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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Sometimes we encounter concepts in the Scriptures that confuse us or we find difficult to make sense of. For me, one of these concepts is presented in the Gospel reading this week that tells of *the transfiguration of Christ*. So just like the children of OLMC I did some research and turned to someone who could help me. Here is what I found out:

I started looking for definitions and learnt that **transfiguration** means to transform or to change into another form. It also means to change the outside to match the inside. I made the connection with the word metamorphosis which we commonly associate with the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly.

So the next thing I did was to then ask a person who I knew could help me.... Mrs Nolan. She helped me to understand that what occurs in this transfiguration is that the human Jesus, who was always divine, revealed His divinity to His beloved disciples. Up until this point Jesus' divine nature was hidden in his human form. This revelation takes place in the presence of three disciples who stood as human witnesses to the divine glory that was Christ's. There were also three heavenly witnesses, Moses (the lawmaker), Elijah (the prophet) and the voice of God from heaven saying **'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!'** According to Old Testament law, three earthly and divine witnesses are required to attest to any fact, therefore legitimising this experience.



Transfiguration of Our Lord

Mrs Nolan has often spoken about the symbolic links between the Old and New Testaments and this is an example of that link between the covenant made in the Old Testament and the renewal of the promises with Jesus in the New Testament. This covenant defines the relationship between Christian believers and God.

The transfiguration of Jesus that the disciples experienced was not simply something they were to see and experience as happening to Jesus alone. It was also an invitation for them to undergo a transfiguration of their own. This then leads my thinking to ponder what this transfiguration means for me. It calls us to listen to Jesus and all that He invites us to be and do, however much it may seem to go against the conventions of the world we live in. It means having total trust in walking Jesus' way and that this will bring us into full union with God as the source of truth, love, happiness and peace.

So we try to live the words God spoke to the disciples....

'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!'

Olimpia Pirovic
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The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 7

Wed: AFL Clinic (3:20pm - 4:20pm)

Fri: **Day of Action Against Bullying**
Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme Day

**LAST DAY FOR RAFFLE TICKETS
WRISTBAND PRE-PURCHASE**

MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY, 15 MARCH

Bring a basket - see Fete Newsletter for more details

Week 8

Mon: Assembly Prayer 3B

Tues: Child Protection Briefing 6:00pm

Wed: Child Protection Briefing 9:00am

AFL Clinic (3:20pm - 4:20pm)

Fri: Stage 1 Mass

FETE DAY

MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY, 22 MARCH

Bring a bottle - see last week's Fete Newsletter for more details

NOTES HOME

Today

- God Day (eldest)
- NAPLAN Online Readiness
- Glow and Grow Letters (if not given out at Meet the Teacher)

Last Friday

- Yr5 Using Technology
- Apple ID Letter - Yrs 4 & 5
- Clean Up Australia Day

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Sanaa, Mariella	4B	Dominic, Aleisha
KG	Rishaan, Olivia	4G	Mishti, Harsha
1B	Jayden, Emily	5B	Simona, Tristan
1G	Alexander, Aimie	5G	Yasemin, Lucas
2B	Edward, Gabrielle	6B	Chris, Jarrod
2G	John Sayed, Amelia	6G	Hasini, Malith
3B	Justin, Ashleya	CA	Noah - 5B, Liya - 2G
3G	Mishti, Harsha	PE	No awards presented.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR SPORT LEADERS

I am very happy to take on the responsibility of a sports leader and I'm will try to make the school a better place. My hobbies are watching Netflix playing basketball, football soccer and tennis and talking Lebanese. Peter

As a Sports Leader, I am able to share my creative ideas. I play basketball, soccer and running. I train every day in basketball to become the best that I can. I am very ecstatic about becoming a sports leader. Christian

I'm the sports leader for gold. I love being a sports leader it helps me to get to know people more. I love to play lots of games also love animals, I have four animals at home. GO GOLD! Madeline

Being a sport leader means that I have to take on more responsibilities. I'm a black belt in Karate which means I'm already a leader in some way. Being a sport leader is exciting and thrilling and I can't wait until we do more things for the school like swimming carnivals and sports carnivals. Matilda



CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

FAQs: *My child is from another Rite (Maronite/Melkite/Coptic, etc), can they still celebrate with their friends?* Your child's baptism certificate would be your first point of reference; it tells you which sacraments your child received. Baptism and Confirmation are one-off sacraments, they are not repeated, but Holy Communion can be received every day. Talk to your child about their faith background, about the beauty and richness of those traditions. If you'd like your child to have greater understanding of the sacrament, you're welcome to enrol them in the process and attend workshops. If they've already been Confirmed and received their first Holy Communion at baptism, they're welcome to celebrate with their friends as guests. For all sacramental enquiries, please sms Paola on 0414 947 799 or email paola.olmc@gmail.com.

