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Newsletter  
Term 1 Week 6

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Today marks the beginning of Lent. The word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for Spring, which mirrors the season that is beginning in the Northern Hemisphere where life is regenerating and blooming. For us in the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are reversed and we have to adapt the symbolism. After the heat of Summer, perhaps we can pray for the grace of God's Spirit to come with the gentle Autumn rains to purify and refresh our hearts.

During Mass today Fr Martinho asked the children to identify the difference between Lent and Advent. Yasemin responded saying that Lent was about sacrifice while Advent was about preparing. This idea of sacrifice was picked up by Fr Martinho when he described it as...

### *'Sacrifice to receive spiritual gifts'*

Lent isn't simply about giving things up. In our new Religious Education syllabus we will be looking how we can go 'deeper'. So as we think of our Lenten promises we can consider what we can do to give of ourselves to make a difference. Today the children sang the following words that encourage us to go deeper and follow in Jesus' way....

***These ashes we receive reminding us  
It's time for a change of heart.  
These ashes we receive reminding us  
It's time for a brand new start  
To follow in Jesus' way.***



*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Acting Principal

***The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful***

## UPCOMING DATES

### **Week 6 - Catholic Schools Week**

#### **Meet the Teacher Week**

**Thur:** 9:30-10:30am Open Morning for 2020 Kindy & prospective families

**Thur:** Yr 5 Riverside Excursion

**Fri:** 9:00-10:00am Stage 2 Mass

### **Week 7**

**Mon:** 4G Assembly

**Wed:** 3:25-4:25pm AFL AusKick

**Thur:** Selective Schools Tests Yr 7

**Fri:** Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme Day

**Fri:** Mufti Day - Fete

## NOTES HOME

### **Today**

- Change of Sport Wk 6 - Kindy
- School Fees 2019
- School Fete Flyers
- Fete Newsletter

### **MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY, 15 MARCH**

Bring a basket - see Fete Newsletter for more details

### **NO THURSDAY WORKOUT THIS WEEK ONLY**

(due to Parent/Teacher Interviews)

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	No awards presented.	4B	Isabella, Sowjanya
KG	Charlotte, Aakash	4G	Kruti, Sebastian
1B	Olivia, Alexander	5B	Celeste, Tomos
1G	Chanel, Benjamin	5G	Jonathan, Georges-Emmanuel
2B	Olivia, Kiara	6B	Chris, Marisol
2G	Myraa, Jada	6G	Michael, Mia
3B	Jada, Gabriel	CA	Jada - 2B, Gabriel - 3B
3G	Alanah, Lachlan	PE	Sameet - 3G, Lucas - 1G

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR SPORT LEADERS



As I became a green sports leader it gave me the more confidence and now I have higher responsibilities. I really enjoy sports, especially netball and touch football. I am excited to be a sports leader as I now have the opportunity to show my qualities to younger students. Elizabeth

I like to play basketball, soccer and football. I'm excited about sport leader because I can help and support the other students in our school. Adam

it is an amazing opportunity to be a blue sports leader because not many people get the opportunity to be sports leader and help the school be a better place. Some of my hobbies are colouring, playing netball and dancing. Violet

I'm very glad that I am a sport leader and I will promise to always do my best. I will lead with pride and help anyone in need. It's a huge honour. I love games and music and will help all. David

## PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE



During the Summer Holiday the children had the challenge of designing a Fete Flyer for our 2019 School and Parish Fete and completing the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge (These certificates will be sent home this week). Many children entered with the winning poster design by Ann and the runner up was Aravi.

The children who won the draw from the Principal's Holiday Challenge were: Chanel (Yr1), Jada (Yr2), Michael (Yr3), Sai (Yr4), Sylvana (Yr5) and Ann (Yr6). The overall winner was Ansh (Yr6). Congratulations to all children who participated in the challenge and we hope there are many more for the Term 1 Holiday Challenge.

## TYPING PRACTISE

With the introduction of NAPLAN Online and our world rapidly relying on digital efficiency, typing is an important skill. The more comfortable students are typing, the more they can focus on the quality of what they are trying to achieve. <https://www.typingclub.com/> is a free typing program that students can use to improve their keyboard familiarity. Typing messages, shopping lists and reminders can also help their fluency.

