



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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30th June, 2023
Term 2, Week 10

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many parents arriving this week for their Parent/Teacher interviews and speaking so positively about their child's progress, so realistically about their child's challenges and so warmly about their child's teacher. As always, I certainly welcome your feedback regarding any aspect of the Parent Teacher Interviews.

Parents and teachers are both vital and critical to the wellbeing and development of our children and we must always work together to make the most of children's learning and to nurture their talents.

This is especially refreshing given that the workload of a teacher is often criticised by the media and perceptions of a '9 to 3' day are still present. In comparison, our teachers spend the '9 to 3' part of the day with the children, facilitating their learning. Countless hours aside from this time are then spent each day correcting and assessing the student's work (this term in particular has seen teachers meeting to analyse children's work samples, results and assessments against criteria linked to our syllabus to ensure a correct A-E achievement level) planning lessons, preparing resources, meeting with support teachers to discuss children's needs, professional development to continually improve the quality of their teaching, regular meetings with parents to discuss children's progress, staff meetings, organising excursion opportunities, carnivals and many, many more while, at the same time, juggling their own family lives and finding time for reflection and self-renewal.

My appreciation and thanks to you as parents for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child and to the teachers, a dedicated team of professionals who give so generously of their self, skills and time.

Improving the learning outcomes for all children at OLA is our core business. The children are our first priority. This is a great Catholic school that over the last 14 years has helped produce not just well educated young adults, but compassionate people who, because of their faith, confidently embrace a future with hope and joy. I hope that you are as proud to be a part of this community as I am.

As we end Term 2, I would like to thank you for your support, enthusiasm and positive feedback throughout the term. It has certainly been an exciting time, filled with many examples of faith, fun and learning. Thank you for being part of our action packed Term 2 which included, just to name a few, Resurrection Celebration, Anzac Day Celebrations, Movie Night, Communion, Mother's Day Celebrations & Gift Stall, NAPLAN, assemblies, excursions, Years 3-6 athletics carnival, gala days, P&F meeting, Masses and Liturgies, reports and parent/teacher interviews. Working together is what continues to build our strong community. I look forward to seeing our wonderful students at the beginning of Term 3, Tuesday 18th July, after a well-earned break.

As always, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher, Mr Cauchi or myself if there is anything that we can do to support you or your child.

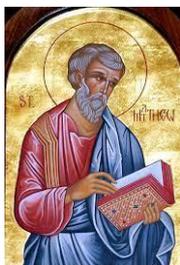
Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

*Tony Calabria
Principal*

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY/PUPIL FREE DAY

**Monday 17th July
Week 1, Term 3**

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 02-07-2023

Gospel Reflection ([Matthew 10:37-42](#))

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of the challenge and rewards of true discipleship. He reminds his followers that discipleship means putting God above any other attachments. It means carrying challenges and sacrifices, with the knowledge that we are accompanied and led by Jesus. It means losing our life-the things that make us comfortable and secure-in order to find God. Jesus encourages the Twelve to follow in his footsteps. He is always leading. How will you follow him today?

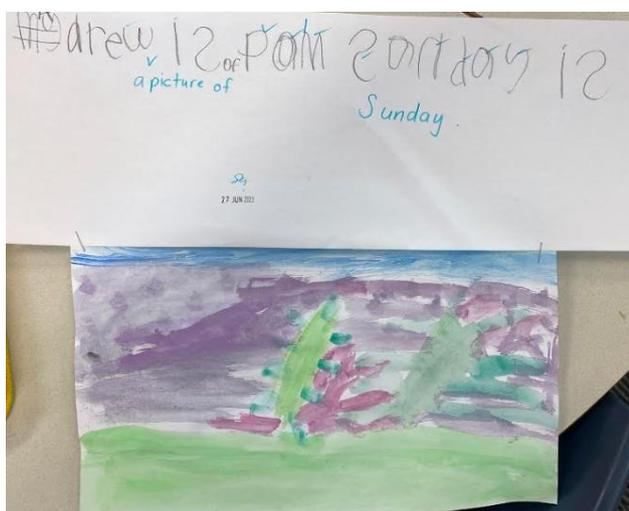
Parish Masses Term 3:

Please see below the timetable for Parish Masses that the children will attend next term.

