



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week I continue to share with you the Student Leaders speech.

We have grown as members of our community... *As an OLMC community we have progressed through our learning years as one by bringing our well known motto to life. Of course the motto- 'The community of OLMC is safe and respectful'- isn't only for children, in fact this policy goes for expectations of our teachers and parents. Another way we keep our community strong is through something called fruit and friend break, in this 5-10 minute session, your child will have a piece of fruit and have the opportunity to talk to someone who is their friend, or isn't. This little session is a great way for your child to make new friends or to build stronger relationships with all their classmates. In our safe and respectful environment, bullying is not tolerated, in fact as a community we participated in a special campaign, 'Bullying, No Way!'. With the slogan being 'Make a stand, Lend a hand' In this event, children were invited to colour in a small, paper hand and write something about anti-bullying. With all the little hands we collected we made a big hand in representation of stopping bullying as a community. We encourage everyone in standing up for what is right. When your child comes to our Safe and Respectful school they will be partnered up with a Year 5 student who will be their buddy. This will help your child to settle into the school and feel more comfortable. Once a week there is buddy time which means your child's buddy will help them with writing, reading, maths games or doing art, your child will have their buddy during Year 1 as well. We know that having a buddy has helped us become more confident and responsible in learning and social aspects. During my time at OLMC I have glowed and grown as a member of this school community. Which means that I have a stronger relationship with my peers and teachers. I know your child will have many positive moments at our school, ones they will cherish forever, they will make lots of great friends just like I have, they will grow and glow as a member of the Our Lady Of Mount Carmel school community.*

We are growing as independent people... *During our time at OLMC we have been given the chance to work with a variety of teachers who have taught us the importance of learning how to work individually and collaboratively. This allows us to grow as independent people. The Our Lady Of Mount Carmel school community has enabled us to grow in a friendly environment which has lead us to reach our goal and prepare us for our future ahead. One main quality which has been taught to our year group since Kindergarten, was that working hard to achieve our goals sets us up for a successful life. Our teachers have deliberately created individual assessment tasks and class activities to ensure we, the students, thrive independently overall throughout our school years. After seven years at OLMC we have become independent learners who have developed a strong Catholic faith and are ready to take on high school, then the world. And we can assure you a great future for your children at our school, Our Lady Of Mount Carmel. At our school of OLMC we continue to walk together as a community. Through many years of this school life we have formed strong relationships and unforgettable bonds but to get there we had fall over and pick each other back up again. As a school we will always put each other before ourselves. We were each other's glue and even when we went through the hardest moments and couldn't hold each other up we managed to push ourselves through and get through it. But still after all that we had to learn independence. We had to clear a path for ourselves so we could move forward. We had to stay true to ourselves and remember to never give up.*

To you as parents, this is the beginning of your child's journey through school. We encourage you to be involved in any way you can to become a member of this wonderful community. We are sure that your children will have a great learning journey at OLMC, just like we have. **Alannah, Elizabeth, Georgia, Harini, Rebecca, Andrea, Ayden and Samuel (2018 School Student Leaders)**

Steven, Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Year 6 2019 Camp Collaroy dates – 6th-8th February 2019 – a note will be sent out with further details midway through next term.

Week 5

Thu: 9:15-10:45am Kindy 2019 Orientation
10:45am-12:30pm Kindy 2019 Uniform Fitting

Fri: 9:15-10am Stage 3 Mass

9:15-10:45am Kindy 2019 Orientation

Week 6

Mon: 9:15am Assembly 2B

Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
7-8:30pm Yr 4 2019 BYOD Information Evening

Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

7-8:30 Fete Meeting

Thu: 9:15-10:45am Kindy 2019 Group 2 Orientation

10:45am-12:30pm Kindy 2019 Uniform Fitting

Fri: 9:15-10am Stage 3 Mass

9:15-10:45am Kindy 2019 Group 2 Orientation

NOTES HOME

FRIDAY

- Year 6 Bear, Ball & Cap
- Band Recruiting

WEDNESDAY

- No notes sent home

CANTEEN NEWS

Please remember to place your lunch orders in the classroom bag first thing in the mornings.

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Amalia, Olivia	4B	Sara, Julian
KG	Asaeli, Anabel	4G	Sylvana, John
1B	Reuben, Ethan	5B	Francesco, Gevin
1G	Alanna, Ethan	5G	Violet, David
2B	Amelia, Logan	6B	Melissa, Georgia
2G	Hannah, Jose	6G	Devin, Dylan
3B	Charlotte, Caitlyn	CA	Georgia - 6B, Melissa - 6B
3G	Keillan, Azhric	PE	No awards given

STAR CARD AWARDS

GOLD AWARDS: Devin ▪ Lara ▪ Pranava ▪ Harini ▪ Mary ▪ Rebecca ▪ Sara ▪ Amelia ▪ Theresa ▪ Lachlan ▪ Luke

