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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday afternoon you would have received an email and letter from the Diocese outlining the latest guidelines from NSW Health and the NSW Government.

Given the challenges that our world has faced over this difficult year, the children have remained positive, vibrant and have been a joy to be with. Their days at school have been filled with faith, fun and learning. Their safety and the safety of all in our OLA community is paramount as together we continue to follow established hygiene practices. Thank you for your support and understanding. It is very much appreciated.

My thanks and appreciation to the families that have completed the Tell Them From Me survey, which is run across every school in our Diocese. Your voice is always valued and appreciated. Please see the reminder email sent home today or the link in this newsletter to which we kindly ask you complete this important survey.

Perspective

The following is from an interesting article around the challenge of being parents regarding "perspective" that I thought I would share with you.

There will be occasions when children go through difficult times in their development and it is in these times that they rely on their parents not to give up on them but to be there for them.

"We, as parents need always to keep things in perspective, love our children at each stage of their lives and to be openminded to what might lie ahead. It could be said that, 'A difficulty can be likened to a pebble. Hold it too close to your eye and it fills the whole world and puts everything out of focus. Hold it at a proper distance and it can be properly examined. Throw it at your feet and it can be seen in its true setting, just one more bump in the pathway of life.'

When we examine a difficulty in its proper perspective, we might firstly ask if it is really a problem at all? Most of our children's difficulties, once they have a calm mind applied to them, tend to offer their own solutions, and turn out to be less severe than they first seemed to be.

Being empathetic to our children will show them that our concern for their situation is genuine. Empathy involves seeing things from our children's perspective so we can understand their emotions. When we show empathy for our children's feelings, we teach them that we value their thoughts.

Our perspective on how our own life's events can be will surely influence the perspectives our children have about their lives. If our children are mostly happy and sometimes talkative, then, we're doing all right as parents."

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

Tony Calabria
Principal



Tell Them From Me Parent Survey



Tell Them From Me

A reminder that the TTFM Parent Survey will close on 28th August. We encourage all parents to complete the survey (this survey will take place in every school across the Diocese). We value your input and would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the survey. Your responses are confidential and anonymous. Please use the link below to complete the survey

<http://tellthemfromme.com/ola2020>

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Sunday 23rd of August
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel Reflection
Year A

[Mt 16:13-20](#)

Gospel Reflection

Jesus' words to Peter, 'on this rock I will build my church', are obviously the gospel writers' words and not the words of Jesus himself. (Jesus did not set out to build a church community; that did not emerge until later.) In fact they appear only in this particular gospel. The other synoptic gospels have Peter's confession of faith but not these words attributed to Jesus. The words are sometimes understood as asserting that Peter himself is the rock on whom the church will be built, rather than his declaration of faith being the rock. This has then sometimes become confused with the line of popes beginning with Peter.

Living the Gospel-Who do YOU say I am?

The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is. (LiturgyHelp.com.au, 20-8-2020)

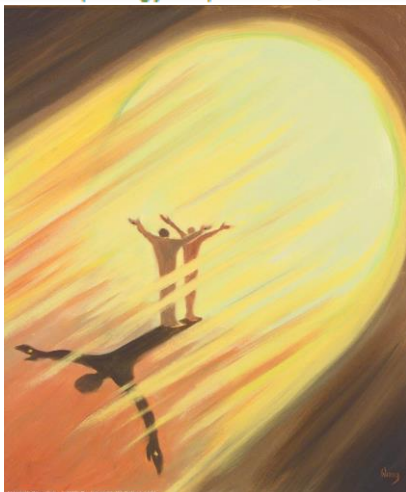


Photo Catch-up Day – Monday 7th September

For any students and families who missed having their photo taken on Monday, please note that the catch-up date is Monday 7th September.



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

Mon 24th Aug

Mia Lee
Thomas Andrews
Madeleine Teo

Thurs 27th Aug

Giancarlo Mazza
Asher Vilathgamuwa

Tues 25th Aug

Celina Wassef
Mrs Elaine Lombardi
Mrs Kylie Leach

Sat 28th Aug

Marcus Farrugia
Avery Grace

Sun 30th Aug

Julian Fonsdituri
Ella Macdonald

Wed 26th Aug

Asher Davidson
Hamish Connellan
Amali EnosiTuipulotu

Father's Day Gift Stall Wednesday 2nd September

A letter was both emailed and sent home this week for our Father's Day Stall, which will be held on Wednesday 2nd September. This is an opportunity for the children to select a small gift for their Father, Grandfathers or significant male. While this is a small fundraiser, the main focus of the event is to create a memorable experience for the children. **There will be posters of the gifts available around the school. We ask that siblings use these to choose their gift as purchasing will be undertaken as a class.** There is no obligation to purchase. Please return the order form and money by next Friday, 28th August if you wish to purchase a gift.

