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Newsletter
Term 1 Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018 school year!

What an incredible start to the year it has been, various weather conditions 40 degrees one day and cool the next. During the past week we have as a school community welcomed our new Kindergarten students, farewelled our Year 6 students who left for camp for three days today and gathered together as a school community with a meal last Friday evening kindly organised by our Parents and Friends Association.

Thank you to everyone for all that you have done to ensure the children have returned refreshed, enthusiastic, dressed immaculately and ready to learn in 2018.

A special and warm welcome to...

- all our new families and students, we hope you feel welcomed and part of this wonderful school learning community.
- our Kindergarten students who have come to "big school" with great excitement, enthusiasm and anticipation.
- Miss Katie-Marie Knight (Kindergarten), Miss Faith Jessell (Year 1 and Coordinator), Mrs Jo Banks (Administration) and Mr Prajin Singh (IT Assistant) who have joined our school staff in 2018.

And a welcome back to our...

- Wonderful, dedicated staff who have spent many hours planning and preparing during the holidays.
- returning families who continue to trust and support our school community.

A special thank you to all families who brought their child(ren) into school last Monday before school officially commenced for the Mathematics Assessment Interviews. This day commenced our annual goal of interviewing individually every child in the school as quickly as possible. Sorry to those families who couldn't be accommodated, the response was once again absolutely overwhelming and shows your support and commitment to your children's education. Current discussions amongst staff, indicate some incredible growth to date and children being able to confidently articulate their mathematical processes. We look forward to sharing the results with you once they have been completed and analysed.

We pray for God's blessing all members of our community for the year ahead.

God, our Father

Bless us, so that Your Spirit within us

Will give us a common bond

As together we take responsibility for the

Well-being of Your gift of creation to us.

We ask for strength and determination

To create more space in our lives for You,

So that by the example of our lives,

Our children will be inspired to follow Your ways.

Steven Jones
Principal



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

**ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND THE OPENING
SCHOOL MASS AND
COMMISSIONING OF OUR
2018 SCHOOL STUDENT
LEADERS**

**MONDAY
19 FEBRUARY 2018
10AM**

UPCOMING DATES

Week 2

Wednesday 7/2

Yr-6 Camp Collaroy

Thursday 8/2

Yr-6 Camp Collaroy

Friday 9/2

Yr-6 Camp Collaroy

February School Census Day

Week 3

Tuesday 13/2

Zone Cumberland Swimming Carnival

7pm Kindergarten Information Night

Wednesday 14/2

10am Ash Wednesday Mass

1pm GWS Aus -Kick Giants visit

Week 4

Tuesday 20/2

12-1.30pm St Pauls Greystanes visit to
Year 6

6pm Child Protection Briefing

7pm Parents & Friends Meeting

NOTES HOME

NOTES SENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY

31 January

- Yr2 Starcard Reward System
- Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Primary School Team Sports Trials

NOTES SENT HOME ON FRIDAY

2 February

- Principal 2018 Welcome Letter and Staff List

NOTES SENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY

6 February

- BYOD Program

NOTES SENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY

7 February

- Year 2 Welcome Letter
- Term 1 Canteen Menu

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Don't forget to email in your child's Principal's Holiday Challenge which was to build or construct something. Some construction ideas were.....

- Lego creation
- Piece of furniture with mum or dad
- Sandcastle at the beach
- Cubby house
- Card castle
- Sculpture with modelling clay or found objects

When you have finished constructing take a photo and send it to OLMCPrincipalChallenge@gmail.com

Don't forget to put your name in the subject. Also, remember to enter... the [Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge](#) and the Principal's Reading challenge. For each book you read please complete the reading log details in the Google form. Please use the link below or see the school website or Skoolbag. [Reading log link](#). All entries need to be submitted by next Friday to enter the draw. The draw will take place at the Monday morning assembly in Week 5, 26 February.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - parish-based, family-centred, school-supported.

