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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week I continue to share The Stations of the Cross which have a profound message for each of us, every day.

Station 8: Jesus speaks to the Daughters of Jerusalem – “In this remarkable scene, I witness Jesus halting his journey briefly to stand up for the needs of women – not only in that culture but today as well. On the road to Calvary, Jesus pauses to explain one reason he is saving the world – and me. He is obtaining for me the graces I – and mothers and children – need to thrive spiritually and physically.”

Station 9: Jesus Falls the Third Time – “Lord, I praise you for your example of courage in your darkest hour on the road to the cross. I love you for winning for me the spiritual power to face my own demons and move beyond them because of your gift to me. I am learning to trust you, and realise more and more how profound is your all-embracing love for me and all the world.”

Station 10: Jesus is Stripped of His Clothing – “When I am vulnerable and wounded, I often strike back with insults, betrayals, and sighs. When I hurt Christ, he forgets the wounds and tries to heal me, the hurter. Jesus welcomes me as a sinner into the chamber of his heart and lets me thrash about with my unruly passions. Then he offers me the love that would cure me of my irrational evil.”

Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the Cross – “In my contemporary world I am called to adore a crucified God and not dilute the cross by smothering it with roses or pleasant thoughts, making its meaning and value vanish. I need the shadows of Good Friday to appreciate the full possibilities of the Easter mystery. The most distant objects I can see on a clear day is the sun. But on a dark night I can see the stars, millions of miles farther away. Darkness has its spiritual value.”

Station 12: Jesus Dies on the Cross – “As he is dying, Jesus gave his life calmly and lovingly to God, for that was how he lived. He didn't leave any money. He left an incomparable testament: divine mercy, future life, and sustaining hope. His deathbed provided the most profound lesson in dying the world has ever seen and will ever see. With this in mind, I pray that my last moments, my dying, will be filled with the same grace.”

Station 13: Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross – “While countless mothers have held their sons in their arms and mourned desperately their loss, my faith tells me that at death, life is changed, not taken away. I carry the seed of eternity in my immortal soul. Like Mary, who was profoundly saddened by her son's death, I mourn Jesus yet believe in his promise of resurrection.”

Station 14: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb – “I find the rites of Christian burial to be essential ways of surrounding the loved one with a spirit of faith, a belief in the future, and a way to grieve with a believing community.”

Enjoy the week ahead, as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord.

Steven Jones
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

SCHOOL FEES

A letter was sent home last Friday to all families from the Executive Director of Catholic Education Parramatta, Mr Greg Whitby apologising for the issues with Term 1 school fee accounts. If your family is still to receive their account, could you please contact the school office as a matter of urgency.

Thank you to the parents who have finalised their accounts for the term and also to those who have put in place their Flexible Payment Plans.

Should you have any queries regarding your account, please contact Maree Murphy in the school office.



UPCOMING DATES

Week 10

Monday 02/04

Easter Monday - School Closed

Tuesday 03/04

9am Resurrection Liturgy & Assembly

Wednesday 04/04

3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic

Friday 06/04

Catherine McAuley closing date for 2019 enrolments

Week 11

Monday 09/04

9am Assembly

Tuesday 10/04

11-2pm Captivate Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 11/04

3:15-4:15pm AFL After School Clinic

Friday 13/04

9:15-10am School Mass - Yrs 2 & 3

Last Day of Term 1

**TERM 2 RETURNS
MONDAY 30th April**

NOTES HOME

Last Friday

- CEDP School Fees Billing Apology
- Diocesan Cross-Country (team members only)

Today

- Year 1 Post Office Excursion
- Temporary PE Change Yr1 & Yr6
- Star Cards Rewards - Yr4

FREE CAR SEAT CHECKS

As many of our families will be travelling these school holidays, now is a good time for you to ensure your car seats are fitted correctly.

Blacktown Council is going to be at The Ponds Shopping Centre in the underground car park (near Travelator) on Tuesday 10th April from 8:30am - 1:30pm offering FREE car seat checks and re-fittings, no booking required.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

As from this Friday 6th April the operation of our school uniform shop at OLMC will cease. All orders and any uniforms requiring exchange will need to be finalised by this Friday. From Monday 9th April all orders and payments will need to be made on the QKR App direct with Oz Fashions. A flyer was sent home last week giving parents the details of how to set up the app for their family. Orders will need to be finalised on the app by Wednesday 11th April for delivery in time for the change in Term 2 to our winter uniform.



ICAS

Notes were sent home last week for the 2018 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) to all students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. All notes and monies must be returned to the school office no later than next Wednesday 11th April. Entries past this date will not be accepted.