Safeguarding Course for Parents – Online Webinars

Tech, Teens & Time Online (Secondary students) Monday 7th September, 7.00-8.00pm

A one-hour webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years. The session will cover:-

- Ideas to start the chat about harmful content, relationships and online harassment
- Strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- Online wellbeing strategies for teens
- How to get help if things go wrong

Parents and carers must register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:-

7th September 2020 session - [link to register](#)

Prayer for the people of Beirut

Let us pray for the victims and their family members, and let us pray for Lebanon so that with the effort of everyone in society – political and religious – it may face this tragic and painful moment and, with the help of the international community, overcome the serious crisis it is experiencing"

Pope Francis, at the end of his general audience on August 5

Our hearts go out to the people of Beirut, as the international news broadcast showed us the horrific explosion in the port area of Beirut. Last Tuesday's explosion came at a time when the country is being impacted by COVID-19, with many people homeless, during a deadly pandemic, and the existing strain on resources caused by war, unrest, and the stream of refugees, escaping the devastation. At Our Lady of the Angels we are extremely committed to showing others they are the face of God and loved, with our generosity and compassion. To support CARITAS in its mission to help communities in Beirut, we are holding a **'Gold and Fold' Red, Green, and White Mufti Day on Wednesday 26th August**.

All money will be donated to CARITAS for much-needed services, such as food, water, shelter, medical and counselling.



Pope Francis has called on the international community to pray for the people of Lebanon. Please keep the people of Lebanon in your hearts and prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON

following the Beirut blast

God of Compassion,

You are strength to those who suffer and comfort to those who grieve.
We pray for the people of Lebanon in this time of disaster.
Embrace those who died so suddenly and console those
who grieve for loved ones.

United in solidarity with our Lebanese sisters and brothers we pray:
For healing and strength for those injured and suffering
That the international community will respond with generosity
and compassion
And that stability and peace will be restored in Lebanon.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

- Jo Brady RSJ Caritas Australia



Mufti Day – Wednesday 26th August

We are holding a **'Gold and Fold' Red, Green and White Mufti Day**.

Please come dressed in these colours to support the people of Lebanon on Wednesday 26th August.

Birthday Treats

In regard to birthday treats that are sometimes sent in, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending anything 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.

At this current time, we also kindly ask that you do not send in non-edible items as birthday treats eg, pencils etc due to COVID 19 as it is always unknown as to who has handled the items from manufacturer to classroom. This restriction is aimed solely at doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your child.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to

Benjamin Nicholls, Heidi Nicholls, Mia Lee, Hridaya Ghangurde, Adriano Mancina and Stella Mancina
for completing the **Premier's Reading Challenge** this week.

Book Week:

Book Fair: Monday 24th August-Wednesday 26th August

On Monday 24th, 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. Please note, our last day for sales is Wednesday.

Our Book Fair is a CASHLESS Fair

Please **DO NOT** send any cash to school with your child

Here are the Instructions for paying online

1. Click on the online payment portal <https://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/> (as per wish List)
2. Choose 'Scholastic Book Fairs – Pay Now'
3. Enter State and School
4. Enter credit card details and amount
5. Record receipt number on the Wish List or print receipt and highlight the books paid for on front of wish list.
6. Bring Wish List back to the school to collect books (or a reorder is placed if stock is sold)

You can make a secure credit card payment online. Please ensure your child presents this at the Fair to collect their books.

RECORD YOUR PAYMENT RECEIPT NUMBER BELOW

Please go to: www.scholastic.com.au/payment
You will receive an 8 digit receipt number with your credit card payment. Please record this number below and provide details of the credit card holder.

RECEIPT NUMBER	AMOUNT PAID
First Name: _____	\$ _____
Surname: _____	
School: _____	
State: _____	Expiry: _____

Please fill out details clearly. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school.

My Wish List

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Teacher: _____ School: _____

I purchased the books at my Scholastic Book Fair. Here are some of the books that interested me:

TITLE	LOCATION	PRICE

Parents: If you are unable to attend the Book Fair, please use our Book Fair Prepayment option for a pre-payment option. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school.

