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Newsletter Term 4 Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Monday was Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day was formerly known as Armistice Day and marked the end of World War I. On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919, one minute's silence was instituted as a part of commemorative ceremonies. After the end of World War II in 1945, the name of the day was changed to Remembrance Day. This day has come to be a day that we remember those who died during war in the service of their countries.



On Monday, I had the honour of attending the Parramatta RSL Remembrance Day ceremony at Prince Alfred Square with four of our student leaders, Michael, Emily, James and Chloe. We joined service men and women, veterans, local leaders and many students from local schools. It was an opportunity to reflect about those who have served our country and consider the ways that we can serve in our own way. Our student leaders were invited to lay flowers at the base of the cenotaph, which was the focal point of the ceremony.

It is fitting that Remembrance Day falls in November, as November is a month of remembrance for our Catholic Church. On the first of November we celebrate the feast of All Saints and then on the second of November we commemorate All Souls Day. These are the days when we remember the people of extraordinary religious faith alongside people who hold an extraordinary place in our hearts. While each day we remember our loved ones who have passed away, All Souls Day is one where as a faith community we pray collectively for our loved ones.

*They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.*

Olimpia Pirovic
Principal



The Community of OLMC is Safe and Respectful

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

Thu: 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout
Bennett St Gates - 8:15am SHARP
9:15-10:45am K2020 Orientation Grp 1
 10:45-12:30pm K2020 Uniform Fittings
Fri: 9:15-10:45am K2020 Orientation Grp 1
 Family Fun Day - Normal Uniform

Week 6

Mon: 9am Assembly - 3G
Tue: 7-8:30pm Yr4 2020 BYOD Info Evening
Thu: 8:15-8:40am Morning Workout
9:15-10:45am K2020 Orientation Grp 2
 10:45-12:30pm K2020 Uniform Fittings
Fri: 9:15-10:45am K2020 Orientation Grp2

NOTES HOME

Today

- 2020 Band Registration - Yrs2-5
- BYOLT Information Night - Yr3
- Reflection Day - Year 6

Last Friday

- Surf Awareness Excursion-Yrs 5, 6
- Swimming Program 2019

MERIT AWARDS

KB	Joshua ▪ Kira	4B	Maroun ▪ Riona
KG	Alexander ▪ Mia	4G	Charlotte ▪ Chivonne
1B	Jayden ▪ Liliana	5B	Simona ▪ Luke
1G	Joseph ▪ Olivia	5G	Lachlan ▪ Grace
2B	Kiara ▪ Matthew	6B	Chris ▪ Elisha
2G	Amelia ▪ Rohan	6G	Elizabeth ▪ Jayden ▪ Madeline ▪ Hasini
3B	Estelle ▪ Navya	CA	No awards presented.
3G	Annalise ▪ Jacob	PE	Billy - 3B ▪ Navya - 3B

STAR CARD AWARDS

Gold Awards: Ruby ▪ Jake ▪ Jesse ▪ Gabriella ▪ Keillan

Opal Awards: Alanah ▪ Aiden ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Sri Harsha ▪ Roman ▪ Royden ▪ Ciano

Platinum Awards: Agastya ▪ Amelia ▪ Ava ▪ Cyril ▪ Dev ▪ Kira ▪ Leah ▪ Logan ▪ Luca ▪ Mia ▪ Owen ▪ Rajan ▪ Reis ▪ Zoe ▪ Eva ▪ Kruthi ▪ Mia ▪ Alessandra ▪ Tony ▪ Eva ▪ Ashley ▪ Savannah ▪ Gabriel

Principal's Awards: Aarush ▪ Charbel ▪ Henry ▪ Isabella ▪ Ithayan ▪ Joaquin ▪ Luca ▪ Maliyah ▪ Mariam ▪ Rishaan ▪ Michaela ▪ Simona ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Marcus

Diamond Awards: Gia ▪ Asaeli ▪ Yelesta ▪ Aaliyah



SPOTLIGHT ON RE



All grades are beginning to inquire into Advent and Christmas within their Learning Cycle for Term 4. There are 4 main Advent themes that all children will be discussing and investigating, these are Love, Hope, Peace and Joy. Older children may be inquiring into these themes in the Old Testament and the way people were waiting for the Promised Messiah. The four themes are reflected in the Scripture used at Mass during Advent as well as the Scripture passages used during Religious Education.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS - LAST DAY

The last day to place your orders for school uniforms for 2019 will be **Tuesday, 3 December**. Please ensure you place your orders via the QKR App to receive delivery on Thursday, 5 December. Any orders placed after this date will be received on Thursday, 30 January 2020. School shoes now available to order - see flyer attached to email.

