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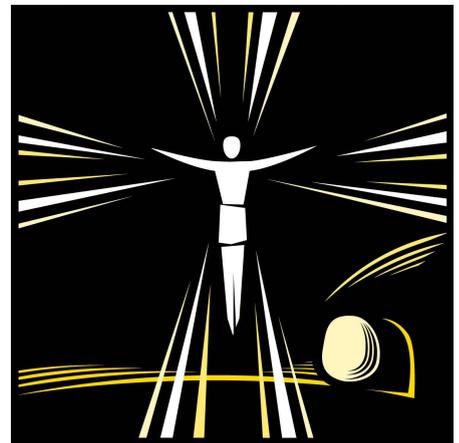
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Alleluia! He is Risen!

When we proclaimed these words on Easter Sunday it was a joyous event. Easter is a time of great hope, for death has been overcome by God's power and grace.

The Easter season is a continuous event over six weeks concluding with the feast of Pentecost. Jesus' death and rising is the foundation of our faith and beliefs as Catholics. When we celebrate Mass this is the period of Jesus' life that we are remembering. Jesus' resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Catholic calendar.



Easter is a time of renewal and new life. This is very evident in the northern hemisphere where the season of Spring begins and new shoots spring forth. For us in the southern hemisphere Easter coincides with the season of Autumn. Autumn is a season in which we notice the natural world around us changing in preparation for the stillness of Winter and eventual arrival of spring.

Just as Easter brings renewal so to does the beginning of a new school term. We can already see after this short break that the children have grown physically. The new term brings the opportunity of a fresh start and resetting our course to achieve our learning and social goals. I wish everyone a wonderful Term Two filled with many new opportunities for friendship and learning.

Don't Forget to make sure that your entry for the Principal's Holiday Challenge is in by this Friday to go into the draw on Monday. I already have many entries.

Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 2

Mon: 9am Assembly - 1G
Tue: 8am-3pm Diocesan Cross Country
Wed: 8:45am - Yr5 Justice and Police Excursion
9:30-10:30 am Kindy 2020 Open Morning
Thu: 8:15am Morning Workout,
Mothers' Day Stall
Fri: 8am Mother's Day Mass & Breakfast

Week 3

Mon: 9am Assembly - KB
Tue: Naplan Yrs 3 & 5
Thu: 8:15am Morning Workout



PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all families for your wonderful contributions to our annual Lenten appeal, Project Compassion. Our goal was to raise money so that taps could be purchased to provide clean drinking water for families in small villages. We raised over \$1,000 during the six weeks of Lent. Once again, thank you. The grade that raised the most money was YEAR 2!!!

SCHOOL FEES

Please ensure all payments are current and ensure your Flexible Payment Plans are in place for 2019.

INVITATION TO CHATTERBOX LIVE Q&A EVENT

Parramatta Catholic Education Office has always valued parent feedback and with the use of new technologies, are now focusing on connecting with families in real-time. As part of the commitment to promoting student and parent voice in our schools, we have launched a new initiative called *Chatterbox Live*. 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.

Registrations to attend the event in person will open on May 20 at 9am. If you would like to attend in person, please register your interest as soon as possible by visiting chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au. If you're unable to attend in person, you are welcome to tune in live by 'liking' the CEDP Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra

THE TOP PARENT ISSUE IS UNSAFE DRIVING HABITS AROUND OLMC

Unfortunately it seems that some of our parents have forgotten their responsibility to be safe and respectful drivers. In the past two days of school there have been parents doing illegal U-turns on Bennett Street, double parking or holding up the flow of traffic. All parents are expected to obey road rules to ensure the safety of ALL children and adults. The only people who can control what happens on the streets around our school are the parents driving. Between 8:30-9:00am and 2:30-3:40pm there are 408 students who need to be transported safely, so it is unreasonable to expect to be in and out in 5 minutes.



The reality of our school is that we do not have off-street parking and we are in a dense area with limited parking. This is not going to change. We cannot have a parking attendant, rangers or school staff policing the driving behaviour of our parents at all times. We need all drivers to do the following:

- Obey the road rules
- Move on if there is no parking space available on Bennett Street, go around the block and keep the traffic moving
- Parents who want to stop and have a chat and catch up with friends are asked to park on Garfield Street, Smith Street or Perry Street. Leave Bennett Street, out front of the school, clear for those parents who are doing a fast pick-up.

PE LESSONS AND SPORT DAYS

In each grade the children wear their sport uniform on the day they have Physical Education lessons and their Sport Lesson. There will be occasions where these days may change due to timetable changes. When this occurs parents will be notified with a note, through the newsletter or with the skoolbag app. The following schedule indicates the days students in each grade should wear their sport uniforms.



Kindergarten & Year 1 - Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday

Year 4 & Year 6 Gold - Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5 & Year 6 Blue - Tuesday & Friday

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

This term Years 5 and Year 6 are trialling one of the Learning Cycles in the new Diocesan RE curriculum. This is an exciting time as our present RE curriculum is over 30 years old. Teaching and learning has changed a lot during this time. The new curriculum gives students a voice in how each cycle will develop and as always is centered on Jesus and his teaching.

PENCIL SHARPENER DRIVE

We are collecting pencil sharpeners for our sister school Our Lady of Mt Carmel, a Carmelite parish in East Timor. We are asking for donations of pencil sharpeners like the one in the picture, as these last longer and are unavailable in East Timor. Our goal is to collect 500 sharpeners by the middle of July.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading is on a roll. During the first term, all of our 405 students received their logins, with 15 children completing the challenge already.

Your child's online reading log can be accessed via the following link <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/> If you have any questions or issues please direct them to Mrs Anderiesz.

