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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I wonder if you, like me, are amazed that we are at the halfway mark of the year!

We have had many opportunities during this first half of the year to grow and glow as learners, share our skills, celebrate as a community and come together in prayer and liturgy. As I reflect on these it makes me realise how lucky we are to have such a connected school and parish community. This community has nurtured us all.

Our faith and learning community is made up of many different individuals with similar but also very different experiences and circumstances. Sometimes we may not be aware of the complex circumstances some families face and this can impact on a child's learning or social interactions.

As a Catholic community living by the example of Jesus, we are called to reach out to those on the fringe, be that economically, emotionally, socially, academically or behaviourally. Jesus reached out to those in the community who were on the margins. Our Bishop Vincent calls us to do the same.

What does this mean for us in a school context?

It means we support each other and offer friendship to those who may be lonely on the playground.

It means we offer help if we see a need.

It means we seek forgiveness when we have done something wrong and try to make amends or improve.

It means we offer forgiveness and try not to let a person's reputation stop us from seeing improvement.

It means speaking kindly and not engaging in gossip or damaging talk.

It means being open and understanding without being judgemental.

I'm sure you can think of many other examples. I see time and time again the resilience of the children in our community and their ability to forgive and remould friendships.

The coming holidays will allow us all to recharge and come back refreshed for new learning and opportunities. The break also allows us all to reset and start the term fresh with a new outlook. I wish everyone in our community a safe and relaxed holiday.

Be sure to check out the Principal's Challenge for the Winter Holiday and see how creative you can be.

Olimpia Pirovic

Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 10

Fri: Last Day of Term 2
9am-10am: Stage One Mass
 Year 4, Year 1 Reward Day

Term 3 - Week 1

Mon: Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day

Term 3 - Week 1 Cont.

Tue: Term 3 Begins Assembly -Prayer 3B
Thur: 8:15-8:40am: Morning Workout
 (Students to wait at Bennett St Gate ONLY)
 K-6 Indigenous Cultural Exp
10:30am-11am: Smoking Ceremony
 (Parents Welcome)
Fri: OLMC Grandparents Celebration

TERM 3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
MONDAY 22ND JULY (TERM 3 WEEK 1)
FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER (TERM 3 WEEK 8)

NOTES HOME

Today

- Kindy/Yr1 Incursion Living Eggs
- Star Card Reward - Yr 2

Last Week

- Sports Lesson Change - Kindy
- Ms Dooley's Leave - Yr 5
- Grandparents Day Mass & Open Morning
- Star Card Reward - Yr 4
- Mrs Massey-Hale Leave - Yr 2

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Logan, Summer, Zoe	4B	Brandon, Annabel
KG	Catherine, Eli	4G	Thabeesh, Eva
1B	Jayen, Liliana	5B	Anabella, Luke, Sophia
1G	Olivia, Joseph	5G	Michaela, Rouba, Grace
2B	Greta, Paige	6B	Marisol, Tungamirayi
2G	Alanna, Angela	6G	Ann, Isabella
3B	Arav, Erinn	CA	Sophia, Michaela
3G	Nirvan, Alessandra	PE	Lucas, Ethan

STAR CARD REWARDS

Gold Awards: Simona, Amelia, John, Sophia, Lachlan, Julian, Rouba, Thomas, Olivia, Makayla, Alessandra, Eva, Ashley, Hannah, Luca, Isabella, Ithayan, Henry, Prasadi, Mariam, Olivia, Charbel, Gabriella

Opal Awards: Angela, Claudia, Misha, Marie-Jose, Anthony, Rhianna, Kiara, Nirvan, Stella, Alexander, Asvitha, Ajak, Eli, James, Jerrick, Maliyah, Sanashan, Charlotte, Samuel, Celeste, Asaeli, Lucas, Abbey, Ojas, Zahara, Angelina, Benjamin, Serena, Marcus, Celine, Sylvana, Gia, Matthew, Alexia, Aakash, Catherine, Mia, Michael, Georgia, Kinjal, Leon, Jerome, Emily, Lily, Bracston

Platinum Awards: Zahara, Alessandra, Jose Justin, Amalia, Chanel, Alessandro, Ava, Steven



STAFFING UPDATE

We have a number of staff members who will be taking long service leave in the coming weeks. Whenever a teacher takes leave they are replaced by a suitable teacher who continues the learning program for the class.

Miss Dooley will be taking leave from Thursday 4 July until Friday 26 July. Mrs Jones will teach 5 Blue during this period.

Miss Mikhael will be taking long service leave for the duration of Term 3. We welcome Miss Brownlow who will be teaching Year 4 Gold for the term.

Mrs Massey-Hale will be taking long service leave from the beginning of Term 3 until the end of the year. During this period Mrs Chehade will be teaching 2 Blue on Thursdays.
 No doubt you will all join me in wishing all these teachers a safe and enjoyable leave.

