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Term 4, Week 1

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome to our fourth and final term for 2020. The year is certainly passing quickly.

The holidays were a wonderful time to catch up with family and friends, to spoil yourself and others, to forget routine and to just be. To the parents within our community, I encourage you to try and take time out where and when you can during this busy term to spend time with family and friends, most particularly with your children in their early years. No matter what, all the riches in the world can never bring back missed opportunities for special moments with those you love.

I look forward to another great term of faith, fun and learning as we work in partnership in our Christ centred community of parents, children, teachers and pastors.

St Francis Feast Day (Celebrated 4th Oct) and Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day (Celebrated 7th Oct)

St Francis' Feast Day and Our Lady of the Rosary Feast days were celebrated over the holidays. They are both very special for our Christ Centred OLA community. The Franciscans are a worldwide Order, of both priests and brothers, who have dedicated themselves to follow the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis was a man of God who lived a life of simplicity and humility. Francis discovered God and all about him in nature and the beauty of creation. He encouraged the people of his time to reverence God in one another and to love the earth and all her creatures. OLA school environment reflects our care for the earth in the spirit of St Francis and appreciation of nature.

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 as to console,

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved, as to love.

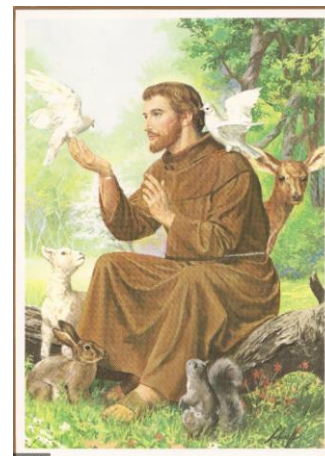
For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying, we are born to eternal life.

Our Lady of the Angels, Pray for us.

St Francis of Assisi, Pray for us



Best Wishes

On behalf of the OLA community, we extend our best wishes to all Year 12 students who begin their final school exams this coming week.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Sunday 18th October
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

[Mt 22:15-21](#)

Gospel Reflection

The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up, but he won't fall for their setup. They ask him to choose between the worldly and the holy, between the political and the religious. Jesus simply says that we need to give to each what is due to each.

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your faith says and what your country says? If something is legal, is it always moral? And if something is moral, is it always legal? What is an example of such a conflict?

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your civil community says and what your faith community says? If something is an acceptable practice in your school or in your circle of friends, does that mean it's always right to do? And is the right thing always acceptable in your social situation? What is an example of such a conflict? Some people try to live entirely in one arena, and they are totally against the other.

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all religion and talk of God and only clings to the physical, modern world? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all earthly things and clings only to the religious and spiritual? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who lives a good balance of both the spiritual and the earthly? What is that attitude like?

(LiturgyHelp.com.au, 15-10-2020)

Faithful Friday on FaceBook

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day was on the 4th of October. St Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

This week on FaceBook, we celebrate St Francis of Assisi and thank God for His Creation.

The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta recently launched [The Well](#) – a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. With over 80 (and growing) videos, podcasts and other online resources, at any time of day or night, you can watch and listen to:

- High-energy children's shows
- Information and reflections on the sacraments
- Recordings of young musicians around the Diocese leading praise and worship
- Thought-provoking discussions from local and international speakers
- Inspirational sharing from young people and young women.

From the Catholic Education Office.....

Draft New Religious Education Curriculum

There is an updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website.

Please find attached to this newsletter a letter from CEDP with further information.



Theme of the Week

"A positive Attitude is a Little Thing that Makes a Big Difference"

The impact of a child's attitude on their life is significant. No matter what other people say, think, or do etc, a positive attitude can make all the difference. The remarkable thing is every person has a choice every day regarding the attitude they embrace for that day. We cannot change an event once it takes place, but its effect can sometimes be improved by one's attitude. It has been said life is 10% what happens to a person, and 90% how they react to it.

Children are in charge of their attitudes. In speaking to the children, the importance of having a positive attitude to life and towards their peers is emphasised. Modelling a positive attitude is a responsibility we all share.

COVID-19 symptoms

Stay Safe

Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser

Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands



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

Tue 13th Oct
Lucious Cappello
Maddison Dyke
Eli Nobleza
Lyla Sofiak
Olivia Vella

Thur 15th Oct
Willow Johnston

Fri 16th Oct
Oliver Davidson

Wed 14th Oct
Amelia Bond
Paige Mitrovich

Sat 17th Oct
Riharna Pacella

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

Mon 19th Oct
Harvey Fenech
Andre Youssef

Fri 23rd Oct
Sienna Cutajar
Milan Yadav

Tues 20th Oct
William Conn

Sat 24th Oct
Daniella Spiteri

Wed 21st Oct
Mrs Hurst

Sun 25th Oct
Lucas Clarke
Hudson Jones
Ashton Ko

Thurs 22nd Oct
Alexander Dib
Preston Georges

CANCELLED

Kindergarten 2021 Parent Information Evening

Please note the Kindergarten 2021 Information Evening for Parents to be held this Wednesday 21st October has had to be **CANCELLED** due to the **latest** State Covid restrictions regarding Kindergarten Orientation meetings.

