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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week

This coming week we celebrate two special feast days. Firstly, St Patrick's Day, 17th March, where we invite the children to wear a green accessory with their normal school uniform. This can include ribbons, hair scrunchies, bangles, gloves, socks, laces, shamrock etc.



Secondly, given it is the Year of St Joseph we will celebrate St Joseph's Day on Friday 19th March with a whole school outdoor mass at 11.30am. Children may wear the Italian colours of green, white and red on this day. We kindly ask children to bring in a **gold or fold** donation which will go towards Project Compassion.

Parents are warmly invited to join us for Mass if they wish. If attending, we kindly ask you to adhere to the necessary Covid regulations. This will include upon arrival registering with the Government QR code along with signing in and sanitizing before entering the grounds. At mass parents will need to socially distance and use the seating provided in accordance with the square meter per person regulations that we are required to follow.

Thank you for your positive feedback regarding family week. Spending time and having 'experiences' with the family are what students crave. Family time is the most important time you can spend in building strong family relationships. Some activities undertaken by the children that have shared over the week have been:-

- Walking the dog as a family
- Reading together
- Sharing mealtimes with no tv
- Helping dad in the yard and learning about plants
- Cooking dinner for the family
- Playing board games (and beating everyone)

During Catholic Schools Week our Year 6 students undertook an activity about 'Why they Love OLA'. Below are just some writing examples that illustrate why OLA is so special (Keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for more examples).

2015 in Kindergarten, I didn't know how lucky I was to be at such an amazing school. It has evolved so much since then and I'm so proud to be part of OLA. From a small school to a big community. I've learnt so much, from how to write and read to how to make lasting friendships. OLA has made many people grow into such amazing students. It has been an amazing 6 years here so I need to savour the 3 terms that I'm still at OLA. Mackenzie

OLA is the best school! We have a great principal and assistant principal, and great teachers who always push us to do our best. It is a safe place to learn and make new friends for all students K - 6. OLA also has new and modern technology in our classrooms to help make learning easier and more fun. We are lucky to have such a beautiful church on our school grounds, where we go to mass each week to feel closer to God. I LOVE OLA!
Aidan

I am proud to be here at OLA because I know our school leads in pride and everyone acts sensibly. I love OLA because of all the opportunities and how easy it is to make great friends. The teachers are the best and are funny and kind and are great at making me understand my work. At break all the teachers that are supervising everyone do a great job to make sure we're behaving and they always help us! OLA teachers always help me learn more about God, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I'm very proud to say I go to OLA and I can't wait till Catholic schools week!

Cailee

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

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

[John 3:14-21](#)

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel demonstrates God's infinite patience with humankind. God gives the people another chance and calls on them to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. God is willing to wipe the slate clean and start afresh. It is in this context that we must understand the gospel passage. In yet another attempt to demonstrate love and forgiveness, God's only Son – the Word made Flesh – is sent into the world to lead the people from darkness to light. Despite the many, many attempts by God to demonstrate love and foster a relationship with humankind, the people have repeatedly rejected the relationship with God and preferred to live a life of selfishness and darkness. Yet we see through both of these readings the unquenchable nature of God who keeps giving humankind one more chance.

In our day-to-day relationships, it is true that we often seek to test the limits of the love that is expressed. Young people in particular often test the boundaries of their parents' love and the boundaries of others who care for them. It is often a test to reassure themselves of this love – will you still love me, even if I do this? Today's readings portray the people of God as adolescents constantly testing out the limits of God's love. In a remarkable act, God's own Son is sent into the world to die as a sign of the lengths to which God will go to assure humanity of the love that is theirs for the taking.

