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**Newsletter  
Term 3 Week 7**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week sees us officially begin the season of Spring. We have been blessed with glorious weather as a sign of the warmth to come as we leave behind the Winter chill. It is fitting that at this time in our church we are celebrating a Season of Creation. This is a time to honour God as Creator and consider our role as stewards of Creation.

Our Earth is a common home for all of God's Creation, humans, animals and plants. Humans are having an impact on this planet that affects all living beings. As conscious beings, humanity has the responsibility to take action to care for the planet.

In the past week, Greta Thunberg a 16 year old Swedish student sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to raise awareness for climate change. She, and many of our young people are worried about the impact of the decisions leaders, governments and industry will have on the future state of our planet. Our students at OLMC share some of these concerns. Currently Year 5 have been investigating the impact we are having on our school environment with our waste practices. They are developing strategies and plans that will assist us in improving our care for the environment.

We must consider our personal impact. It can be overwhelming when we consider the enormity of the problems our shared Earth faces. However we can change some of our daily habits around transport, waste and energy use, which help us live up to our responsibilities as stewards of Creation. We ask God's help as we strive to keep this covenant.

*God of all creation,  
At the beginning of time you placed a single mandate on humankind -  
To be stewards of creation, to replenish and nurture through all generations  
What you have made.*

*We kneel today amid that same creation -  
A world that is, in many ways, more splendid than ever,  
But in too many ways, scarred beyond recognition.*

*Turn us from our unmindfulness,  
Help our touch be light,  
Help us renew the world that supports us  
So that we may once more know creation as it was in the beginning.  
Amen*



**Olimpia Pirovic**  
Acting Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 7

**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.**

9am Kindy Woolworths Excursion

**Fri:** Stage 1 & Kindergarten Mass

### Week 8

**Mon:** 9am Assembly - KG

Voice of Youth Easterbn Cluster Final

**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:** Staff Development Day

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday, 13th September

## LEAVING STUDENTS

A minimum 10 weeks notice is required for all students leaving OLMC. If this notice is not provided then 10 weeks school fees will be charged by CEDP.

## NOTES HOME

### Today

- Staffing Year 2B

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Mridun ▪ Ava	4B	No awards presented.
KG	Isabella ▪ Joaquin	4G	Roman ▪ Alessandra
1B	Olivia ▪ Thomas	5B	Sophia ▪ Logan
1G	Katrina ▪ Alessandro	5G	David ▪ Amiel
2B	Ryan ▪ Zahara	6B	Anila ▪ David
2G	Jada ▪ Matthew	6G	Anthony ▪ Francis
3B	Savannah ▪ Yajur	CA	Thomas ▪ Hannah
3G	Aiden ▪ Riya	PE	Isaac ▪ John

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Leela ▪ Sowjanya ▪ Marten ▪ Aiden ▪ Siya ▪ Deng ▪ Mishti ▪ Saxon ▪ Ethan ▪ Osean ▪ Bhakti ▪ Riona ▪ Zien ▪ Alissa ▪ Varsha ▪ Xavier ▪ Saskia ▪ Kayla ▪ Bryson

**Opal Awards:** Kyla ▪ Aliyah ▪ Emily ▪ Nhial ▪ Arav ▪ Aerabella ▪ Liam ▪ Jasmine ▪ Erica ▪ Erinn ▪ Hannah ▪ Maroun ▪ Brandon ▪ Harish ▪ Azhric ▪ Anabella ▪ Chiara ▪ Aleisha ▪ Dominic ▪ Zachary ▪ Alessandra ▪ Ashley ▪ Charlise ▪ Tony

**Platinum Awards:** Stella ▪ Alexander ▪ Paul ▪ Jad ▪ Celeste ▪ Bracston ▪ Georgia ▪ Lachlan ▪ Emma ▪ Irene ▪ Annabel ▪ Sai ▪ Sarayu ▪ Thomas ▪ Jayden ▪ Amelie ▪ Zoe ▪ Nirvan

**Principal's Awards:** Navya ▪ Lucas ▪ Zahara

**Diamond Awards:** Steven



## HELP WANTED

I know we have lots of handy talented dads and grandfathers. We would like to replace our mission boxes with small wooden lockable boxes. Can anyone help??

Thanks, Bernadette Nolan



## SUMMER UNIFORM

All students will be required to wear their Summer uniform from the start of Term 4. Orders should be placed through Oz Fashions via the QKR App. Orders placed before 4:00pm on a Wednesday will be delivered to the school on the next Thursday. Orders will be sent home with your child. If you need to try on uniforms for sizing, you can do so at the Office before and after school. Bookings are not required. Label all items of clothing clearly with your child's name.



