



OLA Connect

Our Lady of the Assumption School, Te Kura of Tūpaki Newsletter

89a Sparks Road, Hoon Hay, Christchurch 8025

Phone: 338-9503

Email: admin@ola.school.nz

3rd May 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Haere Mai, Talofa Lava, Maligayang pagdating, Malo e leilei, Hwan Yeong hamnida, Bienvenido, Fakaalofa lahi atu and Welcome.

Dear Parent/Caregivers

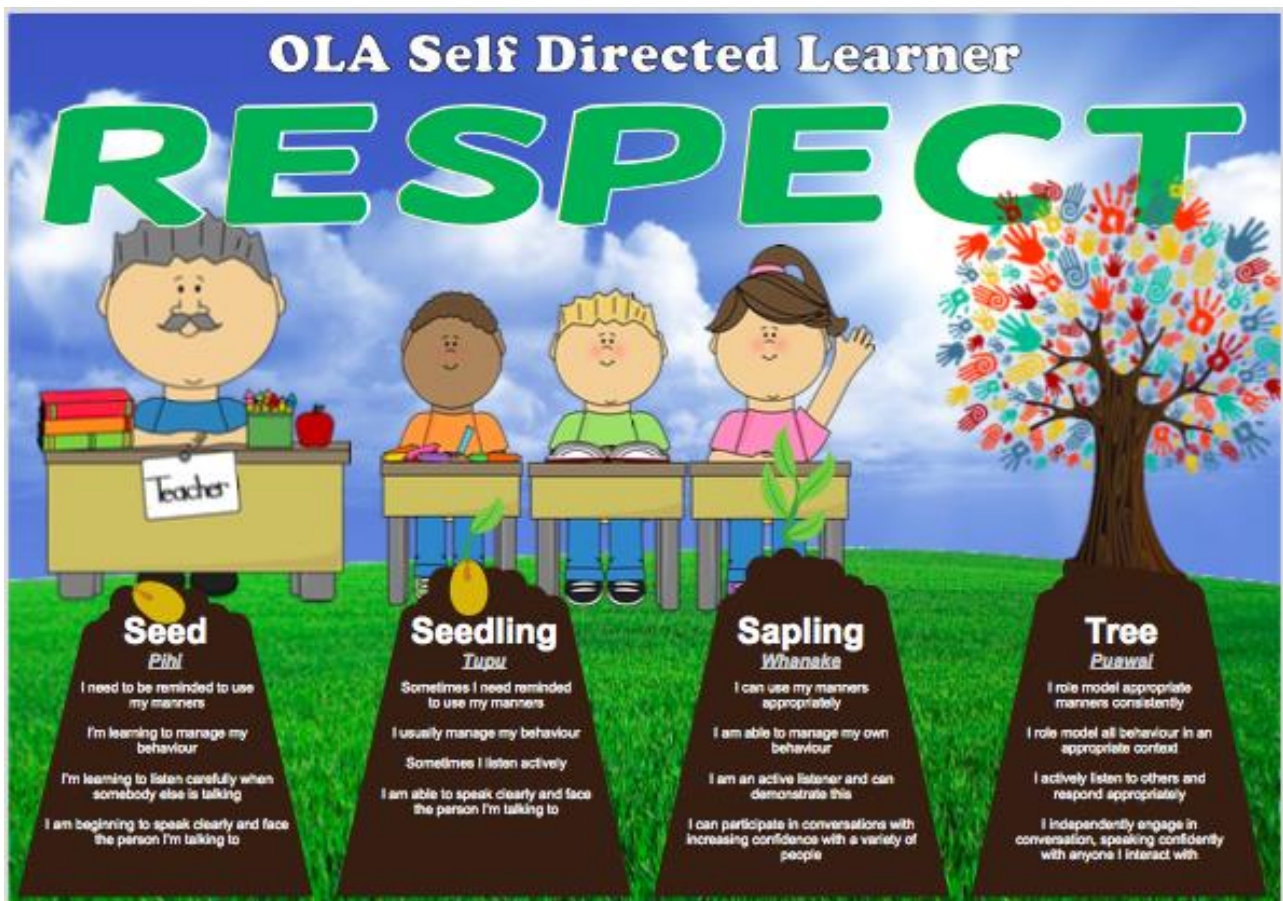
The Beatitudes

Pope Francis has just released *Gaudete et Exsultate*. In this document Pope Francis is encouraging us to respond to our call to holiness and he refers to [the Beatitudes](#) as our **Christian Identity card**. We encourage you to take a few moments to click on the link above to view a 1 /2 minute video on the beatitudes.

Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2! What a wet and cold start we had on Monday. Our theme this term is on being creative and we are focusing on visual art. Each team will be looking at, learning about and producing different styles of art. We are all really looking forward to such a creative and hands on term. At the end of this term of learning we will be celebrating by presenting a school wide art exhibition in the hall on *Monday 2nd and Tuesday the 3rd of July*. These are the same days that we are holding our school wide parent interviews so you will be able to view our displays before or after your interviews. Further details about our art exhibition and our interviews will come later this term.

Our value this term is "Respect". In class and in the playground we will be working to develop these aspects of respect and so grow our children from "seeds to trees".



Mufti Day – Benedict House

A reminder that there will be a mufti day for Benedict House tomorrow.



Classroom Digital Tools



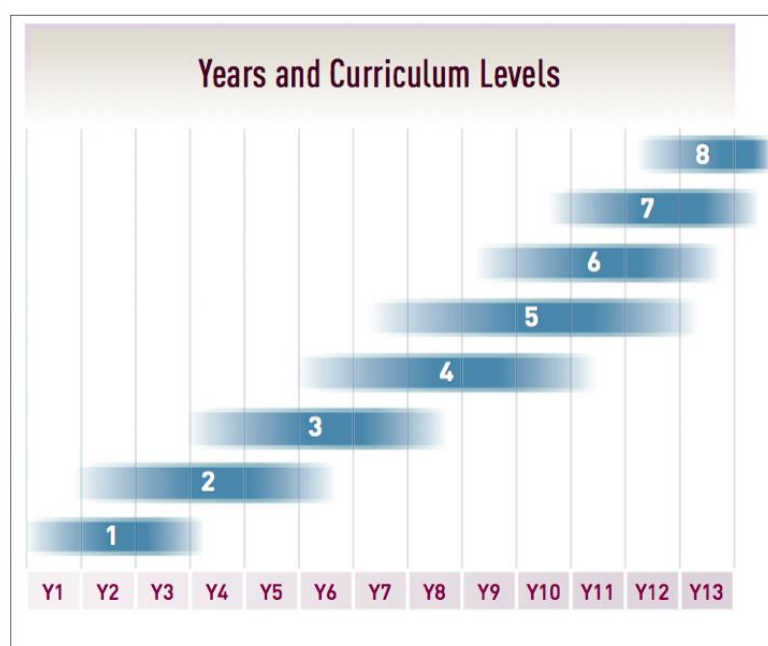
The interactive whiteboards in many of the classes have aged and become difficult to use effectively. The Board of Trustees has worked with the staff to replace and upgrade these digital tools. As of this term rooms, 8, 9 10, 3, 4 and 5 have had their boards upgraded with interactive TVs. These interactive TVs come with a wide range of up to date software and features to support learning. They can also interact with our ipads and chromebooks in creative ways.

New Zealand Curriculum

Towards the end of last year, as you will be aware, the government removed National Standards from our reporting systems. All schools will continue to report to parents on student progress and achievement and this will be against the New Zealand Curriculum. This is our mandated curriculum which we have taught since 2007.

The curriculum covers years 1-13 and is divided into levels. The graph below shows the expected levels that students in each year should be working within. Just as in all areas of growth and development children learn and progress through the curriculum at different rates and this is reflected in the graph.

For more details on the curriculum - <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/new-zealand-curriculum/>



Road works

Thanks for all your patience with the long-standing road works! We are really looking forward to when they are all finished and we have our new lights and crossings in place. We will be sure to pass on any updates that we receive.



Basketball

Good luck to our Y7 & 8 basketball team who are attending the South West Zone Tournament on Tuesday.

Cross country Wednesday 9th May



Cross country is on Wednesday 9th May at Halswell Quarry. The buses will be leaving school just after 9am so please try to have your children at school slightly earlier on Wednesday morning if possible. We are aiming for a 9:50am start.

Warm clothes, an energy boosting morning tea and a drink bottle are essential. Children are to wear their house coloured t-shirt.

Parking for spectators is the Quarry entrance off Cashmere Rd.

