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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Thanks you to the many parents who were able to join us on Wednesday evening for our 2021 P&F AGM. Our sincere appreciation to your outgoing 2020 P&F Committee of:-

President: Kara Gergely-Hollai,
Vice President: Marion Vickers
Treasurer: Olivia Cameron
Secretary: Leonie Blazey
PRC Representative: Anna Farrugia.

We welcome and congratulate your 2021 Committee:-

President: Rosalba Valensise
Vice President: Marion Vickers
Treasurer: Kara Gergely-Hollai
Secretary: Katarina Fava
PRC Representative: Justin Pedavoli



Student Attendance

Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce.

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for the fast-paced and often very challenging world.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who represented OLA at the Zone Carnival last Friday. Feedback on their sportsmanship, beautiful behaviour and achievements has been wonderful. Best wishes to the children who will now compete at the Diocesan Carnival on 9th March. Many thanks to Mr Campbell for co-ordinating this opportunity for the children.

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

Tony Calabria
Principal

Our journey towards Easter continues. It is indeed a special time as we gather as a faith community.



KINDERGARTEN 2022 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR

This Thursday, 4th March
9.00am – 10.30am

Please note this daytime slot is new.

Please pass this information onto family, friends, neighbours etc who may be interested in enrolling their child in our great school.

Please email the office to register your attendance.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

Mark 9: 2-10

Gospel Reflection

In the gospel passage, we read about the disciples' experience of the transfiguration. The disciples' suddenly see Jesus' powerfully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop – setting up tents in honour of Jesus, Elijah and Moses. Mountaintops are important in many events within the Bible. They were places of special and dramatic encounter with God.

Gospel Focus-A New Vision

Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us. I wonder, how do you respond to those around you from the heart?

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEBRUARY

First Reconciliation: Please keep in your prayer our OLA students preparing for their sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Reconciliation: Fr Carlos and Fr Omar will be visiting classes from Years 4-6 to hear confessions this term.



LENT is a time where we reflect on our relationship with God and those around us. We take time to pray, make a sacrifice through fasting and give of ourselves to others through almsgiving. Please see our family Lenten calendar attached to the email.

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.



We ask for your kind donations over Lent to reach out to others in need. Please send back boxes by Wednesday 24th March 2021.

Lenten Home Focus

Lead the family in prayer before your meal at dinner.

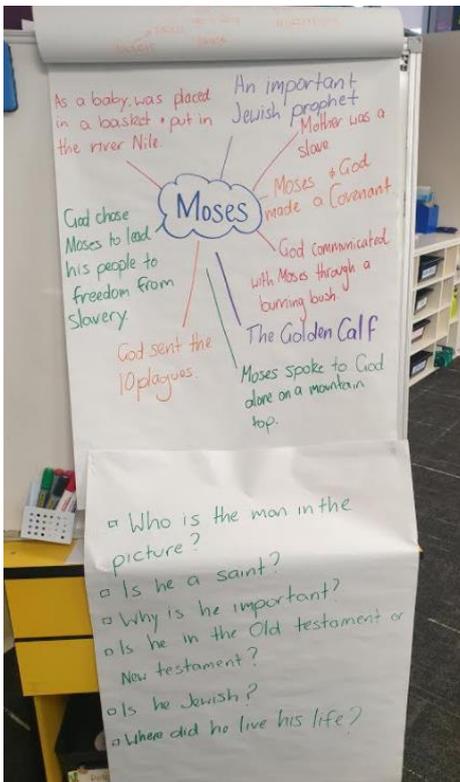
Here is an example of a prayer that your child can lead before your family meal...

Bless us, O Lord and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Religion Focus in the Classroom

This week, in Religion, Year 4 have been focusing on how the Hebrew Scriptures teach us about prayer. Also, we had a visit from Fr Carlos who talked to us about prayer and shared with us some examples of times Jesus prayed.



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

Sun 28th Feb
Ashlee Charlton
Ally Flores
Ms Pina Grima

Wed 3rd Mar
Trinity Manago
Cailee Graham
Alana Apap

Mon 1st Mar
Samuel Cauchi



Term Calendar

A school calendar has not been published at this point due to the ever-changing Covid regulations around parent attendance etc.

