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Newsletter Term 3 Week 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Recently on the way to work I heard on the radio that 80% of fathers would like to spend more time with their children. This weekend provides us with an opportunity to do exactly this wish.

My greatest joy in life is being a father (well most of the time!). As I reflect on how quickly my three boys have grown up, it is with a great sense of pride and **amazement**. But it isn't easy being a dad. There have been many times I have had to say the word they don't like hearing "NO", from a young age when it was "no, don't touch, hot", to "no, you can't have the latest game being advertised on television, or the breakfast cereal full of sugar", to "no, you can't watch that movie or television show that is inappropriate" or "no, you can't go on Facebook now!" Having the energy and saying "no" to the third child is definitely harder, or is it that I have become a little more relaxed? But ultimately, they all need to hear that word. Of course, this is nothing new in parenting, saying "no" has always been a parental responsibility. Whilst it isn't always easy, that is our responsibility as a parent.

A father also has a duty to nurture his son(s) and/or daughter(s); to be present in their lives and to express emotions and to model the rules of life.

How to deal with hurt, disappointment, anger, stress, boredom, love, affection, surprise, embarrassment and responsibilities?

Being present (mind, body, heart and spirit) with your children is the most important thing I believe. These are attributes that can't be bought. As they say the simplest things are often the best (and cheapest!)

As we celebrate Fathers' Day this weekend, it is a great opportunity for us fathers (and mothers) to reflect on our role as parents and naturally give thanks to our fathers (and enjoy the socks, hankies, cooked breakfast...).

I look forward to seeing many fathers, grandfathers, and father figures at Friday's breakfast and mass.

Steven Jones
Principal

IN MEMORIAM BENITA SAAD

It is with deep sadness that we inform the school community that Benita Saad, mother of Georgia and Rebecca (Year 6) passed away last Thursday 23 August after a short illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Andre, Isabella, Georgia and Rebecca during this extremely difficult time for the family and friends. A Requiem Mass for the eternal repose of the soul of Benita will be celebrated next Tuesday 4 September at St Margaret Marys Church Merrylands at 10:30am.

***May eternal rest grant unto Benita,
O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon her.
May Benita rest in peace.***

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 6

Thu: Yr 5 Excursion - North Head
Fri: Jersey Day, 8am Fathers' Day Breakfast & 9:15am Fathers' Day Mass

Week 7 - Communion Classes Begin

Mon: 9am Assembly- KB prayer
Book Week Assembly and activities
Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
 Book Swap
 Year 1 Excursion to Woolworths
Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
 9am-3pm Backyard League Yrs 3-6)

MUFTI DAY DROUGHT APPEAL

Fri: 8:30-3pm Stage 2 Touch Gala Day @ The Kingsway St Marys

Week 8

Mon: 9:15am Assembly- KG prayer
Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
 6:30pm Band Concert
Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
Fri: Mass - Yrs 5 & 6

Week 9

Mon: 9am Assembly - 6G prayer
Tue: 8:15am Morning Workout (Yr4-Yr6)
Wed: 8:15am Morning Workout (K-Yr3)
Thu: 9:30am Yrs 5 & 6 Surf Education Talk

NOTES HOME

Today

- Book Club Catalog
- Yr 1 Woolworths Walking
- Yr 2 Science Program

Friday

- Fathers' Day Stall
- Sport Day Changes
Yrs 2, 4 & 5
- Tournament of Minds
Parents only

Last Thursday

- Naplan Online Test
- Yr 4 Excursion-Museum

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Abigail, Misha	4B	Myra, Sara
KG	Zachary, Pranav	4G	Grace, Tristan
1B	Jesse, Angelina	5B	Christopher, Luca
1G	Eva, Matthew	5G	Peter, Anila
2B	Chimir, Varsha	6B	No awards presented
2G	Arav, Estelle	6G	Zac, Shuvani
3B	Harish, Gabriella	CA	Marco, Saadhana
3G	Aleisha, Saxon	PE	No awards presented

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Annabelle ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Marcus ▪ Logan ▪ Andrea ▪ Emily ▪ Kim ▪ Jared ▪ Shuvani ▪ Jessica

Opal Awards: Saadhana ▪ Riona ▪ Jasmine ▪ Chimir ▪ Eleni ▪ Georgia ▪ Ayden ▪ Angelina ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Kyla ▪ Saskia ▪ Francis

Platinum Awards: Yelesta ▪ Mia ▪ Mia ▪ Noah ▪ Lucas

Principal's Awards: Liya ▪ Mrunal ▪ Charlise ▪ Sai ▪ Chivonne ▪ Claudia ▪ Sajin ▪ Rouba

Diamond Award: Sylvana



JULIE OWENS 2018 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2)

