



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

On Monday the staff of OLMC came together with their colleagues from St Mary's Rydalmere and St Patrick's Guildford for a unique opportunity to work with the world renowned theologian Dr Edward Sri. During the past week Edward has been working with staff in our Diocese and beyond to break open the Scriptures to understand our Catholic faith.

Our day was focused around three key areas:

Who is Jesus?

Edward walked us through the opening chapter of Matthew's Gospel which is a long list naming the genealogy of Jesus. Many readers skip through this list of unrecognisable names. However to a Jewish person of Jesus' time this list of names is important in identifying that Jesus was descended from King David and brought with him the covenant God made with Abraham.

Disciples of Jesus

Our faith calls us to follow Jesus as a disciple.

Edward challenged us with the comment that 'following the teachings/rules of the church is not enough'. To truly be disciples we need to know the truth about ourselves and strive to be better in order to be transformed in Christ. The first step to discipleship is through imitation. Jesus' apostles were able to imitate the actions and life example that they witnessed daily. We know that what leaves the biggest impression on a person is not what we say but what we do. As parents, teachers and siblings we have many young eyes looking to learn from us. **Is the way you live your life worthy of imitation?**

The Mass

When we attend Mass we can often be passive participants unaware of the significance of the actions and words spoken. Our eyes were opened to the fact that every action and word in the mass is a direct link to Jesus and scripture. Our very first action in Mass is an act of prayer in the form of the Sign of the Cross. This is a sign of faithfulness and protection. The words 'The Lord be with you' is used in the bible when a person was sent out on a mission. **What do you think our mission is when these words are spoken to us during mass?** Did you know that when we say the Gloria we are recalling the Angels' visit to Jesus at his birth in Bethlehem or that when the priest says 'Lift up your hearts' we are being called to give all your heart and attention to God?

The Mass is a remembrance of Jesus' life. When you next attend Mass I encourage you to be mindful of some of these rituals to identify their connection to the Scriptural life of Jesus.

For those of you who would like to know more or might like to subscribe to Edward Sri's podcast 'All Things Catholic'. The podcasts are brief, thoughtful and easy to listen to discussions about scripture, the context and characters of the bible and how they connect to our daily lives.



Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 2

Friday 3/8: School Census Day
9:15am Kindergarten, Yrs 1 & 2 Mass
6:30pm OLMC Bingo Night @ St Pauls
Greystanes Hall (P&F event)

Week 3

Mon: 9am Assembly-2B
Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
Zone Athletics Carnival
Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

Week 4

Mon: 9am Assembly-2G
11:30am Voice of Youth Final
Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
6:15pm Child Protection Briefing
7pm Parents & Friends Meeting
Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
Fri: First Communion enrolment forms due

NOTES HOME

Today

- Voice of Youth (Yr5&6)
- Grade Overviews
- Change of Date Personal Development - Yr5

Last Wednesday

- Captivate Showcase

MERIT AWARDS

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| KB | Hansikaa, Armaan | 4B | Jorja, Aiden |
| KG | Chanel, Rihanna | 4G | Damon, Iniya |
| 1B | Greta, John-Sayed | 5B | James, Jacinta |
| 1G | Liya, Ryan, Vincent | 5G | David, Aaron |
| 2B | Justin, Yajur, Massimo, Eknoor | 6B | Jared, Leah |
| 2G | Amelia, Riya | 6G | Matthew, Faustina |
| 3B | Charlotte, Ciano | CA | Reuben, Violet, Sean, Matteo |
| 3G | Jake, Antoine | PE | No awards presented |

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards:

Claudia ▪ Celine ▪ Alessandra ▪ Ayden ▪ Eleni ▪ Jake ▪ Natasha ▪ Georgia ▪ David ▪ Alannah ▪ Chamir ▪ Tomos ▪ Logan ▪ Saxon ▪ Iniya ▪ Harrison

Opal Awards:

Ann ▪ Zien ▪ Liya ▪ Vincent ▪ Bridie ▪ Zara ▪ Nerome ▪ David ▪ Aurelia ▪ Gevin ▪ Cristian ▪ Tu ▪ Madeline ▪ Adam ▪ Ashley ▪ Marie-Jose ▪ Kashvi ▪ Lucas ▪ Maroun

Platinum Awards:

Mrunal ▪ Chivonne ▪ Sai Hasini ▪ Eva ▪ Bradley ▪ Isabella ▪ Emma ▪ Marcus ▪ Kashvi ▪ Celeste ▪ Anila ▪ Isabella

Principal's Awards:

Caitlyn ▪ Irene ▪ Georgia ▪ Antoine ▪ Sanjana ▪ Sarayu



BINGO NIGHT - TERM 3 P&F SOCIAL EVENT

Our first Parents and Friends BINGO Night is on this Friday 3 August 2018 at Camilleri Hall, St Paul's College, Old Prospect Road, Greystanes.

