engaged in the conversation.
2. Listen, don't judge – let your child know you are there to help them, no matter what. Listening will also help you understand their attitudes and respond to specific issues. For example: I understand what you're saying, and I'm glad you came to me about this. You're not going to get into trouble, but we need to trust each other, fix this and move forward.'
3. Ask questions – asking questions about how they feel and what they know helps you to gauge your child's level of knowledge and keeps you from lecturing.
4. Get help if you need it – Reach out to the safety commissioner if needed.

Diocesan Voice of Youth

This term the students from Year 6 will be competing in the Parramatta Diocese Voice of Youth Competition. Our children are all busy writing and practising their speeches to present to their classes. The students have been given a list of criteria for judging. Some of these include:-

- Timing – 3-4 minutes
- Stance – posed, comfortable
- Topic Interest – Audience engagement, appropriate level
- Voice – clarity, variety, volume, pitch
- Eye contact/gestures

Students will present their speeches in their individual classes where three students from each class will be chosen to participate in our school level final to be held on Wednesday 9th August at 9.00am in the year 6 classroom. From this, two children will be chosen to represent OLA at a Cluster Final on Monday 28th August at 10.00am at Blessed John XXII. One winner from the cluster will progress to the semi-final and perhaps the grand final following later in the term. This diocesan speech contest is being conducted so that children with a flair for public speaking have an opportunity to use this talent. Good luck to all our Year 6 students. Parents are most welcome to come along and support our students at the school level final on Monday 9th August.

School Census Day – Friday 4th August

Friday 4th August is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If you know your child will be away on Friday 4th August, please email the school advising the reason for their absence and when they will return, otherwise, simply respond to the text sent from OLA on the day by 11.00am explaining their absence and their date of return to school.

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.

Privacy Notice

As part of the requirements for the Census it is necessary for us to provide our community with the Parent Privacy Notice, which has been attached to this newsletter.

NAIDOC

We gathered in prayer this week with ears open to deep listening, hearts open, and hands linked as one family to acknowledge NAIDOC week, which occurred during the school holidays.

We are all children of this land. We remember that God is our Creator and that St Francis of Assisi as Patron Saint of the Environment, recognised the Creator's Spirit within and through all of Creation. St Francis felt transformed with the Spirit through all that lived and breathed around him.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were the first custodians and caretakers of Australia. Their rich culture has existed for tens of thousands of years.

This year the theme for NAIDOC week was 'For Our Elders'.

Across every generation, our Elders - people in our community (parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles) have played, and continue to play, an important role in our communities and families. They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights.

Why do we have 'Welcome to Country' and 'Acknowledgement of Country'?

Having a 'Welcome to Country' and 'Acknowledgement of Country' as a standard practice in events recognises the place of Indigenous people as the first custodians of this land, promotes awareness of the history and culture of Indigenous people and formally acknowledges Indigenous people's ongoing connection to the land.

'Country' is the term often used by Aboriginal peoples to describe the lands, waterways and seas to which they are connected. The term contains complex ideas about law, place, custom, language, spiritual belief, cultural practice, material sustenance, family and identity. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people strongly believe that they are not owners of the land but caretakers of the land. It is our responsibility to look after our land - look after 'Country'.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people welcomed one another from different clans or groups - an invitation to care for the land and respect the environment.

When we are 'Welcomed to Country' by an Aboriginal elder we are being invited to care for the land and be respectful of the traditions.

Building Child Safe Communities

As opportunities come about for parents to volunteer at school or for excursions, please consider completing the Building Child Safe Communities Online Training module in anticipation of being able to assist. This should only take about 15 minutes and it then gets sent to CEDP for approval. Once completed, it is valid for two years. Please note that in any event, this **MUST** be completed before you can assist in any way at school.

<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities>

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.

Keep an eye out for and email with the Term 3 live Parent Calendar coming home soon.

We Bounce Back and Move Forward 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 term students at OLA will be given the opportunity to transfer and apply their knowledge of resilience and the ability to bounce back in a structured and safe learning environment by playing games. These games will provide students with experiences of winning and losing. Winning and losing are great opportunities for teaching children appropriate actions and reactions, and to understand the ups and downs of life. It can give the chance to slow down and take time to figure out how to move forward, and what to do to improve next time.

Learning through games can be a highly effective and enjoyable way to gain knowledge and skills, both in winning and losing situations. Games offer a dynamic and interactive environment that promotes active learning, problem-solving, critical thinking, and strategic decision-making.

Many aspects of a child's life are connected to competitions. It, therefore, becomes important for teachers and parents to teach children that winning and succeeding is a part of life, but also that to lose is equally important. By showing kids that losing is not the end of the world, children learn that life is full of second chances.

100 Days of Kindergarten

Today, Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of learning. It was a wonderful day filled with fun activities based around the number 100.