The 2018 application form will be available to all parish families, this weekend, from the OLMC school office, parish office, on our bulletin board, and available to download from [our website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [Twitter feed](#).

Baptised children are invited to celebrate their first sacrament of Reconciliation from Year 3, their first sacrament of Holy Communion from Year 4, and their sacrament of Confirmation from Year 5.



MERIT AWARDS

1B Ethan De Tar, Matthew Sawaqued

1G Amelia Azar, Matthew Taouk

2B Ava Luburic, Samuel Mastroianni

2G Elizabeth Eknorr, Jose Justin Paulraj

3B Veer Anand, Emma Frost

3G Charlise Kairouz, Jasmine Sakr

4B Serena Dias, George Younes

4G Kashvi Patel, Sajin Arul Samuel, Manav Sharda

5B Nhial Kual, Francesco Uno

5G Jarrod Chadszinow, Hasini Madukuri

6B Aryan Maclure, Claudia Sammut

6G Samuel Saba, Emily Shumack

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT NEXT TUESDAY

Just a reminder to all Kindergarten parents that there is a Kindergarten Information evening next Tuesday 13 February at 7pm in the Mercy Library as previously advised. We strongly encourage a member from each family, both new and existing to come along.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Mount Druitt Pool on Tuesday 13 February.

David Azar	Yasemin Baykan
Aurelia Chawa	Harrison De Tar
David Deguara	Daniel Estevez
Clara Farah	Emily Gardner
Caitlyn Gardner	Peter Jabbouri
Zac Michael	Natasha Hudson
Georgia Saad	Rebecca Saad
Claudia Sammut	Nishan Seneveratne
Emily Shumack	Jayden Tannous
Elisha Zammit	Anne Zebec

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

The 2018 February School Census will take place this Friday 9 February. To assist in the smooth and accurate completion of the School Census, please ensure that all letters of absence for Friday and any other days are sent to school via a note, email or Skoolbag with the following information...

- child's name
- date(s) absent
- reason explaining absence

This is a legal requirement.

LABELLING ALL ITEMS

Please ensure that all personal items (clothing, lunchboxes, bags, etc) are clearly labeled with your child(ren)'s name. Each year there are numerous items of clothing, especially hats and jackets that have no names or identification in lost property. Already there are various items, including new jumpers in lost property with NO NAME on them.

NO NAME difficulty to find the OWNER

P&F NEWS

Welcome everyone

We would like to welcome everyone to an exciting year of learning and opportunity for growth. Whether you have been a member of our community for a while or you are new to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary school we hope that you feel like you belong.

Welcome Gathering Friday 2nd February

The Parents and Friends Welcome Gathering was held last Friday 2 February. Thank you to all families who came along to reconnect and make new connections with our school community. It was wonderful to see so many people. It was a great evening. Thanks to the staff who came along to spend time with us in a more informal setting. We are grateful for your gift of time. A huge thanks to the Parents and Friends who catered the event and to everyone who helped to set up, serve and pack away on the night. We cannot function without the support of everyone who volunteers, and we are truly blessed to have such generous support.

Parents and Friends Meeting

This term's P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th February at 7pm in the Library. We encourage as many people as possible to attend the meeting. You don't need to be a part of the P&F committee or have a role to attend the meeting and contribute in a positive way to our school. The P&F team and parents meet with Mr Jones and Miss Pirovic once a term to discuss, plan and action important events as well as fundraising activities for school. A note and meeting agenda will be sent home next week with students; we look forward to seeing you all there. If you are unable to attend but would like to add an item for discussion to the agenda, please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and attention it to P&F meeting. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Parents who need to update their child protection training are invited to a refresher information session before the meeting at 6pm. In order to volunteer at the school with your child's class you must have current child protection training. Child Protection training needs to be completed every two years.

Fete Coordinator

We are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who would like to coordinate our school/parish fete. The fete is a biennial event and our major fundraising initiative. The fete coordinator assumes responsibility for the coordination of the event liaising between sponsors, providers, parish and school. Our next fete is scheduled for Term One 2019.