Book Fair Wish List Prepayments

If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

1. Go to [scholastic.com.au/payment](https://www.scholastic.com.au/payment)
2. Click 'Book Fairs'
3. Enter amount and pay
4. Record receipt number on back of Wish List
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the Fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs



Are you missing out?? Join our Facebook page.

Keep up to date with news from OLA
See what is happening at OLA
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'

A Small Request – Family Car Signs

Thank you to our parents for assisting us in ensuring that our drive though in the afternoon runs smooth.

We would kindly like to request that the surname cards are attached to the visor on the **driver's side** in future. This will allow Mr Calabria or Mr Cauchi to easily see the names of the families from where they stand.

If you require a new sign, please email the office as we are happy to do a 'run' of signs later next week.

Volunteers Needed

We are in search of some volunteer parents that could serve our OLA school community as crossing wardens in the morning. This would involve half an hour of your time (from 8.20am – 8.50am) on a timetable roster to assist children in crossing Wellgate Ave and our carpark. Please email the office your available day/s of the week if you are interested so that we can draw up a roster. (We will provide the vest and stop sign.) Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.



Values Matter at OLA

What are values? We teach values every day in our ordinary daily encounters and interactions. The challenge for education is not simply to prepare young people for the future. It is also to equip them to create the kind of future they want.

This week we are focussing on the value of:-

Freedom – Enjoy the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control and stand up for the rights of others.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

In this Beatitude Jesus invites us to relate to others and the earth without manipulation or oppressive use of power.

This value includes the following characteristics:-

- Valuing our democratic society where freedom of religion, and speech are a priority
- Being committed to the rights and responsibilities of living in a democracy
- Valuing our cultural heritage
- ***Be proud to be an Australian....Do you know the words of the Australian Anthem?***
- Supporting reconciliation
- Ensuring that minority groups have a voice
- Listening to different views
- Valuing our environment: recycling, saving water, clean up days etc.

The overall message:-

To be participating members of a just and democratic society exploring and promoting the common good and meeting individual needs without infringing the basic rights of others. To value diversity of cultural expression and respecting legitimate authority.

Theme for the Week

"Freedom"

This fourth value of the 9 Values for Australian Schooling focuses on enjoying the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control and also relates to standing up for the rights of others. We are indeed blessed to live in a country such as Australia where we are free in so many ways as compared to the turmoil that exists in some overseas countries. We are free to make choices that reflect our values.

Term 3 Dates

Monday 24th Aug

Book Fair – Students can purchase from the Book Fair on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of this week.

Wednesday 26th Aug

Kindergarten Incursion

Year 4 Incursion

Mufti Day for Lebanon Relief

Wednesday 2nd Sept

Father's Day Stall

Monday 7th Sept

Photo Catch-up Day

Awards

Given our Staff Development/Pupil Free day today, awards for Week 5 will be presented on Monday, 24th August and printed in next week's newsletter.

EVACUATION DRILL PRACTICE

Shortly, we will be practising an evacuation drill as part of our safety procedures. Teachers discuss the routine with their class before any drills begin so that children are not distressed. The aim of this activity is not to cause alarm, it is a chance for children to become aware of procedures if the need ever arises. Evacuation drills are a mandatory process in all schools.

Archangel Awards

Congratulations to these students who received an Archangel Award last week:-

Olivia Cutajar, Ava Belle Chong, Sophia Mangano, Charlise Mitrovich, Aaron Phelps, Kyra Heaney, Giacomo Crosato, Lily Haynes, Erica Sommer, Dexter Wijaya, Grace Tierney, Jeremiah Mataia and Madeleine Teo.

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.

Lego

We would like to hold a Lego Club at lunchtime and are looking for any old/unused lego that parents may have at home and would like to donate to the school. (We will sterilize all contributions).

If you have any lego that you are able to donate, please send it to the office, attention Mrs Byrne.

Thank you.



Peace

*God of peace you call us all to peace
Peace within and peace without
Peace before us and peace behind us
Peace on our right and peace on our left.
Christ of Peace you call us to peace,
Peace with our brother and with our sister,
Peace with our neighbour and with the stranger
Peace with friends and with foes
Spirit of peace you call us to peace
Peace in work and in play
Peace in thought and in deed
Peace in word and action
Grant us peace, O God of peace.*