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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the annual Diocesan Education Mass along with Mrs Nolan, four of our student leaders, Elisha, Claudia, Bradley and Gevin as well as some of their parents. This Mass was celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Vincent. For the children this was their first experience of a formal Mass at the cathedral and certainly their first opportunity to meet and talk with Bishop Vincent.

After greeting the children Bishop Vincent asked the children about our school. He noticed our school emblem and pointed out the latin words *Sub Tuum Praesidium*. These are words that most of us take for granted or are completely unaware of their meaning. The latin words of our motto mean *Under Your Protection*.

***We fly to thy protection,
O holy Mother of God;
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin***

***Sub tuum praesidium cofugimus,
Sancta Dei Genetrix.
Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in
necessitatibus nostris, sed a periculis
cunctis libera nos semper,
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.***

Sub tuum praesidium is the oldest preserved and surviving hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of God. Scholars date this prayer back to the mid third century, which shows that there was a common belief and reverence within the early church recognising Mary as both Virgin and as the Mother of God. This simple hymn is a part of the traditions of Catholic and Orthodox religions. It is also often sung in Marist schools and groups around the world.

We can use this simple prayer to call on Mary our mother to guide and protect us as we go about living our lives.



Olimpia Pirovic
Acting Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 4

Thu: 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout
(Students enter Bennett St Gate)

Gates open at 8:15am sharp and will not be open again until 8:30am.

Fri: 9:15am Assumption Mass

Week 5

Mon: 9am Assembly - 1B

Tue: Voice of Youth Final

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

Botanic Gardens Excursion - Yr 1

Fri: Taronga Zoo Excursion - Kindy

Book Week Celebrations

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

NOTES HOME

Friday/Monday

- St Paul's Showcase - Yr 5
- ICAS 2019 - Yrs 3,4,5 & 6
- School Photos

Today

- Fathers' Day Raffle Tickets
- Fathers' Day Breakfast

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Mia ▪ Dev	4B	Xavier ▪ Veer
KG	Ajak ▪ Aarush	4G	Sri Harsha ▪ Charlotte
1B	Alexander ▪ Yara	5B	No awards presented.
1G	Hansikaa ▪ Thomas	5G	Noah ▪ Michaela
2B	Adam ▪ Edward	6B	No awards presented.
2G	John-Sayed ▪ Angelina	6G	James ▪ Malith
3B	Zainah ▪ Leon	CA	Veer - 4B ▪ Luke 5B
3G	Michael ▪ Taliah	PE	No awards presented.

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Anabella ▪ Zachary ▪ Brandon ▪ Azhric ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Jac ▪ Antoine ▪ Sai Pranav ▪ Kiara ▪ Harish ▪ Dominic ▪ Charlize ▪ Mary ▪ Mia ▪ Charlise ▪ Vraj ▪ Greta ▪ Chivonne ▪ Annalise ▪ Isabella ▪ Luca ▪ Makaanaka ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Jayden

Opal Awards: Estelle ▪ Myra ▪ Amelie ▪ Anuj ▪ Isabel ▪ Jonah ▪ Joshua ▪ Zoe ▪ Ithayan ▪ Katrina ▪ Noah ▪ Rohan ▪ Alanna ▪ Luke ▪ Charlotte ▪ Kimberly ▪ Miranda ▪ Henry ▪ Isabella ▪ Olivia ▪ Prasadi ▪ Veer ▪ Mrunal ▪ Sai

Platinum Awards: Michaela ▪ Asaeli ▪ Anabel ▪ Olivia ▪ Taliah ▪ Katrina ▪ Angela ▪ Angelina ▪ Jeyaan ▪ Samuel ▪ Arkyn ▪ Rihanna ▪ Aaliyah ▪ Abbey ▪ Alexia ▪ Catherine ▪ Gia ▪ Leon

Principal's Awards: Jose ▪ Alessandro ▪ Rhianna ▪ Rouba



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that at least one parent will need to attend the **Parent Information Evening on next Tuesday 20th August at 7pm in the parish centre** (I apologise for printing 29, last week). This meeting is for parents only. If you would like your child to celebrate this sacrament, please know that the only available date is 6pm on Saturday 19 October. Contact Paola Yvannes for further details.



WHO ARE THE CARMELITES

Our Parish have organised a faith formation experience that will focus on exploring Carmelite Spirituality. Fr Paul Gurr will lead a series of events that will answer the question of....

Who are the Carmelites?

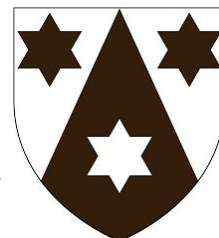
This is a unique opportunity for our parish and school community to deepen their understanding of our Carmelite traditions. All conversations begin at 7pm in the parish Centre. There is no cost but RSVPs are required for limited spaces. Contact Paola on 0414 947 799 to reserve your pace.

4 September - The first Carmelites

11 September - The Rule of St Albert

18 September - Carmelite fundamentals-Prayer, Community, Service

25 September - Carmel today



SMITH STREET GATE

This week an electronic security system was installed to the Smith Street entrance gate. Please follow the below procedures to gain access to COSHC before and after school.

1. Press the video intercom button
2. A COSHC staff member will release the lock for you to gain access to the grounds.
3. When exiting press the intercom button again and ensure the gate closes behind you.

While the staff will endeavour to buzz you in quickly, please be patient as their first priority is the children in their care.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

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

Year 3: Kayla, Massimo, Chelsea, Justin, Arav, Tiarna, Georgia, Amelia, Jac, Emad, Eknoor, Chimir, Annalise, Joseph, Yajur, Leon, Bryson, Logan, Amelia & George **Year 4:** Royden & Antoine **Year 5:** Tomos **Year 6:** David, Chloe, Violet, Sai Hasini, Bradley & Luca. This brings our School's total to **324** There are only **16 days to go!** So keep reading and log your reading via this [PRC link](#).

