



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe that we find ourselves at the end of another year. This year has been one full of learning academically, spiritually and socially. We have had many opportunities to come together to pray, celebrate and work as a community. We have all faced challenges and discovered our ability to work through these challenges.

I have been challenged in my new role as Principal and am grateful for the support of the amazing team around me, particularly our Assistant Principal Lauren Anderiesz. Her steadfast dedication to our school and focus on going above and beyond for our students ensures that together we can continue to grow and glow as a community. Thank you to the staff for all they do to ensure our children are challenged in their learning. I would also like to thank Fr Denis and Fr Martinho for their spiritual leadership of our faith community.

As we enter the final weeks of Advent we continue to wait in anticipation for the birth of our Lord Jesus. How are you going with making a space for Jesus in your heart?

I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas celebration with your family and loved ones. I encourage you to attend the Christmas services at our Parish Church, particularly the Family Christmas Mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve.

*Jesus, the Light of the World,
as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world
in the light of understanding you give us.
As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to
receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so
may we worship you in meekness of heart.
May we also remember our brothers and sisters less
fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving.
Amen.*

Karen L. Oberst



Olimpia Pirovic
Principal

The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS 24 DECEMBER 2019 AT 5PM

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - FULL DRESS REHEARSAL NEXT THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER at 7PM

Looking for angels, shepherds, readers, singers and Three Wise Kids!! Please fill out the flyer in the church or school to select your role and come along to the dress rehearsal on Thursday. **All parish families are warmly invited to the Family Christmas Mass at 5pm on Tuesday, 24 December.** This much-loved Mass is a highlight of our community; it's always very well attended, always fun, and always very special for young and old alike.



So grab the grandparents and start-off the Christmas season with this delightful and Spirited tradition. For further enquiries, please phone Paola on 0414 947 799.

NOTES HOME

Last Friday

MAI Interviews for Yrs 1-6
Principal's Holiday Challenge

**SCHOOL COMMENCES IN 2020
FOR YEARS 1 TO 6 ON
WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY
FOR KINDERGARTEN ON
FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY**

**Save the date for our first Parents
and Friends social gathering of the
year at our Welcome Picnic Dinner
on Friday, 14 February 2020.**

PRINCIPAL'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGE 2019/2020

The Principal's Summer Holiday Challenge is on again.



FIRST CHALLENGE

The first challenge is **READING**. I wonder how many books you can read during the summer holidays. For each book you read please complete the reading log details in the Google form. Please use the link below or see the school website or Skoolbag. Reading log link -

<https://forms.gle/fpua9iRezJspTEYQA>



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I want you to **get inspired and create an artwork**. It could be a drawing, painting, sculpture, photo series, short film or anything else you are inspired to create. You might be inspired by a location you visit on your holiday or something you see. When you return to school you can bring in your artwork in or a photo or it to display in our **Holiday Art Exhibition** in the library.

PLUS don't forget to go [online](#) to enter the **Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge**.

SPOTLIGHT ON RE - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to all who have so generously supported our Christmas Hamper Appeal. The response has been once again incredible and we are sure that those in need will appreciate your kind donations. Your donations will go to our local St Vincent de Paul chapter who will distribute them to families in our local community who are in need.

FAREWELL TO FAMILIES

We say goodbye and thank you to the families who are leaving Our Lady of Mount Carmel this year. Some of these families have been associated with our community for many years and we thank them for their commitment to the school during their time here. Farewell to the following families: Abboud, Akin, Andreou, Biondi, Borg, Carey, Chadszinow, Chawa, Chedid, Chithiraanjan, Clivin, Cowan, Cullen, Crothwer, dela Cruz, Eid, Epenian, Francis, Haddad, Jibin, Joseph, Meadows, Oskar, Patel, Raad, Saba, Toth, Uno, Vora, Zammit, Zifamba.

END OF YEAR AND GRADUATION MASS

Our community is invited to join us for our End of Year and Graduation Mass on Wednesday, 18th December at 1:30pm. This is an opportunity for us to gather in thanksgiving for the year and to farewell our Year 6 students as they complete primary school and prepare for the next stage of their learning journey.

