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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

As a child I attended a Catholic primary school and the motto of my primary school has been a lifelong influence. The motto was *'Love One Another'*. This simple phrase was one of the key lessons of Jesus' teachings. As I listened to last week's Gospel reading from St Luke I thought back to my school motto and considered what this meant to me.

In this reading, St Luke opens by telling us to love our enemies, pray for those who treat you badly, turn your cheek, treat others the way you wish to be treated. He goes on to say that even sinners love those who love them. Instead, love your enemies and do good without the expectation of reward. In these words, he is revealing what God is like and how he acts to those who are good and bad - as a loving God to all, who loves unconditionally. We are invited to do what we can to emulate the love of God. Showing love to those we love is easy. How can we show unconditional love, acceptance and generosity to those we don't love? This is most challenging, but Luke gives us some clear proposals on how to achieve this.

***Lord Jesus, you judge us not for our misdeeds:
you fill our hearts with love: Christ,
through you we are saved:
may our hearts be filled with compassion and love
for those who would do us wrong.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen***



This evening is our first Fete meeting for 2019. I encourage as many of you to attend the meeting at 7:00 pm in the Church Narthex to find out what the Fete Committee have planned and how you can get involved. As the Fete draws closer many volunteers are needed to make this community event a success. Please refer to the volunteer note coming home to show how you can help.

Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

Thurs: Mufti Day - bring a Chocolate Bar

Fri: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Week 6

Catholic Schools Week

Meet the Teacher Week

Mon: 9 am Assembly, Catholic Schools Week Liturgy and Open Morning

Weds: Ash Wednesday Mass 10:00 am

Thurs: Open Morning 9:30-10: 30 am

Week 7

Mon: 4G Assembly

Weds: 3:25- 4:25pm AFL AusKick

Thurs: Selective Schools Tests Yr7

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY on FRIDAY 1 MARCH - NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

NOTES HOME

Today

- AFL Coaching Clinic
- OLQP Bulldogs NRL
- Fete Volunteers
- Technology Acceptable Use Contract K, Yrs 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6

Thursday.

- App Download on BYOD

MERIT AWARDS

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| KB | Summer, Isaac | 4B | Irene, Xavier |
| KG | Aarush, Ajak | 4G | Ashley, Antoine |
| 1B | Misha, Zachary, Yara | 5B | John, Bracston, Rhianna, Celine |
| 1G | Paul Moes, Lily | 5G | Harrison, Rouba, Lara, Alexis |
| 2B | Anthony, Greta, Angela, Jeremiel | 6B | Nhial, Aurelia |
| 2G | Angela, Jeremiel | 6G | Anthony, Ann |
| 3B | Navya, Gabriel | CA | Jose, Yara |
| 3G | Taliah, Riya | PE | Ajak, Stella |

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday 3 March. To celebrate Catholic Schools Week we will be holding a Liturgy as a part of our Monday Assembly. Following our Liturgy and Assembly parents and other family members are invited to visit the classrooms to see what learning in a Catholic school looks like in action. Our classrooms will be open until 10:45am. When visiting we encourage you to talk to the children about their learning and the work they are doing.

ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020



Catholic Schools Week marks the beginning of the enrolment period for all Catholic schools. We encourage any parent with a child who is five years old or turning five in the first half of the year to consider enrolling at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Enrolment packs will be available from the school office from Monday 4 March. There will be three open mornings and school tours for prospective parents on the following dates:

Thursday 7 March at 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 27 March at 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 8 May at 9:30-10:30am

Please note enrolments will close on May 30 2019.

CATHOLIC OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE UPDATE

With the start to 2019, the OLMC Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) centre has had an overwhelming demand for places. There is currently a waiting list. We are in the process of seeking approval from government bodies to increase the number of children we can accommodate at the OLMC COSHC. We understand the pressure that this current situation has placed on our working families. The COSHC Team and School are doing all we can to find a speedy resolution and appreciate the understanding support of parents.

FAREWELL MRS HAYWOOD

Mrs Kristy Haywood has accepted the offer of a position working in the office at Patrician Brothers Blacktown. Mrs Haywood's last day at OLMC will be this Friday. Mrs Haywood's friendly and open manner have made many parents and children feel welcome. We appreciate her contribution to OLMC during the past 2 Years. We wish her well as she takes up her new role at Patrician Brothers.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

All classes have begun units based on the Church's liturgical season of Lent. Some language that you may like to use in conversations with your children could include: *Lent, Ash Wednesday, 40 days, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, getting ready, purple, ashes, palms, forgiveness, penance, project compassion.*

Stage 3 are preparing to trial part of the new RE curriculum and Amanda Bentley from the Mission Team is working with teachers and children.