LOST PROPERTY

As the term closes we have a large number of items in the Lost Property cupboard outside the staffroom. Many items do not have names on them. If your child has lost something please check before the term ends.

RETURN BORROWED CLOTHES

If any family has borrowed clothing from the school, could it please be washed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will be having its usual end of term Red Day on Thursday, 4th July. There will be red lollies, chocolates, etc to purchase between 50c - \$1. Any leftovers will be sold on Friday.

GARDENING CLUB MARKET STALL

On Thursday 4th July the Gardening Club will be holding their first ever Mini Market Stall to sell our freshly grown produce. The stall will be open from 3:10-3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Bring your own shopping bag.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to these children who have completed their PRC Challenge in the last 7 days:

Year 2: Liya, Jada, Alanna, Grace, Sari, Alyna, Jeremiel

Year 3: Sameet, Makanaka, Amelia, Lachlan, Jose, Liya, Riya, Erica, Adrianna, Samuel, Ojas, Nirvan, Alessandra & Jacob.

Year 5: Manav Year 6: Mary

This brings our School's total to 231 We want all children to complete the PRC! So keep reading and log your reading via this [PRC link](#).



K	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
60	61	21	26	4	52	7

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Please continue to pray for the children and families who are preparing for their first Sacrament of Reconciliation, which we will celebrate at 7pm on Tuesday 30th and 31st July. Please arrive by 6:45pm for an evening of prayer, reflection and friendship. *Don't forget to bring a plate to share for the celebration afterwards!*

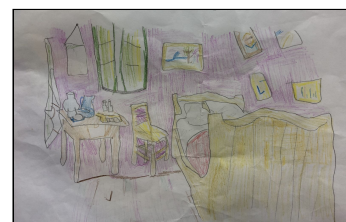


CATCH THE READING WAVE...TO THE OLMC BOOKFAIR



OLMC BOOKFAIR!

A big thank you to all families for supporting the OLMC Bookfair. Proceeds from all sales will go towards the purchase of new books for our school library.



Congratulations to the recipients of this week's Bookfair 'Mentor Artist' competition Jose and Liya

P&F NEWS

End of Term 2! We wish everyone a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you all back for term three feeling rested and ready to learn; to build on the success of semester one and grow from the mistakes. A huge thanks to the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure our children achieve their best. Thanks especially for your work in preparing the reports for all the children and making yourselves available for the parent-teacher interviews.

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right; to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others, to be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen

Woolworths Earn and Learn! - This is the last chance to send back your earn and learn stickers as the time to count them and send them in is upon us. Check all your shopping bags and your car and gather up those last stickers. Place your stickers on the sheets available from the office or send your loose stickers in tomorrow and we will place them on sheets for you. Thank you, as always, for your support.

This column is compiled by P&F Communications. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcpandf@gmail.com and attention it to P&F Communications.



OLMC Athletics Carnival

On Friday 21st June all students, teachers and some family members travelled to Holroyd Sports Ground to participate in a series of athletic activities. The day was filled with excitement and energy as we tried our best and were all supportive of each other. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 engaged in a range of running races, shot put, long jump, parachute games, sack races, dodgeball and an egg and spoon race.



How could we go home without cheering loudly and proudly for our four colour houses! This was led by our Sports Leaders who had created and practised the amazing cheers with all students from their house colour.

Thank you to Mr Jones for putting all your time and effort into preparing such a wonderful carnival. We would also like to thank the parents and family members who helped during our Athletics Carnival, especially Mrs Epenian and Mrs Moussa for preparing close to 300 lunches.



By Mia, Jacinta, Mary & Zara



Principal's Winter Holiday Challenge 2019



Dear Boys and Girls,

During the Winter school holidays I have two challenges for you.

FIRST CHALLENGE

The first challenge is **READING to Complete the Premier's Reading Challenge**. I wonder how many days you can read during the Winter holidays? For each day you read, please complete the reading log details in the Google form. Please use the link below or see the school website or Skoolbag. Reading log link - <https://forms.gle/X1P4QFWxG4g4D4iM7>

1-4 days read - 1 entry

5-7 days read - 2 entries

8 or more days read - 4 entries

Make sure you add the books you read to your [Premier's Reading Challenge Online Log](#).

SECOND CHALLENGE

The second challenge for the holidays is to be an *Innovative Recycler*.

I want you to **reuse**, **repurpose** or **recycle** materials to build something useful that could be displayed in our library. If your item is too big to bring to school you could take a photo of it.

Along with your item we need you to create a Museum Card with the following details:

You could design:

- sun lounges,
- scoops to pick up rubbish,
- watering can,
- worm farm,
- sun hat,
- bubble blower,
- rubber band boat,
- rubber band personal fan,
- build a bridge using toothpicks
- T-shirt Bag

Museum Card Requirements

Name of your design

Describe the item you have created and what it is to be used for. Describe how it can be used.

Materials you repurposed to create your design

Your Name



Wishing you a wonderful holiday, happy reading and repurposing!

Miss Pirovic