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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

"I'd like to be an ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my children." Author unknown.

Even though this might be the situation for you, make sure that on Mothers' Day you are not too busy to take time to rejoice in yourself, because:

*"Happy Mothers' Day means more than have a happy day.
Within these words lie lots of things we never get to say.
It means, I love you, first of all, then thanks for all you do.
It means you mean a lot to me and that I honour you." Nicholas Jordan.*

For many years now, psychologists have been saying that the bonding of a baby with its mother in the first few minutes of life is vital for the stability of the newborn child. The mother-infant bond is an intense relationship of unparalleled human affection. It is the foundation of the child's emotional and physical survival. No wonder the saying: "Mothers hold their children's hands for a short time but their hearts forever".

There are many ways to answer the question, "What is Motherhood?" and one of those ways might be that Motherhood means sharing in the creative power of God. Conceiving, carrying and giving birth to a human being, is as close as any person can get to the act of creation. This is the beginning of Motherhood but it is far from the end. Motherhood is also about nurturing, sacrificing, loving and, ultimately, letting go.

Jesus' mother, Mary, experienced all the above and had the added drama of losing her son for three days. Eventually, she and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple having a discussion with a group of Rabbis. When Mary rebuked Jesus for "treating us this way", Jesus informed her that the Temple was the first place she should have looked: "Did you not know that I must be about the things of my Father?"

Poor Mary! Besides being embarrassed for Joseph, she probably found it hard to accept that Jesus was growing up with a mind of his own and his own sense of how his Father was leading him. Mary was caught up in the tension of fulfilling the daily responsibilities of her role of mother and parenting the Son of God. All mothers are caught up in the world of tension as they try to be all things to their children.

This Sunday is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude and thanks for all that mothers do.

***Mary, Mother of God
And spiritual Mother of us all,
May all mothers who seek your help,
Experience your unfailing protection.
Lead all mothers and their children
To your Son, Jesus.***

*Steven Jones
Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 3

Monday: MUFTI DAY gold coin donation
9am Liturgy
Tuesday: NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 Language
Wednesday: NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 Reading
Thursday: 8:15am Morning Workout
NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 Numeracy
Friday: NAPLAN catch up 9:15 Stage 3 Mass

Week 4

Monday: 9am Assembly; Captivate Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday: 6pm Child Protection Briefing
Wednesday: Basketball Clinics; 9am Child Protection Briefing
Thursday: 8:15am Morning Workout
Friday: ES1 & Stage 1 Mass

NOTES HOME

Last Friday

- Year 2 Environmentor Incursion
- Year 1 Frizzics Science

Today

- Year 3 Excursion - Muru Mittagarr

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

TERM 2

Tuesday 12 June (Week 7)

TERM 3

Monday 30 July (Week 2)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emily who has been selected to represent Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Softball trials on Friday 22 June.

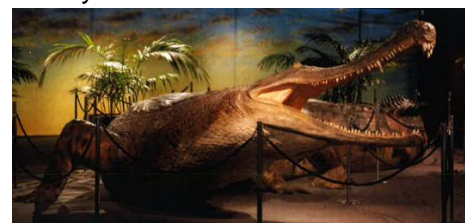
MERIT AWARDS

KB	-	4B	Claudia, Amiel
KG	Jayden, Liam	4G	Tristan, Marie Jose
1B	Myraa, Vincient	5B	Gevin, Iziah
1G	Anthony, Ann	5G	Nerome, Anila
2B	Alssandrai, Jac	6B	Alannah, Claudia
2G	Jose Justinj, Mason	6G	Pranava, Shuvani
3B	Chelsea, Chiara	CA	Awards from Mrs Laus for Creative Arts lessons
3G	Nilan, Ethan	PE	Awards from Mr Jones for PE lessons

SUPERCROC ON TOUR

Stockland Merrylands in partnership with the Australian Museum is inviting all students to be part of their SuperCroc on Tour. SuperCroc will be on display at Stockland Merrylands from Tuesday 8th May to Tuesday 5th June. SuperCroc is an educational piece for students to learn more about this ancient creature.

