



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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4th August, 2023
Term 3, Week 3

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

This Sunday, 6th August, the OLA Parish and School will be holding their annual Family Fiesta.

The Fiesta celebrations will begin with Mass at 11.00am, followed by the procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Statue of Our Lady through the school grounds. The Fiesta will then commence from 1.00pm and conclude with fireworks at 6.00pm.

Thank you to those generously providing cakes. If donating, don't forget to drop your cakes off either on Saturday afternoon from 1.00pm to the parish office or directly to the cake stall on Sunday.

The raffle will be drawn just before the fireworks at the Fiesta.

Due to the rides in the carpark, there will be no parking on the schools grounds. Alternative parking will be available in the oval carparks across the road and the carpark of Rouse Hill High School. Please note that the Netball Association will be holding an event on Sunday. This will increase traffic and impact on parking in the area. If you are able to leave your car at home please consider doing so.

Thank you to all who have so generously supported the Fiesta in so many ways. Your contribution, big or small is very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying this amazing community event.

***Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Tuesday, 8th August***

'Never see a need without doing something about it'

Mary MacKillop encourages us to be of service to others. Each one of us has the potential to help others if we so choose. Being able to see a need and know what to do is often the challenge, a challenge that Mary MacKillop modelled for us in her life. Why not, along with the children, make the effort this coming week and do something about a need you may be aware of.

We will celebrate with a short assembly this Tuesday 8th August. All are welcome. This will be followed by our Parent Inservice on anxiety and a P&F Meeting. All are most welcome.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



Parent Inservice

followed by P&F Meeting

Tuesday 8th August at 9.00am

(after our Mary MacKillop Assembly)

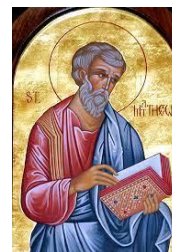
Come and join us for a presentation on "Supporting your Child with Anxiety" which will be presented by our Counsellor Ekua Nkrumah.

Following this presentation will be our Term 3 P&F Meeting. All are welcome to join us.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (06-08-2023)

Gospel Reflection Matthew 17:1-9

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives we have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact – sometimes years later. Sometimes we experience powerful moments of connection with God or with other people. Sometimes this might be through a special experience of nature; a meaningful retreat experience; a powerful sense of being 'in tune' with another person; a reflective prayer experience; or some other significant experience. The temptation when we have these experiences is to wish that we could remain in the experience. The challenge, however, is to take that experience back into the everyday of our lives – changed by it without remaining in it.



Parish Masses Term 3:

Please see below the timetable for remaining 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 4:	Thursday 10th August- Years 3 & 4 at 9am
WEEK 5:	Year 2 attending Parish Mass on 14th August at 9am (due to excursion on 15 th August) Whole School Mass Tuesday 15th August-Feast of the Assumption at 11:45am
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 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

Feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

Tuesday, 8th August

'Never see a need without doing something about it'

Mary MacKillop is a wonderful role model to us all. She was indeed a woman of faith and devotion. Her attitude of **'never see a need without doing something about it'** inspires us to reach out to others and to truly make a difference.

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne, Victoria. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. Mary cared about people who had no-one to look after them such as boys and girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people. Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola. There she met Father Julian Tension Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph's School in an old stable.

On 19th March 1866 – St Joseph's Day – Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God's work. As more and more young women joined Mary as Sisters, they were able to start more schools. All children were welcomed at their schools, even if they couldn't pay. In Adelaide they opened a place for women who had nowhere to live, an orphanage for children who had no parents to look after them and a house where poor people could come and stay. The Sisters visited people who were in gaol and those who were poor and sick. Mary MacKillop was kind to all people. She died on 8th August 1909 in North Sydney. Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children.

She is Australia's First Saint.



OLA Feast Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated Our Lady of the Angels Feast Day. The children had an amazing day of Faith, Fun & Learning.

What a perfect day – Mass, sports activities, a free ice cream and cheering on the students vs staff netball match. See our Facebook page for further photos.



