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## Newsletter Term 3 Week 6

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week we take the opportunity to celebrate our fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our lives. Fathers play an important role in the life of their children and shaping who they become as a human. The impact a father has on his children can never be underestimated. A father's influence is lifelong. There are many situations in my adult life I think of what my father would have advised or how would he have done something.

Our fathers, among many things, are our:

*mentors, protectors, advocates, cheer squad, judges, masters of mischief, comforters, doctor, wrestling partners,...*

There is no one model of the ultimate father. However, there are many who inspire us like Jesus' father Joseph. Each father has his strengths and challenges and is the perfect father for his children. Being a father is the most challenging and most rewarding thing a man can do.

At the Fathers' Day Stall yesterday the children took so much pleasure selecting the perfect gift for the most important man in their life. We hope that all our fathers and father figures enjoy the attention of their families this weekend and we offer this prayer to you...

*Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for the gift of a father  
Who has been an inspiration  
Through his love and dedication.  
Just as you sent your Son to show  
the world your love for us as a father,  
We pray that you will send  
Your spirit upon our fathers  
That they may be strengthened  
As they guide and support their families.  
Amen*

*E.Huard*

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Acting Principal



The Holy Family in the Carpentry Shop by Gerrit van Honthorst

**The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful**

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 6

**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.**

Book Week Author Talk - Yrs 4 & 6

**Fri:** 8am Fathers' Day Bkfast & Mass

### Week 7

**Mon:** 9am Assembly - KB

10:30am Aust Girls Choir Workshop

**Wed:** The Great Book Swap

2:10pm-3pm

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

9am Kindy Woolworths Excursion

## SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

**Term 3 School Fees were due to be paid by today.**

## NOTES HOME

### Friday/Monday

- Woolworths Excursion - Kindy

### Today

- Graduation Mass - Year 6
- Science Program - Year 2
- Aust Girls Choir Workshop
- Voice of Youth Final - Year 6

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Isabella ▪ Michael	4B	Saxon ▪ Zien
KG	Rishaan ▪ Michael	4G	Deng ▪ Ashley
1B	Zachary ▪ Kyla	5B	Clara ▪ Rhianna
1G	Asaeli ▪ Aaliyah	5G	Alexis ▪ Luke
2B	Jada ▪ Angelina	6B	No awards presented.
2G	Liya ▪ Myraa	6G	Michael ▪ Luca
3B	Elizabeth ▪ Billy	CA	Savannah ▪ Damon
3G	Adriana ▪ Stella	PE	No awards presented.

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Ayii ▪ Emily ▪ Mary ▪ Zara ▪ Savannah ▪ Aurelia ▪ David ▪ Iziah ▪ Nhial ▪ Arav ▪ Annabelle ▪ Gevin ▪ Kyla ▪ Ansh ▪ Anthony ▪ Sabrina ▪ Malith ▪ Anila ▪ Aliyah ▪ Mia ▪ Liliana ▪ Olivia ▪ Adam ▪ Kian ▪ Saadhana ▪ Emilio ▪ Jessica ▪ Sanjana

**Opal Awards:** Olivia ▪ Jad ▪ Sam ▪ Kian ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Amelia ▪ Aibel ▪ Chivonne ▪ Antoine ▪ Eva ▪ Kruti ▪ Edward ▪ Zachary ▪ Mia ▪ Ann ▪ Chloe ▪ Jayden ▪ Isabella ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Michael ▪ Peter ▪ Vraj ▪ Bradley ▪ Krisha ▪ Jolenta ▪ Agastya ▪ Ava ▪ Dev ▪ Kira ▪ Logan ▪ Luca ▪ Owen ▪ Rajan ▪ Reis ▪ Summer ▪ Charbel ▪ Aurelia ▪ Claudia ▪ Elisha ▪ Jacinta ▪ Marisol ▪ Matilda ▪ Violet ▪ Jac

**Platinum Awards:** Hansikaa ▪ Lucas ▪ Abigail ▪ Jerome ▪ Eli ▪ James ▪ Sanoshan ▪ Estelle ▪ Marcus

**Principal's Awards:** Lily ▪ Alessandra

**Diamond Awards:** Amalia ▪ Chanel



## FATHERS' DAY AT OLMC

As has become the tradition at OLMC we celebrate Fathers' Day with a breakfast before school and then attend Mass together. This celebration also coincides with [Jersey Day](#) which raises awareness of organ and tissue donations. For families who wish to participate, the children will be able to wear their team's Jersey. Click on the link above to find out more. We look forward to welcoming our fathers, grandfathers and father figures.

## SPOTLIGHT ON RE

Children in our school have been involved in deepening their knowledge around the Sacraments, particularly the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Reconciliation in Years 1, 2 and 4. Children in Kindergarten have been talking about how much their family loves them and the Scripture story of Jesus being lost in the temple and how worried Mary and Joseph were when they could not find their Son, but how much they loved Him. Ask your child/ren to tell you the story! Students in Stage 3 have been inquiring into the beginnings of our Apostolic Church (what does this mean?) looking at the Creed and the journeys of Peter and Paul. Year 6 have focussed on Stewardship and their responsibility, the children are looking at Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si and their responsibility in not just care of the Earth but their covenant with Christ through their Baptism for being stewards of all creation.

## AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

On Monday, 2nd September the Australian Girls Choir will be visiting to conduct a short workshop for girls who are interested in trying out to become a member of the choir. Notes will be sent home today and those girls who would like to participate need to return the permission slip to the office by Monday morning.

## WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

Next Wednesday our students will participate in a Great Book Swap to celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day. Donations from this event will support those children living in remote communities that have reduced access to literature.

**So now is the time to tidy your bookshelves and leave these donations at the school office.**

On the 4th of September 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.



## SKOOLBAG UPDATE

One of our key modes of communication between home and school is the OLMC Skoolbag app. We use the app to send notices and the weekly newsletters direct to your phone. To optimize these benefits please ensure that you have updated the app to the latest version and the notifications are 'turned on'.



### Notification Settings

Open Settings on your device > Scroll down to Skoolbag > Notifications > Turn on 'Allow Notifications.'

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

**Congratulations** to Caitlyn and Jasmine from Year 4 for being the only two children to have completed their PRC in the last 7 days. **We want all our children to complete the PRC** so keep reading and log your reading via this [PRC link](#). If you are having trouble logging your books, students can bring in their completed forms and Mrs Anderiesz will assist them in entering their book titles.



## VOICE OF YOUTH

On Monday the children from Year 5 and Year 6 attended the cluster final of the Voice of Youth speaking competition. David and Violet were our school finalists presenting their speech on the day with Christian Gemayell acting as a reserve. David's speech was about *How to Get in and Out of Trouble*, Violet spoke about *Having an Over Dramatic Mother* while Christian's speech was about *Ocean Pollution*. Our students were thrilled with the judges decision naming David Azar as our Cluster Champion. David will soon be presenting his speech at the Eastern Cluster Final. Congratulations to our finalists and good luck to David.

## SICKNESS

While we love knowing that our students want to attend school even when they are sick, we ask that parents keep their child/ren home for at least 24 hours after vomiting or consistent diarrhea. We don't want your child, or any other children sick, so please give them the appropriate time to rest and rid their body of any infection, before returning to school.

## P&F NEWS

**Fathers' Day Dates for your Calendar - Friday 30th August-** Fathers' Day Breakfast & School Mass **Please send your RSVP in NOW to enable us to cater for this popular event this Friday.** If you can help at the breakfast please call Pauline Epenian on 0406 515 782

**Fathers' Day Stall** - Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the Fathers' Day Stall. We appreciate the gift of your time in helping us. We hope the Dads, Grandads and Father figures in our community feel special on Sunday, and enjoy the small tokens of affection your children have chosen for you as much as the children themselves enjoyed choosing them. Special thanks also to Linda Khoury and Diana Khoury for their organisation of this fundraiser. We are extremely grateful.

Thank you to Rachael from Oh-Sugar and Gill from Bella Rose Soy Candles for your continued support in providing the P&F Fundraising Committee with your beautiful products. We very much appreciate all that they do for us. The children love their goodies!

**Fathers' Day Raffle** - Thank you to everyone who has sent their raffle tickets back. **If you still have your raffle tickets at home, tomorrow is your last chance to have them included in Friday mornings draw!** Good luck everyone. There are some fantastic prizes in this year's raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for the book.

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

### Father's Day Raffle Prize

**1st:** \$150 voucher Peorges Building Supplies donated by Kellie Arrage

**2nd:** \$100 Bunnings voucher

**3rd:** \$90 cooking condiments pack donated by the Chawa family

**4th:** BBQ valued at \$70

**5th:** Remedial massage voucher valued at \$70 donated by Ruth Laria

**6th-8th:** \$50 Bunnings voucher two of which were donated by Ritchie family

**9th:** \$50 Supercheap Auto voucher

**10th:** Calvin Klein Aftershave

valued at \$50 donated by Pharmacy 4 Less Parramatta

**11th:** BBQ set valued at \$50

**12th:** Wifi Router valued at \$50

**13th-14th:** Wireless speakers

valued at \$30 donated by Officeworks Wentworthville



# Book Week 2019

Last week we celebrated Book Week and what a celebration it was!

Monday morning Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 students received a visit from the author Ursula Dubosarsky. She shared her writing process, where she gets her ideas and how she develops these ideas into stories. Our students were able to ask many questions as Ursula discussed her popular children titles, *The Terrible Plop*, *Too Many Elephants in This House*, *The Blue Cat* and *Tim and Ed*.

It was then time for the much anticipated assembly. Students paraded their extremely creative costumes with students and families cheering them on. The teachers also got into the spirit and came dressed as the hungry caterpillar. Some the teachers even presented a Readers' Theatre about a bikie gang who stumble across a library and are immersed in the wonderful literature they find there.



Later in the day, students formed teams of four to participate in a 'Scavenger Hunt' across the school. They visited different classrooms to complete activities and earned points for showing respectful and collaborative behaviours. On Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 5 students were spoilt with a visit from popular author Louise Park. She shared her writing strategies of show, rather than tell, creating memorable characters, techniques for developing quests and adventure stories and much much more!



Further Book Week events:

Week 7- OLMC Great book Swap for Indigenous Literacy Day (Gold coin donation)  
TBC: Year 4 and Year 6 students will receive a visit from illustrator Jules Faber