



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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Term 2, Week 5

Dear Parents,

Working in Partnership

Our teachers regularly meet throughout the year with parents as needed, generously giving of countless hours outside of their school day. This year we will be holding formal half yearly parent/teacher interviews (after reports have been sent home) in Week 10 across the evenings of Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's report, their strengths and areas of focus so that we can work in partnership. As always, if additional time is still needed, a separate interview can be organised. Booking information will be sent home soon.

Pentecost

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit enrich your faith and love of Christ.

*Let us Pray
That the flame of the Spirit
Will descend upon us
Father in heaven,
Fifty days have celebrated
The fullness of the mystery of your revealed love.
See your people gathered in prayer,
Open to receive the Spirit's flame.
May it come to rest in our hearts
And disperse the divisions of word and tongue.
With one voice and one song
May we praise your name in joy and thanksgiving.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



As a school community, we wish Fr Carlos, our Parish Priest, a very happy birthday for this coming Friday, 2nd June.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

"We would Love to Hear from You to Help us Improve the Education we provide"

Tell Them from Me (TTFM) Survey

As emailed to every family yesterday, please find below The Learning Bar link to 'Tell Them From Me' (TTFM) Survey. We encourage all parents to complete the survey (this survey will take place in every school across the Diocese). Your responses are confidential and anonymous. We value your input and would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. Once you access the link below just follow the steps on the screen. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

<http://tellthemfromme.com/ola23>

Parent Inservice/ P&F Meeting

9.00am Tuesday 30th May

Please note the daytime slot

All parents are welcome to join us for a parent inservice, cuppa and a short P&F Meeting. There will be a short inservice for parents on **"Helping your Child Succeed in Reading at Home"** presented by Mrs Hurst, our Literacy Co-ordinator.

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A (28-05-2023)

Gospel Reflection (John 20:19-23)

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action, they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world. Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger. But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit – the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit. (Greg Sunter and St Marys' Press at Liturgyhelp.com)



Remaining Parish (9.00am) and School Masses as indicated

Parents are most welcome to attend all masses with the children.

WEEK 6: Tuesday 30th May- Stage One

WEEK 7: Tuesday 6th June- Stage Two

WEEK 8: Friday 16th June-WHOLE SCHOOL MASS at 11:45 am- Sacred Heart of Jesus (Vinnies Winter Appeal)

WEEK 9: Wednesday 21st June- Stage Three and Kindergarten

Remaining Sacrament of First Holy Communion Sessions – facilitated by the Parish

Please keep the children preparing for their sacrament of First Eucharist in your prayers.

June 1- Session Five at 6:30pm

June 8- Rehearsal at 6:30pm

June 15- Rehearsal at 6:30pm

Sat - June 10 Holy Communion Ceremony – Group One at 3pm

Sun - June 11 Holy Communion Ceremony - Group Two at 12pm

Sat - June 17 Holy Communion Ceremony - Group Three at 3pm

Sun - June 18 Holy Communion Ceremony - Group Four at 12pm

What's Happening with RE in the Classroom

In Year 2, students have been focusing on prayer. They have been discussing that is very important in developing their relationship with God. This week, Fr Omar visited their classroom to answer some of their 'Need to Know' questions. He spoke about that God is always there and He is always listening.



Please keep in your prayers Mrs Hunt and her family on the passing into eternal life of her dear father on Sunday. May he rest in peace.



May is the month of Mary -

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Through the month of May, take some time to pray the rosary and dedicate your prayers to Mary.

***Feast of the Sacred Heart and Pyjama Mufti Day
Celebrated at OLA on Friday 16th June***

This year we will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 16th June (actual Feast Day is Saturday 24th June). OLA will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a whole school Mass at 11.45am in the Church. Parents are most welcome to join us.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart falls 19 days after Pentecost. The heart of Jesus is a symbol of His great love for us. This mass is also known as 'Poor Man's Mass'. It is a time we reflect on the love of Jesus and show others the face of God by supporting those in need.

Pyjama Mufti/St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

OLA will be once again supporting St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. We ask that students wear their pyjamas on Friday 16th June and donate any of the following items (new or pre-loved in excellent condition):-

- Warm blankets, sleeping bag
- Jumpers
- Jackets
- Beanies
- Socks
- Scarves
- Travel mugs etc



Please send in your donations during the week starting Tuesday 13th June till Friday 16th June. The Vinnies truck will be collecting the items on Monday morning (19th June) so no items will be accepted after 9.00am. Although it will be pyjama mufti, children will need to wear covered shoes ie, joggers rather than slippers etc.

We thank you for your support in our social outreach endeavours.

PARISH FIESTA: SUN, 6 AUGUST

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
NOW AVAILABLE**

Are you or your business interested in becoming a sponsor for this year's Family Fiesta?