Gospel Focus

The gospel passage tells us that God's Son was not sent into the world to condemn it, but rather, 'so that through him the world might be saved'. It also tells us that whoever refuses to believe 'is already condemned'. God does not condemn the world, nor individuals within it. Indeed, God is absolutely determined to save the world. However, we do sometimes condemn ourselves. When we turn our back on love; when we hide from relationships; when we wallow in selfishness – we shut ourselves off from relationship with God and condemn ourselves. We only have to open our eyes to see the alternative!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN MARCH

St Joseph Mass (19th March 2021): The Catholic Church celebrates the Year of St Joseph from December 2020 to December 2021. Why? St Joseph was an inspirational father-tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous and yet a father in the shadow.



Pope Francis declared it a special year pointing out how important 'ordinary' people are as they are seen as going unnoticed in the world. St Joseph had an essential 'behind the scene' role which he played in 'keeping things together' for the Holy Family.



St Patrick's Day (17th March 2021): Students may wear a green accessory with their normal school uniform. This can include ribbons, hair scrunchies, bangles, gloves, socks, laces, shamrock etc.

MUFTI Day (19th March)-Students may wear green, white or red on this day. It will be a gold or fold fundraiser with money donated going to Caritas Australia as part of Project Compassion. Please come and join us outside for the St

Joseph's Mass at 11:30 am on the 19th March 2021. Please ensure that social distancing is adhere to.



HOLY WEEK: This year, as part of our Holy Week celebrations, we will be attending the **Shrine of the Holy Innocents at Kellyville** on Monday the 29th March 2021. Parents are welcome to attend this time of reflection with their child. More information will be sent out shortly. Keep an eye out for it.

First Reconciliation: Please keep in your prayer our OLA students preparing for their sacrament of First Reconciliation. They will do their First Reconciliation on the 27th March.

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

Upcoming Event: Wednesday 24th March. Students may wear their sports shorts and a white t-shirt to mark our Harmony Day celebrations. Our theme this year, as a school, is Peaceful Mind, Peaceful thoughts, Peaceful Actions and Peaceful Heart.

Religion Focus in the Classroom

In Year 1, students have been learning about Jesus the man. They were able to explain how He was like us (human) and how He was different to us (divine).

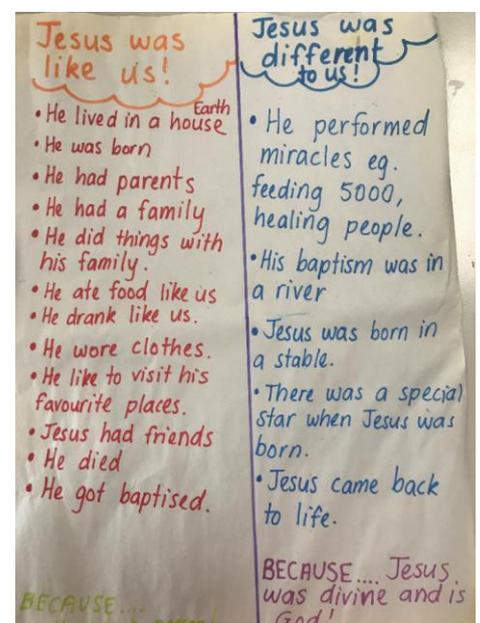
Lenten Home Focus

As a family go through your closets and donate usable clothing and household goods to a local charity or donate to a charity.

PROJECT COMPASSION

We ask for your kind donations over Lent to reach out to others in need.

Please send back boxes by Wednesday 24th March 2021.





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

Sun 14th Mar
Mason Sleiman

Mon 15th Mar
Ebony Lynch
Frankie Francis
Sofia Krkac
Bianca Krkac
Chloe Cambourn

Tues 16th Mar
Eni Odejayi

Wed 17th Mar
Lachlan Newman
Carlos Ji
Liam Dyke
Gabriella Dias

Thurs 18th Mar
Jack Austin
Chloe Holden
Julia Aguilar

Fri 19th Mar
Benjamin Andrews

Dates to Remember

Week 8:

Wed 17th Mar St Patrick's Day
Fri 19th Mar Feast of St Joseph – Outdoor Whole School Mass – Green, White & Red Mufti Gold or Fold Donation
All Welcome

Week 9:

Mon 22nd Mar Year 2 Science Incursion
Wed 24th Mar Harmony Day
Thurs 25th Mar Year 1 History Day

Week 10:

Mon 29th Mar Palm Sunday prayer
K-6 Visiting The Shrine, Kellyville
All Welcome
Thurs 1st Apr Holy Thursday
Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Mon 19th Apr First Day of Term 2
Thurs 22nd Apr Kindergarten Excursion
Fri 23rd Apr School Photos
Term 2 Staff Development Day – Friday 11th June

OLA CROSS COUNTRY

The school Cross Country Carnival was held last Monday at Centenary Oval. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist with course marshalling, time keeping, place judging and recording. School carnivals cannot proceed without the generous assistance of parents. The students who have qualified for the Diocesan Carnival (to be held next term) will be informed soon. To qualify for the Diocesan Carnival, runners must have placed in the top 6 and recorded a finishing time under the prescribed qualifying time.



Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival 2021

On Tuesday, 9th March, 11 of our students (acknowledged in our Wk 5 newsletter) participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Stanhope Gardens Leisure Centre. Under strict Covid safe regulations these students gave their all. With no adults allowed to encourage and cheer them on, they should be very proud of their results. Congratulations to Lucas Clarke and Ryan Knipler who will represent Parramatta Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary School Championships in two weeks' time. We wish them all the best for the upcoming carnival.

Easter Eggs at School

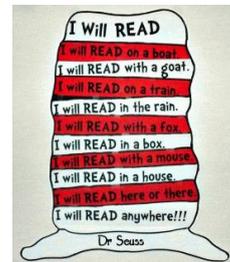
As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a high number of children at OLA who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that **lollies/chocolates/easter eggs are not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

Literacy News

StudyLadder

StudyLadder's course materials are designed to give students the support they need to succeed. The interactive activities and reward programs are fun to use, providing instant feedback to keep students on track across many learning areas. Many grades are currently using this resource in the classroom. The students have their own logins and can use this valuable, free resource at home.

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. **At OLA we would love 100% of our students to participate in this year's challenge.**



The 2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge was launched on **1st March**. Further information can be found on the [PRC website](#).

We apologise for the delay in providing the students' Premier's Reading Challenge login information. Hopefully your child has received their login details. If your child has participated before, please use the same login. Please contact Mrs Hunt or Mrs Wagner if you need help with your login.

Challenge Level	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9



2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Dance Fever Challenge is Back!!!!

The **OPTIONAL** Dance Fever Challenge evening for those in Years 3-6 will be held on Wednesday 31st March. An email was forwarded home yesterday with information on the Challenge and a google form to complete if you wish your child to attend. Please note that there will be NO bus this year. We ask that parents transport their child or we suggest car-pooling with another family.



Holy Week at *Our Lady of the Angels*

Palm Sunday Vigil (27/3) - 5.30 pm

Palm Sunday (28/3) - 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 11.30 am & 5.30 pm

*Holy Thursday (1/4) - 7.00 pm - Evening Mass of the Last Supper
with Night Prayer and Adoration until 10.00 pm*

Good Friday (2/4) - 10.00 am - Stations of the Cross

Good Friday (2/4) - 3.00 pm - The Passion Liturgy

Easter Vigil (3/4) - 7.00 pm - Saturday

Easter Sunday (4/4) - 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 11.30 am & 5.30 pm

Confessions

Good Friday - 10.00 am onwards

Booking is essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPGYT>



SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in Captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

SHEPPARD

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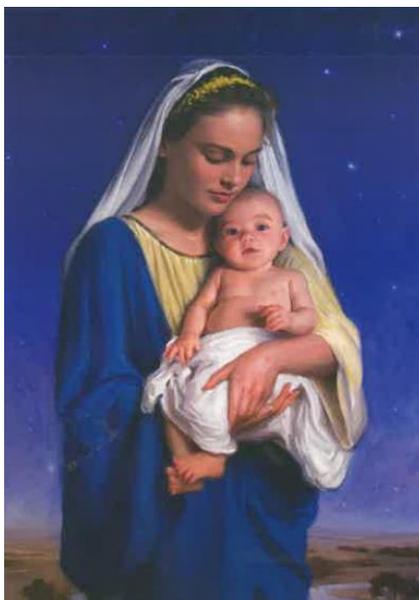
St. Patrick

Student Absences

SMS absence responses are starting soon.