We still need a couple of marshals for the first half of the morning so please contact me if you can assist - emma.maslen@ola.school.nz

All the children have been training hard for this event so cross your fingers for good weather and we look forward to seeing you all there to cheer them on!

Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Paula Akhtar who has joined us this term to work in Rm 10 and Rm 4 on alternate Wednesdays in Term 2. We look forward to working with you.

It is great to see our new, New Entrant class start up in Room 2 this term. This new class will have Mrs Hooker and Mrs Phillips as their classroom teachers.

PTA News

All are welcome to the next **PTA meeting in the staffroom at 7 p.m. on Monday the 7th May**. Our PTA are a lovely friendly group who are always happy to have new members join them. Many hands make light work!

The **Entertainment Book** is now available. The NEW 2018 | 2019 Christchurch, Canterbury and Nelson Entertainment™ memberships sell for just \$70 and you'll receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers you can use until 1 June 2019. Please click [here](#) to place your order.



A reminder that the **PTA sells second hand school uniform**. To see what items they currently have in stock click [here](#). If you wish to purchase an item you can contact the PTA on pta@ola.school.nz. The PTA have also taken over the selling of **tracksuit pants** (previously sold from the school office).



A big welcome to our new students this term:

*Annie, Connor, Savannah,
Athena & Riley*



Lunch on the Principal!

Every week a student will be awarded a Friday lunch, paid for by the Principal. Mrs Cummings will be looking out around the playground and the classroom for students displaying our school values. Each Thursday at 12:30p.m. the lucky student will be announced. Our lucky first recipient is Corey from the Hillary Hub.



John Parsons



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to help prevent it. The South West Community of Practice invites you to a presentation on the issues and dangers associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

Venue: Hillmorton High School Hall
Date: 17 May 6.30 pm – 8 pm

Hosted by NZ Cyber Security expert John Parsons who gives you real life examples of children who have been affected by cybercrime. You will leave with the knowledge to help, support and protect your family.



www.s2e.co.nz
...protecting people online

Over Thursday and Friday students from Years 3 – 13 will have age appropriate presentations by John.

Come and listen to John yourself. He is a well-respected and knowledgeable presenter.

Topics covered

- Online grooming
- Sexting
- Damaged reputations
- Cyber bullying
- Reputation management
- Learning to repel & report
- Future proofing for employment

Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely

Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step





www.lunchonline.co.nz

New exciting additions to the website are:

- **Calendar** – when you select which child you are ordering for the calendar will bring up only the days that are available to your child's school – this saves you having to remember which days you can order!
- **Favourites** – you can now create an order and save it to your favourites which will help you save time!
- **COMING SOON: Repeat Order** – when you create an order you will soon have the option to repeat the same order for multiple weeks in advance.
- **Password** – your security is upgraded and improved (ensure your email address is current in case you need to reset your password)

Here's what you need to know:

- All your current details (including your account balances) have been uploaded – but now is a great time to check that your children are in the right school and classroom.
- Check your email address is current – if not you can change it directly on the website.
- Privacy settings have been updated. If you have lost your password you just need to use the 'reset password' button. You will receive an email and can follow the instructions from there.
- Your ordering days and providers are the same – if you have had changes you will have been notified of these separately by your school.

Changes to Terms of Use:

- From time to time the Terms of Use are updated. A change that you need to be aware of is that when you close your account there will be a \$5 administration fee.
- You will now have the option when closing your account to donate the remainder of your account balance (after \$5) back to your school, or have it refunded to your bank account.
- All refunds on account closures will be paid out at the end of each school term.

Contact Us:

- As always we are here to help. If you have problems or questions then you can call 0800 565 565 or email info@lunchonline.co.nz

