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Newsletter Term 3 Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week children in our faith community are receiving their first Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament marks the beginning of our conscious decision to take up the promises made at our Baptism by our Godparents and complete our Catholic Sacraments of Initiation. Last night the first group of children completed their first reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to reflect on our thoughts and actions and recall times where we have not been our best. We seek forgiveness through a conversation and prayer with our priests who stand in for Jesus in this conversation of counsel and forgiveness. As the children prepared to receive this sacrament they reflected on the story of *The Forgiving Father* which some of us may know as *The Prodigal Son*. They were also lead through an examination of conscious which is shared below:

There was a man who had two sons, and the younger one wanted his share of the property. When he left, he wasted all his money.

When have I been wasteful?

When have I used more than I need?

He had spent everything, when a bad famine spread through that whole land. So he had nothing to eat.

Do I turn a blind eye to the suffering of others?

How do I feel when I neglect the needs of others?

He decided to return to his father.

What does it take for me to turn to God?

Do I include God in the choices I make?

When he returned, his father celebrated with great joy. But the older brother became mad.

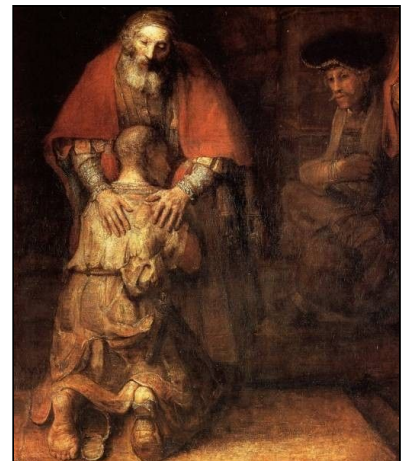
When do I get Jealous?

How do I feel after I take out my bad moods on others?

The father called for the older son to join in the celebrations, but he was too mad.

When am I less than gentle with people?

Can I let go of grudges that I hold?



Sometimes as our children prepare to receive their sacraments we can be caught up in the superficial elements of our clothes, the celebrations or even just doing it with our friends. Our sacraments are a time for us to connect with the spiritual element of our conscious and reflect individually and as a family on how being a Catholic guides our lives. These are sacred moments in our lives where we can strengthen our relationship with God. I encourage you to take a few moments and reflect on the statements above just as the children in our parish have.

Olimpia Pirovic

Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Please note the following changes: Wed 18 December

- End of Year and Year 6 Graduation Mass - 1:30pm
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner - 6:00pm

Week 2

Wed: 9am NRL Clinic Yrs 3-6

Thu: 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout

(Students enter Bennett St Gate ONLY)

Fri: School Census Day - **Please make sure all absences are notified.**

Week 3

Mon: 9am Assembly - 2B

Tue: Zone Athletics Carnival

Wed: 9am NRL Clinic Yrs 3-6

Thu: 8:15am Morning Workout

Book Week Celebrations

Monday 19 August - Assembly - 11:30am-12:30pm

NOTES HOME

Last Thursday/Friday

- Zone Athletics Carnival
- Botanic Gardens Excursion - Yr1

Monday

- PE Lesson Change - Yr2 & Yr4

Today

- Teddy Bear Picnic - Kindy
- Personal Development - Yr 5
- Book Week Author Visit - K-Yr6

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Josephine ▪ Amelia	4B	Caitlyn ▪ Sarayu
KG	Maliyah ▪ Aakash	4G	Charlise ▪ Sebastian
1B	Elena ▪ Liam	5B	Serena ▪ Sylvana
1G	Chanel ▪ Arkyn	5G	Hannah ▪ Lucas
2B	Olivia ▪ Elouise	6B	Thomas ▪ Tunga
2G	No awards presented.	6G	Chloe ▪ Hasini
3B	Lucas ▪ Estelle	CA	Amelia ▪ Makanaka
3G	Chelsea ▪ Ojas	PE	No awards presented.

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Ava ▪ Estelle ▪ Rihanna ▪ Thomas ▪ Olivia ▪ Kira ▪ Erica ▪ Gabriel ▪ Aimie ▪ Kimberly ▪ Sanaa ▪ Zoe ▪ Joaquin ▪ Dev ▪ Reis ▪ Summer ▪ Rishaan ▪ Aarush ▪ Michael ▪ Owen ▪ Rajan ▪ Mia ▪ Mridun ▪ Patrick ▪ Joshua ▪ Leah ▪ Mariella ▪ Jonah ▪ Logan ▪ Luca ▪ Cyril ▪ Isabella ▪ Josephine ▪ Charlotte ▪ Isaac ▪ Isabella ▪ Amelia ▪ Anuj ▪ Candace ▪ Agastya ▪ Amelie ▪ Ariah



Opal Awards: Palash ▪ Zoe ▪ Eli ▪ James ▪ Luca ▪ Sarah ▪ Logan ▪ Zainah ▪ Anabel ▪ Jayden ▪ Tiarna

Platinum Awards: Lucas ▪ Kinjal ▪ Navya ▪ Misha

Principal's Awards: Amalia ▪ Chanel

BORROWED CLOTHES

Could borrowed clothes from school office, please be washed and returned to the as soon as possible.