The students had a great time and they looked sensational dressed up as their 100 year old selves. The day couldn't have been possible without our amazing parent helpers, so a big thank you to you.

Thank you to the Kindergarten team of Mrs Savoia, Mrs Grunsell, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Buckley, Mrs Bernobic & Ms Smith and to our many parent helpers for providing this wonderful learning opportunity for our students.





Lucky Dip and Sideshow Stall Donations

CRAZY SOCK & ACCESSORIES DAY - Wednesday 26TH July

Thank you for your generous support. To boost this extremely popular store, the children next **Wednesday, 26th July** will be allowed to wear crazy socks and accessories with their school uniform. We kindly ask if a donation can be made to the Lucky Dip and Side Show Stall on this day. Thank you to the parents who have already done this.

"Lucky Dip

Kinder, Year 1, 2 and 3: Donations of unwrapped prizes

Sideshow Stalls"

Year 4, 5 and 6: "Donations of lollies to make lolly bags.

All lollies are accepted - except those containing nuts.

*Please ensure that the lollies' use-by date is after August 6th and that the packets are sealed.

OLA Fiesta – Raffle Tickets – Great Prizes – Already sent home

On Tuesday, a book of 10 raffle tickets was sent home with the eldest child in each family, that we kindly ask you to assist the Parish/School Fiesta Committee by selling. All books and monies need to be returned to school by Friday 28th July. It is important that any unsold books/tickets are also returned, as they need to be accounted for by the Parish as part of their accountability for the NSW Raffle Rules. The Parish have now informed us that you can also pay for the tickets by BPoint using the link below: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/olotangelsparish>

Fiesta Cake Stall

Soon each family will receive a cake box and the Fiesta committee is kindly asking for donations of cakes/tasty treats to be returned in time for the Fiesta. Drop off times for the cakes will be advertised prior to the Fiesta. Please list your ingredients and include with your cake, to support those with allergies.

Ride Wrist Bands

Over the next three Thursday and Friday afternoons, (starting today), ride wrist bands will be available for pre-sale from 2.30pm near the Mary statue. Cost of the bands are \$35.00 pre-paid, or \$40.00 on the day and cash or eftpos will be accepted. These can also be purchased online using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/4W5EyKZY4JyVKe616>

Volunteers

Now that the Fiesta is almost upon us, we would appreciate additional volunteers. If you are able to volunteer for an hour or more to assist on the day, could you please email the Fiesta committee at olafamilyfiesta@gmail.com Your generosity is very much appreciated in making the Fiesta a successful day. Volunteers are particularly needed for cleaning on the day, from anytime, start to finish.

We look forward to seeing you there on Sunday 6th August.

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:-

Term 3 Week 1		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Havana Annamalay-Sanchez	Frankie Falcone
KG	Lucas Medjumurac	Norah Magno
KW	Valentina Mangano	Mateo Fresta
Year 1 B	Celine Zabaneh	Juliana Palacio Rosero
Year 1 G	June Ye	Charlotte Robertson
Year 1 W	Natalie Abd	Finn McNamara
Year 2 B	Aria Navarro	Leonardo Borgiani
Year 2G	Michelle Wilianto	Angeline Garcia
Year 2W	Leo Rosser	Sebastian <u>Comis</u>
Year 3 B	Chayse Attard	Georgia Tomic
Year 3 G	Mya Mitrovich	Samuel Meighan
Year 3 W	Denelle DSouza	Emily Dalton
Year 4 B	Oliver Coughlan	Benjamin Andrews
Year 4 G	Lachlan Wang	Marcus Lianto
Year 4 W	Grace Maddaford	Cooper Foley
Year 5 B	Aiden Harvey	Sienna Ng
Year 5G	Dexter Wijaya	Aurelia Gresser
Year 5W	Alexander Gobran	Ilaria Buda
Year 6 B	Isaiah Balangon	Charlotte-Rose Naim
Year 6 G	Luca Signorelli	Zara Buchanan
Year 6 W	Eva Perry	Zachary Dixon

OLA FACEBOOK PAGE

For up to date information and events,

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 is Cool – but not if you're late

Being at school on time in the morning is paramount. Your child's learning is often disadvantaged if they are late. They also often feel embarrassed arriving after everyone else. They miss important messages and/or the start of their lessons, in all their learning results can suffer. If on the odd occasion you arrive after 8.50am (**you will know it is after 8.50am if the teacher is no longer on duty at the kiss and drop**) you, as the parent **MUST** visit the office to sign a late slip for your child to take to class.

Many thanks for your support in this area.



The OLA staff thought they'd have some fun and come to work in a pink Ken and Barbie themed uniform yesterday, due to the release of the new Barbie movie. The students absolutely love it!!