



# OLA Connect

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

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31<sup>st</sup> 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 Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is not a thing, it's a powerful voice.  
Although you might not be able to see it, it is standing right in front of you like air.  
The Holy Spirit will still care about you no matter what you do.

**Jasmine & Erinn  
Room 5**

**Congratulations** to all our students who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday alongside other children from the parish.



## **Our First Holy Communion Children**

*Cohen, Ethan, Sophie, Liam, Amelia, Matilda, Millie, Amy, Noah, Isabella, Cyrus, Lola, Rubi-Lee, Joshua, Logan, Liam, Pippa, Ben, Molly, Nicholas, Emilia, Savanna, Brooke, Hannah, Aurelia, Liliana, Jake, Milan, Finn, David, Robby, Hayden, Joshua, Xanthe, Keira, Michael, Charlie, Jay, Pollyanna, Stanly, Blake, Lily, Dylan.*

## Zone Cross Country

We had 23 children compete in the Zone Cross Country yesterday at Halswell Quarry. The following children placed and will compete in the Canterbury Cross Country, to be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Halswell Quarry:

Year 5 Boys:	Ollie	Year 5 Girls:	Greta
Year 6 Boys:	Cameron & Saul	Year 6 Girls:	Meg F
Year 7 Boys:	Taylor	Year 7 Girls:	Meg M, Mya & Abby
Year 8 Boys:	Benedict	Year 8 Girls:	Hazel, Catalina & Maia

Thank you to Emma Maslen for organising the children and to all the parents who were drivers for the day.



## South West Zone Basketball – Yr 5/6

The OLA Warriors will be playing in the South West Zone Basketball Tournament on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The very best of luck to them.

## Artist Visits the Rutherford Team!

Yesterday our New Entrants, Year 1 and Year 2 students had the amazing opportunity to work with Cecilla Freire from Creative Clay Studio to create their own clay pots. What a fun day they had! Their pots have been taken away to be dried. We look forward to seeing them all when they come back.



## School Finishing at 12:30 p.m. – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

On the afternoon of Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> June the NZEI (the primary teachers' union) has called a paid union meeting to discuss the negotiations around the Primary Teachers' Collective agreement.



While the school will remain open we will have very few staff onsite to supervise your children. You are welcome to collect your child/children from school at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**If you are unable to collect your child, please email the office** so that we have a clear idea of numbers of children that will need to be supervised.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews are being held on Monday 2nd July and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. School will finish at 2 p.m. on both days.

Times can be booked online. The bookings will open next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. To book an interview time with your child(s) teacher:

- Click [here](#) or go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- Click on "Make a Booking"
- Enter the event code - arryd (all lower case)

If you require any assistance with making an online booking please contact the school office.

## Anxiety Workshop

Last term Ursula McCulloch, a clinical psychologist with 20 years' experience, led a very helpful workshop about anxiety in children; how it works, what it looks like in children and gave tips about how to manage it. This was a highly successful session with positive responses from those who were there.



We had a number of parents and caregivers who were keen to come and were not able to make the session in Term 1 so we are running a second "Anxiety in Children" workshop on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 7 – 8:30 p.m.** If you are planning to attend could you please register your name with the school office by 3 p.m. Friday.

## Policy Review

Over a 3 year cycle all our policies are reviewed. This term the policy that is being reviewed is [Reporting to Parents](#). The instructions for reviewing this policy are as follows:

To take part in the review:

1. Click on the link above.
2. Enter the user name (ola) and password (assume11).
3. Click the green "Current Review" box
4. Select the policy you wish to review and read it.
5. Click the red "Under Review" button.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Click "Login"
9. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you do not have computer access, please see Carolyn or Kim in the office for a hardcopy of the document.

## PTA News

The first **PTA sausage sizzle** was a great success. Thank you for your support to raise money for the basketball court upgrade. Remember sausage sizzle will be run on the last Wednesday of each month.

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.



The PTA have now taken over the selling of the **sports uniform**. If you wish to order please contact them on [pta@ola.school.nz](mailto:pta@ola.school.nz)

The PTA will be having a **Quiz Night on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018** so keep this date free in your diary. Our own OLA celebrity will be MC for the night! More details to come shortly.



Room 2

*Lily, Alexi, Charlie & Grace*

Room 9

*Lewis*

Room 12

*Toby*

### Principal's Award



A big congratulations to these hard working students who have received a Principal's Award.



### Lunch on the Principal



Congratulations to Liam and Briana for receiving "Lunch on the Principal"!

## Calendar

<b>Week 5</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Mass (Batten Team) – 9a.m. Assembly 2:20p.m (Room 5). - Hall
<b>Week 6</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen’s Birthday – <b>School Closed</b> Anxiety Workshop -7p.m. – 8:30p.m. Assembly 2:20p.m (Room 4). - Hall
<b>Week 7</b> Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Zone Basketball Tournament (Yr5/6) – Wharenui Mass (Hillary Hub) – 9a.m. Assembly 2:20p.m. (Hillary Hub) - Hall
<b>Week 8</b> Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Assembly 2:20p.m. (Room 8) - Hall
<b>Week 9</b> Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Sausage Sizzle Lunch Welcome Ceremony 9:30a.m. – 10:10a.m. – Hall Assembly 2:20p.m. (Room 1) - Hall
<b>Week 10</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Mid Year Interviews – 2p.m. – 8p.m. Mid Year Interviews – 2p.m. – 6p.m. Mid-Winter Breakfast 7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. Assembly 2:20p.m. (Room 12) – Hall <b>END OF TERM 2</b>

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

### Community Notices



Helping Kiwi parents reduce the cost of education

Every year thousands of parents don't claim back their school donations - you can now easily claim these back online at [www.schoolrebates.co.nz](http://www.schoolrebates.co.nz)

**TIME IS TICKING TO MAKE A CLAIM**  
as the IRD close another tax year on the 31st of March every year

**MAKE EDUCATION CHEAPER**  
by getting cash back in your pocket - if you've never claimed you can claim back 4 years  
No dealing with IRD

**CLAIMING IS QUICK AND EASY**  
and with your schools support they will provide us copies of missing receipts

1. Enter your details at [Schoolrebates.co.nz](http://Schoolrebates.co.nz)
2. Request missing receipts from your school(s) via our website
3. We'll do the rest and let you know when to check your bank account

Already have receipts?  
 You can upload these as part of your claim

 @SchoolRebates  
 Help other Kiwi families by sharing this with them

**Free Trial Hip Hop Class (age 5 – 6 years)**

4.30pm on Thursday afternoons in Wigram. Come and join the fun!

Email [instep.dance@xtra.co.nz](mailto:instep.dance@xtra.co.nz) or text 021 309 093 to secure your child's place.

