



# Our Lady of the Angels School, Rouse Hill

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Week 3 Term 1

10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

## NEWSLETTER

**Dear Parents,**

Another week down and we are on our way into the year. Congratulations, again, to all the students and families for settling into the year so well, especially the kindy students, despite the 'honeymoon period' being over.

Our Lady of the Angels' patrons are, of course Mary, and St Francis of Assisi. Some of you might not know why this is so. Our Lady of the Angels is the name of Francis' church in Assisi. Rouse hill Parish is a spin off the Franciscan parish of Kellyville and Fr Warren was originally a Franciscan. Hence, lay the ties to the Franciscan charism.

Each Monday morning, we begin the week with the Prayer of St Francis. It is a timeless and beautiful prayer.

**Lord**, make me an instrument of your **peace**;  
Where there is **hatred**, let me sow **love**;  
where there is **injury**, **pardon**;  
where there is **doubt**, **faith**;  
where there is **despair**, **hope**;  
where there is **darkness**, **light**;  
where there is **sadness**, **joy**;

**O Divine Master**, grant that I may  
not so much seek  
to be **consoled** as to **console**;  
to be **understood** as to **understand**;  
to be **loved** as to **love**.

For it is in **giving** that we **receive**;  
it is in **pardoning** that we are **pardoned**;  
and it is in **dying** that we are **born to eternal life**.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

**This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OLA Parish. The first of the official celebrations is on 29<sup>th</sup> April - a Parish Ball. Please save the date!**

This week and this coming weekend will be a challenge with the hot weather. At school, we have had the students stay inside to keep cool. Unfortunately this meant that Special Treats was cancelled. It will be back next week.

There must be many of you with questions about 'how things are done' in your child's class. These questions should be answered at the Parent Information Session this coming Wednesday night. Children are not expected to attend unless there is a problem with child-minding. If you have more than one child, it is suggested that you attend the meeting for oldest child as you will be familiar with the younger grades.

On Friday we will have the Opening Year Mass in the morning for the whole school. **THIS MEANS THERE ARE NO CLASS MORNING MASSES NEXT WEEK.** The Family BBQ will be on Friday from 6.20pm to 7.45pm. Again, a reminder **THERE IS NO DISCO.**

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Week 3:**

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.40pm - Primary Assembly (in the yellow demountable) +Infants Benediction in the church.

**Week 4:**

Wed 15th Feb – **Parent Information Evening:**

Kinder – Year 2: 6.30pm-6.55pm;

Year 3-Yr 6:7pm – 7.30pm in the learning spaces

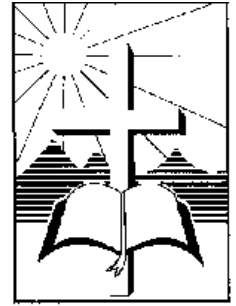
Followed by P&F MEETING AT 7.30PM IN THE STAFF ROOM. ALL WELCOME.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:

- 9am: opening Year Mass and SRC Commissioning Ceremony
- 2.40pm Infants assembly/Primary Benediction
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.40pm - Infants Assembly (in the yellow demountable) +Primary Benediction in the church.
- 6.15pm: OLA Family Social night – Sausage Sizzle (Please refer to P&F segment further in this newsletter.)

## Gospel Reflection

**Sunday, 12 February 2017: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A** (Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37)



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

***Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.***

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does **kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.**

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. **But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.**

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. **But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'**

### ***Gospel Reflection***

***In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.***

*(Sunter, Greg. 10-2-2017, Liturgy Help)*

Mrs Byrne, REC

## Year 1 Liturgy

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 1 Start of Year Liturgy. Your presence made it extra special for the students.

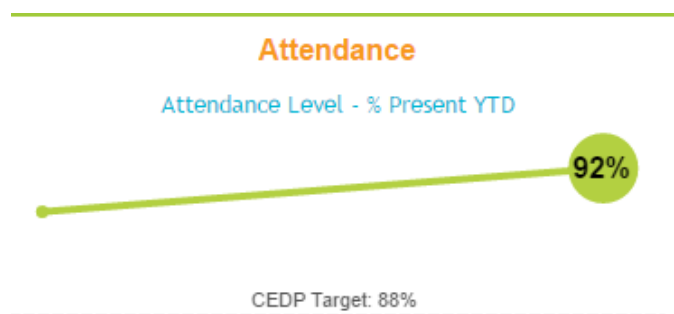


Absenteeism

**Every day matters!** The cumulative effect of absenteeism can have a significant impact on learning, social and emotional wellbeing.

