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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

When most of us were tiny children we were taught how to make the sign of the Cross. With our right hand we touch our forehead, our breast and our shoulders. As we do this we say

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".

Symbolically we:

- † open our minds - our forehead
- † we open our hearts - our breast, and
- † we open all our strength - our shoulders....

to the wonder of our God – Father, Son and Spirit.

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Trinity. It is the feast of the Sign of the Cross – Father, Son and Spirit, three persons but one God. One God who is signified in the sign we make every time we pray so that God will enlighten our minds, open our hearts and strengthen us so that we can live good lives and bring dignity to the lives of other people.

It was fitting that last week we also celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish. The children being confirmed were acknowledging the promises made on their behalf at their Baptism and saying yes to these promises for themselves. As Catholics, we believe that in Confirmation we are bestowed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Fr Ron explained to the children the qualities of each gift. Saying that the gift 'Fear of the Lord' can be confusing but it refers to having **wonder** and **awe** in the Lord not about being afraid of Him. We congratulate all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and ask God through the Holy Spirit to guide and care for these children.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Learn Religions

Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 8

Thur: 8:15-8:40am: Morning Workout
(Students to wait at Bennett St Gate ONLY)
Fri: OLMC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL!

Week 9

Mon: Assembly: 4B
Tue: K-6 Basketball Clinics

TERM 3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

1. **MONDAY 22ND JULY (TERM 3 WEEK 1)**
2. **FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER (TERM 3 WEEK 8)**

NOTES HOME

Notes From Today

- Parent Teacher Interviews: Booking Information
- Jarara Cultural Experience Permission note

Notes From Last Week

- OLMC Athletics Permission

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Kira, Agastya	4B	Xavier, Sowjanya
KG	Luca, Prasadi	4G	Jake, Jasmine
1B	Sam, Krisha	5B	Simona, Jerome
1G	Alissa, Anabel	5G	Jonathan, Julian
2B	Samyel, Anthony	6B	No awards presented
2G	Luke, Grace	6G	Victoria, Adam
3B	Eknoor, Chimir	CA	Amalia, Ashvitha
3G	Massimo, Adriana	PE	No awards presented

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel Athletics Carnival is being held this Friday, 21st June at Holroyd Sportsground, Peel Street, Merrylands. Some key information for parents:

- Ensure that your child has returned their permission slip so that we are aware of the pickup arrangements for your child. If no arrangements are made your child will return to school with their teacher.
- Parents and Family members will be able to watch the children participate on the day from the stands. Bring along a cushion or chair and don't forget to rug up.
- The canteen will be open for parents and family members attending on the day. Children will not be able to go to the canteen, their lunches should have been pre-ordered.
- Children will not be able to sit with parents. They will remain with their age group and teacher supervisors.
- Only parents volunteers will be allowed on the field.
- Parent volunteers are asked to arrive at Holroyd Sportsground at approximately 8:50 am (or as close to that as possible) so that Mr Jones can inform you of your duties for the carnival.
- Children will not be able to leave the carnival until all events have been completed and the carnival is closed at approximately 2:00 pm. This time will vary depending on the running of the day. Miss Pirovic will announce the close of the carnival.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. These children have now completed their Sacraments of Initiation into our Roman Catholic faith. Their journey now continues as practising, faith-filled Catholics participating in the Parish community. The children re-affirmed the promises to show the love of Christ to others and to be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they make choices throughout their lives.



LOST PROPERTY

As the weather turns colder the children are wearing more layers. There are a large number of jumpers and jackets in the lost property cupboard that do not have a name on them. Please check that all your child's school uniform has a label with their name clearly marked. This will ensure that lost items are returned to the right person.

PENCIL SHARPENER DRIVE

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Our drive is over!!!
Congratulations to our community for being so very, very generous. We collected over **600 sharpeners** for OLMC school in Zumalai. Thank you to our very generous families who donated a multitude of sharpeners.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to these children who have completed their PRC Challenge in the last 7 days.

