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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Last Friday was a wonderful celebration of the community spirit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It was a pleasure to spend time with families and have the chance to catch up for a chat over a delicious meal. Thank you to the Parent and Friends Association for coordinating this event and all the parents who helped make it such a success.

Last Friday we also inducted our School Leaders, Sport Leaders and Student Representative Council. The children were anointed with the oil of Chrism and blessed as they begin their student leadership journey at OLMC. As Father Denis spoke about leadership to the children I was reminded of what the children said when they put themselves forward as leaders. A common theme amongst them all was the idea that a person did not have to have a badge to be a leader, that we are all leaders.



There are many ways that we can all demonstrate leadership in our daily lives. This could include:

- stepping up to offer help when needed,
- inviting another person into a game or conversation,
- telling another person that what they have said was not kind,
- picking up a piece of rubbish,
- waiting patiently for a parking spot.

We encourage all the children and parents to look for ways that they can be leaders in their daily lives.

Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4

Tue: 6:20 pm-7pm Child Protection Briefing in Library
7 pm P&F General Meeting

Wed: 9 am Child Protection Briefing in Library

Thu: 8:15 am Morning Workout

Week 5

Mon: Assembly - 6G

Thu: Mufti Day - Chocolate
8:15 am Morning Workout

Fri: Staff Development Day- No Students

NOTES HOME

Today

- Catholic Schools Guide 2019 Yrs 2-6
- Riverside Theatre Excursion Yr 5
- Meet the Teacher - 4th March

Friday

- Book Club Booklets
(online orders only - no money to office)

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Logan, Amelie	4B	Ethan, Sai
KG	Catherine, Eli	4G	Georgia, Keillan
1B	Liam, Amelia	5B	No awards presented.
1G	Joseph, Abigail	5G	No awards presented.
2B	No awards presented.	6B	Mary, Ayii
2G	Eva, Sari	6G	Sabrina, Isabella
3B	No awards presented.	CA	Johnathan, Matthew
3G	Samuel, Alessandra	PE	Caitlyn, Billy

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 1 March is a Staff Development Day where the teachers will be working on analysing the data gained from the Mathematics Assessment Interview, On Demand Writing and other assessments conducted with the children. The teachers will be developing goals with the children for their learning based on this information which will be shared with parents at the Meet the Teacher Interviews during Week 6. Parents can contact Teresa at COOSHC (0409 361 929) if they require supervision on this day.

THURSDAY MORNING WORKOUTS

Thursday Workout will begin in Week 4 (Tomorrow morning). This will be a chance for students to get involved in a bit of exercise for about 20-30 mins before school begins each Thursday morning, and is open to students in all year groups. Sessions will begin at 8:15 am sharp, the front gate will be briefly opened at this time to let students in, but will be locked shortly after. If students are going to be participating they need to be on time, joining halfway through a session is not permitted. Children can wear their sport uniform if they are participating.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION. Recently, at our school's opening Mass, the school leaders were commissioned to serve the school community. They were anointed with the oil of Chrism; a fragrant and powerful oil. In the days of the Old Testament, people were anointed for special missions, too; the Holy Spirit would help and guide them to perform specific tasks. In this way, too, Confirmation is a sacrament of commissioning; we are sent out to be disciples, and to spread the Good News of Jesus. If your child is in Year 5 or older, and has been baptised in a (Roman) Catholic Church, you are invited to enrol them for Confirmation. For more information, please visit our [parish website](#) or email paola.olmc@gmail.com.

NAPLAN ONLINE

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment. Click on the link to access the [NAPLAN Demonstration Site](#).

Some of the key features include a range of question types, on screen tools, timers and interactive navigation. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to practise the complete range of question formats available in the online assessment.

WE NEED YOU!

The Catholic Church is undergoing a review and we need your opinions to make change happen. The Church wants to hear from everyone, ESPECIALLY YOU! They want to know what you think needs to change. They want to know why you don't go anymore and what would make it more appealing to you. If we don't respond then change won't happen. Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous [OLMC Parent Survey](#) to support our parish response.

This is a unique and exciting time to have your say. Visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> and have your say or put something in writing and place it in the opinion box in the office. There are only 3 weeks to go!

P&F NEWS

Welcome Picnic - Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate the beginning of the school year. It was wonderful to see so many people at the welcome picnic. Thanks also to the staff who stayed to get to know our families a little better. A special thank you to everyone who helped on the night. We could not have done it without so many willing volunteers. Thank you for your gift of time. Thank you also to Paula and Donna for their organisation of the evening.

