



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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Term 4, Week 1

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to Term 4 to our entire school community. I hope that you had a lovely break with your family and that you are all well. We look forward to another exciting term of Faith, Fun and Learning.

It is a Privilege

As educators and parents, we have the wonderful privilege of watching the children change and grow in their formative years of development. Each child is a unique gift nurtured in our care so that they may become independent, hope-filled adults who can make a positive difference to the lives of others. This reflection is for all who nurture our most precious gift, our children.

The Beatitudes of the Child

Blessed is the child who is believed and challenged.

Blessed is the child who can share problems – unafraid.

Blessed is the child whose school is a haven of happiness.

Blessed is the child to whom life is a book of knowledge.

Blessed is the child who is allowed to pursue curiosity into every worthwhile field of information.

Blessed is the child who has someone who understands that childhood griefs are real and call for understanding and sympathy.

Blessed is the child who is led gently by the hand along the pathway of life by someone who is guide, companion and inspiration.

Blessed is the child whose efforts to achieve have found encouragement.

Blessed is the child who has learned freedom from selfishness through responsibility and co-operation.

Blessed is the school, which sees in the child the hope of the future and dedicates itself to the realisation of that hope.

Grandparents Day – Friday 20th October – commencing at 9.00am – All Welcome

The OLA school community invites all grandparents to join us for a celebration of joy and thanksgiving to honour the gift of grandparents to our children. We hope that this day will continue to strengthen the bonds grandparents have with their grandchildren and nurture the unique tradition that we share in each family. The outline of the morning is:-

1. 9.00am Morning assembly/prayer of thanksgiving for grandparents.
2. Morning tea.
3. Classroom visits to join in learning activities with the children.

Theme of the Week

"A positive Attitude is a Little Thing that Makes a Big Difference"

The impact of a child's attitude on their life is significant. No matter what other people say, think, or do etc, a positive attitude can make all the difference. The remarkable thing is every person has a choice every day regarding the attitude they embrace for that day. We cannot change an event once it takes place, but its effect can sometimes be improved by one's attitude. It has been said life is 10% what happens to a person, and 90% how they react to it.

Children are in charge of their attitudes. In speaking to the children, the importance of having a positive attitude to life and towards their peers is emphasised. Modelling a positive attitude is a responsibility we all share.

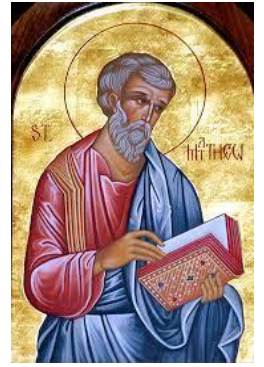
Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Tony Calabria, Principal

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A (15.10.2023)

Gospel Reflection Matthew 22: 1-14

This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society? This passage urges us not to be so caught up in the challenges of life that we fail to respond when God, the gracious and generous host, invites us to pause, sit down and enjoy the banquet prepared for us.



Parish Mass:

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: Stage One - Tuesday - 17th October at 9 am

WEEK 3: Stage Two - Tuesday - 24th October at 9 am

WEEK 4: Whole School Mass - All Saints Day - Wednesday - 1st November at 10am

WEEK 5: Stage Three/Kindergarten - Wednesday-8th December at 9 am

WEEK 6: Stage One - Tuesday - 14th November at 9 am

WEEK 7: Stage Two - Tuesday - 21st November at 9 am

WEEK 8: Stage Three/Kindergarten - Wednesday - 29th November at 9 am

WEEK 9: Whole School Mass End of Year Mass - Friday-8th December at 9 am

WEEK 10: Christmas Concert - Tuesday 12th December at 1:30 pm – 3.00pm

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

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. In Weeks 2 and 3, each grade will visit the Church to pray the rosary together. We would like to invite you the parents, to join your child as they pray the rosary. Below is a timetable of when students will be visiting the Church. Students are encouraged to bring their rosary on that day to help them follow along with the prayers.