## STAR ACHIEVERS

We have many children at OLMC who work hard to accomplish great things at school and sometimes outside of school. This year, these are some of our student's extra curricular achievements...

Next week Luca O and Aurelia C will be receiving a Minister's award for excellence for their achievements in learning Italian and Polish respectively.

Elizabeth R walked 21km and raised funds for cystic fibrosis. Many of her school friends (Isabella, Violet, Claudia, Chloe, Hannah, Mia & Georgia) joined her in the walk and supported her.



A few years ago Kimberly M decided to grow her hair in order to cut it so it could be used to make wigs for cancer patients. Earlier this term Kimberly cut her hair to donate.

Over the weekend a number of our children won their rugby grand finals with their teams, congratulations Peter J and Bracston M.



There are so many other achievements our children have accomplished that we don't know about. Please let us know by sending an email to the school so we can celebrate these achievements.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

**Congratulations** to Emily(Yr6), Aurelia(Yr6) and Dillon (Yr3) for being the last of our students to have completed their Premier's Reading Challenge. **Congratulations to all of our students who took on the challenge to complete the PRC.**

### STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Cerniauskas will be taking long service leave from next Monday until the end of Term 3. During her absence Mrs Jones will be teaching 2Blue along with Mrs Chehade. We wish Mrs Cerniauskas an enjoyable leave.

During the next few weeks class teachers will be released from their regular duties to plan for Term 4 with their grade colleagues. During this time regular casual teachers will replace the class teachers. Students are reminded that our expectation of safe and respectful behaviour continues to apply.

### THANKYOU

Thank you to all of our families for your extremely generous donations to our Great Book Swap. We received a plethora of quality texts which have gone to many wonderful homes. We have managed to raise over \$250.00 to date. In support of rural indigenous communities with limited access to quality literature.



### 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.'

## P&F NEWS

**Fathers' Day** - We hope all the fathers, grandfathers and special men in our community feel appreciated and loved after the weekend.

We enjoyed the time saying thanks for all that our dads do for us on Friday at the Fathers' Day Breakfast. Thank you to all the people who came along to help us on the day and special thanks to Pauline Epenian for coordinating the breakfast, it was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the winners of our Fathers' Day Raffle:

- 1st Prize:** \$150 voucher For Georges Building Supplies won by Lorenzo
- 2nd Prize:** \$100 Bunnings voucher won by Zachary S
- 3rd Prize:** \$90 cooking condiments pack donated won by Isabella B
- 4th Prize:** BBQ valued at \$70 won by Zac M
- 5th Prize:** Remedial massage voucher valued at \$70 won by Christina B
- 6th-8th Prize:** \$50 Bunnings voucher won by Maroun C, Luca O and Adriana M
- 9th Prize:** \$50 Supercheap Auto voucher won by Melissa W
- 10th Prize:** Calvin Klein Aftershave valued at \$50 won by Steven O
- 11th Prize:** BBQ set valued at \$50 won by D McNamara
- 12th Prize:** Wifi Router valued at \$50 won by Trish B
- 13th-14th Prize:** Wireless speakers valued at \$30 donated won by Amelia O and Ethan M

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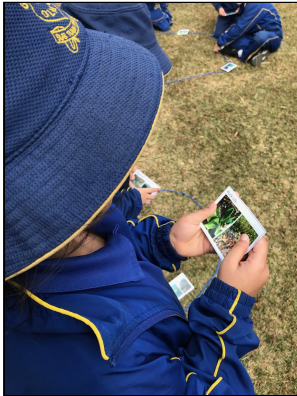


# Year 1 Excursion

On Thursday August 22, Year 1 visited the Australian Botanic Gardens in Mount Annan. The students embarked on a detective walk, where we completed various mapping activities and connected with the different environments through sensory activities.

“I liked when we went on the spotto trip” - Liliana

“I learnt that Aboriginals used to use the Lemon Tea Tree to spread it on their skin and then the mosquitoes didn't bite them” - Arkyn



“I liked when we were making the map with sticks and rocks” - Elena

“The Mother Sheoak Tree protected the Aboriginal people from the snakes” - Alexander E.

The students also engaged in a mapping experience where they used natural objects including rocks, sticks, pine cones and more. We had the opportunity to learn about various trees used by Aboriginal people for protection, jam, insect repellent, starchy vegetables and more.