If your child is absent...	That equates to...	Which is...	And over their school life from Kinder to year 12 that is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	Almost 1 and a half years of school
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks a year	Over 2 and a half years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years of school

*This year there is a big push on school attendance or, more significantly, absenteeism. As a system of schools, CEDP has a goal of 88% attendance. Currently, our data system shows that OLA is at...92%! Well done! Our target is to keep it no lower than 90%. You can help by keeping in mind that holidays away should be within the school vacation period as much as possible.*



Thank you to everyone who is observing the rules and requests to ensure a smooth flow of traffic. Some people are disregarding the no parking zones which start at the bin area right through to the bell tower. This is especially from 8.15am to 8.50am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm. While one or two cars 'don't matter', hypothetically if everyone did this there would be chaos. The same applies to the Parish Parking. Apparently a number of cars are parking in the bus zones outside the school. Please be warned that the council rangers patrol the area from time to time.

**IN THE AFTERNOON DO NOT WAIT IN YOUR CAR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PICK UP ZONE AS THIS CAUSES UNNECESSARY CONGESTION.**

**Staggered pick-up times.**

Because students inevitably arrive at the pickup zone at different times, PLEASE note the following advised pick up times. Here again are the times to pick up your child...

- 3pm: ONLY KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN WITH NO SIBLINGS
- 3.10pm: Students Yr 1-3 with no older siblings
- 3.25 pm: This is the preferred time for picking up of students who are in Years 4-6 and their younger siblings, eg a family who has a kinder, a yr 3 and a yr 6 child

All students must be picked up by 3.40pm. If you are running late, please phone the office to let us know and to avoid your child becoming distressed.

**PARENT HELPERS???**

***Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??***

It has been heartening to see how many of our parents, grandparents, etc, have completed the Child Protection Training in anticipation of helping out at school. Whenever this is done, the school is notified by email and the names added go on a register to which we refer when someone wants to come into the school. The list is growing, thank you.

To avoid disappointment, please make sure you have completed this. The URL is:

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

This includes helping at school in areas such as gross motor, lunches, reading groups, etc.

## Skoolbag App

Our Skoolbag app is a way of informing you of upcoming events or cancellation due to the weather, results from carnivals and gala days, giving updates while students are on excursions and other important information about major events within the school.

We have a large portion of the school already using this app. If you do not have the app it is free to download. To install it, just search for our school name "Our Lady of the Angels Primary Rouse Hill" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.



There are many benefits to having this app on your device:

- You may select to receive notification for your child's grade only.
- Absentee notes can be completed on this app.
- Access to newsletters and news events linked directly to our school website.
- Instant notification when excursions are postponed, assemblies cancelled due to bad weather, delays during excursions and other important information.
- Online permission notes in the future.

If you already have this app, it is up to you to update your settings to receive the correct push notifications. To update this click the "More" button on the bottom right of the app, then "Setup Push Notifications". Turn on the Push categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch. You will receive alerts specific to the selected grade and all alerts sent as a whole school.

## School Website

Another form of communication at our school is the school website.

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/home> The website is regularly updated with stories of different things that have occurred, upcoming events, the term calendar and access to permission notes. This section can be found in 'News and Events' then 'Parent Notes' or

<http://www.olarousehill.catholic.edu.au/parent-notes>

In Parent Notes you will find an up to date school uniform list, medication notes and leave of exemption forms. Throughout the year, it will be updated as needed with excursion notes, sporting notes and special event notes.



## Uniform Shop

Monday 8.20am – 9.30am

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this week as we have been extremely busy, not only in the uniform shop but also in the office.

Please remember that we have changed the day the shop is open. It is now open on **Monday**. It is located behind the canteen area, opposite the new Year 3 classrooms.