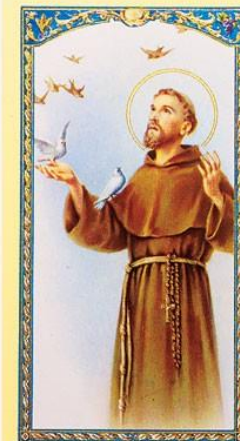
Week 2	Tuesday	Thursday	Week 3	Tuesday	Thursday
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Year 2	Year 5	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Year 1	
1:00 pm- 1:30 pm	Year 3	Kindergarten	1:00 pm- 1:30 pm		
2:30 pm- 3:00 pm	Year 4		2:30 pm- 3:00 pm	Year 6	

FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (4-10-2023)

During the holidays, the Feast day of St Francis of Assisi was celebrated on 4th October. St Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of riches to live a life of poverty. He established the Franciscan Order of Friars and the Women's Order of the Poor Ladies.

St Francis is also known for his love of nature, especially animals. He treated the animals gently and with kindness. St Francis believed that actions were the best way to show his love for God.

As a family, you may want to say the St Francis prayer together.



Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of
Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow
love.
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi



Happy birthday to members of our OLA community who celebrated their birthday this past week..... and also this coming week

Wed 11th Oct

Zoe Farias

Thurs 12th Oct

Brittany Brown

Fri 13th Oct

Sean Mburu

Lyla Sofiak

Sat 14th Oct

Viktoria Czipri

Tobias Mesiti

June Ye

Mrs Carmen Savoia

Sun 15th Oct

Ivy Jakovljevic

Penelope Sofiak

Mon 16th Oct

Emma Alin

Gabriel Kruger Jeronymo

Thurs 19th Oct

Harvey Fenech

Fri 20th Oct

William Conn

Zairah Spano

Sat 21st Oct

Mrs Lisa Hurst

Dates to Remember

Term 4

Week 2

Fri 20th Oct

9.00am : Grandparents Day.

Assembly, Morning Tea and & visit to the classrooms. All Welcome

Week 3

Tues 24th Oct

Year 6 Excursion to Western Sydney Parklands

Thurs 26th Oct

Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion

Fri 27th Oct

Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

Kindergarten Incursion

World Teacher's Day

Week 4

Mon 30th Oct

Year 3 Excursion to Penrith Lakes Centre

Wed 1st Nov

All Saints Day – Whole School Mass 10.00am

All Welcome

Thurs 2nd Nov

All Souls Day

Year 1 Science Incursion

Week 5

Mon 6th Nov

Year 2 Science Incursion

Fri 10th Nov

10.40am Remembrance Day Prayer

2.30pm Whole School Assembly

Presented by Kindergarten. All Welcome

School Fees

Thank you to all families who have paid their 2023 school fees.

All fees are now due and payable unless you are on a payment plan. If you have fees outstanding, could you please attend to the payment of these as soon as possible. If you need an extension of time, please contact Helen Goldsworthy as soon as possible.

Best wishes to all students undertaking the HSC exams which commenced this week. We know you will do well.

Mark in your diaries:



This coming Friday 20th October at 9.00am Assembly, followed by Morning Tea and a visit to the classrooms

Principal Award Recipients

Term 3

Congratulations to the Principal Award Recipients as selected by their teachers for Term 3, who were presented with their medals on Wednesday 20th September and enjoyed a lovely Principal's morning tea:-

KB	Frankie Falcone	1B	Theo Summerhays
KG	Thomas Barbara	1G	Giselle Jakovljevic
KW	Luke Cassano	1W	Keilan peacock
2B	Ziva Borate	3B	Ari Vilathgamuwa
2G	Amy Tawdrouse	3G	Isabella Zhang
2W	Gabriella Dias	3W	Marcelo Ira
4B	Benjamin Andrews	5B	Ava Phelps
4G	Marcus Llanto	5G	Arella Sales
4W	Hayden Spiteri	5W	Avantika Ragini
6B	Luke Scanes		
6G	Levi Cauchi		
6W	Olivia Iori		



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

Term 4 K-2 Parent Helpers Roster

The K-2 Parent Reading Helpers program will continue this term. It will run from 11th October to 11th December. Below are some dates that will clash with the reading program this term. We will try to send a group email if any unplanned events affect the 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.

Parent Helpers not required on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd November-Year 1 Incursion
 Friday 10th November -Whole School Assembly
 Friday 17th November – Whole School Assembly
 Friday 1st December -Swimming Carnival
 Thursday 7th December-Spelling Bee final



Literate children of the future

It will take a network of parents, carers and teachers working together to ensure that our children of the future have the literate success they deserve.