It is not too late to come along to Bingo this Friday night. You can pay at the door. For \$6.00 you will get 20 pages of 6 games per book and a bingo marker. We are looking forward to a fun night. A professional bingo caller has been booked. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Please note that due to this being a school event, St Paul's College have requested that **no alcohol** be brought to the premises.

A huge thank you to our event sponsors; Laing + Simmons Wentworthville, Studio1000 and to CK Design for printing our flyers.



CLUB GRANTS

Earlier this year we submitted a grant application through the ClubGRANTS scheme to support our OLMC Eco Warriors project. This project will focus on developing sustainable practices to reduce our waste. We received notification today that Dooleys Lidcombe will be providing us with \$9,000 to cover the cost of our project. Stay tuned for further details about our plans to become Eco Warriors.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Diocese has made the decision not to continue with the Religious Literacy Assessment for children in Year 4 and Year 6. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta have also begun to write a new curriculum for Religious Education to replace our current curriculum Sharing Our Story. Part of the curriculum will be trialed during Term Four. For more information please refer to Greg Whitby's letter attached to today's newsletter e-mail.

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY

This is the last chance to submit your entry in the Term 2 Principal's Holiday Challenge. Enter your reading onto the [Reading_log](#) or send your meme to the following email address olmcprincipalchallenge@gmail.com. Get your entry in by Friday afternoon to be in the running for a prize.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

We are now in the final month of the Premier's Reading Challenge! Have you updated your online reading record? There are 170 children left to complete the challenge. Make sure you visit the [challenge website](#) to update your record. Congratulations to Year 2 for being the first grade to have all students complete the challenge!!

P&F NEWS

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Grandparents' Day - Thank you to Fr Martinho, Fr Denis and Mrs Nolan for their hard work to make our school feast day a fantastic celebration. We hope all the students enjoyed their gift from the Parents and Friends. Thanks also to all our grandparents. We are so grateful for the contributions that you make to the lives of our students and the life of our school. We hoped you enjoyed grandparents' day as much as we did.

P&F General Meeting - The Parents and Friends Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 14th August at 7pm in the school library. Please mark this date in your diary and join us. A light supper will be served at the meeting and all are encouraged to come along and find out more about our school and community.

If you have anything you would like to discuss please feel welcome to attend the meeting or place the matter in writing and send it - Attention: Pauline Raad, President, through the school office.

Fathers' Day Stall - The P&F is in the process of coordinating its annual Fathers' Day raffle. We are calling on any businesses or families who would be able to contribute prizes. This could be anything from store vouchers or vouchers for a service or an experience to products such as tools, appliances and aftershave. Tickets will be sold leading up to the Fathers' Day Stall on Wednesday 29th August. If you can help or if you need more information, please contact Sonia Farah on 0431 692 960 or Joanne Sakr 0418 623 867.

On Demand Writing SAVE OUR PLAYGROUND!

This Tuesday, Olive Fairgo from Cumberland Council and Graham Grimes from Conmein Construction Company returned to hear our responses after we heard the shocking news that they were considering a proposal to tear down our beautiful playground to build a 10 story block of units!

Throughout Week One, every student at OLMC worked very hard to write, edit and publish a speech, letter or opinion to persuade Olive and Graham to build elsewhere.

One student per grade read their writing out loud at assembly.

While Graham wasn't pleased, Olive was very impressed by the students reasoning, argument strategies and passionately articulate responses. She promised to try very hard to convince the Council to save our playground.

All of the students writing responses were sent to Cumberland Council and will be presented to the next Council meeting. Olive will contact the school soon with the verdict. Well done students and stay tuned!

Dear Ms Olive Fairgo,

Why are you making an apartment in our school? You shouldn't because we won't have enough space to play.

Also, we won't have a music room. What is there was an accident? Or maybe our school will be too small for next year's kindy's. They won't all fit inside.

Angelina

Dear Ms Fairgo,

You shouldn't build a ten-story apartment at our school because it's unsafe for the kids. There will be no room. Also, you can't play anywhere. We are all sad so we don't want you to do that.

We don't even want you to have a truck or a crane accident. It will block our sun. We can't do PE or music.

From Olivia

