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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

When I joined the community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel seven years ago it quickly became apparent to me that this community was unique in its strong community spirit and support of the school and parish.

The School and Parish Fete held last week was a reminder of the strength of community spirit that exists at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school and parish community to come together along with visitors from our wider community. Our school grounds were filled with excited people who had come to experience the hospitality of this unique community. As I walked amongst the crowds and spoke to people common phrases were *"Wow, this fete is amazing"*, *"what a wonderful atmosphere"*, *what a lovely community"*. The sudden downpour did not dampen our spirits but drew us up together physically and spiritually. The primary focus of the fete is to build community and that was well and truly achieved on Friday.

As you would know events like our Fete do not just happen. There is an enormous amount of planning that is involved with thousands of hours of work to coordinate things from the rides to the garbage collection. I would particularly like to acknowledge the tireless work of our Fete Coordinator Pauline Epenian for all she has done to make the fete such a success and set up processes to make it easy for others to continue in the future. Paula has had a regular band of assistants helping her along the way Samuel Vecchio, Donna Bonnici, Norma Touma and Danielle Gardner; Thank you to them for their efforts. I would like to offer my thanks to all members of our parish community who helped by coordinating stalls, assisting at stalls, setting up and packing up, cleaning up, counting money, selling raffle tickets and all the other ways too many to mention.

Finally thank you to all who came along to support this event and for participating in making this a wonderful community to be a part of. Our community is strengthened when we all come together to share our skills and time.

Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 9

Thur: Mission Week Disco Yr5 & Kindy
Fri: Sharing the Learning (Student books sent home)

Week 10

Mon: 9am Assembly - 2B
Wed: 3:25-4:25pm AFL Clinic

Week 10 cont

Thu: 8:15am Morning Workout
Fri: 10-11am Cross Country Carnival

Week 11

Mon: GOD Day
 9am Assembly 2G

NOTES HOME

Friday

- Lane Cove Excursion - Yr4

Monday/Tuesday

- Cross Country Note

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Dev, Isabel	4B	Sarayu, Annabel
KG	Zoe, Abbey	4G	Thabeesh, Gabriella
1B	Jolenta, Pranav	5B	Sylvana, Claudia
1G	Olivia, Benjamin	5G	Grace, David
2B	Jada, Mary	6B	No awards presented.
2G	Reuben, Angelina	6G	No awards presented.
3B	Lucas, Kinjal	CA	Matteo, Elizabeth
3G	No awards presented.	PE	No awards presented.

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards:

Jose, Navya, Amalia,
 Alessandra



CHANGE OF DATE : GOD DAY

PARENT GOD DAY IS NOW MONDAY 8TH APRIL FROM 9:30AM

This is an opportunity for parents to spend time together deepening their own understanding of Easter. It is not an opportunity for you to be working with children in classrooms.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Our disco week for Project Compassion has been great. Lots of people have donated lots of money. We have \$373.55. We are putting in lots of effort towards it. The discos have been great so far! Everyone has got down and boogied including Mrs Andriesz! Thank you to everyone who has donated money, as a little goes a long way. Only 3 more weeks to go. Who will be the winning class?

Emily 6B and Gevin 6G

SCHOOL FEES

DUE DATE: FRIDAY, 29 MARCH 2019 - TERM ONE

All families should have now received their school fee statements. If you have not, please contact the office before this Friday, 29 March. If you have received your statement but not your payment plan forms, go to www.parra.catholic.edu.au/school-fees before Friday and complete (final yearly payments must be made on or before 29 August 2019).

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

The school policy for handling complaints and grievances aligns with the Catholic Education Office policy. If parents are concerned about a matter they are advised to contact the school and make an appointment with the most appropriate staff member. **For classroom issues, please speak to the classroom teacher first.** For more serious matters, please make a time to speak with the Stage Leader. For any Child Protection related matter, Miss Pirovic or Mrs Anderiesz need to be informed. More information is available in the Parent Handbook.

- Early Stage One Leader and Stage One Leader of Learning - Mrs Speranza
- Stage Two Leader of Learning - Mrs Haddad
- Stage Three Leader of Learning - Mrs Nolan

STUDENT WORKBOOKS

Student workbooks will be sent home on Friday. Please take the time to look through these books with your child and discuss how they are progressing with their learning goals. Please remember that students need to bring these workbooks back to school so that they can continue working in them on Monday.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE

This Sunday the Church celebrates Rose or Pink Sunday or Laetere Sunday. It marks the halfway point in our Lenten journey towards Easter. The word Laetare means "rejoice" to remind us to prepare for the great feast of Easter that we are preparing to celebrate. Children use the word REJOICE and ALLELUIA in their Easter prayers and activities.