Happy, caring, creative students of the future will:

- communicate effectively in speech and writing
- identify, investigate and solve a wide range of problems by seeking appropriate solutions
- rapidly and clearly communicate solutions to others
- reason logically, analyse and synthesise information from many sources
- think critically about what they read, see and hear
- understand their own and others' cultures
- co-operate and negotiate with others in work and social life
- create and express through the arts, crafts and sports
- view learning as a lifelong process and adapt to continual change.

Source: Primary English Teaching Association Australia.

Lisa Hurst
 Literacy Coordinator

Technology Tip - Week 1 Tinkercad



Is your child a consumer of technology or a creator when it comes to technology?
 Does your child love to create, build or design?

<https://www.tinkercad.com/>

Tinkercad is an online collection of software tools from Autodesk that enables users to create 3D models.

What can you design? Have a go and see what you can come up with.

KINDERGARTEN 2024

If you have a child commencing in Kindergarten 2024, please take note of the following upcoming dates for the Parent Information Session and the childrens' orientation days. Please note which session your child needs to attend. Parents are not required to remain at the orientation sessions.

Kindergarten Information Evening for Parents Only

Wednesday 25th October at 6.30pm

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions

Thursday 16th November

9:15am-10:45am

11:45am-1:15pm

Students with surnames **A-C and D-L**

Students with surnames **M-R and S-Z**

Wednesday 22nd November

9:15am-10:45am

11:45am-1:15pm

Students with surnames **A-C and S-Z**

Students with surnames **D-L and M-R**

Thursday 30th November

9:15am-12 noon

All students - Parents are asked to stay for the first 45 minutes.



IMPORTANT DATES – PLEASE NOTE

We will soon publish our Term 4 Parent Calendar. Please note some dates may need to be adjusted depending on confirmation of mass times, unpredictable weather etc.

Please note: The children's last day to finish the 2023 school year will be Thursday 14th December. Friday 15th & Monday 19th December are Staff Development Pupil Free Days.

Additionally you may wish to mark in your diary the following dates:-

Swimming Carnival – Friday 1st December Years 2 – 5 (Blacktown Aquatic Centre) All Welcome

End of Year Mass – Friday 9th December (Mass time to be confirmed) All Welcome

Christmas Concert – Tuesday 12th December 1.30pm – 3.00pm All Welcome

Student Waterslide Fun Day – Wednesday 13th December

Year 6 Graduation Mass – Thursday 14th December 6.00pm All Welcome

Last day for all Students – Thursday 14th December

Welcome

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

The Weinert family (Freya 2W & Olivia 5G)

The Tawadrous family (Perla 3B)

The Sapumanage family (Aiyonce 3W)

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.

Kindergarten 2024 Information Evening For Parents

Our Kindergarten Parent Information Evening for students enrolled in 2024 will be held on Wednesday 25th October at 6.30pm.

Change of School

To estimate enrolments for 2024, 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.

School Hats

Our Lady of the Angels has a
"No hat, No play" policy.

Please ensure your child has their school hat with them each day to protect their skin and to assist in promoting sun safety and awareness in your child/ren. School hats are available for purchase from the school uniform shop for a cost of \$20. Any child not wearing a school hat at play times will need to sit under the sheltered area.

Thank you for your support, assistance and co operation in helping keep our students sun smart.

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 often still present within the wider community.**

OLA SPORT

Infants Carnival

What a wonderful day the infants had at our school carnival back in term 3. We would like to thank all the parent helpers and family members who were able to come and cheer them on. Please see our Facebook page for more photos.



MacKillop Athletics Trials

Congratulations to all our students who represented Parramatta at the Primary schools Athletics Championships last term. We are very proud to announce that 5 Senior boys will be wearing the MacKillop colours as they compete against all primary schools at the NSWPSA Athletics Championships later this month. Noah Falzon placed 3rd in his 1500m race, Lucas Richardson Placed 2nd in long jump and our Senior Boys relay team; Khai Aladaba, Magnus Myhre Fox, Tony Dihn and Lucas Richardson placed 2nd. We wish you all the best, what an achievement boys!



Gala Days

On Friday week 10 Stage 3 students enjoyed the day playing Touch Football. Thank you to all the parent helpers who volunteered their time and our teachers Mr Campbell, Miss Jurcevic and Mr Cauchi.