STAFFING NEWS - FAREWELL AND WELCOME

At the end of this year, Mrs Nolan is retiring from full time teaching. Fortunately she will continue to work on a part-time basis to support our staff and students at OLMC as we continue to implement the new RE curriculum. We wish Mrs Nolan well in this next phase of her life.

We farewell Mrs Massey-Hale as she retires at the end of the year. She has been a significant part of our school community for many years and we appreciate her contribution to our school community. We wish her well and hope she enjoys her retirement.

We also farewell Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Saad and Miss Milone whose contracts conclude at the end of the year. We thank them for their service to the OLMC Community through their work and wish them well in their new endeavours.

During 2020 we welcome two new staff members Mrs Nicole Jacka (Year 6) and Miss Deborah Osei-Adomako (Year 4). Both of these teachers come to our school with diverse experiences and I'm sure you will welcome them to our community.

MAI: INTERVIEW NOTES

Once again we will be conducting Mathematics Assessment Interviews with all our children in 2020. We have allocated time on Tuesday 28 January 2020 to begin these interviews. If you are able to bring your child in for an interview on this day, please follow the instructions on the note sent home last Friday. Please note that all children will have their interview within the first four weeks of Term One 2020, so there is no need to worry if you are unable to make an appointment. If you need to cancel an appointment please do so via the school interviews website to open the time up.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HAIRCUTS

We ask that children wear full school uniform at all times and for parents' support in ensuring appropriate haircuts upon returning to school at the commencement of 2020 in full Summer uniform.

Haircuts

Boys - Neat and simple haircuts, no undercuts or colouring, no shorter than a number 2, no rat tails or patterns shaved in, cuts should be graduated without obvious difference in length.

Girls - Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. No hair colouring is permitted. Hair ties, ribbons and headbands must be white, blue or school uniform pattern. Cultural braided additions must be a natural colour.

(Please note the final decision is at the discretion of the principal)

School Shoes - Many families will be purchasing new shoes for their children, please remember the following. School shoes should be leather or similar, no black sport shoes or slip on shoes. Socks should turn down and visible above the shoes. Shoes should be low heeled with buckles, laces or velcro fastenings. Sport shoes should be mainly white, black or blue (a colour that matches the school sport uniform) Sport socks should be visible above the shoes.

Thank you for your anticipated support in ensuring that your child/ren are ready to commence learning with their equipment in full school uniform upon their return from holidays.

STUDENT CLASS SUPPLIES

To assist with the many varied learning experiences at OLMC we would request that each student has the following items to commence the 2020 school year. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. The items will need to be replaced throughout the year as the need arises. Packets of tissues and wet wipes go into a common supply for the class to be used throughout the year.

Kindergarten and Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 box of tissues • 1 packet of wet wipes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 HB pencils or pacer pencils • Coloured pencils or wind up crayons • Eraser • Highlighter • Pencil Sharpener • Ruler (30cm) (not metal or flexible) • 2 glue sticks • Scissors • Pencil case (½ A4 size) • 1 box of tissues • 1 packet of wet wipes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 HB pencils or pacer pencils • 2 red pens and 2 blue pens • Coloured pencils or wind up crayons • Eraser • Highlighter • Pencil Sharpener • Scissors • Pencil case (½ A4 size) • Headphones (not earbuds) • 1 box of tissues • 1 packet of wet wipes
Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
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LIBRARY NEWS

It's time to return your library books! During this week we ask all parents to help their children search at home for any stray library or class reading books allocated to your child. The teachers will contact parents if there are any outstanding guided reading books. Each child is allocated a numbered copy to make tracking the books easier. These readers are a part of a set and if they are not returned this makes the sets unusable for reading instruction. Thank you for your assistance.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Age Group	Age Champion		Runner Up	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
8 Year Old	Jesse	Elizabeth	Ethan	Georgia
9 Year Old	Lucas	Erinn	Jac	Ruby
10 Year Old	Xavier	Caitlyn	Lucas	Clara
11 Year Old	David	Yasemin	Joel	Aurelia
12 Year Old	Peter	Emily	Christian	Elisha
	CARNIVAL TEAM SCORES			
	Blue 314	Red 214	Gold 272	Green 167

THANK YOU

Many of the things we do at school are made much easier with the help of parents. We would like to thank all those parents who have helped out at school throughout the year. We have had many parents who have assisted as classroom helpers, listeners of reading, excursion supervisors, various carnival helpers to name a few.

