

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week 2023
"Our Teachers Make the Difference"
Thank you to the entire OLA staff

After the recent announcement of Mrs Byrne taking leave, I wish to announce that Miss Pina Grima has been appointed as Acting Religious Education Coordinator by the Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese for Terms Two, Three and Four. Congratulations Miss Grima on being appointed to this important role.

The children have certainly had an amazing week of faith, fun and learning culminating with this morning's Catholic Schools Week/St Patricks Day assembly, morning tea and a visit to the classrooms. My appreciation and thanks to the OLA staff for welcoming our community into the learning spaces, to Miss Grima for co-ordinating our morning, to Mrs Cheadle and Miss Brown and the choir, to Mrs O'Connor and the band, to Miss Hogan for leading our whole school jig and special thanks to Ruby and Liam Masters for performing Irish Dancing at its best. Thank you also to the P&F Committee for preparing and providing the lovely morning tea for the parents.

The green mufti was a particular highlight, with the children looking absolutely fantastic. We ask for St Patrick's and St Joseph's (celebrated 19th March) blessings upon our OLA Community:-

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His Hand



Thank you for your overwhelming generosity of goods for the Jesuit Society which will go towards helping those less fortunate. Your contribution truly shows the spirit of our OLA community as we reach out to others in need.



Congratulations to Miss Kristina Jurcevic, (5W) who yesterday evening was formally welcomed into the Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese community as an educator along with a large number of other graduates and new leaders in our Diocese.

Mr Calabria and Mr Cauchi's Wacky Wager was settled today. Last year it was Mr Calabria on the receiving end, today it was payback. Please see our Facebook page early next week.



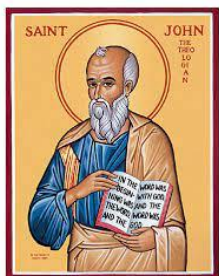
Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

*Tony Calabria
Principal*

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) 19-3-2023

Gospel Reflection ([John 9:1-41](#))

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus. (Greg Sunter @ Liturgyhelp.com)

Remaining 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 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)

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.



Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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 23rd March at 6.30pm

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



Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

At Our Lady of the Angels we encourage everyone to belong and teach the students the importance of inclusiveness in our Gospel Values. Jesus accepted all those who crossed his path and shows his love to all.

Children will receive a special orange ribbon at school as part of our focus on including and accepting everyone regardless of differences.



Jesuit Social Services are extremely appreciative of Our Lady of the Angels Community (School and Parish) for your very generous donations. We have shown others the face of God and the strengthen hand of God at work, in healing those in need. THANK YOU



2024 Kindergarten Enrolments – Sibling

All sibling Enrolment Forms were due today.
If you have not returned your forms, can you please do so on Monday.

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.

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.

National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy 2023 (NAPLAN)

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 - Completed
Thursday 16th March - Reading - Completed
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.

Winter Uniform

The winter uniform will be available to purchase from Monday 27th March, once we have changed our stock over.

Please note that the students DO NOT change into their winter uniform until about week 3 or 4 of next term, depending on the weather.



Our Lady of the Angels
OLA
P & F

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE
NEXT WEEK
Friday 24th March

When: 2:15pm – 3:30pm
Where: Outside COSHC demountable

No CASH or EFT will be accepted.
Payment will be processed via the Qkr! App only.
Please download the Qkr! mobile phone app, and have your credit card information loaded into your profile.

All items are donations from within the school community, which means they have been pre-loved and may contain some slight imperfections.

Thank you for your continued support.

OLA Parent & Friends Committee
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Our Lady of the Angels Primary School, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville, (02) 8808 7300

Yes! We're BACK

Qkr!

Sale will be held WEEK 9 of each term!

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....

Sun 19th Mar
Benjamin Andrews

Wed 22nd Mar
Rome Moujalli

Mon 20th Mar
Leo Nobili

Thurs 23rd Mar
Zoe Bell
Chloe Tischler

Tues 21st Mar
Heath Champion
Grace Muscat
Ryan Scanes

Fri 24th Mar
Sophia Ali

Wed 22nd Mar
Rome Moujalli

We love a Free Ice Block Day...

