



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

In this Sunday's Gospel we see the Risen Jesus showing his disciples his wounds and speaking of 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. They needed to hear this for they were very conscious of their own sins. They had let fear overwhelm them even to fleeing from the garden and leaving Jesus alone. Fear was still governing their lives as they hid behind locked doors. Even the news of the empty tomb brought to them by the women couldn't shift them. They desperately needed to experience the presence of the living Jesus among them and to be assured of his forgiveness. However there is more to this scene than the offer of forgiveness for the disciples. Forgiveness is to be 'preached to all the nations'. We all sin in different ways and Jesus wants us all to know that he is present to us, too. There is no need for us to remain locked in our sins. Jesus assures us that we, too, can be forgiven.

By reflecting on our own experience, for we know what it is to forgive and to be forgiven. We know also what it is like to not be ready to be forgiven or to offer forgiveness. Forgiveness really happens when the person who is offended continues to give him/herself in love to the person who caused the offence, and when the person who caused the offence knows that the person he/she has offended truly welcomes the return of love. We all know times when we would like to forgive, we may even say 'I forgive you', but we are not ready to offer ourselves in love. We are still hurting too much, we are still too bitter. We may even be ready to forgive and our offering is truly genuine, but we know that the person who offended us hasn't really changed and so forgiveness is not yet possible. We all know, too, the experience of having offended someone. We long for their forgiveness and we are willing to do whatever is needed to regain love, but the person we have offended either does not want to forgive or is not yet ready to forgive even though they may want to.

In other words we know that forgiveness is only real when there is a mutual giving of self in love to the other. The Gospel makes this clear when Jesus speaks of repentance. For forgiveness to happen there must be a change of mind and heart. There must also be a change in behaviour. If I am hurting someone, and I feel uncomfortable with the ensuing tension, and I feel sorry and say it but I continue to behave in the same hurting way, of course real forgiveness is not possible, nor is the consequent reconciliation and the joy that comes through a mutual gift of self in love. The person offended may be ready to forgive and even desperately want to forgive. The person who caused to offence may be feeling terrible and want love restored. But we all know from our personal experience that forgiveness is not possible without repentance – that is to say, without a change in behaviour.

Easter provides us with a wonderful opportunity to change our behaviour.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday. Thank you for all your support of our community during the first term. Congratulations to all our students on their many achievements (glows) during the term. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed Monday 30 April.

*Steven
Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Parents are reminded that from last Monday 9th April all orders and payments for uniforms will need to be made on the QKR App direct with Oz Fashions. A flyer was sent home two weeks ago giving parents the details of how to set up the app for their family. If you need another copy of how to download and use the QKR App please visit *Notes & Forms* on the school website and open the document titled - [Oz Fashion OLMC School Uniform 'QKR App by MasterCard](#)

Please note, students may wear either full Winter uniform or full Summer uniform for the first week of Term 2. From Week 2 Term 2 all students must be in full winter uniform. To organise uniform fitting appointment please make an appointment through the following site www.schoolinterviews.com.au code: PCCJJ. Please note, a parent must be present.

UPCOMING DATES

Week 11
Wednesday 11/04
 3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic
Friday 13/04
 9:15-10am School Mass - Yrs 2 & 3
Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2 RETURNS MONDAY 30th April

Term 2 - Week 1
Monday 30/04
 9am Assembly
Tuesday 01/05
 8:30am Diocesan Cross Country
Wednesday 02/05
 8:30-12pm NAPLAN Equating Yrs 3 Blue & 5 Gold
Thursday 03/05
 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout

NOTES HOME

Last Wednesday

- Star Card Rewards - Yr4
- Excursion to Post Office - Yr1
- Captivate Choir (selected students)

Last Friday

- Mother's Day Invitation

Today

- Captivate Dance (selected students)
- Principal's Autumn Holiday Challenge
- Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) - Kindergarten
- Gift Wrapping & Mothers Day Stall P&F



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION: When we return from the school holidays, we will be back preparing for Confirmation. All Sponsors and Saints names are due back to Paola by the 4th May. Group facilitators or parents can SMS on 0414 947 799, or email paola.olmc@gmail.com with those details.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Forms for this sacrament are due 25th May, and both dates are still available.

