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Newsletter
Term 2 Week 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Currently our Year Five and Year Six students are undertaking an inquiry into the question **Where Do We Find Hope?** As a part of their inquiry, the students were asked to develop their own definition of the word **HOPE**. This has led me to think about the concept of Hope and how it influences our daily lives. Hope is an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of a positive outcome. In our Christian experience hope is inseparable from faith. Our faith in God's love and care lead us to be hopeful about our future.

Hope sees not just what is, but what can be; it is not blind to obstacles; it takes them seriously and is practical in addressing them. Hope leads us to act purposefully in the present as we anticipate the work of Love in the future through drawing on the memory of love received in the past.

There are many moments in life where our hopefulness is tested. These are often moments of personal or global tragedy. Perhaps even moments of disappointment. We are often amazed how after experiences of loss or tragedy, individuals and communities are able to recover, forgive and continue with life. Humans are truly wondrous beings that find strength in their faith in God which allows hope to be renewed and flourish.

The entire Gospel conveys a hope-filled message of salvation and new life. This Friday, we celebrate the feast of Our lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. She was chosen by the early Irish settlers to be our Patron as without a priest in the colony to celebrate Mass, they had a great devotion to Mary through the Rosary. We call on Mary to help us keep faith in order to live in hope.

*Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian,
how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children,
how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?
Grant then to me, I implore you,
your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow,
and especially in all my temptations.*

*I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.
Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love
and eternally thank you in heaven.*



Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4

Thur: Yr 5 Naplan: Numeracy

Fri: Family Day - Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation

Week 5

Mon: TTFM Survey Period Begins
Assembly: 6B

Week 5 Cont.

Tue: Basketball Clinic

6pm-7pm: Parent Session- Helping Your Child Read & Write

Wed: Year 6 Excursion-Maritime Museum

9am: OLMC Free Library Grand Opening

9:10am-10am: Parent Session- Helping Your Child Read & Write

NOTES HOME

Today

- Year 3 Excursion to Auburn Botanical Gardens

Friday

- OLMC Free Library Grand Opening

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Rajan, Luca	4B	Bhakti, Azhric
KG	Henry, Alexander	4G	Ciano, Winona
1B	Jasmine, Sean	5B	Noah, Natasha
1G	Steven, Yelesta	5G	Gabriella, Bridie
2B	Matthew, Siya	6B	No awards presented.
2G	Jesse, Sienna	6G	James, Vraj
3B	Elizabeth, Varsha	CA	Tiarna, Bradley
3G	Chelsea, Christina	PE	No awards presented.

STAFFING UPDATE

Next week we welcome Mrs Deborah Lawrence who has been appointed temporarily as an Administrative Assistant joining Mrs Banks and Mrs Murphy in the office team. We thank Mrs Bernadette Savill who has been working in this position for her dedicated support of students, parents and staff.

Miss Pirovic will be taking two weeks long service leave commencing on 27 May. During this time the following arrangements will be in place:

- Mrs Anderiesz - Acting Principal
- Mrs Nolan - Acting Assistant Principal
- Mrs Haddad - Acting Religious Education Coordinator

FAMILY DAY

On Friday 24 May, we are celebrating Family Day, following Bishop Vincent's initiative introduced last year. Our celebrations will begin with morning prayer at 9am, later in the day at 2.20pm children will be involved in exciting activities in family groups organised by grade teachers. Siblings will spend time together and children without siblings at our school will be "adopted" for this activity.



Children are asked to wear mufti clothes and make a gold coin donation to help CatholicCare taking care of families in need of clothing, food, medicines or accommodation.

We encourage you to take time over the weekend to celebrate your family by sharing a meal or activity that you can enjoy together. May our families be like the family of Nazareth a place of peace, hope and joy. Where God our Father is always at the centre.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

All school-aged children are invited to attend their own Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30am Mass during terms 3 and 4. This delightful ministry only lasts about 20 minutes each week, and it's an engaging way for children to participate in the Gospel reading of the week.



CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Our families continue to attend workshops this week and next. Please pray for our Candidates and their families as they share and listen to stories of faith and love in preparation to receive and celebrate this sacrament.



TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY (TTFM)

In the coming weeks, every diocesan school will be inviting students from Years 4 to 6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of their school using an online "Tell Them From Me" survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We value the role of all stakeholders within our school community and greatly appreciate the feedback. The information survey participants provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please contact Mrs Anderiesz. Please keep an eye out for the URL link to access the survey coming home soon.

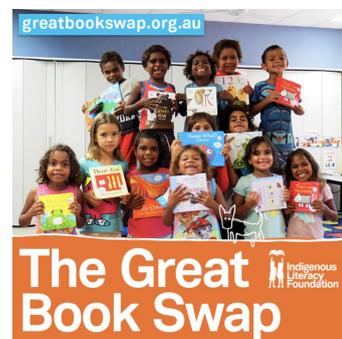


OLMC GREAT BOOK SWAP!

