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Newsletter Term 3 Week 8

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Last week I was officially appointed as the Principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. Putting yourself forward for a position like this is a big decision requiring deep consideration. There were many thoughts I reflected on as I was compiling my submission...

- *Am I able to lead this community into the future?*
- *Am I the right person to lead this community?*
- *How can I nurture the catholicity of this community?*

During my interview I was asked why I decided to apply for the principalship of OLMC. This was the easiest question to answer. I applied because of my commitment to the people in this community. I am committed to the children and want to support their growth as learners and considerate catholics. I am committed to the staff who strive day in and out to make a difference in the lives of their students. I am committed to supporting the parents as we share the goal of providing the best education possible for our children. I am committed to supporting the work of Fr Denis and our Carmelite priests of building a strong faith community who hold Jesus at the core of what we do.

Since the announcement of my appointment I have been overwhelmed and affirmed by the positive response of the staff, students and parents of our community. I would like to offer thanks for your kind words of congratulations and know that I can count on your continued support of our shared mission.

Prayer of Commitment
God of passion,
You call us to be people of commitment:
Making a difference in our world through our work in this school.
Set alight the fire within us
That we may live out our convictions
With our head, our heart and our hands.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our teacher.
Amen



Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 8

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- Pupil Free Day

Week 9

Mon: Assembly - 6B

Tue: ICAS English

Wed: ICAS Maths

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.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday, 13th September

NOTES HOME

Last Friday

- Mission to Busk
- Principal Appointment

Monday

- Star Card Reward Day - Yr2

Today

- Voice of Youth Grand Final -Yr6

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Owen ▪ Cyril	4B	Maroun ▪ Aleisha
KG	Matthew ▪ Zoe	4G	Mia ▪ Ciano
1B	Jad ▪ Kimberly	5B	Noah ▪ Rohan
1G	Amalia ▪ Lucas	5G	Gabriella ▪ Lara
2B	Greta ▪ Marcus	6B	No awards presented.
2G	Reuben ▪ Kruthi	6G	Charbel ▪ Francesco
3B	Amelia ▪ Jac	CA	Emma - 4B ▪ Elisha - 6B
3G	Ava ▪ Annabelle	PE	No awards presented.

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Reuben ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Jasmine ▪ Iniya ▪ Luke ▪ Jada ▪ Roman ▪ Hayden

Opal Awards: Varsha ▪ Elyssa ▪ Grace ▪ Dennis ▪ Sai Pranav ▪ Mason ▪ Kiara ▪ Mia ▪ Jayden ▪ Clara

Platinum Awards: Erinn ▪ Katrina ▪ Benjamin ▪ Samuel ▪ Yara ▪ Kian ▪ Ajak ▪ Alexander ▪ Asvitha ▪ Charlotte ▪ Jerrick ▪ Luca ▪ Maliyah ▪ Michael ▪ Olivia ▪ Palash ▪ Prasadi ▪ Zoe ▪ Tiarna ▪ Kimberly ▪ Thomas

Principal's Awards: Jeyaan ▪ Olivia ▪ Asaeli ▪ Michael ▪ Abbey ▪ Catherine ▪ Gia ▪ Matthew ▪ Mia

Diamond Awards: Lily



SPOTLIGHT ON RE

Over the last week I am sure most of you have heard your children talking about “**Mission to Busk**”. How does this fit into our Religion program? October is officially known as Mission Month and this year marks 150 years of Catholic Mission supporting those communities in need around the world with food, clothing, medicine, water, farming equipment and education. At OLMC Wentworthville we use this time to concentrate on our sister school OLMC, Zumalai in East Timor which is operated by the Carmelites.

Mission is not about “giving to the missions”, it is not only about money..... **The meaning of MISSION is to take action**, to do something. The action our community is taking is to hold a “Mission to Busk” afternoon where our talented children show us what they can do and to show our gratitude and pleasure, we are invited to make an action of donating money which will be handed over to the people of Zumalai. Keep watching for information about our afternoon, children are preparing to audition and hopefully receive their busking licence. So save the date Friday, 1 November from 1:40pm to come and see the buskers.



CONGRATULATIONS

This week has been a great week for OLMC students! On Monday, David presented his Voice of Youth speech at the Eastern Region Finals and was one of three students selected to go through to the Grand Final in two week's time. David's speech was lighthearted and entertaining. He presented his speech with confidence.



On Monday night Luca and Aurelia attended an official presentation ceremony to receive their awards for outstanding achievement in learning a community language. These are highly competitive awards that the students are nominated for against a very stringent criteria. Luca also demonstrated his Italian Language skills when he spoke to the large audience including the minister for education and other consul generals representing the community languages spoken.

MISSION WEEK BUSKING

Important things to remember:
Auditions will be held on:-

- **Tuesday, 17th September** for Year 5 and 6 students
- **Wednesday, 18th September** for Year 3 and 4 students
- **Thursday, 19th September** for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

Children must come fully prepared, with music and/or equipment needed and **an idea** of what their costume will be.

Students must bring \$1 (single entry) or \$2 (group entry) **to the auditions**.

BOOK SWAP



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.



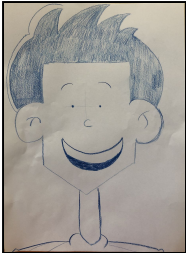
We have managed to raise **\$493.95** in support of rural indigenous communities with limited access to quality literature.

SICKNESS ALERT

This is another reminder to all families 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.

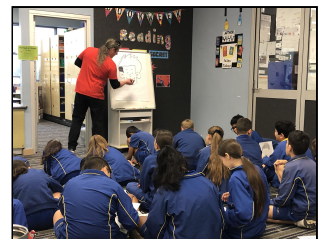


JULES FABER VISITS YEAR 4 & YEAR 6



Yesterday, our Year 4 and Year 6 students were absolutely spoilt with a visit from Cartoonist Jules Faber. Jules shared his immense understanding of comic layout techniques and even engaged with our students through a directed drawing session of his most memorable character, Weirido.

Students were able to ask questions as Jules drew a character and scene, on demand Jules even turned some of our teachers into cartoons!



WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING SESSION



Next Thursday, 19th September the whole school will be participating in a wellbeing session. The session is about students connecting and interacting with students from a variety of grades. The students will be participating in a range of activities which involve teamwork, collaboration and fun!



P&F NEWS

Father's Day - Congratulations to Olivia, who won the Fathers' Day guessing competition. Olivia correctly guessed that there were 154 lollies in our lolly jar. We hope your dad enjoyed an extra sweet Fathers Day Olivia.



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.

Kindy Excursions

Kindergarten has been extra busy this term with our learning. Throughout the term we have had TWO excursions!

TARONGA ZOO



On Friday the 23rd of August, we visited Taronga Zoo. It was a long trip with lots to see (and pet). We learnt all about the needs of animals and where they live.



"I loved the seal show because it was very cool when the seal did tricks." – Zoe, KB



"My favourite animal was the elephants because the baby elephant was cute." – Catherine, KG



"I liked seeing the giraffes because they were so tall." – Agastya, KB



"I got to feed the sheep and their tongues were slimy." – Aakash, KG



WENTY WOOLIES



On Thursday the 5th of September, we walked to Wentworth Woolies. We learnt about the colours of fruits and vegetables and how they make our bodies healthy and strong.



"I learnt that eating fruits makes us healthy. Oranges helps us with seeing." – Asvitha, KG



"My favourite part was eating the bananas because they tasted fresh." – Henry, KG



"I saw fruits, veggies, the bakery, the meat and the seafood." – Rajan, KB



"The dough felt soft and squishy." – Charlotte, KB

