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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

During Lent we strive to remove from our lives those habits and behaviours that take us away from what we truly value. Through doing this opportunities present themselves to us...

... opportunities to **be** more compassionate

... opportunities to **bring** hope to others

... opportunities to **act** with love.

**“Our LOVE is not to be just words or mere talk,
But something real and active.” John 3:18**

God sent Jesus to **show** us how to live. In Jesus, we see and hear how to live.

Some questions for reflection during the week ahead...

- *What sort of world am I making around me?*
- *Am I doing the Jesus thing?*
- *How might you reassure those you love that you do love them?*

As we take the opportunity to reflect we can realign and re-energise ourselves.

Best wishes to all for the coming week as we **live** the love of Jesus each day.

*Steven
Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

MORNING AND AFTERNOON PICK UP

On too many occasions during the past few weeks I have observed or been informed by members of our school community about dangerous, illegal and total disregard for other members of the school community when dropping off of a morning and picking up of an afternoon. As stated above and displayed throughout the school “The **community** of OLMC is safe and respectful”. This statement requires parents and grandparents to follow the road rules, take an available parking position (not necessarily directly outside the school gates), ensure the safety of all by not overtaking and displaying courtesy for other members of the school community. We all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our students!



BLESSING OF MARY STATUE

During last week's Catholic Schools Week Mass Father Martinho blessed our new Mary statue. This statue will replace our current statue in the not to distant future. The statue was partly funded by our Year 6 2017 families.



UPCOMING DATES

Week 7
Wednesday 14/03
 3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic
Thursday 15/03
 8:15am Morning Workout
Friday 16/03
 9:15am Year 1 and Year 2 Mass
Week 8
Monday 19/03
 9am Assembly 3B
 10:30am Evacuation Drill
Wednesday 21/03
 1:40-2:10pm Project Compassion Disco Yrs 1 and 6

NOTES HOME

Last Wednesday:
 • Semester 1 Student Glows & Grows

Last Friday:
 • School Fees 2018

Today:
 • God Day
 • Captivate Dance Ensemble Years 3 to 6
 • Captivate Choir Years 3 to 6

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 All classes are focussing on an depth preparation for God Day in week 9. At assembly on Monday morning the students reminded our community that we are at the halfway mark of Lent . Kindergarten are talking about Palm Sunday , while other grades are focussing on the last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Simon of Cyrene, the Crucifixion, and the events post Crucifixion.

PARENT GOD DAY
 This is an opportunity for parents to prepare for Easter and to experience how children unpack the Scriptures. We will work together from 9.30am until approximately 1pm. Please return the slip that was sent home with the note. Morning tea is provided.

PROJECT COMPASSION DISCOS
 During next week the student leaders will be holding lunchtime discos for Project Compassion with a gold coin entry.
 21 March – Year 1 & 6
 22 March – Years 2-4
 23 March – Kindergarten & Year 5

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

This Sunday Miss Magtanong (Kindy Gold) is taking part in the annual event by shaving her head and raising funds! Through this act, she aims to raise awareness of leukaemia and support for the Leukaemia Foundation. If you would like to donate to this cause, online donations can be made at <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/abigailmagtanong> Cash donations are also acceptable and can be placed through the office pouch by labelling an envelope with "World's Greatest Shave KG" Miss Magtanong would like to thank you for your support and encouragement.



MERIT AWARDS

KB	Alexander, Lucas
KG	Arkyn, Amelia
1B	Zahara, Jada
1G	Malek, Eva
2B	Ojas, Stella
2G	Estelle, Nivan
3B	Ryan, Ashley
3G	Sarayu, Naethan
4B	Yasemin, Michael
4G	Harrison, Grace
5B	Francis, Madeline
5G	Mary, Anthony
6B	Peter, Alannah
6G	Rebecca, Theresa

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

On Friday 16 March 2018, Australian schools will stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). OLMC will be involved in this initiative for 2018. Each class will set some time aside on Friday to explore bullying, what it looks like and some of the strategies to tackle this problem. This aligns with our school wellbeing goal and our focus on continuing to develop a safe and respectful community.

The Bullying No Way website is equipped with an extensive range of information for parents and schools.
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

The videos under the heading **What Is bullying? - Definition of Bullying** are a good resource for families.

Our school will focus on the slogan of **MAKE A STAND - LEND A HAND**

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge has begun. The challenge encourages children to read or experience a variety of books. Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 are required to read or experience 30 books from the challenge list. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 are required to independently read 20 books from the challenge list. The books in our library are labelled with stickers to make it easy to identify books that are on the challenge list. The children will be sent the log-in details for their online reading record shortly. However last year's log-in details will continue to work. So keep reading for the 2018 challenge.



