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Newsletter Term 2 Week 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

On Saturday we celebrate as a parish community Confirmation and then on Sunday the Feast of Pentecost when Jesus gave the gift of his Holy Spirit to his disciples.

How did the Holy Spirit change the disciples?

The Holy Spirit made others understand them, even if they did not speak the same language.

The Holy Spirit filled them with courage and power so that they could stand up before the crowds and preach, and work miracles in God's name.

The Holy Spirit also brought the seven gifts of **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, understanding, reverence and courage**.

All these gifts helped the disciples to be able to go and spread the good news of Jesus. The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to follow the right path on our journey through life and they fill us with God's goodness.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is not always tangible, yet as I reflect over the last week, there has certainly been evidence of these gifts in our community...

LOVE ... through the words and actions of our children to their mothers during our recent Mothers' Day celebrations.

JOY ... in the eyes of our mothers and grandmothers at our Mothers' Day Mass and morning tea.

PEACE ... through the actions of children sharing their belongings with one another and their actions towards one another during morning tea and lunchtime.

PATIENCE ... of school community each afternoon when waiting for parking spots during this busy time.

KINDNESS ... in our response to others who have needed our help and support.

UNDERSTANDING ... that we are all different and it is this difference that brings a wonderful richness to our community.

REVERENCE ... through the school communities praying of the Regina Caeli Angelus each day at 12noon.

COURAGE ... to those who have stood up for what they believe in.

*Come Holy Spirit,
And fill our hearts with your love.
Work through us to bring Jesus
To those who do not know him,
So that we may share this love with others.*

May you have the opportunity to continue spreading these gifts and God's love with others. Please prayer for our children being confirmed this weekend.

*Steven Jones
Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4

Monday: 9am Assembly; Captivate Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-6) 6:30pm Child Protection Briefing 7pm P&F General Meeting

Wednesday: Basketball Clinics; 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr 3) 9am Child Protection Briefing

Friday: ES1 & Stage 1 Mass

Week 5

Monday: Yr 3 Excursion 9am Assembly; 7pm Parent Reconciliation Meeting

Tuesday: ICAS Science; 8:15am Morning Workout

Wednesday: Basketball Clinics; 8:15am Morning Workout

NOTES HOME

Last Friday

- K-Yr 6 Grade Overviews

SAVE THE DATE

A 'BYOD Parent Workshop' will be held on Tuesday 5th June for parents in Years 4 - Year 6. More details to follow

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Samuel; Krisha; Armaan; Emilio	4B	Julian; Clara
KG	Alexander; Jasmine	4G	Gabriella; Rohan
1B	Samyel; Alyna	5B	Cristian; Nishan
1G	Neeti; Kiara	5G	Michael; Daniel
2B	Logan; Charlize	6B	Dylan; Ishana
2G	Hannah; Jacob	6G	Jemma; Ryan
3B	Dominic; Osean	CA	N/A
3G	Maroun; Jake	PE	Emma - Yr3 Kim - Yr 6

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards

Xavier ▪ Mia ▪ Marisol ▪ Jarrod ▪ Aurelia ▪ Gevin ▪ Cristian ▪ Chloe ▪ Mia ▪ Charbel ▪ Emily ▪ Chivonne ▪ Matilda ▪ Violet ▪ Charlise ▪ Mia ▪ Mrunal ▪ Sylvana ▪ Zien ▪ Anila ▪ Jacinta ▪ Nishan ▪ Zara ▪ Tu ▪ Michael ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Luca ▪ Bradley ▪ Hasini ▪ Claudia ▪ Elisha ▪ Isabella

Opal Awards

Aleisha ▪ Antoine ▪ Jacinta ▪ Georgia ▪ Sarayu

CHILDRENS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION: Final reminder that rehearsal is at 3:30pm and 7pm on Thursday 17th May. Sponsors are welcome to come along, if they can. Please continue to pray for the 41 candidates; that the Spirit of the Lord guide them along their faith journey.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Forms are due on Friday 25th May and the Parent Information Evening is at 7pm on Monday 28th May. At least one parent/carer MUST attend this evening.

