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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome one and all to Term 3. I am certainly looking forward to another great term of faith, fun and learning, as we celebrate our Christ centred community. The winter holidays are indeed a favourite with warm sleep ins, hanging out around the house in pyjamas and having family fun. Regardless of how you spent the holidays, they are indeed a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and create enjoyable family memories.

Parenting is a challenge for each one of us. The holidays can often be a time for reflecting on this important role. With so many varying opinions of what successful parenting entails, the following extract is worth a read:-

These twelve principles are the basis of successful parenting as presented by Michael Grose – one of Australia's foremost parenting experts:-

1. Treat children as you want to be treated at all times – with love, respect and human dignity.
2. Manage children's behaviour by managing yourself first and focusing on your own behaviour.
3. As children learn what they live, model the attitudes and behaviours you want them to learn. In particular, model optimism, generosity, persistence and forgiveness of self and others.
4. Mirror back to your children that they are competent and capable. They see themselves in the same way as significant adults in their lives see them.
5. Build happy childhood memories by having plenty of positive one-on-one interactions and enjoyable family times. Build a strong family upon the building blocks of tolerance, rituals and open communication.
6. Children feel secure when there are limits and boundaries but they also like a say in setting some of those boundaries. Use behavioural consequences to teach children to be responsible for their actions.
7. Childhood is to be protected, treasured and preserved as long as humanly possible. Childhood is something children need to grow into, not out of.
8. Give responsibility, invite co-operation and expect participation in all aspects of family life.
9. Develop resilience in children by promoting independence, problem-solving and real participation in family life. Ensure you look after yourself so you have perspective and energy to look after your children.
10. Surround yourself and your children with healthy, positive adults who look out for you and your children.
11. Foster your children's passions and interest so that they can find something that they can excel at.
12. Treat your children as if you have many. That way, you can give them the space to grow away and be themselves.

Fr Warren passes on his best wishes and appreciation for the generous donation given to him as a farewell gift from our OLA school community in the form of gift cards. His first 'essential' purchase was a decent coffee machine and pods to help start the cold Tasmanian mornings.



A very warm welcome to Fr Carlos (PP) and Fr Omah (APP) who are quickly settling into their new parish. We look forward to working in partnership with them under the banner of Our Lady of the Angels.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Sunday 21st June
 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Gospel Reflection
 Year A
[Matthew 13: 44-52](#)

Gospel Reflection:

The Reign (power and control) of God is also known as the Kingdom of Heaven. It takes place on earth and reaches its fullness in heaven.

Often in school, business, politics and social settings people try to assert their own power and take control of things. Where have you seen this happen?

When people surrender their life to God's power, life is different. Then people don't try to control things or one another; they try to work together so that God's way rules. This rarely occurs on earth, but it happens once in a while. There is peace, understanding and cooperation, and no fear, competition or dishonesty.

Have you ever seen this happen? If so, where? What was the situation?

Do you think you can do anything to help bring forth the Reign of God – at home, at school, at your job, with your friends? Why or why not? What would have to happen to create a little heaven on earth?

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Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who celebrated their birthday this past week.....

Mon 20th July
 Aurora Crosato
 John Vickers
 Luca Signorelli
 Prasaia Merrin
 Noah Cleary

Thurs 23rd July
 Andre Mandarano
 Jazmin Gauci

Fri 24th July
 Mrs Leanne Vella

Wed 22nd July
 Keyon Okunzuwa
 Kyra Heaney
 Isaia Balangon
 Zarah Kausei

Sat 25th July
 Joshua Fitzsimons
 Millyana Pelaez

Sun 26th July
 Patrick Cleary

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

Mon 27th July
 Lachlan Heaney

Thurs 30th July
 Lucas Cleland
 Mr Joshua Lee`

Tues 28th July
 Olivia Blackman

Fri 31st July
 Brodie Taylor

Wed 29th July
 Luca Moujalli
 Alexis Beneke

Sat 1st August
 Roxie Pace
 Natalia Ponturo
 Maddison KueaVilila
 Declan Leach

Sun 2nd August
 Olivia Ross
 Noah DeLeon
 Alexis Kenyon

Staffing

We welcome back to OLA this term Mrs Kyra Giglio and Mrs Sherree Lopez who are returning from maternity leave, three days a week.

Farewell

We also wish to advise that Mrs Sullivan (KB) will be leaving Our Lady of the Angels to take up the position of Junior Stage Co-ordinator at Rouse Hill Anglican College, starting 17th August 2020.

It is with sadness and understanding that we farewell Mrs Sullivan. We congratulate her on this new leadership role which is a recognition and accolade of Mrs Sullivan's expertise, skills and years of experience. Mrs Sullivan has been at Our Lady of the Angels since 2018 and we take this opportunity to thank her for the professionalism, dedication and care for the children.

PLEASE NOTE

PUPIL FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

FRIDAY 21st AUGUST

Children do not attend school on this day.