Keep an eye out for information being sent home shortly.

A beautiful card of Mary and baby Jesus was sent home this week to every family to help celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education. The reverse of the card has a lovely prayer around Catholic Education.



School Fees

Instalment 1 school fees are due and payable on 17th March 2021. Thank you to those families who have already paid their fees or set up a payment plan through bpoint or bpay.

If you have not received your school fees in the mail or if you have any queries about the fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy.

P&F Second Hand Uniform Sale

An email was forwarded home yesterday regarding the second hand uniform sale. Please return the order form attached to that email with the correct money by Wednesday 17th March. Orders will be filled on first come, first served basis over the following week. Any items that cannot be filled, the money will be sent back home.

School is Cool – but not if it's your fault

Being at school on time in the morning is paramount. Your child's learning is often disadvantaged if they are late. They also often feel embarrassed arriving after everyone else. They miss important messages and/or the start of their lessons, in all their learning results can suffer. If on the odd occasion that you arrive after 8.50am, you, as the parent, must visit the office to sign a late slip for your child to take to class. Thank you for your support in this area.

CAN YOU ASSIST US???

Class Parent Representatives

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.

Uniform Shop

WINTER UNIFORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM MONDAY 22ND MARCH 2021

Uniform orders can be left at the office, through the note-bag, via email or over the phone at any time throughout the week, and they will be **filled on Mondays and Wednesdays**.

Please note that we are **unable** to supply a hat or any other item first thing in the morning from the office as the uniform shop is not in the admin building.

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.

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.

In a world
where you can be anything.

BE KIND



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Be sure to 'like us'

Student Awards

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

Term 1 Week 7		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Harrison Shaw	Scarlett Malae
KG	Leonardo Borgiani	Lachlan Boje
KW	Bianca Wallace	River-Rose Villa
Year 1 B	Emily Cook	Hamish Clarke
Year 1 G	Myra Batra	Noah Phillips
Year 1 W	Samuel Meighan	Jack Lenane
Year 2 B	Parker Conliffe	Matisse Sims
Year 2G	Oliver Coughlan	Luca Moujalli
Year 2W	Amelie Pelaez	Ryan Shahbazi
Year 3 B	Cruz Camilleri	Tristan Williams
Year 3 G	Zara Pisani	Kian Santiago
Year 3 W	Nate Sloane	Alessio Russo
Year 4 B	Noah Baba	Samantha Ocampo
Year 4 G	Skye Batra	Madeleine Giovas
Year 4 W	Eli Nobleza	Charlise Mitrovich
Year 5 B	Declan Leach	Luka Vaughan
Year 5G	Rose Montgomery	Gabriella Fedele
Year 5W	Sienna Flores	Axel Pace
Year 6 B	Charlie Mileto	Harrison Ko
Year 6 G	Mackenzie Molloy	Kobe Coombes
Year 6 W	James Conn	Chloe Holden

Sibling Enrolment for 2022

We are receiving many applications for Kindergarten 2022. If you have a sibling to commence in 2022 and you have NOT notified us and received an enrolment pack, 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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

All applications need to be submitted by Thursday 1st April 2021.

Artist of the Week:

OLA artists continue to dazzle us with their outstanding talent across a wide variety of mediums. Congratulations to the following students who are this week's 'Artist of the Week'.

- K Noah McCrory
 1 Connor Chatterton
 2 Elisheba Mathew
 3 Dexter Widjaya
 3 Ilaria Buda
 4 Olivia Iori
 5 Astrid Cabunag
 6 Alysha Balangon