The Sarchosuchus imperator was a 110 million year old ancient African monster.



INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY MUFTI DAY

Tuesday 15th May is the International Day of Families as proclaimed by the United Nations in 1993. The purpose is to focus on the integral role families play in society and the importance of the place of families in our everyday lives. This year Bishop Vincent, Bishop of Parramatta has declared Monday 14th May a day where our diocese and schools show our support for Catholic Care and its work with families.

There will be a special prayer during Monday's assembly and children can wear casual comfortable clothes with closed shoes (mufti day) to school for a gold coin donation to Catholic Care.

EARN & LEARN HAS ARRIVED

The items ordered through the Woollies Earn & Learn program have arrived and have been unpacked this week. This year we focused on getting new sand toys, items to help develop fine motor skills, timers for our calm spaces and a variety of number lines. Thank you to all those in our community who supported this initiative which allowed us to get these resources.



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 18th May is 'National Walk Safely To School Day'. 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.



BASKETBALL CLINICS

Beginning this week, Western Sydney Basketball will be coming to OLMC on Wednesday for 4 weeks to run a clinic for each grade. The sessions will be an introduction to the sport of basketball as well as a chance for the children to learn and develop some of the fundamental skills involved in the sport. Each grade will spend 30 minutes each Wednesday at the clinic where they will be able to experience basketball like they may have not before. The children will be able to wear their sport uniform on this day, if it is not a regular sport day for them.

PE CHANGES NEXT WEEK

Due to NAPLAN next week, there are some changes to PE days & times:

Tuesday - Yr 4, Yr 1, Kindy
Wednesday - Yr 2, Yr 5, Kindy
Thursday - Yr 6, Yr 3

Best of luck to Rebecca who has been selected in the Parramatta Diocese Girls Soccer team to participate at the MacKillop trials in Canberra. We wish her all the best this Friday.

NAPLAN 2018

A reminder that NAPLAN 2018 will take place for Years 3 and 5 children next week.

Tuesday 15 May - Language Conventions & Writing (two tests)
Wednesday 16 May - Reading
Thursday 17 May - Numeracy
Friday 18 May - 'Catch Up' day

As with everyday of the school year, please ensure your son or daughter is on time to school and has had breakfast.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This week another nine children have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the following children: Emily, Liam, Dennis, Edward, Kinjal, Antoine, Georgia, Myra and Jemma.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees are being mailed by CEO this week. Due date for payment is Wednesday, 6th June.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We have had an incredible response to the 2019 Kindergarten enrolment expressions of interest with over 100 applications returned. It is imperative that all parents wishing to have their child considered for 2019 Kindergarten enrolment, need to collect and/or return the enrolment form asap to alleviate disappointment.

P&F NEWS

Mothers' Day Raffle - It is not too late to send your raffle tickets back for the Mothers' Day Raffle. We wish to thank all the people who have generously donated prizes.

The Mothers' Day raffle prizes are:

- First Prize: \$70 massage voucher donated by Ruth
- Second Prize: \$50 Country Road voucher donated by Tanya
- Third Prize: \$50 Country Road voucher donated by Tanya
- Fourth Prize: VS hair dryer and tote
- Fifth Prize: Sunbeam Food warmer donated by Diana
- Sixth Prize: Manicure and pedicure voucher donated by Diana
- Seventh Prize: Photo frame and candle
- Eighth Prize: Photo frame and candle
- Ninth Prize: Photo frame and chocolates
- Tenth Prize: Photo frame and chocolates



Please return all tickets, sold and unsold, marked with your child's name and class in the supplied envelope by Thursday. The raffle will be drawn at morning tea after the Mothers' Day mass.

Mothers' Day Stall - Thank you to all the people who came to help with our Mothers' Day Stall today. We are extremely grateful for your time and cannot thank you enough.

We hope all the mothers, grandmothers and special women in our community feel loved and appreciated this Sunday and we hope you love the small tokens of affection your children have purchased today.

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 it to P&F Communications.

PARKING ISSUE - BUS ZONE

A reminder that no car can stop in the bus zone at the back of the school (Smith Street) to drop off, wait or pick up their child(ren).