We ask that you keep an eye on the upcoming events in the weekly newsletter along with information emails sent home.

OLA Cross Country

OLA Cross Country is taking place on Monday 8th March at Centenary Oval. Students in Year 3-6 and those students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year and are capable runners are also welcome to participate. The Google Form with all the details was emailed home this week. Please complete the Google Form as soon as possible.

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our 2021 Semester 1 Student Representative Council who yesterday were presented with their badges and certificates at a special morning assembly. (Absent: Lucas Clarke 5B)



Class Parent Representatives

Although at this stage, due to Covid, this role will be minimal, we would still like to have this network in place.

If you are interested in supporting the class teacher by being a class parent, could you please email the school office, being sure to include your child's name and class.

Our appreciation and thanks for your support in this area.

Congratulations to Mrs Leanne Vella (3W) who has been appointed as co-ordinator until the end of term replacing Miss Grima (4G) whilst she fulfils the acting REC role. We are indeed blessed to have such a depth of leadership in our staff. Welcome also to Mrs Lyndelle Batten, OLA's new specialist sport's teacher, who begins this Tuesday.

Dates to Remember

Week 6:

Thurs 4th Mar Kindergarten 2022 Open Day
9.00am – 10.30am
Year 5 Bathurst Overnight Excursion

Week 7:

Catholic School's Week

“Celebrating 200 Year of Catholic Education”

Mon 8th Mar OLA Cross Country
Fri 12th Mar Moti8 Fun Day

Week 8:

Wed 17th Mar St Patrick's Day
Fri 19th Mar Feast of St Joseph – Outdoor Whole School Mass – Students Only

Term 2 Staff Development Day – Friday 11th June

Sibling Enrolment for 2022

If you have a sibling to commence in 2022, 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.

Enrolment packs will then be sent home. Please complete the enrolment application and submit to the office, together with the required **ORIGINAL** supporting documentation as soon as possible or by Thursday 1st April at the latest. Please note that we do require to sight 'proof of residence' when you lodge the paperwork (drivers' licence is sufficient).

School Fees

All families should have received their school fees in the mail over the last week.

If you have not received them, can you please send an email to hgoldsworthy@parra.catholic.edu.au and a copy will be forwarded to you. If you are not opting to pay by the flexible payment plan, the fees are due and payable on 17th March 2021. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

Help stop the spread



Maintain social distancing



Wash your hands thoroughly



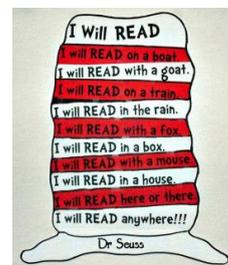
Sneeze or cough into your arm

For more information visit health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

Literacy News

Help them decode words by reading aloud

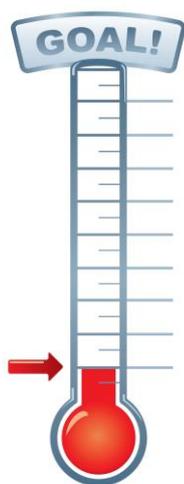
An awareness of the letters and sounds words make and understanding how they blend together to make words and sentences is called decoding. When you read you determine what the words are and whether they make sense in a sentence. The only way to check how your children decode, is to ask them to read aloud. This forces them to go slower, which gives them more time to process what they read, hearing the words as well as seeing the words on the page.



Find the right books

It's important not to set the bar too high. Generally, your child should recognize 90% of the words in the books they read in order to feel comfortable with the reading process. Stopping more often will interrupt the flow and will just confuse him or her as they try to focus on the overall meaning of the story. Obviously, also pick stories that interest them. It could be fairies, adventures, cars or Star Wars. We all prefer to read books about things we are interested in, so let your children do the same.

Source: <https://www.k5learning.com/blog/tips-helping-kids-reading-comprehension>



Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of **reading** for leisure and pleasure in students, and enables students to experience quality literature.

The **challenge** encourages students to **read**, to **read** more and **read** more widely.

