



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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## Newsletter Term 4 Week 4

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

During the past week we have been amazed by the range of talent amongst our children. Last night the children in our school band performed a concert for their parents. As I sat back and enjoyed the concert I was impressed by the number of children who were able to confidently perform solo pieces. Many of our junior band members performed pieces with fellow band members to support each other. I even learned that Miss Margaret plays the drums!!



Music resources: recorders, harmonicas, guitars, small drums



Last Friday we held our first Mission to Busk afternoon to support our Carmelite mission work in East Timor. There were over 60 acts performing ranging from singers, dancers, musicians, small bands, gymnasts, magicians, card tricks and even a puppet show. The children prepared these acts themselves and rehearsed with the support of their parents.

Last week Nancy Mercurio, who coordinates the fundraising for the Carmelite fathers, visited our parish and school. She spoke to our community about the projects big and small that the Carmelites have been working on. Our children were excited to see photographs of the children in Zumalai and Raimia using the sharpeners we sent them. The money we raised will support other works such as providing professional learning for teachers, supporting trainee teachers who are working at the Carmelite schools, providing scholarships for students, providing teaching resources such as sport equipment and musical instruments.

This experience has provided our children with the opportunity to live the call of mission and service to our fellow humans. These are opportunities where we can be saints.

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 4

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

**Bennett St Gates - 8:15am SHARP**

**Fri:** 9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup

### Week 5

**Mon:** 9am Assembly - 3B

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

9:45-10:15am K2020 Orientation Group 1

**Fri:** 9:45-10:15am K2020 Orientation Group 1

## NOTES HOME

### Monday

- Parents & Friends Executive Committee Nomination Form

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Amelia ▪ Rajan ▪ Patrick	4B	Emma ▪ Osean
KG	Alexia ▪ Palash	4G	Charlotte ▪ Sebastian
1B	Jayden ▪ Krisha	5B	Celeste ▪ Damon
1G	Rihanna ▪ Anabel	5G	Serop ▪ Manav
2B	Anthony ▪ Malek	6B	Christian ▪ Jacinta
2G	Talahiva ▪ Eva	6G	Cristian ▪ Luca`
3B	Chimir ▪ Bryson	CA	Michael - 6G ▪ Aleisha - 4B
3G	Joseph ▪ George	PE	Hasini - 6G ▪ Lara - 5G

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Manav ▪ Valli ▪ Catherine ▪ Chelsea ▪ Nicolas

**Opal Awards:** Yasemin ▪ Greta ▪ Riona ▪ Zien ▪ Osean ▪ Siya ▪ Sowjanya

**Platinum Awards:** Edward ▪ David ▪ Sophia ▪ Sai Pranav ▪ Mahalia ▪ Angelina ▪ Maroun ▪ Bhakti ▪ Harish ▪ Aleisha ▪ Dominic ▪ Ethan

**Principal's Awards:** Claudia ▪ Alexander ▪ Lachlan ▪ Samuel ▪ Aurelia ▪ Claudia ▪ Elisha ▪ Jayden ▪ Bradley Hasini ▪ Caitlyn ▪ Mrunal ▪ Annabel



## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS.** Just a reminder that Paola Yevenes will upload photos to the Snapfish website as soon as she receives them from the photographers, Laura and Mark, who have been working hard to process the *hundreds* of photos from the three Masses.

Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

## STUDENT MEDICATION

For the safety of all students, it is important that no student carries medication on them or in their bags at any time. If your child requires temporary medication for a short period of time, please bring the medication in to the school office and complete the relevant forms.

Thank you for consideration.

## SCHOOL BAND

Our band teacher Margaret Ciccareli will be retiring as band teacher at OLMC at the end of the year. We thank Margaret for her work developing our children's musical skills which were on show last night at our Band Concert.

We are currently in discussion with CEDP's Captivate team to ensure that band continues. We will be able to share more information in the coming weeks.

## PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the children who participated in our Spring Holiday Challenge. There were over 42,000 pages read during the holiday break.

On Monday we had our draw to determine our winners, they were: Catherine Villamar (K), Amelia (Yr1), Aibel (Yr2), Jose (Yr3), Isabella (Yr4), Simona (Yr5), Ann Sapna (Yr6 and overall winner).

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

All children and youth are invited to participate in this Mass on Christmas Eve. Come dressed-up as an angel or shepherd and join in the fun. For more information or to select your role, please see the flyer in the parish centre. To help plan for this Mass, parents and youth-ministers are invited to attend a meeting at 7pm on Thursday 28th November in the Parish Centre.

