



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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11th August, 2023 Term 3, Week 4

Dear Parents

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

This Tuesday 15th August, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. We continue to ask Mary to bless us with her grace each and every day of our lives. The students will celebrate the Eucharist with a whole school Mass at 11.45am this Tuesday. All are most welcome to join us on this Holy day of Obligation.

Father in Heaven
All creation rightly gives you praise,
For all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
She who bore the Christ in her womb
Was raised body and soul in glory to be with
Him in Heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
And join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



OLA PARISH/SCHOOL FIESTA

Thank you to one and all for your absolutely overwhelming attendance and support at the combined OLA Parish/School Fiesta last Sunday. The whole day was just amazing. The Mass in honour or our Lady through to the fireworks and all the delicious food, fun rides, entertainment and socialising in between, was a wonderful example of our Christ-centered faith community coming together as one. The feedback around the day has been extremely positive.

This massive event would not have been possible if it was not for the outstanding organisation and effort from our Fiesta Committee leader, Michael Said (Alannah 3W). Every aspect of the day was meticulously planned and catered for with everyone just loving the Fiesta.

A sincere thank you from all of our OLA community to Michael, the parish team and stall co-ordinators for their efforts.

Thank you to all our performers on the day. To the choir led by Mrs Cheadle and Miss Brown, to the dancers led by Miss Hogan and to the band led by Maddison & Lucia from Teaching Services Australia. You were all simply outstanding..

Thank you to Elizabeth McKee and Zoe Bell for leading the procession and our First Communicants who also featured.

To all of our parents that helped in one way or another to make the Fiesta great, we thank you. Whether you volunteered on a stall, or came and generously supported on the day, your contribution is greatly valued. To Fr Carlos and Fr Omar, we say thank you for leading our parish/school community.

Congratulations to <u>all</u> of the stall holders. Thank you for co-ordinating and leading your stall. Finally, thank you to all of our sponsors. Your support of our community is very much appreciated.

The day was extremely successful, not just for funds being raised (still to be finalised) but more importantly in giving our parish/school community and beyond and opportunity to gather and celebrate OLA.

Be sure to check out our school Facebook page or the parish website for some photos of the Fiesta. Please also see a further thank you and acknowledgement of sponsors in this newsletter.

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

Tony Calabria Principal

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 13-08-2023 Gospel Reflection Matthew 14:22-33

In today's Gospel, we see that the disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? We can describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others.

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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 5: Year 2 attending Parish Mass on 14th August at 9am (due to excursion on 15th 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 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

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

In Year 3, students are learning about Jesus. Over the last few weeks, they have been looking at scripture passages about Jesus and how He was a good influence on others. This week, Fr Omar visited the Year 3 learning space to speak to them about Jesus being the path to hope and joy. He explained God's influence on us reflected back to the example of Saint Mary MacKillop.





Here are a few Kindergarten students showing their St Mary MacKillop they created on Tuesday to celebrate her feast day.

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







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

Sun 13th AugWed 16th AugAthena SalesKeilan PeacockRic BarbatanoEthan Maddaford

Mon 14th Aug

Benjamin Nicholls

Julian Kausei

Thurs 17th Aug

Clara Denisenko

Roko Deur Fri 18th Aug

Alana Pearson Arianna Mangano
Olive Evans

Tues 15th AugHarrison Dolahenty
Aubrey Breen

Jayda Tischler
Harrison Maher

Alannah Said Sat 19th Aug Jia Jia Rong

Baby Time....

Congratulations to Mr Luke Campbell and his wife Ashley on the birth of their second child, a son Alfie, last Sunday, and

Congratulations to <u>Mrs Clare Chine</u> and her husband John on the birth of their first child, a son Jesse also born last Sunday.

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.

Thank you to the Year 5 team of teachers and the amazing Year 5 students for presenting an informative and entertaining whole school assembly today. It was lovely to see so many parents being able to join us.

Dates to Remember

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

8.50am Mini-Vinnies Badge Presentation. All

Welcome

Fri 18th Aug Hills Zone Athletics Carnival – Blacktown

Fire Truck Visiting Kindergarten

Week 6 BOOK WEEK – Book Fair Mon - Wed

Mon 21st Aug 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

Week 7

Mon 28th Aug 10.00am Voice of Youth Cluster Finals

St John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens. All Welcome

Tues 29th Aug Father's Day Gift Stall

9.00am Years 1 & 2 Parish Mass. All Welcome

Wed 30th Aug Diocesan Netball Gala Day, Jamison Park

Netball Complex, Penrith

Fri 1st Sept 9.00am Father's Day

Liturgy/Assembly/Morning Tea. All Welcome



On 4th August it was Australian Primary Principal's Day. The OLA community would like to say 'Thank You

Mr Calabria" for everything that you do for our children. The students, staff and parents appreciate your leadership.