Uniform orders can be left at the office, through the notebag, via email or over the phone at any time throughout the week, and they will be filled on Mondays and Wednesdays. A copy of the uniform order form is attached to this newsletter, or can be found on our website.

Please note that we are unable to supply a hat or any other item first thing in the morning from the office as the uniform shop is not in the admin building.

# Literacy News

## How to help your child with spelling:

- ✓ Children can learn to spell some words by sounding out each letter. Short, simple words are best to learn in the beginning. Encourage your children to write stories and to spell words using the sounds the letters make.
- ✓ Make a puzzle word by writing a word on paper and cutting the letters apart. Magnetic and felt letters can also be used for this activity. Mix the letters and have your children spell the word by putting the letters in order.

Source: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/writing-and-spelling-practical-ideas-parents>

## Dates for Diaries:

Friday 17th February- 'World Read Aloud Day' **Please note a change to this event. Students will now participate in class with their peers and teachers only.** We understand that on Friday 17th February, parents will be attending whole school Mass, Infants Assembly and the OLA Family Social.

Thursday 9th March-Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of 'Rug Reading' out on the playground with their child at **2:30pm** during 'Catholic Schools Week'. Please bring in a rug and a favourite book to read.

## Words of the Week

This year our school's literacy goal is for all students to use richer vocabulary and develop skills and strategies to improve learning and memory of spelling words.

Each week students will have a rich word (Tier 2 word) introduced to them. There will be an infants and primary word. The word will be studied and used consistently throughout the week. Inside and outside each space, posters will be displayed for all to see.

Next week's WOW words are:

**Infants:** misty      **Primary:** peruse

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

As our Kindergarten children began their primary school journey last week, they have already been exposed to number concepts both at home and now at school. Parents are often wondering how they can take opportunities at home as part of their normal routine to help their children develop numeracy skills. Here are some ideas that may help...

### Helping Your Child with Counting.

One of the first experiences children have with numbers is 'counting'. Counting starts as learning a pattern of words, just like a nursery rhyme. As children's counting develops, they begin to relate words to a **quantity** or number of things.

### How do children learn to count and use numbers?

Children learn the pattern of counting words by repetition. Initially, this pattern may have gaps where the child leaves out a number in a sequence, or the child may invent numbers. It is common to hear a child say 'twenty-ten' after 'twenty nine'.

However, remembering the words for each number in the correct order is only part of the process of counting. To 'count' children need to match saying the number of words with the correct number of 'things'.

Children should be given lots of opportunities to practise and explore counting groups as well as making groups.

Children also need to recognize and name numbers. **(We call this a number triad!**

### What can you do at home?

- Count with your child the number of buttons on a shirt.
- Encourage your child to count the number of pegs used to hang out the washing.
- Count the number of steps in your home.
- Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after some have been removed.
- Count the number of times you and your child can throw a ball to each other without dropping it.
- Read and talk about stories and rhymes that use number.
- Have your child count as far as he or she is able to and then encourage your child to join you while you continue counting.
- Ask your child to start counting from a number other than one.
- Ask your child to tell you the number before or after a number. How old will you be next year? How old were you last year?
- Ask your child to give you enough plates and cutlery and cups for each person when setting the table.
- Play games such as Dominoes, Snakes and Ladders, card games or board games involving a die with dot patterns.

More ideas will follow in ensuing newsletters to cater for children in upper grades.

God Bless

Mr Cauchi, Assistant Principal



# P&F NEWS

## P&F GENERAL MEETING

This meeting is for all parents and friends of our school.

WEDNESDAY February 15<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm following the 'School Information Night'.

### AGENDA

- OLA Family BBQ
- Parish Ball
- Parent Survey / Suggestions
- Mother's Day Stall
- Fiesta 2017
- Second Hand Uniforms

There is also time to discuss any general business items which can be added to the agenda by submitting them to [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) no later than Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## OLA SOCIAL NIGHT : PRE- ORDER CLOSES MONDAY



Pre-orders close MONDAY as we will be placing our order for sausages and bread rolls on Monday afternoon to ensure adequate catering. If you are able to help on the night, please complete the slip on the BBQ note. We look forward to an enjoyable night with our 'old' and 'new' families.