Julie Owens (Federal Member for Parramatta) would like to invite students in Kindergarten to Year 2 to take part in her Christmas Card competition. The winner's artwork will be featured her 2018 Christmas card, which will be sent to residents and community groups across the Parramatta electorate. The children are invited to draw or paint a Christmas scene that they feel captures the spirit of the festive season and/or what Christmas means to them. Entries need to be completed on an A4 piece of paper and include the student's full name, age, class and school written clearly on the reverse side. **All entries must be received in this office, no later than 5:00pm on Friday, 28 Sept 2018.** Entries may be posted "free of charge" to – Office of Julie Owens MP Reply Paid 395 Parramatta NSW 2124
Attention: Launa Jabour. Finalists' drawings will be posted online and the winner will be selected by public vote.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge website closes this Friday 31 August for student access to online reading records. Congratulations to the many children who completed the challenge during the past week: Alexander, Asaei, Jolenta, Zachary, Jad, Joseph, Mahalia, Miranda, Jayden, Alexander, Yara, Katrina, Sean, Misha, Benjamin, Olivia, Sai, Olivia, Lily, Lucas, Steven, Olivia, Armaan, Rihanna, Olivia, Kyla, Yelesta, Liliana, Kian, Emilio, Aerabella, Thomas, Tanvi, Alissa, Anabel, Greta, Sienna, Reuben, Ethan, Myraa, Ethan, Elouise, Talahiva, Mahit, Adam, Luke, Marcus, Samyel, Anthony, Jesse, John-Sayed, Kiara, Malek, Kashvi, Rohan, Kiara, Zahara, Kruthi, Matthew, Matthew, Aryan, Marco, Pranava, Dylan, Theresa, Lincoln, Devin, Ayden, Andrea, Peter, Skyler, Dylan, Aryan, Jared, Ishana, Christopher, Samuel, Claudia, Joachim, Shuvani, Jathish and Kim. We just have 41 children to go in order to reach our target of all children in our school completing the challenge.

BOOK CLUB

Today the Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 Catalogs were sent home. All orders need to be placed online through [LOOP](#) or downloading the app. All orders need to be completed online by Wednesday 12 September. Please remember that **NO CASH** orders will be accepted.

FATHERS' DAY

After breakfast Dads, Grandfathers and other male role models are invited to join us at Mass at 9.15am. Please note, on this day students will be able to wear a favourite jersey with their sports uniform as part of [Jersey Day](#).

BOOK WEEK & BOOK SWAP

Next Monday we will celebrate Book Week at OLMC. The children are asked to come dressed as a book character. The children have been buzzing about their planned outfits. Parents are welcome to join us for our assembly on the back playground from 9:15am. Don't forget to send in books for our Book Swap next Tuesday. A gold coin donation gets everyone the chance to get a new book and support our Farmers.

DROUGHT APPEAL - MUFTI DAY (CHANGE OF DATE)

Children are asked to wear casual, comfortable clothes on Wednesday 5th September and donate a gold coin to help support our farmers during the drought. Money raised will be given to Vinnie's Drought Appeal. Children will also be writing messages and making cards to send to the children/families from St John's primary School, Cobar who are badly affected by the drought.

P&F NEWS

Wrapping Day - Thank you to everyone who came to help wrap our gifts for the Fathers' Day Stall last Wednesday. We truly appreciate your time and help.

Captivate - A huge thank you to Mrs Laus, Mrs Kirby, Miss Jessel and Miss Magtanong for coordinating the stunning performances the children from our school community delivered at Captivate last Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Thanks also to Mr Jones and Miss Pirovic for their support of this experience. The children were amazing and will carry the memory of performing in front of a large audience forever. Thank you for affording them such a magical experience.

Fathers' Day Stall - Thank you to all the people who came to help with our Fathers' Day Stall today. We hope that the fathers and grandfathers in our children's lives are happy with the small tokens of affection that your children have chosen for you. A huge thank to Sonia Farah and Joanne Sakr for once again coordinating the stall. We are very grateful for your continued commitment to providing this service to our children.

Fathers' Day Breakfast - A reminder that everyone in our school community is invited to celebrate the gift of fatherhood at our Fathers' Day Breakfast this Friday 31 August at 8am on the back playground. (entry via Smith Street) After breakfast please join us for our Fathers' Day Mass in the Church at 9:15.

Fete Meeting - As you will know by now our school and parish fete date for 2019 has been set for Friday 22nd March 2019. Please make sure it is in your calendar! This is the major fundraising event for the school and parish.

Our first fete meeting will take place TONIGHT (Wednesday 29 August) at 7pm in the Parish Centre. This is a great opportunity to come along and find out more about how our fete works and what you can do to help. You don't have to put your hand up now, just come along and see what we have planned and consider how you want to be involved in making our 2019 fete the best ever. If you have a business that is looking to advertise in the community, consider signing up for a sponsorship package. Sponsorship information can be obtained from the school office or please email us at olmcfete@gmail.com for further information.

CAPTIVATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY SHOWCASE

After months of tireless lunchtime singing and dancing rehearsals, nearly 60 very excited and enthusiastic OLMC students from Grades 3 to 6 performed at the Quay Centre Homebush Week 5 Tuesday and Wednesday night at the 10th Anniversary Captivate Showcase. There was a huge audience of very proud family and friend and the smiles and talents of each and every student shone brighter than starlight!

Dance Troupe:

Sporting gorgeous purple shirts, colourful crazy socks and very creative hairstyles, our OLMC dance students performed to *Mr Sandman* and the brilliant combined dance drama and choir item Finale '*Shine Bright Like a Diamond*'

The students had to learn how to work as a team with other schools to perform as an ensemble and for some to how to combat stage fright! The audience loved their funky moves and the music.



Choir: Wearing smart white shirts that cleverly reflected colourful lights and accompanied by a symphony orchestra, the choir sang a multitude of songs in harmony. The also participated in the Drama items wearing silly props and joining in with the action on stage.

Two Primary school age solos were sung in beautiful alto and soprano harmonies. Several other songs were also part of a combined orchestra and choir along with secondary schools from the Parramatta Dioceses. The opening and closing numbers were truly spectacular.



Thank you to Miss Magtanong for preparing and leading the choir, Mrs Laus for preparing and leading the Dance Ensemble (and organising all those tickets and emails!) and Mrs Kirby and Miss Jessel for supporting rehearsals and assisting and supervising the students on the night.

What an amazing achievement! Congratulations to all the students who participated. You were exemplary in representing our school and we hope your are as proud of wonderful performance as your mums, dads and teachers were on the night.