Fiesta Wrap Up



A HUGE thank you those involved in the mass and procession, all the stallholders, volunteers, entertainment providers, donors, generous sponsors and others that contributed to making our OLA Family Fiesta such a great success. It would not be possible to hold an event such as this without your support. We sincerely thank you for all your efforts and the countless hours of planning and preparation that was involved.

We give thanks to our Lord Jesus and Blessed Mother who once again blessed us with great weather.

Many thanks also to everyone who attended this year's Fiesta. The incredible turnout provided a fabulous atmosphere and contributed to what was a wonderful celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels. We hope you had a fantastic day, and we look forward to seeing you again next year. The Fiesta Committee would love to hear any feedback you may have on your Fiesta experience. Feedback can be provided via this link https://forms.gle/E6UTZwaG2x45eo928

Michael Said. Fiesta Co-ordinator

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR OLA FAMILY FIESTA RAFFLE DRAWN AT 5:45 PM ON **6TH AUGUST 2023:**

1st Prize—Sharlini Jayabalan (Ticket No. 2748)

2nd Prize—Kayla Phillips (Ticket No. 651)

3rd Prize—Ninfra Parreno (Ticket No. 2060)

4th Prize—Jasna Medak (Ticket No. 123)

5th Prize—Masa (Ticket No. 4510)

Thank you to the following companies who were sponsors at the Fiesta last weekend:-

- Alpha Jiu Jitsu
- Roni' Rouse Hill
- **Micallef Homes**
- **Pixiebox Grazing**
- Ray White Castle Hill Kellyville Pets
- **Entrata Restaurant** Castle Hill
- Face Mediskin
- Parramatta Eels
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- Allan Drew Funerals
- Essence Patisserie
- **Iennie Ann Events**

- Saliba Ag
- Group
- Wilcatz Enterprise
- Members of the
- **OLA Parish**
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- Yummy Tummy Fun Food Hire
- Members of the Filipino Community
- Barbara's Italian Restaurant

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 - Santa Sophia Performers

- Fireworks Foods
- Rouse Hill High School
- Art In Images
- Frank & Bruno Pettenon
- IB Metro
- OLA Ambrose & After School Care
- Castlebrook Memorial Gardens
- Upstage Dance Studio
- Higgins Academy of Irish Dancing
- Instyle Performing Arts
- **OLA Performers**











NAPLAN 2023 – OLA has once again achieved Outstanding Results.

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news regarding the 2023 Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN results. Our students' outstanding performance was evident across all domains: Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. Our students, in both Years 3 & 5, have achieved exceptional results, surpassing other schools in the top two bands in all domains. These results reflect the collaborative efforts of our dedicated students, supportive parents, and hardworking teachers.

We believe these achievements are a testament to the strong sense of community and commitment to excellence that defines OLA School. As we celebrate these remarkable results, we look forward to continuing our journey of learning and growth together.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in providing the best educational experience for our students.

NAPLAN 2023 Results Highlights: Percentage of students in the top 2 proficiency levels

	Year 3			Year 5		
	Reading	Writing	Numeracy	Reading	Writing	Numeracy
OLA	85%	96%	85%	95%	90%	90%

Student achievement in NAPLAN is reported using proficiency standards for each assessment area at each year level. The standards are set at a challenging but reasonable expectation of what students know and can do at the time of testing. There are 4 proficiency levels:

- Exceeding: the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- Strong: the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing. (where they should be)
- **Developing**: the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- Needs additional support: the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

Literacy News

Premier's Readers

Congratulations to Heath Champion KG, Olive Evans 1B, Savannah Gatt 1B, James Lowe 1W, Edward Heyes 1G, Harrison Shaw 2B, Caleb Atkins 4B, Ryan Scanes 4W, Hayden Muscat 5W & Luke Scanes 6B for completing the PRC challenge this week. This a reminder the challenge concludes on 18th of August.