The Fiesta is our major fundraising event which raises much needed funds for our Parish and School Community.

We have several sponsorship opportunities available for the Fiesta.

You can choose to sponsor specific stalls to help cover expenses, or you can contribute goods or services.

As a sponsor, your business could receive promotional recognition for your sponsorship during the event.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to provide sponsorship, please reach out to the Fiesta Committee via email at olafamilyfiesta@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.



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

Sun 28th May

Gael Casino

Mon 29th May

Max Masters

Tues 30th May

Juno Evangelista
Isabelle Lindon
Juliana Palacio Rosero
Mrs Nicole Arayon

Wed 31st May

Giselle Desira
Xavier Desira
Mia Kovacevic
Aiden Lawler
Makayla Streater

Thurs 1st June

Thys Aldaba

Fri 2nd June

Zahlia Comis-Boldizar
Kiara Valdez
Fr Carlos Walker

Dates for Whole School Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies for this term are on the dates below. Grades will take turns at presenting and showcasing their learning.

- Friday 26th May (Week 5) – Presented by Year 3
- Friday 23rd June (Week 9) – Presented by Year 2

All are most welcome to attend.

These assemblies will commence at 2.30pm sharp. We suggest that parents who wish to attend our whole school assemblies, please park across the road at the oval and walk across.

School Travel Opal Card

Please note that there is a new link for the School Travel Opal Card. If you wish to apply to an Opal Card please click on the link below:-

transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel

Year 3 Assembly Showcase

Thank you to our amazing Year 3 students and their teachers, Miss Hogan, Mr Lee and Miss Marchant for presenting such an entertaining and fun filled whole school assembly this afternoon.



Dates to Remember

Week 6

Tues 30th May 9.00am Years 1 & 2 Parish Mass. All Welcome
9.00am Parent Inservice ("Helping your Child Succeed in Reading at Home") and P&F Meeting
Thurs 1st June Kindergarten Excursion – Calmsley Hill Farm Session 5 – Parish based Sacrament of Holy Communion Preparation 6.30pm
Fri 2nd June Stage3 Girls Soccer Gala Day, Jamison Park, Penrith
Year 3 Science Incursion

Week 7

Mon 5th June Athletics Carnival Year 3 – 6. All Welcome
Tues 6th June 9.00am Years 3 & 4 Parish Mass. All Welcome
Wed 7th June Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day, Jamison Park, Penrith
Fri 9th June Year 4 Excursion to Royal Botanical Gardens

Week 8

Mon 12th June Public Holiday
Fri 16th June 11.45am Whole School Mass. All Welcome
Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Pyjama Mufti Day (Vinnies Winter Appeal)

Week 9

Mon 19th June Vinnies Pick up today
Tues 20th June Year 4 Science Incursion
Wed 21st June 9.00am Mass – Years 5 & 6 and Kindergarten All Welcome
Fri 23rd June 2.15pm P&F Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
2.30pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 2. All Welcome

MacKillop Hoodies and/or Zone Representative Clothing

We are proud of our school uniform and how smart the children look. As the representative season begin, children that represent the Parramatta Zone or MacKillop often purchase a hoodie or other clothing to mark the event. Please note these are not a substitute to the normal school jumper/jacket. This clothing is not part of our school uniform.

Many thanks for your continuing support in this area.

Theme of the Week
"Be Enthusiastic in all you do"

The words of Ralph Emerson clearly express the focus of this week's theme:

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success.

When you do a thing, do it with all your might.

Put your whole soul into it.

Stamp it with your personality.

Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful,

And you will accomplish your objective.

Never give up. Nothing is beyond reach.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

UNIFORM

The students are looking very smart in their winter uniform this week. We are proud of our uniforms. We would ask you, as parents, to support us by instilling in your children the importance of wearing the uniform correctly, especially as they arrive at school ie, the boy's top button is done up, or at least the tie is covering the top button and their shirt is tucked in. The school jumper is to be worn in the first instance and the bomber jacket is only to be worn over the jumper, not instead of it.

Please LABEL all jumpers, jackets & hats, even the second hand items, as our lost property is overflowing and we are unable to hand them back, as they don't have current names on them.

We have processed many, many uniform orders over the last four weeks. We have now reverted back to only filling orders on Mondays and Wednesday. Thank you for making a note of this.



Or knee high socks



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Medication – Ventolin etc

With winter and the cold weather now with us, please remember that all medication, including ventolin, **MUST** be left at the office and a medication form completed. This can be found on the website. **CHILDREN ARE NOT TO HAVE VENTOLIN IN THEIR BAGS OR POCKETS.** It is best kept in the office.

