

Dear Parents,

**"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, 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>

### **First Holy Communion**

As a faith community, we congratulate and keep in our prayers the Year 3 students, who will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time in our beautiful OLA Church on one of the following upcoming dates 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June.

May Christ bless and guide them during this special time.



### **Family Week**

This coming week is once again OLA 'Family Week'. Feedback for Family Week held in Week 7 of each term has been extremely positive. Family Week sees the children have a break from formal home learning (although we ask that every child still reads each night) to spend time with you as a family, or helping you or the family. You may choose an activity that you can do as a family each day with your child. Examples in the past have included playing a board game, sitting and sharing stories, cooking a meal together, feeding the pet, playing cards, helping put away the laundry. Family Week is aimed at freeing children up to assist and/or spend time with those who love them most, their greatest heroes, you their parents and family.

### **We Love OLA**

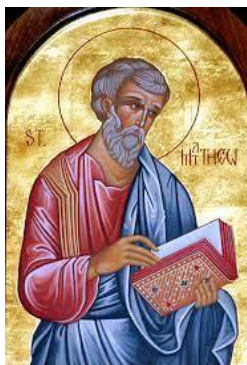
Our children love and enjoy being at school and immersing themselves in their learning. This week, I took the time to ask children what they love about OLA. It is lovely to hear the children genuinely appreciating their OLA school community. I hope you resonate with some of the following:-

#### **What I love about OLA.....**

- ❖ *Our teachers are so kind & caring.....Brittany*
- ❖ *We learn everything....Rome*
- ❖ *I play on the basketball court.....Alex*
- ❖ *The teacher makes me better.....Abby*
- ❖ *We have two sport days per week.....Hayley*
- ❖ *We have great teachers.....Asher*
- ❖ *Everyone is welcoming.....Cooper*
- ❖ *I have nice friends.....Samuel*
- ❖ *The carnivals are fun and encouraging....Scarlett*
- ❖ *I love playing on the primary play gym.....Evie*
- ❖ *We have fun with maths.....Lily*
- ❖ *I love learning.....Adrian.*

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

*Tony Calabria  
Principal*



## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A (04-06-2023)**

### **Gospel Reflection (John 3:16-18)**

Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice. (Greg Sunter at Liturgyhelp.com)

### **Remaining Parish (9.00am) and School Masses as indicated**

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

**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 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**

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, students from K-6 stopped to pray a decade of The Rosary to mark the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It also marked the end of May which is known as the month of Mary. As a family you might want to stop and pray a decade of The Rosary together.

How to pray a decade of The Rosary

Sign of the Cross

Our Father x 1

Hail Mary x 10

Glory Be x 1

Fatima Prayer x 1

Sign of the Cross



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.

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):-

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

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If you are able to provide sponsorship, please reach out to the Fiesta Committee via email at [olafamilyfiesta@gmail.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Maxine Montalbo  
Harrison Vella

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Alex Kerollos

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Giuliana Barbara  
Gabriel Palacio Rosero  
Harrison Shaw  
Ava Zhu  
Mr Thomas Robertson

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Ava Phelps

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Isla McCrory

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Leo Borgiani

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Eli Vella  
Magnus Myhre Fox  
Joshua De Leon

## Dates to Remember

**Week 7**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June Athletics Carnival Year 3 – 6. All Welcome  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am Years 3 & 4 Parish Mass. All Welcome  
1.30pm OLA Debating  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day, Jamison Park, Penrith  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 Excursion to Royal Botanical Gardens

**Week 8**

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

**Week 9**

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

## Remaining Whole School Assembly

The remaining whole school assembly for this term is on:-

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Mackillop Hoodies and/or Zone Representative Clothing

We are proud of our school uniform and how smart the children look. As the representative season begins, 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.

