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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

This coming Tuesday 17th March, we celebrate St Patrick's Day. Children are invited to wear green mufti and are asked to bring in a donation of 'gold or fold' to support our social justice outreach through Caritas Project Compassion in order to help make a difference to those in need. We kindly ask that any donations brought in by our younger children, please be in a sealed envelope or snap lock bag.

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His Hand
A Gaelic Blessing*



Family Week

Our Family Week, as part of our Catholic Schools fortnight, has been a huge success. Parents have expressed appreciation at having a little time freed up to spend as a family during these 'precious' years while the children are young. Children have been sharing their 'Family Week' experiences, which have included walking the dog, playing board games, having races with dad, playing chess, cooking, playing pool, going to the park and bush walking, just to mention a few.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Lady of the Angels Easter Hat Parade which is held every 2 years will take place on Holy Thursday 9th April at 2.15pm. Given our busy week of learning around Holy Week including visiting the Stations of the Cross at the Shrine in Kellyville, this year we kindly ask that your child's hat is made at home. Please note: your child's Easter hat only needs to be a simple creation and is optional.

Catholic Schools Week Rug Reading Afternoon

Please note that our Rug Reading afternoon has been rescheduled for Thursday 26th March at 2.30pm. We hope to see you there. All Welcome

OLA is blessed with amazing staff, beautiful faith filled students and you, our supportive parents, not just during Catholic Schools Week but each and every week. Together we are all very much part of the success of our great school.

At OLA we have high expectations and aim to excel in everything we undertake. Most importantly, we are certainly blessed to work with your child in partnership with you in developing their spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical potential.

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



TERM 2 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Please note that the first day of term 2, Monday 27th April, is a Staff Development Day, which means no school for students on this day. The students will commence term 2 on Tuesday 28th April.



Sunday 15th March
Gospel Reflection
Year A
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
[John 4: 5-42](#)

(Please click on the bible reference to read this Sunday's Gospel)
His face shone like the sun

[Gospel Reflection](#)

The woman at the well did not ask Jesus for a favour. Jesus asked her for a favour. She had the bucket. He wanted a drink. She has had five husbands and is living with a sixth man. She is a Samaritan and a woman – both characteristics a Jewish man was raised to look down on. Yet, she dares to question and argue with Jesus. As rugged as she is, she recognises what is special in Jesus and she wants that living water he is talking about. She is so convinced he is the Messiah that she leaves her bucket behind as she runs off to tell others the good news. She won Jesus so many followers that he stayed with them for two days. She is a weed, a flower and a rebel, all rolled into one.

Do you know anyone like the Samaritan woman – someone who seems so unholy and so holy at the same time? someone hard to figure out? Do you feel like that sometimes? Why or why not?

Jesus came to turn weeds into flowers, and wallflowers into movers and shakers. Share about a time you were most flower-like, a time you were most weed-like, or a time you were most rebel-like

[WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN RE](#)

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Each family recently received a Project Compassion Box. We ask for your kind donations over Lent to reach out to others in need. Please send back boxes by Friday 3rd April.



Dates to remember:

Week 11-

Monday, 6th April- Palm Sunday prayer @ 9 am assembly
Tuesday 7th April- K-6 visit to Kellyville Shrine for rosary/Stations of the Cross

To reflect on Holy Week, students will be travelling to the Kellyville Shrine for prayer. We welcome parents to spend time in prayer with their children at the Shrine. A timetable for the day will be published closer to the date in the school newsletter.



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

on.....

Mon 16th Mar
 Eniola Odejayi
 Mrs Rita Borg

Thurs 19th Mar
 Benjamin Andrews

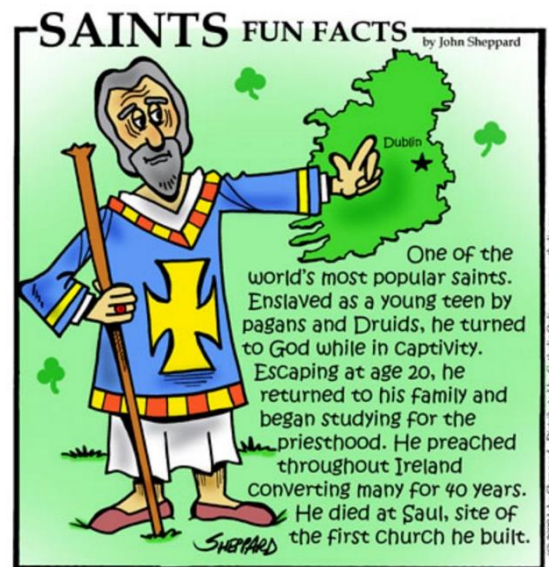
Tues 17th Mar
 Lachlan Newman

Sat 21st Mar
 Ryan Scanes

Wed 18th Mar
 Juliana Aguilar
 Chloe Holden
 Jack Austin

[PEACEFUL MINDS + PEACEFUL ACTIONS + PEACEFUL WORDS = PEACEFUL HEARTS](#)

As part of focusing on positive relationships in our community, we feel it is important to promote solving problems peacefully and being aware that our words and actions can hurt others. Jesus teaches us to treat others the way we would like to be treated. We all want to feel safe, be included, be respected and most importantly feel loved. We would like all children to wear a predominately white T-Shirt on **Friday 20th March** to promote our peaceful hearts and the awareness of living in harmony with one another. All children can wear their sports shorts on the day.