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

Mon 7th Aug

Miss Kristina Jurcevic

Sat 12th Aug

Stella Bunda

Lachlan Boje

Fri 11th Aug

Olivia Iori

Zoe Tan

Amy Tawadrouse

Miss Hayley Ford

Father's Day Celebrations

Mark the Date and Time

Friday 1st September

We invite all Dads to come to a special DAD morning assembly in their honour starting at 9:00am on Friday 1st September, which will be followed by morning tea and then a visit to the classrooms. We hope all Dads (or significant males) are able to join us. All are most welcome.

OUTSTANDING NAPLAN RESULTS!!

Apologies for the delay in sharing our great results. Our NAPLAN summary is still being collated.

Dates to Remember

Week 4

Tues 8th Aug

Feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

8.50am Assembly. All welcome

9.00am Parent Inservice & P&F Meeting

Presentation "Supporting your Child with Anxiety" by our Counsellor, Ekua Nkrumah

P&F Meeting to follow. All welcome

Wed 9th Aug

9.00 am Year 6 Voice of Youth Finals. All

Welcome

Thurs 10th Aug

9.00am Years 3 & 4 Parish Mass. All Welcome

6.30pm Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation

Session 2

Fri 11th Aug

2.30pm Whole School Assembly

Presented by Year 5. All Welcome

Week 5

Mon 14th Aug

9.00am Year 2 Parish Mass. All Welcome

Year 4 Excursion to Maritime Museum

Tues 15th Aug

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

11.45am Whole School Mass. All Welcome

Year 2 Excursion to Pioneer Village

Wed 16th Aug

Year 5 Incursion Mad About Science

Thurs 17th Aug

Book Fair Arrives

Fri 18th Aug

Hills Zone Athletics Carnival – Blacktown

Week 6

Mon 21st Aug

BOOK WEEK – Book Fair Mon - Wed

Author Visit Jol & Kate Temple

Tues 22nd Aug

9.30am Book Parade followed by Rug

Reading/Picnic. All Welcome

Wed 23rd Aug

9.00am Parish Mass. Kindy, Yrs 5 & 6.

All Welcome

Fri 25th Aug

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Premier's Readers Challenge

Congratulations to Viktoria Czipri 1G, Emma Marsden 3G, Madison Ross 5G, Harrison Dolahenty 5G & Zoe Bell 6B for completing the PRC challenge this week. This a reminder the challenge concludes on the 18th of August.

Ways to improve reading comprehension at home

Reread to build fluency.

To gain meaning from text and encourage reading comprehension, your child needs to read quickly and smoothly – a skill known as fluency. By the beginning of Year 3, for example, your child should be able to read 90 words a minute.

Rereading familiar, simple books gives your child practice at decoding words quickly, so they'll become more fluent in their reading comprehension.

Repeating, Reviewing, and Remembering

The more we engage with a story, the more we take away from it. That is often why, as adults, we choose to reread those classics we were assigned to read as students in school. We're sure to get more out of the book the second or third time we read it.

Similarly, when kids listen to the same story multiple times, they pick up new information, dive deeper into the meaning of the book, and make connections between themselves and the book and between the book and other books they've heard.



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. Payment can be made online or by EFTPOS only. No cash will be accepted.

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

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

Following the parade, families are invited to stay for rug reading/picnic. **All welcome!**

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

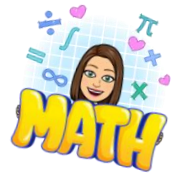
Library Monitors

Congratulations to Audrey Summerhays, Amelia Fava and Johanna Torre Islas who will be the Library Monitors for this term.



Week 1 MATHS FUN

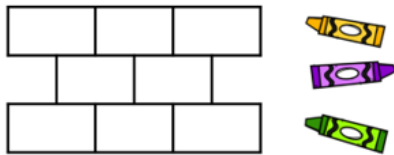
Can you solve our Maths problems for this week? Please bring your answers to share with Mrs Vella next week!



Infants Learning Task

Colours

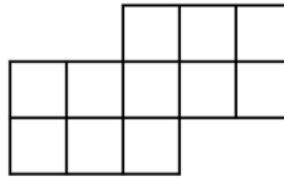
Color the bricks using 3 different colors, so that no 2 bricks of the same color are touching.