## ESAFETY COMMISSIONER ONLINE SAFETY HUB

Online safety is a concern for school, parents and students. The Australian government's eSafety Commissioner have launched a new national online safety hub. The new and refreshed [esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au) website, is a comprehensive, dynamic and interactive online safety hub for Australians. There really is no other place online quite like it! The eSafety's website has been refreshed and the content streamlined, so it's right for you. There are many resources for parents and students to explore together that will help you navigate the online world safely. Be sure to visit the site.



## 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](https://transport.nsw.gov.au) for more information. Please Note that Busways Western Sydney are going cashless from October 28.

## ARE YOU LEAVING AT THE END OF 2019

As we are currently planning for 2020 classes, it is important that you advise the school if your child will not be returning next year. This allows us to offer places to families on our school waiting list and enable them to join our OLMC community. We require written notification and forms can be obtained from the school office.

## KINDERGARTEN 2020 PLAYGROUP - THIS FRIDAY

Our first playgroup sessions have already occurred, with over 40 students attending. It has been so exciting to meet some of our new Kindergarten students, and their families, 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

**Annual General Meeting:** Thank you to everyone who came along Monday night to our Annual General meeting. It was wonderful to see so many people and to see many new faces. It is through the support of you, that the Parents and Friends is most effective. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take up a position, whether you are new to our committee or have been there for a while. Your gift of time helps us to support the school in the education of our children and to give the parent body a voice. We look forward to 2020 with excitement. Special thanks to Norma Touma, who has served on our executive committee for the past seven years. We can't thank you enough for the work you have done to make sure that our accounts have been kept perfectly, and for the friendship and assistance you have given freely. Our heartfelt thanks to our president Pauline Epenian, your enthusiasm and energy have been inspiring and your tireless work for our school community has been appreciated. Thank you for putting your heart into everything you have done for us. We are so grateful for your coordination of events, especially the last two fetes, and for your fantastic organisation in everything you take on. Best of luck for next year as you leave our school community. Thank you to Damien Gardner, who has been a quiet and important part of our Parents and Friends in a variety of roles. From 2010 until 2013 Damien served as our secretary and from 2013 until 2019 he has been attending Parents Representative Council meetings on our behalf, providing an important link with Diocesan developments. We thank you for your time and your continued dedication to our school community.

The Parents and Friends Executive and Committee for 2020 are: **President:** Karly J; **Vice President:** Samuel V; **Secretary:** Danielle G; **Treasurer:** Mary N; **Parents Representative Council:** Rose B, Rachel N; **Fundraising Committee:** Linda K, Diana K; **Social Committee:** Rose B, Rachel N, Kathryn H, Sukanya M; **Fete:** To be decided early next year; **Book Club:** Karly J, Kathryn H; **Second Hand Uniform Shop:** Kelly H.

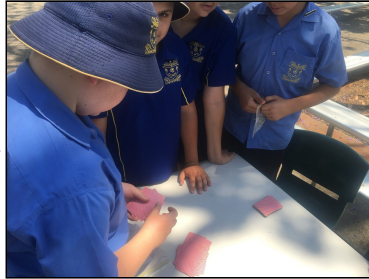
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## MISSION WEEK

**\$2060 was raised WHAT AN EFFORT!!!!**

**On Friday 1st November our community joined in a brilliant opportunity to show the talents of our students while raising money for our sister school OLMC, Zumalai, East Timor.**



We were doing something fun to help less fortunate, and everyone gets involved in it. A fun way to raise money. Aurelia Yr 6

Mission to busk was an opportunity to show are extraordinary talents, singing, puppet shows, karate, magic and even drumming. Bradley Yr 6

It was a time we got to interact with our friends and show our talents. Rhianna Yr 5

We were able to donate money to the poor by showing our talents and enjoying the talents of others. Rouba Yr 5

I had a lot of fun during Mission to Busk. It was good to know we were helping the missions. Bhakti Yr 4

I liked how we got to express ourselves by showing our talents and knowing what it feels like to be out in front of a crowd. Amelia Yr 3

I was a great opportunity to show our talents and donate money to those who need it most. Liyana Yr 3

What I like about Mission to Busk is you got to dance, sing, playing the drums or do gymnastics. My favourite was the choir because they sounded really good. Luke Yr 2

I think Mission to Busk was great because we got to see lots of peoples' talents and it was surprising how much money we were able to raise. Anthony Yr 2

We raised lots of money and we got to dance. Olivia Yr 1

I liked Mission to Busk because there was good music and dancing and raising money was good for the poor people because they don't have any food or drink. Alessandro Yr 1

I got to raise so much money by dancing. We are going to give that money to the people that don't have money. Catherine Kinder

I liked the Kindy dance. Catherine was doing her dancing with her brothers and my cousin. I saw drums and I liked the magic tricks and the girls that were doing gymnastics. Jonah Kinder