STUDENT MEDICATION

For the safety of all students, it is important that no student carries medication on them or in their bags at any time. If your child requires temporary medication for a short period of time, please bring the medication in to the school office and complete the relevant forms. Thank you for consideration.

2020 SCHOOL TRAVEL

2020 School Travel applications are now open. Go to the [Transport NSW website](#) for more information. Please Note that Busways Western Sydney are going cashless from October 28.

2020 BAND REGISTRATION



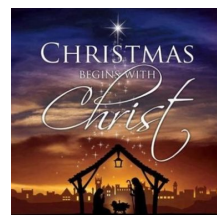
On behalf of the school CAPTIVATE, the performing arts unit of the Catholic Education Office Parramatta, will be taking over the Band program in 2020. Today the members of the CAPTIVATE team visited the children in Year 2 to Year 5 to promote the School Band. Some of our current band members demonstrated the instruments available for students to learn. The children in these grades were given a note with information about the program and how to register your child/ren in the 2020 Band program. To ensure we have correct details, families will also be asked to complete this online form - [Online Band Registration](#). There will be a testing day on Thursday 21 November to determine the instrument suited to each child. If parents have questions they are asked to refer to the notes provided or ask Miss Pirovic.

CATHERINE McAULEY WESTMEAD

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2021. The closing date for applications 1st round offers is: Friday, 27 March 2020. Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of the upcoming open days on Tuesday, 12 November and Thursday, 5 December, 9:15-11am.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

All children and youth are invited to participate in this Mass on Christmas Eve. Come dressed-up as an angel or shepherd and join in the fun. For more information or to select your role, please see the flyer in the parish centre. To help plan for this Mass, parents and youth-ministers are invited to attend a meeting at 7pm on Thursday 28th November in the Parish Centre.



WELLBEING FAMILY FUN

Due to student feedback, we will be hosting another Family Fun session on Friday 15 November. Our celebrations will begin at 2.20pm and the children will be involved in exciting activities in family groups organised by grade teachers. Siblings will spend time together and the children without siblings at our school will be "adopted" for this activity. **Students will wear full school uniform.**

LOST PROPERTY

We have a few items in lost property that would like to find their owners. If you have lost any of the following items, please come to the office to see if they are yours: keys, girls wallet, numerous watches, sunglasses and some other items.



KINDERGARTEN 2020

REMINDER: On Thursday and Friday of this week we welcome our first orientation group for Kindergarten 2020. These sessions provide our students with an experience to familiarise themselves with the school, teachers and their new peers.

REMINDER: Group 2 Orientation will be held on Thursday 21 and Friday 22.

P&F NEWS

Second Hand Uniform Shop: The Second Hand Uniform shop has a number of jumpers in various sizes in stock at present, perfect for those cooler mornings. A reminder that the Second Hand Uniform Shop is cash only. If you have any uniform items that you no longer require, please send them through the office to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

Parents Representative Council: The next PRC meeting is 7pm on Monday 18th November at Institute of Mission (cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St) Blacktown. The NSW Police Liaison Officer will be talking about Cyber Safety with young people and what we can do as parents to protect our children and teach them to be safe. All parents are invited to attend this vital presentation. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

YEAR 3 FARM DAY!

Year 3 spent a day in Homebush, taking part in fun workshops all day! Here is a snippet of the cool facts we learnt!



I LIKE TO
BE MILKED
UP TO 3X A
DAY

Pollinators

We learnt that bees collect nectar from flowers to take back to their hive. We tasted two different types of honey and found out that there are different flavours of honey, depending on the type of tree or plant it comes from. We learnt that if there were no bees to pollinate the flowers and plants, then we would not have all the different fruits and vegetables.



WITHOUT BEES
WE WOULD HAVE NO
FRUITS & VEGGIES! WE
NEED OUR BUSY
BEES!!

Dairy

We liked milking the cow and seeing how to make butter and cheese. Jersey cows give us milk that is creamier. The most popular type of dairy cow in Australia is the Holstein cow.



Poultry

We learnt that chickens can be free range, cage free or caged. A chicken lays about 300 eggs per year. In the world we eat 55 million chickens a year.

Fibre

We got to touch the wool and it felt a bit greasy because of the lanolin, which helps protect the sheep from the rain. We learnt how people shear sheep and the process of how the wool goes to the shops to be sold or made into clothes. Wool used to make clothes, blankets, carpet and sheepskin products. Merino is very fuzzy and tangled.



Grain

There are different types of grain, such as wheat, corn, oats, maize, quinoa, barley and millet. There are three parts to a wheat grain: the endosperm, the bran and the germ. We had to grind wheat to make flour. We got to try some foods made from different grains. We learnt that brown bread is healthier than white bread.



YUM! I CAN'T
WAIT TO EAT MORE
HEALTHY GRAINS!