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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

News of recent events in Christchurch has shocked us all. In a community not too dissimilar to our own here in Western Sydney, a group of faith-filled Muslim people had gathered together in their weekly prayer and contemplation lost their lives through a horrible act of violence. This event has irrevocably changed the lives of many and impacted their lives in ways that we can never know. We also hope that we should never have to experience this level of devastation and sorrow.

We live in a society where media and political attention is often focused on the negative aspects of communities and inflaming messages designed to raise fear. It gives the false perception that the communities we live in are unsafe, when in fact it is quite the opposite. What we fail to hear are the stories of how our multicultural communities live in harmony, cooperation and tolerance.

However, since the news of the attack on the mosque, we have heard of the humanity and unity of those in Christchurch and beyond who have offered their support in both a physical and spiritual presence. We have witnessed how through the power of compassionate and heartfelt words Jacinda Ardern has been able to give comfort and unite a grief-stricken country. **"We are one. They are us."**

"We are a community of believers whose lives are shaped and formed by Jesus' messages of love, tolerance and compassion. These values make us who we are. The worldwide outpouring of support from people of all faiths (and no faith) for the victims and their families reminds us that we are not alone and that at the heart of everything is an overwhelming desire to belong and care for each other."

To those who have lost people they loved and who loved them, we offer our prayers.

May the God of everlasting love walk alongside them and stay with them always.

To the victims, eternal rest grant them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Parents may find the following links useful as you discuss this and other difficult subjects with your children.

[How to Talk to Kids About Difficult Subjects](#)

[How to Talk to your Children About Terrorism in the Wake of Christchurch](#)

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Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 8

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

Fri: Stage 1 Mass

2019 OLMC FETE DAY!

MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY, 22 MARCH

Bring a bottle -

Week 9

Mon: Assembly Prayer 3B

TRIAL NAPLAN Online Testing

Period begins for Yr 3 & 5

Week 9 - cont

Tues: Mission Week Disco Yr6, Yr3 & Yr2

Wed: Open Morning for Prospective

Kindergarten Families 2020

Mission Week Disco Yr4 & Yr1

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

Thur: Mission Week Disco Yr5 & Kindy

Fri: OLMC Wellbeing Unplugged Games

Afternoon

Sharing the Learning (Student books sent home)

NOTES HOME

Monday

- Fete Newsletter Vol 7 Iss 4

Last Friday

- Organisation for Fete Day
- Sport/Music Day Change-Yr3
- Sport/Music Day Change-Yr4

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Ava, Anuj	4B	Mrunal, Saxon
KG	Michael, Joaquin	4G	Eva, Matteo
1B	Elena, Jayden	5B	Markos, Luke
1G	Steven, Mahalia	5G	Jorja, Marcus
2B	Ariana, Soleil	6B	Tunga, Claudia
2G	Liya, Aibel	6G	Francesco, Madeline
3B	Charlize, Jac	CA	Lily, Olivia, Chanel
3G	Mason, Jose	PE	Michael, Lucas

RELIGION UPDATE

We have raised money to buy more than 40 taps, that's over \$200 and it is only the second week of Lent. Thank you for all your support in we are really being like Jesus when we show mercy and kindness to others.

To help our fundraising we are having lunch time discos NEXT WEEK!!!

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH YEARS 6,3,AND 2

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH YEARS 1 AND 4

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 5

Remember it is a GOLD COIN DONATION !!

PLANNING DAYS

In the coming weeks, teachers will be involved in planning days in preparation for Term Two. These days are part of the teacher's awards and are valuable in preparing learning programs for the children. Teachers are replaced by casual teachers who follow a learning program created by the classroom teacher. This occurs whenever a teacher is away for a short or longer period.

CANTEEN

Can all parents please ensure they are placing lunch orders following this procedure:

- All orders must be placed in paper bags
- All bags must include- student name and class written on them with the correct money enclosed and placed in lunch order pouch via their teacher by 9:30 am.
- If correct money is not included, then the order will be changed to match the money in the bag
- The canteen does not do "I owe you". If your child does not have lunch, they will be provided with a butter sandwich by the office.
- Brown paper bags are an extra 20c and sauce is 30c.

KINDERGARTEN 2020

Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments have commenced, with many enrollment interviews already occurring. Please let family and friends know that packs can be collected between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm 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

SHARING LEARNING

On Friday your children will be bringing home their school books to share their learning with their family. We encourage you to talk to your child about their work and the goals they are working on. You might ask your child to show you a piece of work that:

- *challenged them*
- *they are most proud of*
- *they think shows how clever they are*
- *they really enjoyed doing*

Please make sure all books are returned to school on Monday.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2019

Children received their 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) online login details last week and the infant grades have begun recording the PRC books that they are reading in class. Children in Kindy to Year 2 are required to experience 30 books, whilst children in Year 3 to Year 6 are required to independently read 20 books from the challenge list.

