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Newsletter Term 2 Week 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the feast of Trinity Sunday. On this day we celebrate the mystery and appreciate the nature of God.

The Trinity is what Jesus ~ God made man ~ has told us about the nature of God. He speaks of God the Creator, one with who Jesus is united. He promises us a helper, the Holy Spirit, to inspire and strengthen us.

The Trinity is God's three ways of being there for us. Every time we make the sign of the cross we reaffirm our belief in a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are baptised "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit", and we remind ourselves of this reality when we pray and when we bless ourselves and others.

Of course, many significant people come into our lives and we get a real sense that the Spirit of God is within them. Their ways, their support and their kindness are all evidence of the Holy Spirit present in our lives. I am sure many people come to mind who touch our hearts, mind and spirit on a daily basis or incidentally. It is through these people that we see the face of God.

Let's continue to bring life to our community by allowing the Spirit to inspire us through:

Love, Kindness, Joy, Faithfulness, Patience, Goodness, Peace, Humility, Self control

*"...as it was in the beginning
is now and ever will be now and forever.
Amen."*

All the very best for the week ahead.

*Steven Jones
Principal*

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

Once again, there continues to be complaints and concerns regarding parents and guardians not considering the safety of all members of our school community, especially our students during drop off and pick up time. On behalf of the school community could ALL PLEASE FOLLOW THE ROAD RULES from not waiting for a parking position whereby a car is not leaving immediately (please note it is illegal). Please see the P&F News for more details.

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4

Wednesday: Basketball Clinics;
8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
9am Child Protection Briefing
Friday: ES1 & Stage 1 Mass

Week 5

Monday: Yr 3 Excursion
9am Assembly 6 Blue
7pm Parent Reconciliation Meeting
Tuesday: ICAS Science
Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
Wednesday: Basketball Clinics;
8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)

Week 6

Monday: 9am Assembly 6G
Tuesday: 8:15am Morning Workout
(Yr4-Yr6)

Wednesday: Basketball Clinics;
8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
Friday: Athletics Carnival

Week 7

Monday: **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Tuesday: **Staff Development Day - No
School for Students**
Wednesday: 8:15am Morning Workout
(K-Yr3)
Friday: Magic Flute Performance

NOTES HOME

Last Friday

- Yr4, 5 & 6 Child Survey
Permission Note
- BYOLT Workshop Note

SAVE THE DATE

A 'BYOLT Parent Workshop' will be held on Tuesday 5th June for parents in Years 4 - Year 6.

MERIT AWARDS

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| KB | Miranda; Olivia | 4B | Markos; Anabella |
| KG | Kyla; Olivia | 4G | Leah; Damon |
| 1B | - | 5B | Luca; Jacinta |
| 1G | Myra; | 5G | Violet; Claudia |
| 2B | Amy, Ojas | 6B | Leah; Peter |
| 2G | Makanaka; Amelia | 6G | Chanel; Rebecca |
| 3B | Tony; Kruti | CA | Elisha; Lachlan |
| 3G | Winona; Brandon | PE | Eva; Yasemin |

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards

Isabella ▪ Bradley ▪ Elisha ▪ Gevin
▪ Luca ▪ Claudia ▪ Elizabeth ▪
Michael ▪ Sai Hasini ▪ Sanjana ▪
Eva ▪ Rouba ▪ Gabriella ▪ Anthony
▪ Caitlyn

Opal Awards

Bhakti ▪ Chloe

TELL THEM FROM ME (PARENT SURVEY)



During the next few weeks we are inviting students, teachers and **parents** to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wentworthville.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/olmcwentworthville>

Please note, Tell Them from Me has replaced the Quality Catholic Schools (QCS) Survey that has been completed previously in the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta.

ATTENDANCE

Currently – 90.7%
2018 Goal - 90%

Every Learner, Every Day is a school and diocesan approach designed to promote the importance of school attendance. School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. As a school and diocese we have collectively set an attendance rate goal of 90% for the 2018 school year. Congratulations students and parents on the achievement of our goal to date.

MORNING WORKOUT CHANGE OF DATES

As mentioned in last week's newsletter and at Monday's assembly due to the number of students attending Thursday morning workout and the commencement of students wearing sports uniform from **THIS WEEK** there are changes to the days and students who can attend morning workouts. As was previously expected, older or younger siblings can not be left unsupervised by a parent.