KINDERGARTEN 2019

Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments have commenced. Please let family and friends know that packs can be collected between 8:15am and 3:30pm from the school office. There are two more open mornings organised for prospective 2019 Kindergarten parents – 28 March (Wednesday) – 9:30-10:30am and 8 May (Tuesday) – 9:30-10:30am. Last week's open morning was attended by approximately 50 families. Please let anyone know who is interested in enrolling. To date over 60 enrolment forms have been collected.

BYOLT SURVEY - PARENTS

To support parents in their child's Information Communication Technology (ICT) usage as part of the BYOLT (Bring Your Own Learning Tool) program we would like parents of students in Years 4-6 to complete a survey. The information received will assist in the school supporting and educating parents via information sessions and sheets or online tools. [Please click on this link to complete the survey.](#)

PROJECT COMPASSION

Congratulations to all classes for a wonderful fundraising effort. We are halfway through Lent and are on target to reach our goal. Remember, what you give to Project Compassion, is not you asking for extra money. Do something around the house to earn money to give to those who do not have as much as we do. Next week there will be lunch time discos as a Project Compassion fundraiser for a gold coin donation. Wednesday Year 1 & Year 6 Thursday Years 2 to 4 Friday Kindergarten & Year 5

WET WEATHER/EXTREME WEATHER PICK UP

Just a reminder that students are to be picked up from their classroom until 3:20pm. Please stand at the entrance to your child's classroom and your child(ren) will be sent to you. After this time, they are collected from Year 4 (directly behind the banner on the Verandah).

SCHOOL FEES

There continue to be problems with the distribution of the 2018 school fees by Catholic Education diocese of Parramatta. Just a reminder that flexible payment plans should be in place by Friday 16 March. Thank you to the families who have already finalised Term 1 accounts. If you have not received your school fees or have any queries please contact Maree Murphy.

P&F NEWS

Parents and Friends Meetings - The Parents and Friends committee meets each term to discuss and organise upcoming events and to collaborate with the school and parish in the education of our children. We aim to support the school to better serve the students and provide a source of communication between the parish, the school and the parent body. Every parent and carer in the school is invited to attend our meetings to enable us to best represent the hopes, the concerns and the wishes we have for our children.

To make these meetings as representative as possible, we are conducting a survey to determine when the best time is to hold a meeting. If you could take a moment to complete the survey at this link (please insert the link here) we would be most grateful.

Sports for Schools - Our school is currently participating in Coles Sports for Schools. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers for every \$10 spent. Place them into the box in the front playground or in the box in the office foyer and our school can exchange them for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear we will receive. Start collecting today because the race is on! The program runs until April 3rd and vouchers must be returned to school by the end of term.

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 on Sakr 0418 623 867 if you are able to help.

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 to P&F Communications.

Buddies @ OLMC

The buddies program is an important way that we support our children in Kindergarten transition to life at 'Big School'. Each year our Year Five children are paired up with a Kindergarten child to act as their buddy. The buddy relationship is an important one which benefits each child in a different way. Our Kindy children have an older person they can turn to for help or friendship. While the Year Five children learn to be responsive to needs of their buddy while also developing their sense of responsibility and leadership. Each week the children meet up with their buddy to complete a learning activity, share a story or just spend time with each other. The buddy relationship between the children continues develop as each group moves on to the next grade. Read on to see how our buddies have been working together this term.



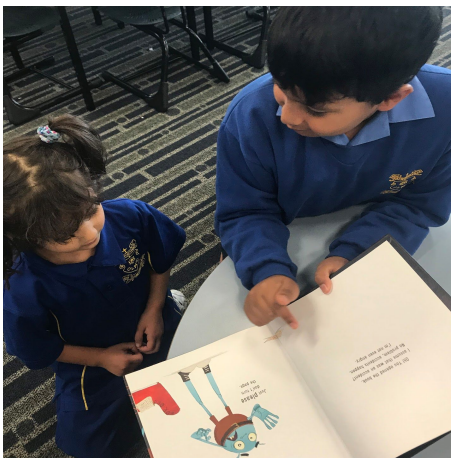
We go to church together, do fun activities in art and read. We take care of our buddies. It makes me feel really responsible.

By Francis and Thomas



My buddy's name is Krisha. She likes Art, Maths, stories, Religion, drawing and painting. I feel lucky to have my buddy. Being a buddy is special to me.

By Victoria and Krisha



We go to Mass, do art, make things, read and play together.

By Ash and Anabel



We go to Mass together. We also do art, read, play and go outside together.

By Charbel and Emilio