Library Monitors - Term 3

Congratulations to Alonso Buda, Sofia Costa, Elizabeth McKee and Molli Singh who will be the Library Monitors for this term.



Welcome to OLA

This term we welcome the follow families to our OLA community: -

Mancia Family - Stella KG and Adriano 5W

Al Lati Family - Emily Year 3

Pendlebury Family - Damien 2W

Dalla Family - Amelia 2B, Marcel 4B, Joseph 6W (joining us on Monday)

Literacy News



KEY DATES

Monday March 2: Challenge opens for student entries

Friday August 28: Final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students

Friday September 11: Final date for validation of Student Reading records by coordinators

Parents can access the 2020 booklist at the following address,

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

Congratulations to

Alexander Kerollos KB, Aidan Gomes KG, Caleb Atkins 1W, Reyansh Gupta 1W, Lucas Dobaj 2B,
Luke Scanes 3B and Ilesha Gunasekara 5W

for completing the

Premier's Reading Challenge this week.

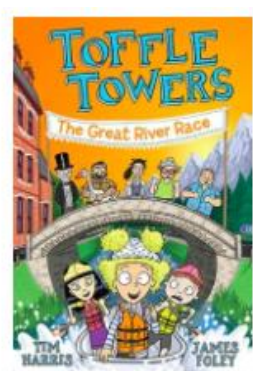
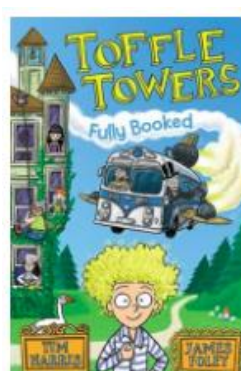
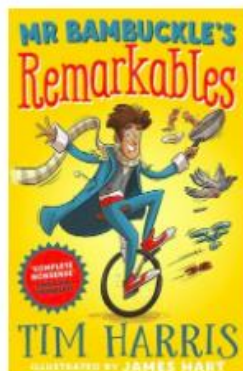
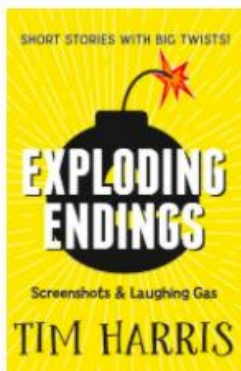
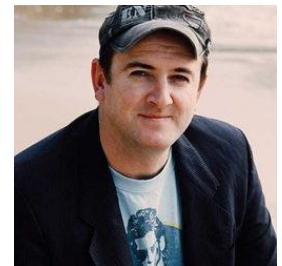
Book Week:

Theme: 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'

Author Visit:

On Monday 10th August, Tim Harris will visit our school. Tim is a bestselling author of several series for kids, including Toffle Towers, Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables and Exploding Endings. A former primary school teacher of 15 years, his stories are filled with quirky scenarios, loveable characters and plenty of imagination. Tim's 'humour with heart' writing style has seen his books receive multiple awards.

As part of his visit, Tim will sign copies of his books. If you would like a copy signed, please have your child bring these books into school on the day.



Book Fair: Monday 24th August-Thursday 27th August

this stage, students will visit the library and have an opportunity to create a 'wish list'. This list will then be sent home and parents will be able to pay for these books online. A receipt will be issued and children will then collect these books from our school library the next day.

Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator

The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.

Brian Herbert



Please keep an eye out for the Term 3 Overview for each grade which will be coming home shortly

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

Unfortunately, we have a lot of jumpers 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 me and if there is one there, I will send it home to you. All other items will end up at the second-hand stall when it is next held. If you purchase a second-hand item, please also make sure that you cross out the old name and mark it with your own. It is a shame that so many items do not get claimed.

Mrs Goldsworthy

Term 3

Thank you for your support as we continue with a number of currently established routines: -

- Hand sanitizing for all students as they enter the school gates.
- Regular handwashing/sanitizing of hands throughout the day.
- Maintaining the 'goodbye at the gate' with parents not in the school grounds.
- No assembly in the morning, with children going straight into class at 8.50am and commencing their learning. A reminder that the gates will be closed at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time, please walk your child/ren to the office and sign them in. They will need to collect a 'Late Pass' before going to class.
- We will have very brief assemblies for the students at 11.30am after first break if required.
- Online canteen sales ONLY will continue in Term 3
- Various agencies with strict COVID guidelines will be re-introduced eg, DanceFever, Cool Kids Music.



School Photos

School Photo day has been scheduled for Monday 17th August

The official OLA facebook page is now up and running.
Search in facebook for Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Primary School Rouse Hill **or**
Click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill>
Or Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our school website
Be sure to 'like us'

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 the uniform correctly, hair neat and tidy, no jewellery, ties done up to the collar, correct school backpack, with clean shoes and wearing our school hat.

School Census Day – Next Friday 7th August

Friday 7th August is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If you know your child will be away on Friday 7th August, please email ola@parra.catholic.edu.au or use the Skoolbag App, advising the reason for the absence and when they will return.

