



Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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10th March, 2023
Term 1, Week 7

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week 2023 Our Teachers Make the Difference

Today, as part of Catholic Schools Week, we welcomed a large crowd of 2024 prospective parents to OLA. They were certainly impressed with our beautiful school and all that we do.

This Friday 17th March at 9.00am we are holding our Whole School Catholic Schools Week/St Patrick's Day Assembly, followed by a community morning tea and open classrooms. The children are looking forward to welcoming their parents into their classrooms to share a learning activity with them. All parents are most welcome to attend. Children are invited to wear green mufti on this day to support the Jesuit Social Services. Please see the section of the newsletter which outlines items to donate for the Jesuit Social Services.

Thank you once again for your positive feedback regarding family week. Spending time and having 'experiences' with the family are what students crave. Family time is the most important time you can spend in building strong family relationships. Some activities that the children have shared with Mr Calabria over the week have been:-

- Teaching the dogs new tricks
- Cleaning my room
- Telling the family some funny jokes
- Washing the dishes
- Washing the car
- Walk to the park
- Setting the table
- Roasted marshmallows

During Catholic Schools Week it is wonderful to hear about why our children love being at OLA. Below are just some examples of what some children wrote:-

I love OLA because I have lovely friends and we have made amazing memories together. Brendan C.

I love OLA because it has amazing teachers. We are also so lucky to have a wonderful library to visit. Adrian F.

I love OLA because of everything. The great education I am gifted with, my awesome teacher that will do anything for my class. Finally my best friends that provide help in any way possible. Giacomo C.

OLA is the best school because they care for us, the environment and for the earth. Jenessa D.

I love OLA because of the attention and care I get from my peers, especially from the teachers. Olivia I.

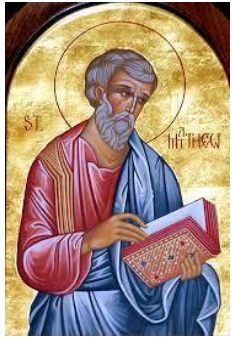
OLA is the best school ever because it has the smartest and most fantastic educators ever! Sofia M.

After close to 40 years of teaching, long service leave accrues quickly. As a result, I will be taking nine days of leave from 23rd March and returning on 5th April to undertake some travel. My thanks and appreciation to Mr Cauchi and the OLA team who will steer the OLA ship in my short absence.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

NEWSLETTER



Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) 12-3-2023

Gospel Reflection (John 4:5-42)

The Samaritan woman's personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt. Lent is a time for each of us to again – or for the first time – seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it.

(Greg Sunter @ Liturgyhelp.com)

Parish (9.00am) and School Masses as indicated

Parents are most welcome to attend all masses with the children

Please see below for timetable.

WEEK 8: Tuesday 14th March (Year 4/Year 6/Kindergarten)

WEEK 9: Tuesday 21st March (Year 1/Year 2)

WEEK 10: Wednesday 29th March (Year 5/Year 6/Kindergarten)

Week 11: WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDING SHRINE FOR HOLY WEEK at Kellyville

(Grades will be staggered throughout the day)



LENT is a time where we reflect on our relationship with God and those around us. We take time to pray, make a sacrifice through fasting and give of ourselves to others through almsgiving.



Caritas – Project Compassion 2023

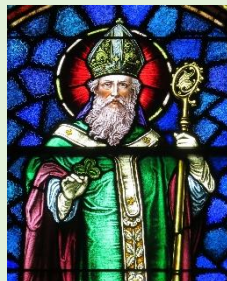
Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year we will once again be fundraising in a different way for Project Compassion. Donations can be made throughout the Lenten Season using the **QKR App** (under Fundraising), or directly through the Caritas site at <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/ourladyoftheangels>. All fundraising proceeds made through the QKR App will be forwarded to Caritas at the beginning of Term 2.

To promote children's understanding of giving to others this Lent, why not ask your children to help around the house to earn some money for Project Compassion. Instead of receiving coins to go into the traditional Project Compassion Box, maybe you could run a tally that they can see, and at the end of it make the donation online together.

ST PATRICK'S DAY Friday, 17TH March

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week/St Patrick's Feast Day with green mufti. Please join us for our St Patrick's Day Liturgy and Assembly at 9.00am, followed by morning tea and a visit to the classrooms.



First Reconciliation:

Please keep in your prayers our OLA students preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.



Sacramental Program Term 1

Remaining First Reconciliation Sessions are held on:-

Thursday 16th March at 6.30pm

Thursday 23rd March at 6.30pm

First Reconciliation is on Saturday 25th March at 10.00am and 11.00am.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY 24TH APRIL, 2023

Children DO NOT attend school on this day.