Last year, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation raised over \$270,000 from the Great Book Swap. In 2019, their goal is to raise \$350,000 to gift 35,000 new books to remote communities who want and need them. After all, how can you learn to read without books? Help us, help them, by making a donation to our Great Book Swap page and sharing it with your friends, family and colleagues! <https://bit.ly/2YDLy3B>

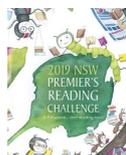
On the 4th of September (Indigenous Literacy Day) OLMC will be hosting their own Great Book Swap! Family and friends are invited to bring a book and gold coin donation to support those children living in remote communities that have reduced access to literature.

Our Great Book Swap not only signifies the importance of a love of literacy and learning but also advocates for those living in more than 280 remote communities across the country. If you would like to donate a book/books before this date you can drop them into the School Office in a plastic bag marked Mrs Anderiesz. Monetary donations and event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/2YDLy3B>



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading is in full swing. During the first term, all of our 405 students received their logins, with all of Year 1, Year 2 plus 63 children completing the challenge already. Your child's online reading log can be accessed via the following link <https://bit.ly/2ULqOVd>



INVITATION TO CHATTERBOX LIVE Q&A EVENT

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. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/2JRIRaQ> If you're unable to attend in person, you're welcome to tune in live by 'liking' the CEDP Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/2WXYsc0>

P&F NEWS

P&F General meeting - Thank you to everyone who came to our Parents and Friends meeting last night. It was a wonderful turnout and a great meeting. Mrs Nolan discussed the new Religious Education curriculum and the experiences of the Stage 3 students trialling the new learning cycles. Miss Pirovic and Mrs Anderiesz discussed the learning of our children and future directions within the school, and as a group, we discussed a variety of topics including the quality of the school uniforms. Minutes will be emailed out shortly to those in attendance.



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. PLEASE REMEMBER THE 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP IS CASH ONLY AND THAT THE PARENTS WHO RUN IT ARE VOLUNTEERS

A request from our Treasurer - If you have anything that needs to be reimbursed from the P&F from the fete, Mothers' Day stall or any other event expenses, please collect the green form from the school office, fill it in and submit your request by the end of this month.

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 3rd June 6:15-9:00pm John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens.

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HOW TO RAISE HAPPY AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

Join the PRC to hear one of Australia's leading Psychologists talk about the journey from childhood through to young adulthood and it seems to have become so much harder to navigate.

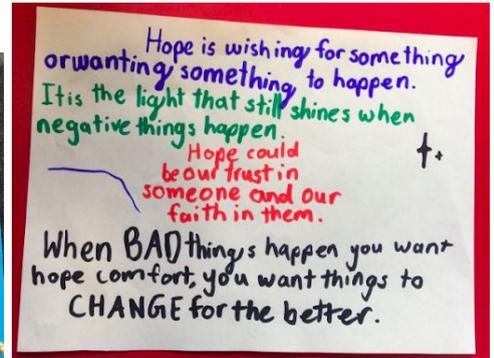
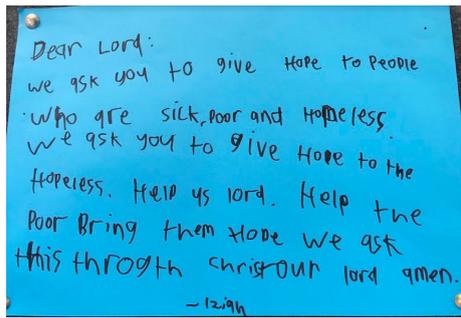
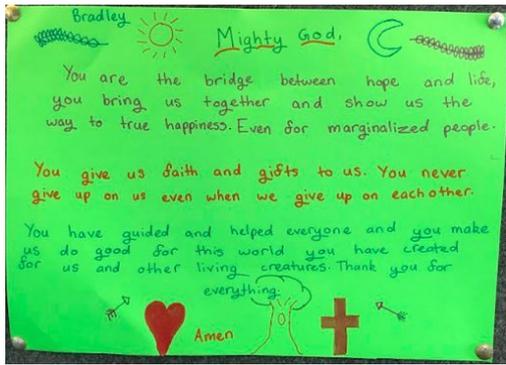
Hear about the latest news from the science of positive psychology how it's applied to bringing up children and teenagers.

Our guest speaker for the evening is
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
Adolescent and Child Psychologist

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 3rd June 2019
Doors open: 6:15 pm (for 7:00pm (2 hours))
PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker!
John XXIII Catholic College
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768
Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky draw prize will be up for grabs!
www.prc.catholic.edu.au @prcparents @prcparents

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.



As part of our new Religious Education curriculum, Stage Three have been trialling the new Learning Cycle - Hope through Scripture. The approach to this new learning cycle will be inquiry-based learning where the students will guide their own learning through the posing of questions and concepts that they can then explore deeper throughout the term. This approach will give the students a chance to delve deeper into the aspects of Religious Education that they are interested in and can work together to explore what it is that they are keen to learn more about.

The learning cycle - "Hope through scripture" allows students to explore through the message of the scriptures how we connect our joys and struggles with those of others. Students have been learning about where we find hope and how can we as children of God make connections with the emotions, wonderings and concerns that people in the Bible experienced. We will also be looking at the role scripture plays in our understanding of hope and how it influences our prayers of hope.