## 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.

*Please see next week's newsletter for photos of our Kindergarten and Year 2 excursions.*

## SRC Representatives

As communicated there will be two SRC members for each class in Years 1-6 elected for the first semester (Terms 1 & 2) and another two for the second semester (Terms 3 & 4). There will be a boy and a girl member for each semester. The presentation of SRC badges to the children elected for Semester 2 will take place at a SRC assembly on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am. Parents of successful candidates will be advised beforehand and invited to attend the short assembly if they wish. Kindergarten will also have their first two SRC members for Semester 2.

The process for nomination of SRC in classes will commence soon. Teachers will advise the students when nominations will occur. Students wanting to nominate themselves are required to present a short speech (approximately 1 minute) identifying why they would like to be class representative and the qualities they can bring to the role. The class will then vote for their representatives.

## School Fees

Instalment 2 fees are now due and payable. If you are not on a payment plan, could you please attend to the payment of the fees as soon as possible.

## MARK IN YOUR DIARY

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Week 1, Term 3**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY/PUPIL FREE DAY**

## WINTER HAS ARRIVED

The cold weather is here. Thank you for your efforts with having the children in winter uniforms. The children look fantastic. We appreciate the cost involved plus the constant upkeep with washing/ironing and so on. A tidy uniform gives the children a sense of personal worth and a sense of belonging to our wonderful school. It projects a positive image to others when they see our children wearing their uniform correctly, hair neat and tidy, no jewellery, tie done up, correct school backpack, with clean shoes and wearing our school hat.

### PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

Unfortunately, we have a lot of jumpers/jackets in lost property with no name on them. If you have lost a jumper and you know it did not have a name on it, please email the office and if there is one there, we will send it home to you.

If you purchase second hand items, please also make sure that you cross out the old name and mark it with your child's name. It is a shame that so many items do not get claimed.

We also ask that you regularly check the jumper/jacket that your child comes home with as they may have inadvertently picked up someone else's. Often names on jumpers are on the back side of the tag.

We thank you for assisting us with this.



Or knee high socks



### Breakfast

The most important meal of the day

It is alarming to hear how many children often say that they have not had breakfast in the morning and tell teachers that they are hungry or how tired they are quite early, before first break. A young growing body needs fuel. A good breakfast is so important for children as it gives them energy, keeps them healthy and sustains them.

What did your child have for breakfast today?



### Parent Inservice – Working in Partnership

Thank you to the parents who attended our Literacy Inservice on Tuesday morning. The feedback regarding how informative and useful the presentation was, was extremely positive. Appreciation to Mrs Hurst, our Literacy Co-ordinator for facilitating the morning.

Keep an eye out for our next Parent Inservice around

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE  
WITHOUT A SMILE, GIVE  
THEM ONE OF YOURS.

— DOLLY PARTON

### We love our pet dogs but.....

Please be aware that dogs are NOT permitted to be within the church/school grounds at anytime (exceptions are guide dogs & those organised specifically by the school). As you may appreciate there are children that are scared and unfortunately pets can be unpredictable. This is a ruling in all schools. Thank you for your support in this area.



### OLA Debating

The next round of Year 6 debating will be held this coming Tuesday at OLA at 1.30pm.

### Athletics Carnival (Yrs 3 – 6) – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

We are looking forward to our fun carnival day this coming Monday. Here are just a few reminders:-

- If your child nominated for the 800m race, they need to be at Centenary Oval by 8.15am. These students must be supervised by their parent, as there will be limited teacher supervision at this time.
- All other students MUST come to school, not go directly to the oval (other than the 800m competitors). Once the rolls have been marked, the students will be walked across to the oval by school staff.
- The students are encouraged to wear their house colour t-shirt, with their sport shorts.
- Please ensure that students have sunscreen, their hat and plenty of water and food for the day.