School resumes for Term 2 on Wednesday 26th April as Tuesday 25th is ANZAC Day.



This year during Lent, we will also be supporting the Jesuit Social Services Ignite store. The Ignite store provides affordable groceries including fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, and dairy, to the Mt Druitt and wider community. We are asking students from different grades to donate items to fill the shelves of the Ignite store, which is in desperate need of replenishing. We have attached a short slide show to give you more information about the Ignite store. Items we will be collecting from each grade are below;

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| Kindergarten: | Biscuits-Sweet/Savoury/Rice cracker/Crackers |
| Year One: | Pasta Sauces/Simmer sauces/2-minute noodles/cup noodles/Cup-a-soups/Rice |
| Year Two: | Breakfast cereals/Flour/Jelly/Museli Bars/LCM Bars |
| Year Three: | Canned goods - Soups/Canned Vegetables/Ready to eat meals/Tuna |
| Year Four: | Chutney/Relish/Mustard/Pickles/Sauces-Worcestershire/Soy/Salad Dressing |
| Year Five: | Coffee/Milo/Tea bags/Nesquik/Hot Chocolate/Cordials/Juices/Poppers |
| Year Six: | Spreads-Honey/Vegemite/Peanut Butter/Nutella/Jams |

We ask families to send in items on the 17th March, when we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week/St Patrick's Feast day with **green muffi**. We have arranged pick up of the items after 17th of March.

2024 Kindergarten Enrolments – Sibling

If you have received a sibling enrolment form for 2024, can you please return it as soon as possible so that we can start processing these forms.

If you have not received a form, please complete the google form and we will send one home to you.

<https://forms.gle/ZKANXX84hsLUpbDc9>

Easter Eggs at School

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at OLA who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that lollies/chocolates/easter eggs are not brought to school by children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued co-operation in making OLA a safe environment for all our children.

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.

School Fees

If you are not opting to pay by the flexible payment plan, the fees are due and payable by 15th March. If you have any queries at all or would like to set up an extended payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

To all the women in our world, we hope you celebrated International Women's Day on Wednesday. Thank you for all you do for the people in your lives, the work you undertake and the strength you show, each and every day.

HERE'S
TO STRONG WOMEN.
MAY WE KNOW THEM.
MAY WE BE THEM.
MAY WE RAISE THEM.

Second Hand Uniform

The P&F are looking at holding a uniform sale in the coming weeks. If anyone has any second hand items that they would like to donate, can you please send clothing that is in a reasonable condition and cleaned to the office and we will collect it from there.

P&F

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'



Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who have celebrated their birthday this week or celebrating their birthday this coming week....

Mon 13th Mar
Natalie Vella

Tues 14th Mar
Mason Sleiman

Wed 15th Mar
Chloe Cambourn
Frankie Francis
Noah Lesar

Thurs 16th Mar
Aria Rich
Mrs Rita Borg

Fri 17th Mar

Gabriella Dias
Liam Dyke

Carlos Ji
Mrs Christine Bernobic

Sat 18th Mar

Julia Aguilar
Riley Johnson

National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy 2023 (NAPLAN)

During the next two weeks, NAPLAN will be completed by all students in Years 3,5,7&9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian Schools. The assessments will be conducted across Australia for all students.

Wednesday 15th March - Writing
Thursday 16th March - Reading
Monday 20th March - Language
Tuesday 21st March - Numeracy

Assessments will be held during the morning session. We strongly encourage that all students are at school with ample time so that they are not rushed in the morning and can give of their best.

Dates to Remember

Week 8

NAPLAN BEGINS FOR YEARS 3 & 5
Tues 14th Mar 9.00am Kindy, Yrs 4 & 6 Mass. All Welcome
Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Free Ice Block Day for students
Thurs 16th Mar 6.30pm Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 4
Fri 17th Mar 9.00am Catholic Schools Week/St Patricks Day Assembly – Green Mufti Day
Donation for the Jesuit Social Services

Week 9

Tues 21st Mar 9.00am Years 1 & 2 Mass. All Welcome
Thurs 23rd Mar 6.30pm Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 5
Fri 24th Mar 2.30pm Whole School Assembly
Presented by Year 1

Week 10

Wed 29th Mar 9.00am Kindy, Yrs 5&6 Mass. All Welcome
Thurs 30th Mar Year 1 Incursion – History Day
Fri 31st Mar Kindergarten Welcome to Motiv8 Day

Week 11

Tues 4th Apr Year K – 6 Visiting Shrine at Kellyville
DanceFever Showcase Evening - Homebush
Thurs 6th Apr 9.00am Student of the Term Assembly
Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Mon 24th Apr Staff Development Day
Students DO NOT come to school on this day
Tues 25th Apr Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
Wed 26th Apr First day of school for students
9.00am ANZAC Day Ceremony. All Welcome
Fri 28th Apr SCHOOL PHOTOS

Parramatta -v- Manly

Next Friday night

Who will WIN?????

