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Newsletter Term 2 Week 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Last week I was fortunate enough to have many conversations with some of our families regarding teaching and learning and social and emotional wellbeing. Not only did this give me another opportunity to learn about what matters most to our families, but it gave us an opportunity to work in partnership. No matter the conversation, it resulted in the same outcome, an agreement that we are all here for the same reason, OUR children! This means, that in partnership, we are all striving to ensure that we provide our students with enough opportunities to develop the academic and emotional capabilities required to participate as active citizens. My own children have experienced not connecting with other students and not agreeing on the outcome of many situations. However, as a parent, I have always supported the school as I understand that these experiences are building their resilience and ability to cope with the range of situations they will definitely face in their future.

Another way to build resilience in our children is to help them understand the differences between minor and major incidents. I have had many conversations about these differences and have really had to keep myself in check when asking my children about their days at school. Keeping it positive helps our children to move on. Questions such as, 'What did you learn today?' 'What was the best part of your day?' 'What is something new that you tried?' Keeps the tone of the conversation positive and focus on the most important aspects of them attending school.

An important aspect of working as a team is knowing the roles of each member and who to approach for help. Just like any organisation, we have systems in place to ensure parents receive the most accurate information and appropriate support.

1. Any issues regarding your child need to be directed to your child's classroom teacher FIRST, as they are best placed to discuss any concerns.
2. Each Stage of learning has a coordinator. Coordinators deal with ongoing or major issues. Parents might request a meeting with a Stage Coordinator AFTER they have spoken with the classroom teacher and still seek further support.
3. In serious cases, Stage Coordinators will direct issues to myself or Miss Pirovic. Parents can also request a meeting with us AFTER they have communicated with the classroom teacher and Stage Coordinator.

Please respect this process to ensure you promptly receive the most accurate information about any concerns you may have. This process also allows us to initiate our policies and procedures to ensure all families and students receive a fair opportunity to be heard. Allowing the school to impartially deal with issues, demonstrates respect to the different parenting styles of all families within our community and ensures consistency of procedure. No parent is to approach another parent and approaching a child is never acceptable.

While it was great to hear such positive feedback, the most important part of these conversations was hearing about how we could improve. One way parents can guide our actions towards school improvement is through participating in the 'Tell Them From Me' survey available at <http://tellthemfromme.com/vwp9c>. We urge all parents to participate to ensure we continue to improve our practices for the benefit of our children and the OLMC Community.

Lauren Anderiesz
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 6

Wed: Term 2 School Fees Due

Thur: TTFM Survey Period
Continues

8:15-8:40am: Morning Workout
(Students to wait at Bennett St
Gate ONLY)

Fri:

Week 7

**Mon: Queen's Birthday Holiday - No
Students or Staff at School**

Tue: Assembly: 5B
9am -1pm: K-6 Basketball Clinics

Wed:

Thur: Year 3 Excursion to Botanical
Gardens

NOTES HOME

Today

- OLMC Athletics Carnival
Info & Permission note.

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Candace, Charlotte	4B	Osean, Zien
KG	Asvitha, Jerrick	4G	Abraham, Ruby
1B	Aliyah, Olivia	5B	John, Rohan
1G	Lucas, Saskia	5G	Amiel, Lila
2B	Ethan, Vincent	6B	Aaron, Nerome
2G	Dennis, Talahiva	6G	
3B	Amelia, Liyana	CA	Emilio, Pranav
3G	Amelia, Makayla	PE	Bracston, Cyril

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Chanel, Steven, Alessandro, Olivia, Angelina, Katrina, Ajak, Marcus, Michaela, Benjamin, Taliah, Ariana, Arkyn, Asaeli, Anthony, David, Sylvana, Alexia, Catherine, Jerome, Serena, Celeste, Lily, Celine, Emily, Ojas, Edward, Zahara, Kruthi, Eva, Gia, Jerrick, Michael, Abbey, Matthew, Maliyah, Mia, Ajak, Aakash, Aaliyah, Samuel, Lucas, Kinjal, Sara, Alexander, Sanoshan, Asvitha, James, Stella, Bracston, Annabel, Caitlyn, Emma, Irene, Isabella, Sai, Sarayu, Jolenta, Misha, Aleisha, Leon, Erinn and Georgia.



Opal Awards: Amalia, Chanel, Alessandra, Jose Justin, Rija, Ava, Navya, Alessandro, Michael, Taliah, Katrina and Michaela.

OLMC FREE LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

This week our students witnessed the grand opening of the OLMC Free Little Library. Many families were also able to join us to unveil our new initiative to support a love of reading within our community. Before the day had come to an end the Little Library was as bare as Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard. Remember, our Free Library is open to all members of the OLMC Community and if you wish to donate a book/s all you have to do is place it in the cupboard.



PARENT SESSION

Mrs Nolan and Mrs Anderiesz would like to thank the 40+ families that attended last week's Parent Sessions (Helping Your Child Read & Write).

Together we can achieve more.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

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

Isabel, Zoe, Elyssa, Neeti, Kiara, Katrina, Kinjal, Hannah, Ava, Celeste, Catherine, Gevin and Elisha.

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



WE NEED YOU!

The 'Tell Them From Me Survey' is open! 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. <http://tellthemfromme.com/vwp9c>



GREAT BOOK SWAP 2019

If you would like to donate a book/books to our Great Book Swap occurring on the 4th of September (Indigenous Literacy Day) 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>



PENTECOST 2019

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. We remember the promise Jesus made to His Apostles (and us) that He would send an Advocate for us... The Holy Spirit. This marks the beginning of our Church in the world as the Apostles from this moment began to spread the message of Jesus. At our Baptism, we received the Holy Spirit, and this is again renewed at our Confirmation, we are the disciples living the life Jesus planned for us. Children in year 5 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish Church on Saturday 15th June 2019. Please keep them in your prayers.



P&F NEWS

Second-hand uniform shop

The Second-Hand Uniform shop has some boys' pants that would be suitable to patch your existing pants. If you need patching material, you can come down and cut a piece off. If you have any uniforms you no longer use, please send them to the second-hand uniform shop via the office.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE 2ND 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 urgently.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!

Shop: For every \$10 you spend you'll get an Earn & Learn sticker

Collect: Collect as many stickers as you can between now and 25th June

Give: Give your stickers to local schools so they can redeem them for new equipment. You can either complete the sheet sent home or send the stickers into school and we will place them on a sheet 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.

KINDERGARTEN'S WANNABEES EXCURSION

On Friday 31st May, Kindergarten went to Frenchs Forest Wannabees. We played in different stations, played different roles and did lots of jobs!

The TV studio was my favourite because I got to be on the screen and pretend to be an aeroplane and a bird. – Eli



I liked the Dentist area because I got to check the teeth. – Prasadi



My favourite was the Police Station because it had a fun jail, and we could pretend to be a bad guy. – James



My favourite was the cafe because I got to be a chef and cook food. – Jo



I liked the supermarket because I like shopping and I bought some bread. – Alexia



I liked the Baby Room in the Hospital because we got to feed the baby milk. – Mia



I liked the Fire Station because we could shoot water out of the hose on the fire. – Luca



My favourite was the post office because we got to deliver parcels. – Michael