BOOK WEEK

Book Week Celebrations will take place on Monday 19th August beginning with a special assembly at **11:30am**. The children will parade as their book character (not a superhero or movie character) during assembly with the teachers even planning a special surprise! We encourage you to be as creative as possible and use what you already have at home. We will be holding 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.



WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

The 4th of September (Week 7) is Indigenous Literacy Day and OLMC will be hosting their own Great Book Swap in support of those children living in remote communities that have reduced access to literature. Now is the time to tidy your bookshelves and leave these donations at the school office.

On the 4th of September, these books will be displayed and our students will be able to donate a gold coin for a book of their choice.

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. Monetary donations and event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/2YDLy3B>



P&F NEWS

P&F General meeting - Thank you to everyone who came to our general meeting last night. It was great to see you all. The Parents and Friends is a great way to stay informed about things that are happening in the school. Last night we discussed a variety of topics including our Fathers' Day celebrations, changes to the Sports Uniform pants and what would be involved in moving school assembly. Our next meeting is Monday 4th November and we invite you to come along and becoming part of these discussions.

Fathers' Day Dates for your Calendar

Wednesday, 14th Aug: Raffle Tickets have been sent home with the eldest child in each family.

Tuesday, 27th Aug: Fathers' Day Stall @ 9:00am **Remember to give your child some money and a shopping bag to bring their gifts home in.**

Friday, 30th Aug: Fathers' Day Breakfast & School Mass

Sunday, 1st Sept: Fathers' Day!

NOTE: The wrapping day that was scheduled for next week is no longer necessary and has been cancelled.

Fathers' Day Raffle - **Please return sold and/or unsold tickets in your envelope to the school office by Tuesday, 27th August.** More tickets are available from the school office if you would like another book. We are very grateful for the support from everyone involved with the raffle. We are truly thankful to everyone who donated for their kindness and generosity. There are some fantastic prizes in this year's raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for the book.

If you need more information about anything regarding the raffle or the Fathers' Day Stall, please contact Linda Khoury on 0433 147 510 or Diana Khoury on 0418 674 159.

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.

Sports Update

It has been a busy start to Term 3 with a number of sporting events taking place over the first couple of weeks. OLMC sent four teams to the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day, a squad of 40 students to the Zone Athletics Carnival and students in Years 3-6 have been participating in an NRL clinic on Wednesdays. It has been all systems go and seeing so many students getting involved and enjoying these experiences is what we hope continues into the back end of the year.



The Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day saw OLMC send four teams to participate on the day, a boys team from each of Years 3 and 4 and for the first time ever a girls team from each of these years. It was an early start out at Jamison Park in Penrith on a cold Tuesday morning but that didn't seem to affect the OLMC students as it turned out to be a very successful day! Three out of the four teams went on to win their pool on the day! A special mention to the Year 3 girls team who did not concede a goal all day! By all reports from Mrs Kirby and Mrs Haddad the boys and girls who competed on the day represented our school exceptionally well and are already looking forward to competing again next year.

The 2019 Zone Athletics Carnival was another very successful day for OLMC in week 3. 40 students from Years 2-6 travelled out to Blacktown International Sports Park to compete in both track and field events. The day started out well with the Junior Girls Relay Team (Jasmine, Serena, Isabella, Rouba) qualifying 3rd overall, only 1.5 seconds behind 1st place, consequently booking their spot to the Diocesan Carnival where they will represent the

Cumberland Zone. The 800m events followed, the toughest event on the program, but this didn't stop Marisol from running an outstanding race in the 11 Year old girls final. She ran an amazing 13 seconds faster than her 800m race at the school carnival to finish in 4th place. OLMC had seven students qualify for the finals of the 100m and 200m events. Of these seven, we had three students finish in the top four to qualify for the Diocesan Carnival. Congratulations to Jasmine, Isabella and Amiel! The field events saw another three OLMC students qualify for the Diocesan Carnival bringing our grand total of Athletes going to the next level of competition to eight competitors! This is the largest number of students we will have competing in a long time, continuing the rise of Athletics at OLMC.

Congratulations to the following students:

Jasmine: 100m, 200m, Relay, Long Jump, Shot Put. **Isabella:** Relay, 100m. **Rouba:** Relay. **Serena:** Relay. **Marisol:** 800m. **John:** Shot Put. **Amiel:** 100m. **Lucas:** Long Jump. Families wishing to get involved in Little Athletics may consider Holroyd Little Athletics, information about registering was sent out with today's newsletter email.



Finally, Year 3-6 have been participating in an NRL League Stars clinic for the past couple of weeks for half an hour on a Wednesday morning. This clinic has been a chance for the students to get a taste for rugby league and the skills involved whilst being active with their friends. Following on from this in-school clinic there is a chance for students to participate in an after school clinic beginning in week 5. The clinic will be run by James Hanson, the Western Sydney NRL Development Officer, and will run for six weeks after school on a Wednesday beginning at 3:15pm. To register and pay for the clinic visit www.leaquestars.com.au and search for the Wentworthville program which will be held at OLMC.

It has been a busy term and will continue to get busier on the sporting front and we are very much looking forward to it! Sport at OLMC has taken off this year with individual and team sporting achievements constantly improving. The remainder of Term 3 will bring with it the Netball Gala Day as well as the Touch Football Gala Day and we cannot wait!