Primary Learning Task

Squares

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



Tech Tip Week 3

When is the 'right' age to give kids a smartphone?

Put simply, there's no universal, or prescriptive age that's believed 'right' or 'safe' to give kids a mobile phone. Many families give kids a phone as it's a safety issue, peer acceptance, or as a way to make contact with them.

It is important to remember that a phone can be more than a phone. It is a powerful communication tool. They can create images, videos and written messages that can be uploaded and digitally distributed at the click of a button. They can download apps and games which allow them to interact with others.

Here are some things to consider:

- Is your child emotionally and cognitively ready to deal with a phone?
- Is your child able to follow rules and boundaries set for them by you when you are not around them?
- Are they responsible for their belongings?
- Are they resilient?
- Is a smartphone the answer?

If you decide to give your child a phone, consider the following strategies:

- Establish firm BOUNDARIES and RULES (don't overwhelm a child with lots of rules. Keep them minimal and simple).
- Keep devices in publicly accessible spots in the home and out of bedrooms.
- Minimise phone use at night.
- Do regular screen audits with them.
- Teach them how to use it respectfully and responsibly.
- Know what your child is doing with their phone.

Diocesan Voice of Youth

All students from Year 6 this term have participated in the Parramatta Diocese Voice of Youth Competition.

Congratulations to:-

- 6B Elizabeth McKee, Zoe Bell & Roko Deur
6G William Mallard, Lola Quinlan & Ava-Belle Chong
6W Natalie Vella, Skye Batra & Melodyia Kundan

who have been selected to compete in our school final on Wednesday 9th August at 9.00am in the year 6 classroom.

From this school final, 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 Wednesday 9th August.

Dates for Whole School Assemblies

The dates for the term 3 whole school assemblies, where a grade will be showcasing and presenting their learning are:-

Friday 11th August – Presented by Year 5

Friday 8th September – Presented by Year 4

All are most welcome to attend.

If you are attending these assemblies we would suggest that you park across the road at the ovals and walk across to school.

We Bounce Back and Move Forward at OLA

Throughout the term, students at OLA will participate in a variety of team building activities and games that are designed to support children in self regulating their emotions, build resilience and develop trust with their peers.

The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority outlines the importance of children maintaining positive relationships.

WHY RELATIONSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT

Good relationships early in life help children to connect with others, build positive friendships and support children to self-regulate their emotions.

Social competence

To build positive relationships with others, children need to develop 'social competence' and the ability to interact with others with care, empathy and respect. Social competence is the foundation that allows children to understand and self-regulate their own emotions and negotiate their interactions with others.

Children's individual ability to connect with others and build relationships will vary greatly. The range of children's personalities and social skills plays an important part in the way they relate to others.

Some things you may expect to see in school age children:

- they continue to develop their social skills to further build and sustain relationships with adults, educators and other children
- they are increasingly aware of peer differences and are more empathetic and aware of their personal responsibilities towards others
- they value acceptance while developing an understanding that group interactions can create challenges and conflicts
- they bring existing relationship dynamics to the education setting.



Congratulations to our Year 6 Debating Team consisting of Ava-Bella Chong, William Mallard, Vincent Cappello and Zoe Bell who debated against Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville this week on the topic of 'Water is more Precious than Gold' and won

Parent Representative Council (PRC) Meeting



Monday, 21 August 2023

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC meeting will be held prior to the guest speaker)

St John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens 2768

Light supper and refreshments will be provided,
and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

f @prcparra

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.**

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'

"Doing Your Best"

(taken from The Nine Values for Australia Schools from the National Values Education Program)

This week we are focussing on the value of:-

DOING YOUR BEST – Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard and pursue excellence.

This value includes the following characteristics:-

- Having a go! – How do you as parents, encourage this characteristic?
- Being positive about learning.
- Learning from your mistakes – Tell them how proud you are of their efforts.
- Discovering what you're good at and enjoy doing it.
- Doing things to the best of your ability.
- Using your talents – Discuss your child's God given talent/s with them and how these gifts should be used to the best of their ability.
- Setting worthwhile goals and making plans to achieve them. Do you have goals?