OPAL AWARDS: Emily ▪ Jemma ▪ Kim ▪ Katrina ▪ Sean ▪ Misha ▪ Amalia ▪ Samuel ▪ Olivia ▪ Paul ▪ Lucas ▪ Alessandro ▪ Krisha ▪ Armaan ▪ Olivia ▪ Liliana ▪ Alexis ▪ Michael ▪ Anabella ▪ Amiel ▪ Catherine

PLATINUM AWARDS: John ▪ Yasemin ▪ John ▪ Jerome ▪ Aiden ▪ Clara ▪ Hannah ▪ Bracston

PRINCIPAL AWARDS: Hasini ▪ David ▪ Joel ▪ Lara ▪ Celine ▪ Simona

DIAMOND AWARDS: Marie-Jose ▪ Serena

Celebrating Achievements - Many of our students are involved in various activities outside of school and some attain outstanding awards. If your child has accomplished something like a state championship or representative level in sport or art, we would like to know about it so it can be celebrated in our community. Send an email to school or letter or tell your child's class teacher.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

Next year there will be significant change to the Religious Education Curriculum in all schools in Parramatta Diocese. The curriculum is being re-imagined and re-written to be in line with modern teaching pedagogies and student wonderings. This is an exciting time for our community as we all have a part to play in this exciting new curriculum. There will be opportunities for you as parents to keep up to date with this curriculum from Term One next year.

DATE REMINDERS

- Tuesday 11th December 6pm Christmas Story and Awards
- Tuesday 18th December 2018 End of Year and Year 6 Graduation Mass
- Tuesday 18th December 6pm Year Six Graduation Dinner

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

All parish children are invited to participate in the traditional OLMC Family Mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve. This Mass is a family favourite for children, parents and grandparents. It is a great way to kick-off Christmas celebrations. **A Family Mass planning evening has been set for 7pm on Thursday 22 November.** If you would like to come along and help us plan for this please join us in the Parish Centre that evening. For further enquiries, please phone Paola on 0414 947 799.

WYD RAFFLE RESULTS

1st Prize winner: Roberto Perez - Mazda2 car
2nd - Maha S - Cosmo gift card
3rd - John Cole - iPhone
4th - Andrew Magee - iPhone
5th - Rezame Roqueza - iPhone
6th - Bich Nguyen - iPad OLMC WENTWORTHVILLE. If you know this person please contact the office
7th - Karl Medak - cash \$500
8th - Teresa Portelli - \$500 Westfield gift card
9th - Joseph Pajitler - Apple watch
10th - Alicia Eckert - \$100 Event Cinemas

STAFFING UPDATE

Jodie who has been on secondment to Holy Family Emerton in 2018 has accepted a permanent position at Holy Family Emerton from 2019. We would like to thank Jodie for her leadership at OLMC during her six years. We congratulate her on her leadership appointment. Maree (Financial Administrator) has been advised to remain on leave for the remainder of 2018. Maree will return at the commencement of 2019 school year. Jo and Kristy will continue in the roles for the remainder of 2018.

P&F NEWS

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along last night to our Annual General meeting. It was wonderful to see so many people and to be able to reflect upon the journey our school has taken these last 7 years and to wish Steven well as he begins his next challenge. Special thanks to Pauline and Norma, who have served on our executive committee for the past six years. Thanks also to Sonia and Joanne who have worked as our fundraising coordinators during the last six years, organising our Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls and doing so many other things behind the scenes. We appreciate the effort you have made and the gift of your time that you have shared with us over your tenure. Thanks also to Steven and Olimpia for chairing the meeting for us.

The Parents and Friends Executive and Committee for 2019 are:

President	Paula
Vice President	Samuel
Secretary	Danielle
Treasurer	Vacant
Parents Representative Council	Damien, Kayleen
Publicity	Vacant
Fundraising Committee	Vacant
Social Committee	Vacant
Fete	Paula, Donna

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take up a position, whether you are new to our committee or have been there for a while. Your gift of time helps us to support the school in the education of our children and to give the parent body a voice. We look forward to 2019.

If you are interested in finding out more about the positions that have not yet been filled, please have a look at the [role descriptions](#) on our school website or email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au for more information.

Farewell to Steven

At the end of 2018 Steven will be leaving us to become Principal of St Patrick's Primary School Guilford. We wish him well as he embarks on this new adventure.

To enable us to say goodbye the Parents and Friends are hosting a morning tea for the parents at 9:00am on Monday 3 December on the Smith Street playground.

Please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au whether you are able to come and if you would like to bring something to share.

Fete News

Our next fete meeting will be on Wednesday 21 November at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Come along and find out more about our exciting plans for fete 2019! We look forward to seeing you there.

We are seeking people to help by becoming a stall coordinator. We have many exciting stalls for next year such as the Trash N Treasure, Cakes, Dunk Tank, Face Painting and Chocolate Toss. Coordinate your own, or work with a friend. It is a fun and easy way to become more involved in the major fundraiser for our school and Parish. Training, equipment and support will be provided. For more information email olmcfete@gmail.com

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