Basketball Gala Day

82 OLA Students attended our last Gala Day for 2023 on Wednesday. What a great display of athleticism and sportsmanship. As the day went by all our teams showed outstanding teamwork. We would like to thank the wonderful parents and family members who gave up their time scoring or managing some of the teams. Thank you to Mr Lee and Mr Williams who also stepped up into the role of team managers and showed guidance and support to all our teams. We would like to give a special mention to 3 teams on the day. Year 4 boys placed equal 2nd in their pool and both Year 5 (Teal) undefeated and Year 6 (Teal) won their pool. Congratulations Boys you were outstanding on the court! Here are some of our teams.



Going on Holidays.....

This is a reminder that if you are planning on going on a holiday at any time during the school terms and it is for five days (one week) or more, then you **MUST** complete the Application for Extended Leave form. This can be found on our website.

This form must be completed prior to you going on holidays and a certificate signed by Mr Calabria will be sent home. If the form is not received before going on leave, then your child's roll will be marked as 'unexplained' and this will appear on your child's report. **A letter on your return will not suffice, as we cannot alter the roll after the event.**

We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

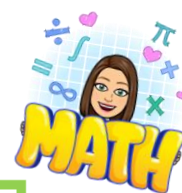
OPAL CARDS

[Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme \(SSTS\) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can apply or update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

MATHS FUN

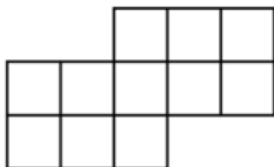
Can you solve our Maths problems for this week? Please bring your answers to share with Mrs Vella next week!



Infants Learning Task

Squares

How many squares can you see in this shape?
HINT: Remember to count squares of all sizes.



Primary Learning Task

13 Animals

Farmer Freddy keeps his cows and ducks in the barn. If there are 13 animals in the barn and altogether they have 34 legs, how many cows and how many ducks does he have?



Are you Still Regularly Late?

School begins at 8.50am sharp. Thank you to the parents who ensure their children are at school on time. Students who are late miss important announcements and, more significantly, vital learning in the classroom.

Additionally, late children disturb the learning of others and are very self-conscious of entering after everyone else. Surprisingly, the children blame mum or dad not being ready whilst mum or dad tend to say it's the children.

From 8.50am a parent MUST accompany their child to the office to be signed in.

IMPORTANT NOTICE Facebook/Messenger

Please note: There are **NO** official grade Facebook pages. These pages are not to have a school crest/logo etc, as they are not endorsed, contributed to or seen by the school. As a result, there can often be inaccurate information regarding uniform changes, questions about reading levels etc. **Parents are always encouraged and welcome to direct questions to the school office, teachers, Mr Cauchi or Mr Calabria for accurate information.**

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'

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in Week 10 of Term 3. (No awards were presented this week as it was a short week)

Term 3 Week 10		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Seby Borja	Austin Banks
KG	Oliver Duran	Jacob Vassallo
KW	Noah Shnoudi	Roman Falcone
Year 1 B	Savannah Gatt	Noah Hession
Year 1 G	Angelina Spiteri	Tommy Buck
Year 1 W	Ezra Enosi Tuipulotu	Georgia Arnott
Year 2 B	Chloe Cambourn	Harlen Manenti
Year 2G	Nathan Andrews	Remy Buda
Year 2W	Rosario Borbajo	Samuel Cauchi
Year 3 B	Evelyn Mckee	Elena Valensise
Year 3 G	Leo Dabit	Mya Mitrovich
Year 3 W	Julian Fonsdituri	Noah Phillips
Year 4 B	Caleb Atkins	Korbin Bruckard
Year 4 G	Fraser Filipo	Oliver Taylor
Year 4 W	Max Suarez	Giuliana Barbara
Year 5 B	Alissar ElKhoury	Xavier Younes
Year 5G	Elijah Dabit	Madeleine Teo
Year 5W	Hailey Ocampo	Annie Blazey
Year 6 B	Roko Deur	Joshua Basile
Year 6 G	Ethan Zachariah	Karen Mikhael
Year 6 W	Alex Vozzo	<u>Maddison Kuea Vilila</u>

Congratulations to Liam & Ruby Masters

During the holidays Liam and Ruby danced at the Australian Irish Dancing Championships held at Homebush. Liam placed first and is the Australian National Champion for the Sub-Minor Boys 7 Years! Ruby also received a podium placing and was awarded runner up and has now qualified for the 2024 World Championships in Glasgow, Scotland.

Well done Liam & Ruby. We are so proud of you both!

