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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

In all human societies there are rites of passage that marks the transition from childhood to adulthood. Some of these rituals were physical tests of strength, the marking of bodies with scars or tattoos. In times past, some of these rituals were more prominent than they are today. In our Catholic community we too have rites of initiation through the Sacraments we receive. These rites begin with Baptism, when our parents and godparents make promises on our behalf to follow Jesus as Catholics. As we get older and able to make decisions for ourselves, we continue our rites of initiation, receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and finally confirming this choice in the rituals of Confirmation.

Currently in our Parish, over 30 children are taking the next step in their rites of initiation as a Catholic by receiving their First Holy Communion. This celebration is the culmination of months of preparation and education in order to ensure that the children understand the significance of the choice they make in receiving this sacrament. These children are saying 'Yes' to following Jesus and becoming a member of our Catholic family.

Over the weekend I witnessed our children participating in a moving ceremony where they joined Father Denis and Father Matinho around the altar. This action calls us to remember the last supper, when Jesus began the final stages of his journey towards becoming our saviour by making the ultimate sacrifice of his life. Being a follower of Jesus is a challenge. By following through with these rites of initiation we endeavour to live with faith, justice, compassion and forgiveness.

I wonder if you recall your own First Holy Communion?

What did it mean for you?

How have you continued to live the spirit of this sacrament?

I congratulate all the children who have made their First Holy Communion and welcome them to our Catholic family. Together we accept the responsibility to nurture the spiritual development of these young people.



Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 2

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

Bennett St Gates - 8:15am SHARP

Fri: 9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup Orientation & Parent Info Session

Sun: 10:30-11:30am First Holy Communion

Week 3

Mon: 9am Assembly - 4B

Rouse Hill House & Farm Excursion - Yr 2

Tue: 7pm-8:45pm 2020 Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Wed: Diocesan Basketball Gala Day Sydney Olympic Park Excursion - Yr 3

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

Fri: 9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup 1:40pm Mission to Busk

NOTES HOME

Wednesday

- Grade Overviews - Yrs K - 6
- P&F Meet and Greet
- P&F General Meeting
(Committee Nomination Form)



**Parents and Friend's Annual General Meeting - All welcome to attend
MONDAY, 4 November - 7:00pm**

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Jonah ▪ Leah ▪ Michael	4B	Chelsea ▪ Nicolas
KG	Gia ▪ Sanoshan	4G	Mia ▪ Matteo
1B	Olivia ▪ Jasmine	5B	Marie-Jose ▪ John Justin
1G	Alexander ▪ Abigail	5G	Sanjana ▪ Kashvi
2B	Neeti ▪ Zahara	6B	No awards presented
2G	Sienna ▪ Gabrielle	6G	No awards presented
3B	Kayla ▪ Erica	CA	Ansh ▪ Zara
3G	Mason ▪ Alanah	PE	No awards presented

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Sri Harsha ▪ Amy ▪ Samyel ▪ Myra ▪ John Paul ▪ Billy ▪ Abraham ▪ Soleil Marie ▪ Ethan ▪ Valli ▪ Noah ▪ Francis

Opal Awards: Adriana ▪ Sari ▪ Rohan ▪ Saskia ▪ Sebastian ▪ Winona ▪ Thabeesh ▪ Xavier ▪ Bhakti ▪ Saxon ▪ Ethan ▪ Alexander ▪ Hayden ▪ Jada ▪ Mary ▪ Reuben ▪ Annabelle ▪ Annalise ▪ Mahalia ▪ Aimie ▪ Armaan ▪ Malith ▪ Annabelle ▪ Sabrina ▪ Luca

Platinum Awards: Ithyan ▪ Liam ▪ Jasmine ▪ Noah ▪ Ojas ▪ Kruti ▪ Charlise ▪ Caitlyn ▪ Mrunal ▪ Isabella ▪ Amelia ▪ Krisha ▪ Sam ▪ Aarush ▪ Henry ▪ Isabella ▪ Joaquin ▪ Mariam ▪ Rishaan ▪ Anthony ▪ Kiara ▪ Kiara ▪ Rohan ▪ Hannah ▪ Myra ▪ Miranda ▪ Erica ▪ AnnSapna ▪ Chloe ▪ Cristian ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Gevin ▪ Jayden ▪ Michael ▪ Peter ▪ Anuj ▪ Aria ▪ Candace ▪ Charlotte ▪ Isaac ▪ Isabel ▪ Isabella ▪ Josephine ▪ Jonah ▪ Joshua ▪ Mariella ▪ Michael ▪ Mridun ▪ Patrick ▪ Rajan ▪ Sanaa ▪ Summer ▪ Charbel