## SCHOOL FEES 2019

School fee accounts are being mailed directly to your home address this week by CEDP. A detailed explanation has been sent home today with your child outlining the fees that have been charged this year. Families who have not received their school fees account via Australia Post by Friday 15 March are asked to contact the School Office.

## NUMERACY AT HOME

The **numeracy@HOME** resources support maths learning during everyday activities, such as when families are preparing meals, playing games, or walking down the street.

<https://www.numeracyathome.com/> resources acknowledge that families are children's first maths educators and support parents through a range of videos, tip sheets, a blog, and a facebook feed.

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**FAQs: *If my child wasn't baptised in the Roman Catholic Church, can they still receive the sacrament?*** I must admit, I love answering this question because it gives me a chance to talk about other faiths. We are blessed to have many other Christian faiths in our community, and we *love* that you want to celebrate with us. Your child's baptism certificate will give you the best indication of what they could celebrate, and we will always honour your child's baptismal faith, but if you have any questions, please contact us at the priory. Enrolment forms are available online at [www.olmcwentry.org.au](http://www.olmcwentry.org.au) and can be returned to priory office or email Paola on [paola.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:paola.olmc@gmail.com).

## P&F NEWS

**Plenary Council** - Thank you to everyone who filled in the survey for the Plenary Council. Your submissions have been forwarded. This is a unique and exciting time to have your say. Visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> today if you want to be heard.

**Fete News - The fete will soon be here. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is only 16 days away!!!! Take some time over to consider how you can become involved in making our fete great!**

**Stall Coordinators:** We are still seeking Coordinators for the Dunk Tank, Book Bazaar, Photo Booth and Chocolate Wheel Prize Registrar. If you and a friend are interested in running one of these stalls on fete day and have any questions, please email Paula at [olmcfete@gmail.com.au](mailto:olmcfete@gmail.com.au). Also, the Bazaar Baskets, Cake Stall and Carmel Grill have Coordinators, but require another Coordinator to assist them on the Fete day.

**Volunteers:** Thank you to the many people who have volunteered to assist with the fete thus far. We are extremely grateful. There are still a number of stalls that require volunteers like the Chocolate Wheel, Carmel Grill, Dunk Tank just to name a few. To ensure you get the stall and time that best suits you visit <http://signup.com/go/ecdtfrf> and sign up today!

**Raffle Books:** All raffle books are due back at the school by no later than Friday, 15th March.

**Unlimited Ride Wristbands:** To ensure that you don't miss out on the discount on unlimited rides wristbands, get your order form in by Friday 15th March. All orders received after this date will be returned.

**Upcoming Mufti Days:** The next mufti day is for the Bazaar Basket stall on Friday, 15th March. The bring a bottle mufti day for Pick-A-Number Bottle stall is on Friday, 22nd March – Fete day.

**Qualified Electrician Needed!** We are seeking qualified services of an Electrician to set up 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. Further information on all of the above is in the Fete Newsletter that is distributed to all families today. If you happen to misplace distributed fete information or forms, they are available on the school website under Parents and Friends at <http://www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Notes-and-Forms>. For more information email [olmcfete@gmail.com](mailto:olmcfete@gmail.com)

**Congratulations to Benjamin Katoush from year 1G and Isabella Bensmann (Kindy) who won our third 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Poster winners** - Congratulations to Ann (Year 6) and Arav (Year 3) on their excellent posters for the fete. These posters were chosen by the school leaders and the fete committee as the flyers for our fete from the Principals Reading Challenge in 2018.

# Catholic Schools Week 2019

A time to **CELEBRATE** what makes us **DIFFERENT**.

To **THANK** those who have supported Catholic Schools in the **PAST**.

To **SEE** what Catholic Schools do in the **PRESENT**.

To **DISCOVER** what Catholic Schools can do in the **FUTURE**.

Our celebration started with a Liturgy lead by the Student Representative Council and was followed by open classrooms where family and friends spent time seeing the fantastic work being done in our learning spaces.

During the week there will be open mornings for parents wanting to enrol children in our school and for Kindergarten in 2020.

