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Newsletter  
Term 4 Week 8

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Do you remember what you did when you were expecting the birth of your children? As the day of birth approached, fathers may have tidied up the house, clearing away clutter or trip hazards so that their wife could walk safely around the house without the risk of falling over objects lying around.

Perhaps you prepared a place in your family home for the crib for your new baby. This may have been set up close to the parent's bed. Then finally when your child was born the waiting and expectation was over. With the new baby's arrival, your family home would have been filled with a sense of joy and wonder.

During the season of Advent, this is how we are called to.....

***'Prepare a way for the Lord'*** (Mt3:3).

We are called to prepare our homes - the home of our heart - by removing some of the clutter and trip hazards within the heart; the baggage we might carry; grudges or resentments we might be clinging on to, so that our hearts are a clean safe place, ready to receive the child Jesus.

In doing so, we imitate our Blessed Lady. For Mary was so open to receiving God that, quite literally, she conceived God inside her womb. But in a spiritual sense, we are called to be so open to receiving God that we conceive God in the womb of our hearts, so to speak. And, just as Mary gave birth to God in that stable in Bethlehem, so also, we are called to birth God into our world through all our kind words and acts of charity. It might sound incredible, but like Mary, we also become mothers of God. As Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Mt12:50).

Reference: Fr Anthony Jukes

*Lord,  
Help me to prepare my heart  
To receive you this Christmas.  
Amen*

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal



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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 8

#### SWIMMING PROGRAM

**Wed:** Last day for uniform orders

**Thu:** Year 6 Surf Awareness Program

### Week 9

#### SWIMMING PROGRAM

**Mon:** 9am Assembly - 2G

School Leaders 2020 Speeches

**Tue:** OLMC Christmas concert- 5:40pm

**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

### Last Friday

- Swimming Carnival 2019

### Today

- Staff Christmas Gift Request
- Christmas Story 2019

### GARDENING CLUB STALL

Monday, 9 December

3:10pm - 3:30pm

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Dev ▪ Kira ▪ Aria ▪ Mridun	4B	Zachary ▪ Jieke
KG	Ajak ▪ Jerrick ▪ Luca ▪ Olivia	4G	Jasmine ▪ Alessandra
1B	Kian ▪ Elena	5B	Serena ▪ Iniya
1G	Paul ▪ Chanel	5G	Julian ▪ Lucas
2B	Kiara ▪ Olivia	6B	No awards presented.
2G	Alyna ▪ Reuben	6G	Christopher ▪ Chloe
3B	Gabriel ▪ Erinn	CA	Yasemin ▪ Lila ▪ Grace ▪ Rouba
3G	Taliah ▪ Makanaka	PE	No awards presented.

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Chelsea ▪ Vincent ▪ Siya ▪ Sean ▪ Liyana ▪ Matthew ▪ Ethan

**Opal Awards:** Jeremiel ▪ Tomos ▪ Michael ▪ Jacob ▪ Sanjana ▪ Lucas ▪ Diana ▪ Elouise ▪ Myra ▪ John ▪ Myraa ▪ Jada

**Platinum Awards:** Emilio ▪ Liliana ▪ Olivia ▪ Jayden ▪ Brandon ▪ Zachary ▪ Annabelle ▪ Luke ▪ Makanaka ▪ Malith ▪ Adam ▪ Sabrina ▪ Anila ▪ Iziah ▪ Jarrod ▪ Jessica ▪ Mary ▪ Nhial ▪ Leela ▪ Amy ▪ Hannah ▪ Jac ▪ Vraj ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Alyna ▪ Dennis ▪ Gabrielle ▪ Reuben ▪ Sari

**Principal's Awards:** Logan ▪ Kimberly ▪ Krisha ▪ Amelia ▪ Sai Pranav ▪ Sam ▪ Kruti ▪ Jessica ▪ Aleisha ▪ Tiarna ▪ Nirvan ▪ Myra ▪ David ▪ Christopher ▪ Claudia ▪ Cristian ▪ Elizabeth ▪ Gevin ▪ Jayden ▪ Madeline ▪ Luca ▪ Peter ▪ Jacinta ▪ Emily ▪ Thomas ▪ Violet ▪ Zara ▪ Leon ▪ Dennis ▪ Aibel ▪ Liya ▪ Rohan

**Diamond Awards:** Alexander ▪ Jeyaan ▪ Emma ▪ Taliah ▪ Katrina



**The last day for children to submit their star card awards will be Thursday, 5th December.**

## 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.

## SPOTLIGHT ON RE - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

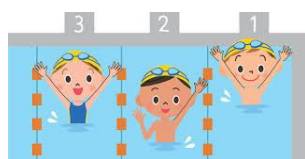
Each year as a school community we help the St Vincent de Paul group in our Parish by collecting hampers to distribute over Christmas. This is our mission and social justice focus for Term 4. The children are asked to donate Christmas food items, treats, toiletries and other necessities to their class 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?



## COSHC VACATION CARE - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

If you would be interested in your child/ren attending COSCH Vacation Care at OLMC, please complete the survey form to express your interest. A minimum number of children would need to be reached for this service to open. The Expression of Interest Survey form has been sent with this week's emailed Newsletter. Return forms to the school office or email to: [coshcolmcwentworthville@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:coshcolmcwentworthville@parra.catholic.edu.au) by Wednesday, 18 December.

## SWIMMING LESSONS



This week the children commenced their swimming lessons. During the first two days of the swimming program the instructors are assessing the children's ability and checking this against the information parents have provided. During this period the assessments take place in either the deep pool or the shallow pool. The swim teachers need to ensure the children are capable swimmers before using the deep pool. Throughout the two week program the swim teachers are constantly assessing the children and will move their groupings as required. Sometimes the children will use alternate pools depending on what they are being instructed in during that day's lesson. Parents are always welcome to observe the lesson from the viewing area. Parents are not allowed to enter the pool deck area.

## 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.

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS 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. Full dress rehearsal will be held at 7pm on Thursday 19th December.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 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 Executive Director's 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

**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 this week only**, the shop will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:45-3:00 pm. 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 afternoon at 2:45pm until school pick up.

# YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY

On the 28th of November, Year 5 had our leadership day. Miss Pirovic came up to our classroom to show us an important slide about leadership. Miss Pirovic explained important qualities that a leader must have, and we had to write down some that we might need to improve on. We got booklet each and had to write down the names of some leaders we know, for example, Donald Trump, Elizabeth the second (the Queen of England) and Vladimir Putin (the leader of Russia).



A bit later, we were asked to write our name with our non-dominant hand. Miss Pirovic told us that it symbolises the challenges that all leaders face. In Year 6, we are all leaders and role models, even if we don't wear a badge. In the second session of the day, we all said a special prayer with Mrs Nolan, while relaxing music played in the background.

Then, every single year 5 student got a Jenga block. We then used the Jenga blocks to build a "tower", and we placed our blocks wherever we thought they would fit best. Then Miss Dooley and Mrs Smith asked us to share what we thought it symbolised and these are some ideas we came up with:

- All the blocks were in different spots and places, which symbolises our different skills and abilities - Sylvana
- Some blocks are leaning on each other, and it shows our support- Lachlan
- We all have a different role to play - David

After we took down the tower, we got the chance to design and personalise our Jenga block. We had to leave one side blank, which we will fill in next year on Year 6 reflection day. At the end of our reflection day we had to write an application form to Miss Pirovic if we wanted to become a School Leader.



**"Leadership is about vision and responsibility, not power" - Seth Berkeley**

*By Celeste And David Year 5*