LABELLING ALL ITEMS

The beginning of Term 2 is a timely reminder to all families that all personal items (clothing, lunchboxes, bags, etc.) need to be clearly labelled with your child(ren)'s name. Each year there are numerous items of clothing, especially hats and jackets that have no names or identification in lost property.

NO NAME = difficulty to find the OWNER

P&F NEWS

Mothers' Day Wrapping Day - A big thank you to everyone who helped prepare for next week's Mothers' Day stall by wrapping gifts! We are very grateful for everyone's support.

Mothers' Day Stall and Raffle - Our annual P&F Mothers' Day stall is on next Thursday 9th May. **Please send your child with a shopping bag** and some money so that they can choose from the great gifts we have to sell ranging from \$1 to \$12 for their well-deserving mums, grandmothers and mother figures. On the day we will also be selling raffle tickets for \$1 each, for a chance to win some great prizes for our mums!

Winners will be drawn at the Mothers' Day Breakfast. Tickets will be coming home this afternoon with your children. Please remember to fill in your child's name and class on the tickets they purchase and return all tickets in the envelope provided. We will also be running a guessing competition. For 50c a guess you might win a jar of lollies to make Mum's Day extra sweet. All you have to do is be the first person to guess the correct number of lollies inside the jar or be the closest guess without going over.



Help Needed for Mother's Day Stall - If any parents are available to come and help with the Mothers' Day stall next Thursday 9th May, it would be very much appreciated. The stall will run from 9am till 1pm

so any help is appreciated, (even if it's for just one hour). The stall will be held in the hall and morning tea and refreshments will be provided. If you can help, please contact Linda Khoury on 0433 147 510 or Diana Khoury on 0418 674 159.

Studio 100 Photography Voucher \$495
Coach Wristlet Pouch \$100 (Diana Khoury)
David Jones Gift Card \$100 (Shalini Chandil)
The Perfect Gift Card \$100 (Tanya Azer)
Swarovski Bracelet \$80
Remedial Massage Voucher \$70 (Ruth Laria)
Skincare Basket \$60 (Angelina Mancuso)
The Perfect Gift Card \$50
Salt and Pepper Stackable Dish Rack \$50 (Paula Epenian)
Body Pamper Basket \$50
Peter Alexander Gift Card \$50 (Linda Khoury)

CALLING ALL FATHERS - HELP NEEDED FOR MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

This year we are doing something different for our mums and will be holding a breakfast for them from 8:00am on Friday 10 May. This is our opportunity to give our mums a special treat to say thanks for all they do. We need some dads to help our P&F Vice President Sam Vecchio set up, cook and host the event. We hope to have many dads helping out. Please click on the link to complete the [Mothers' Day Help Survey](#) to indicate how you can help on the day. Alternatively, contact Samuel Vecchio on 0414 470 789 or Paula Epenain on 0406 515 782 to indicate how you can make this day extra special for the ladies in our lives.

P&F General Meeting - Our next P&F General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May at 7pm in the school library. We encourage as many people as possible to attend. A note and meeting agenda will be sent home with students the week before the meeting; we look forward to seeing as many people as possible there.

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.

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 June 6:15-9:00 pm John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville Term 2 Planner 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 April/May	29/4 First Day of Term 2 9am Assembly - 1Blue	30/4 2:30pm P&F Executive Meeting	1/5	2/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	3/5	4/5 5/5
2 Full winter uniform	6/5 9am Assembly - 1Gold	7/5 Diocesan Cross Country	8/5 Year 5 Excursion - Police & Justice Museum 9:30-10:30am Open Morning for 2020 Kindergarten prospective parents	9/5 Mothers' Day Stall 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	10/5 8:00am Mothers' Day Breakfast followed by Mass	11/5 12/5 Mothers' Day
3 NAPLAN Testing Period	13/5 9am Assembly - KBlue	14/5 9-12:30pm NAPLAN - Yr 3 & 5 Writing	15/5	16/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	17/5	18/5 19/5
4 NAPLAN Testing Period	20/5 NO Assembly School Photo Day - Winter Uniform Family Photos before school	21/5 9am Assembly - KGold 6pm Child Protection briefing 6:30pm Parents & Friends Meeting	22/5 9:15am Child Protection briefing (Mercy Library)	23/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	24/5	25/5 26/5
5 May/June	27/5 9am Assembly- 6Blue	28/5	29/5	30/5 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments close	31/5 9:15am Stage 2 Mass	1/6 St Paul's Interviews - Yr 6 2/6
6	3/6 9am Assembly - 6Gold	4/6	5/6 Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day (TBC)	6/6 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	7/6	8/6 9/6
7	10/6 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	11/6 9am Assembly - 5Blue	12/6	13/6 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout 3.30pm OR 7pm Confirmation Practice in Church	14/6 Stage 3 Mass Year 1 Science In School Experience	15/6 11am Confirmation Mass 20/6
8	16/6 9am Assembly - 5Gold	17/6	18/6 7pm Parent Information Evening for Reconciliation	19/6 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	20/6 OLMC Athletics Carnival	21/6 22/6
9 June/July	23/6 9am Assembly - 4Blue	24/6	25/6	26/6 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	27/6 Book Fair OPen Semester 1 reports sent home	28/6 29/6
10 Parent teacher interviews week	30/6 Parent teacher Interviews Book Fair 9am Assembly - 4Gold	1/7 Parent teacher Interviews Book Fair 3:30-8pm Parent teacher Interviews	2/7 Parent teacher Interviews Book Fair	3/7 Parent teacher Interviews 8:15am Thursday Morning Workout	4/7 Stage 1 Mass Last Day of Term 2	5/7 6/7 NAIDOC Week begins

22 July - School resumes Term 3