We thank you for your support and assistance with this matter.

Congratulations to the Summerhays family (Audrey 4W & Theo 1B) on the birth of baby Evelyn.



And to the De Guzman family (Marcus 1G) on the birth of baby Markief

OLA Debating

On Tuesday 23rd May, four members of OLA's Debating Team competed in their first Debating Competition. As the "away" team we travelled to John XXIII Primary School to showcase our incredible talents and hard work. It was a great experience for the students, and they learnt a great deal from their first debate. It was VERY close debate with the other team just winning.

I am very proud of all of the students! They participated with terrific energy and enthusiasm.



Stay tuned for more news about our next Competition. Our next four debaters will be the Affirmative Team debating the topic - Technology makes us less connected.

Mrs McBrien,
Debating Team Teacher

Congratulations and best wishes from all of us to Miss Ekua Nkrumah (Counsellor) who will be married on Friday 9th June. We ask for Christ's blessing on the beautiful wedding Ekua & Isaac as they begin their new journey together. Miss Ekua will be on leave from 6th June until the end of the term.



Athletics Carnival – Monday 5th June

Our Lady of the Angels will be holding their Athletics Carnival in **Week 7, Monday 5th June** at Centenary Park, across the road from the school. **Please see the information and google permission form that was emailed home yesterday.**

All students in **Year 3-6** (including children in Year 2 who turn 8 in 2022 and wish to be considered for the zone teams) will compete at the carnival on the day.

To help the carnival to run smoothly, we need your assistance. Please keep **Monday 6th June** free to help out at our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival. If you are interested and enthusiastic about assisting, we will be in need of timekeepers, judges and recorders. All the support we receive helps the children have a greater event and a memorable day. All helpers need to complete the BSCS training.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

The children in Years K-2 will be participating in their own fun-filled carnival in Term 3 at school.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Joshua Azzopardi KW, Gianna Lobo KG, Kenzie Jones KG, Myra Shokeen 3G & Julian Fonsdituri 3W for completing the PRC challenge this week. We have over 90 students who have completed the challenge this year.

This year, both an Infants and Primary class, with the highest percentage of student participation in the reading challenge, will celebrate their success with a pizza lunch. Keep reading OLA.



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday, our students participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. We all enjoyed listening to 'The Speedy Sloth', and especially loved the message in the story about perseverance, and never giving up! At OLA, we 'Read to Succeed'.



Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

OLA SPORTS NEWS

Norwest Basketball Competition

Congratulations to our two senior boys basketball teams who competed in the Norwest Hornets Basketball Competition on Wednesday. Both teams played extremely well and made our school proud. Thank you to Mr Masters, Mr Balangon, and Mr Cauchi (Levi's dad) for coaching and managing the teams and to all the parents supporting on the day.



MacKillop Football Trials (Soccer)

Best wishes to Alessandro Albertini as he travels to Goulburn to represent Parramatta at the MacKillop trials.

Soccer Gala day

Over the next two weeks our stage 3 students will be attending the Soccer Diocesan Gala day. We wish them the best of luck and we know they will represent OLA with pride and excellent sportsmanship.

Tech Tip Week 5

Is your child old enough for a smartphone?

At OLA some of our older children may have a phone for before and after school arrangements. All phones at school (during school hours) are to be kept in bags or at the office at all times, switched off or on silent and not to be used.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity and your family routine. It is worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?

- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or if they encounter problems?
- What are the rules about when and where my child can use their smartphone? For example, will they only be able to use it while they are away from the house, and not in their bedroom at night.

Sometimes it may be best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, as children would only need to call in the afternoon etc, and only introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. There are a range of mobile devices available that allow you to control which tools or services your child has access to.

For more information, please click here to access the [eSafety website](#).

We Bounce Back and Move Forward at OLA

Why should children learn to use 'I' statements?

"I" statements, also known as "I-messages," are a communication technique that can have several benefits in interpersonal interactions.

Encourage effective communication: "I" statements encourage open and honest communication. By expressing your own perspective, you create a safe and non-confrontational space for others to share their viewpoints as well. This can lead to better understanding and resolution of conflicts.

Foster empathy and understanding: By using "I" statements, you express your emotions and needs in a way that allows others to empathise with you. It helps them understand how their actions or words impact you personally, fostering empathy and promoting a more compassionate response.

Facilitate conflict resolution: When conflicts arise, using "I" statements can help de-escalate tension and facilitate resolution. By expressing your feelings and needs without attacking or blaming others, you invite them to collaborate on finding mutually satisfactory solutions.

Enhance active listening: When you use "I" statements, you encourage active listening from others. By sharing your experiences and emotions, you invite them to genuinely listen and understand your perspective, which can lead to more meaningful and productive conversations.

