



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Prior to going on leave two weeks ago, as a school community we celebrated Family Day. During my time away I experienced the joy of celebrating a wedding with friends who have become family to me. Then last week I had the pleasure of meeting my sister in Croatia, the country my parents were born in. These opportunities gave me the opportunity to connect with the stories and members of the family I was born into and the one I have created through loving relationships throughout my life. Each of these families have had a hand in shaping the person I am today.

When I returned to school yesterday, I was pleased to be back with my OLMC family. I was excited to share my news and stories with my colleagues, the children and parents. My experiences during the past two weeks have reiterated the importance of family in my daily life.

So much of our daily life revolves around our families. Our families elicit a range of feelings and emotions within each of us. Throughout our lives, our family life provides us with love, care, guidance, challenges, frustration..... It is in our family that we are able to test out our limits and social learning. We can all think of times where we have pushed things a bit far and upset our parents or siblings. However, we know in our hearts that our family will see past these challenges and forgive us.

This is also true for our children in their 'school family'. On a daily basis, the teachers see the children offering friendship and support; children eliciting positive or negative reactions from their friends. However, we often see forgiveness when children make poor decisions, they are then given the opportunity to make things right. It is in these experiences and various family groups that children learn resilience and the social skills engage with those around them.

There are times that we take our family for granted, because we know they will always be there for us. Take some time to reflect on your feelings for your family and remind them how much they mean to you.



*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Acting Principal

*The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful*

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 7

**Thur:** TTFM Survey Period Continues  
Year 3 Excursion to Botanical Gardens

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

**(Students to wait at Bennett St Gate ONLY)**

**Fri:** Year 1 Science In School Experience  
Year 3 Reward Afternoon

Stage 3 Mass

Off-Site Evacuation Drill

**Sat:** Confirmation 11am-12pm

### Week 8

**Mon:** Assembly: 5G

Year 2 Warragamba Dam Excursion

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

Year 4 Science In School Experience

**Wed:**

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

**(Students to wait at Bennett St Gate ONLY)**

## NOTES HOME

### Notes From Today

- Yr 3 Reward Day

### Notes From Last Friday

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## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Owen, Reis	4B	Irene, Nicolas
KG	Alexia, Mia	4G	Royden, Chivonne
1B		5B	Markos, Claudia
1G	Alissa, Armaan	5G	Manav, Sajin
2B	Vincent, Angelina	6B	Zara, Chris
2G	Alyna, Rohan	6G	Claudia, Jayden
3B	Bryson, Erica	CA	Caitlyn, Angelina
3G	Annabelle, Annalise	PE	

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

An important part of our Work Health and Safety requirements is the practising of emergency procedures. It is essential that we practise these procedures so the children, staff and parents know what to do if we need to lock down or evacuate the school. This coming Friday we will be practising an Off-Site Evacuation Drill. Our off-site evacuation location is Wentworthville Public School. We have been planning the procedures with the leadership team at Wentworthville Public who will be prepared to accommodate us on their school grounds. Our Lady of Mount Carmel will also be the off-site evacuation location for Wentworthville Public School. Should we ever have to evacuate the school all parents will be notified via text message and the Skoolbag app. This is another reason for parents to ensure that all contact details are up-to-date.



### Evacuation Drill

## SPOTLIGHT ON RE

Children in Year 5 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Church this Saturday 15th June at 11am. This completes the Sacraments of Initiation for these children. It is fitting that the Sacrament will be conferred this week, just before the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity and a week after the Church has celebrated Pentecost. Both these feasts are integral to our understanding of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our Church.

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**REMINDER: PRACTISE THIS THURSDAY AT 3.30PM OR 7.00PM.**

## THIS IS THE LAST WEEK!

### THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK...

for parents to complete the 'Tell Them From Me 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.

<http://tellthemfromme.com/vwp9c>

## PENCIL SHARPENER DRIVE

We have one week to go!!! Our goal was to collect 500 sharpeners to send to OLMC school in Zumalai... we are nearly there.

Next Friday the sharpeners collected will be sent to East Timor, so each child will have their own pencil sharpener. Something so little will make a big difference AND put a huge smile on the faces of the children.

THANK YOU TO ALL  
THOSE WHO HAVE  
DONATED SHARPENERS.