Parents and Friends Meeting - Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents and Friends meeting on Tuesday night. It was wonderful to see some new faces and to say hello to old friends. Minutes from the meeting will be sent out shortly. This meeting occurs once a term and is a social and informal way to hear from our school and parish leaders about what is happening at OLMC. The various Parents and Friends Committees also share information about what they have been working on. We hope to see many of you at our upcoming meetings which are a pleasant experience as you can see from the photos below.



Fete News - **The fete will soon be here. Friday 22nd March is only 30 days away!!!!** Take some time over to consider how you can become involved in making our fete great! Our next fete meeting is **Wednesday 27 February at 7 pm** in the Parish Centre. Please come along and help make our fete fantastic. Thank you to the many people who have volunteered to assist with the fete. We are extremely grateful. We are urgently seeking people to help by becoming a stall coordinator. **We still need people to coordinate the Dunk Tank (you would be finished by 7pm!) and the Book Bazaar.** We also need someone to assist with directing prize winners at the Chocolate Wheel. Coordinate your own, or work with a friend. It is a fun and easy way to become more involved in the major fundraiser for our school and Parish. Training, equipment and support will be provided. For more information email olmcfete@gmail.com. We are asking everyone from our community to get behind our fete and volunteer an hour of their time. To ensure you get the stall and time that best suit you visit <http://signup.com/go/ecdtldr> and sign up today!

Congratulations to Jarrod (6 Blue) and Sara (5 Gold) who won our first prize draw for bringing back their sold book of raffle tickets! To be in the draw each Monday morning, just bring in your sold book of raffle tickets with the money and your name will go into the barrel. **We have amazing prizes to be won in our major raffle for only \$2 a ticket!** We also have prizes for the families that sell the most raffle tickets as well as weekly prizes for sending your tickets in before **15 March**. Make sure to buy some tickets and get selling your raffle book to be in the running for these fabulous prizes. If you would like more raffle tickets, in addition to the ones sent home this week, please see the school office.

Qualified Electrician Needed! - We are seeking qualified services of an Electrician to setup the power for the fete stalls on Fete Day and must be present during the Fete in case there are any issues. Please contact Paula for further information.

If you happen to misplace distributed fete information or forms, they are available on the school website under [Parents and Friends](#) link.

An Insight into Year 6 Camp

Activities At Camp

At camp we did loads of fun and thrilling activities that required everyone to step out of their comfort zones and even doing things that they have never done before. There were plenty of activities and each one of them was really fun. Every activity required trust in yourself and your group members but all of them were safe and secure. Every single activity may have been challenging but once you've completed them you feel amazing no matter what it is. It could be going to the top of the giant swing or finally getting that bullseye in archery. No matter what you complete it is always an achievement that will make you feel great. A list of all the activities are laser tag, archery, giant swing, rock climbing, flying fox and as a whole grade we did fun in the sun and oval games. Camp was an incredible experience for everybody who was there and I'm sure that every single Year 6 student had fun. I definitely rate camp collaroy a 10/10 and recommend it for all students.

Michael



Scariest and Proudest Moments

There are many things that I would like for people to know about my camp experience. For starters being pushed out of our comfort zone, always trying new things and taking risks. Don't be frightened to do anything. Lots of people say that the giant swing was really scary, it looks scary but it's not that scary. Some people have a fear of heights, lots of children overcame that fear. Some of the proudest moments for the other children were, working as a team, getting to the top of the giant swing and ringing the bell during rock climbing. Whoever goes to camp next year and all the other years remember that there is nothing to be afraid or worried about, try everything and remember that you have friends and teachers around you so you're totally safe. Last reminder, go to camp and have as much fun and a growth mindset!

Elizabeth

The Extreme Walk

On the last night of camp (Thursday night) after dinner, all of Year 6, including the teachers, had to get ready to go on a walk that was one and a half hours long. We all walked out of the dining room and down to a humongous grass field. The camp guides that were taking us on the walk explained the rules and off we went. We walked past shops and the beach and houses. When we reached the midpoint destination, we stopped and looked at the view. It was so pretty. We were on top of a mountain which has the view of the ocean. The whole grade had a group photo and we had all the teachers in it including Mrs Smith and Miss Dooley who came to visit us at camp that night. After about 15 minutes on top of the mountain we began to walk back to camp. As we were walking back down the mountain, we passed another school from the camp. On the way back we needed our torches because it was starting to get dark. When we got back to the camp and back up the hill on the grass area, we all flopped on the grass didn't want to move. I believe that Camp Collaroy is the best camp ever!

Matilda

