



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In the last few months, we have interviewed many students for 2020 Kindergarten enrolment. Being a new member of the OLMC community it has been an absolute pleasure to share parents' hopes and dreams for their children as they begin at a new school. It was great to also hear the reasons parents had chosen Our Lady of Mount Carmel as the place to educate their children. OLMC is definitely a place where children receive a quality education, however, the strong sense of community is something that many families spoke about. Parents recalled their fond memories of OLMC as young children themselves and expressed how they wanted their own children to experience the sense of community and best possible education.

With Pentecost approaching, we are reminded that we can be a positive influence on the people around us by opening our hearts more generously to the Spirit.



Last week our students generously participated in a range of community events that gave witness to the Spirit. Stage Three walked for water to show solidarity with the world's poor who have to walk long distances to access water for their families. Whilst our students were able to walk on a smooth surface and with supportive shoes, they experienced the toll carrying water over large distances would have on their bodies. Some of our students' bottles even sprung a leak mid-walk and they reflected on how challenging it would be to return home without enough water for all family members.

The whole school also participated in Family Day to raise money for CatholicCare. This organisation provides

community support and empowerment for those in need, regardless of religion, age, gender, physical and intellectual capacity, or ethnicity, just as Jesus asks us to do.

It is the Holy Spirit who God sent to empower us to love one another and to be witnesses to our faith. The Spirit gives us many daily opportunities to express our love for those in need, in our homes, our school, our places of work, our parishes and the world. Let us open our hearts more generously to the Spirit so that we can be a positive influence on the people around us.



*Lauren Anderiesz*  
Acting Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 5.

**Thur:** Kindergarten 2020 Enrollments close

**8:15-8:40am:** Morning Workout

**Fri:** Kindergarten Excursion: Wannabees

**9:15am-10am** Stage 2 Mass

### Week 6.

**Mon:** TTFM Survey Period Continues

**9am** Assembly: 6G

**Tue: 9am -1pm:** K-6 Basketball Clinics

**Wed:** Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

**Thur: 8:15-8:40am:** Morning Workout

## NOTES HOME

### Today

- Earth, Sun & Moon Incursion - Yr 4
- Fizzics Education Incursion - Yr 1
- Warragamba Dam Excursion-Yr 2
- Star Card Rewards - Yr 4

### Friday

- Wannabees Excursion - Kindy

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Isabella, Jonah	4B	Zachary, Chelsea
KG	Hayden, Palash	4G	Saadhana, Marten
1B	Jessica, Emilio	5B	Catherine, Marie-Jose
1G	Alessandro, Aerabella	5G	Noah, Kashvi
2B	Vincent, Neeti	6B	Tunga, Jessica
2G	Kruthi, John Paul	6G	Annabelle, Gevin
3B	Yajur, Kayla	CA	No awards presented.
3G	Leela, Emad	PE	No awards presented.

## SMITH STREET GATE

This week an electronic security system was installed to the Smith Street entrance gate. Please follow the below procedures to gain access to COOSHC before and after school.

1. Press the video intercom button
2. A COOSHC staff member will release the lock for you to gain access to the grounds.
3. When exiting press the intercom button again and ensure the gate closes behind you.

While the staff will endeavour to buzz you in quickly, please be patient as their first priority is the children in their care.

## OLMC GREAT BOOK SWAP!

On the 4th of September (Indigenous Literacy Day) OLMC will be hosting their own Great Book Swap! Family and friends are invited to bring a book and gold coin donation to support those children living in remote communities that have reduced access to literature.

Our Great Book Swap not only signifies the importance of a love of literacy and learning but also advocates for those living in more than 280 remote communities across the country. If you would like to donate a book/books before this date you can drop them into the School Office in a plastic bag marked Mrs Anderiesz. Monetary donations and event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/2YDLy3B>



## SPOTLIGHT ON RE

The Easter Season is concluding with two significant feasts of the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost Sunday. Children will be learning about the beginning of the Church post-Pentecost and the Eucharist as the memorial of Christ's love for us. Some children in Stage 3 are also preparing to receive and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next week. Some language you could use in conversation could include Sacrament, Eucharist, Pentecost, Holy Spirit, gifts, oil, water, Bishop, Apostles, disciples, sacrifice, meal sacred, scripture, believing, ritual and covenant.

## FAMILY DAY

Last Friday our school community raised money to support Catholicare in their work to help families in need in our community. As a school, we raised \$380 for this very worthwhile cause. Congratulations to everyone for your generous donations through our Mufti Day collection.



## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY (TTFM)

The 'Tell Them From Me Survey' is now open and will continue to remain open for the next three weeks. We are inviting students from Years 4 to 6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using this survey. The information provided will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing. No usernames or passwords are needed as the survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. We are urging ALL FAMILIES to access <http://tellthemfromme.com/vwp9c> to complete this online survey.



## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**CONFIRMATION.** The tradition of choosing a saint's name for Confirmation goes back a few centuries, and it's one of the more recognisable features of celebrating this sacrament. More recent thinking, however, questions the use of this practice and how it reflects the meaning of the sacrament. So, to help children understand the significance of their own name, its heritage and meaning, we ask that - if they already have a saint's or scriptural name - they consider using that as their Confirmation name. However, if they don't have a saint's name or one that can be found in scripture, they're welcome to choose a new one. For further enquiries, please sms Paola on 0414 947 799 or email [paola.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:paola.olmc@gmail.com).

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

### Congratulations to the children who have completed their PRC Challenge

Sanaa, Amelie, Joaquin, Abigail, Chanel, Samuel, Arkyn, Kimberly, Aliyah, Jasmine, Dennis, Edward, Anthony, Angelina, Mary Gabrielle, Zainah, Michael, Makayla, Siya, Sarayu, Lila, Sajin Arul, Markos, Yasemin, Jerome, David, Serena, Michael, Jonathan, Grace, Simona, Celine, Clara, Manuel Alexis, Anabella, Noah, Sophia, Rhianna, Rouba, Serop, Amiel, Natasha, Hannah, Joel, John, Luke, Marcus, Tristan, Michaela, Sylvana, Bracston, Myra, Jorja, Sara, Damon, Logan, Kashvi, Iniya, Gabriella, Noah, Lara, Rohan, Claudia, Sanjana, Julian, Marie-Jose & John.



We want all children to complete the PRC! So keep reading and log your reading via the following link <https://bit.ly/2ULqQVd>

## EARN & LEARN

Sticker sheets have been sent home for you to stick your Earn and Learn stickers to, and extra sticker sheets are available from the office. Please place **completed sheets** in the E&L boxes. So far we have collected **8400** stickers!! So ask your family members who shop at Woolworths to save their stickers for our school.



## INVITATION TO CHATTERBOX LIVE Q&A EVENT

Parents are invited to join executive director, Gregory Whitby, to the first Chatterbox Live event on Thursday, 13 June at St Andrews College Marayong from 7.00pm. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/2JRIRqQ>. If you're unable to attend in person, you're welcome to tune in live by 'liking' the CEDP Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/2WXYsc0>.

## P&F NEWS

**Second-Hand Uniform Shop** - As we begin the transition process from summer to winter uniform, the second-hand uniform shop is calling for any uniform donations especially the larger sizes. If you have any uniforms you no longer use, please send them to the second-hand uniform shop via the office. PLEASE REMEMBER THE 2 ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP IS CASH ONLY AND THAT THE PARENTS WHO RUN IT ARE VOLUNTEERS.



**A request from our Treasurer** - If you have anything that needs to be reimbursed from the Parents and Friends for the fete, Mothers' Day stall or any other event expenses, please collect the green form from the school office, fill it in and submit your request by the end of this week.

**PRC Meeting** - The Parents' Representative Council are hosting an opportunity to hear Dr Michael Carr-Gregg speak about How to Raise Happy and Resilient Children. This is a fantastic opportunity that is provided free of charge for parents with children in schools in the Diocese. All parents are encouraged to attend. Monday 3 rd June 6:15-9:00pm John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens.

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# FAMILY DAY @ OLMC

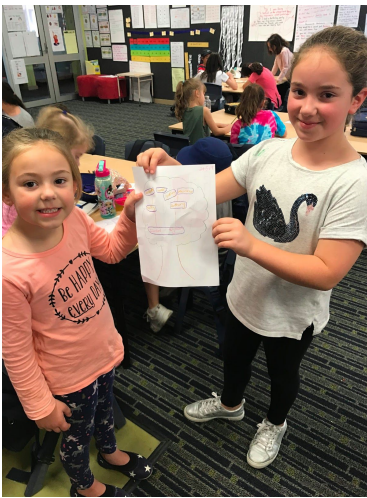


I was Adopted by Leela and her brother and went to Kindergarten. We went to the sandpit, did some drawing and ran a relay race.

On Family Day I got to play games with my brother in Kindergarten. We had to work as a team to untangle the circle and I liked playing 'Tree, Toilet, Traffic Light and Trains'

"On Family Day I spent time with my brother and his friends in Year One.

We played trust games and basketball. It helped me with trusting my brother and I learnt some basketball skills. It was awesome"



In Year Two we had fun working with our siblings, sharing our experiences and creating a family tree. We learnt that all families are special and shared why we love our families and how our family are special to us.

In Year Three we created a family tree using white circles and stuck them onto a larger piece of paper. We liked that we got to work with our siblings and we really liked having an adopted family member

My sister and I went to Year 4 where we played Kahoot (which is an online multiple

choice quiz) against other families using one device per family. We had to be super fast to answer before the time ran out and the next question appeared on the screen. Everybody was cheering and laughing when they got the right answer and saw their names and score on the leaderboard. It was loads of fun!



For Family Day I went to Year 5 and we played board games. I played a board that my sister's friend made. After that, we played my sister board game. It was so exciting to play because the games were fun and I love them.

For Family Day in Year 6 we completed a Kahoot quiz on something we most like to enjoy with our families... Disney movies! All the children had a lot of fun working in their teams to complete the questions and even learnt some interesting facts about their favourite Disney characters.