The 2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will be launched on 1st March this year. Further information can be found on the [PRC website](#).
Lisa Hurst, Literacy Coordinator



Let's watch this thermometer rise as we participate in the reading challenge. There will be a **Pizza lunch** for the grade with the greatest percentage of participants.

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Our Opening School Mass and the Year 6 Students Leaders ceremony has now been posted on our Facebook page

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

Theme of the Week "Doing Your Best"

As a learner it is important that you are always doing your best in everything you do, in academics, behaviour, relationships etc. Expecting the 'best' from our children and encouraging them to always give their best allows their true potential to shine. Children who always do their best are usually content with the effort they have put into a given task or the behaviour they have displayed and are not continually saying 'I could have done better'. Doing your best at your own level is one key to success; it does not always mean coming first.

Student's Birthday -

Celebrating a birthday is something all children look forward to! 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.

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Friday 19th February, 23 students from Year 3-6 competed in the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day, as all of the students represented our school with pride. Congratulations to the following students who will now compete in the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 9th March at Blacktown Aquatic Centre:-

Fionn Galway, Isaiah Balangon, Phoenix Rich, Roko Deur, Ruby Masters, Erica Sommer, Lucas Clarke, Alysha Balangon, Chloe Holden, Ryan Knipler and Abbey Hollier.



Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently, there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues, and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Magnus Myhre Fox (4B) and Lauren Myhre Fox (3B) who have qualified for the NSW State Athletics Championships in March. Magnus qualified in the Hills District Boys Under 9-12 Yrs 4 x 100m relay (this team of boys recorded the fastest qualifying time in the state). Lauren qualified in the U9 girls 700m walk with a personal best time.



Coming Soon – Motiv8 Fun Day

*Our amazing fun Motiv8 Fun Day that was washed out from the last day of the 2020 year, has been rescheduled to **Friday 12th March** (as part of Catholic School Week Celebrations). Keep an eye out for information coming home soon.*

Student Awards

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

Term 1 Week 5		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Chloe Psaltis	Luca Petrocco
KG	Samora Noal-Osimen	Hugo Maguire
KW	Liam Masters	Liam Dyke
Year 1 B	Alannah Said	Aiden Ajay
Year 1 G	Riccardo Barbatano	Amalia Gergerty-Hollai
Year 1 W	Leo Dabit	Natalie Balangon
Year 2 B	Blake Saward	Giuliana Barbara
Year 2G	Caleb Atkins	Evelyn Lynch
Year 2W	Tristan Cappello	Ariah Clark
Year 3 B	Lauren Cauchi	Keyon Okunzuwa
Year 3 G	Sienna Ng	Lurich Teng
Year 3 W	Olivia Hartz	John Vickers
Year 4 B	Magnus Myhre Fox	Noah Baba
Year 4 G	Ryan Salac	Brandon Ciantar
Year 4 W	Lola Quinlan	Felicity Gresser
Year 5 B	Eva Bond	Thomas Weldon
Year 5G	Venus Mabhena	Paityn Ng
Year 5W	Sofia Costa	Alonso Buda
Year 6 B	Leona Siason	Ileesha Gunasekara
Year 6 G	Alexandra Tirador	Keira Mooney
Year 6 W	Cassandra Higham	Tahnia Arora

Artist of the Week

Our very first Visual Arts display for the year is on view outside the library. This week's artists feature work inspired by Asia, digital art, portraiture, art inspired by Australian history and vibrant bursts of colour. Congratulations to our Artists of the Week:

- K Indigo Rich
- Y1 Nevenka Topic
- Y2 Scarlett Buchanan
- Y3 Locke Singh
- Y4 Juliana Aguilar
- Y5 Laura McKeever
- Y6 Leona Siason



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Santa Sophia Catholic College Open Day
Wednesday, 3rd March 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Please telephone the school office for more details. 8801 6200

Oakhill College Open Day –
Sunday, 7th March 10am – 2pm.
Please telephone the school office for more details. 9899 2288

Mount St Benedict Open Day –
Sunday, 7th March 10am – 2pm.
Please telephone the school office for more details. 9980 0444