PROJECT COMPASSION

How many taps do you have in your home? How would your life change if you did not have any taps or fresh water?

This year during Lent we are taking part in Project Compassion. We are raising money for people in the Solomon Islands who have no fresh water available in their homes. Every \$5 raised provides one tap in each house. Our goal is **\$2000** by the end of this term. HELP US REACH THIS GOAL! Year 6 Student Leaders

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

On Friday 15 March 2019, Australian schools will stand united in their communities to celebrate the ninth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. OLMC will be involved in this initiative for 2019. Each class will set some time aside on



Friday to explore bullying, what it looks like and some of the strategies to tackle this problem. This aligns with our school wellbeing goal and our focus on continuing to develop a safe and respectful community. The Bullying No Way website is equipped with an extensive range of information for parents and schools. The videos under the heading 'What Is bullying?: Definition of Bullying' are a good resource for families. As a school will focus on the slogan, '**STOMP OUT BULLYING.**' www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

BULLYING. NO WAY!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2019

The 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) has begun and we are again encouraging all students to participate! Today children will bring home their PRC online login details for you to begin updating your child's reading record. Children in Kindy to Year 2 are required to read or experience 30 books from the challenge list. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 are required to independently read 20 books from the challenge list. The books in our library are labelled with stickers to make it easy to identify books that are on the challenge list. The Kindy to Year 2 teachers will record books that they are reading with their class and Mrs Anderiesz will add these books to student records. Click on the link to find information related to privacy at the [PRC Website](#). All student reading logs must be finalised before August 30. Please direct any questions you may have to Mrs Anderiesz.



KINDERGARTEN 2020

Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments have commenced. Last week's open morning was attended by approximately 30 families, with many of them completing and returning their enrolment forms already. Please let family and friends know that packs can be collected between 8:30am and 3:30pm from the school office. There are two more open mornings organised for prospective 2020 Kindergarten families:

Wednesday 27 March - 9:30am
Wednesday 8 May - 9:30am

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

All children are unpacking their major Scriptural focus as they prepare for GOD DAY on Tuesday 9th April. As we begin to understand the new RE curriculum children will be unpacking Scripture at 3 levels. **Surface level** .. what is the story about, who are the characters, when and where did the events occur. Deep level... looking at the social/economic/political/theological background of the Scripture passage. **Transfer level**.. how do we live this in our everyday life? What are the implications of our faith? How do we celebrate/pray/live and worship the message and meaning of the Scriptural focus?

P&F NEWS

FETE DAY IS FAST APPROACHING - Friday 22nd March is only 9 days away!!!!

Friday 15th March Checklist

- o Raffle tickets and money for all sold tickets ready to go back to school today!
- o Ride wristband order form filled in to go back to school today!
- o Children wearing mufti and bring Bazaar basket donation to school today!
- o Send back a note indicating when we can help on Saturday for the Clean Up day

Mufti Day - This Friday, children are invited to wear their own clothes to school and donate a basket for our Bazaar Baskets stall. Each basket is anticipated to be sold for \$10 -15 and can include, gardening, art, hair accessories or Easter items. Please ensure all items in your basket have a good shelf life and we look forward to seeing your creative ideas.

PARENTS & FRIENDS Clean up OLMC day - Get your gloves, gardening tools and enthusiasm ready, it's Clean Up OLMC day on Saturday 16th March (9am to 12pm). Morning tea will be provided for all helpers.

Raffle Books - All raffle books are due back at the school by Friday 15th March. On Monday 18 March ten prizes will be drawn for the families that have returned their tickets and money! We will also present the prizes for the three families who have sold the most raffle tickets. **Congratulations to Anabelle (3G) and Luke (5B) who won this week.**

Unlimited Ride Wristbands - Friday 15 March is the **LAST DAY** to return your order forms for wristbands at the discounted rate. http://www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au/-/media/Files/CEDP/Sites/Primary/OurLadyOfMountCarmelPrimaryWentworthville-Files/2019-Files/Notes/fete-wristbands_001_ashx **Order forms and money received after this date will not be accepted.** Wristbands can be purchased at the fete for \$30.

Fete Meeting - All Stall Coordinators are required to attend the final fete meeting on Monday 18 March, 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Stall Coordinators - We are still seeking Coordinators for a number of stalls. For more information please email Paula at olmfete@gmail.com.au. The coordinators of the Bazaar Baskets, Cake Stall and Carmel Grill are seeking an Assistant Coordinator to assist them on Fete day. To sign up or any of the stalls, please visit <http://signup.com/go/ecdtldr>

Trash N Treasure and Book Bazaar Items - Have you KonMari'd your home recently? Do you have Old toys? DVD's? CD's? Books? Old household items? Consider donating these items to these stalls. Items are now being accepted at the school office. Please ensure all donated items are in good working order and are clean and ready for sale. Due to government regulations we can not accept clothing or electrical goods.

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.

