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**Newsletter**  
**Term 4 Week 9**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The end of a school year is always an extremely busy time with swimming lessons, celebrations marking Christmas and our achievements, report preparation, thank yous and farewells and continuing learning programs. All of this has been made even more challenging with the impact of the current fires burning across our state. Yesterday was a particularly eventful and challenging day! Thank you to all the staff at OLMC for the amazing job they did in ensuring that the children are cared for and safe. Thank you to the parents who responded and were patient with the collection of their children.



Last Night's Awards Night and Christmas Celebration was a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and acknowledge our achievements and focus on the coming of Christmas and our Saviour's birth. Special thanks go to Mrs Nolan who coordinated the event with the support of our staff.

This afternoon you will be receiving your child's final report for the year. This is an opportunity to reflect with your child on what their successes and challenges have been. We have encouraged your children to dive into 'the learning pit' and realise that there are times in our learning where we will struggle and need to put in some extra effort. Talk to your child about when they have experienced 'the learning pit'. Also use the opportunity to consider what their goals for 2020 may be in relation to their learning, behaviour and social engagement.

This week we continue to celebrate the efforts of our children. I am sending home over 300 Outstanding Effort certificate and will have the pleasure of hosting 240 children at the Principal's Morning Tea this coming Thursday and Friday. Whatever our achievements are the most important factor is that we do our best and put in our maximum effort. Congratulations to all the children at our school.

*Olimpia Pirovic*  
Principal

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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 9

#### **SWIMMING PROGRAM**

**Wed:** Reports sent home

**Thu:** Year 5 Surf Awareness Program

### Week 10

**Mon:** Swimming Carnival

**Tue:** OLMC Xmas Reward Session

**Wed:** Last Day of School, End of Year Mass  
Year 6 Graduation Dinner

**Last Day of School - Wednesday, 18 December**



## NOTES HOME

### Last Friday

- Canteen Menu Changes

### Monday

- Awards Night Location Change
- Principal's Award Invitations

### Today

- Student Reports
- Canteen-Dry Land Carnival

## MERIT AWARDS

KB	Owen ▪ Cyril ▪ Isaac ▪ Isabel	4B	Irene ▪ Saxon
KG	Jerrick ▪ Michael ▪ Isabella ▪ Mariam	4G	Saadhana ▪ Deng
1B	Alexander ▪ Amelia	5B	Sophia ▪ Celine
1G	Aaliyah ▪ Samuel	5G	Alexis ▪ Noah
2B	Gabrielle ▪ Jada	3B	Zainah ▪ Dillon
2G	Liya ▪ Jada	3G	Aiden ▪ Nirvan

## STAR CARD AWARDS

**Gold Awards:** Adam ▪ Marcus ▪ Massimo ▪ Georges ▪ Sajin ▪ Amiel ▪ Emad

**Opal Awards:** Olivia ▪ Emad ▪ Liyana ▪ Ethan ▪ Iniya ▪ Sean ▪ Hayden ▪ Chelsea ▪ Chelsea

**Platinum Awards:** Diana ▪ Jada ▪ Mason ▪ Jonathan ▪ Aiden ▪ Adriana ▪ Anabella ▪ Grace ▪ Annalise ▪ Aiden ▪ Sri Harsha ▪ Jeremiel ▪ Gabriella ▪ Mia ▪ Keillan ▪ Noah ▪ Lara ▪ Serop ▪ Kayla ▪ Arav ▪ Alanah ▪ Jacob ▪ Siya



**Principal's Awards:** John ▪ Marie-Jose ▪ Anthony ▪ Aliyah ▪ Sameet ▪ Makaanaka ▪ Olivia ▪ Zachary ▪ Luke ▪ John ▪ Clara ▪ Saskia ▪ Alissa ▪ Aerabella ▪ Miranda ▪ Alexis ▪ Luke ▪ Roman ▪ Jasmine ▪ Deng ▪ Alessandra ▪ Rohan ▪ Varsha ▪ Hannah Laria ▪ Erica ▪ Gabriel ▪ Savannah ▪ Arav ▪ Amelia ▪ Mia ▪ James ▪ Chloe ▪ Michael ▪ Isabella ▪ Vraj ▪ Jac ▪ Amy ▪ Annabelle ▪ Makayla ▪ Diana ▪ Xavier ▪ Azhric ▪ Ethan ▪ Chiara