WINTER UNIFORMS

All students will be required to be wearing their winter uniform from the start of Term 2. Orders should be placed through Oz Fashions via the QKR App. Orders placed before 4:00pm on a Wednesday will be delivered to the school on the next Thursday. Orders will be sent home with your child. If you need to try on uniforms for sizing, you can do so at the Office before and after school. Bookings are not required.

FETE SPIN-OFF

Due to the weather change during the Fete, the Fete Committee has decided to host a "Fete Spin Off" which will take place at the school entry via Smith Street on **Sunday 7 April 2019 commencing at 11am**. This event will consist of the Chocolate Wheel, Hoopla, Krazy Hair and Nails, Sweet Tooth Booth, Hot Dogs, Corn Cups, Sausage Sizzle, Chicken Burgers and Drinks. More information will be shared next week. In the meantime mark the "**Fete Spin Off**" on your calendars! All families and friends are welcome.



P&F NEWS

Thank you to all the wonderful parents and year 6 students who helped set up the fete last Friday. Thanks to all the Stall Co-ordinators and volunteers helped on a stall during the Fete, and also to those who took the time out of their weekend to help clean up the school grounds and pack up items on Saturday. Without your help the Fete would not have been so successful.

We would also like to acknowledge our generous fete sponsors. Laing + Simmons Wentworthville, Access Valuations, Studio1000 Photography, Architectural Window Systems, Epcon Constructions, GRK Group and CD Design. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Congratulation to all the 2019 Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize: Prepaid Visa Card Winner Rosanne (ticket No. 2153)
- 2nd Prize: Uniden 4 Channel Home Surveillance System Winner Medha Pand (ticket No. 9634)
- Uniden 4 Channel Home Surveillance System Winner John (ticket No. 0099)
- 3rd Prize: Mystery Prize Winner C M (ticket No. 9550)
- 4th Prize: Xbox One S 1T, Headphones plus \$100 Xbox Voucher Winner James (ticket No. 2180)
- 5th Prize: Studio1000 Experience Gift Card Winner Joseph (ticket No. 6359)
- Studio1000 Experience Gift Card Winner Eknoor (ticket No. 4522)
- 6th Prize: Oral B Bundle Winner Frances (ticket No. 10273)
- 7th Prize: Lithgow Workies Night Stay & Blue Mts Explorer Family Bus Pass Winner Fayad Family (ticket No. 9923)
- 8th Prize: Sonyla's Beauty Spot Gift Voucher & Facial Pack Winner Georgina (ticket No. 10892)
- 9th Prize: Jades Mobile Hair Makeover Voucher & Haircare Pack Winner Luke (ticket No. 7712)
- 10th Prize: Samsung Stainless Steel 1000W 40L Microwave Winner Sandra (ticket No. 10087)
- 11th Prize: Parramatta Eels Training Shirt & Shorts plus Football Winner Azhric (ticket No. 5288)

Additional Raffle Prizes

- 12th Prize: Parramatta Eels Backpack, Shirt, Drink Bottle plus Football Winner Lakshara (ticket No. 7497)
- 13th Prize: Jumbuck Globe Kettle BBQ Winner Bianka (ticket No. 1868)
- 14th Prize: Coffee Machine & Mugs Winner Marisa (ticket No. 10871)
- 15th Prize: Portable BBQ and Cutlery Set Winner Aleisha (ticket No. 5303)

ALL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW OVERDUE: If you still have raffle books, please return them to the school office. If you have misplaced them, please email olmcfete@gmail.com to let us know. Due to auditing purposes we need to account for every book that was distributed.

Anyone with reimbursement forms from the Fete, please send them Attention: Norma Touma to the school office as soon as possible.



OLMC FETE 2019

What an amazing spectacle our 2019 FETE turned out to be. Excitement filled the air as the community were transformed from the OLMC school grounds to carnival splendour.



From rides, to showbags, to baskets and cakes, it had everything! The entertainment didn't end there, with the Dunk Tank, Chocolate Wheel and countless carnival games providing additional amusement.

Captivating stalls immersed guests, while the delicious cultural delicacies ensured no one went home hungry.

Events like this don't happen

overnight. We would like to particularly thank Paula

Epenian, Samuel Vecchio, Donna Bonnici, Norma Touma & Danielle Gardner for planning this event for over a year now. A special thanks to the countless volunteers who supported the fete and attended numerous meetings and gave up their time on the day.

Finally, we would like to thank the parent community for supporting our numerous mufti days. Without your support, we would not have been able to include the variety of stalls and entertainment that was present.