School Covid restrictions and Church Covid restrictions differ and do not cross over regardless if a school meeting is taking place in a church.

Apologies, as this is out of our control. As communicated, parents will soon receive an email regarding booking an interview/information session with the school. This email will also contain orientation dates for the children. These orientation sessions will adhere to Covid restrictions as currently set down by the Government.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Student Data Validation

As part of our annual system and legal requirements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is asking families to ensure all relevant contact and student information is up to date and accurate for the purposes of communication and providing relevant support to students.

On Monday 19th October, households will receive an email or SMS from CEDP with a link and login details to the Student Data Validation (SDV) form.

Once you have logged in, you will be able to verify existing information from the school database and update if necessary. The process should not take more than 15 minutes and will need to be completed by 5.00pm on Friday 6th November. This ensures that all details for you are correct on the system.

FACEBOOK

Our official OLA School Facebook page is...

<https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill>

Please note we have only ONE official Facebook page. There are **NO** official grade Facebook pages. Please be aware some grades have formed a closed group. 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.

Dates to Remember:

**Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day):
Week 6 Friday 20th November**

Wednesday 16th December: Term 4 End Date for students

Birthday Treats – Reminder

We kindly ask that you refrain from sending any birthday treats of any kind, edible or not, in during this COVID 19 period.

This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home.

We welcome to the OLA community this term:

Torre Islas family : Johanna (1G)

Collazos Rivera family : Samantha (3G)

We hope that your years here with us at Our Lady of the Angels will be richly blessed and that you will make good friends and experience learning that is meaningful, exciting and growth promoting.

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

We have already had a number of opportunities to celebrate Book Week earlier in the year with our author visits, etc. This Monday 19th October we will further celebrate Book Week with the whole school stopping at 2:40pm and independently reading. Students may like to bring in a favourite book to read.



Some Tips for Home Reading:

- Establish a home reading routine. Read aloud with your children everyday. Ten minutes for each child around a book of his/her choice. If English is your second language, read in your home language. If you lack confidence in reading aloud, the fact that you are reading with your child is what matters. Talk about the illustrations and contribute where you can. Share your excitement for reading and this will be the model your child will adopt.
- The reader holds the book! There is a lot of power and control in the world of reading. The reader needs to have the power.
- During home reading time, turn off electronic devices and give each child ten minutes of your undivided attention.
- Before you read a book, set your child up for success. Reading is not a test! Reading time is only ten minutes so do some of the following: Keep the introduction short – one minute is enough. Talk about the illustrations and the title. Read the blurb and talk about the author, talk about any unusual words, read a page here and there as your child flicks through the book, discuss the characters. This is a short introduction, not an interrogation. If the book is already a familiar one, then this step is not necessary.

Source: PETAA Parent Resource

Dates for diaries

2020 Spelling Bee

Week 5-K-6 Spelling Bee lists sent home.

Week 8-K-2 Spelling Bee Finals in learning spaces. Years 3-6 Spelling Bee Final on Wed 2nd December



Lisa Hurst

Literacy Coordinator

Library Monitors - Term 4

Congratulations to Charlotte Naim, Ethan Tierney, Elyssa Marsden and Aaliya Naidoo who will be the Library Monitors for this term.



Building Child Safe Communities – Volunteer Undertaking

A reminder to all parents that wish to volunteer at OLA that CEDP has launched a **NEW** Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Follow this link to complete:

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities>

All volunteers need a BCSC status that is **Approved** to provide services to our school. You must provide your BCSC number to school prior to the **EVENT DATE**.

Thank you for all that you do in partnership with the teachers and staff to enhance your child's learning journey at OLA.

If you are changing schools/moving and won't be returning to OLA in 2021, please email the school and we will forward the Notice of Withdrawal form for you to complete. This form can also be found on the school website.

Thank you

Tech Tip -Week 1

Creating healthy digital habits in your child

Digital devices are here to stay, so it's imperative to look at how kids can remain in control of their screen use and ensure the time they're investing online is adding something helpful, positive and meaningful to our lives.