Calendar

TERM 2 Week 1 Friday 4 th May	Mass (Rutherford Team) – 9:15a.m. Assembly 2:20p.m (Room 10). - Hall
Week 2 Wednesday 9 th May Tuesday 8 th May Friday 11 th May	School Cross Country – Halswell Quarry (Postponement Date Friday 11 th May) Zone Basketball Tournament (Yr 7/8)- Wharenui Assembly 2:20p.m (Room 3). - Hall
Week 3 Thursday 17 th May Friday 18 th May	Winter Sport Begins (Yrs 5-8) Mass (Sheppard Team) – 9:15a.m. Assembly 2:20p.m (Room 9). - Hall
Week 4 Friday 25 th May Sunday 27 th May	Assembly 2:20p.m (Room 5). – Hall First Holy Communion 1:30p.m. – 2:30p.m. Saint Peter & Paul’s Church, Halswell
Week 5 Friday 1 st June	Mass (Batten Team) – 9:15a.m. Assembly 2:20p.m (Room 11). - Hall
Week 6 Monday 4 th June Wednesday 6 th June Friday 8 th June	Queen’s Birthday – School Closed Anxiety Workshop -7p.m. – 8:30p.m. Assembly 2:20p.m (Room 4). - Hall
Week 7 Tuesday 12 th June Friday 15 th June	Zone Basketball Tournament (Yr5/6) – Wharenui Mass (Hillary Hub) – 9:15a.m. Assembly 2:20p.m. (Hillary Hub) - Hall
Week 8 Friday 22 nd June	Assembly 2:20p.m. (Room 8) - Hall
Week 9 Friday 29 th June	Welcome Ceremony 9:50a.m. – 10:30a.m. – Hall Assembly 2:20p.m. (Room 1) - Hall
Week 10 Monday 2 nd July Tuesday 3 rd July Friday 6 th July	Mid Year Interviews – 2p.m. – 8p.m. Mid Year Interviews – 2p.m. – 6p.m. Assembly 2:20p.m. (Room 12) – Hall END OF TERM 2

God Bless
Janet and the Team at Our Lady of the Assumption School

Catholic Women's League Bingo night.

CWL invites everyone to their Bingo night on Friday 18th May starting at 7.30pm, in the School Hall. This is the League's major fundraising event for the year, the proceeds are used to support our Mission Station in Fiji. How about coming along to support us in this worthwhile venture. Adults and High School Pupils \$5.00 for 2 cards, extra cards \$1.00. Primary School Children \$1.00 for 1 card. It's a good way to have some light hearted fun with fellow parishioners and friends as well as helping our Mission Station.

Community Notices

School Open Day Notices:

St Thomas of Canterbury College – Open morning, Tuesday 8th May, 8:30am – 11:30am. Meet the staff and students and see the College in action. Principal and Head Boy welcome 8:30am. Tour of the College plus activity stalls. Tea and coffee and an opportunity to chat with the senior leadership team. Parking available on the field across the school (sports field). Enrolment enquiries email eels@stc.school.nz or call the school on 348 7010.

St Bede's College – Open day, Thursday 10th May, 9am – 12 noon. Information Evening, Thursday 10th May, 7pm (parents only). Senior students will be available in the morning to provide guided tours of the school and senior and specialist staff will be on hand to assist with your enquiries. The evening session will provide further information about the College. For further information phone 375 0647 or visit their website www.stbedes.school.nz

Hillmorton High School – Open night on Thursday 24th May, 6:30pm – 8:80pm. Visit www.hillmorton.school.nz for more information or phone 338 5119.

St Margaret's College – Open Day, Friday 11 May 2018, 10:30am to 1:00pm. Principal's address 11:45am, featuring current principal Gillian Simpson and incoming principal Diana Patchett. For those looking at boarding options, we have an SMC Boarders' Sleepover on Friday 11 May 4:30pm to 10:00am on Saturday 12 May. Pre-registration for this is required by emailing lizzie.d@stmargarets.school.nz

Hagley Junior College – Open night on Tuesday 8th May, 4:30pm or 5:30pm, at the Hagley College Cafeteria. Due to demand two sessions will be held. Please arrive for either the 4:30pm start or the 5:50pm start. For further information call 379 3090 or visit www.hagley.school.nz

Education Notices:

Adult Education Courses 2018 – Hillmorton High School. Contact Tanya on 3385 119 (ext 850), email: ace@hillmorton.school.nz or visit their website www.hillmorton.school.nz

Sport Notices:

Canterbury Volleyball has a great opportunity for kids to give Volleyball ago!

Kids who sign up will get to learn all the Volleyball skills from our Kiwi Volleyball coaches and try these skills out in a game! This will be a fun filled session and is perfect for kids that have never played before or are just beginners.

Venue: St. Margaret's College Gym.

Choose from the following options:
July 11- 11-13 year olds- 9am-12pm
July 12- 9 & 10 year olds- 10am-12pm
July 13- 11-13 year olds- 9am-12pm

For more information visit <https://www.canterburyvolleyball.org/kidsfest>