What will the wacky wager be this time?

Maths News

Thank you to the many students who submitted their work to Mr Cauchi solving the maths tasks from last week. There was some excellent and creative thinking from our Kindergarten students all the way through to our Year 6 students. Please keep the responses coming.

Infants Learning Task

A shop was selling red and green apples. I bought a bag of 10 apples. How many red apples and how many green apples might I have bought?

Enabling Prompt:

I bought 5 apples. How many red apples and how many green apples might I have bought?

Extending Prompt:

What if the bag had 15 apples in it?
What if the bag had 20 apples in it?
What of the bag had 43 apples in it?

Primary Learning Task

The area of a rectangle is 30cm². What might the perimeter be? Give at least three different possibilities.

Enabling Prompt:

Draw a rectangle with an area of 30cm².

Extending Prompt:

Find a way to describe all of the possible answers to the question.



Literacy News

Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Reading Helpers

Thank you to the Year 1 & Year 2 parents who attended the 'Pause Prompt Praise' information session today. The reading afternoons will begin next week. If you were unable to attend, please contact the office to arrange a time with Mrs Hurst to go through the process, prior to assisting.



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 that 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 — as well as between the book and other books they've heard.

Source:



Premier's Reading Challenge

PRC has begun for further information can be found on the [PRC website](#)

- K - 2 students must read 30 books: 20 from the PRC booklist and 10 personal choice
- 3 - 4 students must read 20 books: 10 from the PRC booklist and 10 personal choice
- 5 - 6 students must read 20 books: 10 from the PRC booklist and 10 personal choice
- A student can 'read up' in the challenge but you cannot 'read down'. For example: a student in year 3 can read books from the 5-6 booklist but not the K-2 booklist
- All students can read up to 5 books from a PRC approved series
- Students must read all PRC books in English. Personal Choice books can be read in your home language

Please double check all books against the PRC book lists

Premier's Reading Challenge - How to Enter Books

As the children read the required Premier's Reading Challenge books, parents or students are to log on to the website and enter the names of their books into their individual reading log.

Here are some steps to help you with this:

1. Go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website at: online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc (or search NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Google).
2. Click on "Logon" on the left side of the screen.
3. Enter the username and password you were given.
4. Click on "Student Reading Records" and type the titles of your books. Sometimes it auto-fills the information. Make sure it gives the correct author and title.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Theme of the Week:

"Have Faith & Trust in Jesus"

Our theme this week helps remind us that we should always place our trust in Jesus – to trust and know that His love and care will always be with us and guide our lives. As a family we live out and show our faith and trust in Jesus as we deal with life's challenges. Prayer as a family is just one of the many ways of making Jesus part of our lives.

Tech Tip Week 6

Tech Tips from eSafety Website

Have you used parental controls to maximise online safety?

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online.

Things to set up:

- Block your child from accessing specific websites, apps or functions (like using a device's camera, or the ability to buy things).
- Filter different kinds of content which you consider inappropriate.
- Allow you to monitor your child's use of connected devices, with reports on the sites they visit and the apps they use, how often and for how long.
- Set time limits, blocking access after a set time.

HOW TO SET RESTRICTIONS

- Go to Settings and tap Screen Time.
- Tap Continue, then choose "This is My [Device]" or "This is My Child's [Device]".
- Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions. If asked, enter your passcode, then turn on Content & Privacy.
- Make sure that you choose a passcode that's different from the passcode you use to unlock your device. To change or turn off the passcode on your child's device, tap Settings > Screen Time > [your child's name]. Then tap Change Screen Time Passcode or Turn Off Screen Time Passcode, and authenticate the change with Face ID, Touch ID or your device passcode.

Online Safety – Visit from Constable West

Constable Ethan West visited our primary students yesterday to speak about safe behaviour while online and consequences of inappropriate use of technology. Constable West provided students with strategies they can use in their everyday lives as they navigate technology.

After the chat, he spent some time in the playground with the students during first break and they loved it!!