St. Patrick

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY

GREEN MUFTI – GOLD & FOLD DAY

On Tuesday 17th March, the students are asked to dress in green to celebrate St Patrick's Feast Day and to bring 'gold or fold'. This day is also one of our annual fundraisers, where all money will be donated to Project Compassion to support those less fortunate.

Dates to Remember

Week 8:

- Tues 17th Mar** St Patrick's Day Assembly – All Welcome
Students to wear green mufti to school
Gold or fold donation for Project Compassion
123 Magic Parenting Course 6.30pm
- Thurs 19th Mar** Feast of St Joseph
- Fri 20th Mar** Harmony Day – Wear a White T-shirt
Primary Assembly 2:40pm 5B

Week 9:

- Mon 21st Mar** Year 1 History Day
- Tues 22nd Mar** 123 Magic Parenting Course 6.30pm
- Wed 23rd Mar** Feast of the Annunciation
NSWCPS Swimming
- Thurs 26th Mar** Rug Reading 2.30pm All Welcome
- Fri 27th Mar** Infants Assembly 2:40pm 1B

Theme of the Week:

“Saying Thank You”

Fostering a culture of appreciation towards others is an important value. Too often children (and yes, even adults) can take for granted what others do for them. It is wonderful to see children who take the time to acknowledge and thank their parents, relatives, friends, teachers, peers etc either verbally or in writing. In a world where we sometimes take people and the things they do for granted or expect so much from others it is amazing just how much a 'thank you' can do.

Year 5 Bathurst Adventure

It was an early wake up on Monday for Year 5. We set off for an adventure of a lifetime; it was our first overnight camp. Our first stop was Katoomba. The fog didn't stop us from having a good time and looking forward to spending time in Bathurst. We drove around Mount Panorama and saw a spectacular view of Bathurst. Straight off the bus we went gold panning. Some left empty-handed, while others screamed Eureka! Following gold panning, we went on an intriguing tour and learnt about early life in the goldfields. Students in year 5 got to taste the delicious, mouth-watering damper and built bricks using dirt and water. We saw a replica of the biggest golden nugget ever found on the goldfields of Australia. We ended our busy day painted amazing boomerangs. After an early wakeup, we headed off to the historical part of Bathurst. There we completed a treasure hunt and went inside an old bank, which is now a museum. Following the history tour, we set off to go to Katoomba to experience the scenic railway and the cableway. We had an amazing time. Thank you to all the teachers who accompanied us on this trip: Mrs Jurcevic, Mr Campbell, Miss Hogan and Mr Cauchi.

-By Alexandra, Cameron and Keira.



From a Grateful Parent.....

“Thank you for your time, patience, care and love given to our children on the Bathurst Excursion. It's a huge task to take the grade overnight and taking time out from your own families. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Literacy News

This year our school's learning goal is:

All students will demonstrate growth in comprehension with a specific focus on SURFACE, DEEP AND TRANSFER learning across all KLAs.

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.



Catch the reading bug!

Key Dates

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

Friday 11th September: Final date for validation of Student Reading Records by co-ordinators.

Rug Reading

The new date for Rug Reading is Thursday 26th March at 2.30pm. Please note this date in your diary and come and enjoy an afternoon reading with your children.



School Fees

A reminder that the first instalment of school fees is due on **18th March** 2020. If you are opting to pay by the flexible payment plan, please go to <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/fpp> to set up the direct debit, or if paying by bpay set up your scheduled payments from your nominated account. This **MUST** be completed by 17th March for the first payment on 18th March. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge

Given the current status of the COVID-19 virus, yesterday we contacted Dance Fever to voice our concerns regarding this large gathering of students and adults under the one roof.

As we go to print the government has just announced that gatherings of 500 & more will be banned from Monday. This will impact DanceFever and therefore we will send out a note on Monday with further details.

Are you Receiving Emails?

As information & various notes are emailed from the school, please ensure that we have your correct/preferred email address on our system.