We also give special thanks to the following parents who have assisted in official roles during the 2019 school year.

Parents and Friends Positions: 2019

President: Paula E

Treasurer: Norma T

Parents Representative Council Representative: Damien G & Kayleen D

Fundraising Committee: Linda K & Diana K

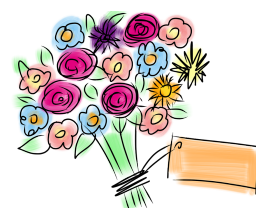
Fete coordinator: Paula E & Donna B

Vice President: Samuel V

Secretary: Danielle G

Second-hand Uniform: Kelly H

Book Club: Karly J, Carla S & Yvonne M



P&F NEWS

The Parents and Friends committee of 2020 is very excited to work with our school community to make amazing memories and build new relationships and bonds. We are excited and full of enthusiasm for what 2020 can bring and we are open to any ideas and suggestions you may have as to what could make our school even greater.

We would love for as many people to get involved as possible and there are a number of ways to do that. You can attend the Parents and Friends meeting, held once a term, which provides you with an opportunity to get to know more about what is happening within the school. You can volunteer to help at an event, such as the Welcome Dinner or Mothers' Day or Fathers' Day Stall. Or if you have any suggestions or ideas you want to share with our committee, you can email us at olmcpandf@gmail.com

We have created a signup page at <http://signup.com/go/boMAOQh> which has all the events we are currently aware of, if you would like to plan for 2020 early. If you have any questions you can send us an email or contact our president, Karly J on 0420 946 621. We look forward to great 2020 and we wish every member of our school community a peaceful and holy Christmas and a blessed New Year.




OLMC Christmas Story

Last Tuesday, we gathered as a community to celebrate our achievements and reflect on the Christmas Story which is central to our Catholic faith. It is always wonderful when our whole school community can come together to celebrate such a special time of the year. Andrew Chinn worked with the children to create a truly child centred presentation of the Christmas Story.

We congratulate all students on their efforts this year in achieving their personal goals. Particular congratulations go to the children who received awards on the night. Special thanks go to Mrs Nolan for coordinating the evening and to all the teachers who supported the children in developing the wonderful performance. Thank you to all the parents for their ongoing support of our school community. We wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas.



OLMC End Of Year Awards

Year	Academic Achievement Award	Consistent Achievement Award	Mercy Award	Carmelite Award	
Kindergarten	Sanaa	Anuj	Michael	Candace	
	Michael	Gia	Ajak	Aakash	
Year 1	Kian	Liam	Lily	Kyla	
	Hansikaa	Arkyn	Samuel	Chanel	
Year 2	Gabrielle	Samyel	Olivia	Edward	
	Rohan	Dennis	Amelia	Katrina	
Year 3	Gabriel	Varsha	Hannah	Zainah	
	Jose Justin	Michael	Christina	Samuel	
Year 4	Caitlyn	Dominic	Annabel	Emma	
	Thabeesh	Deng	Charlotte	Jasmine	
Year 5	Serena	Logan	Celeste	John Justin	
	Marcus	Lila	Jonathan	Sara	
Year 6	Elisha	Claudia	Marisol	Ayii	
	Sai Hasini	Isabella	Gevin	Ann	