Thank you to our P&F helpers who prepared and distributed our ice blocks for the children. The children certainly enjoyed their free treat which was just to say thank you for being such wonderful children.



Dates to Remember

Week 9

Tues 21st Mar 9.00am Years 1 & 2 Mass. All Welcome
Thurs 23rd Mar 6.30pm Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 5
Mr Calabria on Leave
Fri 24th Mar 2.30pm Whole School Assembly Presented by Year 1
2.20pm – 3.30pm P&F Pre-loved uniform sale

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. All Welcome
DanceFever Showcase Evening - Homebush
Wed 5th Apr Mr Calabria returns from Leave
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.
Thurs 27th Apr 9.00am ANZAC Day Ceremony. All Welcome
Fri 28th Apr SCHOOL PHOTOS

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OLA Outdoor Movie Night

Friday 5th May



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.

Primary Learning Task

I am thinking of 2 numbers on the hundreds chart. One number is 15 more than the other. One of my numbers has a 3 in it. What might my 2 numbers be? Give as many answers as you can.

Enabling Prompt

I am thinking of 2 numbers on the hundreds chart. One number is 5 more than the other. What might the numbers be? Find as many solutions as possible.

Extending Prompt

Convince me that you have found all of the possible answers for the main task. Describe any patterns that you see.

Infants Learning Task

The Three Pigs

The three little pigs have gathered sticks. Each of the little pigs has more than 10 sticks but less than 20 sticks.

They want to work out how many sticks each of them has.

How can they count their sticks quickly?

Draw the sticks so they can be counted quickly.

Enabling Prompt

What if there was only one pig with more than 10 and less than 20 sticks. How many sticks could they have?

Extending Prompt

Each of the pigs have more than 15 and less than 30 sticks. How many sticks could each pig have? How many possible answers could there be? How many sticks do they have altogether?



Literacy News

Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Reading Helpers



Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our information session last week. For those who were unable to attend, an information pack will be sent home with your child and Mrs Hurst will meet with you before working with the students.

The program will run from 22nd March to 6th April this term.

Below are some dates that will clash with the program this term. If possible, we will try to send a group email if any unplanned events affect the reading afternoons, but we ask you to kindly keep an eye on our google calendar which was shared earlier this term. If you are unable to attend an afternoon, please send a note to your child's classroom teacher.

Dates:

Friday 24th March-Year 1 Assembly

Thursday 30th March-Year 1 Incursion-History Day

Premier's Reading Challenge

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

Source:



Congratulations to
Axley Brown KB, Ariella Brown 2G, Ashton Ko & Ari Vilathgamuwa
for completing the PRC challenge this week.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

Tech Tip Week 8

Tech Tip from the safety website.

Have you created a safe gaming environment for your child?
Here are some steps to creating a safe environment.

Prepare:

Have computers and/or games consoles in an open area of your home.
Activate parental and safety features on the device or in the app or browser.

Build good habits:

Protect their privacy online by using a screen name that do not reveal their real name.
Use timers as signals that game time is nearly over to help them switch off.

Stay involved:

Talk regularly with your child about their gaming interests and who they play with online.
Help them understand the risks.
Play alongside your child to get a better sense of how they are handling their personal information and who they are communicating with.
Monitor the time your child spends online and keep a look out for any changes in their activity, school, or social behaviours.
Be aware of what they are playing.

For more information, please visit the safety commissioner website.

St Patrick's Day



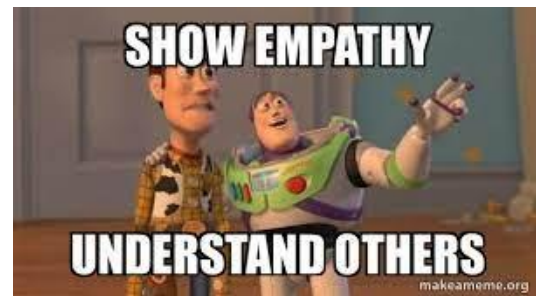
We Bounce Back at OLA

Students at OLA have been exploring the theme of empathy. Empathy can be described as 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 helps us to 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.