Book Week Events

Theme: Read Grow Inspire









- Book Fair: Monday 21st August-Thursday 24th August. The students will be writing a wishlist next week. Purchasing these books is totally optional. Please note this is a CASHLESS Book Fair. 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.
- 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. Families are invited to stay for a rug reading/picnic after the parade. All welcome!
- Kate & Jol Temple Titles
- The children are reading these books during their library lessons. We are so excited to meet Kate & Jol Temple on Monday, 21st August. If the students own a copy of one of their books, please bring it to school on the day to have it signed by our visiting authors.

Technology Tip - Week 4

At **Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD**) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CSPD would like to invite you to join the following free webinars for parents and carers:

Getting the most out of gaming

This 45-minute webinar provides families with strategies for supporting children and young people to have safe, positive experiences when playing games online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14. It will cover:

- when gaming can be beneficial and strategies to promote better in-game experiences
- how to keep children safe online using safety and privacy settings in games and platforms
- strategies to promote more balanced gaming and how to create smoother transitions from game-play to other activities
- the key online risks and where to find help for things like bullying and harassment in game.

Term 3 dates:

15 August 12.30pm - 1.00pm 12 September 7.30pm - 8.00pm

Register here

Online boundaries and consent

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school. It will cover:

- why the consent conversation is so important to have with primary school aged children
- easy ways to explain online boundaries and consent
- opportunities to discuss and model consent through discussions, scenarios and practising helpful phrases for saying 'no'

Term 3 dates:

23 August: 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm 7 September: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Register here

Morning Drop Off

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of students being dropped off before 8.20am. Please try to avoid dropping your children off before 8.20am as the children are unsupervised. If this is unavoidable, please speak to your children about the expectations that they are to sit next to the school gate and not play, especially with balls.

Student School Photos
School photos were sent home this week. Any
feedback would be most appreciated as we
review our photography company's service.

Year 6 Voice of Youth Final

Congratulations to all the Year 6 students who presented their Voice of Youth speeches this week at the school final.

Thank you to the parents of the finalists who attended to support their children and to the Year 6 teachers who prepared the students so well. The quality of the speeches were incredibly high and the variety of topics were very interesting to listen to.

From the nine finalists, two students were selected to represent OLA at the Cluster Final which will be held at St John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens on Monday 28th August at 10.00am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Ava-Belle Chong (Speech – Now and Then – How Technology has Changed our Childhood) and Elizabeth McKee (Speech – Gender Equality) on winning the OLA final and moving forward to the Cluster Final.



Week 4 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

Lucas has 15 marbles. He takes them to his friend's house. He loses 3 on the way and 4 in his friend's house.

How many marbles does he have left?



Primary Learning Task

Mrs Goldsworthy makes some biscuits to sell at the school Fiesta. The recipe uses 300g flour, 125g butter and 200ml milk to make 12 biscuits.

1.5kg flour costs 80c, 250g butter costs 85c and 2 litres of milk costs \$1.90. What is the cost of ingredients to make 120 biscuits?



Canberra Overnight Excursion

On Thursday 3rd August, Year 6 took off to explore our Nation's capital. Some of the places we visited included The National Electoral Education Centre, Parliament House, The National Museum and Questacon. One of the many highlights was when we visited the House of Representatives and got to see our Prime Minister, Mr Albanese live in action during question time. It was such a wonderful experience and we will treasure these memories forever. *Many thanks to Mrs Vella, Mrs Jurcevic, Mrs Borg, Mrs Schroder and Mr Cauchi for being with the children during the excursion and for providing them with this amazing learning experience.*

The Pacer Rebate

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion to Australia Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of this excursion. The rebate was included in the cost of the excursion fee.









We Bounce Back and Move Forward at OLA

Compliments and Praise

Students at OLA are encouraged to compliment their peers. Why? Chances are, they have had days where things don't seem to be going their way—but then they receive a compliment from someone that turns their day around. While compliments may seem simple, they can have a large impact on you and the people around you, creating a ripple of positivity.

- 1. Giving compliments increases your happiness.
- 2. Giving compliments makes you grateful.
- 3. Giving compliments strengthens your interpersonal relationships.
- 4. Giving compliments increases your stress resilience and physical health.
- 5. Giving compliments creates a ripple of positivity.

Praise can also nurture a child's confidence and sense of self.

By using praise, you're showing a child how to think and talk positively about themselves. It can help a child learn how to recognise when they do well and feel proud of themselves.

Descriptive praise is when you tell your child exactly what it is that you like. For example, 'I like the way you've found a spot for everything in your room'. This helps your child understand exactly what it is that they've done well. It's also more genuine than non-specific praise like 'You're a good boy'.