Year1: Hansikaa, Aimie, Krisha & Liam

Year 3: Ashleyna, Erinn & Tahlia

Year 6: Charbel, Claudia & Madeline

This brings our School's total to 150

Year 2: Jada, Aibel & Gabrielle

Year 4: Charlotte



K	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
60	11	12	9	3	50	5

We want all children to complete the PRC! So keep reading and log your reading via this [PRC link](#).

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that Term 2 school fees accounts are now overdue. Please ensure your account is paid promptly and that all Flexible Payment Plan payments are up to date. Should you be experiencing any financial difficulties please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make a confidential appointment with Miss Pirovic.



NSW CPS Cross Country

Last Friday saw the running of the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Carnival. OLMC had one student, Jasmine, attend and represent our school and diocese on the day. Jasmine participated and represented the school in the best way possible leaving nothing left in the tank at the end of the day. Congratulations Jasmine from the entire OLMC community!

CATCH THE READING WAVE...TO THE OLMC BOOKFAIR

Next Friday marks the first day of our annual Book Fair.

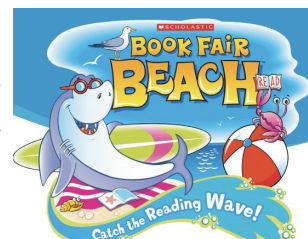
For 5 days our Library will be transformed into a book shop with books provided by Ashton Scholastic. Parents, grandparents and children are welcome to visit the book fair, before and after school to buy a book or a treat. Students will also be able to purchase during lunchtimes. A brochure will come home closer to the fair so that families can preview some of the titles. You may choose to order from this instead. Proceeds from sales will go towards the purchase of new books for our school library.

COMPETITION: We will be running several competitions during the next few weeks, with students being able to win a \$10 book fair voucher that they can use towards the purchasing of books or treats from our book fair.

Week 8 Competition: Design a bookmark. Bookmark templates can be collected from the Library and must include a message about reading. All bookmarks must be handed into the Library by Friday afternoon. Only 1 entry per student.

2 winners will be announced during next week's assembly.

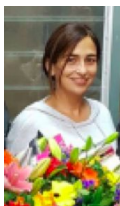
Congratulations to the recipients of Week 7s Bookfair Arrow competition Claudia and Chanel.



P&F NEWS

The Parents and Friends Association is a group that represents the parents in our school community. Each year those present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) elect a committee to represent them in our school. It is important for the parent community to know the roles and what is involved. They are not enormous and any parent who is willing can nominate to be considered for this role. Our next AGM is in Term 4 and you might consider if this is a role you could take on to support our school community. Today we profile the role of President.

The key task of the president is to ensure that the needs and wishes of the parents are given a voice and that good relationships are established with the Parish, the school executive and teachers. They do this by organising functions within the school, welcoming new families, coordinating the various committees and chairing our Parents and Friends meetings.



Pauline (Paula) Epenian is currently our Parents and Friends President. Paula enjoys the opportunity that being president gives her to be active in her son's school and loves the school and its community. She enjoys giving back to the school, meeting people and working with the many parents that come to help out. If you want to ask Paula about one of her roles in more detail, please do so. If you feel you would like to find out more about the role of president, please visit the school website to have a look at the [job description](#).

YEAR 1 FIZZICS EXPERIENCE

On Friday, the students in Year 1 had the opportunity to participate in a science workshop learning about



Force, Friction and Movement.

The workshop included different stations based around push and pull forces, gravity, energy change, sound, colour and light. Students were able to explore, in-depth, how push and pull forces act to move objects, what variables impact friction between two surfaces and how this affects an object's movement.

"The incursion was really fun and we learnt about sound, light and friction"

Lucas

"I learnt that you can see air from the smoke in the drum. And I learnt that all the colours of the rainbow make white"

Krishna.



"It was really cool and when the air was coming out it was going slow when he pushed it"

Zachary

"The science incursion was really fun because there was a lot of interesting things that we were able to learn about"

Hansikaa

