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Newsletter  
Term 4 Week 7

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This coming Sunday marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in our church and the commencement of **Advent**. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which means 'coming'. Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world which is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas.

Our Gospel readings this liturgical year come from the Gospel of Matthew. In this week's Gospel we will hear Jesus speaking of the need for readiness and alertness, in relation to the coming of the Kingdom, which is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and we can recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity - the Nativity and Easter - are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world. We are called to prepare our mind and our hearts for the coming of Jesus.



*God of hope and promise,  
be with us throughout this Advent  
season and draw us ever closer as we  
journey together toward the stable  
and the birth of your Son,  
our Saviour.  
Amen*

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 7

**Thu:** 8:15 Final Morning Workout  
**Bennett St Gates - 8:15am SHARP**  
 Year 5 Student Leadership Day  
**Fri:** 9:15am K, Yr 1 & 2 Mass  
**FINAL 9:15-10am 2020 Kinder Playgroup**

### Week 8

**SWIMMING PROGRAM**  
**Mon:** 9am Assembly - 2B  
**Thu:** Year 5 Surf Awareness Program

**Swimming Program 2019 - ITEMS TO REMEMBER:**  
**Swimmers; Towel; Underwear; Goggles; Thongs, T-Shirt;**  
**Swimming Cap**  
**LABEL ALL ITEMS (including shoes & socks)**

## NOTES HOME

### Friday

- 2020 Yr6 Camp Note - Yr5
- Year 6 P&F Gift to School

### Wednesday

- Swimming Program-What to Bring
- Amended Canteen Menu-Yrs 1&2

**2020 DIOCESAN SCHOOL FEES**  
 information is now available. Please  
 Check your Newsletter email  
 attachments for full details.

## MERIT AWARDS

KB Anuj ▪ Amelie ▪ Zoe ▪ Reis	4B Brandon ▪ Aleisha
KG Catherine ▪ Eli ▪ Aakash ▪ Charlotte Peny	4G Eva ▪ Roman
1B Misha ▪ Liam	5B Anabella ▪ Noah
1G Hansikaa ▪ Arkyn	5G Sara ▪ Gabriella
2B Paige ▪ Siya	6B Nerome ▪ Violet
2G Angelina ▪ Jesse	6G Ann ▪ Claudia
3B No awards presented.	CA Sabrina - 6G ▪ Zara - 6B
3G Makayla ▪ Alessandra	PE No awards presented.

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Jeremiel ▪ Matthew ▪ Tomos

**Opal Awards:** Markos ▪ Julian ▪ Grace ▪ Serop ▪ Soleil ▪ Lara ▪ Sienna ▪ Valli

**Platinum Awards:** John ▪ Logan ▪ Elyssa ▪ Ruby ▪ Roman ▪ Saadhana ▪ John

**Principal's Awards:** Kiara ▪ Liam ▪ Sara ▪ Grace ▪ Gabriella ▪ Noah ▪ Mia ▪ Alanna ▪ Armaan ▪ Tony ▪ Thabeesh ▪ Mishti ▪ Mia

**Diamond Awards:** Benjamin ▪ Katrina ▪ Abigail ▪ Aimie ▪ Lucas ▪ Chivonne ▪ Charlise ▪ Charlotte ▪ Antoine ▪ Eva ▪ Kruti

## SPOTLIGHT ON RE - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Each year as a school community we help the St Vincent de Paul group in our Parish by collecting hampers to distribute over Christmas. This is our mission and social justice focus for Term 4. The children are asked to donate Christmas food items, treats, toiletries and other necessities to their class basket. Some ideas might include:- biscuits, tea/coffee, long life milk, breakfast cereals, tinned fruit, tuna, salmon, lollies, chips, Christmas cake/pudding, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, festive serviettes or bon-bons. Please make sure that all food products have an appropriate use by date. Think about what would you like to find in a Christmas hamper if YOU were in need?



## ANDREW CHINN - CHRISTMAS STORY

On Tuesday 10th December, Andrew will be conducting workshops with children in all grades and then in the evening the children and Andrew will present the story of Christmas. Andrew is a singer/songwriter and composer of our school song. We use a lot of Andrew's music in the classroom and in Liturgies throughout the year. **CHILDREN ARE ASKED TO WEAR CHRISTMAS THEMED CLOTHES FOR OUR PRESENTATION OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY.** The evening will begin at 6.00pm sharp with our awards and will be followed by Andrew and the children.

## BLACK GRANITE SLAB

The school has a black granite slab that we are happy to give away to a member of our community. It measures 86cm x 106cm x 2cm. You can see it resting against the wall in the front prayer garden. If you are interested in the piece of granite please contact the school office. It will go to the first person to claim it.

## STAR CARD AWARDS

The last day for children to submit their star card awards will be the 5th December. After this, the children will be working to earn an invitation to our first OLMC Christmas Funday. More information to follow.

## LIBRARY NEWS

This week is the final week for student borrowing. During the next week we would 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.

## ARE YOU LEAVING AT THE END OF 2019?

As we are currently planning for 2020 classes, it is important that you advise the school if your child will not be returning next year. This allows us to offer places to families on our school waiting list and enable them to join our OLMC community. We require written notification and forms can be obtained from the school office.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination. These summer holidays, our students are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge and are encouraged to read, read, read! To enter the challenge, students can read anything they like, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it! The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of thirty runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website. Entries open on 2 December 2019 and close at 5pm on 2 February 2020. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).



## P&F NEWS



**ALL ITEMS \$5 OR LESS**

**Second Hand Uniform Shop:** The Second Hand Uniform shop is located opposite the school office. There are a number of stock items currently available in sizes 6-10 and some larger sizes as well. Next week only the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be having a sale. Everything will be \$5 or less. **For next week only** - the shop will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:45-3:00pm. As always, if you have a specific need, send a note with your child through the school office and we will see what we can do.

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. The Second Hand Uniform shop is open on Monday afternoons at 2:45pm until school pick up.