- 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 (All welcome to the Mass)
- 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-All welcome to the Mass)
- 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

What's Happening with RE in the Classroom

Look at some of the amazing artworks our kindergarten students painted this week in Religion. They have been focusing on stories about Jesus.





Happy birthday to members of our OLA community who are celebrating their birthday through the holidays.....

Mon 3rd July
Sabrina Malae
Noah McCrory

Sun 9th July
Daniel Salac

Tues 4th July
Tony Dinh
Mrs Jan Schroder

Mon 10th July
Divena Sundaram

Tues 11th July
Nandita Savin

Wed 5th July
Zach Dixon
Suhaan Shah
Scarlett Leahy
Michelle Wilianto

Wed 12th July
Annabelle Delaney
Minnie McManus
Lucas Medjumurac

Fri 7th July
Chiara Dib

Fri 14th July
Sofia Barbara
Noah Falzon

Sat 8th July
Myra Shokeen
Miss Zoe Brown

Zac Rosser

Principal Award Recipients

Term 2

Congratulations to the Principal Award Recipients as selected by their teachers for Term 2, who were presented with their medals this morning and enjoyed a lovely Principal's morning tea:-

KB	Aiden Lawler	1B	Evie Micallef
KG	Kiara Valdez	1G	Viktoria Czipri
KW	Eloise McKee	1W	Finn McNamara
2B	Aria Navarro	3B	Kianah Lesar
2G	Adriana Donzow	3G	Myra Shokeen
2W	Alyssa Albertini	3W	Cameron Brackenbury
4B	Johanna Torre Islas	5B	Nandita Savin
4G	Lillian Maher	5G	Amelia Dalla
4W	Noah De Leon	5W	Cooper Keating
6B	Erica Sommer		
6G	Ella Ciantar		
6W	Alyssa Nichols		



Dates to Remember

Term 3

Week 1

Mon 17th July **Staff Development Day**
No students attend school on this day
Tues 18th July First Day of School for Term 3
Fri 21st July 100 Days of Kindergarten

Week 2

Tues 25th July 9.00am Years 1 & 2 Parish Mass. All Welcome

Week 3

Wed 2nd Aug Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day
11.45am Whole School Mass. All Welcome
Activities Afternoon for Students
Thurs 4th Aug Year 6 Canberra overnight excursion
Sun 6th Aug OLA Family Fiesta

Lockdown Drill

As part of our ongoing safety requirements, today we held an onsite lockdown practise drill. The children were excellent. Congratulations.

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.

**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.**

Book Hunting Over the Holidays

Do you have any of our readers or library books at home? During the course of each and every term, books/readers etc are sent home with children from the class, the library and from our Learning Support Team. Although these are recorded, unfortunately some are never returned. Before contacting the relevant parents directly, we would kindly ask that you have a thorough search at home, in toy boxes, on shelves, under the bed etc, so that these books can be returned and circulated to other children. All OLA books are stamped with our school stamp and/or have library bar codes on them.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Benedict Ypilan 1G, Joshua De Leon 1G, Lincoln Seguna 1G, Cameron Brackenbury 3W, Minnie McManus 3G, Avyukth Kanigelpula 3G, Victoria Zakharova 3W, Riccardo Barbatano 3W & Zara Pisani 5W for completing the PRC challenge this week. A reminder the challenge concludes on 18th August. Keep reading OLA.



Happy Holiday Reading Everyone!!

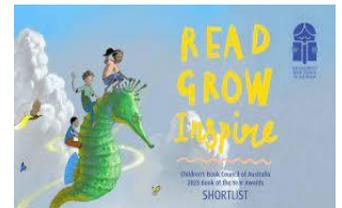
Book Week Events

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.



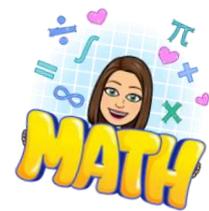
Writing Competitions

Congratulations to all students who entered the writing competitions this term. We had some fabulous entries. The OLA staff are very proud of you.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

HOLIDAY MATHS FUN

Here are some Maths Ideas you can try in the holidays using a pack of playing cards. Have fun!!