The overall message:-

Attaining personal success in a range of human endeavours, pursuing individual excellence and displaying pride and satisfaction in personal achievement.

Theme for the Week "Doing your Best"

Our theme this week focuses on always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.

IMPORTANT

Change of Circumstances

If there has been a change of circumstances in your home ie moving house, parent separation etc could you please email the office to advise us of any new address/es, phone numbers, etc. All up to date information is required by CSPD so that we can all work in better partnership with you.

Email Addresses

As most school notes are emailed, please don't forget to let us know if your email address changes. We encourage you to check your email (and/or spam) regularly for emails from OLA.

Reflection

*A kind word or acknowledgement goes a long way in
lifting a person's spirit.*

*Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash and it is
gone,
but there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on
and on.*

*spreading, spreading from the centre,
flowing on out to the sea,
and there is no way of telling where the end is going
to be.*

*Drop a careless, unkind word,
and in a minute, it is gone,
But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on
and on.*

*They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the
centre as they go and there is no way to stop them,
once you've started them to flow.*

*Drop a word of cheer and kindness,
just a flash and it is gone,
But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on
and on.*

*Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing,
dashing wave,
'til you wouldn't believe the volume of one kind word
you gave.*

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten: Gabriella Mazza
Year 1: Gisele Jakovljevic
Year 2: Angeline Garcia
Year 3: Abhi Sundaram
Year 4: Brae Aldaba
Year 5: Lachlan Newman
Year 6: Juliana Aguilar



Kindergarten



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Student Awards

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

Term 3 Week 3		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Aiden Lawler	Soham Chotalia
KG	Liliana Pennati	Stella Jakovljevic
KW	Eleena Singh	Alannah George
Year 1 B	Brittany Brown	Levi Maiava
Year 1 G	Gisele Jakovljevic	Oscar Niezabitowski
Year 1 W	Julian Kausei	Stella Bunda
Year 2 B	Ziva Borate	Xander Licalde
Year 2G	Carlos Ji	Azalia Sales
Year 2W	Rosario Borbajo	Lily Hughes
Year 3 B	Gabriel Palacio-Rosero	Kianah Lesar
Year 3 G	Akira Malik	Alexander Newman
Year 3 W	Cameron Brackenbury	Emily Cook
Year 4 B	Sean Mburu	Sofia Montgomery
Year 4 G	Tristan Cappello	Isabella Deur
Year 4 W	Audrey SummerSummerhays	Marcus Wang
Year 5 B	Olivia Jones	Jack Leahy
Year 5G	Elijah Dabit	Sara Tangarorang
Year 5W	Ally Flores	Esther Afoakwah



Calling for donations for our fantastic PRE-LOVED School Uniform Shop!

❖ Do you have a spare school uniform that you no longer need?
❖ Maybe it doesn't fit?
❖ Why not donate it!

Donations of clean, in good condition, pre-loved uniforms can be dropped to the front office.

***Next pre-loved uniform sale will take place in week 9.**

Thank you for helping and supporting our School Community!

DONATE NOW



**St Bernadette's Parish
Castle Hill**

Presents
**An Evening of
Sacred Music**

**Fri 25th August
7:30pm**

A night of performances by choirs, music groups and soloists from around the Diocese, performing a selection of hymns and choral music.

Tickets are \$5 per person.
Entry includes light refreshments during intermission.

**St Bernadette's
Parish Castle Hill**

From the Parish Office...Children's Eucharistic Adoration

"Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them; for to such belong the Kingdom of Heaven." - Matthew 19:14

We invite all school aged children (Year 3-6) and their parents to spend quality time in the loving presence of the Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament through guided prayer and singing hymns. Babysitting is available for children 5 years and under. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards.

To RSVP for the next session or for more information please scan/click on the QR code.

2023 dates

- Friday 11th August- 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Friday 1st of September- 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Friday 3rd November- 3:30pm-4:30pm