## Premier's Reading Challenge

**Congratulations to** Frankie Falcone KB, Jackson McNamara KW, Finn McNamara 1W, Bianca Wallace 2G, Sophia Ali 2B, Chayse Attard 3B, Cooper Cameron 3W, Aurora Crosato 3B, Amali EnosiTuipulotu 3B, Isaac Hartz 3W, Scarlett Leahy 3B, Millyana Pelaez 3G, Elena Valensise 3B, Olivia Jones 5B & Elizabeth McKee 6B for completing the PRC challenge this week.

*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.*



## Parent Information Session

Thank you to the parents who were Literacy Parent Information session. slideshow presentation.



able to join us for this week's Please follow this [link](#) for the

At the meeting, information about the new NSW K-6 English syllabus was shared. Please follow this [link](#) for access to the new syllabus.



## NSW Curriculum

NSW Education Standards Authority

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

## Tech Tip Week 6

### Time Online

Help your child achieve a healthy balance in their online and offline activities. How much is too much? There is no magic figure.

The right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine.

It can be easy to focus only on the clock, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement, are just as important.

Possible signs to watch for:

- less interest in social activities like meeting friends or playing sport
- not doing so well at school
- tiredness, sleep disturbance, headaches, eye strain
- changes in eating patterns
- obsession with particular websites or games
- extreme anger when being asked to take a break from online activity
- appearing anxious or irritable when away from the computer
- becoming withdrawn from friends and family.

**Reducing your own screen time sets a positive example.**

## We Bounce Back and Move Forward at OLA

### Active Listening

An important element of using 'I' statements is also listening to the 'I' statements of others.

Active listening is **paying attention to a speaker and listening to understand, not to respond**. It also includes complete focus on the speaker with minimal distractions out of respect and an intent to learn.

### Using 'I' statements.

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.

### 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**.

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'**

### 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.**

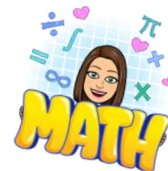
### Theme for the Week

#### Look for the Good

Our theme this week is aimed at helping the children to be content with the many blessings that Christ has bestowed on them. Unfortunately, our children's lives can sometimes be so busy and stressful that we need to stop and reflect on just how fortunate we are to have our health, our faith, and our wonderful families. A smile says so much and can bring so much happiness to others. It is a beautiful life we live, strive to smile and be happy.

## MATHS NEWS

**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

Mum was baking some cookies for morning tea. She made 24 cookies. How could she organise them on trays so that the same number of cookies were in each row?

How many rows could there be?

How many cookies could be in each row?



### Primary Learning Task

Can you make only 2 triangles with 5 matchsticks?





## OLA FAMILY FIESTA

SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au) or the school.



## Donations requested for 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.

**Thank you for helping and supporting our School Community!**

**Next Sale**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
2:15-3:30pm

## **Student Awards**

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

Term 2 Week 6		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Toby Gorrell	Eliana Kerollos
KG	Olivia Eyres	Clark Jagar
KW	Alana Pearson	Eleena Singh
Year 1 B	Juno Evangelista	Ashton Sleiman
Year 1 G	Mason Cafolla	Samara Whitsed
Year 1 W	Michael Cappello	Charlotte Frater
Year 2 B	Chloe Fava	Jacob Montgomery
Year 2G	Matteo Jose Ner	Remy Buda
Year 2W	Joshua Shnoudi	Klay Icaro
Year 3 B	Elena Valensise	Nevenka Topic
Year 3 G	Arella Bautista	Abhijna Sundaram
Year 3 W	Connor Chatterton	Julian Fonsdituri
Year 4 B	Amelie Pelaez	Jaxon Hili
Year 4 G	Lyla Sofiak	Tristan Cappello
Year 4 W	Marcus Wang	Charlize Fresta
Year 5 B	Jack Leahy	Olivia O'Connor
Year 5G	Arella Sales	Aurelia Gresser
Year 5W	Lachlan Newman	Lachlan Riley
Year 6 B	Joshua Basile	Karma Mikhael
Year 6 G	Divena Sundaram	Brandon Ciantar
Year 6 W	Felicity Gresser	Tony Dinh