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wentworthville Staff 2020

Principal:	Miss Olimpia Pirovic
Assistant Principal:	Mrs Lauren Anderiesz
Acting RE Coordinator:	Mrs Rita Haddad (Religious Education & Stage 2 Leader)
Coordinator:	Mrs Elisa Speranza (Diversity Leader - ES1 & Stage 1 Leader)
Acting Coordinator:	Miss Jessica Dooley (Stage 3 Leader)
Special Projects:	Mr Nicholas Jones
Administration Staff:	Mrs Maree Murphy (Finance) Mrs Jo Banks (Administration)
Early Stage 1:	KB – Miss Abigail Magtanong KG - Mrs Frances Orlando
Stage 1:	1B – Miss Katherine Zahrooni 1G – Miss Melissa Khoshaba & Mrs Suzy Kirby (Literacy Mon-Fri) 2B – Mrs Jennie Cerniauskas (Mon- Wed, Fri) / Mrs Sharon Taylor (Thurs) 2G – Mrs Hilary Smith
Stage 2:	3B – Mr Nicholas Jones (Mon & Fri) / Mrs Kimberley Pearn (Tues - Thurs) 3G – Mrs Debbie Wooding 4B – Mrs Rita Haddad (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Stefanie Chehade (Thurs-Fri) 4G – Miss Deborah Osei-Adomako
Stage 3:	5B – Miss Jessica Dooley - Leadership Release to be confirmed 5G – Miss Katie-Marie Knight 6B – Miss Nicole Jacka 6G – Miss Elise Thomas
LTST:	Mrs Rita Haddad
IT Assistant	To Be Confirmed
Diversity:	Mrs Elisa Speranza– EMU - Year 1 and Year 3 Mrs Kathy Noble – Year 3 - 4 (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Suzy Kirby (Mon-Fri) Miss Vivian Mikhael (Mon-Thur) Mrs Lauren Anderiesz Miss Melissa Khoshaba - Reading Recovery
Reading Recovery:	Miss Melissa Khoshaba
Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU):	Mrs Elisa Speranza
School Counsellor:	Ms Sara Kennedy (days TBC)
Teacher Assistants:	Mrs Barbara Aboud (Mon-Wed) Mrs Alyson Hanson (Mon-Fri) Mrs Judi Cundy (Mon-Fri) Mrs Jo Martin (Tue-Fri) Mrs Diane Gauci (Tue-Fri)
Music/Dance/Drama (RFF):	Mrs Melissa Laus (Tues - Thurs)
Physical Education (RFF):	Mr Nicholas Jones (Tues - Thurs)
Cleaning Staff:	Golden Touch Cleaning – Sam Pioz Director / Ben - Current Cleaner
Maintenance/Grounds Gardens	Mr Jean-Marie Pace (7:30-12:30pm Mon - Thurs) Mr Milad Dib (Mon 7-11am)
Canteen Operator:	Mrs Farideh Moussa
COSHC Coordinator:	Ms Teresa Atieh

