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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate our children who are working hard, each and every day, enjoying their learning and co-operating with others in their school environment. When many gather, there is always interaction. There are many personalities that come together under the banner of Our Lady of the Angels. Each of these personalities is different, some are quiet, some are loud, some are sensitive, some are resilient, some are shy, some are confident, some are creative. The list is endless.

Each individual comes with their own attitude which impacts on their own outlook. Children's attitudes often reflect what they have seen and experienced. That is why our role modelling is so important. The following extract speaks volumes about our attitude. Perhaps take the time to read and consider the attitude your child brings to each situation, whether it be a challenge, a success or a setback.

"The longer I live the more I realise the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people say, think, or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. Attitude can make or break a home or family. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes".

(Acknowledgement: Attitude by Charles Swindell; Brand New End by Carl Bard).

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. (Abraham Lincoln)

Reports

Reports for this semester will be presented in a different format. Across the Diocese there will be a modified Student Learning Report due to Covid19 and Home Based Learning. Reports will be sent home towards the end of term. Having supported your child's learning at home, your input in this area will also help in our future planning. A google form for your feedback regarding your child's learning at home has been sent home today, we would love your input.

Thank You

The children have returned to school with much enthusiasm and a real sense of enjoyment as they interact with their peers and teachers. Parents have spoken very positively about farewelling their child at the gate. More importantly the younger children are very proud of being able to enter and begin their school day independently. Thank you for the many messages of thanks to the staff for their efforts during Covid 19 and for the "Honorary" Certificate sent home to all families.

Additionally on behalf of all the staff, a sincere and heartfelt thank you for the beautiful welcome back morning tea last Monday coordinated by the P&F, led by Kara Gergely-Hollai, Olivia Cameron, Anna Farrugia, Marion Vickers, and so many parents who contributed with an amazing selection of food. We certainly felt special.

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

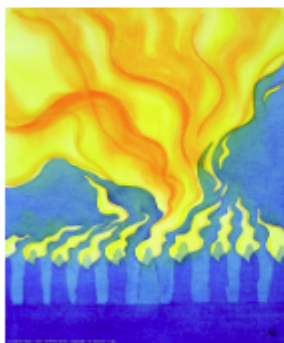
Tony Calabria
Principal



Sunday 31st May
Gospel Reflection
Year A
PENTECOST SUNDAY
John 20:19-23

GOSPEL REFLECTION-Come Holy Spirit

Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.



But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit – the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge,

direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

What changes in you do you wish the Spirit could blow your way? How can you cooperate with the Spirit? In what ways do you need more courage, knowledge, direction or commitment? What else might you need?

In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples before Pentecost? In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples after Pentecost?

When people speak about your school, would they say that it has school spirit? What do they mean by that? How is school spirit like the Holy Spirit?

Theme for the Week ***"Smile and be Happy"***

Congratulations on the beautiful smiles on our return to school this week. Our theme this week is aimed at helping the children to be content with the many blessings that Christ has bestowed on them. Unfortunately, our children's lives can sometimes be so busy and stressful that we need to stop and reflect on just how fortunate we are to have our health, our faith and our wonderful families. A smile says so much and can bring so much happiness to others. It is a beautiful life we live, strive to smile and be happy.

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR

OLA COMMUNITY SAFE

Please note a significant change that we ask for your support in is that we would like to limit the number of parents/adults within our school grounds. This will adhere to social distancing rules for adults and in turn minimise any potential risk.

We would envisage that students are able to independently enter through the gates and venture to their classrooms. We encourage you to use the drive through for pickup and drop off. If you normally collect your child in person from the COLA, we now ask you to please wait outside the gates near the Statue of Mary (keeping social distancing in mind) and we will deliver the students to you. As kindergarten leave a little earlier, they may wait outside the main gate next to the office.

We also continue to ask that contact with the teachers is via email (to the school) or phone only as there will currently be no face to face meetings.

Bubblers

The school bubblers will be temporarily closed so we ask that students bring their own water bottle to school every day.



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

Thursday 4th June
Harrison Vella

Saturday 6th June
Magnus Myhre Fox

Friday 5th June
Ava Zhu
Giuliana Barbara
Charlotte Anderson
Marcus Mileto

Sunday 7th June
Alexander Kerollos

Afternoon Drive Through

Our afternoon drive through car pick up has been very busy of late due to a number of factors, namely everyone is wanting to drive due to the current climate, and the fact that we have three major schools all in the same area.

We are not alone. All schools face similar challenges, although we are very blessed to have grounds that facilitate a drive through.

Your patience is very much appreciated.

Yes it is slow (to start).

Yes it takes time, but it is the safety of your children that is the priority.

Yes it is congested. (The phasing of the lights does not help as cars back up).

Yes the queue is long, as we have over 300 children using the drive through.

There are many options that you may also wish to investigate in relation to picking up your child:

1. Park at the oval and walk across the lights, collect your child and walk back. (This will be much quicker than the queue).
2. Park in surrounding streets and walk.
3. Walk and enjoy the exercise if close to school.
4. Come a little later rather than the "peak hour", ie. Drive through operates from 3.10pm until 3.40pm

We kindly ask that parents do not arrive before 2.50pm as Santa Sophia parents use the drive through between 2.40pm – 2.50pm.