Google Forms/Permission Slips

We are trialling sending google forms home via email instead of paper permission slips. Can you please make sure that you complete the forms as soon as you receive them and make sure that you nominate your child's correct class. If the correct class is not put in the google form, then we cannot find your permission and we will then be chasing you to complete it again.

Sibling Enrolment for 2021

Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they have a sibling for next year.

Enrolment packs have been sent home to these families.

If you have not yet advised us that you have a sibling due to commence in 2021, can you please email the office and advise us of your child's name, date of birth and the class of the sibling at OLA.

Please complete the enrolment application and submit to the office, together with the required **ORIGINAL** supporting documentation by Friday 4th April.

Please note that we do require to sight 'proof of residence' when you lodge the paperwork (drivers' licence is sufficient).

Student's Birthday

*Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! If your child wishes to bring a treat to school to share with their friends (**purely optional and not needed**) we kindly ask that you send in cupcakes or donuts. Cupcakes and donuts are preferred as they are easy to hand out and are a treat that all children enjoy. Due to the multitude of allergies present, we ask that you **do not send lollies, chocolates, ice blocks or other treats** etc.*

Easter Eggs at School

*As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at OLA who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that **lollies/chocolates/easter eggs are not brought to school by children**, either for themselves or to share with others.*

Thank you for your continued co-operation in making OLA a safe environment for all our children.

From the Parent Handbook.....

NEATNESS AND TIDINESS

Paying attention to one's appearance and personal cleanliness from an early age encourages students to take pride in the way they present themselves, not only at school, but at all times. 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. Girls' hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face and eyes. Ribbons, hair clips etc should be school colours. In the interest of safety, stud earrings only are permitted.



Our focus in PBS4L over the Next fortnight will be 'Lining up Quietly after Breaks'.

OLA Cross Country

On Thursday the 12th of March, students from Years 2-6 took part in our school cross country.

As we did not have the best weather on the day, it was great to see all OLA students so well behaved, listening to instructions and showing excellent sportsmanship.

I would like to thank all the teachers and parents that assisted on the day. It was so great to see everyone being so supportive of our OLA students.

Students participating in the Diocesan Cross Country will be informed in the coming weeks.

Mr Campbell

NAPLAN Practice Test

All schools participating in the NAPLAN Online in 2020 are expected to take part in a practice test on Monday 23rd March. The Practice test is a trial-run and preparation for NAPLAN Online and will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience.

The practice tests include an omnibus test (combination of Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy questions) and a Writing test, both approximately 40 minutes in length. All students in Years 5, 7 and 9 are expected to complete both tests. Year 3 students will only participate in the omnibus test.

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests (link below) to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

<https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/publicdemonstration-site>

From the Parish Office...

Stations of the Cross

Held every Friday night throughout Lent at 7pm. This is a great way to do that something extra for Lent.

Our Lady of the Angels Family Fiesta 2020

First Meeting

Come along to the first meeting to share your ideas or offer your help to make this another successful day for our community.

Tuesday, 24 March at 7.30pm - OLA Parish Hall

RSVP by 23/3/20 to the Parish Office on 8883 4063

** Hope to see you there! **

EASTER SERVICES at OLA

Palm Sunday: normal mass times

Solemn entrance at the 10am Mass

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Adoration will be available till night prayer at 10pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am

Confessions available after the stations

The Passion Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday evening 6.00pm

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5.30pm

Confessions: Good Friday from 10am

Consecration to Divine Mercy

We invite you to join us, *33 Days to Merciful Love* in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy in the way of St Therese of Lisieux. For 33 days, we will prepare ourselves through prayers – the Divine Mercy Chaplet, in particular – spiritual readings and personal reflection and meditation. And then, on Divine Mercy Sunday, 19th April, we will make our Consecration to Divine Mercy.

Commencing Tuesday, 17 March, at 7pm and everyday thereafter for 33 days. Meeting in the Our Lady of the Angels Parish Church.

Celebrating our Talented Students

Term 1 Week 7			
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award	Einstein Award
KB	Abhijna Sundaram	Benjamin Nicholls	Sienna Mataia
KG	Jasmine Lau	Alina Youssef	Ava Zhu
KW	Ashton Ko	Lila Naim	Roy Shim
Year 1 B	Noah DeLeon	Zara Farias	Xander Kumar
Year 1 G	Olivia Macario	Sebastian Nasso	Jeanette Abboud
Year 1 W	Max Suarez	Eva-Grace Naim	Harvey Fenech
Year 2 B	Grace Tierney	Alessandro Albertini	Lauren Cauchi
Year 2G	Olivia Hartz	Locke Singh	Cooper Roberts
Year 2W	Madison Ross	Giselle Desira	Samuel Ewer

Quote of the Week

'Our family is a circle of strength. Founded on faith, joined in love, kept by God, together forever.'