This is of course a requirement that applies to every day of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PLEASE READ

School Times – Late Arrivals

School commences at 8.50am and concludes at 3.10pm. If you arrive any time from 8.50am then you **must** bring your child to the office to have them signed in and they will get a late pass. We have had a lot of children recently who have come to the office unattended. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Exemption Forms

Please remember that an Application for Exemption Form **MUST** be completed at least three weeks prior to your child being away from school for five days or more.

This government requirement has now been in place for a few years and we are still getting parents advising us a day or two (or even the day of) before they leave for a vacation.

If the certificate is not issued prior to you leaving, then your child's roll will be marked as an 'unexplained absence'. A note after the event does not suffice in this instance because the leave has to be approved by the principal prior to the holiday.

Absence Notes

If your child has been away can you please make sure you send notification by either Skoolbag App, email or handwritten note so the roll can be marked correctly. If your child's teacher sends home a note regarding absences, can you please complete it and return as soon as possible.

Notification Policy if Moving from OLA

If you are leaving OLA, please ensure you are aware that the Diocese requires a full terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing, to be given to the Principal before parents/guardians terminates a student's enrolment.

According to Diocesan policy, if the required notice is not given, one term's school fees including diocesan fees are payable. Upon withdrawal of a student, fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis according to the notification period. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during term 4.

The Notice of Withdrawal form can be found on our website.

"Consider This"

Some Food for Thought

Given the world of information and communication being so accessible and easy, it is always important for our children (and adults) to be as wise as Socrates. Keep this philosophy in mind the next time you either hear or are about to repeat a rumour or something you have read.

In ancient Greece (469-399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three."

"Three?"

"That's right, Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to test what you're going to say. The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's True or not."

"Now let's try the second test, the test of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about my student even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued. "You may still pass though, because there is a third test – the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be Useful to me?"

"No, not really..."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man was defeated and ashamed. This was the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

Reminders

Book Club: Please remember that all book club orders **MUST** be completed online. Please do not send any money to school as we cannot accept it.

Drink Bottles: As the bubblers are still not being used due to COVID19, please ensure that you send your child to school with a drink bottle each day.

100 Day of Kindergarten

What an exciting day it has been at OLA for Kindergarten on their 100th day of learning! We have participated in many counting, craft and writing tasks.

The children formed a number 100 and had a photo with their teachers, Mr Calabria and Mr Cauchi in the playground.

The teachers are so proud of all the students in Kindergarten - 2020 has been an unusual year to begin school and they have all learnt so much considering they have been learning from school AND home this year. What supportive families we have at OLA.





Harrison We have been learning with OLA for 100 days

100 Great sentences!

Some things I have enjoyed about my 100 days of learning with OLA...

Harrison I like to do literacy groups because I get to do the activities. I like to do sports because the games are fun. I like to do religion because I get to learn more about God.

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ADHINA

We have been learning with OLA for 100 days

Some things I have enjoyed about my 100 days of learning with OLA...

I can counting more then 100 and I like to ride. I like to sing with Miss Fumi. I like to be with my buddy. I like to play with my friends and I love my teachers. ✓

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Checked by Mrs. Salim

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Term 3 Dates

Wednesday 29th July – Kindergarten Incursion
 Monday 10th August – Author Visit Tim Harris
 Monday 17th August – School Photos
 Thursday 20th August – Scholastic Book Fair Arrives
 Friday 21st August – Staff Development Day
 Wednesday 26th August – Kindergarten Incursion
 Year 4 Incursion

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the Academic and St Francis Awards this week:-

Term 3 Week 1		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Alexander Kerollos	Joshua Fitzsimons
KG	Stella Mancia	Millyana Pelaez
KW	Myra Batra	Daniel Mandarano
Year 1 B	Brae Aldaba	Giuliana Barbara
Year 1 G	Zachary Rosser	Abbey Zahra
Year 1 W	Amelia Makdessi	Reyansh Gupta
Year 2 B	Madeleine Teo	Lachlan Newman
Year 2G	Ruby Masters	Brianna Charlton
Year 2W	Hayden Muscat	Jasmine Fedele
Year 3 B	Aaron Phelps	Ilana McGrath
Year 3 G	<u>Alegra</u> Shaw	Roderick Raad
Year 3 W	Lola Quinlan	Divena Sundaram
Year 4 B	Abbey Buxton	Derek Sun
Year 4 G	Ryan Knipler	Heidi Nichols
Year 4 W	William Harvey	Ava Martin
Year 5 B	Paige Mitrovich	Chloe Holden
Year 5G	Julie Bolina	Aiden McGrady
Year 5W	Olivia Cutajar	Adriano Mancia
Year 6 B	Sahara Knipler	Justin Medjumurac
Year 6 G	Macy Owen	Stella Signorelli
Year 6 W	Milan Yadav	Emily Lenane