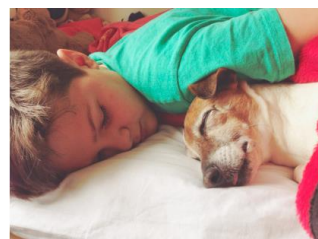
Further important points to note:

- ❖ Please drive to the parking bay where your child will be standing, so that your child basically lines up with the passenger door.
- ❖ For both drop-off and pickup, the drive through facility is not intended as a place for drivers to get out of vehicles. Children need to be independent in entering/exiting the vehicle. It is intended that parents remain in their vehicles whilst in the drive through area.

Thank you once again for your support as we work together as a community for our beautiful children.

Literacy News

Write On Competition 2020



To participate in the competition, students compose an imaginative text of up to 500 words in length using the image above as a stimulus.

The WriteOn 2020 writing competition closes in Week 10, Term 2 (3rd July).

For more information, please visit the [NESA](#) site.

Premier's Reading Challenge



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of **reading** for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. The **challenge** encourages students to **read**, to **read** more and **read** more widely.

For further information, please visit the [PRC website](#).

KEY DATES

Monday March 2: Challenge opened 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>

Lisa Hurst
Literacy Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"Seven days without prayer makes one weak"

IMPORTANT NOTICE

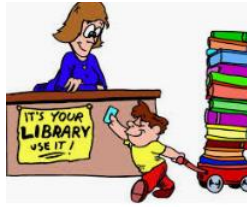
Medication – Ventolin etc

With winter and the cold weather now with us, please remember that all medication, including ventolin, **MUST** be left at the office and a medication form completed. This can be found on the website. **CHILDREN ARE NOT TO HAVE VENTOLIN IN THEIR BAGS OR POCKETS.** It is best kept in the office.

We thank you for your support and assistance with this matter.

Birthday Treats

In regard to birthday treats that are sometimes sent in, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending anything in at this early stage. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home.

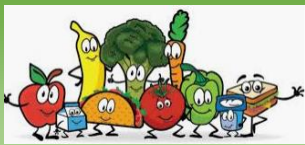


Library Books/Borrowing

We ask parents to return all library books on the day their child attends school over the next few weeks. The students will also have the opportunity to visit the library to borrow books.

Canteen

Online canteen orders only have resumed (no over the counter sales will take place due to the handling of money etc.)



Breakfast – the most important meal of the day

It is alarming to hear how many children often say that they have not had breakfast in the morning and tell teachers that they are hungry or how tired they are quite early, before recess. A young growing body needs fuel. A good breakfast is so important for children as it gives them energy, keeps them healthy and sustains them. What did your child have for breakfast today?

Drop Off/Pick Up

We kindly ask that parents do not leave their cars to help their children. If your child needs assistance etc it is always best to park. For safety, no child should ever exit the car on the driver's side. If baby capsules are in the way, then once again it would be best to park first or alternatively practise climbing over the seats etc. My thanks for your co-operation in helping our drive through flow smoothly and quickly.



Many thanks for your support.

Headlice

We have had a case of headlice at school this week. Please check your child's hair over the weekend. If you find lice or eggs, please treat and don't send your child back to school until their head is clear of both eggs and live lice.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Facebook/Messenger

We are resurrecting our OLA Primary School official Facebook page. We will let you know as soon as it is ready – be sure to like us...

Please note: There are **NO** official grade Facebook pages. 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.** An example of official vs unofficial was illustrated this week where a parent explained they read it on the Facebook page thinking it was endorsed by the school.

Jokes of the Week

James Farrugia 2G

How did the turtle cross the road?
S l l l l o o o w w w l l l l y y

Cohan Sommer 6W

I tried to catch fog...
Mist

Ebony Lynch 5G

Why did the surgeon creep past the medicine cabinet?
Because he didn't want to wake the sleeping pills

Ruby Millers 3 W

What did the traffic light say to the car?
Don't look at me, I'm changing

Acceptable Hair Styles for Boys.

The following is a passage in the parent handbook that refers to this...

"Hair is to be neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of the styles that are unacceptable include: ridges, undercuts, steps, any excessive shaping with products, and any shaving cuts."

This includes boys' long hair in pony tails.

Thank you to all those who have noted this expectation



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Uniform – Winter Uniform from Monday 25th May

You just have to look around the streets to note just how important the school uniform is as a presentation of a student and also the image of their school. We have a very smart school uniform, and we thank you, as parents, to instil in your children the importance of wearing the correct uniform. These photos show what correct uniform looks like for boys and girls. We thank you for your cooperation.



Or knee high socks



Please ensure:-

- That the top button is done up, or at least the tie is tight enough that it appears to be buttoned up
- Black leather shoes, not black joggers, are to be worn with the uniform
- Jumpers are to be worn with the uniform for both boys and girls (not cardigans)
- The bomber jacket is **NOT** to be worn instead of the jumper
- Woollen vest can be worn by either girls or boys
- Sports zip jacket is to be only worn on sports days.
- Fluorescent sport shoes are not allowed.



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Welcome Back



Enjoy getting back into the Faith Fun and Learning



We Missed You