How can we encourage the development of empathy?

- Empathise with your child by acknowledging their feelings about different situations.
- Talk about others' feelings and suggest how children can show empathy.
- Read stories about feelings.
- Be a role model. By modelling respectful relationships and interacting with others in a kind and caring way, your child can learn from your example.
- Use "I" statements. 'I' statements can be used when speaking to children - not just for children to use to express themselves. This type of communication models the importance of self-awareness.
- Validate your child's difficult emotions. Sometimes when our child is sad, angry, or disappointed, we rush to try and fix it right away, to make the feelings go away because we want to protect them from any pain. However, these feelings are part of life and ones that children need to learn to 'bounce back' from. Naming and validating various feelings can actually help children learn to handle them.
- Use pretend play.

We ask that you continue this conversation at home to identify the need to show empathy towards others.



OLA Sports News

Congratulations to Emily, Hamish and Erica for their outstanding performance at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming carnival that was held on Tuesday. Both Hamish and Emily placed 1st in the U8's Freestyle and Erica placed 4th for U11's Backstroke and Butterfly. They will be Representing Parramatta at the NSWCPs carnival in two weeks' time. We wish them all the best.

School Hats

OLA has a "NO HAT, NO PLAY" policy. Please ensure your child has their school hat with them each day to assist in promoting sun safety and awareness in your child/ren. Any child not wearing a school hat at play times will need to play under the sheltered areas. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled.

Year 6 Cultural Zoom

On Wednesday, Year 6 students participated in a Zoom Video Call with another Year 6 class from Nanzan Primary School in Nagoya, Japan.

This Zoom Video Call was aimed at showing our cultural similarities and differences within our school environments.

The amazing learning experience also connected closely to our Geography Unit "A Diverse and Connected World" in which we examine Australia's relationship with Asia.



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Awards this week.

Term 1 Week 8		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Axley Brown	Havana Annamalay-Sanchez
KG	Eli Maizey	Charlotte Ranieri
KW	Mateo Fresta	Joshua Nicholls
Year 1 B	Levi Maiava	Maci Cusack
Year 1 G	Zachary Fernando	Gisele Jakovljevic
Year 1 W	Finn McNamara	Nicholas Daryoush
Year 2 B	Xander Licalde	Isaac Niezabitowski
Year 2G	Audrey Pedavoli	Bianca Wallace
Year 2W	Arianna Mangano	Alessio Albertini
Year 3 B	Roy Shim	William Lewis
Year 3 G	Alexander Newman	Emma Marsden
Year 3 W	Isla Vella	Cooper Cameron
Year 4 B	Emmanuel Ibrahim	Alessio Smith
Year 4 G	Emma Alin	Harvey Fenech
Year 4 W	Noah DeLeon	Jeanette Abboud
Year 5 B	Sienna Ng	Aiden Harvey
Year 5G	Elisa Reece	Alfonso Kian Santiago
Year 5W	Keyon Okunzuwa	Avantika Ragini
Year 6 B	Chelsea Hughes	Mason Sleiman
Year 6 G	Emily Al Lati	William Mallard
Year 6 W	Mirelle Ferdinands	Noah Falzon

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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



Theme of the Week:

"Forgive Others"

How often do adults and children really forgive others or more importantly themselves. Jesus truly teaches us the meaning of forgiveness through His life, death and resurrection. Forgiving others means taking the time to reconcile and rebuild relationships to move forward and not dwell on the past. As a parish school community, we should always strive to model forgiveness to those around us.

Artists of the Week:-

Kiara Valdez - KG,
Carmella Saba - 1G
Angeline Garcia - 2G
Avyukth Kanigelpula - 3G,
Lyla Sofiak - 4G
Giselle Desira - 5G
Sophia Mangano - 6G

Thank you to Miss Marchants and Miss Digwood for coordinating the Arts of the Week.