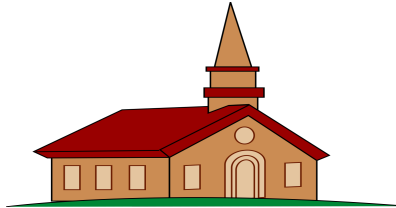
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRATION DATES: A reminder that Sunday 21st October is already full, and Sunday 28th October is filling up fast so, if this date is important to you, please return your form ASAP. 6pm on Saturday 20th October is still available. Wishing all our families a very happy and safe school holiday!



SPOTLIGHT ON RE

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



All children should know that this is our Easter word. It is said each day at noon when we pray the Regina Caeli. Classes are completing post Easter units and looking at what the Apostles and disciples did after Jesus had risen and how they were dealing with their emotions. The Road to Emmaus is an integral Scripture passage in upper primary. Some language that your children will be using includes the following Resurrection, Emmaus, Apostles, disciples (what's the difference?), Mary, Mary Magdalen, Salome, the "other" women (who were they?), Jerusalem, tomb, saving, Heaven, Eucharist, memory, covenant.

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Jad, Tanvi
KG	Sam, Anabel
1B	Kiara, Soleil
1G	Grace, John
2B	Annalisel, Erinn
2G	Aravi, Diana
3B	Saadhanai, Ciano
3G	Mia, Marten
4B	Lara, Jonathani
4G	Noah, Rouba
5B	None Given
5G	Ann, Claudia
6B	Lincoln, Faith
6G	Andrea, Faustina

CANTEEN RED DAY

Red Day at the Canteen on Thursday 12th April. Lollies, drinks and other special treats will be on sale. Prices are 50c to \$2. Any leftovers will be on sale Friday too

SPIRITUAL SPA DAY

Free Spa Day, Thursday 3 May 9:30am to 2pm at The Holy Innocents 8 Greyfriar PI Kellyville. Morning Tea and lunch included. RSVP 12 April Tanya.tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Award- Sarayu, Sai, Aleisha, Georgia, Antoine, Bhakti.

Opal Award- Sai

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

GIRLS

Tunic - School tartan tunic

Blouse - Lemon long sleeved blouse with Peter Pan collar

Tights or socks - Navy blue ankle or knee high socks or navy blue

Hair - Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. No hair colouring is permitted. Hair ties, ribbons and headbands must be white, navy blue or school uniform pattern.

BOYS

Trousers - Navy blue half elastic backed trousers

Shirt - School blue long sleeve shirt with school crest with blue/gold

Tie - striped school tie

Socks - Short grey school socks with blue/gold band

Hair - Neat and simple haircuts that are graduated. No undercuts, number ones, rat tails or hair colouring, or visible lines for example. (Principal discretion re extreme styles).

Jumper - Fleecy royal blue jumper or Wool/Nylon jumper - optional

Zip Jacket - Royal blue with school crest (also part of the sports tracksuit)

CROSS COUNTRY NOTES

A reminder that all OLMC Cross Country team members must have returned their permission notes by tomorrow Thursday 12th April. Nick will be reviewing these notes and requirements on Friday. All representative shirts will be given to students on the first day back at school next term.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rebecca who has been selected in the Parramatta Diocese Girls Soccer team to participate at the MacKillop trials in Canberra on 11th May. We wish her the best of luck.



SCHOOL ZONES

School zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday 13th April 2017 and resume on Monday 30th April 2017. Although some schools will elect to have Monday 30th April as a pupil free day, school zones will be in operation on the Monday, whether students are present or not.

P&F NEWS

School Holidays

We hope you have a fun and safe holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all back for Term Two. Perhaps take advantage of the break to do some Premier's Reading Challenge reading. Please make sure your student log in works and let Miss Pirovic know if it doesn't before the holidays.

Parents and Friends Meeting Survey

Thank you to all the people who took the time to respond to our recent survey regarding meeting times. We value your feedback. Due to an overwhelming response we will keep our meetings at their current evening time.