FAQs: Why do we need to attend workshops? Sharing your faith is one of the most important things you can do with your child. Workshops are an opportunity for you to slow down and share the stories of how Jesus has touched your life, listen to other people's stories, and teach your child how to fall in love with Jesus who is God. Learning about the sacrament is secondary.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: At 10:30am Mass on Sunday mornings, all school-aged children are invited to join their leader in the Red Room where we listen to the Gospel of the day and pray together. Parents, if you find it difficult to come to Mass for fear that your children may be disruptive (they're not, btw, they're very, very welcome), please consider coming to this Mass and making the most of this lovely ministry.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

This Friday 18th May is 'National Walk Safely To School Day'. Families might like to organise to walk to school with a group of friends.

This is an annual event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. If you live close to school or near a bus stop your child may be able to walk or commute to school. This is a chance to give it a try and talk about how to walk and commute safely.



MORNING WORKOUT CHANGE OF DATES

Due to the number of students attending Thursday morning workout and the commencement of students wearing sports uniform from NEXT WEEK the are changes to the days and students who can attend morning workouts.

TUESDAY - Years 4 - 6, WEDNESDAY - Kindergarten to Year 3.

OUR LADY OF MERCY OPEN MORNING TOUR

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2020. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.



**College Open
Morning Tour**
Wednesday May 23, 2018

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LOST PROPERTY

The cold weather has come and the number of jackets and jumpers in the lost property cupboard is growing. The majority of items do not have a name on them. This means that they cannot be returned to their owner.

As parents, you spend a significant amount of money on uniforms and it is frustrating when they are lost. A way to alleviate this is by writing your child's name on all their uniforms. Please take some time to check that all jumpers, jackets, hats and ties have your child's name clearly labelled. Check that names have not faded, you may need to refresh the label.

All lost property is stored in the cupboard outside the staffroom.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The WHY to, the HOW to and the WHAT to do when transitioning out of school and into your future. How to choose the correct electives and all the other questions you have in between. Open to students in Years 8-12.

Topic: Early Career Planning & Transition to Work

Speaker: Dianne Mills

When: Monday, 4 June 2018

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

To register and for more information go to: www.prc.catholic.edu.au.



P&F NEWS

A Mothers' Day Prayer

Lord, we pray for all mothers, beautiful and wonderful they fill the earth. Gracious in your call they carry life.

In a bond of love, they bring forth a child.

We ask you to bless all mothers today. In all their struggles giving us a livelihood, may your love and compassion be always with them.

May every mother feel today the pride and beauty of the family they bear.

In your strength and grace, Lord, deliver them through all pain and sorrow.

Amen.

We hope all of the mothers, grandmothers and special women in our community felt loved and appreciated in a special way on Sunday.

Mothers' Day Raffle

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our raffle prizes.

First Prize: \$70 massage voucher won by Mia

Second Prize: \$50 Country Road voucher won by Noah

Third Prize: \$50 Country Road voucher won by Simona

Fourth Prize: VS hairdryer and tote won by Devin

Fifth Prize: Sunbeam Food warmer won by Aaliyah

Sixth Prize: Manicure and pedicure voucher won by Elizabeth

Seventh Prize: Photo frame and candle won by Helen

Eighth Prize: Photo frame and candle won by Jayden

Ninth Prize: Photo frame and chocolates won by Marisol

Tenth Prize: Photo frame and chocolates won by Serena

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.

Child Protection Briefing and Parents and Friends Meeting

The next meeting of the Parents and Friends committee is Tuesday 22nd May at 7pm. This is a great way for parents to be involved in the education of their children and find out a little more about what happens at the school. Drinks and nibbles will be served. If you have anything you would like to be included in the agenda for Tuesday night please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au or send a note to school attention P&F meeting.

This meeting will be preceded by our child protection briefing at 6:30pm. If you wish to assist in the school with excursions or assist in the classroom you need to have current child protection training. Both meetings will take place in the library.

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.