There are a range of additional activities that students can complete to demonstrate their understanding of the PRC books they have read. These sheets are located in the Library in the PRC section. When students complete these activities, they can return them to the library and they will be displayed on the PRC wall. All student reading logs must be finalised before August 30. Please direct any questions you may have to Mrs Anderiesz.



P&F NEWS

Parents and Friends' Clean up OLMC: Thank you to all the families that braved the weather and came along on Saturday to help make our school look great. I am sure you agree that the garden beds look fantastic with the new soil and mulch that our volunteers moved for us. Special thanks to Miss Pirovic, Mr Dib, Mr Pace and the children who gave their Saturday morning to help our school.

CAN YOU COOK??? WE NEED A HAND

Indian and Sri Lankan Stall: Jovan has asked to hear from any Indian or Sri-Lankan food cooks who can help with food and/or volunteer at the stall. If you can help, please call Jovan Titus on 0425 265 958.

Italian and Maltese Stall: Antoinette has asked to hear from any Italian or Maltese food cooks who can help with food or at the Stall. If you can help, please call Antoinette on 0411 256 520.

Cake Stall: Calling bakers to help provide cakes/slices for this stall. Tea cakes, fruit cakes, banana cakes, chocolate cakes, biscuits, slices & gluten free anything. All donations can be delivered to the canteen on Fete day. If you are available to help pack cakes in boxes from 2pm on Fete day, please go to the canteen.

Arts & Craft Stall: Margaret from our Arts & Crafts Stall is looking for any donations of your fantastic and creative hand made craft items like toys, aprons, wheat pillows, library bags or anything that you might be able to create. If you can help, please contact Margaret on 0405 509 253.

Trash N Treasure and Book Bazaar Stalls: Donations for these stalls are still being accepted.

Raffle Books: Please return all raffle books to the school office asap.

Upcoming Mufti Days: Bring a bottle mufti day for Pick-A-Number Bottle stall is on Friday 22 March – Fete day. Please ensure your child is wearing closed in shoes (no wheels) and is dressed so that they can fully take part in the school day. Please do not send alcohol to school with your child.

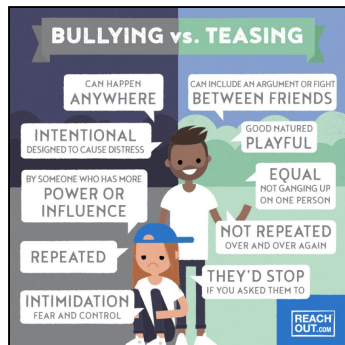
Congratulations: to the 10 children who won our final raffle return draw. Roman (4G), Bridie (5G), Eva (2G), Manuel (5G) Elizabeth (6G) Alexia (KG) Gevin (6G) Billy (3B) Anthony (6G) and Jada (2G). Also, a huge thanks to the Paterno, Epenian and Azar families who sold the most raffle tickets. We hope you enjoy your prizes

Volunteers: Thank you to the many people who have volunteered to assist with the fete thus far. We are extremely grateful. There is always room for extra volunteers so please visit <http://signup.com/go/ecdtidf> and sign up today!

Fete Setup: There is so much work to setup up the Fete, if you are available anytime on Friday to help setup the Fete it would be greatly appreciated. We need help decorating stalls and playgrounds, moving Trash N Treasure items, setting up the Chocolate Wheel area... just to name a few.



National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence



On Friday 15 March 2019, OLMC celebrated the ninth 'National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence'.

Each class set some time aside to define bullying, discuss the difference between bullying and teasing and some strategies to tackle this problem.

Students were given a footprint to make a pledge against bullying and a pocket card with a list of tips and support services they can access.

Our Student Representative Council supported our students in designing class pledges and the OLMC goal to completely **'STOMP OUT BULLYING'** so that we can come together as a safe and respectful community.

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Kindergarten

"Bullying is not nice and it hurts people's feelings. People need to tell the teacher. If you stay with your friends or your buddy it can make you feel better". Charbel and Isabella.



Year 1

"Bullying is when it happens every single day. It's when we use hurtful words, our hands or stop people playing with us". Miranda, Jolenta & Emily

Year 2

"We learnt that bullying is bad and can really impact on your life. It can hurt people's feelings and it can make people feel shy to go learn or try new things". Edward, Rohan and Ethan

Year 3

"As you know last Friday was anti-bullying day. We all got a foot and we had to write and draw about how we can 'STOMP OUT' bullying actions. We put flags around the school that said BULLYING NO WAY !!! Gabriel & Stella

Year 4

"Bullying is something that's repeated over and over again. It can happen anywhere. It can even happen to adults. It can be physical, verbal or mental and it can happen online as well- that's called cyberbullying. It has to include some sort of power". Aleisha, Emma, Caitlyn & Dominic

Year 5

"On Friday the 15th we have hearts in Year 5 about anti-bullying. This year we also made feet with anti-bullying messages on them". Rohan & Luke

Year 6

"We learnt that we shouldn't threaten people or make them scared because we are hurting them. Even if they do something wrong we can tell the teacher, walk away or speak to a friend". Ayii