If you would like to be nominated for the position of fete coordinator, please email your interest to olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au by Monday 19th February. This position will be finalised at the Parents and Friends meeting on Tuesday 20th February.

Second hand uniform shop

If you have any uniform items to please drop them off at the school office. Please note, only new school uniforms can be accepted.

Tiny Tots Playgroup

Tiny Tots Playgroup is on every Friday morning at 9:15am in the School Hall (Smith St playground, on the school grounds). This is a fun way for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers in our community to meet every week and spend some time playing and making craft. The cost is \$2 per session or \$20 per term. Tea/coffee, bikkies and a chat are provided for the adults! Children need to bring their own, nut-free morning tea from home.

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville Term 1 Planner 2018

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 January/ February	29/1 Staff Development Day	30/1 Kindergarten Assessments	31/1 Kindergarten Assessments	1/2 Kindergarten Starts	2/2 5.30pm Welcome School Gathering	3/2 4/2
2	5/2 9am Assembly	6/2 11am P&F Executive Meeting	7/2 Yr 6 Camp- Collaroy	8/2 Yr 6 Camp- Collaroy	9/2 Yr 6 Camp- Collaroy School Census Day	10/2 11/2
3	12/2 9am Assembly	13/2 Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival 7pm Kindergarten Information Night	14/2 10am Ash Wednesday Mass 1pm GWS Aus Kick Giants visit	15/2 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	16/2	17/2 18/2
4	19/2 10am Opening School Mass & Student Leaders commissioning	20/2 12-1.30pm St Pauls Greystane visit Year 6 6pm Child Protection briefing 7pm Parents & Friends Meeting	21/2 9am Child Protection briefing (Mercy Library)	22/2 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	23/2 Diocesan Swimming Carnival	24/2 25/2
5 Feb/ March	26/2 Meet the teacher- Goal setting meetings 9am Assembly	27/2 3:30-8pm Meet the teacher- Goal setting meetings	28/2 Meet the teacher- Goal setting meetings	1/3 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout Meet the teacher- Goal setting meetings	2/3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (Pupil free day)	3/3 4/3 11:30-2pm St Paul's Open Day
6 Catholic Schools week	5/3 2019 Kindergarten Enrolments Open 9am Assembly 7pm Parents Representative Council (PRC) mtg 7pm Confirmation Evening	6/3	7/3	8/3 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout 9:30-10:30am Open Morning for prospective 2019 Enrolments	9/3 9:15am Catholic Schools Week Mass 10:15-11am Open Classrooms	10/3 11/3
7	12/3 9am Assembly	13/3 4pm Catherine McAuley Open Afternoon/ Evening	14/3 3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic	15/3 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	16/3 9:15am Stage 1 Mass	17/3 18/3
8	19/3 9am Assembly	20/3	21/3 1:40-2:10pm Project Compassion Disco - Yrs 1 & 6 3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic	22/3 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout 1:40-2:10pm Project Compassion Disco - Yrs 2 to 4	23/3 1:40-2:10pm Project Compassion Disco - K & Yrs 5	24/3 25/3 Passion (Palm) Sunday
9 March/ April	26/3 9am Assembly	27/3 God Day (Holy Week preparation)	28/3 9:30-10:30am Open Morning for prospective 2019 Enrolments 2:15pm Parent Holy Week 3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic	29/3 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	30/3 Good Friday	31/3 1/4 Easter Sunday
10	2/4 Easter Monday	3/4 9am Resurrection Liturgy	4/4 3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic	5/4	6/4 Catherine McAuley closing Date for 2019 OLMC Cross Country (tbc)	7/4 8/4
11	9/4 9am Assembly	10/4	11/4	12/4	13/4 Last Day of Term 1	14/4 15/4

School commences Term 2 - 30 April 2018