Some comments from the students were:-

We learnt that:-

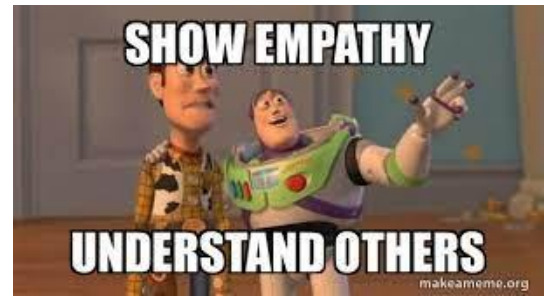
- With great power comes great responsibility Charlotte Yr 4
- Staying cyber safe online Sofia Yr 4
- Think like spiderman when there is online danger and be responsible Damien Yr 4
- You should not be on social media until the age of 13 – Lyla Yr 4
- Be safe online, don't use your location, name, birthday and things like that. Xavier Yr 5
- Never fight back – self defence is only if you have no other option. There are always better ways to solve a problem Sofia Yr 6



We Bounce Back at OLA

Students at OLA will be exploring the themes of empathy and forgiveness.

Empathy is the ability to step into the shoes of another person, aiming to understand their feelings and point of view, and to use that understanding to guide our actions. Empathy is really important for how we get along with people. Whether you can be a good friend or be successful with a team of others depends on being able to understand how other people might see a situation and how they are feeling. It helps you know how your actions affect others, what actions you need to take to be a good friend or teammate, and it helps you understand more about the people and the world around you.



Forgiveness is when an individual voluntarily chooses to let go of feelings and thoughts of resentment, bitterness, anger, and the need for vengeance and retribution toward someone who we believe has wronged us, including ourselves. Developing empathy is a necessary step in forgiveness. Like adults, kids sometimes feel wronged by others. Through retaliation, kids may feel like they are merely responding to the situation, however, they may be less accepted by other children, and have fewer or lower-quality friendships. On the other hand, choosing to forgive can de-escalate a cycle of conflict and preserve a valuable friendship.

We ask that you continue this conversation at home to identify the need to ask for forgiveness and also to forgive others so that we are able to move forward from situations that we hold on to. Developing resilience and the capacity to 'Bounce Back' from situations at times, requires the forgiveness of others and/or ourselves.



OLA Sports News

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our 26 students who represented OLA at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival Yesterday at Mt Druitt Pool. Congratulations to the following students who will represent the Hills Zone at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 14th at Blacktown.

- Hamish Clarke - **1st U8 50m Freestyle**
- Emily Cook - **1st U8 50m Freestyle**
- Senior Girls Relay 3rd (Zara Buchanan, Erica Sommer, Divena Sundaram and Abigail Holland)
- Erica Sommer U11's 50m Freestyle **3rd**, Backstroke **4th**, Breaststroke **3rd**, Butterfly **3rd**



Parramatta Rugby League

Congratulations to Noah Cleary and Lucas Richardson who have been selected to represent Parramatta at the Mackillop Trials in June.

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Awards this week.

| Term 1 Week 7 | | |
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| Student | Academic Merit Award | St Francis Award |
| KB | Eli Vella | Isaac Nolan |
| KG | Norah Magno | Liliana Pennati |
| KW | Grace Azar | Zoe Meli |
| Year 1 B | Aston Wiles | Evie Micallef |
| Year 1 G | Benedict Yplian | Brianna Williams |
| Year 1 W | Riley Johnson | Emily Parame |
| Year 2 B | Frankie Francis | Cooper Rossi |
| Year 2G | Neve Moujalli | Liam Dyke |
| Year 2W | Daniel Orlando | Alyssa Albertini |
| Year 3 B | Kianah Lesar | Sophia Gobran |
| Year 3 G | Emily Godden | Benjamin Nicholls |
| Year 3 W | Marcelo Ira | Connor Chatterton |
| Year 4 B | Sofia Montgomery | Jeslin Jaijin Jose |
| Year 4 G | Isabella Duer | Lillian Maher |
| Year 4 W | Sofia Montgomery | Jeslin Jaijin Jose |
| Year 5 B | Patrick Crowley | Daniella Spiteri |
| Year 5G | Amelia Dalla | <u>Jasraaj Obaroi</u> |
| Year 5W | Ben Robertson | Zahlia Comis-Boldizar |
| Year 6 B | Kaley Chown | Gael Casino |
| Year 6 G | Zara Buchanan | Noah Baba |
| Year 6 W | Olivia Iori | Lucas Richardson |

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

School Photos

Will take place on Friday 28th April (Week 1 of Term 2). If your child is away on this day, you will be notified of the makeup day in the following



Transport for NSW
Careers

We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors

Help protect our vibrant school communities.

Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.

Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.

Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

Permanent part-time roles available
Our Lady of the Angels, Kellyville - 83115

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- 20 hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8.00 am - 9.00 am and 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today
Applications close Sunday 19th March 2023

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 83115** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

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