Here are **four** tips to help kids develop healthy digital habits. Being mindful of how time is spent looking at our devices is certainly not just reserved for young people.

Encourage creation not just consumption

Is your child more of a consumer or creator when they're online? Check to see if they spend time online time in creative mode such as making things, creating their own videos or presentations, editing photos, writing posts, coding a video game or composing a song. Encourage them to be creative rather than mere consumers of digital content.

Discuss who they are following

The digital world encourages leaders and followers. It places people and individuals from all walks of life in close contact with your kids. They can follow companies, musical icons, sports stars as well as friends. Encourage your child to follow people and companies that can fuel their passions.

For instance, if they love space, search for NASA and related accounts. If they love photography, help them find great photographers sharing their work online. When they're following people that teach, inspire and ignite their passions, they're less likely to spend valuable time with energy zappers.

Digitally de-clutter regularly

Many kids collect apps on their devices in the same way that former generations collected football cards or swap cards. Encourage them to delete the apps they no longer use or apps that offer no benefits to their lives. Could there be better games to play?

Show kids good practises

Most kids learn much more from what they see and experience, rather than from what they are told. As a parent be intentional with your screen time. Do you:

- Follow people that support you, challenge you in helpful ways or inspire and lift you up?
- Interact in positive ways?
 - Give people your attention rather than scroll whilst others are talking to you?
 - Put your digital devices away in order to fit all the other important things into your day?

From the Parish Office...

Welcome Back

Fr Carlos and Fr Omar are so excited to see and hear the children back from their holidays. Each week this term they will visit a grade and say mass in the school for the children. The Parish will continue to live-stream mass every Friday morning at 9am, which also will be broadcasted inside the classroom.

Our Doors are Open

Current COVID numbers limit our masses to 100 people. The Parish has added 2 extra masses, so our mass schedule currently is:

Saturday (Vigil)	5.30 pm and 6.30 pm
Sunday	7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 5.30 pm

All mass attendance is required to be booked via trybooking.com

First Communion

Year 3 students who are registered will receive their First Communion in November.

Installation of Fr Carlos Walker as Parish Priest of OLA

Bishop Vincent Long will be celebrating Mass and the Rite of Installation of Fr Carlos as Parish Priest on Sunday, 1st November 2020 at the 10.00am mass.

You are invited to attend this mass (limit 100) by booking online.

Unfortunately, the Parish is unable to celebrate Father's Installation with a reception afterwards due to COVID restrictions.

APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Come and join us at our first Divine Mercy Devotion with Mass on the 3rd Friday of each month, starting this Friday, 16th October at 7pm

Bookings are essential.

Confession will be available before and after Mass. Immediately after Mass, we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet, offering it for the intentions of those present, their families and those who have sent us prayer petitions during the month.

Our Lady of the Angels Parish

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Winners



Congratulations to the OLA staff who participated in the 2020 Catholic Education Department Parramatta September Challenge – OLA won the group prize for the most steps recorded.

Well done indeed to all who participated!

Awards

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

Term 4 Week 1		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	William Biega	Isaac Hartz
KG	Emily Cook	Georgia Tomic
KW	Max Krotofil	Oscar Meli
Year 1 B	Arlo Nobleza	Gianni Mangano
Year 1 G	Kate McKeever	Oliver Jagar
Year 1 W	Cooper Foley	Amelia Fava
Year 2 B	Alessio Russo	Sienna Galea
Year 2G	Flynn Coughlan	Locke Singh
Year 2W	Annie Blazey	Luca Mazza
Year 3 B	Zachary Dixon	Skye Batra
Year 3 G	Magnus Myhre Fox	Caleb Xuereb
Year 3 W	Cooper Ross	Noah Cleary
Year 4 B	Abbey Buxton	Mia Lee
Year 4 G	Jack Austin	Luka Kurcubic
Year 4 W	Sybellah Arora	Thomas Weldon
Year 5 B	Isabella Smith	Abbey Hollier
Year 5G	Sophia Iori	Aiden McGrady
Year 5W	Thomas Andrews	Olivia Cutajar
Year 6 B	Julia Zammit	Olivia Sims
Year 6 G	James Apap	Isabella Cauchi
Year 6 W	Ben Roffmann	Janiya De La Cruz

Artist of the Week

This week's display brings us springtime blossoms, bursts of colour, a family portrait and iconic scenes across the Australian outback. Congratulations to these students who are our Artists of the Week:

- Kinder - Mya Mitrovich
- Year 1 - Audrey Summerhays
- Year 2 - Ilaria Buda
- Year 3 - Zavier Dabit
- Year 4 - Natasha Cabarles
- Year 5 - Jake Brown
- Year 6 - Emily Lenane