TUESDAY MORNING WORKOUT - Yr 4 to Yr 6, WEDNESDAY MORNING WORKOUT - Kindy to Yr 3.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONGRATULATIONS: to all the children who were Confirmed on Saturday morning! May the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen your love in Jesus, as you live your faith with boldness and joy. Thank you to all the parents and sponsors who lovingly continue to support and encourage these children along their journey of faith. Thanks also to the many ministries who work cooperatively to prepare and celebrate this sacrament; especially the staff of our school, SRE, music ministry and liturgy committee.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Enrolment forms are due this Friday and the Parent Information Evening will be held this Monday 28th May at 7pm in the Narthex. **At least ONE parent/carer of each child MUST attend this evening.** For further enquiries please sms Paola on 0414 947 799 or email paola.olmc@gmail.com.

FAQs: Why is there no longer a certificate ceremony? Some years ago, the Diocese of Parramatta joined many other Diocese around Australia in returning the focus back onto the sacrament. For too long, we placed too much emphasis on receiving the certificate that it distracted from receiving the sacrament. Children still receive certificates for their Confirmation and first Eucharist, but we no longer feel the need to commemorate this with a ceremony. The satisfaction should come from receiving the sacrament, not the certificate.

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

Parents and Friends Meeting - Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents and Friends meeting last night. It was wonderful to have so many people there sharing their experience and contributing to our discussion.

Save the Date! - Friday 3rd August at 6:30pm we will be having a bingo night at Camilleri Hall, Ettalong Road, Pendle Hill. More information to follow.

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. We are currently seeking additional parent helpers to run the store. If you can help out please contact the school office or P&F representatives. **Opening Times - Mondays and Fridays 8:45am - 9:00am.**

Road Safety - People are asked to be safe and mindful of everyone whilst driving around our school. The safety of everyone is our paramount concern. Please be aware that if you are waiting for someone to leave their parking space and restrict any cars in the process you are breaking the law. This is considered double parking and carries a fine of \$330 and a loss of 4 points. A reminder that before school, Bennett Street is a No Parking Area. You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking Area. You must remain in your car or within 3 metres of the vehicle. Failure to comply will lead to a loss of 3 points and a fine of \$183. To drive your car without a clear view of what is in front of you, which is an issue on both Bennett and Smith Streets coming over the crest of the hill, is a loss of 4 points and a fine of \$439.

The Roads and Maritime Authority consider the safety of school children to be a high priority and have therefore imposed strict and onerous penalties for people disregarding the law. The rules are there to improve the safety of child pedestrians and to reduce traffic congestion around schools. You can see the list of offences and penalties at: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>.

We ask that everyone remember that our school is a safe and respectful community, especially when you are undertaking the responsibility of driving a car. Please make sure that everyone who transports your child to and from school is aware of these rules.

CONFIRMATION 2018 AT OLMC

Last weekend children from our school and parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Peter Williams was the principal celebrant at the Mass on Saturday and confirmed the children during Mass.

Below are some of the children's responses to their experience of Confirmation.

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| <i>I felt holy because I received the Holy Spirit</i> <i>Joyous, I am special</i> | <i>Blessed and closer to God</i> <i>Special experience of being anointed with Chrism</i> | <i>At Baptism I started my journey but this time I chose to be part of the faith community.</i> | <i>Whole, complete, overwhelmed</i> <i>Belief in Jesus strengthened</i> |
| <i>Special because I am now part of the community</i> | <i>My family was guiding me.</i> | <i>Ready to continue my faith journey</i> | <i>Walking in Jesus' footsteps.</i> |
| <i>Glad Jesus was beside me.</i> | <i>I felt like Jesus was guiding me.</i> | <i>Joyous, I am special.</i> | <i>Protected by Jesus.</i> |



Top-To-Toe Day

What is Top To Toe Day? Your children may have seen various posters displayed around the school walls, those saying 'Top-To-Toe Day?' The Year 6 Mini Vinnies group are preparing for our winter appeal drive. As of next month, the season of winter is going to kick in. O.L.M.C will be supporting the homeless or poverty-stricken people around us. Students from every class will be asked to support those who need our help to keep warm this winter. The day will be on the 7th June 2018 which is in Week 6 on a Thursday (this is one day only). We are asking for donations of beanies, gloves, scarves and socks.

Top To Toe is a special day to also be grateful for what we have. We are living like Christ reaching out to others, especially on this Top to Toe Day. All the items will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. Our donations will be handed over to the St Vincent de Paul team at assembly on 13th June.

We look forward to the day and hope that everyone will participate in this special event.

Thank you! The Mini Vinnies, Year 6 School Leaders.