### SPECIAL TREATS

50cent Special Treats on Fridays!



### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Many families have expressed interest in purchasing second hand uniform items. Due to overwhelming interest in second hand items **we are unable to meet individual requests throughout the term.** There will be a sale later in the term and prior notice will be given.

\*\*\* **If you are able to help with sorting or washing any items, please contact us via our Facebook page or email. Your help would be most appreciated!** ☺

\* If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out in any way for any of the upcoming events please email [olapfc@gmail.com](mailto:olapfc@gmail.com) or message via our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you during the year!



Our Lady of the Angels  
P&F Association

# OLA 2017 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

## **Swimming Carnival By Montana Burt and Nicholas Hallal (Red House Captains) and Jade Richardson and Nicholas Zahorsky (Green House Captains)**

Once again the Our Lady of the Angels Swimming Carnival was a big success. While it was a little bit rainy in the morning, but the sun soon came out and the day was lots of fun. We started with the 50m races and were amazed by how many students took part in each event. It was great to see how many students could swim so far and so fast!

The novelty events made sure that we all got to have a swim, and the noodle races were still really competitive. We finished off the day with the 25m races, and saw lots of people who could have swam the full 50m length of the pool instead of the 25m.

On behalf of OLA we would first like to thank Mrs Byrne for all of the hard work that she put into making the carnival possible. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who gave up their time to help make the Swimming Carnival a success. Thank you to all our parent volunteers your help was amazing and made the carnival run smoothly. A big thank you to the P and F for providing all our volunteers snacks and drinks throughout the day.

We would like to thank all of the House Captains for all of their hard work and time that they put in, coming up with the awesome chants. Every house did an amazing job cheering on their team and they really showed excellent OLA spirit.

We would like to congratulate all of the students who participated and raced in the many organised events, including the Novelty races. All the students who raced showed great sportsmanship and did an amazing job!

Lastly, the sports captains would like to congratulate all of the students who broke records and all of the children who made it to the Hills Zone Carnival. We wish you all the best of luck!

**We had lots of records broken at the Swimming carnival. Congratulations to the following students who broke school records.**

### **Congratulations to our 2017 Swimming Age Champions**

Boys Open	100m Free	Jesse E	1:17.36
Girls open	100m Free	Montana B	1:33.11
8 Yr Boys	Freestyle	Cohan S	00:55.10
9 Yr Girls	Freestyle	Madison Z	00:47.75
12 Yr Boys	Freestyle	Jesse E	00:31.87
12 Yr Girls	Freestyle	Rebecca K	00:36.14
Senior Boys	Backstroke	Jesse E	00:41.31
Senior Girls	Backstroke	Rebecca K	00:45.25
Senior Boys	Breaststroke	Jesse E	00:50.94
Senior Girls	Breaststroke	Rebecca K	00:52.07
11 Yr Girls	Butterfly	Melissa P	00:56.09
Senior Boys	Butterfly	Jesse E	00:43.85
Junior Boys	Relay	Green House	3:36.03
Senior Boys	Relay	Blue House	3:14.87
Senior Girls	Relay	Red House	2:55:75

### **Congratulations to our 2017 House Champions**

Age	Age Champion
Junior Boys	Lachlan Hollier
Junior Girls	Madison Zahra
11 Yr Boys	Hudson Galvin
11 Yr Girls	Melissa Preston
Senior Boys	Jesse Eldred
Senior Girls	Montana Burt Sophia Tapley

House Champion	Green
Spirit Cup	Gold

## *From the Classroom of 6W*

On Thursday Year 6 attended a science show. We were presented with different ways that energy powers things. This was a fantastic entry event for our new PBL unit focusing on renewable energy sources for the future and making decisions about the use of electricity.

**Here are some of the things 6W had to say:**

*I discovered that liquid nitrogen has the ability to freeze a tennis ball. When the ball dropped on the floor it didn't bounce, it cracked – Jade*

*By mixing different gasses together we can create different chemical reactions – Isaac*

*Liquid nitrogen has a boiling point of minus 196 degrees Celsius. - Charlie C*

*When a water balloon is submerged into liquid nitrogen it creates a frozen egg-like shell. – Jack*

*Dry ice pop lids off tins- Trinity*

*The reactions were unexpected – Paige*





## From the Office....

Thank you to all parents for your patience during the first weeks of school. The office desk and phone is often at its busiest at this time of year and so we do appreciate your patience.