**Diamond Awards:** Chloe ▪ Michael ▪ Olivia ▪ Palash ▪ Prasadi ▪ Sanoshan ▪ Zoe ▪ Paul ▪ Elena ▪ Thomas ▪ Kian ▪ Emily ▪ Liam ▪ Thomas ▪ Joseph ▪ Samuel ▪ Hansikaa ▪ Alexander ▪ Riya ▪ Stella ▪ Jerome ▪ Serena ▪ Ashley ▪ Tony ▪ Navya ▪ Estelle ▪ Lucas ▪ Rouba ▪ Rhianna ▪ Aakash ▪ Ajak ▪ Alexander ▪ Alexia ▪ Asvitha ▪ Charlotte ▪ Jerrick ▪ Mariam ▪ Zainah ▪ Georgia ▪ Michael ▪ Mia ▪ Mia

## 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?

## 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.

## PLAYGROUP FEEDBACK

This year, as a way of supporting our new Kindergarten students we decided on a new initiative called 'Playgroup'. This session ran for five weeks and families could attend if they were available. The feedback we have received so far has been overwhelmingly positive, however, if you attended playgroup with your child and haven't completed a feedback form, please feel free to complete the form using the link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY1O-sA62CqBzolgOLCtRAiT-jmc9qhpqll4lyfRPLVVu7sA/viewform>

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE AWARDS

This year so many participated and achieved their goal of 30 PRC texts. Thank you to teachers and parents for supporting students in building a love of reading. All students will receive their participation certificates with their reports next week. Below are the students who received a Gold or Platinum award:

**Gold Awards (4th Year of Participation):** Kayla, Lucas, Michael, Sameet, Massimo, Gabriel, Chelsea, Justin, Makanaka, Amelia, Arav, Elizabeth, Tiarna, Lachlan, Georgia, Mason, Amelia, Catherine, Natasha, Jac, Estelle, Joel, Ashleyna, Riya, Eknoor, Erica, Kinjal, Chimir, Hannah, Adriana, Annalise, Samuel, Annabelle, Joseph, Billy, Diana, Iniya, Ojas, Leon, Navya, Varsha, Stella, Erinn, Bryson, Logan, Alessandra, Taliah, Makayla, Charlize, Alanah, Jacob, George

**Platinum Awards (7th Year of Participation):** Mary, David, Marisol, Aurelia, Gevin, Ann, Chloe, Charbel, Thomas, Emily, Violet, Claudia, Bradley, Luca, Madeline, Elisha

## 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

### 5pm Christmas Eve

Thank you to those families who have responded. A full dress rehearsal will be held at 7pm on Thursday 19th December. All welcome!



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

We sincerely apologise for the delay in photos. Our hard working photographers have been trying to juggle the demands of full-time jobs and Catholic Youth leadership roles. They have not forgotten us and are aiming to have the links by next week.

## 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

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and eager performers at the presentation last night. A huge thank you to the staff who managed to prepare our children despite the smoke haze, power cuts and swimming cancellations creating havoc in an already busy day. We are so grateful for the dedication and commitment you show to our children. Thanks also to Andrew Chinn for his entertainment and to the children, for entering into the spirit of Christmas and sharing with us all the joy that this season can bring. Once again we would like to acknowledge the members of our Parents and Friends committee who are finishing their positions this year. Damien Gardner and Norma Touma, we are reassured that you will still be in the background to support us when needed. Thankyou for undertaking your official Parents and Friends responsibilities with such grace and commitment. Pauline Epenian, as you leave our school community, we hope that you will always remember fondly your time at OLMC. We have appreciated your efforts immensely and you will be missed.



# SWIMMING PROGRAM



Bracston (Year 5) - I appreciate that we get to go swimming. It is something that I haven't done in a long time and I enjoy going to swimming lessons. The only thing I don't like is that after swimming my nose won't stop running!

Manav (Year 5) - I like swimming lessons because I am learning how to swim and this is the only time I get to go swimming. Without it I wouldn't really know how to swim.



Joaquin (Kindergarten) - I like doing rocket ship arms at swimming because it's fun.

Xavier (Yr 4) - Going swimming on hot days has been amazing because we get to cool down in the pool while learning how to swim!



Irene (Yr 4) - Swimming has been extremely fun - water safety rescue has been my favourite experience so far.

Olivia P (Yr 1) - I like how we get to do dolphin kicks and paddling.



Kian (Yr 1) - Swimming is good because we get to learn how to swim because Australia is an island and there is water all over it.