These statements are encouraged to be used to express what has happened and how it made the individual feel. It also allows the child to suggest a possible resolution. Mastering an 'I' statement can take time. It is important that opportunities are given to children to practise using these statements in a variety of situations.

How can I construct an 'I' statement?

'I' statements allow children to **name what happened**, **state how it made them feel** and **identify what they would like to happen next**.

Example:

"**I feel upset when I see that everyone else gets a turn on the swing, but I have to wait for a long time. I think it would be fair if we could take turns more evenly so that everyone gets a chance to play.**"

We are all capable of developing skills and strategies to 'Bounce Back' and build resilience. When faced with conflict, students at OLA are encouraged to...

1. Calm down by taking a deep breath, taking a break or thinking of something calming
2. Take turns speaking using 'I' statements
3. Agree on a solution

We ask that you continue this conversation at home to identify the strategies that work best for your child/ren. You may like to discuss the strategies that can be used at home and the different strategies that can be used at school.



Living Alongside our Neighbours

Please respect all properties neighbouring the school and ensure that our parking does not adversely affect our local neighbours, and the safety of everyone. Our neighbours have a right to access their driveway and parents must not park across driveways, hinder the collection of their bins or drive in an unsafe manner.

A reminder that police and council officers regularly patrol and fine drivers.

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.**

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'

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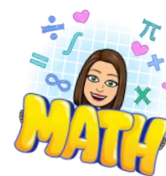
Please note: There are **NO** official grade Facebook pages. These pages are not to have a school crest/logo etc, as they are not endorsed, contributed to or seen by the school. As a result, there can often be inaccurate information regarding uniform changes, questions about reading levels etc. **Parents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

MATHS NEWS

Changes to K-2 Student Reports

Parents from K-2 will notice that there will be a slight change to the wording on the Semester 1 Reports in the maths section this year. This is due to the new NSW K-2 syllabus that has been implemented.

Previously one of the focus areas was titled 'Measurement and Geometry'. This will now be titled 'Measurement and Space'. It still covers the same concepts- position, length, 2D shapes, area, 3D shapes, volume and mass.



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

Infants Learning Task




In a magic square, each row, column and diagonal add up to the same total.
Can you fill in the missing numbers in these magic squares?




	8	1
2		6
7	0	



3		
8		0
	6	5




The sum of these squares is 12.

Primary Learning Task

 +  +  = 21

 +  = 

 +  = 11

 = ?  = ?  = ?



National Reconciliation Week 2023

Be A Voice For Generations

You may have noticed last week was the Indigenous round of football with the NRL.

NRL Indigenous Round aims to highlight significant social issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is also an opportunity for the game to celebrate the unique relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and rugby league.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The 2023 National Reconciliation Week theme is "Be a voice for generations" It aims to encourage all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in ways in our everyday lives - where we live, work and socialise.

National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

This coming Monday, we will acknowledge National Reconciliation Week at our school assembly with an Acknowledgement of Country and brief reflection on Dharug culture.

This is an opportunity to discuss with the children both at school and at home about the importance of building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other Australians, to create a fair and equal society.

Student Awards

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

Term 2 Week 5		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Amelia Morelli	Harrison Maher
KG	Olivia Eyres	Ariella Barbara
KW	Charlotte Cassar	Olivia Andrews
Year 1 B	Juliana Palacio Rosero	Celine Zabaneh
Year 1 G	Tommy Buck	Gabriella Atalla
Year 1 W	Elena Nobin	Mia Bonavita
Year 2 B	Liam Parame	Annabelle Delaney
Year 2G	Thys Aldaba	Sienna Benitez-Taalili
Year 2W	Gabriella Diaz	Kevin Dinh
Year 3 B	Amali Enosi Tuipulotu	Scarlett Leahy
Year 3 G	Millyana Pelaez	Emma Cafolla
Year 3 W	Harrison Vella	Denelle Dsouza
Year 4 B	Korbin Bruckard	Zara Farias
Year 4 G	Preston Georges	Luca Moujalli
Year 4 W	Max Suarez	Gianni Mangano
Year 5 B	Damien Pendlebury	Mason Howell
Year 5G	Tristan Williams	Madison Ross
Year 5W	Zahlia Comis	Ally Flores
Year 6 B	Patrick Cleary	Kaley Chown
Year 6 G	Levi Cauchi	Ethan Zachariah
Year 6 W	Ethan Maddaford	Alyssa Nichols

OLA FAMILY FIESTA

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 2023

A Parish/School/Community venture.

Funds raised through this amazing event will be shared between the School and the Parish.

If you would like further information about how you can be involved or give your support, please contact the parish office on 8883 4063 or parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au or the school.