STUDENT EXTENDED LEAVE

A reminder to families that a form must be completed when organising extended leave. This includes leave for 1 or more days for the purposes of extended leave. This must be given to the Principal at least two weeks prior to your leave for approval to be granted. Written notification of approval or decline will be sent to you. Forms can be obtained from the office or the website.

Sick leave or **change of details** notification can be done via the Skoolbag app.

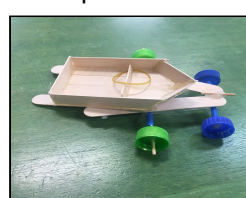
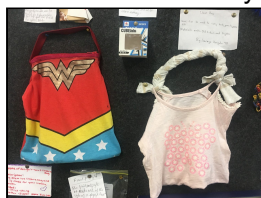
BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This year our Book Week Celebrations will take place on Monday 19th August beginning with a special assembly at **11:30am**. The children have the chance to dress as a book character (not a superhero or movie character) and participate in a parade during assembly. There are many characters who are children in stories and we encourage you to raid your wardrobe, get crafty and see what you can come up with. We will be holding make a costume workshops for children who need some ideas or help at school during lunchtime from next week. If you have any unwanted dress up clothes, fabric scraps or crafty bits you no longer need please send them to the office for the children to use.



PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Once again we were impressed by the number of in the Winter Principal's Holiday Challenge. There over 38,000 pages read. We also have a collection of creative repurposed creations made out of recycled materials such as: pencil holders, vases, pictures and picture frames, wind chime, mobile, flowers, garden tools, t-shirt bags, models, an alphabet book, musical instruments and many more. Pop into the library to see the children's creative products.



This Term's winners were: Isabella (K), Aimie (Yr1), Edward (Yr 2), Jose (Yr 3), Sarayu (Yr 4), John (Yr 5), Bradley (Yr 6) and Joel (Yr 5 - overall winner)

JARARA INDIGENOUS VISIT

Last Thursday we celebrated NAIDOC week as a school community. Julie and Josh, leaders from the Jarara Indigenous Team led the day, beginning with a smoking ceremony to cleanse our environment and promote wellbeing for semester two. Our students were absolutely captivated with the ceremony, as were our teachers and family members. They then shared Indigenous culture and history with all our grades through artifacts, language, stories, movement and art. Some of the topics our students explored were tools & technologies, songlines, symbolism and dreamings, The Stolen Generation, reconciliation and NAIDOC. We would like to sincerely thank the Jarara Indigenous Team for providing our community with such a wonderful experience and look forward to working in partnership with them in the near future.



P&F NEWS

Fathers' Day Stall Donations - We are calling on any businesses or families who would be able to contribute prizes. This could be anything from store vouchers or vouchers for a service or an experience or new products such as tools, appliances and aftershave. Tickets will come home with the eldest child before the Fathers' Day Stall and will be sold leading up to the Fathers' Day Stall on Tuesday 27 August. If you can help or if you need more information, please contact Linda Khoury on 0433147510 or Diana Khoury on 0418674159.

Key Dates to remember:

Wednesday 21/8 – Fathers' Day Stall Gift Wrapping Day @ 9:00am

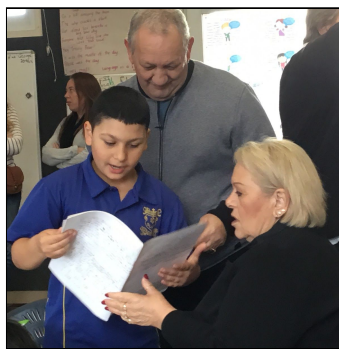
Tuesday 27/8 – Fathers' Day Stall @ 9:00am,

Friday 30/8 – Fathers' Day Breakfast & School Mass.

P&F General meeting - The Parents and Friends Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 13 August at 7pm in the school library. Please mark this date in your diary and join us. A light supper will be served at the meeting and all are encouraged to come along and find out more about our school and community and how you can be involved. If you have anything you would like to discuss please feel welcome to attend the meeting or place the matter in writing and send it Attention: Pauline Epenian, President, through the school office.

This column is compiled by the P&F. If you have any queries or wish to contribute, please email olmcwenty@parra.catholic.edu.au and attention it to P&F Communications.

OLMC FEAST DAY AND GRANDPARENTS DAY



Last Friday, our school and parish community came together to celebrate our feast day and to honour our grandparents on the Feast day of St Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. The parents of Joseph are not as well known, his father is recorded as Jacob and Rachel is possibly his mother. So they are also the grandparents of Jesus.

Our celebrations began with open classrooms and were followed by Mass celebrated by Father Denis and Martinho.

The children in our school are very lucky to have such loving grandparents, who after listening to children's stories are wonderful cooks, great storytellers, super fantastic and energetic babysitters, love a variety of games and most of all spoil and cherish their grandchildren.