Encouragement is praise for effort – for example, 'You worked hard on that maths homework – well done'. Praising effort can motivate your child and encourage them to try hard in the future.



Compliment Circle Starters

- Ithink you...
- You are...
- Ilke how you.
- Ilke the way
 vou.
- Thank you for...
- You are good at...
- You were a good friend when.
- It was nice of you to...
- Good job showing..
- You worked really hard at.

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Birthday Treats

We kindly ask that you continue to <u>NOT</u> send in any birthday treats of any kind, edible or non-edible. This is the 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.

OLA SPORT NEWS.....

Best wishes to our zone team who will represent OLA next Friday.

Congratulations to Roy Shim who competed at the NSWCPS Golf Tournament early this week in Blackheath. Roy was selected in the MacKillop Golf Team to compete at the NSWPSSA Championships in Batemans Bay from Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 September. We wish him the best of luck at the Championships.

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!

ff @prcparra

IMPORTANT NOTICE Facebook/Messenger

<u>Please note</u>: There are <u>NO</u> 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 Mini-Franciscans

The Mini-Franciscans are a group of Year Five and Year Six students who meet weekly during one of their lunch breaks. During these meetings, they discuss ways in which they can follow in St. Francis' footsteps by helping out the less fortunate and bringing peace to our school community.

On Thursday,17th August at 8.50am, the members of the Mini-Franciscans will be presented with their St. Francis badges at a short morning assembly. Parents are most welcome.

OLA FACEBOOK PAGE

For up to date information and events, Visit our Facebook

pagehttps://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHIII

Or Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our school

website
Be sure to 'like us'

Values Matter at OLA

What are values? *Ideals that guide our behaviour*. They are ideals and beliefs we hold as special. Caring for others, for example, is a value; so is the freedom to express our opinions. Values are what people think is right and wrong, good and bad, desirable and undesirable.

This week we are focussing on the value of: **Fair Go** – pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly – for a just society.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Mt5:6

In this beatitude Jesus invites us to be passionate about the promotion of justice, not just thinking that the concept of justice is a good idea. Justice people are action people.

This value includes the following characteristics:

- Respecting authority. Do you teach by example?
- Being involved in your community. What do you do as a family/individuals to show you 'care'?
- Does your child belong to a community group that is involved in helping others? As a family, do you provide for people less fortunate than yourselves? Eq. St Vincent de Paul.
- Accepting other people and their backgrounds and
- Being tolerant and understanding of difference which includes religious, physical, family or personality differences.

The overall message:-

Being committed to the principles of social justice, opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

Theme for the Week "Fair Go"

Our theme this week is another of the 9 values for Australian Schooling. It focuses on treating others fairly and allowing others to participate; promoting justice, acceptance and tolerance. This value helps our society live in harmony and to foster relationships.

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.



Dates for Remaining Whole School Assembly

The remaining date for the term 3 whole school assembly, where a grade will be showcasing and presenting their learning is:-

Friday 8th September – Presented by Year 4

All are most welcome to attend. If you are attending this assembly we would suggest that you park across the road at the ovals and walk across to school.

Student Awards

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

Term 3 Week 4						
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award				
KB	Ayla Popescu	Eli Vella				
KG	Clark Jagar	Addison Mahony				
KW	Jackson McNamara	Leo Nobili				
Year 1 B	Jethro Torre Islas	Olive Evans				
Year 1 G	Gabriella Atalla	Zachary Fernando				
Year 1 W	Zarla Puscas	Zairah Spano				
Year 2 B	Sirine Al lati	Annabelle Delaney				
Year 2G	Matteo Ner	Ariella Brown				
Year 2W	Alessio Albertini	Gabriella Dias				
Year 3 B	Evelyn Mckee	Ari Vilathgamuwa				
Year 3 G	Koby Hughes	Miguel Rivera				
Year 3 W	Zarah Kausei	Myra Batra				
Year 4 B	Enza Gioiello	Caleb Tan				
Year 4 G	Brodie Taylor	Lily Maher				
Year 4 W	Nicholas Smith	Flynn Leach				
Year 5 B	Damien Macquet-Maurel	Flynn Coughlan				
Year 5G	Kian Santiago	Amelia Dalla				
Year 5W	Ruby Masters	Keyon Okunzuwa				
Year 6 B	Juliana Wassef	Chelsea Hughes				
Year 6 G	Ava-Belle Chong	Cooper Ross				
Year 6 W	Skye Batra	Sebastian Georges				