1. **Match to Make 11**- Lay out three rows of three cards each, face up. Then check to see if you can find any two cards that add up to 11. If so, remove those cards and set them aside. Replace them with new cards from the deck. Continue until you run out of cards or can't make any more matches.
2. **First to 100**- Flip a card and add its value to your running total. First person to reach 100 without going over wins! (Remove face cards for younger players; use these values for older kids: Jack = 11, Queen = 12, King = 13, Ace = 0.)
3. **Flip and add 1 or subtract 1**- Remove the face cards from the deck. Flip a card. If it's red, add one and say the amount out loud. If it's black, subtract one. Get it right? You get to keep the card!
4. **Go Fish for pairs that make 10**- Your children probably already know how to play Go Fish, but in this version, they're fishing for pairs that add up to 10. Have them ask: "I have a 2. Do you have an 8 to make 10?" Change aces to 1 for this game and leave face cards out entirely.

Debating

Congratulations to Elizabeth McKee, Charlise Mitrovich, Eric Sommer and Olivia Iori who this week debated against OLOR Kellyville as the affirmative team on the topic 'Zoos have animals' best interests at heart'. Congratulations to OLA on this week's win.



OLA SPORT

Diocesan Rugby Union Trials

On Monday, 26th June, Noah Cleary, William Mallard & Cooper Roberts trialed for the MacKillop Team. Congratulations on getting to this high level. We are proud of all of you.



Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to all three Stage 2 Soccer Gala day teams and their parents and carers who braved the cold and wet conditions on Wednesday. Despite the weather, all three teams had a fun day and experienced success.

The girls team had a mixture of wins, draws and losses as did the Year 3 Boys team. The Year 4 Boys team had amazing success, with 4 wins and a draw and were undefeated after 5 games.

The Gala day was then called off due to the weather and as the Year 4 boys team were top of their pool they were declared the overall pool winners! The team was presented with their medals at school on Thursday.

The children and their families should be proud of the team spirit and sportsmanship and perseverance displayed by all the children that represented OLA.

Special thank you to all the parents who transported the children and supported the children in the adverse weather conditions and thank you to all the parents who offered to assist on the day with coaching and managing the teams. These days cannot proceed without your help!

Also thank you to Mrs Batten and Mr Cauchi for all their organisation leading up to the day. A lot of preparation and organisation is involved leading up to our soccer gala days and we are very fortunate to have Mrs Batten heading up the sport at OLA!



Tech Tip Week 10 eSafety 101: How eSafety Can Help You

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

It will cover:

- who we are
- what you can report to eSafety
- helpful advice and resources for parents and carers.

1st August: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

[Register here](#)

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>

We Bounce Back and Move Forward at OLA

Fixed Mindset:

- A fixed mindset refers to the belief that personal qualities, including intelligence and abilities, are fixed traits that cannot be changed. Individuals with a fixed mindset tend to believe that their talents and capabilities are predetermined, leading them to avoid challenges, feel threatened by the success of others, and give up easily when faced with obstacles. They often seek validation and avoid situations where they might make mistakes or face potential failure.



Growth Mindset:

- In contrast, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence, abilities, and talents can be developed through effort, practice, and learning. Individuals with a growth mindset embrace challenges, view failure as an opportunity for learning and growth, and believe in the power of dedication and perseverance. They are more likely to take risks, set ambitious goals, and maintain a positive attitude even in the face of setbacks. They understand that abilities can be cultivated and improved over time.

These examples of fixed mindset and growth mindset will give you a better idea of how both mindsets work in the same situation.

Growth mindset	Fixed mindset
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mistakes and failures are opportunities to learn and grow. • I am willing to attempt anything. • I am influenced and motivated by the success stories of others. • I am open to trying new things. • I can always try. Even if I fail, there is always something to learn from it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mistakes and failures are just that. They reveal the limits of my capabilities. • To avoid mistakes and failure, I will try only things that I am sure of succeeding. • I resent and envy those who succeed. • I will attempt only things I know. • Why try when I am going to fail. I know I am not good at this.