2020 SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY EVENTS

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TERM 1		TERM 1 & 2		TERM 2 & 3		TERM 4	
January		4	Relics of St Terese and her parents (more info to follow)	19	OLMC School Athletics Carnival (TBC)	October	
28	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Staff Return (Office Open) Maths Assessment Interviews by Appointment Kinder to Year 6 Uniform Shop Open (Appt only)	5	9:30-10:30am Open Morning 2021 Kindergarten & Prospective Enrolments	26	Semester One Reports Sent Home Book Fair Commences	12	School Resumes Term 4 (Summer Uniform)
29	School Resumes for Yr 1 to Yr 6 Maths Assessment Interviews by Appointment for Kindergarten 2020	20	National Day of Action Against Bullying - Mufti Day	29	Parent/Teacher Interview Week Book Fair Continues until 2 July	19	Diocesan Basketball Gala Day
30	Maths Assessment Interviews by Appointment for Kindergarten 2020	25	9:30-10:30am Open Morning 2021 Kindergarten & Prospective Enrolments	July		22	2:10pm P&F Executive Meeting
31	Kindergarten Commence 9-10.30am New Parents Tea and Tissues Morning Tea	April		3	Last Day Term 2	23	World Teachers' Day
February		3	OLMC Cross Country Carnival	TERM 3		27	7pm Kindergarten 2021 Information Evening
4	2:10pm P&F Executive Meeting 6:30pm Kindergarten Info Night	6-9	God Day Holy Week Reflection Walks	20	School Resumes Term 3	28 & 29	Year 4 CARES Excursion
4	NRL Blitz Visit	9	Last Day of Term 1	24	9am Open Classrooms 9:30am Smoking Ceremony 10am OLMC Feast Day & Grandparents Day Mass	November	
5-7	Year 6 Camp (Collaroy)	10	Good Friday	30	2:10pm P&F Executive Meeting	2	Parents & Friends AGM
7	School Census (TBC)	13	Easter Monday	August		12	9:15-10:45am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Day Group 1
10	School Photo Day	TERM 2		4	Cumberland Zone Athletics	13	9:15-10:45am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Day Group 1
12	Zone Swimming Carnival	27	School Resumes Term 2 (Winter Uniform)	8	Feast of St Mary MacKillop	20	Yr 4 2021 BYOD information
14	10am Opening School Mass 5:30pm Welcome to School Picnic	May		11	6:30pm Child Protection Briefing 7pm P&F General Meeting	19	9:15-10:45am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Day Group 2
18	6:15pm Child Protection Refresher & Briefing- Parents 7pm P&F General Meeting	5	Diocesan Cross Country Carnival	15	Feast of the Assumption	20	9:15-10:45am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Day Group 2
20	Diocesan Swimming Carnival	6	9:30-10:30am Open Morning 2021 Kindergarten & Prospective Enrolments	21	Diocesan Athletics Carnival	30	Swimming Program Starts
21	Living Safely With Dogs Talk (K-Y2)	7	Mother's Day Stall (TBC) 2:10pm P&F Executive Meeting	26	Netball Gala Day	December	
26	Ash Wednesday - Mass (TBC)	8	10:15am-12:15pm Mothers' Day Mass & Morning Tea	31	Fathers' Day Stall (TBC)	1-11	Swimming Program continues
28	Staff Development Day	10	Mothers' Day	September		3 & 10	Yr 6 Surf Awareness Program Yr 5 Surf Awareness Program
March		12-22	NAPLAN Testing Weeks	4	Fathers' Day Mass & Breakfast	8	6pm-8pm Christmas Story & End of Year Awards
1-7	Catholic Schools Week	19	6:30pm Child Protection Briefing 7pm P&F General Meeting	6	Fathers' Day	14	Swimming Carnival (TBC)
2	2021 Kindergarten enrolments commence	June		25	Last Day Term 3	15	1:30pm End of Year Mass 6pm Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
2-6	Meet the Teacher Goal setting Meetings (late night 3 March)	8	Queen's Birthday Holiday			16	Last Day of Term 4

Principal's Summer Holiday Challenge 2019/2020



Dear Boys and Girls,

During the Summer school holidays I have two challenges for you.

FIRST CHALLENGE

The first challenge is **READING to complete the Executive Director's Summer Challenge**. I wonder how many days you can read during the holidays? Each week complete the reading log details in the Google form to say how many days you read. Please use the link below or see the school website or Skoolbag. Reading log link - <https://forms.gle/fpua9iRezJspTEYQA>

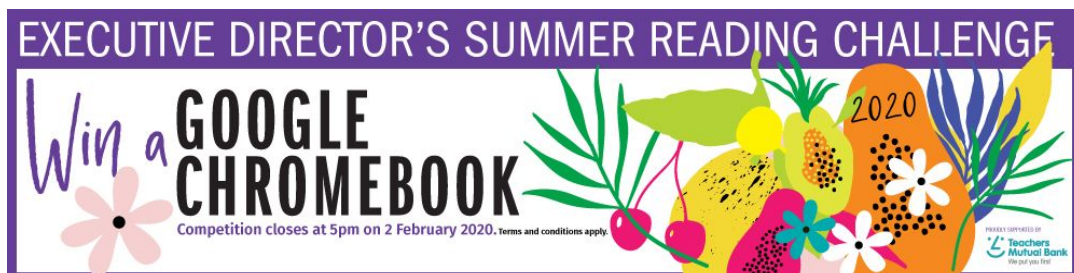
1-4 days read - 1 entry

5-7 days read - 2 entries

8 or more days read - 4 entries

Don't forget to enter the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. You could win a chromebook or \$30 vouchers. Here's the link to enter:

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Whats-On/EDSRC>



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Miss Pirovic