PROJECT COMPASSION

As you are all aware our focus during Lent for Project Compassion was donating money to supply chickens to a village in south east Asia. Your very generous donations came to a fantastic total of \$1,467! This is our best ever result, the winning grade is Year 5 with 30 chickens.

Over the last five weeks children have really lived the words of Jesus---" what you have done to the least of my brothers, you do to Me"

YOU HAVE PUT ON CHRIST

Easter is the traditional time that adults and children are initiated into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children. As a school community we welcome and congratulate Dylan who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

This is the phrase that captures our feelings of Easter. It is similar to singing Hip Hip Hooray! The children used this word during Tuesday's assembly and will repeat it every day at midday when they recite the Regina Caeli. This ancient prayer of the Church replaces the Angelus between Easter and Pentecost. May we be filled with the spirit of Easter and the wonder, anticipation and excitement of the Apostles felt by them at the first Easter.

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Paul; Alissa
KG	Yara; Elena
1B	Anthony; Angelina
1G	Elyssa; Ethan
2B	Gabriel; Taliah
2G	Zainah; Lachlan
3B	Riona; Eva
3G	Ruby; Nicolas
4B	John; Catherine
4G	Natasha; John
5B	Christopher; Tu
5G	Aaron; Matilda
6B	-
6G	Ristelle; Matthew



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge is well under way. We have 70 students who have already started their online reading record. Remember to keep an eye out for library books that have the coloured PRC stickers. The children will be able to borrow books during the holidays to read.



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

	1st (Girls)	2nd (Girls)	3rd (Girls)	1st (Boys)	2nd (Boys)	3rd (Boys)
Under 8	Ava	Isabella	Estelle	Nicolas	Bryson	Billy
Under 9	Jasmine	Serena	Rouba	Marten	Harrison	Matteo
Under 10	Marisol	Yasemin	Celeste	Ayii	Nhial	Bracston
Under 11	Isabella	Hasini	Elizabeth	Ayden	Chris	Peter
Under 12	Claudia	Eleni	Emily	Shuban	Zac	Peter & Andrea

LIBRARY NEWS

As we come towards the end of the term it is that time for us to check that all of our library books and class reading books have been returned. We ask that families take particular care with their class reading books as these are purchased as a set and can't be purchased individually.

SCHOOL ZONES

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term One that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

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.](#)

P&F NEWS

God Day - Thanks to Mrs Nolan and all the teachers for preparing the students to present such meaningful responses to the Easter readings. We are grateful for the opportunity for the children and the parents to have prayer walks last week to see the marvellous work created.

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 <https://qoo.ql/forms/RUDsMm5zIX6CEUmx1> we would be most grateful.

Sports for Schools - Thank you to everyone who has been collecting sports for school dockets. We are very grateful for your support. Vouchers must be returned to school by the end of term, so please gather them all together and place them in either the box in the front playground or the box in the school office.

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 for the Mothers' Day Raffle. Please contact Sonia on 0431 692 960 or Joanne on 0418 623 867 if you are able to help. We are hosting a gift wrapping day to prepare the gifts that the children will purchase at the Mothers' Day Stall on Wednesday 2nd May from 9am in the demountable. Even if you can only spare a short time, please come along as many hands make light work. Have a coffee and get to know some other parents. Everyone is welcome. Morning tea and refreshments will be provided.

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.

YEAR ONE HISTORY UNIT

“THEN AND NOW”

For our Year 1 History Unit “Then and Now” we have been exploring how technology and tradition has changed. We brought things from home and created our own museum. We have had so much fun thinking and talking about how our world has become different over time, and how fortunate we are to have electricity, air conditioning and even a workbook to write in!

Some of the year 1 students were interviewed about some of the artifacts they examined from the class museums.

The Camera

You have to press a button on the old camera. It makes photos by using film. Now we have screens for our cameras.

Samuel and Angela 1 Blue

The Beater.

The beater stirs things and makes food thick. You turn the handle for a long time and your arm hurts. Now we use machines to cook.

Gabrielle and Anthony 1 Gold

The Meat Mincer

You squash meat with it and turn the handle around so it makes meat into mince. Now we use a mix master and it's so much easier because you just push the button and can walk away and then you come back and it's done.

Vincent and Kiara 1 Blue

The Big Black Phone

I like the old phone. We don't have phones like this anymore. There are two parts and you dial it. There is no screen. The phone is a lot bigger. You have to leave it at home because it's heavy and big and there is a chord. One child from Year 1 wondered how you could carry something so big in your handbag!

Dennis and Angelina 1 Gold