Some tips for building growth mindset

- Use obstacles and challenges as opportunities for improvement and growth.
- Don't limit yourself to a few strategies. Keep an open mind.
- Use every failure as a chance to learn.
- Learn to enjoy the journey.
- Celebrate your successes as well as that of others.
- Offer constructive criticism and treat criticisms from others in the constructive sense.
- Look for opportunities to learn new things.
- Give precedence to hard work over talent.
- Develop your mental strength and willpower.
- Acknowledge that you cannot survive on talent alone. Hard work is an integral part of success.
- Use the word "yet" more often instead of plain negative statements. As in, "I don't know how to do that yet."
- Keep setting new goals for you to accomplish.
- Be ready to take risks and don't shy away from revealing your vulnerabilities.
- Learn to be realistic in your approach towards goals.
- Take responsibility for your actions and attitude.
- Feel proud to have a growth mindset.

Fiesta News

Sunday 6th August (Just 5 weeks away)

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help on a stall or with other tasks such as cleaning. If you can spare an hour or two on the day to help with the Fiesta, please reach out to the Fiesta committee at olafamilyfiesta@gmail.com or contact the parish on 8883-4063.

Sponsorships

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. If you or your business would like to become a Fiesta sponsor by sponsoring a stall or donating goods or services, please contact the Fiesta Committee.

Raffle Tickets

As part of the Fiesta, we will be holding an exciting raffle with fantastic prizes up for grabs. We will need your help in selling the raffle tickets which will be sent home via the students early in Term 3.

Unlimited Rides Wrist Bands – On Sale from Term 3

There will be some amazing rides at the Fiesta including dodgem cars, super slide, storm cup & saucer and the cartoon train. Unlimited rides wrist bands will be on sale from Term 3 for \$35 (or \$40 if purchased at the Fiesta).

Donation Requests

Please see the flyer below for donations for the Lucky Dip & Sideshow Stalls.



OLA Family Fiesta 2023 Donation Request

Calling all Our Lady of the Angels Families!

Join us in bringing the
"Lucky Dip & Sideshow Stalls"
to life at this year's **Family Fiesta on August 6th.**
We are seeking your generous donations to make this event a success.

"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.

Please drop off your donations at the front office until
19th July (week 2)

Thank you for your generosity and support!

OLA FACEBOOK PAGE

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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'

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Kristine Evans and her band of helpers for co-ordinating and selling the items at the second-hand uniform stall last Friday.

Student Awards

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

Term 2 Week 10		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Stella Kokozyan	Chiara Dib
KG	Emma Hodgess	Isabelle Lindon
KW	Sophie Kovacevic	Xavier Savoia
Year 1 B	Jayda Tischler	Noah Lesar
Year 1 G	Edie Mallard	Leo Martino
Year 1 W	Nicholas Daryoush	Jasmine Russo
Year 2 B	Saif Bhangu	Braxton Reece
Year 2G	Audrey Pedavoli	Indigo Rich
Year 2W	Jia Jia Rong	Chloe Psaltis
Year 3 B	Ashton Ko	Roy Shim
Year 3 G	Joshua Fitzsimons	Dayron Gungab
Year 3 W	Alexander Dib	Cooper Cameron
Year 4 B	Eva-Grace Naim	Caleb Atkins
Year 4 G	Oliver <u>Jagar</u>	Marcus Lianto
Year 4 W	Asher Davidson	Noah DeLeon
Year 5 B	Jackson Navarro	James Farrugia
Year 5G	John Vickers	Olivia Hartz
Year 5W	Alessandro Albertini	Zara Pisani
Year 6 B	Max Masters	William Conn
Year 6 G	Noah Baba	Zavier Dabit
Year 6 W	Charlise Mitrovich	Olivia Iori

“Over the Holidays”

Lost Property – Label It

Our lost property is often overflowing. Items with names are returned to the students. Items without names are regularly moved on. Please ensure every item your child brings to school is labelled.

Also please take two minutes to check that your child's items are actually theirs, as children can often pick up another child's jacket, hat, etc.

If getting a haircut – Acceptable Hair Styles

The following is a passage in the parent handbook that refers to this....

“Hair is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of the styles that are unacceptable include: ridges, undercuts, steps, any excessive shaping with products, and any shaving cuts.

Girls' hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face and eyes. Ribbons, hair clips etc should be school colours”. Girls' hair should be of a consistent natural colour.



If buying school shoes...

Please purchase black leather upper school shoes (not black joggers) and predominantly white joggers (no fluro/solid colours)