Just a few reminders:-

**Notes/money for the Office** - Each morning teachers will ask the children in their class if they have any notes or money. Teachers will keep any information they require and will send any other notes or money to the office via the class note bag. This system allows the office to receive notes and money without parents being required to actually come into the school. It also helps the children develop responsibility for passing on information. For those new to school life, if a note says, 'please return to the office' we mean for it to come through the notebag to the office. Thanks

**Change of Details** - It is **critical** that the school has up-to-date contact details for all students at all times. Please ensure that any phone, address or contact details that change are relayed to the office as a matter of urgency. It is most distressing for children and staff if we are unable to contact parents in the case of a child being ill or injured.

**Visiting the School** - A reminder that during school hours, **ALL** parents, visitors and classroom helpers **MUST** sign in at the front office and collect a Visitors Sticker and then sign out as they leave the school, even if it is at the end of the day.

**Late/Early Leavers** - If your child is late for school or needs to be collected early, you must attend the office and fill out the Late/Early Leavers Slip. If your child arrives at 8.50am or later, you need to come into the office to sign them in. If there is a need to pick up your child early, please **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE** to ask that your child is ready for when you get here. They will be called only when a parent has arrived to collect them. This is in the interest of minimising work in what is already a very busy office and in reducing the amount of lost learning time for your child. It is also recommended that appointments are made out of school time, wherever possible.

**School Fees** - The CEO will be sending out the school fees today. A note was sent home yesterday explaining the fees for this year as the school based fees have been consolidated into three fees instead of seven. This information has also been placed on our website. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**Medication** - If your child needs medication at school, new medication forms will need to be completed and given to the office. Please see us if you need to discuss anything, or you need the forms. **No medication is to be kept in your child's school bag.**

### **Student's Birthday**

As the grades are becoming larger, we ask that if you send a treat in for your child's birthday that you only send enough for his/her class (not the whole grade). Also if you are sending in ice blocks, you will need to drop them at the office at about 1.30pm as we don't have enough room in our freezer to keep them frozen throughout the morning. Cupcakes can be left at the office in the morning.

Class Numbers are:-

Kindy - 29 each   Yr 1 - 26 each   Yr 2 - 25 each   Yr 3 - 28 each   Year 4 - 24 each   Yr 5 - 27 each   Yr 6 - 25 each

### **School Banking**

School banking has now commenced. Please bring the bank books in on Wednesday and they will be returned on Thursday. Banking packs have been sent home with kindergarten today and if any other students in the school would like a pack, please let the office know and we will send one home.

Thank you.

# Our Lady of the Angels Parish 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Ball



29<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Save the date!!

**Congratulations to the following students who received these awards:**

**Academic** for working hard

**St Francis** for showing the qualities of St Francis

**Einstein** for celebrating mistakes as an opportunity for learning.

Term 1 Week 3			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
Year 3 B	Joyce Ghobrial	Gemma Haynes	Ethan Phelps
Year 3 G	Boston Roberts	Sophia Doboij	Dennison Cu
Year 3 W	Ireen Yoo	Jonathan Teo	Isabella Cauchi
Year 4 B	Drew Sammut	Andre Dabit	Anneliese Gutwenger
Year 4 G	Patrick Leach	Sal Colosimo	Natalie Holopikian
Year 4 W	Sienna Younes	Dante Merrin	Lucy Taylor
Year 5 B	Hudson Galvin	Julian Vargas	Olivia Hudson
Year 5W	Harry Taylor	Alicia Dersch	Felicity Scott
Year 6 B	Alex Pantaleone	Karl Fischer	Lily Cassar
Year 6 G	Melissa Preston	Chiara Fallone	Anthony Cutuk
Year 6 W	George Kausei	Nicola Topic	Breanna Debrincat

*Until next week, God bless, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.  
Eva La Rocca, Principal*