MORNING SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that supervision on the morning playground begins at 8:30 am. Recently it has been noticed that some parents are dropping children at the Smith St gate before 8:30 am to enter the school unaccompanied. The Smith St gate is open before 8:30 am for COSHC access only. Unaccompanied children should not be left on the playground alone. Parents who require assistance with supervision in the morning should contact Teresa at COSHC to check morning availability.

ST PAULS OPEN DAY

Sunday 3 March 11:30am- 2pm



There are enrolment packs available in the school office for interested parents.

TINY TOTS PLAYGROUP

Our Lady of Mount Carmel hosts 'Tiny Tots' Playgroup in the Parish Hall every Friday from 9:15 am to 12 pm. This Playgroup is open to all members of our community. Parents and carers participate in activities with the children and it is a great way for children and carers to socialise. The Cost is \$20 per family each school term or \$2 per casual visit.



P&F NEWS

MUFTI DAY

This Thursday, children are invited to wear their own clothes to school and bring a family sized bar of chocolate to help with our fete. Please purchase a bar of chocolate that does not have nuts as we have members of our community with significant allergies. Please also make sure that your child is wearing closed in shoes (no wheels) and is dressed so that they can fully take part in the school day.

FETE NEWS

The fete will soon be here. Friday 22 March is only 23 days away!!!! Take some time over to consider how you can become involved in making our fete great!

Our next fete meeting is **Wednesday 27th February** at 7pm in the Parish Centre. **That is tonight!** Please come along and help make our fete fantastic.

We are extremely grateful to the many people who have volunteered to assist with the fete.

We are urgently seeking people to help by volunteering an hour of their time to coordinate a stall coordinator. We coordinate of The Dunk tank (you would be finished by 7!), book bazaar and directing prize winners at the Chocolate wheel. Coordinate your own, or work with a friend. Training, equipment and support will be provided. Visit

<http://signup.com/go/ecdtldr> to sign up to the stall and time that best suits you.

Congratulations to Charbel(6G) and Angelina (2B) who won our second prize draw for bringing back their sold raffle tickets! To be in the draw each Monday morning, just bring in your sold book of raffle tickets with the money and your name will go into the draw. **For only \$2 a ticket we have amazing prizes to be won in our major raffle**, prizes for the families that sell the most raffle tickets as well as weekly prizes for sending your tickets in before **15th March**. If you would like more raffle tickets in addition to the ones sent home this week, please see the school office.

Qualified Electrician Needed!

We are seeking qualified services of an Electrician to setup the power for the fete stalls on Fete Day and must be present during the Fete in case there are any issues. Please contact Paula for further information.

If you happen to misplaced any distributed fete information or forms, they are available on the school website under the Parents and Friends tab at <http://www.olmcwentworthville.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Notes-and-Forms>

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.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

This week we will introduce you to our School Leaders. In the coming weeks you will hear from our Sport Leaders and Student Representative Council.



Being a school leader means that I can help make the school a better learning place for all children at OLMC. I am a gymnast, a hip hop dancer and a touch football player, but I also enjoy mathematics. I am looking forward to being a school leader in 2019. *Claudia*

Being a leader is a very important role to me and it requires lots of responsibilities. Something you may not know about me is that I am very responsible and very kind to younger students. *Michael*

Being a school leader means that I have bigger responsibilities and I have to commit. I am really good at gymnastics in fact I got a gold medal at the NSW State Championships Gymnastics level 3 and I also play touch football. I am so excited to start this school year as a school leader for 2019. *Chloe*

I'm pleased to be a school leader because if kids ever need help they'll know to come to older kids and I can help them. I get to do fun jobs around the school with my friends. *Gevin*

I am so happy about being a school leader. I'm looking forward to helping with a recycling program to make our school a great place. I look forward to getting to do amazing jobs with one of my friends Gevin.

Bradley

I think being a school leader is a great opportunity to learn more about the inside of the school. I am a very chatty person, so when I get talking I can't stop! *Emily*

I am so excited to be a school leader and help everyone find their voice. I will walk next to everyone and support them. I may not be the loudest but I will be a helpful, supportive leader for everyone. *Elisha*

I'm happy to be a school leader because I can help the kids to have the best time at OLMC. I am active and like to play sport with my friends. I am really good at cricket. *James*