Sports for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting sports for school docketts. We are very grateful for your support. Vouchers must be returned to school by **THIS FRIDAY**, so please gather them all together and place them in either the box in the front playground or the box in the school office.

Mothers' Day Stall

Our fundraising committee are already planning for our Mother's Day Stall on **Wednesday 9th May**. They would love to hear from anyone who is able to provide donations for prizes the Mothers' Day Raffle. Please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne Sakr on 0418 623 867 if you are able to help. We are hosting a gift-wrapping day to prepare the gifts that the children will purchase at the Mothers' Day Stall on Wednesday 2nd May from 9am in the demountable. Even if you can only spare a short time, please come along as many hands make light work. Have a coffee and get to know some other parents. Everyone is welcome. Morning tea and refreshments will be provided.

Second hand uniform shop

If you have any uniform items to donate, please drop them off at the school office. We would love any donations.

This column is compiled by the P&F. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and attention it to P&F Communications.

PARKING ISSUE

It has been reported by Scribbles pre-school that parents from OLMC have been parking in their car park. Parents are reminded to not park there and to respect that this is a private car park for the parents and staff of Scribbles pre-school.

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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 April/May	30/4 9am Assembly - 1Blue	1/5 Diocesan Cross Country	2/5 9-12pm NAPLAN Reading Equating study - Yr 3B & Yr 5G	3/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	4/5	5/5 6/5
2 Full winter uniform	7/5 9am Assembly - 1Gold	8/5 9:30-10:30am Open Morning for Kindergarten 2019 & prospective parents 12:30-2pm P&F Executive Meeting	9/5 Mothers' Day Stall 9-12pm Captivate Dance rehearsal - St Michael's Baulkham Hills	10/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	11/5 10:30-12pm Mothers' Day Mass & Morning Tea	12/5 13/5 Mothers' Day
3	14/5 MUFTI DAY - GOLD COIN FOR INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY 9am International Family Day liturgy	15/5 9-12:30pm NAPLAN - Yr 3 & 5 (Language conventions & Writing)	16/5 9-11am NAPLAN - Yr 3 & 5 (Reading) Basketball Clinic	17/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout 9-11am NAPLAN - Yr 3 & 5 (Numeracy) 3:30 & 7pm Confirmation Practice	18/5 NAPLAN - Yr 3 & 5 (Catch Up day) 9:15am Stage 3 Mass	19/5 11am Sacrament of Confirmation 20/5
4	21/5 9am Assembly - Kindergarten 10:30-2:30pm Captivate Choir rehearsal @ Plumpton	22/5 6pm Child Protection briefing 7pm Parents & Friends Meeting	23/5 9am Child Protection briefing (Mercy Library) Basketball Clinic	24/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	25/5 9:15am ES1 & Stage 1 Mass Kindergarten 2019 Enrolment forms due back	26/5 27/5
5 May/June	28/5 9am Assembly- 6Blue 7pm Parent Reconciliation meeting	29/5 ICAS Science Competition Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day (tbc)	30/5 Basketball Clinic WYD Raffle tickets sent home	31/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	1/6	2/6 3/6
6	4/6 9am Assembly - 6Gold	5/6	6/6 Basketball Clinic	7/6 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	8/6 Athletics Carnival	9/6 10/6
7	11/6 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	12/6 9am Assembly - 5Blue	13/6	14/6 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	15/6 Magic Flute Performance	16/6 17/6
8	18/6 9am Assembly - 5Gold	19/6	20/6	21/6 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	22/6	23/6 24/6
9 June/July	25/6 9am Assembly - 4Blue 7pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	26/6 Tage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Day (tbc) 7pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	27/6 WYD Raffle tickets due back	28/6 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	29/6 Book Fair Semester 1 reports sent home 9:15am Stage 2 Mass	30/6 1/7
10 Parent teacher interviews week	2/7 Parent teacher Interviews Book Fair 9am Assembly - 4Gold	3/7 Parent teacher Interviews Book Fair 3:30-8pm Parent teacher Interviews	4/7 Parent teacher Interviews	5/7 Parent teacher Interviews 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	6/7 Last Day of Term 2	7/7 8/7

23 July - School resumes Term 3