Principal's Awards: Sylvana ▪ Celine ▪ Lucas ▪ Taliah ▪ Emma ▪ Sai ▪ Irene ▪ Hansikaa ▪ Abigail ▪ Alexia ▪ Asvitha ▪ Eli ▪ James ▪ Prasadi ▪ Sanoshan ▪ Zoe ▪ Aakash ▪ Aaliyah ▪ Elena ▪ Olivia ▪ Jerome ▪ Angelina ▪ Katrina ▪ Paul ▪ Arkyn ▪ Kian ▪ Georgia ▪ Ajak ▪ Alexander ▪ Charlotte ▪ Jerrick ▪ Michael ▪ Olivia ▪ Palash

Diamond Awards: Alessandro ▪ Misha



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The Book Club flyers went home last week. All orders must now be done online (not through the school office). **Orders close: Friday, 1 November.** By purchasing books through Book Club, you are also supporting OLMC to gain points towards getting books for the school Library.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our parish children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend, and to those who will celebrate it this Sunday. May you always remember your first Communion as a time of family and friendship, may it continue to nourish your faith, and bless you all the days of your life.



OLMC ECOWARRIOR NEWS

At OLMC we are working towards being more considerate and sustainable in our waste practices. This week the Student Leaders and SRC introduced new bins on our playground. We now have red bins for our general waste like food scraps, wrappers and straws. We also have yellow bins to collect our empty drink containers like cans, poppers and water bottles. We are collecting these containers to return and collect the 10c deposit to go towards equipment and playground improvements. The colour of the bins match the bins we use at home and mirror the same system of general and recyclable waste. The garden club even have us collecting our fruit and veggie scraps to feed our worm farm and compost bins. You might like to try some of these things at home. We will keep you posted on ways that we can all be Eco Warriors at home also.



CATHERINE McAULEY WESTMEAD

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2021. The closing date for applications 1st round offers is: Friday, 27 March 2020. Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of the upcoming open days on Tuesday, 12 November and Thursday, 5 December, 9:15-11am.

TRANSPORT NSW

2020 School Travel applications are now open. Go to the Transport NSW website for more information <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Busways Western Sydney are going cashless from October 28.

LET US KNOW

Please be aware that a full term's (10 wks) notice is required if your child will be leaving the school. All notifications must be in writing and addressed to the Principal to avoid a full term's fees being payable. Click on the link to [CEDP Policies](#) for more information.

KINDERGARTEN 2020 PLAYGROUP

Kindergarten 2020 Playgroup is on this Friday!

Our first playgroup session occurred last Friday and it was so exciting to meet some of our new Kindergarten students for 2020. These sessions aim to support our students' transition to big school by focusing on social and emotional readiness. This special time for our students allows families to attend short information sessions on topics that will help their child successfully and confidently transition to school. Topic information can be found on the flyer sent home.



Please use the following link to [RSVP](#) to one or all of the above playgroup and parent sessions.

P&F NEWS

Parents and Friends Meet and Greet: *Are you curious about what the Parents and Friends do for your school? Have you wondered about how you can be more involved in your child's schooling? Have you thought about attending a meeting, but aren't sure what to expect?* The Parents and Friends will be hosting a morning and afternoon tea next week so that you can come along and meet us and ask any questions you may have. We are always looking for new parents to participate. You may find that in 2020 you are able to take a more active role in the P&F in a formal or informal capacity and this is your chance to find out more. Monday 28th October after assembly (approximately 9:20) and Wednesday 30th October at 2:30. Come and have a cuppa and say hi. We would love to see you. Please refer to the note sent home today via email and with the children.

International Teachers Day: Friday 25th October marks International Teachers Day in Australia; a day where we give thanks for the people who mould the hearts and minds of our children. We are blessed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel with a passionate and dedicated staff who work tirelessly for the children in their care and we give thanks.

This column is compiled by the P&F. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and attention it to P&F Communications.

Year 6 Science Incursion

As part of our Term four Science Unit - Earth and Space, students were given the opportunity to participate in an incursion inside a planetarium - a dome like structure that simulates the night sky using a special projector in this room. Students were able to observe the different planets in our galaxy, a range of stars and constellations and the different phases of the moon.



When we entered the year 6 classroom a big grey dome was set up. Geoff, our instructor explained how to get in and what he was going to do in the planetarium (dome). First we had to take off our shoes then to get in we had to crouch down into a covered hole and walk into the air filled planetarium.

Once we were in there he turned on a projector which showed us the planets and talked to us about them, he talked about their size and some interesting facts about each one. Then he turned off the lights completely making it pitch black, suddenly the planetarium was filled with stars mimicking the night sky. He started talking about stars and the phases of the moon. Geoff talked about how we could see only 4 planets at night which are Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

He then showed us the stars as constellations. He made us remember where the constellations were so that we could try and spot the different constellations in the night sky.

Overall year 6 enjoyed the planetarium experience and were deeply informed by the end of the session.

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